

Lee County Emergency Management Agency

Office of Emergency Management Activity for November 2024

In preparation for the November 5th General Election, the Office of Emergency Management office reviewed critical equipment that may be required to support the election process, including generators, battery power packs and temporary lighting. Looking back on election day, some areas experienced voting interruption; historic flooding throughout the St. Louis region ended with the loss of at least five people in Missouri; a nearby voting precinct in Winnebago County experienced a power outage for over two hours. Generators and lighting were brought into the polling location to ensure voting was uninterrupted.

Director Lalley met with Chief Deputy Ranken and assisted in updating/renewal of Lee County FCC radio licenses set to expire. The licenses were renewed at no cost to the county.

On the afternoon of Tuesday November 12th, representatives from IEMA Hazard Mitigation Section Springfield Office, IEMA Regional Coordinators from Region 2 and Region 3, Lee Village Board President, DeKalb County EMA, Lee representatives from Lee County Board District 2, Lee County EMA and Lee County Zoning meet in the Village of Lee for an onsite visit to discuss on going flooding issues in and around the Village of Lee. After meeting for two hours the opinion was that an application to FEMA for Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) would be the first step in finding a solution to the ongoing flooding issue.

The Office of Emergency Management hosted a FEMA Local Hazard Mitigation Planning class on November 13 and 14th in the EOC. The National Hazard Mitigation Planning Program, in partnership with the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), offers a suite of fundamental trainings designed to help state, local, tribal, and territorial governments create effective hazard mitigation plans that meet FEMA's requirements and reduce risk in their communities. As each of these audiences has different requirements, each training is specifically tailored to them. Additionally, the program offers several advanced trainings and technical

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assistance related to pertinent areas in hazard mitigation planning. The Lee County Multijurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan is due no later than August 25, 2025, to be eligible for FEMA benefits. The Village of Lee ongoing flooding will be a project added to the revised HMP.

Now that COVID 19 is in the rearview mirror, the Office of Emergency Management is working with the Lee County Health Department on the disposal of excess hand sanitizer. Lee County Health Department contacted a contractor to dispose of the product. The contractor picked up the product on Tuesday November 19 with the assistance of the Maintenance Department. EMA will be invoiced for their portion of the service.

Strong and gusty winds on Tuesday Nov 18 caused power outages in Lee County. Winds 20-25 mph, gusting to 40 mph disrupted power for approximately two hundred ComEd customers in Lee County beginning around midnight. Power was restored to all customers by 3:30 AM Wednesday morning.

Lee County Office of Emergency Management hosted Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) Training tabletop exercises in the EOC. The tabletop scenarios allow participants to practice their skillset on the response and management to critical events. The exercises are designed to be as realist as possible with increasing complexity on each exercise. The exercises will continue for the next 4 months with the exercises increasing in complexity.

LCVC GSAR members attended monthly training held at Lowell Park. Flanker, flagger and team leader procedures were reviewed. Mock searches were conducted for poker chips placed in strategic locations. Teams successfully found the chips and the training ended at 8:30 PM. The new SARTopo software was used to live track all search team members.

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