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

Planned Events

- McHenry County EMA provided a mobile command post to support public safety operations during the Harvard Milk Days event. EMA volunteers were deployed to assist with coordination and situational awareness during the parade and throughout the subsequent festival activities, enhancing communication and response capabilities for partner agencies.

Mitigation / Resilience

- Since joining McHenry County, Resiliency Specialist Dawson has engaged with over sixty entities to advance county-wide resiliency initiatives. Taking a comprehensive approach, he has met with representatives from small municipalities, chambers of commerce, major manufacturers, key retailers, and township officials. He has also made targeted efforts to connect with regional representatives from home improvement retailers, pharmacies, storage providers, and freight carriers to strengthen community preparedness and continuity planning. See maps further on in this report.

Exercises

- The STARCOM radio drill was conducted.
- Our volunteers participated in the annual Field Days exercise. ARRL Field Day is an annual exercise organized by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) to test the emergency communication capabilities of amateur radio operators across the United States and Canada. Held on the fourth full weekend of June, the event simulates emergency conditions by encouraging operators to set up field-based stations using alternative power sources such as generators or solar panels. Participants establish radio contact with as many stations as possible over a 24-hour period, demonstrating the critical role amateur radio can play in emergency response when conventional communications are disrupted. Field Day also serves as a public outreach opportunity to promote awareness of amateur radio's value in disaster preparedness and response.

Response

- EMA responded to one severe weather event in May (severe thunderstorms).

Planning

- Chief Deputy Director Loyd and EMA Planner Bowen prepared briefings for our volunteers at the Harvard Milk Days. Harvard puts together a comprehensive Incident Action Plan, from which EMA works out volunteer assignments and duties for the parade and festival.
- Several Incident Action Plans were reviewed and approved for temporary use permits.
- Director Christensen participated in a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary planning meeting focused on revitalizing coordinated mutual aid efforts across the state. Due to budget constraints and leadership transitions, the previously unified response framework has eroded during major emergencies and disasters. The group aims to leverage the collective capabilities of various mutual aid organizations while preserving local authority and operational autonomy.

Training

- Director Christensen and Planner Bowen virtually attended the IAEM Region 5 Summit, which offered valuable insight into emergency management best practices across the region.
- The Search and Rescue team conducted a training session utilizing SAR dogs to enhance field capabilities.
- Two volunteer driver training and vehicle familiarization sessions were conducted to support safe and effective response operations.

Special Events

- Ongoing work continues on configuring and outfitting the new command vehicle.

Looking Ahead to 2025

- EMA continues to make progress on multiple planning projects, several of which support agency accreditation, including:
 - Volunteer Management Software
 - Incident Action Planning (expanded use)

Primary Concerns

- Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) planning
 - Cybersecurity and countermeasure strategies
 - Terrorism threat assessment and preparedness planning
 - Emergency Management Performance Grants – adapting to upcoming administrative rule changes
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Significant Events:

1. None.

Response:

1. Lost person search in Yorkville
2. Evidence recovery in Elgin
3. Two LE support requests (light trailers) for vehicle accidents
4. Severe Thunderstorm warning.

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+)

