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Message from the Director

Last month, Governor JB Pritzker officially requested the full resources of the federal government be brought to bear to help Illinois residents recover from the devastating floods that plagued our state since February 2019. In his request, Governor Pritzker requested Individual Assistance (IA) for 22 counties and Public Assistance (PA) for 32 counties. If approved, a federal disaster declaration would help local governments, residents and businesses affected by this historic flood recover from the disaster by allowing them to apply for grants and loans to assist with storm-related expenses and losses.

Counties included in the Public Assistance (PA) request: Adams; Alexander; Bureau; Calhoun; Carroll; Cass; Fulton; Greene; Hancock; Henderson; Henry; Jackson; Jersey; Knox; LaSalle; Lee; Madison; Mercer; Monroe; Morgan; Peoria; Pike; Randolph; Rock Island; Schuyler; Scott; St. Clair; Stephenson; Tazewell; Union; Whiteside; and Winnebago counties.

Counties included in the Individual Assistance (IA) and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans request: Adams; Alexander; Calhoun; Carroll; Hancock; Henderson; Henry; Jackson; Jersey; Knox; Madison; Mercer; Monroe; Peoria; Pike; Randolph; Rock Island; Stephenson; Union; Whiteside; Winnebago; and Woodford counties.

To support this request for a federal disaster declaration, documentation was included from the recent joint damage assessment, conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and affected communities. This assessment illustrated the devastating effects of this flood event:

- More than \$69 million in direct losses, including over \$8.2 million in losses for individuals and \$61 million in losses for units of state, county and local governments. This does not include the millions in other economic impacts, such as lost wages to individuals, lost revenue for businesses, and lost tax revenues for impacted governments.

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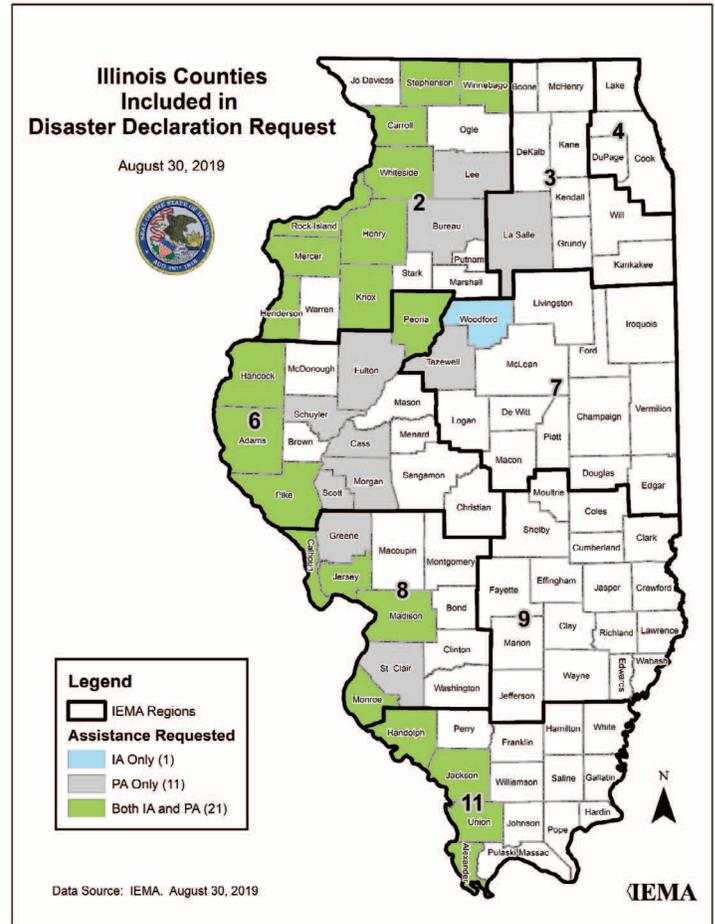
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- Over 1,000 miles of roadway and bridges were – and many still are – damaged or left inaccessible, affecting some of the most vulnerable populations. This disruption forced residents to travel in some cases up to two hours to receive healthcare or basic necessities like groceries.
- More than 1,400 homes and 2.1 million people were impacted by this flood event. Of that, 42 homes were destroyed, 178 sustained major damage, 419 were listed as having minor damage and another 708 were impacted by rising floodwaters.
- An SBA Survey Team identified 76 businesses and non-profits with major impacts from this disaster and 217 with minor impacts, which directly impacts the amount of tax revenue available for affected communities to devote to recovery, making federal assistance all the more necessary.

