

# Lee County Emergency Management Agency

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## Activity for September 2024

On Labor Day the Lee County Emergency Management Office assisted with traffic control at the Labor Day parade in the Paw Paw. Water filled Jersey barriers were set in place at intersections throughout the parade route to protect the attendees and parade participants from vehicular traffic.

Director Lalley attended the annual IEMA Summit in Springfield. Each Emergency Management Director/Coordinator is required to have 24 hours of continuing education training each year to be eligible for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award.

Ken Nelson Auto replaced a bad rear wheel sensor after many check engine codes appeared at the end of August.

The Northwest Illinois Incident Management Assistance team (NWIL IMAT) conducted a two-day mobilization exercise in Olge County to apply skills and work in conjunction with other agencies. As a member of the team the Director attended. Over sixty participants attended the exercise.

Lee County EMA participated in the After-Action meeting for the Amboy Depot Days Car Show event. An After-Action meeting reviews the event and discusses areas of improvement and success to enhance the next event.

The Office of Emergency Management is in the process of developing a damage assessment program to allow for a faster method to complete the primary damage assessment survey. The County has 36 hours to complete a primary damage assessment survey and to report damage to the State to be eligible for funding assistance for local citizens. The Emergency Management Office is working with the Lee County GIS Office on this product. The program will allow Lee County citizens to self-report damages. A second program for first responders will allow law enforcement and fire agencies to upload damage information, including photos, during or immediately after an incident. The collected information will allow for a faster, more accurate primary damage assessment versus driving road by road to locate damaged structures.

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The IEMA Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) was updated. This plan is required to be updated every six months to be eligible for EMPG funds.

The two EMA drones were updated with a wireless transmitter/receiver kit between the controller and the Command Go Kit. The wireless kit allows the pilots to move away from the display allowing officials to have better access to view the display. The kit was provided by the original vendor of equipment at no cost to Lee County.

Every two years agencies who apply for federal grant funds are required to complete a NIMS Compliance Survey. The survey was completed for Lee County by the Office of Emergency Management making Lee County eligible for federal funding. The survey was shared with police, fire, EMS authorities within Lee County who apply for federal funds.

The 15th Judicial Circuit Court is required to have a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the Court System. Chief Judge Ackert formed a team to update the current plan. The team members attended a training in Kane County on what should be included in a COOP and how to update the information. The team will be meeting to work on the plan.

The 8x8 video matrix switch Command Trailer failed due to a power surge. A new switch was purchased and installed. The new switch is not passing video signal to the monitors. After contacting the vendor, it was suggested to reconfigure the outputs on each port. EMA will be changing the port setting and reviewing the results.

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