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In the Third quarter, there were disasters in our District. One was the CN Train Derailment in the Plaster Rock area of New Brunswick.

Through communication with the club president at the Tobique Lions Club, Lion Paul informed me that Canadian National Rail Road and the Emergency Task Force was doing, and did, a very good job in handling the issue and informing all affected.

It was stated that the Tobique Lions Club in Plaster Rock was used to house the individuals that were evacuated from their homes; they were able to stay there until it was over, and the building was keep out of bounds for all others during their stay. The Tobique Lions Club building is on a list to be used in this capacity if it ever arises. And as you can see it worked out good in this case for their community, after this derailment.

For circumstances such as this rail disaster in this small community, it just shows how important it is to have your building registered and set up if possible. Many clubs have done so in the past couple of years, and by having all the red tape already looked after in advance and out of the way, this makes the response times and ability to move in much quicker, having this already in place.

Some other parts of our District encountered Heavy Rains and Ice Storms last month. They encountered heavy flooding and power outages. Again with loss of heat and unable to get to their homes, or unable to stay in their homes, these buildings are a God sent for those people, just being able to get shelter and heat.

I had asked all clubs in the District to assign an Alert Chair for their club this year, and return the contact information back to me. There were 11 clubs that did so, and I want to thank them for doing that. We can now be a little more prepared, just encase there is a need in our communities, for whatever it may be.

There was one club this month, (Pickwauket Lions Club) that has started the process in partnering with the local Hampton EMO, to assist in a registry for venerable citizens. Congradulations!!!

I will end my report with the same message as I have in the past; "We need to be prepared". We have the programs let's use them.

Respectfully submitted,
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