



Lake County and Municipal Responsibilities During Incidents

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Prevention ... Protection ... Mitigation ... Response ... Recovery



Overview

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Bottomline Up Front

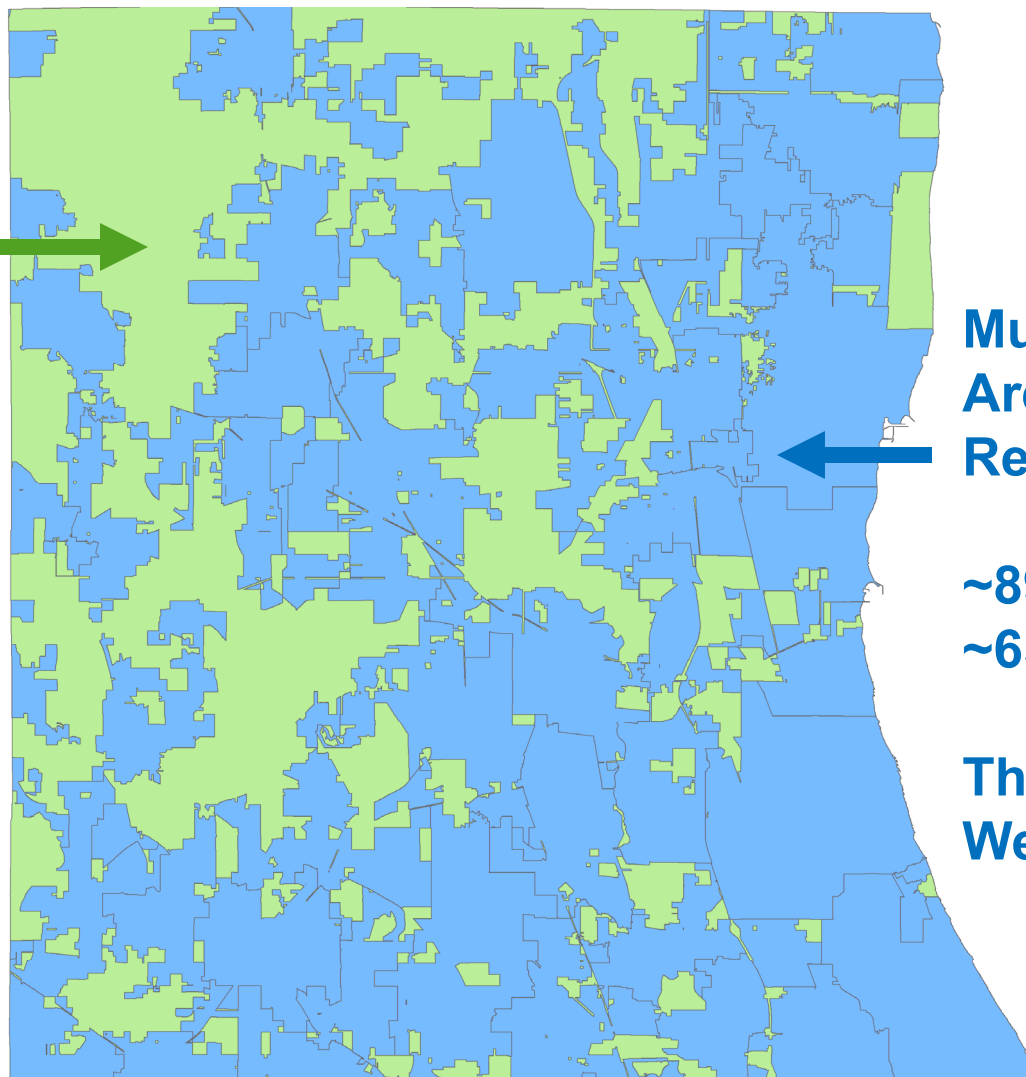
- **National Incident Management System (NIMS) Expects Local First**
 - **Solve challenges with your resources before asking for help**
 - **Many municipalities are self-sufficient or need limited help**
- **Many Overlapping Jurisdictions**
 - **Different expectations and different procedures**
 - **Many mutual aid agreements create safety net of support**
- **Mutual Aid Organizations**
 - **Accessible without asking Lake County Government for help**
 - **Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Hazardous Materials, Public Works, Emergency Management, and more**

County / Municipalities

Lake County
Area of
Responsibility

~11% of people
~35% of land

We lead,
They support



Municipalities
Area of
Responsibility

~89% of people
~65% of land

They lead,
We support

Review of Responsibilities and Authorities by State Law and Policy



- Counties must have Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA)
 - ESDA is responsible for emergency management
 - Lake County Emergency Management Agency is our ESDA

- Municipalities (<500,000 residents)
 - May establish ESDA by ordinance
 - Must have designated liaison to county, even if no ESDA
 - Counties don't have jurisdiction in municipalities with ESDAs

- Each political subdivision (county, city, village, incorporated town) must notify Illinois Emergency Management Agency annually:
 - How it provides emergency management
 - Who is responsible

Review of Responsibilities and Authorities by State Law and Policy



- Each ESDA mandated or created by ordinance must:
 - Create a documented Emergency Management Program (EMP)
 - Prepare an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
 - Remain consistent with national standards ... NIMS
- EOPs specify how that jurisdiction will direct and control response to and recovery from an incident or emergency
- Open for debate...does a County automatically assume responsibility for a municipality that chooses not to create an ESDA, including its EMP and EOP?
 - Laws and codes do not express a definitive answer
 - Regardless, Lake County will help if contacted for assistance

Lake County EMA

Operations-Related Responsibilities



- Develop, coordinate, and provide emergency management for:
 - Unincorporated areas
 - Municipalities that annually identify the County provides their emergency management
 - When requested by municipalities, coordinate County, State, and Federal resources and support
 - Maintain contact with municipal liaisons and ESDAs
 - Certify non-mandated ESDAs, when requested by municipality, including:
 - Review EOPs
 - Approve emergency management-related exercise plans
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Recent Incident Examples

- Hazardous materials releases Beach Park, Waukegan, Volo, and Lincolnshire
- First responders had robust Incident Command capabilities and direct access to plenty of mutual aid
- County involvement
 - Sheriff's Office -- both direct jurisdiction (Beach Park and Volo) and mutual aid calls
 - Coroner -- direct call from Incident Command (Waukegan)
 - Lake County EMA coordinated County-unique services and support to unincorporated areas from:
 - Health Department
 - Division of Transportation
 - Stormwater Management Commission

Questions or Comments