



# City of Methuen

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### **MAYOR MANZI CALLS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEERS**

**Methuen, MA** - Methuen's Department of Emergency Management is looking for volunteers for their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Shelter Management Team (SMT). The CERT volunteers will be responsible to assist the City of Methuen's Department of Emergency Management throughout the city in times of disaster and emergencies. The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The SMT volunteers will be responsible to staff and assist with setting up emergency shelters throughout the city in times of disaster and emergencies.

"This is a great opportunity for citizens to help their neighbors and give back to the city," Manzi said. "Often during times of crisis people look to help out where they can. We experienced this during the Mother's Day Flood of 2006. We received calls and visits from dozens of people looking to do what they could."

All volunteers will go through a thorough screening process including, but not limited to a criminal background check and must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact the Emergency Management Director, John J. Santoro, at 978-983-8579 or email him at [EMDirector@ci.methuen.ma.us](mailto:EMDirector@ci.methuen.ma.us).

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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