

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Highlights and Goals

Emergency Management Agency

FY2012 Highlights

- Provided National Incident Management System training classes to meet federal, state and local compliance requirements.
- Enhanced Continuity of Operations Plans with table-top exercises and thorough review.
- Secured state and federal grant funding applicable to McHenry County Emergency Management Agency, including Emergency Management Performance Grants, Citizen Corps Program Grant, Generator Grant (one 100kW and five 60 kW mobile generators), and Hazardous Material Grants.
- Developed the Citizen Corps Council and conducted Community Emergency Response Team training.
- Deployed to Harrisburg, IL to assist as Planning Section Chief and to Antioch, IL in reserve force for the NATO Summit.
- Hosted two Severe Weather Spotter Classes presented by the National Weather Service with 315 attendees.
- Implemented the WEBEOC software for advanced incident coordination and management. Trained senior county staff, emergency management agency directors, and local public safety.
- Increased the McHenry County Coordinating Council scope to include additional non-governmental organizations and township highway commissioners. Presentations from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, American Red Cross, Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, and Commonwealth Edison further enhanced the coordinated emergency preparedness of the county.
- EMI (Emergency Management Institute) Emergency Operations Class selectee. One of twelve selected from across the nation to attend this prestigious course of instruction with state, county and municipal partners.

FY2013 Goals

- Implement county-wide training of the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan to insure maximum capability of all public safety agencies to communicate across technological and jurisdictional barriers.
- Expand Incident Management and disaster preparedness training with video conferencing equipment
- Secure state and federal grant funding applicable to Emergency Management Agency, including Emergency Management Performance Grants and Department of Homeland Security Equipment Grants.
- Host two Severe Weather Spotters Classes for the National Weather Service
- Merge the county incident management software (WEBEOC) with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency software through an ESI Fusion program to ensure coordinated response and recovery to disasters.
- Provide incident management and coordination training to the EOC crisis management team.
- Conduct CPR / AED / and First AID training to 50 volunteers and staff.
- Attend and excel at the Community Specific Emergency Management Training in Emmitsburg, MD (Emergency Management Agency Institute) to strengthen relationships and improve coordination among first responders and government officials.