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David E. Cubbison has served as Director of Emergency Services since 2006. He began working for Bedford County EMA in 2002, serving as Director of Planning and Training. Dave received a B.S. degree Recreation and Communication in from Slippery Rock University 1985. He has received training from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Dave holds Advanced Certification in Emergency Management from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. David's responsibilities include management of the emergency management program and providing assurance to the citizens of Bedford County that the staff, equipment and facility of the Department of Emergency Services are ready to respond to all hazards. He also is a member of the Executive Board of the South Central Mountains Regional task Force.

Harry Corley, Jr., has served as Bedford County 911 Coordinator since 2016. He has been with the Department of Emergency Services since 1997 and had served as a Telecommunicator with 9-1-1. Harry is a veteran of the US Army. He is a PEMA certified 911 Telecommunicator Supervisor, 911 Police Dispatcher, 911 Call Taker, 911 Fire Dispatcher. He is also certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch by IAED, CLEAN, TAC Officer, and has successfully completed the First Responder Disability Awareness training from Niagara University. Harry holds membership in the National Emergency Number Association and is an EMT. He is responsible for the overall operations of the Communications center and policy development. He also directs the training for new personnel and is responsible to have all funding applications, to include but not limited to the annual reports submitted to PEMA by the required submission date. He organizes all Quality Assurance reports, as required by PEMA and IAED and maintains and updates 911 computer equipment. Harry reports directly to the department director and in times of emergencies may be needed to assist the director at a location deemed necessary, including the PSAP.

Tammy Lashinski is the Department's CAD/GIS Specialist. She has been with Bedford County since 1993. Her duties include but are not limited to keeping maps current and updated with new roads and addresses, etc for 911 addressing. Updating fire/police/EMS boundaries as needed for Bedford/Fulton County which then are updated to the CAD (computer aided dispatch) server (updating these boundaries include working with shapefiles, moving lines and making sure they match up then have to run GIS sync on CAD servers and push out to all call taking/dispatching stations). Tammy also maintains the CAD system to include updates of new data including ANI/ALI.



The mission of the Bedford County Department of Emergency Services is to protect the citizens, property and businesses of Bedford County by establishing a program of planning, prevention, mitigation, response and recovery for any natural or man-caused event.

**Mitigation**. "Preventing future emergencies or minimizing their effects"

Activities that either prevent the occurrence of an emergency or reduce Bedford County's vulnerability to all types of hazards, whether natural or manmade.

**Preparedness** - "Preparing to handle an emergency"

Activities such as planning, emergency training and exercises, or public education regarding community preparedness that take place *before* an emergency occurs.

**Response** - "Responding safely to an emergency"

Actions taken to save lives and to prevent further property or environmental damage. Response is putting our preparedness plans into action.

**Recovery** - "Recovering from an emergency"

Actions taken to return to normal life and routine after an emergency.

The Bedford County Emergency Management Agency maintains emergency plans for facilities that use or produce hazardous materials, dam failures, and for other types of man-caused or natural disasters. The office also coordinates and directs actions that take place during large-scale emergencies. This is coordinated from the Emergency Operations Center located within our facility. These activities are done in close cooperation with the County Commissioners, local Emergency Management Agencies (municipalities within the county), and emergency service organizations throughout the county. The approach to these actions is scalable and will grow or lessen as the unmet need arises or stabilizes.



The Bedford County 9-1-1 center is part of the Bedford County Department of Emergency Services. The entire system falls under the direct control of the Bedford County Board of Commissioners. The Director of Emergency Services, David E. Cubbison, oversees all aspects of the Department, including EMA and 9-1-1. He also serves as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Harry Corley, Jr., serves as the County's E 9-1-1 Coordinator and Tammy Lashinsky serves as the CAD/GIS Specialist for the department.

Bedford County 9-1-1 currently employs 10 full-time Public Safety Telecommunicators and 8 part-time Public Safety Telecommunicators. All Public Safety Telecommunicators have completed Bedford County's telecommunications training program as outlined by the performance and training standards set forth in Pennsylvania law through PEMA. All of our telecommunicators are certified through the [National Academy of Emergency Dispatch](#).

Bedford County's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) is a state-of-the-art communications center which takes calls and dispatches emergency services for both Bedford and Fulton Counties.

All call information is tracked on a Computer Aided Dispatch and Mapping System. The Bedford County 9-1-1 Center utilizes several UHF P-25 Simulcast radio systems to communicate with the emergency service providers we serve. 800 MHz radio is also used to communicate with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agencies and other neighboring counties.