

TO: MEMA Region 2

FR: Board of Selectmen

DT: December 21, 2010

RE: Formation of MV Regional Emergency Planning Committee

We support the creation of a formal Martha's Vineyard Regional Planning Committee that includes multiple disciplines and the efforts of the island's Emergency Management Directors for an all hazards approach for:

- A written response plan
- The training of emergency responders
- Annual exercise of an emergency plan

The Town of Chilmark recognizes that hurricanes, winter storms, and other emergencies can effect the entire island, and that a regional approach to planning is useful and productive. However, we have serious concerns about the manner in which the island's reverse 911 system "CodeRED" was utilized during the approach of Hurricane Earl this Labor Day Weekend.

The island wide announcement of a driving ban and the closure of local businesses was confusing to our residents and visitors. It was also premature. In the future, before any CodeRED message is delivered to the residents of Chilmark, the Board of Selectmen shall be consulted and their approval of the message sought.

The Emergency Management Director for Chilmark is Timothy Carroll. He shall serve as the Community Emergency Response Coordinator for Chilmark until further notice.