In terms of public assistance, Illinois has not received a federal disaster declaration since 2013. The Stafford Act outlines that the State of Illinois must meet or exceed \$19 million in damages in order to qualify for a federal disaster declaration. While the ultimate decision on our state receiving federal funds lies with Washington, we will work tirelessly to ensure our communities get all resources available to recover.



Focus on Homeland Security

On July 23, IEMA Acting Director Alicia Tate Nadeau met with Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan, along with several other cyber security and election dignitaries to discuss ongoing efforts to make the Illinois elections more secure against cyber threats.

Illinois continues to lead the way nationally, presenting election security best practices. The meeting included positioning cyber security analysts in the Illinois Statewide Terrorism Intelligence Center, building out a secure ICN infrastructure, and supporting local election authorities by providing risk assessments through regional cyber navigators.

Director Tate-Nadeau also serves as the Governor JB Pritzker's Homeland Security Advisor (HSA).

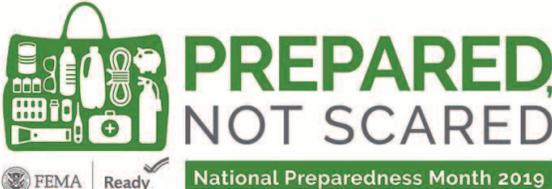


Pictured Kevin McAleenan; Alicia Tate-Nadeau; James Joseph, Alex Joves; Amy Kelly; Bernadette Matthews; Jason Sanford; Edmund Michalowski; Timothy; Rahul Patel; Lance Gough; Noah Praetz; James Ford.

September is National Preparedness Month in Illinois

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September as a way to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), and local emergency managers, are encouraging Illinoisans to take time to prepare for potential emergencies at homes, at work, and in the community. Having a plan that includes where to go and how to communicate during disasters, building an emergency supply kit and learning lifesaving skills could help your family, friends, neighbors and employees during a disaster.

“A disaster can strike at any time and anywhere: When you are at home, at work or while you are traveling on vacation,” said Acting IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “Today, preparedness is more than building a kit. Community resiliency is achieved when neighbors help neighbors plan for and respond to emergencies. Building a culture of preparedness is the cornerstone of disaster preparedness.”



Week 1: Sept 1-7
Save Early for Disaster Costs

Week 2: Sept 8-14
Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters

Week 3: Sept 15-21
Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters

Week 4: Sept 22-30
Get Involved in Your Community's Preparedness

Here are five steps to Disaster Preparedness:

- **Save Early for a Disaster:** Can you afford a disaster or emergency? According to the Federal Reserve, 40-percent of Americans do not have \$400 in savings. Operation Hope is a non-profit that provides pre-disaster preparedness planning. They work with adults, youth and disaster survivors to equip them with the financial knowledge and tools to create a secure future. These programs and services are offered at no cost to a client.
- **Learn Lifesaving Skills:** Every day citizens can be first responders. This is a great time to learn lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid techniques, in order to provide immediate aid until help arrives.
- **Make a Plan for When a Disaster Strikes:** Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area, and know how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated.
- **Teach Youth how to Prepare for Disasters:** Disaster planning, response, and recovery efforts should take into account the unique needs of children, who make up roughly a quarter of the U.S. population. Get kids involved in building their own emergency kit. Make sure to include your child's favorite stuffed animals, board games, books or music in their emergency kit to comfort them in a disaster.
- **Get Involved in Community Preparedness:** Check in with your neighbors to see how you can help each other before, during and after a storm. You can also bolster your community's resiliency efforts by joining a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERTs train volunteers to prepare for various. Find your local CERT.

For more information about emergency and disaster preparedness, visit ready.illinois.gov.

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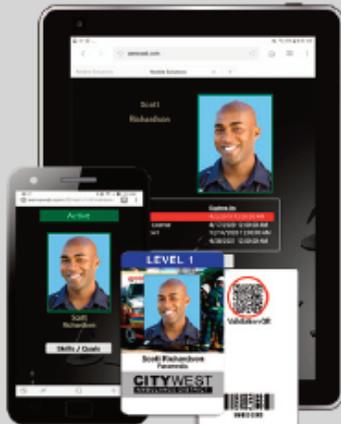
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Move Over – It's the Law

Troopers with the Illinois State Police (ISP) are urging motorists to respect the Move Over Law and use caution when approaching emergency vehicles on interstates and roads.

Also known as "Scott's Law," the Move Over Law was enacted in 2002 in memory of Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department. LT Gillen was struck and killed on December 23, 2000, by an intoxicated driver on the Dan Ryan Expressway while assisting at a crash scene.

