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To: Justice Committee

From: Bill Keller Director

Subject: February Activity Report

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COMMITTEE ACTION REQUIRED

As you know METCAD is in the process of building a 800MHz radio system for Public Safety Agencies in Champaign County. The responsibility of the Public Safety Agency to be part of this program is to purchase radios that can operate on this frequency.

Thru a current grant to Local Emergency Management Agencies we have applied for and been advised of an awarded \$ 59,294.00 for purchase these radios. With this award will be able to supply every ESDA in each Village of the County a radio that will be in the METCAD interoperable EMA group as well as equip our own Emergency Operation Center and Forward Command Post. There are no matching fund required however the grant has to be spent by March 31st 2006. Radio prices are 4% below State bid contract.

Director asking permission to sign Grant Agreement and Order Equipment as soon as possible.

We participated in the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce business contingency planning program and have several inquires into planning initiatives. We also worked with the Village of Rantoul on a tabletop exercise for their airport plan. We continue to update plans and standard operating procedures to meet the New NIMS Standards.