Disaster Preparedness in 19930



Workshops to Promote Action
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Project Goals:

- Cultivate Community Amongst Key Area Leaders - sharing resources & ideas
- Conduct 3 Interactive Area Workshops - targeted to the particular populations
- Create Streamlined Materials & Action Plans- especially for full-time residents



Emphasis Based on Data:

- Nearly half of the Town's population falls into the 65- to 79-year -old age category
- Median age was 58.9 years in 2000 - in 2020 median age was 66.8
- Fewer young children -- fewer school-aged children -- fewer prime working aged residents
- Considerably higher percentages of recent retirees and those over 80



(as of 2020 data in BB Current Comprehensive Plan)

Today's Objectives:

- Want participants to leave knowing their Zone & starting their "Preparedness Buddy"
- Want participants to know about the local CERT
  - and the South Coastal Village Volunteers



Today's Presenters:

Danielle Swallow

Coastal Hazards Specialist

Delaware Sea Grant

Timothy Cooper, MA, CEM, CBCP

Deputy Director of Public Safety-Emergency

Management Division of Emergency

Management Sussex County Public Safety

Today's Agenda

Plans Needed for Multiple Types of Disasters

- Danielle Swallow: "The Why"
- Tim Cooper: "Preparedness Tips"
- Facilitated Discussion of Local Procedures
- Getting Started – **one step at a time**

Together - We Become a Resilient Community

Mitigation –
Preparedness –
Response– Recovery