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TOWN OF VERNON G.E.T.S. ENHANCED EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Vernon – Michael J. Purcaro, Vernon’s newly appointed Director of Emergency Management has linked the Town of Vernon to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Government Emergency Telecommunication System (G.E.T.S.). The G.E.T.S. system is a component of the National Communication System (NCS) which was established by presidential order to provide emergency access and priority telecommunications on the public accessible telephone network during emergencies and crisis situations.

According to Purcaro, “This system will greatly enhance our ability to complete phone calls required to communicate vital decisions and reports during emergency situations when the public phone system typically becomes inaccessible due to high call volume.”

The G.E.T.S. system provides emergency phone service support to federal, state, local and tribal government personnel performing National Security and Emergency Preparedness missions. The system provides emergency access and priority processing of local and long distance calls made on the Public Switched Telephone Network (PTSN). The intention of G.E.T.S. is to be used in an emergency or crisis situation when the PTSN is congested and the probability of completing a call over the normal or other alternate telecommunications means has significantly decreased.

For more information about Vernon’s participation in G.E.T.S. please contact Michael J. Purcaro, Director of Emergency Management at (203)509-6236.