



MEMA REPORTS

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MEMA Remembers Communications Dispatcher Mike Petak

MEMA lost a member of our family on Saturday, January 26th with the passing of Mike Petak, a dispatcher in our Communications Center. Mike joined MEMA 6 ½ years ago after working for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and its predecessor, the Department of Environmental Management, for 24 years.

Mike's presence on the radio and telephone, and his big smile, sense of humor and willingness to help, will be missed by his many friends and colleagues at MEMA and across the numerous agencies and organizations that are served by our Communications Center.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike's family and friends.



MEMA to Create a Multi-year Earthquake Program Strategy

MEMA, supported by Armada Ltd., is partnering with New England area earthquake experts to develop a multi-disciplinary Earthquake Mitigation Program for the Commonwealth. This group will develop and implement strategies to increase earthquake awareness, preparedness and education, and mitigate earthquake related risks in Massachusetts. Funding for this project is being provided by FEMA through the [National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program \(NEHRP\)](#). Through this project, a series of stakeholder workshops are planned in multiple locations across the Commonwealth in late spring. This year's funding will end with an implementation partnership which will produce a multi-year earthquake program strategy report including a list of potential projects that may be implemented through future NEHRP grant funding.

MEMA Staff Updates

Rich LaTour, who has been serving as the Acting Supervisor for MEMA's Planning Unit, has been named the Unit's full-time Supervisor. Rich previously served as a Local Coordinator in Region II.

MEMA Staff and Northwest Massachusetts Incident Management Team (IMT) Assist Rhode Island with Gas Incident

Governor Charlie Baker [authorized](#) the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to send an eight person team from MEMA and an 11 person regional Incident Management Team to Rhode Island to assist with response and recovery efforts during their Aquidneck Island Gas Incident. MEMA staff and the IMT supported operations at the Rhode Island State Emergency Operations Center and the Unified Command Center in Newport, Rhode Island. The emergency workers were deployed to Rhode Island from January 23-28.

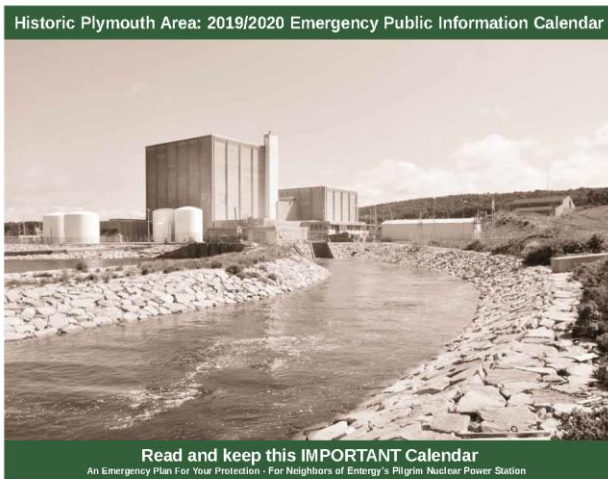
The request for assistance from the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency was made directly to MEMA and was facilitated through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which is the national emergency management mutual aid system that facilitates state-to-state disaster assistance. In 2018, MEMA deployed staff to Florida, Puerto Rico, North Carolina, Virginia, Hawaii and FEMA Headquarters to assist in the aftermath of natural disasters, and is proud to continue to support this tradition of providing aid to others in need.



MEMA Staff and NWMIMT Deployed in Rhode Island

2019 Emergency Public Information Calendars Issued for Nuclear Emergency Planning Zones

The annual public information calendars have been mailed to residents of the 11 Massachusetts communities located within the 10 mile Emergency Planning Zones (EPZs) of the nuclear power stations located in Plymouth, MA and Seabrook, NH. The 2019 calendars are an important part of emergency planning, containing information that will better prepare families to respond to an incident at one of the nuclear power plants and to other emergencies within their communities.



Pilgrim Calendar:

<http://bit.ly/2019PilgrimCalendar>

for Duxbury, Kingston, Plymouth and portions of Carver and Marshfield.



Seabrook Calendar:

<http://bit.ly/2019SeabrookCalendar>

for Amesbury, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury and West Newbury.

Electronic preparedness information can be found on MEMA's website:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/nuclear-power-plants>. These preparedness webpages have incorporated the important emergency planning and alerting information from the calendars to enhance the ability of EPZ residents to easily access the information. The full calendars and audio versions of the emergency public information are available on MEMA's website.

Update on March 2018 Nor'Easters

March 2-3 Storm (FEMA DR-4372)

On June 25, 2018, the Commonwealth received a disaster declaration authorizing FEMA Public Assistance funding for eligible applicants in the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Nantucket, Norfolk, and Plymouth as a result of the March 2-3, 2018 severe winter storm and flooding event. Funding is authorized for an applicant's storm related costs including emergency work, as well as permanent repair and restoration of damaged facilities as a result of the storm event. FEMA has approved 125 Eligible Applicants for this disaster. All exploratory calls have been completed and 98% of Recovery Scoping meetings have been conducted with eligible applicants, to identify and document damages related to the event. To date, \$669,168 (federal share) has been obligated by FEMA to sub-recipients.

For more information, see: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/fema-dr-4372-ma-march-2-3-2018-severe-winter-storm-flooding>.

March 13 Storm (FEMA DR-4379)

On July 19, 2018, the Commonwealth received a disaster declaration authorizing FEMA Public Assistance funding for eligible applicants in the counties of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Worcester as a result of the March 13-14, 2018 winter storm and snowstorm event. Funding is authorized for an applicant's storm related costs including snow removal, emergency work, and

permanent repair/restoration of damaged facilities as a result of the storm event. FEMA has approved 176 Eligible Applicants for this disaster. MEMA is working with FEMA to conduct exploratory calls (99% complete) and Recovery Scoping Meetings (98% complete) with all eligible applicants, to identify and document damages related to the event. To date, \$4,420,738 (federal share) has been obligated by FEMA to sub-recipients.

For more information, see: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/fema-dr-4379-ma-march-13-14-2018-severe-winter-storm>.

MEMA Training Update

Upcoming MEMA trainings with open seats:

Date	Class	Location
2/19, 2/23, 2/26, 3/2	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Chesterfield
2/25-2/27	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Plymouth
2/28	Basic Sheltering Concepts (BSC)	Raynham
3/5-3/7	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Chatham
3/22-3/24	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Bourne

For a full list of training opportunities and to register, see [Training Registration System calendar](#).

In January, MEMA’s Training and Exercise Unit hosted 257 students in 9 courses:

Class	Location
ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Newton
ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	Lowell
MGT-361	Waltham
Basic Sheltering Concepts (BSC)	Dartmouth
G-428: CERT TTT	Brockton
ICS-100	Adams
ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)	East Longmeadow
Basic Sheltering Concepts (BSC)	Sturbridge
Intro to WebEOC	Worcester

For MEMA Training opportunities, visit: <https://www.mass.gov/training-exercises-and-conferences>.

MEMA’S Mission Statement

MEMA is the state agency charged with ensuring the state is prepared to withstand, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and disasters, including natural hazards, accidents, deliberate attacks, and technological and infrastructure failures. MEMA is committed to an all hazards approach to emergency management. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state and local government agencies, and with the private sector - - individuals, families, non-profits, and businesses - - MEMA ensures the Commonwealth’s ability to rapidly recover from large and small disasters by assessing and mitigating threats and hazards, enhancing preparedness, coordinating response operations, and strengthening our capacity to rebuild and recover.

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