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To: Justice Committee
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We are working with the Sheriff's Office and Administrative Services on creating a pilot (COOP) Continuity of Operation Plan. This plan would outline how this department would operate should they loose part of their staff do to a disaster, infectious disease outbreak, or other circumstance that would reduce employee staffing We are also working with Champaign Urbana Public Health District, Red Cross and other providers on creating a plan to operate a shelter location for persons with special needs. This is a new initiative of the Governor to insure every County is prepared for this type of need. We currently have a plan for a very short-term solution but are working on a plan for a longer term shelter.

Even though the severe weather of December and January did not affect Champaign County we were in contact with the Red Cross Amern IP and other providers should the loss of power requires sheltering and public information statements.

I have been invited by Department of Homeland Security to attend a Pandemic Influenza Stakeholder Meeting in February in Washington for 2 days to look and comment on the Federal Plan on response to a pandemic outbreak.

With funding from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System we were able to install video conferencing equipment in our EOC. This will give us the capability to video conference with the State EOC and the City of Champaign EOC in times of disaster.