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Honorable Dianne Leifheit
Chairman, Law & Justice Committee
DeKalb County Legislative Center
Sycamore, IL 60178

Dear Ms. Leifheit & 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 2017, we'll see another revision of the DeKalb County Emergency Operations Plan. This plan with its annexes defines how DeKalb County analysis, 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 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.

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, and the L.E.P.C., two training courses were held. 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 42 severe weather watches and warnings, which affected this county.

With the aid of support staff, this office was able to arrange and conduct two different weather spotter training programs throughout the county. Over 68 people were trained in storm spotting. 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.

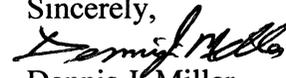
This office planned, and participated in several other exercises that took place throughout the county in 2016. Those consisted of table top exercises, functional exercises, full scale exercises, and pipeline safety training programs.

This agency was notified and responded to 14 separate incidents this past year. Most were fuel leaks, while the others involved trains verse car mishaps, power outages, high winds, and a boil order.

The Coordinator attended and participated in several misalliance meetings throughout the area that are mandated for accreditation.

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.

Sincerely,



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EVENT	QUANTITY
Public Presentations	2
Actual Occurrences/Misc. Hazard Incidents	14
Emergency Management/Planning Meetings	14
Training Events Attended/sponsored	8
Severe Storm Watches/Warnings	42
Drills/Exercises	4
Coordinator Hours	1,066