



**Town of Danville**  
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## Emergency Management Info

Emergency Management is the overarching framework for communities to cope with disasters. In Vermont towns that generally means fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), police, and public works.

### How does emergency response work in Danville?

**Call 9-1-1 if you are having an emergency** - don't worry about details! Across Vermont there are Public Safety Answer Points (PSAPs) that will answer, quickly sort out what you need, and dispatch it to you.

**Fire:** The Town of Danville has a Fire Department with a Fire Chief, Jonathan Austin-Shortt. It's currently all volunteer, with 4 trucks, a main station just south of the school, and a small station in North Danville. All the area fire departments are part of a mutual aid system so that when needed, firefighters from other towns will come here or Danville firefighters will go to other towns. When you call 911 to put out a fire, frequently firefighters from several towns will respond.

**EMS (Emergency Medical Services):** The Town of Danville contracts with CALEX Ambulance for EMS. CALEX has stations in St Johnsbury and Danville and is part of the state EMS District 5 that works with Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH). When you call 911, normally CALEX will send an ambulance that will go to NVRH in St Johnsbury. However, as needed, patients may also go to other hospitals including Dartmouth and UVM, by ambulance or helicopter. If there is a major emergency, other ambulance services from farther away may also respond.

**Police:** Danville does not have a police department. The Town contracts with the Caledonia County Sheriff for traffic enforcement and other specifically defined needs, but the Sheriff is not responsible for handling individual complaints. When you call 911 for police assistance, the Vermont State Police (VSP) will respond. Danville is covered by Troop A and the nearest station is the St Johnsbury barracks. In Vermont all law enforcement officers have statewide jurisdiction, so while for "normal" crimes VSP will respond, if there is life-safety issue police and deputies from all over will come together to help.

**Public Works:** The Town of Danville has a Highway Department with a Road Foreman, Keith Gadapee, and four other employees. The highway department maintains almost all the public roads in town through summer, fall, winter, mud season, and spring including plowing, repairing, and resurfacing. The Selectboard determines which road segments are paved and suggests the highway budget that is set every year at Town Meeting. Route 2, running east-west through Danville, is the one exception; as a state road, the Agency of Transportation District 7 maintains that. If you find a life-safety road emergency, like a washed out bridge - call 911! Otherwise, report any problems to the Highway Department.

**Emergency Management:** Every Vermont town and city has an Emergency Management Director (EMD) who coordinates EM issues with and for local EM organizations. The Danville Selectboard Chair, Eric Bach, is the EMD and Glenn Herrin is the EM Coordinator. Most Town EM work is planning and coordination, but for rare major emergencies the Town may establish an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), typically in the Town Office, to maintain situational awareness for town leaders, coordinate resource and information requests, and provide public information. When that happens the Selectboard appoints an EOC Director and the EOC announces what to do, where to go, and who to contact.

# Danville Emergency Management Resources

Fire, medical, or other life-safety emergency - call **9-1-1!**

Report a crime - call the state police: **9-1-1**

Road issue - call the Highway Department: 802-684-3362

Public health questions - call the Town Health Officer: Eric Bach, M:802-473-2284

Fire permit - call the Fire Warden: Jason Crocker, M:802-253-5284

Animal problem - call the Animal Control Officer: Candace Dane, M:802-535-7109

VT-Alert: <https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert> - register to get emergency messages (especially on mobile phones or by email)

Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies (CARE) - <https://e911.vermont.gov/care> - register if you or someone you know might need special help in a major emergency

## Public Information Locations

During a major emergency the town will open an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and publish press releases and post them to the town website: <https://danvillevt.gov>

If there are power or communications issues, the EOC will also make paper copies to post or distribute at key locations around town:

- Town Office
- Marty's First Stop
- Hastings Store
- North Danville Community Center