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The month of December weather wise was active with Ice Storm Warning to Tornado Watches. The ice caused several power outages as well as many accidents however no major damage was reported. As far as the Tornado issues the storms dissipated in strength when they arrived in our area and again no damage was reported. I attended a FEMA class on Public Assistance and have a better understanding on what will and will not be reimbursed during a Federal Declared Disaster.

In January we have been working with Champaign, Urbana, Champaign Urbana Public Health, and The U of I to complete the protocols for the new public alerting system that we will be rolling out to the public in late February. The system will allow the public to register to receive emergency messages either by text message to a pager or cell phone, as well as email. The system will automatically send severe weather information by gives the 4 jurisdictions the ability to send other emergency messages that would be needed to reduce the loss of life or property.