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

Dear Ms. Leifheit & Committee Members:

The 2021 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 2021, the DeKalb County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was reviewed and updated. It will then be 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.

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

The coordinator continues to distribute the majority of the PPE items to multiple agencies, within the county. Including, but not limited to, first responders, school districts, long-term housing facilities, nursing homes, fire departments, county agencies; including, health department, Sheriff's Office, maintenance, judicial, communications, legislative, and administrative entities. Maintaining, storing and dissemination of all supplies was conducted/overseen by the coordinator.

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 27 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, within the county. Over 72 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, it 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 2021. Those consisted of table top exercises, functional exercises, full scale exercises, and pipeline safety training programs. DeKalb County also hosted three IEMA training courses, in 2021.

This agency was notified and responded to 14 separate incidents this past year. Most were fuel leaks, while the others involved trains verse pedestrian mishaps, power outages, high winds and four separate structure fires, which required sheltering of occupants.

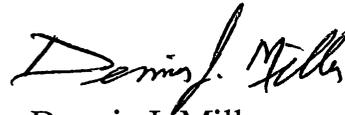
The Coordinator attended and participated in several training and miscellaneous meetings, throughout the area, which are mandated for accreditation. He assisted several long-term health care facilities with the development of their Emergency Operation plans.

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.

2021 Summary
DeKalb County ESDA Activity

EVENT	QUANTITY
Public Presentations	4
Actual Occurrences/Misc. Hazard Incidents	14
Emergency Management/Planning Meetings	14
Training Events Attended/Sponsored	10
Severe Storm Watches/Warnings	27
Drills/Exercise	5
Coordinator Hours	1,117

Sincerely,



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