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The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Awards $4 Million in Grants to Support Local Emergency Management Agencies

Grants totaling $4 million awarded by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) will help 120 accredited City and County emergency management agencies throughout Illinois support local disaster preparedness and response efforts. Will County received $110,293.92.

“Illinois has faced a record number of historic natural disasters in recent years,” Governor Pat Quinn said. “We have learned the value of being prepared, and have seen that quick and thorough disaster response can make a crucial difference. These grants will strengthen emergency management where it's needed most – in our local communities.”

The Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) are funded through a grant IEMA receives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grants, which are awarded annually, can be used for day-to-day operations of local emergency management programs.

“Strong local emergency management programs are key components of public safety throughout Illinois,” said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. “These grants support local emergency management agencies to help them be prepared to respond to disasters in their communities.”

Additional federal EMPG funding totaling $7 million will enable IEMA to provide dozens of training courses, emergency response exercise support, and emergency planning assistance to emergency responders statewide.

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