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

Total Hours Worked

Operations



-Communications

45.75

-Search & Rescue

42.0

-Weather

8.75

-General

212.25

Logistics

-Support

6.0

-EOC Staff Support

4.5

-Training

33.0

Total Monthly Hours

352.25

Total YTD Hours Donated for 2025

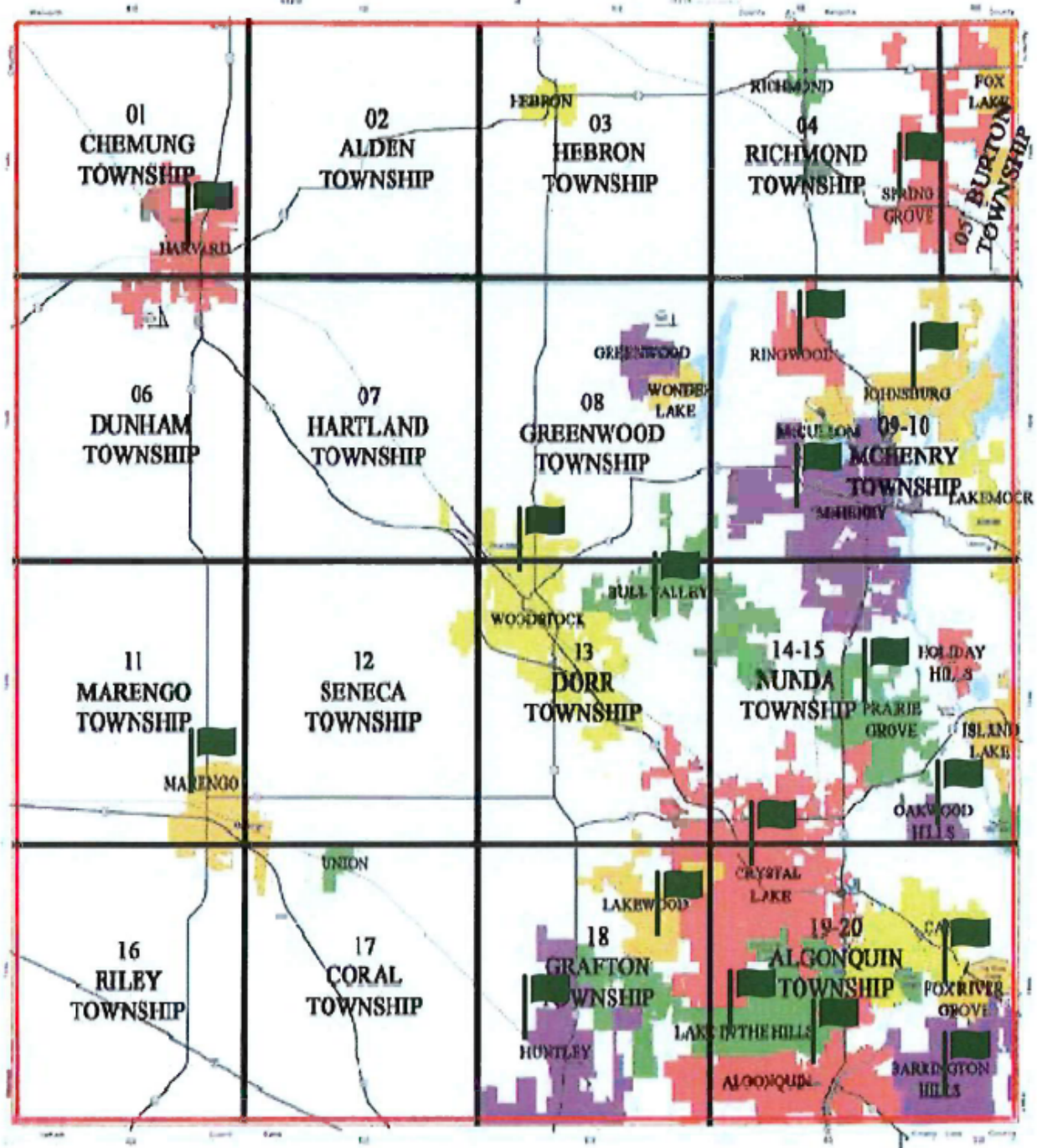
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Value of various volunteer efforts in the month of June:

SAR	\$1,901
EOC Ops Support	912
Wx	845
Comms	3,573
Support	1,690
Training	422
Volunteer Staff	1,842
Drivers	549
	\$11,734

<u>Performance Indicators:</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2025 Projected</u>
Number of Volunteers	43	43	60
EMA Staff Training Sessions	12	36	40
Volunteer Training Sessions		42	80
Community Presentations/Outreach (NHMP Action Item 23)	43	64	15
Disaster Exercises (Intergovernmental & County)	2	9	10
Mutual Aid Response (SAR, Rehab, EMA, MABAS, Weather)	1	11	20
Emergency Management Development (Coordinating Council)		12	6
Technical Advisory Assistance for Municipal & Township Gov (EOP, ETSB, Fire Chief's)		14	20
Event Coordination (Incident Action Plan, Communications)	2	12	15
Develop/Revise COOP, EOP, Hazard Mitigation & School Plans		9	15

