STRATFORD OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 307 UNION AVENUE STRATFORD NJ 08084

What is Emergency Management?

The Stratford Office of Emergency Management is a municipal public safety department that functions under the authority of the Office of the Mayor during times of emergencies, and under the Director of Emergency Services or Public Safety Director on a day-to-day basis.

The office of Civil Defense was originally formed under the authority of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, and amended (P.L,81-920) and the New Jersey State of Emergency Management Act of 1942.

In 1978, the federal government established the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and in 1986, New Jersey adopted the "emergency management" format by virtue of the NJSP Directive No. 61 when the authority of civilian defense activities was transferred from the New Jersey Department of Defense to the New Jersey State Police by way of executive order. The New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management is charged with providing for the health, safety, welfare of the people of the state of New Jersey and to aid in the prevention of damage to and the destruction of property during emergency. This is essentially the mission and duties of the Stratford Office of Emergency Management.

<u>What does Emergency Management Do?</u>

Emergency Management coordinates resources, response, and recovery activities and provides an orderly plan during emergencies such as bad weather, fire, hazardous material incidents, mass casualty events, and other emergency situations or police incidents to better protect our citizens and their property.