

STORM UPDATE

All of Orange County was devastated once again with extensive rainfall that has caused widespread flooding in our region. The City of Middletown has received 5 inches of rain between 2AM and 10AM this morning.

Many roads were once again flooded and some washed out. Command Center was set up at 4AM this morning in my office. At 7:10 AM this morning, I declared a State of Emergency for our city. The County Office of Emergency Management was contacted and City Hall was set up as a temporary shelter. Once again Shop Rite, Dolson Ave. stepped up to the plate and donated food for the many volunteers at the shelter, evacuees and command center.

FEMA UPDATE

I am trying to provide you with as much FEMA information as I can and as soon as possible. This morning I spoke with a FEMA representative and they advised me that at this point FEMA is considering this storm to be a separate event from the Irene storm. This means that you must follow the same protocol in place for Irene. Take photo's, video and save receipts. We are working through Congressman Hinchey's office to have the county designated for Individual Assistance for this storm also. We also toured devastated parts of Middletown with Orange County Executive Ed Diana this morning and he has assured me that the county will continue to fight for FEMA aid for this storm.

We will continue to update this information on our web site and facebook to keep you informed. Go to Middletown-ny.com.

IRENE UPDATE

Our Commissioner of Public Works and City Consultants are working around the clock to prepare plans and start rebuilding the damaged area's of our city. FEMA has approved Public Assistance for municipalities as of September 7th. We are submitting for damages and mitigation plan to hopefully help in controlling future problems.

We will continue to pick up storm damaged waste through Monday. Please place it curbside as soon as possible.

Please contact my office if you need any assistance. 845-346-4100.