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NEW YORK STATE IPAWS WORKSHOPS

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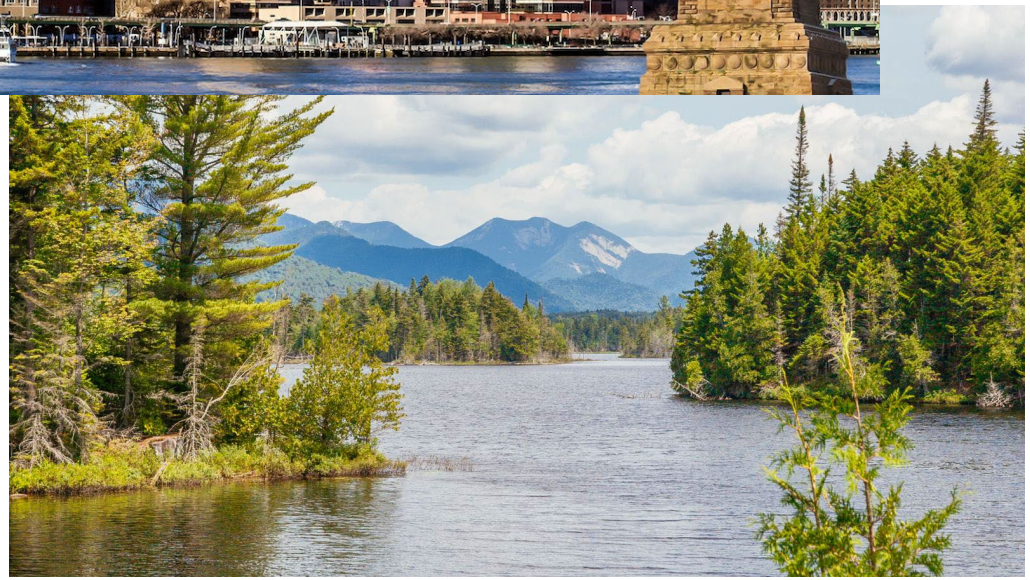
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NEW YORK STATE PROFILE

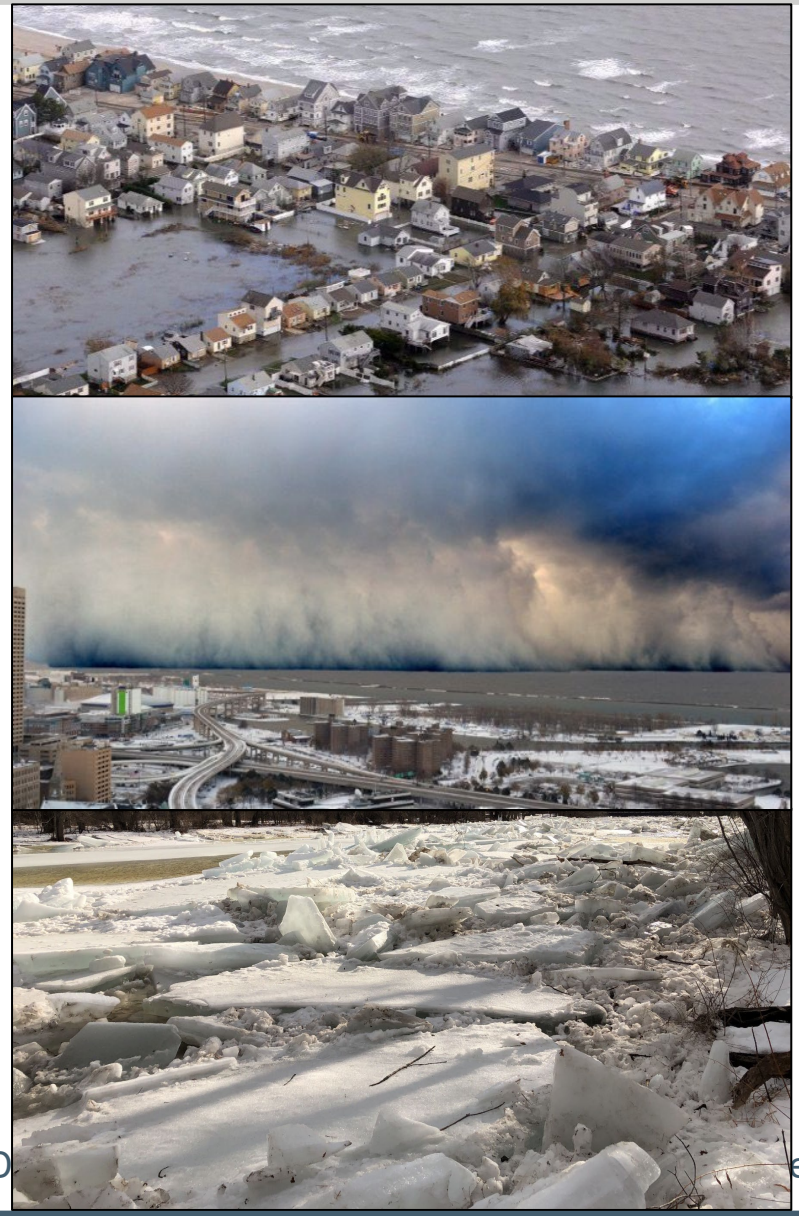
- Fourth most populous state (approx. 20 million people)
- 57 counties + NYC
- NYC – Over 8 million residents; most populated city in nation
- Hamilton County – Fewer than 5,000 residents





