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## **McHenry County Emergency Management Agency Monthly Report for January 2023 By David A. Christensen, Director**

### Planned Events:

- There were none in January.

### Exercises:

- EMA and Woodstock PD conducted an Armed Intruder review at the Treasurers Office. This walk-through with instruction is a valuable tool for our preparations.

### Response:

- EMA redeployed our 60kW Generator from SEECOM. The facility has changed the porting to meet our cable standards. This was a test of the modifications and the cables SEECOM purchased.
- Unit 59, an LED light tower, has returned to EMA after extensive use at Valley Hi's water treatment area to support Facilities maintenance and repairs.

### Planning:

- Director Christensen and other Region 3 Directors met with IEMA to discuss increased requirements for accreditation. (A prerequisite for Emergency Management Performance Grant(s).) IEMA had indicated for months there would be no changes, and therefore our plan was reviewed and approved by the County Board. Most of the requested changes are of a tactical nature where the plan is nominally a strategic document. Through prolonged discussions, Metro County Coordinators were able to mute some of the new requirements. We also worked with colleagues throughout the state at the county level to convince IEMA that the requirements went beyond reasonable and prudent.
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning process was continued, although there were 40 attendees (in person and virtually), most communities were not represented. For the plan to be comprehensive and attainable, most, if not all McHenry County Communities need to be involved. If a community is not part of the process, they are excluded from all Federal funding for hazard mitigation, flood mitigation and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grants. The county coordinator, Chalen Daigle, is working tirelessly with EMA to bring the missing jurisdictions on board.

### Training:

- Only independent study training occurred in January.

### Special Events:

- There were none in January.

### Looking ahead to 2023:

- EMA has forward progress on several planning projects some of which contribute to its **accreditation**. These include:

- County Emergency Operations Plan (biannual revision requirement)
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (five-year update)
- Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government Planning (enhanced state requirements)
- National Qualification System compliance measures for Emergency Operations Centers
- National Weather Service Storm Ready County designation
- Integrated Preparedness Plan

EMA event support requests:

Dates	Event	Equipment	Logistics
none			

Among other duties:

- Illinois Emergency Management Agency Deputy Director briefings
- Illinois Emergency Services and Management Association Committee meetings
- National Qualification System research and implementation
- State Emergency Operations Center Liaison

All Lifelines remained stable throughout the month.



A Lifeline enables the continuous operation of **government functions** and **critical business** and is essential to **human health** and **safety** or **economic security**.

**PRIORITY: Life Saving**

**EFFORT: Stabilization of Lifelines**

#### Primary Concerns:

1. Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
2. Emergency Management Performance Grants (enhanced requirements)
3. National Qualification Standards for Emergency Operations Centers
4. Cyber Security and Countermeasures
5. Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) planning

#### Significant Events:

1. None

#### Response:

1. None

**Planning:**

1. Accreditation planning
2. McHenry County Emergency Operations Center Procedures and National Qualifications
3. Local Emergency Operations Plans (local municipalities)
4. Natural Hazard Mitigation planning
5. Integrated Preparedness Planning

**Summary of Volunteer Hours****Total Hours Worked****Operations**

-Communications	43.75
-Search & Rescue	25.00
-Weather	23.25
-General	63.25

**Logistics**

-Support	0.00
-EOC Staff Support	.00
-Training	1.50

**Total Monthly Hours****156.75****Total YTD Hours Donated for 2023****156.75**

<b><u>Performance Indicators:</u></b>	<b><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>2023 Projected</u></b>
<b>Number of Volunteers</b>	<b>55</b>		<b>80</b>
<b>EMA Staff Training Sessions</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Volunteer Training Sessions</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Community Presentations/Outreach</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Disaster Exercises (Intergovernmental &amp; County)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Mutual Aid Response (SAR, Rehab, EMA, MABAS, Weather)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Emergency Management Development (Coordinating Council)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Technical Advisory Assistance for Municipal &amp; Township Gov (EOP, ETSB, Fire Chief's)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Event Coordination (Incident Action Plan, Communications)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Develop/Revise COOP, EOP, Hazard Mitigation &amp; School Plans</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>