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New England Water Works Association 2025 Emergency Preparedness and Security Committee Report

Committee Mission:

The committee is instrumental in the development of emergency preparedness, safety/security, and best management practices (BMP) for water utilities and other members. The committee recommends and develops materials, programs, and activities to improve the emergency preparedness and security of the water works profession.

Accomplishments/Activities and New Initiatives During the Past Year:

- Continued to recruit members.
- Successfully coordinated a session for the 2025 Spring Conference.
- Ongoing coordination with the Distribution and Storage Committee to develop an Emergency Preparedness training course.

Plans for 2025-2026:

- Continue with our webinars with potential themes of cybersecurity, natural disaster planning, mutual aid, succession planning in the context of emergency response, workforce development, and emergency use of community interconnections.
- Solicit and review abstracts and coordinate a session for the 2026 Spring Conference.
- Finalize course content for Emergency Preparedness training course.

2024-2025 Committee Meeting Dates/Locations

- All meetings were conducted virtually throughout the year.

Committee Member Roster: See attached.

Succession Planning - Incoming Leaders and Anticipated Appointment Date:

Jim Barsanti will continue to serve as Chair and Kate Novick will continue to serve as Vice Chair until December 2025. Kate will assume the Chair position and Gufran Bulbul will assume the Vice Chair position in January 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Emergency Preparedness and Security Committee Roster 2025

Member		Committee Position
Margaret	McCarthy	Ex-Officio
Kirsten	King	Ex-Officio
James	Barsanti	Chair
Kate	Novick	Vice Chair
Thomas	Barger	Member
Gufran	Bulbul	Incoming Vice Chair
Mark	Johnson	Member
Brenda	Leonard	Member
Adam	McKeagney	Member
Johnna	McKenna	Member
Brendan	McSweeny	Member
Sofia	Savoca	Member
Mark	Sceery	Member
Donald	Schumacher	Member
Scott	Vesey	Member