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- 83% of residents live within one of five major urban regions
- Varied landscapes/weather patterns/threats
- From coastal flooding to lake effect snow to ice jams
- LI Beaches, NYC, Niagara Falls, Finger Lakes, Great Lakes, Border with Canada, Saratoga, Adirondacks



WHY THE IPAWS WORKSHOPS?

- Focused on addressing gaps that existed within our own organization first
  - Built rapport and relationships with alerting authorities and public alerting scholars
  - Trained internal staff
  - Creation of a 30-page book of templates (pre-MDD)
- Started by verifying alerting authority contact information
- Extended support, training, and products to county partners
- Clear gap in County-level **understanding of** and **proficiency in** the system

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

Planning	Operational Coordination
• Examine how we can best reach a population • Discuss the participant's current posture	• Review collaboration to alert communities during planned and unplanned events • Discuss how alerting authorities and EM officials coordinate

The workshops aimed to strengthen relationships among alerting authorities and ensure the effective use of FEMA IPAWS tools to improve emergency messaging regionally during cross-jurisdictional incidents.

WORKSHOP LAYOUT

- FEMA IPAWS Technical Support Services Facility (TSSF)
- Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) drills
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
- Best Practices and Coordination

HOW DID IT GO?

- Participants appreciate the MDD for its ease and ability to create templates.
- Counties want more training opportunities, including for their executives.
- There is a lack of public alerting specific guidance in existing plans, policies, and procedures.
- Staffing, training, personnel, a lack of understanding and coordination are all areas of future improvement.

NEW YORK STATE ALERTING EXAMPLES

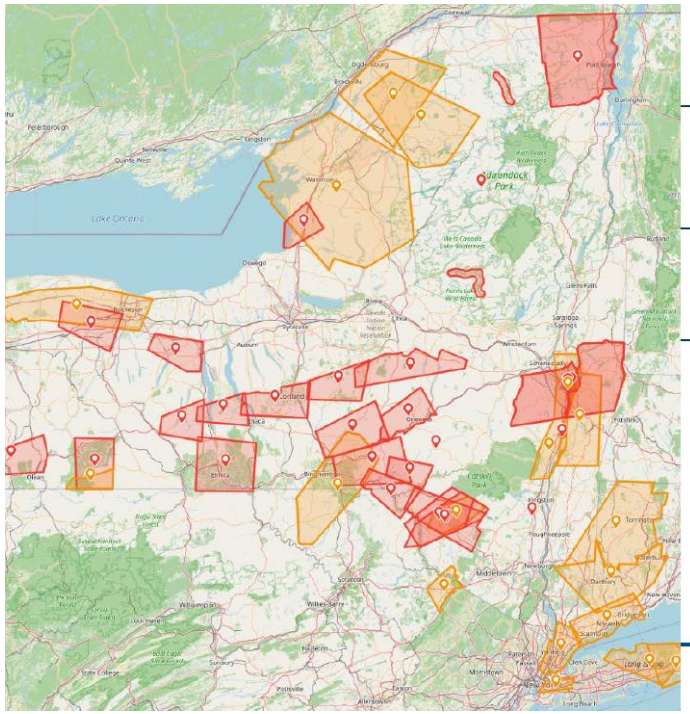


Photo left: IPAWS Alerts in New York (2026)

68 Active Alerting Authorities in New York

77 Alerts sent in New York in 2026

Most used Event Codes in 2026

- Tornado warnings
- Local area emergency
- Civil emergency warning
- Flash flood warning
- Severe thunderstorm warning

In **Greene County**, an alert warned residents in the Village that there was **no safe road access** during a storm. They were advised to shelter until waters receded.

In **Village of Delhi**, a warning provided a **boiled water notice** to residents impacted on a targeted portion of the area due to a water main break.

In **Chemung County**, an emergency message shared the **9-1-1 center had a phone outage** and provided alternate contact numbers for emergencies.

Across **three counties**, an alert provided descriptive information on an armed and dangerous homicide suspect as well as protective actions of **"do not approach"** and **"dial 9-1-1."**



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