RESOLUTION

#R2007-70

Whereas, the DeKalb County Executive Committee has reviewed the attached "Severe Weather Policy" to provide guidance to County Employees and citizens during periods of extreme weather, and

Whereas, it was the finding of the Executive Committee that adoption of the Severe Weather Policy was in the best interests of the citizens of DeKalb County and that Committee did recommend adoption by the full County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board does concur in the findings and recommendations of the DeKalb County Executive Committee and does hereby adopt the "Severe Weather Policy" that is attached to this Resolution and hereby incorporated by reference.

PASSED THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2007 A.D. AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

ATTEST: SIGNED:

Sharon L. Holmes
County Clerk

Ruth Anne Tobias
Chairman

Reviewed for Updates March 1, 2016

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

September 27, 2007

Policy Intent: The purpose of this policy is to establish uniform and general direction for Department Heads to protect themselves and their employees when threatening weather conditions exist in DeKalb County. Individual Departments and buildings either have or may wish to establish more specific policies that apply to their locations. Those policies that exist as of the date of this draft are attached.

Applicability: Compliance with these policies is limited to those employees who are able to leave the workplace when weather threatens. DCRNC personnel should follow the policies established to protect their welfare and that of the DCRNC residents. Corrections and communications personnel should adhere to the policies established by the Sheriff. The County Highway Department and Courthouse have and should continue to follow their own specific policies.

Severe Weather Defined: For purposes of this policy severe weather is defined as a warning issued by the National Weather Service for anywhere in DeKalb County of a tornado, severe thunderstorm, high winds and/or hail.

Notification: Severe weather conditions are monitored and reported by numerous media outlets and updates are readily available over the Internet or by radio or television. Weather radios have improved and are now available with "S.A.M.E." technology that allows them to be programmed to your specific area (the Midland model #WR1OOB" for example) and are available at modest prices. NIU offers a "weather bug" (weather.admin.niu.edu). You can even sign up for email alerts from NIU weather service if you wish (Contact Gilbert Sebenste at 815/753-5492). This web site has downloadable software that provides constant weather updates by zip code and warnings when severe weather is approaching. Community sirens, for those who can bear them, provide another valuable clue that weather conditions are threatening. Consider designating one or more "weather watchers" within your department to monitor internet and/or media outlets on days when conditions exist that could lead to severe weather outbreaks (one or two volunteers may already exist).

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Procedures: If you and/or your employees are outdoors when notification is received take cover immediately. First choice is a sturdy building away from windows. If that option is not available take cover in the lowest area available and cover the back of your head with your arms. If you are indoors go to the safest area in the building you are in. This would be a windowless room or hallway on the lowest level that you can safely get to (see "Safe Areas"). Crouch down and cover your head. Talk to your employees now before severe weather conditions exist. Identity the safest area(s) in your building and make plans to go there when warnings are issued. Take members of the public with you (if they are willing to go), Most severe weather episodes are intense but relatively brief. Use common sense as to when to return to your work areas,

Safe areas: The following areas have been designated as primary safe areas within County Buildings:

Courthouse: Basement Hallway

Administration Building: Basement break room

Legislative Center: Basement

Public Safety Building: Basement

Highway Department: Sprinkler Room in the maintenance area primary. Tool room, janitorial room or mechanics rooms secondary.

Nursing Home: Rehab to O.T. Room 117 Close doors on both ends.
Country View Square To Rooms 462, 458 and 430. Residents in wheelchairs and cardiac chairs -shelter in nearest bathing suite or bathrooms.
Residents in bed - close blinds and privacy curtains cover with blanket or quilt (except heads).

Community Outreach building: Education Center at the center of the building.

Health Department: Close blinds -leave rooms with windows. Go to hallways with no windows, restrooms and boardroom.