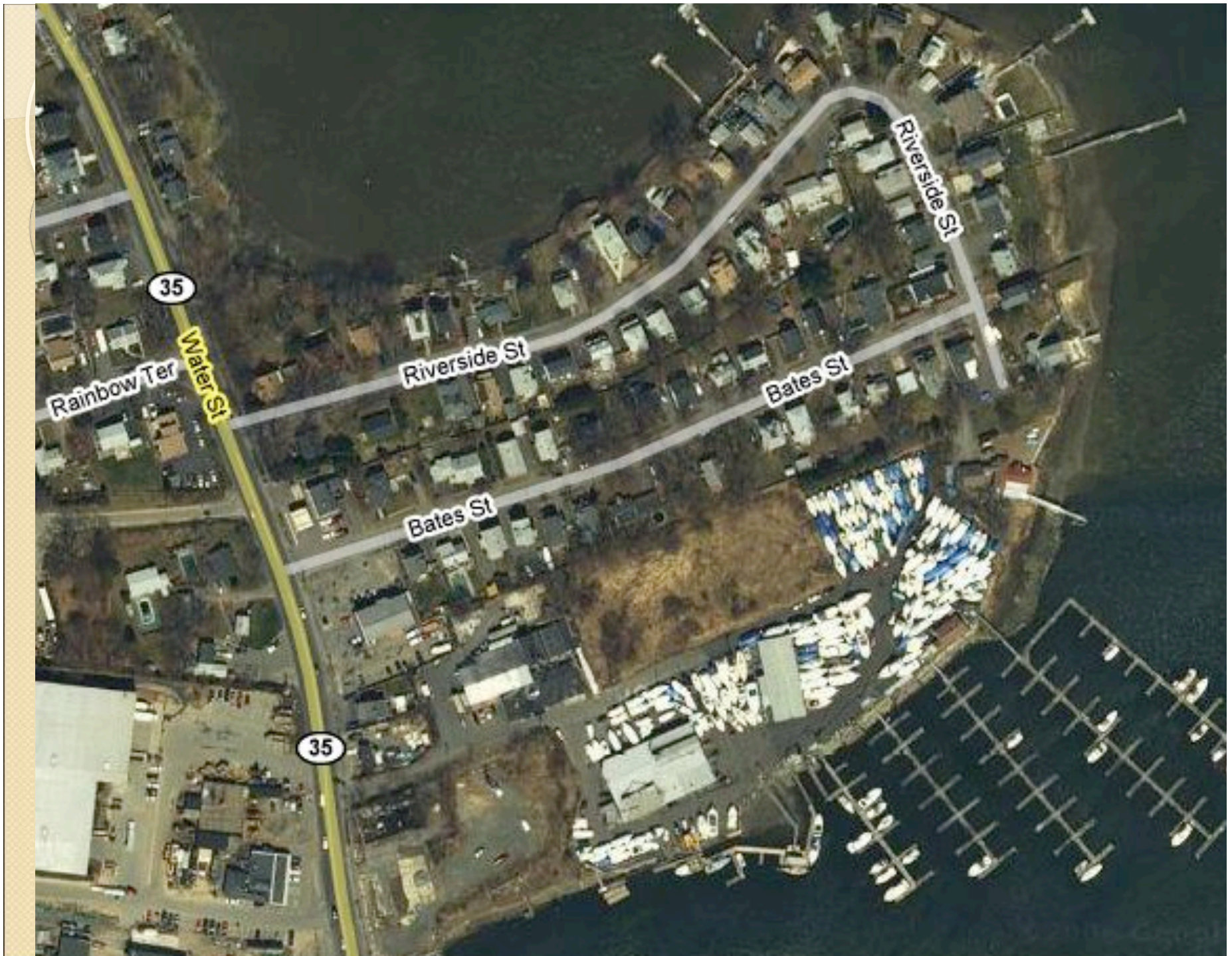


# Town of Danvers



Emergency Response to  
November 22, 2006 Explosion  
Lessons Learned







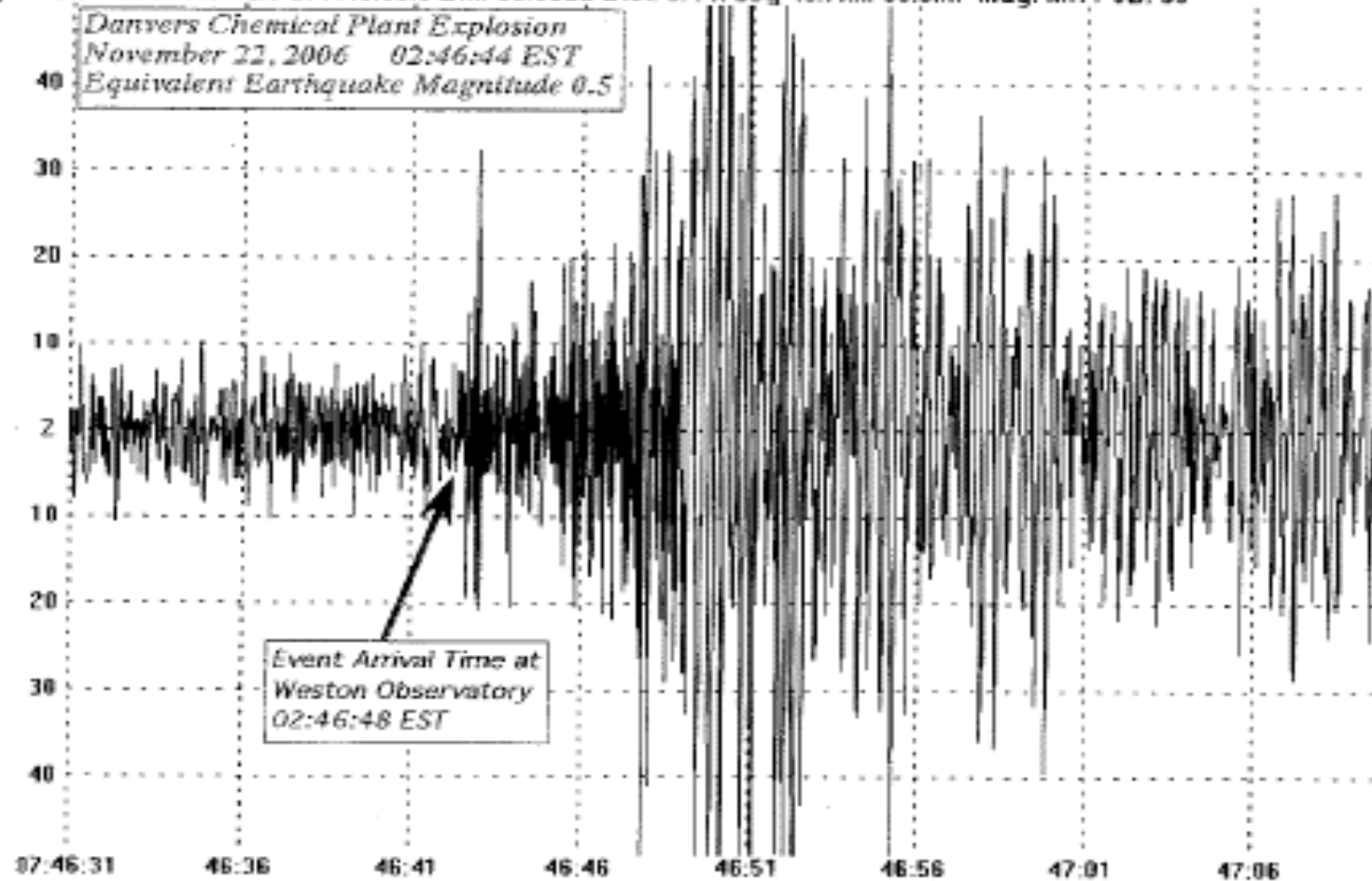
# Seismograph from Weston Observatory

Start: 11/22/06 7:45:41 UTC Station: WES 0N 0E Samples: 7960 SPS: 40

File: WES.BHZ.NE

Max/Min: 79.93/-76.98 X: 40 Y: x1

Org: 7:45:34.4 P: 7:45:45.3 S: 7:45:53.3 Diff: 00.0sec Dist: 0.447deg 49.7km 30.8mi Mag: MI?? JB: 33











## November 22, 2006 Event

- 2:46 A.M.
- Explosion heard throughout Town and  
North Shore
- 100<sup>+</sup> structures heavily damaged or  
destroyed



## Immediate Response

- Evacuate 400<sup>+</sup> residents
- Search for injured / dead
- Attack fire
- Set up shelter



## Secondary Response

- Establish ISU
- Assess priorities and assign responsibilities
- Update meetings at 1 hour, 2 hour, etc. intervals





## Initial Priorities

- Fire Control
- Public Health – Air and water quality
- Safety of structures
- Site security
- Shelter
- Establish EOC and designate PIO



## Assigned Responsibilities

- Fire control - *Fire Chief & Deputy*
- Structural safety - *Building Inspector*
- Public Health - *Health Director / EPA*
- Site security - *Police Chief*
- Shelter - *Public Works/Health Director*
- Establish EOC & PIO - *Town Manager*





## Lessons Learned

- Be prepared; have a plan.
- Take responsibility.
- Communicate at all levels
- Delegate – It's a team effort.



# Lessons Learned

- Stay calm.
- Take care of yourself & key staff.
  - Could have done better.
- Recognize peoples' efforts.
- Critique what worked and what didn't.





## Lessons Learned

- Assign key staff roles in advance: DPW; Financial management; P/F; Health; Volunteer boards
- Fully utilize technology: Connect CTY; Twitter; Town website; Web EOC
- Public Safety Dispatch overloaded – working to modernize and regionalize



## Lessons Learned

- Improve coordination with outside agencies: SFM; CSB; ATF; State Police
- Find a role for Board of Selectmen















