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McHenry County Appoints New Emergency Management Agency Director

WOODSTOCK, IL - McHenry County is pleased to announce the appointment of David H. Christensen as McHenry County's new Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director. Mr. Christensen will formally begin his new role on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

Mr. Christensen is currently the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Village of Hoffman Estates and an instructor at the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy in Glenview. During his extensive emergency management career, Mr. Christiansen has:

- Assisted FEMA, State, and local agencies in the development of emergency management curriculum, programs, and plans;
- Served on State and local emergency management committees and tasks forces;
- Managed and coordinated safety operations at local events; and
- Responded to disasters and events at the National, State, and local level including responding to Hurricanes Ivan (2004) and Katrina (2005), the Utica, IL tornado (2004), and Lake County Wildwood Windstorm (2005).

Mr. Christensen has worked in the field of emergency management for over 30 years. Prior to his Hoffman Estates position, he was the EMA Director for Lake County, IL, served as a Trustee and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Village of Round Lake Park and served for 10 years in the United States Navy.

Over 100 applications were received from across the country for the EMA Director position. Ultimately, eight candidates were interviewed by County Board members and County staff. Three very qualified finalists received a second interview and Mr. Christensen was selected as the best fit for McHenry County.

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