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SUBJECT: August & September Activity Report

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Weather over the last couple of months has been quite except for the heavy rains that affected the County on Sunday, 9/14. After doing a damage assessment the only problems that were encountered were several basements that flooded and extensive urban street flooding that caused many vehicles to become stranded.

I was activated by FEMA to go to Baton Rouge, LA., to do damage assessment after hurricane Gustav came through the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast. There was not a lot of structural damage; however most of the area suffered power outages lasting up to several weeks.

We continue to work with Champaign Urbana Public Health on updating our Infectious Disease Plan. The latest updating is working with local law enforcement on site security plans for dispensing sites as well as security at surge facilities. There is a tabletop exercise the first of next month with Illinois Department of Public Health and Regional Law Enforcement that we will be attending.

Exercise wise we conducted an exercise of our spontaneous volunteer registration group, that is headed by the United Way of Champaign County, and also did a combined exercise with Champaign Police Swat, and the Champaign County Metro Police Team of an active shooter at Market Place Mall. Both exercises showed the need to enhance our internal communication capabilities and tracking of personnel and equipment.

I also did a presentation for the East Central Illinois Commercial Safety Consortium on Continuity of Operation Planning. This was to give an overview of the importance of having plans to operate either after a disaster has affected your facility, or in a pandemic situation, how they would operate with two thirds of their staff off ill.