



New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid Program Produces Informational Video

On October 25, 2002, members of the New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid Program created an informational video. Its purpose is to increase awareness and participation in the program. A grant from the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management provided the funding.

Seven communities contributed to making the video. Although not an emergency, it allowed municipalities to work with each other. The staged event demonstrated the benefits of participating in the Mutual Aid Program. Doug Sargent, the Ossipee Public Works Director, and his crew made everyone feel welcome. They closed a road, fell trees and arranged for Fire and Rescue to participate. An Ossipee employee provided a car, which Gregg Champlain of the Office of Emergency Management drove over an embankment. In the afternoon, shooting took place at Ossipee Aggregates. Don Hayward, Operations Manager, and his crew made every effort to ensure the success of the video.

WMUR covered the afternoon portion of the filming and featured the video on a November 2002 episode



Mutual Aid Public Works Crews ready and able to work on the video and in your town.

of *Chronicle*. They provided footage of previous New Hampshire disasters such as the Stratham microburst, the Alton dam breach, and the New London ice storm. The footage became part of the video. Mike Haddad, WMUR's meteorologist appeared in the video. Fritz Weatherbee narrated the video.

The videos were mailed to public works facilities last month. To borrow a copy, contact the UNH T² Center at 603/862-2826. The Public Works Mutual Aid Program wishes to express its thanks to towns that participated in the video production event: Bow, Derry, Dover, Grafton, Loudon, New London and Ossipee. ■

The New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid Program, the first state-wide program of its kind in the United States, was formed in 1998 to enable municipalities to share public works resources during emergency situations. Seventy nine municipalities currently participate in the program. For more information about the New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid Program, visit the program's Web site at www.t2.unh.edu/ma or call 800/432-0060.



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