

Tioga County Emergency Services 2025 Annual Report

Key accomplishments and success in 2025: Starting physical construction on the radio towers and completing three of four new sites.

Major Challenges and Constraints: Staffing and keeping up with requirements while balancing the radio project.

Ongoing Priorities and goals for 2026: Implement the new radio system and continue to update plans and prepare for Emergency Management tasks.

The radio project has made monumental progress throughout 2025 by completing three of the four new build tower sites. We stood our first tower at the Richford Hanson site on July 3rd. Spencer's tower was erected on November 11th and Nichols tower was erected on December 16th. We were able to upgrade the jail radios and resolve the communication issues they were facing. Corinne Cornelius and William Ellis also visited multiple communication centers to learn how they had implemented their systems – including Susquehanna Co, Pennsylvania and Onondaga County – where the communications Core is located.

Corinne Cornelius and William Ellis completed multiple different trainings for professional development, including graduating Leadership Tioga and the NYS Tier 2 Certification course. Corinne has also continued to work toward completing her FEMA Basic Academy, by completing two more courses. Many OES members also attended various Conferences throughout the year including those hosted by the NYS Emergency Managers Association, NYS Fire Coordinators, NYS Fire Investigators, and the NYS Communication Symposium.

LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) and COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) continue to hold regular meetings that have been well attended. There were a few strong weather-related incidents within the county over the past year, including flash flooding that affected the village of Newark Valley on July 13th.

The Threat Assessment Team (TAM) submitted the required plan updates to the state. Tioga also hosted a three-day Threat Assessment training, and launched a reporting app.

The Office of Emergency Services held both a spring and fall EMT course. We also brought in Bob Mackenzie from Lewis County to present an EMS focused course about “Caring for the Amish” that was very well attended.

The Office of Emergency Services has worked to focus on taking part in community events and strengthening partnerships with stakeholders and other departments of the county. We hosted an Open house on May 17th to highlight what the OES office does. Corinne Cornelius also spoke at both a Rotary meeting and an Apalachin Lions club meeting.

Tioga County completed their CEPA (County Emergency Preparedness Assessment) with community partners on October 29th.

The fire investigation team has been extremely busy, with 46 investigations through 2025, totaling 750 on-scene hours and numerous additional follow-up hours. (Full year end report attached).