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

Planned Events:

- none

Exercises:

- EMA participated in the TC Energy pipeline and Chicago First exercises in October.
- There were two Search and Rescue Exercises the EMA Volunteers participated in. One in McHenry County and the other in Kane County.
- Starcom radio drills were conducted locally and statewide.

Response:

- Our volunteers responded to an out of county Search and Rescue incident in Country Club Hills.
- A request for assistance (evidence search) was received but cancelled prior to our searchers leaving the county.

Planning:

- Chief Deputy Loyd and Director Christensen spoke with the Law and Government Committee about temporary use permits.
- Chief Deputy Loyd assisted with two Incident Action Plans required by Temporary Use Permits.
- EMA staff met with state hazard mitigation officials on several incongruities for our grant requests. More than half of the McHenry County grant requests had been denied without valid cause our reason by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Training:

- EMA Volunteers conducted training at the Kampwerth Farm for Search and Rescue.

Special Events:

- Director Christensen and Chief Deputy Loyd met with Chief Parker of Woodstock Fire to assist in his graduate degree program. This time was also utilized to further his knowledge on our capabilities and resources for McHenry County Fire agencies.
- Director Christensen and Chief Deputy Loyd met with the County Clerk (Joe Tirio) to discuss contingency plans and receive a briefing on election day operations to be better prepared to assist his office.

- EMA acquired the vehicle shell for its next Command Van. This will eventually replace the aging trailer that has served the agency since 2012.

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 – Current requirements submitted to the state.
 - Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government Planning (enhanced state requirements).
 - National Weather Service Storm Ready County designation.
 - Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – annual meeting preparation.

EMA event support requests:

Dates	Event	Equipment	Logistics
Several in October	Corrections Officer Training	EOC Computers	minimal

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 County Coordinators
- 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. Cyber Security and Countermeasures
2. Emergency Management Performance Grants (enhanced requirements) – Administrative Rule changes coming
3. Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) planning

Significant Events:


- 1. None.

Response:

- 1. None.

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

<u>Summary of Volunteer Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours Worked</u>
Operations	
-Communications	50.25
-Search & Rescue	102.75
-Weather	1.00
-General	3.00
Logistics	
-Support	17.75
-EOC Staff Support	0.00
-Training	12.50
Total Monthly Hours	187.25
Total YTD Hours Donated for 2024	2874.25

<u>Performance Indicators:</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2024 Projected</u>
Number of Volunteers	46		80
EMA Staff Training Sessions	0	56	40
Volunteer Training Sessions	10	92	80
Community Presentations/Outreach (NHMP Action Item 23)	1	6	15
Disaster Exercises (Intergovernmental & County)	2	9	10
Mutual Aid Response (SAR, Rehab, EMA, MABAS, Weather)	3	19	20
Emergency Management Development (Coordinating Council)	2	15	6
Technical Advisory Assistance for Municipal & Township Gov (EOP, ETSB, Fire Chief's)	4	25	20

2023 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Status

Event Coordination (Incident Action Plan, Communications)	5	30	15
Develop/Revise COOP, EOP, Hazard Mitigation & School Plans	0	8	15

		<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	X
	Richmond	X
	Ringwood	X
	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