

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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The first of the month started with a severe winter storm that activated EMA and the EOC for 31 hours. On February 1<sup>st</sup> we started conference call with the Regional Emergency Coordination Group to talk about the impending winter storm and what actions the jurisdictions were going to take as well as how public safety agencies were going act. At 5PM on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> the EOC was activate with representatives for Champaign County Highway, Sherriff's Office, Urbana Fire, Champaign Fire, Champaign Urbana Public Health, and EMA. We were able to monitor emergency calls for service and prioritize resources to respond. We also were in contact with the Red Cross, which opened 1 precautionary shelter, and Ameren Power. Several areas in the southern part of the county experienced power outages. Most were restored within a few hours and none of the outages required additional shelter locations. The storm was not as bad as forecast and by early morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> the EOC was not needed and closed. Several Counties in the State recorded record snow amounts and were eligible for a Federal Disaster Declaration to help recover overtime costs, however we were not eligible. We continue to work with the University of Illinois and Champaign Urbana Public Health on 2 table top exercises that will take place in March.