

# Town of Derry, NH

## Department Mission and Objectives Fiscal Year 2009

Department: Executive

Activity Center: Public Health

### **Department Mission:**

To improve the health and safety of individuals, families and the community through health promotion, disease prevention and protection from public health threats.

### **Department Vision:**

To be a health community where the public can enjoy a high quality of health in a clean and safe environment and enjoy protection from public health threats.

### **Department Objectives:**

1. Establish a regional Bureau of Public Health which serves to assess and improve the health and safety of the residents from Derry as well as the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Londonderry, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown and Windham.
2. Provide a regional public health entity which fulfills the Core Public Health Functions of Assessment, Policy Development and Assurance.
3. Increase regional public health infrastructure, expertise and capacity.
4. Establish a functioning Board of Health for the Town of Derry.
5. Continue to develop health policies and procedures which enhance the capacity of the Bureau of Public Health to provide services to the community.
6. Continue to work with municipal, community, and State partners to increase the health and safety of Southeastern New Hampshire residents.

**Town of Derry, NH**  
**Narrative, Programs and Activities**  
**FY 2009**

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**Narrative**

The Town of Derry, Bureau of Public Health (DBPH) serves as the regional Public Health Network, focusing on public health emergency preparedness activities, as well as building a stronger public health infrastructure and increased capacity to assess and improve the health and safety of the residents of Derry and the surrounding region. This Bureau is funded collaboratively by the Town of Derry as well as through grants from the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Office of the Surgeon General, and the Alexander Eastman Foundation.

**PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Regional Public Health Emergency Planning**

The Derry Bureau of Public Health facilitates regional public health emergency planning with an emphasis on pandemic flu. This year, the planning team focused on writing emergency plans for public health incidents as well as purchasing supplies for a regional Alternate Care Center and three Point of Dispensing sites (POD).

**Public Health Nursing**

In 2007, grants from the NH Department of Health and Human Services and the Alexander Eastman Foundation provided the unique opportunity to hire the first regional Public Health Nurse in New Hampshire. Ms. Jacqueline Aguilar works collaboratively with the NH Communicable Disease Control and Surveillance Section to provide disease investigation coverage in the Greater Derry region, as well as regional Childhood Immunization Clinics.

**Medical Reserve Corps**

The Bureau coordinates activities of the Greater Derry Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC has over 100 medical and support volunteers to respond to local health emergencies. MRC Volunteers have participated in activities such as the Hurricane Katrina response, and emergency sheltering and staffing the Hotline during the 2006 Mothers' Day floods. The Greater Derry MRC received the National Spotlight Award for August 2006.

### **Derry's Emergency Operations Plan**

The Bureau of Public Health is responsible for the Health & Medical section of the Town of Derry's Emergency Operations Plan as well as being responsible to provide support in other key sections of the Plan including: Mass Care & Sheltering, Public Information, and Volunteers & Donations.

### **Food Service Inspections**

The Town of Derry has 134 Food Service Establishments. These include: Gas Stations selling basic necessities; ice cream parlors; take-out and dine-in restaurants; supermarkets, day cares that serve food, nursing homes and a hospital. The Deputy Health Officer conducts routine inspections as well as responds to complaints regarding food establishments.

### **Commercial and Residential Inspections**

The Bureau of Public Health conducts inspections in response to complaints of health violations in commercial and residential buildings such as: squalor conditions, vermin and insect infestations, inadequate heat or hot water in rental units, and nuisance complaints (trash or junk accumulating on private property). The Bureau also conducts all Day Care and Foster Care routine as well as complaint inspections for the Town of Derry as required by the State of New Hampshire.

### **Regional Health Officer Support**

The Bureau is funded by DHHS to be a local resource to the surrounding communities. The Bureau conducts quarterly Regional Health Officer training sessions on topics such as Food Service Inspection guidelines, Pandemic Flu, EEE and Mosquito Control, and Disease Control and Surveillance. A Public Health Lending library has been created as a resource for regional public health professionals and can be accessed through the Town of Derry's website.

### **Mosquito Control Program**

The Bureau of Public Health oversees the planning and implementation of the Town of Derry's mosquito control program. The Bureau is responsible for a multi-faceted public education campaign which stresses the importance of personal precautions in reducing the risk of infection from mosquito-borne illnesses such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. When available, the Bureau of Public Health submits grant applications to the NH Department of Health and Human Services for assistance in covering the costs of the mosquito control program.

Town of Derry, NH  
 FY FY 2009 Budget  
 Activity Center Summary By Category

13 Department: EXECUTIVE DEPT		Activity Center : HEALTH						
Acct #	Account Description	FY 2006 Revised Budget	FY 2007 Revised Budget	FY 2008 Revised Budget	FY 2008 Projected Actual	FY 2009 Department Recommended	FY 2009 Town Admin Recommended	FY 2009 Town Council Adopted
	<b>Personnel Services</b>							
110	HLTH PERMANENT POSITIONS	38,000	59,794	57,158	53,154	69,597	68,869	60,869
140	HLTH OVERTIME	0	205	0	64	0	0	0
200	HLTH EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	10,550	25,189	13,375	12,441	16,393	16,312	16,312
291	HLTH TRAINING & CONFERENCES	0	2,059	2,200	1,000	1,240	1,240	1,240
292	HLTH UNIFORMS	0	500	500	500	250	250	250
	<b>TOTAL Personnel Services</b>	<b>48,550</b>	<b>87,747</b>	<b>73,233</b>	<b>67,159</b>	<b>87,480</b>	<b>86,671</b>	<b>78,671</b>
	<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>							
341	HLTH TELEPHONE	0	2,771	1,940	1,000	1,996	1,996	1,996
355	HLTH PHOTO LAB SERVICES	0	0	435	435	0	0	0
390	HLTH OTHER PROFESSIONAL SVS	0	1,750	0	0	0	0	0
440	HLTH RENTALS & LEASES	0	1,000	250	280	298	298	298
490	HLTH OTH PROPERTY RELATED SVS	0	49,220	70,555	41,854	72,673	72,673	72,673
550	HLTH PRINTING	0	2,750	550	250	250	250	250
560	HLTH DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	0	400	285	285	285	285	285
610	HLTH GENERAL SUPPLIES	0	1,498	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
620	HLTH OFFICE SUPPLIES	0	2,202	200	200	200	200	200
625	HLTH POSTAGE	0	800	250	350	350	350	350
635	HLTH GASOLINE	0	231	500	500	600	600	600
660	HLTH VEHICLE REPAIRS	0	0	1,750	250	1,000	1,000	1,000

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670	HLTH BOOKS & PERIODICALS	0	500	250	250	250	250	250
690	HLTH OTHER NON CAPITAL	0	8,744	0	907	0	0	0
820	HLTH OTHER EXPENSES	74,450	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>74,450</b>	<b>71,866</b>	<b>78,165</b>	<b>47,761</b>	<b>79,102</b>	<b>79,102</b>	<b>79,102</b>
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>							
	<b>Transfers</b>							
910	HLTH TFR TO SPECIAL REVENUE	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
960	HLTH TFR TO CAPITAL RESERVE	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL Transfers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>123,000</b>	<b>165,813</b>	<b>151,398</b>	<b>114,920</b>	<b>166,582</b>	<b>165,773</b>	<b>157,773</b>

