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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 2019, the DeKalb County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was reviewed and updated. It was then submitted to The Illinois Emergency Management Agency for approval. 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 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.

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 50 severe weather watches and warnings, which affected this county.

With the aid of support staff, this office was able to arrange and conduct a weather spotter training program in the county. Over 85 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 2019. Those consisted of table top exercises, functional exercises, a full scale exercise, and pipeline safety training programs. DeKalb County was also the host for (5) IEMA training courses that were held during the past year.

This agency was notified and responded to 13 separate incidents this past year. Most were fuel leaks, while the others involved trains verse car mishaps, power outages, high winds, winter storms, and (2) separate apartment complexes that burnt which required sheltering of the occupants.

The Coordinator attended and participated in several misalliance meetings throughout the area that are mandated for accreditation. He also assisted several Long - Term Health Care Facilities with the development of their Emergency Operations Plans.

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.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>
Public Presentations	3
Actual Occurrences/Misc. Hazard Incidents	13
Severe Storm Watch/Warnings	50
Emergency Management/Planning Meetings	15
Training Events Attended/sponsored	15
Drills/Exercise	6
Coordinator Hours	1,107

Sincerely,



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