



Homeland Security
and Emergency Services

Local Emergency Management Accreditation Program Update

2018 NYSEMA Conference

Local Emergency Management Accreditation

- Announced last year at NYSEMA
- Voluntary program for Local EM agencies – first of its kind
- Must meet/exceed 21 different standards – developed by working group
- Partnership between NYSEMA/ DHSES



Local Emergency Management Accreditation

- 8 member **Accreditation Council** governs the program, Council Co-Chaired by NYSEMA President and NYS OEM Director.
- DHSES manages the program and provides administrative support to the Accreditation Council.
- State and local emergency managers serve on the Accreditation Council, working group, and as Assessors.

Accreditation Council

Co-Chairs:

Kevin Niedermaier, NYSEMA President
Livingston County Emergency Management Director

Kevin Wisely, DHSES Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Services
Director, Office of Emergency Management

NYSEMA Appointments:

- Jon Pease, Washington County Emergency Management Coordinator
- Mike Ponticiello, Broome County Emergency Manager
- Tony Santoro, Wyoming County Emergency Manager

DHSES/OEM Appointments:

- Matt Franklin, Director of Emergency Management for NYS DEC
- Keith Golden, Captain, New York State Police
- Jennifer Wacha, Deputy Commissioner for Westchester County Department of Emergency Services

Current Status

- One jurisdiction received accreditation in 2017 (Oneida) and three more will be recognized today.
- Several others are working on it or have expressed interest.
- More info about the program on the DHSES website - www.dhses.ny.gov/oem/ema/

Lessons Learned

The process takes work - but it can be done.

Some common challenges:

- Record keeping (training/exercises/citizen prep)
- After Action Reports/Improvements Plans
- Planning, especially COOP

www.dhSES.ny.gov/planning/state/coop.cfm

Any Questions/Comments?

Today's Recipients

- **Livingston County Office of Emergency Management**
- **New York City Emergency Management Department**
- **Broome County Office of Emergency Services**