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JOHN SANTORO RECEIVES THE EMERGENCY MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Methuen EMD Is Recognized Statewide For His Accomplishments

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Director Kurt Schwartz recently recognized Methuen police officer and Emergency Management Director John Santoro for his selection as the 2011 Northeast States Emergency Consortium (NESEC) Massachusetts Emergency Manager of the Year. He received this award based on several accomplishments, including:

Mr. Santoro has been involved in a number of Public Safety initiatives that have led to an increased ability of officials to help manage an emergency and minimize the loss of life and property.

He has assisted in the development and continued coordination of the Methuen Emergency Management Team and the Methuen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

He has served on numerous Northeast Regional Advisory Council (NERAC) Homeland Security subcommittees, including the NERAC Shelter Committee, which distributed shelter toolkits and trailers to the 85 NERAC communities.

He has worked closely with the MEMA Region I Nuclear Preparedness Department and Methuen School Department officials to train staff for their roles as Methuen serves as Host Schools for the Seabrook Nuclear plan. He has also played a prominent role in Seabrook Nuclear exercises.

Mayor William Manzi, had high praise for Santoro as well. "One of the first things I did when I took office was to revamp Methuen's Emergency Management plan. John played a crucial role in the implementation of that plan. Over the past 5 years he has helped me lead the city through several emergencies including two major floods, an ice storm and a gas outage that left many without heat in the winter. In my opinion he is deserving of this award and I congratulate him on behalf of the city."

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