

PORTLAND IS READY



Left to right: Sharon Paddock, Joseph Dinegar, Susan Young, Barbara Felgate, Jane Klemba, Linda Martin, Wayne Martin, Robert Granger, Linda Prelli and Phyllis Clark.

Susan Bransfield, Portland's First Selectwoman is in full support of the Portland Community Emergency Resource Team's (CERT) efforts to prepare the Residents of Portland for the upcoming hurricane season. Led by Bob Shea, Portland's Emergency Manager, and Don Gouin, Portland's CERT Team Coordinator, the CERT Team organized and ran on Saturday July 15th a simulated shelter drill at the Portland High School. If sheltering at home is not an option for an individual or family, the shelter is available to all Portland Residents and visitors who may need a place during a storm to charge their phone, use their laptop computer, washup or take a shower or to stay overnight if the storm is severe and warrants it.

The Team was organized into two groups. Group One Led by Phyllis Clark consisting of Robert Granger, Sharon Paddock, Linda Martin, and Wayne Martin organized in place the entrance registration setup including the tables, signs, forms and procedures for receiving the residents needing assistance while Group Two Led by Jane Klemba and consisting of Barbara Felgate, Susan Young, Linda Prelli, and Joseph Dinegar staged the cots and living areas in the school gym where residents would spend the night if overnight housing was required as the result of a severe storm. The purpose of the drill was part of our ongoing CERT Training for our Members to ensure we are all prepared to support and assist the residents of Portland when the need arises.

The CERT Team is just a part of the overall group of people here in Portland that are prepared to assist. All of our municipality members from every department are prepared to support our residents and provide them the facilities necessary to keep them safe when the need arises. For more information on CERT, please contact Bob Shea at (860) 342-6750.