

**October 24, 2012**

**LEPC Excerpt**

- Brian LaFlure, Director/Fire Coordinator, Warren County Office of Emergency Services (OES):
  1. The narrow banding of all Warren County radio systems to supply additional frequencies has been completed.
  2. Satellite phones are being changed over to Iridium because Global Star was deteriorating to the point of worthless. OES still needs to update Public Health and Glens Falls Hospital.
  3. Two years ago \$3 million was allocated to upgrade radio systems. Brian passed out a two-page handout noting page one shows the regional system, The Adirondack Interoperable Communications Consortium (AICC). More and more partners are being picked up as the system progresses. Page two highlights New York State with the AICC comprising a very large area, 26% of the entire state.
  4. New York State no longer has funds to maintain the HazMat system because it is too costly. The options were to turn the equipment back in or maintain the equipment ourselves (neither was an option). Now, there is a \$300,000 grant available to consortiums and OES will apply for dollars to maintain the equipment.
  5. Communications bus is being completed and will be put into service soon.
  6. Brian noted that 99% of grants are FEMA and all grants dropped 40%.
  7. The Training Center is up and running and doing very well. Anyone wanting to use it, please contact OES.
  8. The Saratoga and North Creek railroad drill went very well, as did the Saratoga/Washington County Conklinville Dam exercise.
  9. OES is working on the following plans: Chempack, Cart and a new BT Plan.