

# VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE

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Dear Paul,

On July 24<sup>th</sup> at approximately 4:47pm an EF-2 tornado hit the Village of Mayville and the Town of Chautauqua. This was a first for the Village with no record of a tornado ever crossing our boundaries. At first the usual emotions raced through our minds, did anyone get injured, are there any loss of life, is the public safe and of course you wait for the other shoe to drop.

The Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services had a team of professionals on the ground and mobilized within minutes. They took overall command of the situation and assisted our fire department members with technical support, resources, and experts on the subject matter. Julius Leone and his staff were very professional, informative, and obviously trained in handling such an event.

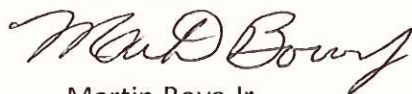
The Sheriff's Dispatch did an excellent job getting additional resources activated. They remained calm and professional and one can only imagine the call volume during the height of this event. To their credit we had help on the way and on location within minutes of the disaster.

It seemed like a long time before we were sure there were no trapped, injured or deceased persons, in retrospect we had a good handle on the severity of the situation in no time at all. This proved to be a relief and allowed us to concentrate on the damaged structures, infrastructure and getting the highways opened.

To experience such an event and to see how seamlessly everyone came together, received their marching orders, and went to work was truly amazing. The assistance your agency provided came with great sacrifice and for that we are forever appreciative. It gives me great pride to live and work in this great county and to have neighbors such as you who are willing to provide assistance in our time of need.

On behalf of the Village of Mayville, our residents, work forces, volunteer fire department members and the Village board THANK YOU!

Sincerely,



Martin Bova Jr.  
Mayor