

Emergency Management

*Are you looking for ways to help and support your community? Are you the type of person that will lend a hand to your neighbor in their time of need? If so, **WE NEED YOU!** Please see our “**Volunteers Needed**” section below if you answered YES to either of these questions.*

Welcome to Connoquenessing Borough’s Emergency Management Agency page. Here you will find information on the borough’s emergency management program, starting with the definition of this important function of your local government:

“Emergency management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.”

The Connoquenessing Emergency Management Agency exists to serve our community within this role. We are not simply a “response” agency that *reacts* to an emergency however, we first *prepare* for the time when our community needs us by working together with the community ahead of time. This is done by following the vision and mission of emergency management, as promoted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

Vision:

“Emergency management seeks to promote safer, less vulnerable communities with the capacity to cope with hazards and disasters.”

Mission:

“Emergency management protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.”

Residents and businesses in the community also have a role in emergency preparedness. Here are some simple things you can do to prepare:

- **Reduce hazards in and around your home or business**
- **Develop a preparedness plan**
- **Assemble emergency supplies**
- **Monitor emergency alerts**
- **Volunteer with an established organization**
- **Take training in emergency response**

At the bottom of this page you will find a link to the borough’s “Support Emergency Operations Plan” along with links to valuable resources that you can use to prepare your home or business for emergencies along with links to other organizations & information. Please take some time to take advantage of these free resources.

Working with you to *prepare*,

Daniel R. Cox, Emergency Management Coordinator

Volunteers Needed

Like the majority of fire departments in Pennsylvania, your local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is staffed by volunteers, including the borough's Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). The EMC is an individual recommended by borough council and appointed by the governor to manage the borough's emergency management program. To accomplish this, the EMC works with local residents, businesses, organizations and multiple government resources to plan and prepare for emergencies alongside other volunteers of the agency that each bring their own skills and ideas to the effort.

Below is a link to the borough's "Support Emergency Operations Plan" (Support EOP). The plan defines how the borough will respond in times of emergency. To do so effectively though, we need "resources", and the PRIMARY resources we need are HUMAN ones... people from the community that will invest their time to make their community safer. If you can spend even one evening or day a month to work with us, we can serve together to lend a hand to our neighbors in their time of need.

In addition to our Support EOP, below are links to information about other emergency management and preparedness resources also. Please reach out to us by either calling the borough office or via email at cema@zelie.com if you would like to join us in this important effort. Thank YOU!

Links & Information

- [Connoquenessing Borough Support Emergency Operations Plan, 5-1-2018](#)
- ["Ready PA"](#) - Pennsylvania Emergency Preparedness
- ["Ready.gov"](#) - Department of Homeland Security Disaster Preparedness
- [Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency \(PEMA\)](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)
- [National Weather Service, Pittsburgh](#)
- [Kids Weather Safety Fact Sheet](#)