



Bringing Calm to Chaos:

The Westchester County Department of Emergency Services and Department of Transportation will co-sponsor a comprehensive workshop on the Coordination and Recovery following the Crash of Continental Flight 3407.

Date: Monday, December 7, 2009

Time: 19:00 hours

Location: Purchase Fire Station 614 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase

This presentation will provide valuable insight into the coordination, communications and cooperation that went into the recovery efforts following the crash of Continental Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, NY that occurred on February 12, 2009.

The presentation will include radio traffic of the initial moments of chaos that ensued after a commuter plane crashed into a single family residence just a few steps from the Clarence Center firehouse, killing 50 people.

Erie County Deputy Fire Coordinator Tiger Schmittendorf will discuss the "big picture" overview of the local, county, state and federal agencies and the 1,000+ responders who cooperated in restoring calm to this small community so quickly. He'll share how training, teamwork and effective implementation of the incident command system played such an important role in the overall success of the incident.

Tiger Schmittendorf serves as deputy fire coordinator for the Erie County Department of Emergency Services in Buffalo, N.Y. He is responsible for coordinating the training of 97 fire departments and more than 5,000 firefighters. Schmittendorf is a nationally certified fire instructor and has been a firefighter since 1980. He served most recently as a leader on the unified command team that managed the recovery from the crash of Continental Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, N.Y. Connect with him on FirefighterNation.com.

To register for the program please contact Luci Labriola at 914-231-1674 or by email at LEL2@Westchestergov.com

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