



## CITY OF PEEKSKILL

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*Mayor*

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### SAFETY AND SECURITY

**(Peekskill, New York)**... Mayor John G. Testa and members of the Common Council will officially open the Peekskill Office of Emergency Management located at 4 Nelson Avenue on Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 1:00 pm.

As part of its commitment to provide rapid response in the event of an emergency or disaster, the City of Peekskill has created a new emergency operations center on the lower level of 4 Nelson Avenue. The Office of Emergency Management developed as a result of the coordinated efforts of the various departments of the City of Peekskill, the County of Westchester and the State of New York to provide up to date information and relay communications received relating to allocating emergency personnel and resources where needed within the City of Peekskill.

In addition to providing timely information that may be used in an evacuation plan, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will conduct several drills to ensure that designated City personnel are given proper training to respond to any and all emergencies. Working in cooperation with the County of Westchester, hotlines will be installed to ensure direct connection with Westchester County Emergency Management Center. In addition, the EOC will have a radiological emergency phone line that connects the City of Peekskill with Indian Point and the five neighboring counties and their emergency personnel.

“The safety and security of residents in Peekskill is a top priority. The Common Council and I are pleased that the Office of Emergency Management will be able to provide timely information to the residents of Peekskill and respond to any and all emergencies that will occur within in and near the City of Peekskill. We would like to thank Fire Chief James Seymour for his efforts to prepare the City of Peekskill and its residents for all emergencies, ” stated Mayor John G. Testa.

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