



Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference

Vermont Emergency Management recognized Orwell Emergency Management Director Sandy Korda as EMD of the Year and four others for their EMD certification at our annual preparedness conference. Korda has more than 50 years of emergency response experience, helping ensure the safety of residents in his community.

Emergency Management Directors (EMDs) are the key coordination link between residents, local governments, first responders, and the state. These individuals have direct responsibility for the organization and administration of emergency management resources in their community and county. This requires diligent work before, during, and after emergencies, often on a voluntary basis.

During the COVID pandemic Korda spearheaded several initiatives to help his community, including organizing welfare checks for those in need of assistance and a volunteer effort to deliver medicines and essentials to those who were homebound.

Korda is also noted for his efforts to communicate with townspeople ahead of, during, and after emergencies. He utilizes social media and Vermont Alert to provide hazardous weather warning and safety messages and works closely with the state and regional planning commission to provide prompt and reliable damage reporting following a storm to help expedite possible assistance.

His nomination noted, “Sandy’s efforts have undoubtedly kept Orwell and all of Addison County informed and reassured during the COVID-19

pandemic and will continue to be an important resource for hazard planning and responses that arise in the community in the future.”

Certified Emergency Management Directors

Four individuals were also recognized at the conference for completing the state Certified Emergency Management Director program. The designation provides leaders within emergency management organizations with the fundamental knowledge and skills to effectively manage disasters. Through 70 hours of training, which is a blend of online training, instructor-led training, and practical application. Those leaders recognized for this commitment to excellence included:

- Chance Payette, Vermont Emergency Management
- Harry Schoppmann, Vermont Emergency Management
- Jonathan Scott, Central Vermont Medical Center
- Michael DesRosiers, St. Michael's College

The conference was held September 20 & 21 in Killington. Presentations from the event are posted on Vermont Emergency Management’s YouTube page, which can be accessed from our website at: <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

Conference photos on the back page.

ICS/EOC Interface Training

When an incident occurs, how does the on-scene Incident Command System structure interface with the Emergency Operations Center? What challenges are there, and how do you overcome those challenges?

In G0191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface, you will review the responsibilities and functions of both groups, discuss challenges and how to overcome them, and begin developing a community-specific interface plan. This highly interactive course is excellent for anyone with a role in on-scene Incident Command, an Emergency Operations Center, or that is part of a Multiagency Coordination group.

Prerequisites can be found on the state's Learning Management system at <https://vermont.csod.com/>

IS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System

IS 200 ICS for Single Resource and Initial Action Incidents or IS 2200 Basic EOC Functions

IS 700 National Incident Management System Introduction

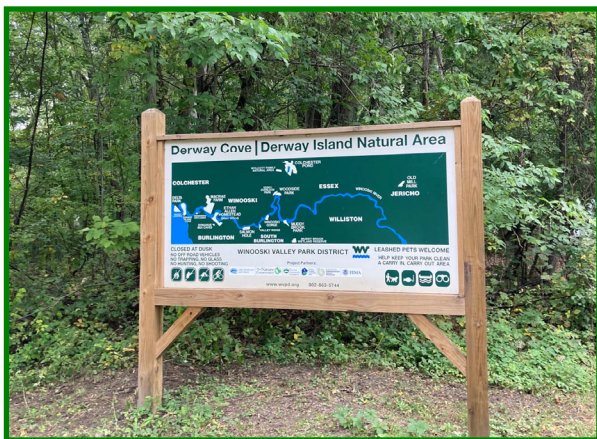
IS 800 National Response Framework, An Introduction

An in-person offering of this course is coming up quickly – reserve your seat today through the Learning Management System:<https://vermont.csod.com/>:

- St. Michael's College (Colchester): Saturday, November 5th, 8am-4:30pm. Registration deadline is 8am on 11/1..

Mitigation Success Story: Winooski River Park

The Winooski Valley Park District recently completed a project at the mouth of the Winooski River in Burlington utilizing Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding. The grant provided 75% of the funding for removal of the old marina and ancillary structures from what is now this beautiful floodplain open space.



VEM Training Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, registration for courses is required via State Learning Management System:

<https://vermont.csod.com/>

October 2022

MGT 417: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision Makers- In Person
Londonderry Rescue Squad, Londonderry, VT
October 4 & 5, 2022 8:00am- 4:00pm

ICS 400- Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff – In Person

Springfield Fire Station- Springfield, VT
October 25-26, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day
Prerequisite: ICS-300

November 2022

L0146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) - In Person

Rutland Regional Planning Commission
November 1-2, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Prerequisite: IS-120

G0191 – ICS/EOC Interface – In Person

St. Michael's College, Colchester
November 5, 2022 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Prerequisite: IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800

ICS200 Prep—ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents—In Person

Camp Johnson, Colchester
November 5 & 6 2022 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Prerequisite: IS-100

*A laptop is required for this class

January 2023

AWR- 228 Community Resilience- Virtual
January 18 & 19, 2023, 1:00—5:00 p.m.

Must attend both sessions to receive credit
Registration required via University of Hawaii. A link can be found at: <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

February 2023

AWR- 347 Climate Adaption Planning for Emergency Management- Virtual

February 28, 2023 – March 1, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

Must attend both sessions to receive credit
Registration required via University of Hawaii. A link can be found at: <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

March 2023

AWR- 362 Flooding Hazards: Science and Preparedness- Virtual

March 29 – 30, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day

Must attend both sessions to receive credit
Registration required via University of Hawaii. A link can be found at: <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter/links>

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April 2023

AWR—136 Essentials of Community Cybersecurity- In Person

DPS – Headquarters- Waterbury
April 25, 2023 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MGT—384 Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents- In Person

DPS – Headquarters- Waterbury
April 25, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. & April 26, 2023 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

VT Emergency Preparedness Conference Photos



VT Emergency Management Director of the Year Sandy Korda with VT Public Safety Commissioner Jennifer Morrison (L) and VEM Director Erica Bornemann (R)



Keynote speaker Matthew McCann, Regional Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Region 1



The Conference featured more than two-dozen in-person and virtual presentations



Certified EMDs: Schoppman, Payette, and Scott with Commissioner Morrison and Director Bornemann