



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lake County Administrator, Lake County Health Department and the Lake County Sheriff's Office, establishing a Lake County Unified Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

- Pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Act (50 ILCS 605/1) and in accordance with Lake County Code of Ordinances Chapter 32, the Lake County Emergency Management Agency (LCEMA) is responsible for the coordination of the Lake County (County) emergency management program which includes the development, planning, analysis, conduct, provision, implementation and maintenance of services and programs related to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.
- Over the history of the LCEMA, the County's emergency management has been primarily supported by the LCEMA staff with ancillary support provided upon request through emergency resources in the LCSO and LCHD. In recent years, the LCAO has worked with the LCEMA, LCSO and LCHD to start shifting towards a more unified structure through which emergency management resources are managed and provided across the County.
- Following the recent reformulation of the Manager position within LCEMA, the LCAO, LCSO and LCHD worked collaboratively to develop and formalize a unified management structure of the LCEMA. Through such efforts, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed which is intended to align and integrate all core elements of emergency within the LCHD Emergency Response Program, and LCSO Department of Homeland Security. The MOU, with an initial term of five years, focuses on the purpose, scope, objective, organization, oversight and reporting, human resources, finance and accounting, operations and logistics of the unified management structure.
- The unified management structure is intended to create a model for emergency preparedness at the county level and maximize the County's disaster and emergency mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery in service of its communities, residents and businesses.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lake County Emergency Agency is responsible for the coordination of the Lake County (County) emergency management program which includes the development, planning, analysis, conduct, provision, implementation and maintenance of services and programs related to disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to maximize the emergency management services provided to those within Lake County, the Lake County Emergency Management Agency, the Lake County Administrator's Office (LCAO), Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and Lake County Health Department (LCHD) have developed and desire to enter into a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creating a unified emergency management structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois that the LCAO, LCSO and LCHD have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding whereby a unified emergency management structure through the Lake County Emergency Management Agency is

approved.

DATED at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on June 12, 2018.