The Aqua Illinois Incident – Hawthorn Woods/Glennshire & Forest Lake Way Ahead



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Public Works Mission: Deliver exceptional, financially sustainable, reliable, drinking water and wastewater services in a safe manner, ensuring high quality service, public health and environmental stewardship.

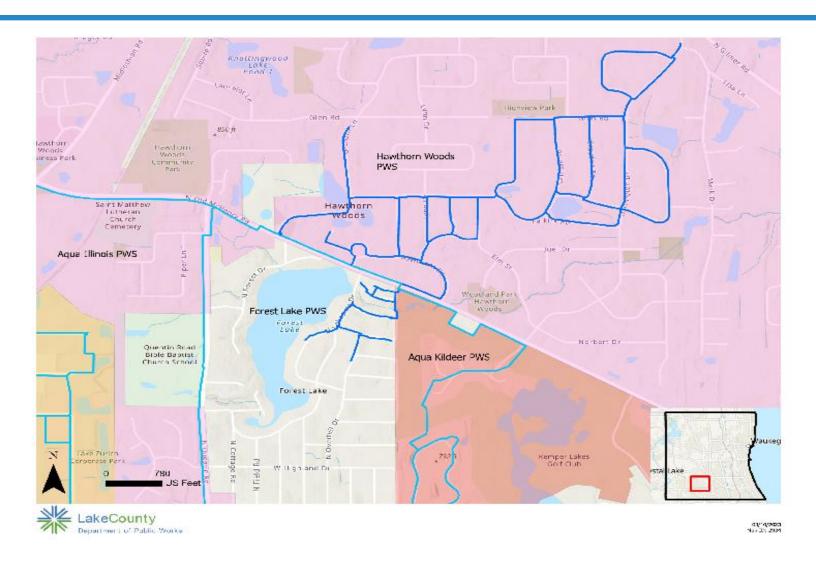
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- Significant drop in storage followed by system-wide pressure loss that led to a
- Boil Order Notice.
- Interrupted water service for several days approx 1200 customers
- (300 PW) impacted.
- SCADA system worked.
- Problem compounded by staffing issues, communication, and system redundancy.
- A large water main leak was the source of the problem.

Impacted Service Area

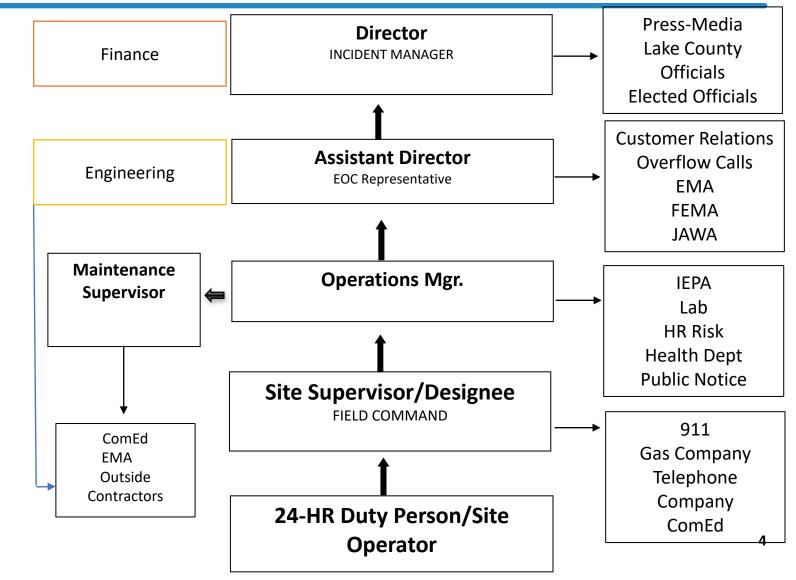




PW Procedure Large Main-Breaks



- A. Initial Alert
- SCADA System
- Operator
- General Public/Customer
- Police/Fire Department
- B. PW Emergency Response
- Data collection
- Reporting
- Evaluation, Repair & Corrective Action



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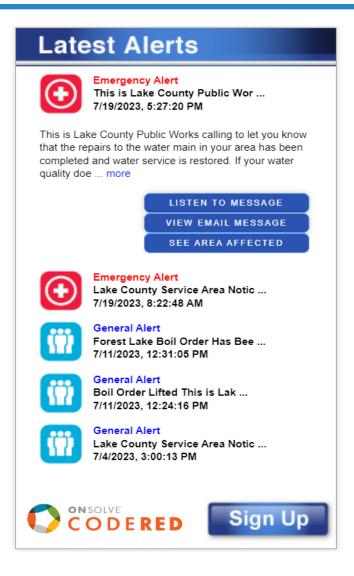


C. Notification

- CAO and Board Member
- Communication Team
- Impacted Customers
- IEPA
- Health Dept and EMA
- Village/Township/Fire Dept
- Specialized Facility/School/Business

D. Method

- Code Red (phone, text, email)
- Email/Letters/Door Hangers
- Website, Social Media
- Local newspaper



Aqua Solution



- Increase Facility Storage
 Capacity
- Add another well for system demand
- Improve system maintenance
- Improve staff training and system coverage
- Improve communication and customer involvement
- CIP and Technology use review



PW Solution for HW/Glennshire & Forest Lake



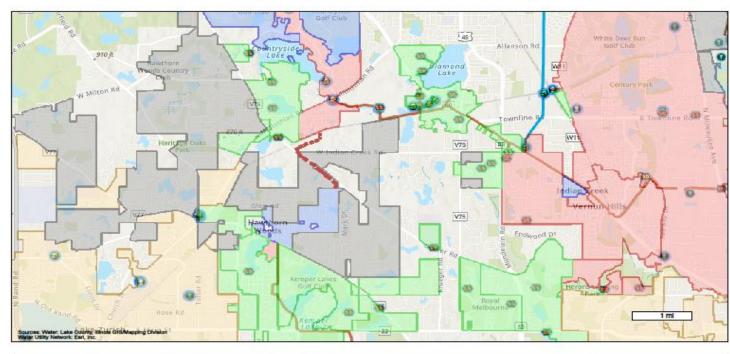
A. Short Term

- Construct storage facility in each system (24 – 72 hr).
- Connect both water systems to the Countryside Lake Water System.

B. Long Term

- Explore Lake Michigan
 Connection with CLCJAWA.
- Need Committee Direction.

Lake County, Illinois







Questions?