



Homeland Security  
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# **Local Emergency Management Accreditation Program Update**

## **2019 NYSEMA Conference**

# Local Emergency Management Accreditation

- Announced at NYSEMA Conference in 2017
- 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, the Council is 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.

# Current Status

- Five jurisdictions have received accreditation (Oneida, Livingston, New York City, Broome, Montgomery) and two 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/](http://www.dhses.ny.gov/oem/ema/)
- Let me know if you are interested in becoming an Assessor.

# Oneida County Department of Emergency Services, 2017



# Livingston County Office of Emergency Management, 2018



# New York City Emergency Management, 2018



# Broome County Office of Emergency Services, 2018





# Montgomery County Emergency Services, 2018



# 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](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/planning/state/coop.cfm)



**Any Questions/Comments?**

# Today's Recipients

