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SUBJECT: **February Activity Report**

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Winter Weather, Training, & Exercise planning has been the main focus of activity this month.

Heavy snow and wind caused the activation of a unified command structure here at our

Operation Center. Agencies involved were: County Highway, Sherriff's Office, both

Ambulance Companies, and both City Fire Departments and E.M.A. Overall coordination

of emergency response for medicals and stranded motorists were controlled through this

Command. This was the third activation this winter and may be activated again on the

26th for potential for another winter storm. Flooding also affected the area after approximately

four inches of rain came after the heavy snow,

St. Joseph was the hardest hit community with several homes with water in the living area.

We were in contact with the Village for the need for possible sheltering. However, that was

not needed, Residents either stayed with family or friends.

FEMA has changed their requirements for how exercises need to be completed to get

acceptance. The new model is called Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program,

(HSEEP). I attended a two day training program on the new system and how to complete

the new forms and other requirements.

We have been part of the planning team for unofficial St. Patrick's Day. And also, been

working with the Village of Rantoul, and the Illinois Army National Guard on an exercise

to be held on March 1st. This exercise will test the integration of Guard resources into a

local response.