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Honorable Julia Fullerton
Chairman, Law & Justice Committee
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Dear Mrs. Fullerton & Committee Members:

The DeKalb County Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA), Annual Report is intended to inform the Law & Justice Committee, the County Board, and the General Public of the ESDA office activities during the past year. In a continuing effort to address the varied topics that are the responsibility of the office of Emergency Management, this report summarizes the activities of the DeKalb County ESDA office.

The DeKalb County Emergency Operations plan was updated, finalized and approved in 2013. This office is working with the Greater Chicago Region of The American Red Cross to include an annex that would address the special needs population that would be affected in the event they would have to be relocated do to an evacuation. This may take an extended period of time, due to ADA requirements. Once finalized, that annex will be added to the Counties EOP during the next revision that is scheduled for 2015.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) continues to meet quarterly. The purpose of the committee is to register and record all the facilities within the county that manufacture, use and or stores hazardous materials. The committee has also sponsored training exercises for local police and fire departments within the county.

When a hazardous material, (HAZMAT) incident does occur, the responsible party must report the spill. With the assistance and cooperation of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), and the local fire departments, every hazardous material incident is reported to this office. That information is then reviewed and entered into a database, which is then reviewed by the DeKalb County L.E.P.C.

With the cooperation of this office, the L.E.P.C., and the Burlington Northern Santa Fa Railroad, a training course was held in the Somonauk, Sandwich, and the Kirkland area. The training exercise simulated a multi vehicle accident that involved hazardous materials. The purpose of the event was to test the department's ability to handle the situation. The event was well attended by area fire and police departments from throughout the county.

As in previous years, much of the severe storm spotting responsibility was aided by a dedicated group of volunteers, (Sheriff's Auxiliary, and the Amateur Radio Operators) in the DeKalb County area. In all severe weather watches, the communication assets of the ham radio operators enable the ESDA coordinator and the central warning point dispatchers to keep current of the weather conditions in our area. This capability was demonstrated this year in many of the 44 severe weather watches and warnings, which affected this county.

With the aid of my weather coordinator Barry Leonard, he was able to arrange and conduct two different weather spotter training programs throughout the county. With his dedication and knowledge of storm spotting, he was able to train and update over 65 storm spotters. In the event of severe weather, these trained weather spotters are able to report to the Communications Division of the Sheriff's Office of the approaching weather. With the information that is received from these spotters, that information can then be disseminated to the affected areas of the county.

This office planed, and participated in several other exercises that took place throughout the county in 2013. Those consisted of table top exercises, functional exercises, a full scale exercise, and pipeline safety training programs. DeKalb County was also the host for (3) IEMA training courses that were held during the past year.

This agency was notified and responded to 9 separate incidents this past year. Which involved (2) trains verses pedestrian mishaps, heavy snow fall, downed power lines, and once again, the evacuation of the Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park.

During the last flooding event, this agency coordinated the efforts to distribute (6) semi-trailers full of cleaning supplies throughout the County to those who were affected by the flooding.

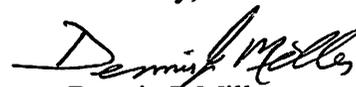
Planning meetings have continued with the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Program. Once finalized, the plan will test our ability to use DeKalb County and Northern Illinois University, as a Regional Hub for the evacuation, mass care (sheltering, feeding, and related services) of Chicago and Cook County.

The mitigation project for the Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park is an ongoing and slow process. This may take another year to complete.

The Federal mandates that are required by the National Incident Management System (NIMS) will continue to be addressed and implemented. My staff and the volunteers look forward to continued progress in the years ahead.

| EVENT | QUANTITY |
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| Public Presentations | 4 |
| Building Surveys | 0 |
| Actual Occurrences/Misc. Hazard Incidents | 9 |
| Emergency Management/Planning Meetings | 47 |
| Training Events Attended/sponsored | 16 |
| Severe Storm Watches/Warnings | 44 |
| Drills/Exercise | 4 |
| Weather Coordinator Hours | 250 |
| Coordinator Hours | 1,164 |

Sincerely,



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