

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

In compliance with Federal Regulations the Town of Belmont established a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in 2003. The LEPC is the local body that handles emergency planning and community right-to-know reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals. The LEPC is comprised of Town Departments, industry representatives and community members.

In 2006, the Commonwealth launched a new on-line tool for the Town and LEPC to update and maintain its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. This was used through the year to maintain and update the plan. The latest information from the reporting sites has been entered and catalogued in this database.

A recent development that started at the end of 2006 was the formation of the Battle Road Regional Emergency Planning Committee. This regional approach is involving the communities of Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Burlington, Carlisle and Lexington. Through this regional effort, the 6 communities will combine their efforts and resources to develop a Regional plan and apply for Regional Development and Training funding, which is more readily available from the Federal Government and its agencies. The Regional Committee has been working in cooperation with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency in bringing this new venture together.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their work and input during the past year. I believe that this new regional approach will help our Committee to enhance its local planning efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Asst. Fire Chief Angus Davison, Chairman