



Lake County Illinois

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Special recognition recognizing and honoring the Citizens Corps Council of Lake County (CCCLC) for receiving the Community Partnership Award.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Citizens Corps Council of Lake County (CCCLC) is made up of the local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTS), the Lake County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and the Lake County Emergency Management Agency (LCEMA) volunteers; and

WHEREAS, each of these groups are comprised solely of volunteers dedicating their time and effort to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, CERTS train with and assist first responders in a wide variety of emergency situations. They conduct hands on training in areas such as Search and Rescue, First Aid CPR and AED, Stop the Bleed, Mental Health First Aid, traffic control, radio usage, and more; and

WHEREAS, MRC is comprised of over 200 medical, mental health and non-medical volunteers dedicated to improving the health and safety of our community. They were instrumental in COVID-19 vaccinations efforts at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Mpox vaccination clinics, and provided crisis counseling at the Family Assistance Center after the Highland Park shooting. They regularly participate in community events, training and exercises, and are currently teaching Stop the Bleed classes to groups throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, LCEMA has dozens of dedicated volunteers, who have selflessly put in thousands of hours of work over the last few years. They have been a vital force in PPE distribution, participated in mass vaccination and testing sites throughout Lake County, served as ambassadors and leadership roles at the Highland Park Family Assistance Center, regularly partner in numerous trainings and exercises, and frequently perform outreach activities to the community; and

WHEREAS, together these three entities make up the CCCLC. They work together to coordinate training opportunities, exercises, and outreach events. CCCLC has built a systematic and organized approach to provide direct support to the community. They worked over 3,000 hours during the eight days the Family Assistance Center (FAC) was open in Highland Park. Additionally, they donated thousands of hours in mass vaccination support with no pay or need for recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) is the voice of local emergency management in Illinois. IESMA serves as the conduit from local to state and federal emergency management agencies and has selected CCCLC as the recipient of their Community Partnership Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNIZED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that we recognize and honor CCCLC for winning the IESMA's Community Partnership Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED, that the Lake County Board does hereby commend the Citizens Corps Council of Lake County for their dedicated and valuable service to the residents of Lake County.

DATED, at Waukegan, Illinois, on May 9, 2023.