

Hot Topics – And Where to Find More Information

Fort Street Bridge - The City of Caribou has a webpage with information:

[Aroostook River Bridge Rehabilitation – City of Caribou, Maine](#)

Find this on the home page under “City Planning Projects”. When staff have additional information, it will be added here.

The DOT plans to have an “online public meeting” on December 17, the flyer from DOT is on the following page. Please follow the links or scan the QR code and give your feedback to the Maine Department of Transportation. The Maine DOT has scheduled a zoom meeting on Tuesday for EMS, Fire and Police. Yes, I have asked for an in-person meeting for Caribou residents. When we receive more information, we will post that online.

The Aroostook County Emergency Management Agency will once again be offering NIMS training for Senior Officials. It is important for our grant funding that our elected officials have this training.

Several members of the staff have recently completed professional milestones since the last City Council meeting:

Danielle Brissette has been recognized as achieving certification by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks as a Certified Municipal Clerk on November 18, 2025. Clerk Brissette has been attending the New England Municipal Clerks’ Institute and Academy for a week each July and has finished additional coursework through the year to complete the requirements of this program.

Heather Bartlett, an employee of the Caribou Housing Authority department, is now a certified Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator. As the FSS Coordinator, Ms. Bartlett will be helping Caribou families achieve economic independence by providing case management, resources, and support through the FSS program.

Jamie Haight, a dispatcher in the Caribou Police Department, has become a State of Maine Certified Terminal Operator. This is a special hands-on course offered by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to educate terminal operators for use with METRO, Nlets, NCIC, and Maine Wanted systems.

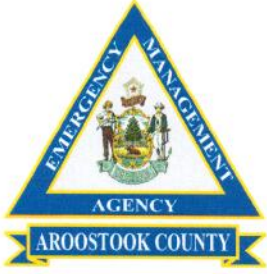
**WIN 27278.00 – Caribou, Aroostook River Bridge Rehabilitation Project**

MaineDOT invites and encourages you to attend an on-demand public meeting to provide information about the Aroostook River Bridge project in Caribou. This powerpoint presentation can be viewed at any time during the formal comment period and allows for online comments and questions that will be answered by MaineDOT staff. The formal comment period will last from December 17, 2025 to January 9, 2026. Use the QR code to view the presentation.



The scope of work consists of replacing the bridge deck and rehabilitating some of the structural steel bridge components in the truss. Traffic will be maintained with a combination of a road closure with a detour around other routes, and single lane alternating traffic on the existing bridge. The full closure is expected to last approximately 5 months. Construction is expected to begin in the winter of 26/27.

MaineDOT recognizes that this work may present challenges for the traveling public and meeting those challenges will require a collaborative effort in the months ahead. We welcome all suggestions, ideas, and input from our partners and the public.



National Incident Management System

Overview for Senior Officials

(Executives, Elected, and Appointed)

Class will be both in person and virtually via Zoom.

Location: 158 Sweden St, Caribou (County EOC)

You only need to attend one of these sessions.

Thursday – January 22, 2026 3pm-5pm

Monday – January 26, 2026 9am-11am

Thursday – February 5, 2026 9am-11am

Aroostook County Emergency Management is hosting ICS 402: NIMS/ICS

Overview for Senior Officials (Executives, Elected, and Appointed).

The purpose of this course is to provide a forum for Senior Official discussion regarding the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the importance of the role of Senior Officials in preparedness. At the end of the course, students will be able to explain NIMS tenants, understand command and coordination entities and responsibilities, and the basic principles of the Incident Command System.

The target audience for this course is all officials with statutory obligations, to include senior officials, executives, elected and appointed officials, city/county managers, agency administrators, as well as emergency management officials, Public Information Officers, Public Safety (law enforcement, fire, EMS, public health and public works) personnel, and a jurisdiction's policy and legal advisors.

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites to take this course.

Please register by January 9, 2026

Email Your Registration To: eoc@aroostookema.com

Name: Title/Position:

Email:

Phone:

A Zoom link will be provided after registration is complete.

Please contact us with any questions

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