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**McHenry County Emergency Management Agency
Monthly Report for March 2025
By David A. Christensen, Director**

Planned Events:

- In an experiment to increase volunteer involvement with Support details, Emergency Services Volunteer combined meetings were moved from a weeknight to Saturdays. This allowed increased involvement of paid staff, while also ensuring enhanced attention to maintenance needs of EMA equipment.

Exercises:

- IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) was tested.
- EMA staff assisted with the conduct and planning for the MCDH / IT Cyber Exercise.

Response:

- The city of Markham requested our SAR to assist in an evidence search.
- There were several weather activations or active monitoring. Damage was noted in Kane County, but did not cause major damage in McHenry County.

Planning:

- EMA contracted with CISA (Critical Infrastructure Security Agency) to conduct a security audit of the EMA spaces.
- Director Christensen has been working with the IESMA (Illinois Emergency Services Management Association) Summit planning committee.
- Director Christensen attended (virtually) the Congressional Hearing on "Perspectives on the Future of Emergency Management", as the new administration seeks to reform or modify FEMA's mission.
- EMA Staff briefed the incoming head of the Civil Division as part of her transition into the role.

Mitigation:

- EMA assisted McDOT with a BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) Grant direct technical assistance request.

Training:

- EMA Staff attended the State Flood Workshop (virtually).
- IT provided training for EMA staff on website maintenance.
- Statewide Intelligence Webinar
- Chief Deputy Loyd and EMA Planner Bowen attended three Independent Study classes: Principles of EM, Effective Comms, Leadership in Today's World.

Special Events:

- Director Christensen gave a presentation “After the Storm” to the Woodstock “Coffee with the Chief” organization.
- EMA provided an EOC tour and presentation to a Graduate Student to meet the requirements of the degree program.

Looking ahead in 2025:

- EMA has forward progress on several planning projects, some of which contribute to its **accreditation**. These include:
 - Administrative rule implementation.
 - Standard operating guides for EOC processes (in final review).
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Primary Concerns:

1. Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) planning
 2. Cyber Security and Countermeasures
 3. Terrorist Threat assessment and planning
 4. Emergency Management Performance Grants (enhanced requirements) –
Administrative Rule changes coming
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Significant Events:

1. None.

Response:

1. One weather activation, and one incident supporting Law Enforcement at a major traffic incident.

Planning (on-going):

1. McHenry County Emergency Operations Center Procedures and National Qualifications
 2. Local Emergency Operations Plans (local municipalities)
 3. School Emergency Response Plans
 4. Tier II Facilities filings (currently at 150+)
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EMA event support requests:

Dates	Event	Equipment	Logistics

Among other duties:

- Illinois Emergency Services and Management Association (IESMA) Committee meetings
- Illinois Emergency Services and Management Association (IESMA) Committee to create an Executive Director position
- 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

Summary of Volunteer Hours

Operations

- Communications
- Search & Rescue
- Weather
- General

Logistics

- Support
- EOC Staff Support
- Training

Total Monthly Hours

Total YTD Hours Donated for 2025

Total Hours Worked



74.00

37.00

13.00

43.00

34.00

0.00

72.00

273.00

594.50

<u>Performance Indicators:</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2025 Projected</u>
Number of Volunteers	46		60
EMA Staff Training Sessions	6	13	40
Volunteer Training Sessions	8	29	80
Community Presentations/Outreach (NHMP Action Item 23)	2	3	15
Disaster Exercises (Intergovernmental & County)	1	7	10
Mutual Aid Response (SAR, Rehab, EMA, MABAS, Weather)	0	3	20
Emergency Management Development (Coordinating Council)	2	7	6
Technical Advisory Assistance for Municipal & Township Gov (EOP, ETSB, Fire Chief's)	1	9	20
Event Coordination (Incident Action Plan, Communications)	0	2	15
Develop/Revise COOP, EOP, Hazard Mitigation & School Plans	0	1	15



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March 11, 2025

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Dear David,

I want to sincerely thank you for your outstanding presentation during our monthly Coffee with the Chief on Monday, March 10, 2025. Your passion for serving as the County's EMA Director and your extensive knowledge of emergency management were evident and impressive.

It was clear to everyone in attendance that you take great pride in your work for McHenry County. Your engaging presentation showcased your dedication and commitment to sharing your expertise.

Thank you again for a job well done. Your hard work and professionalism have a positive impact on the McHenry County and the EMA department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Lieb".

John L. Lieb
Chief of Police