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Honorable John Frieders
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Dear John & 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.

In 2015, we'll see another revision of the DeKalb County Emergency Operations Plan. This plan with its annexes defines how DeKalb County analyzes, prepares for, and responds to an emergency event, whether natural or man-made. The ongoing mandates that are required by the National Incident Management System, (NIMS) will continue to be addressed and implemented. The plan will then be submitted for approval by IEMA.

The Illinois- Indiana-Wisconsin Combined Statistical Area Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) conducted the regional evacuation, coordination and transportation exercise. The Full Scale Exercise (FSE) started on May 27th, with an event that triggered the need to open and operate Regional Hub Reception Centers (RHRC). The actual movement of people took place from designated Evacuation Assembly Points to the RHRC on May 28th.

The purpose of the exercise was to test the regional capability to fully activate RHRC and aspects of the Regional Coordination Process. The exercise included the activation of RHRC at Northern Illinois University and Valparaiso University, using the National Mass Evacuation Tracking System across multiple venues, and expanding the regional coordination process capabilities through the Regional Catastrophic Incident Coordination Plan for notification, evacuation, communications, and, mass care. Multiple

transportation modes were used to transport survivors from an evacuation assembly point, through one of the two RHRCs, and ultimately to a suitable shelter.

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 and or stores hazardous materials.

When a hazardous material, (HAZMAT) incidence 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 Fe Railroad, two training courses were held in the Leland and DeKalb areas. The training exercise simulated a multi vehicle accident that involved hazardous materials. The purpose of the events were to test the department's ability to handle the situation.

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 58 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 87 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 planned, and participated in several other exercises that took place throughout the county in 2014. Those consisted of table top exercises, functional exercises, and pipeline safety training programs.

This agency was notified and responded to 23 separate incidents this past year. Most were fuel leaks, while the others involved trains verse car mishaps, and power outages.

With the aid of Planning and Zoning Department, The Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park mitigation project is in its final stages. All of the homes have been purchased by the County and the previous home owners have been relocated to a safer location. The

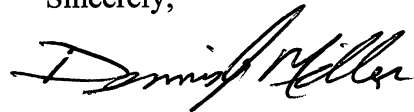
removal of the mobile homes is ongoing. Once complete, the property will be restored to open space.

After 15 plus years, Barry Leonard has decided to retire. He was a dedicated and knowledgeable asset to this office. He will be greatly missed.

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
Public Presentations	5
Building Surveys	0
Actual Occurrences/Misc. Hazard Incidents	23
Emergency Management/Planning Meetings	39
Training Events Attended/sponsored	12
Severe Storm Watches/Warnings	58
Drills/Exercises	5
Weather Coordinator Hours	230
Coordinator Hours	1,145

Sincerely,



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