



## SHERIFF DAN WALSH CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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From: Captain Shane Cook, John Dwyer

Subject: EMA January Monthly Report

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### January

#### Summary

The monthly IEMA and local emergency radio tests were conducted. Siren tests were not conducted due to the extreme weather and temperatures. The EMA liaison met this month for January, Gifford lessons-learned were discussed. EMA attended the monthly Fire Chief's Association meeting. EMA opened the Emergency Operations Center for the snow storm January 5 and 6 (32 hour operation). EMA kept responders, local ESDA's, community leaders and the public informed prior to, during and after the storm and through the month for extreme temperatures on emergency information, road conditions, warming centers, shelters, and National Weather Service updates. Also, EMA hosted a meeting about lesson learned from the snow storm with local agencies to improve emergency operations for future events. EMA initiated a meeting with IDOT Region 7 personnel to improve communications between agencies, resulting in improved procedures and notifications for emergency situations concerning our area of operations.

#### Training Events

- Hosted monthly Public Information Officer's meeting--Jan 16
- Hosted Search and Rescue Meeting-- Jan 21

#### Community Outreach

- Hosted monthly Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting—Jan 28
  - Discussed community hazardous materials plan and grant information
- Hosted Community Meeting with local mayors, township commissioners and local ESDA's about lessons learned from Gifford to include public works mutual aid at IFSI--Jan 29
  - 55 in attendance for the meeting
- Provided the mobile command post and personnel support to Homer Fire for investigation efforts for remains recovery—Jan 29

### Volunteer hours

- Over 50 total hours dedicated of volunteer member's time for the following activities:  
Facebook, SAR preparations/events, emergency planning and Public Information support.

### Gifford Tornado Response and Recovery Effort

- Recompiled and re-submitted paperwork for FEMA appeal on behalf of the county for public assistance for services and cost associated with response and recovery efforts from storm and tornado damages, requiring three visits to Gifford and over 24 hours of EMA man-hours

### Upcoming Events of Note

- Future LEPC Meeting Dates for 2014: Apr 29, Jul 29, Oct 28
- County Search and Rescue Team Meetings for 2014-3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month
- Regional Emergency Coordination Group (RECG) Meetings: Feb 18, May 20, Aug 19, Nov 18
- West Campus Safety and Security Committee Meeting – February 26, 2014 at 12:00
- Annual Storm-spotting training with the National Weather Service -- Mar 27, 2014