Scott's Law not only applies to emergency vehicles, but also includes the general public who are having car troubles and are stuck roadside until help arrives. The Move Over Law requires motorists to approach with caution and yield to emergency vehicles, including highway maintenance vehicles displaying oscillating, rotating or flashing lights. Drivers must change lanes if they can do so safely or reduce speed and proceed with caution if unable to change lanes.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois State Police recently teamed up to produce a public service announcement to raise awareness of this very important issue. The [video](#) is available online for viewing and distribution.



COMINGS & GOINGS at IEMA

RETIREMENT

- **Don Neumann**, Executive II, COS

NEW EMPLOYEE

- **Shawn Anglum**, Office Coordinator, PGA
- **Nina Ricketts**, Executive I, PGA
- **Adamu Kadiri**, NS Health Physicist II, DNS
- **Christopher Manfredo**, Electronic Equipment Installer/Repairer, OPS

PROMOTION

- **Micarr Morrison**, From Office Coordinator OPS to Office Specialist, OPS

SEPARATION OTHER STATE AGENCY

- **Jon Pressley**, Disaster Services Planner, PGA

September 2019 Training Schedule

MABAS-IL USAR Task Force 1 Monthly Skills training

September 12 – 13

Local 150 Operating Engineers, Wilmington

Leadership in Today's World

September 17

State Regional Office - Marion

Emergency Operations Plan Development and Review

September 17 – 18

Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management, Springfield

G290 Basic Public Information Officer

September 17 – 18

McLean County

G290 Basic Public Information Officer

September 17 – 18

North Aurora Police Department

2019 ICS Instructor Roll Out

September 18

Illinois Fire Safety Institute, Champaign

Disaster Canine Search Training (USAR members only)

September 18

West Chicago Fire Protection District, West Chicago

G291 Joint Information System-Joint Information Center Planning for PIO's

September 19

McLean County

G557 Rapid Needs Assessment

September 24

McHenry County Government Center, Woodstock

Disaster Canine Search Training (USAR members only)

September 25

SKCTA North Aurora

Did you Know: Radium Girl

In the 1920s, hundreds of female factory workers were employed by the Illinois Radium Dial Company in Ottawa. Their job was to paint watch and clock dials with radium-laced paint. The women, who had been told the paint was harmless, ingested deadly amounts of radium by licking their paintbrushes to sharpen them. Similar work was taking place in factories in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. Records would show that countless factory workers would die from radium poisoning. In 1938, a group of women successfully sued the company, crippling Radium Dial in Illinois. The movement would also ultimately lead to the adoption of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Act, establishing safety standards for industrial exposure to radiation.

Nearly 100 years later, a local student brought to life a new idea to shine a light on the city's tragic story. Madeline Piller set out to educate the public about the town's history and honor the women who were silenced by their malicious employer. The locally-crafted life-sized bronze statue



is of a young woman with paintbrushes in one hand and a dying flower in the other. In 2011, the City of Ottawa officially unveiled this statue to memorialize this important piece of American history.

2019 Prairie State CERT Challenge

Volunteer registration is now open for the 2019 Prairie State CERT Challenge. The Challenge will be held on Saturday, September 21 at Oak Forest Health Center in Oak Forest, IL.

Volunteer registration is located at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094bafa82ea3fe3-2019>



ILGISA Poster & Map Competition

The Illinois GIS Association (ILGISA) is calling upon the membership, GIS students and practitioners throughout the state to take advantage of this year's poster & map competition at the Annual Conference! In years past, we have separated these two competitions, but this year we are simplifying things and combining them!

This year, there will be two categories in the competition - Student & Professional.

Note: In order to qualify as a student, you must be enrolled as a full time undergraduate or graduate student at a 2 or 4 year college or university.



Have you recently created a poster or map that you'd like to share with your GIS peers? This is your opportunity! Posters and Maps will be displayed in the Exhibit Hall at the Annual Conference, and attendees will vote on their favorites. The winning poster from each category (student & professional) will be announced at the Awards Lunch on Tuesday of the Conference. The winners will receive a \$50 gift card.

Note: Student & Professional submissions are required to bring their poster or map to the Annual Conference. ILGISA will not be printing any posters or maps. However, ILGISA will provide easels to display the posters/maps at the Annual Conference.

To submit a poster or map, please email contact@ilgisa.org by September 27th, 2019.

Don't Miss Important IEMA Information

Did you know - IEMA's website enables you to receive the latest news from IEMA as soon as it is posted. You can subscribe to the RSS feed for IEMA press releases at <http://www.illinois.gov/iema/Info/Pages/PressReleases.aspx>.

You will need a third-party RSS reader/aggregator software. There are many options to choose from ranging from web-based to mobile apps. If you are

using Microsoft Exchange, you can simply right click on the "RSS Feeds" folder and select "Add a new RSS Feed," then insert the address of the RSS feed.

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