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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **First Selectman Names Town Emergency Operations Management Coordinator**

January 7, 2003 ... First Selectman Richard V. Bergstresser today announced that Paul J. Connelly has been named the Emergency Operations Management Coordinator for the Town of Greenwich.

The Town has a contract with Greenwich Emergency Medical Service (GEMS) to provide Greenwich with emergency management coordinator services, and GEMS has hired Mr. Connelly to take on this responsibility. Mr. Connelly will report to Charlee Tufts, Executive Director of GEMS.

Mr. Connelly will join GEMS on January 21, 2003, and will coordinate emergency response plans among Town and private organizations that play key or ancillary roles in responding to an incident of mass casualty, disaster or bioterrorism that may occur in or around Greenwich. The organizations include: Town of Greenwich municipal departments, agencies, such as the Red Cross, The Greenwich Hospital and private industry and businesses.

Mr. Connelly comes to Greenwich from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management in Hartford, where since July 2002, he has been under contract to coordinate the Federal Emergency Management Publication Assistance Program following a declared disaster. From 1979 to 1996, Mr. Connelly was Assistant Director of the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Addiction Services, Office of Emergency Medical Services in Hartford and from 1989 to 1993, he was Acting Director of the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services.

“Having Paul Connelly join the Greenwich team to manage the coordination of emergency operations is a key step in our Town’s ability to handle emergency disasters effectively and efficiently,” said Mr. Bergstresser. “Paul’s background and experience on the state level will give him the ability to start helping Greenwich with coordinating our emergency planning immediately.”

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