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**McHenry County Emergency Management Agency
Monthly Report for May 2024
By David A. Christensen, Director**

Planned Events:

- None.

Exercises:

- EOC Weather Activation exercise.

Response:

- EMA and its volunteers responded to four severe weather activations. EMA worked with both the Romeoville and Milwaukee-Sullivan offices of the National Weather Service to provide intel / confirmation on weather events. There was one confirmed tornado touch-down near Harvard. No human injuries in the loss of a 100+ year old barn.
- EMA participated in the plan reviews (Incident Action Plans) for two private rodeo events.

Planning:

- EMA Staff attended the McHenry County Fair preparation meetings.
- EMA updated and modified its "One Responder" and "Resource Inventory Systems" to ensure compliance with latest IEMA / FEMA mandates.
- EMA is exploring a federal program to bring internships into the agency. These are fully funded by the federal government. Normally, these are transitioning professionals looking to develop new pathways for their careers. The EMA will benefit with the increased attention on community resiliency and preparedness.
- The final whole-community session was completed in preparation for EMA's accreditation.

Training:

- Emergency Services Volunteers attended the following training sessions: Intro to EMA and SAR CALTOPO Training (a GIS based search management tool).
- Bob Leracz attended the Bridging the Gap: Achieving Seamless Communication Interoperability Seminar.
- Director Christensen, Chief Deputy Director Loyd, and colleagues from the metro area underwent training with the National Weather Service on the subject of outdoor weather event planning.
- Director Christensen and Chief Deputy Director Loyd attended the "Critical Conversations" book discussions.
- Director Christensen attended the IEMA Region 3 Training / Meeting.

Special Events:

- Director Christensen continued his legislative work with other emergency managers to review and discuss SB 3434 which amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (giving unparalleled rulemaking authority to IEMA-OHS, HB 4235 Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and SB 4235 Amends the Illinois Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act to force the state to correct deficiencies in the location of hazardous materials storage.

Looking ahead in 2024:

- EMA has forward progress on several planning projects, some of which contribute to its **accreditation**. These include:
 - National Qualification System compliance measures for Emergency Operations Centers.
 - Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government Planning (enhanced state requirements).
 - National Weather Service Storm Ready County designation.
 - Full scale cyber-attack exercise in fall/winter of 2024.
 - Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – annual meeting preparation.

EMA event support requests:

Dates	Event	Equipment	Logistics
None			

Among other duties:

- Illinois Emergency Services and Management Association (IESMA) Committee meetings
- National Qualification System research and implementation
- Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Committee (EM Committee)
- Metro Regional Training Coordinators
- Metro County Coordinators
- IESMA Administrative Rule Committee
- IESMA Legislative Committee

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. Emergency Management Performance Grants (enhanced requirements) – Administrative Rule changes coming
2. National Qualification Standards for Emergency Operations Centers
3. Cyber Security and Countermeasures
4. Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) planning

Significant Events:

1. None

Response:

1. Multiple severe weather activations.

Planning:

1. McHenry County Emergency Operations Center Procedures and National Qualifications
2. Local Emergency Operations Plans (local municipalities)
3. National Qualifications System Planning
4. School Emergency Response Plans

Summary of Volunteer Hours

Total Hours Worked

Operations

-Communications	40.50
-Search & Rescue	36.75
-Weather	35.50
-General	80.50

Logistics

-Support	27.50
-EOC Staff Support	0.00
-Training	26.50

Total Monthly Hours **247.25**

Total YTD Hours Donated for 2024 **1377.25**

<u>Performance Indicators:</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2024 Projected</u>
Number of Volunteers	50		80
EMA Staff Training Sessions	7	25	40
Volunteer Training Sessions	7	50	80
Community Presentations/Outreach (NHMP Action Item 23)	1	2	15
Disaster Exercises (Intergovernmental & County)	0	5	10
Mutual Aid Response (SAR, Rehab, EMA, MABAS, Weather)	4	7	20
Emergency Management Development (Coordinating Council)	3	7	6
Technical Advisory Assistance for Municipal & Township Gov (EOP, ETSB, Fire Chief's)	2	13	20
Event Coordination (Incident Action Plan, Communications)	4	9	15
Develop/Revise COOP, EOP, Hazard Mitigation & School Plans	0	3	15

2023 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Status

		<u>Board Approval</u>
Communities:	Algonquin	X
	Barrington Hills	X
	Bull Valley	X
	Cary	X
	Crystal Lake	X
	Fox River Grove	X
	Harvard	X
	Huntley	X
	Johnsburg	X
	Lake in the Hills	X
	Lakewood	X
	Marengo	X
	McHenry City	X
	McHenry County	X
	Port Barrington	
	Richmond	X
	Ringwood	
	Spring Grove	X
	Wonder Lake	X
	Woodstock	X
Townships:	Alden	X
	Chemung	X
	Dorr	X
	Hebron	X
	McHenry Twp FPD	X
Others:	MCCD	X
	Environmental Def	X
	Woodstock Fire RD	X



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