



# City of Methuen

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### **MAYOR MANZI ANNOUNCES PUBLIC AWARENESS NIGHT**

**Methuen, MA** – Mayor William M. Manzi in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management is please to announce the first “*Emergency Management Public Awareness Night*.” The event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at the Tenney School auditorium. The evening will run form 6:30 – 8:30 pm, and light refreshments will be served.

Officials from the police, fire, health, school and emergency management departments, as well as a representative from the Holy Family Hospital, will discuss their respective department’s preparations for emergencies and disasters. Each department will provide details for residents and business owners regarding what the department’s role would be in an emergency or disaster scenario, and will allow time for a question and answer period.

Informational booths will be available with brochures and giveaways for attendees who wish to take home more information about how to prepare for an emergency. In addition, citizens will be able to register for volunteer opportunities that are available citywide relative to emergency preparedness and involvement during a disaster.

“This is a great opportunity for the public to stay informed and participate in Methuen’s Emergency Management efforts,” Manzi said. “Since the major flooding in the spring of 2006, I have met monthly with Emergency Management professionals. Now it is time to share our latest information with our citizens.”

The Department of Emergency Management is prepared to activate an Emergency Operations Center during any major disaster to allow coordination of all support agencies to provide continuity of services to the public. It is responsible for advertisement, notification and assembly of services that are in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Methuen and to prepare and distribute information and procedures governing the same.

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