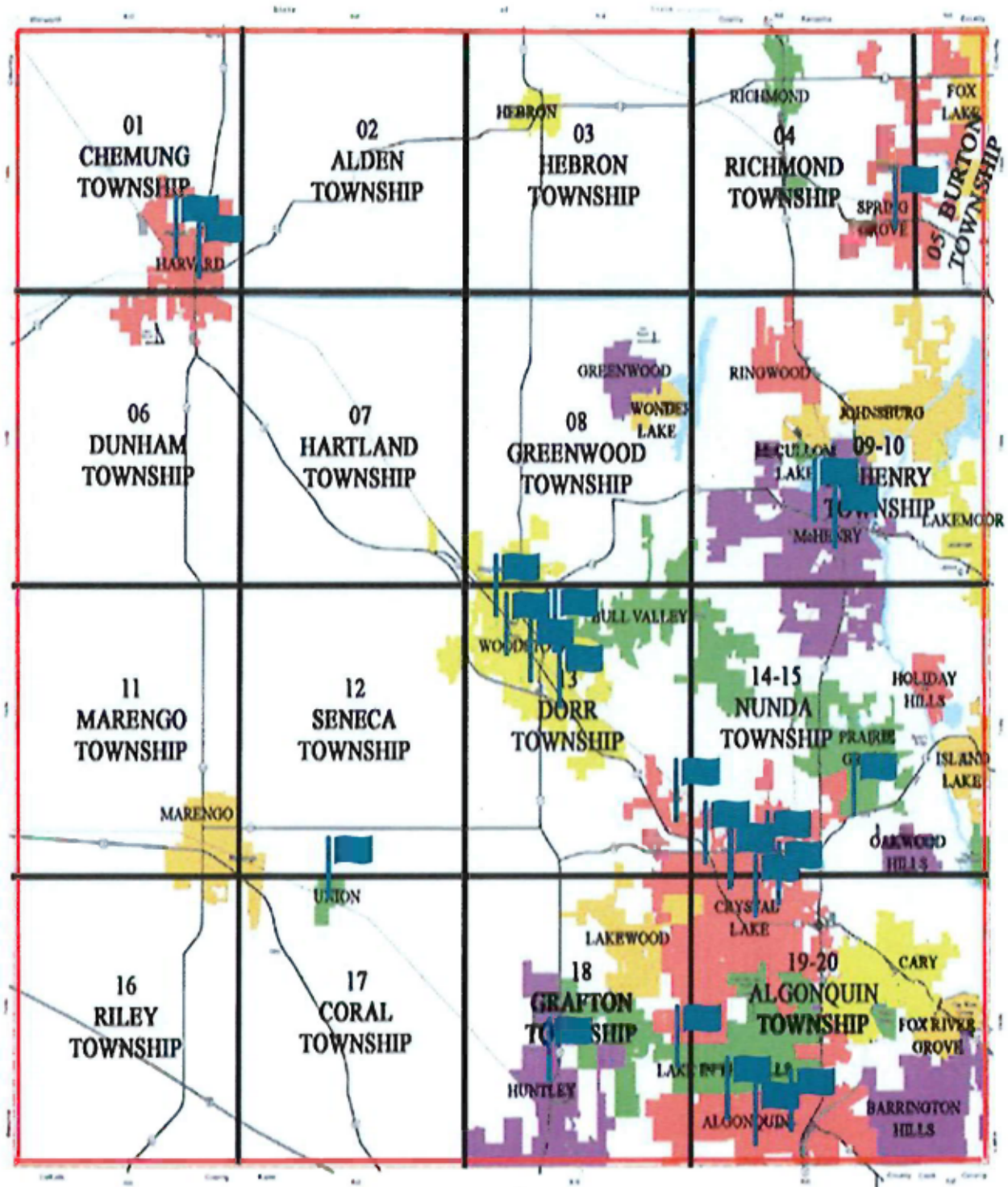
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Green Flags are visited locations as of 07/02/25 Chambers/Towns

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Light Blue Flags represent local critical regional supplier and manufacturers/ businesses visited as of 07/02/25