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To: Justice Committee
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With the first week of March being severe weather preparedness week we have been doing several severe weather presentation through out the County. The severe weather that has occurred in the southern part of the country has created a demand for these programs. I also did a program for the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce on business continuity planning and disaster recovery, which has several business looking at creating safety teams in their facilities.

Lt. Greg Mills and myself have held two Safety Committee meetings one at the Courthouse and one at Brookens. These meeting are to get employees involved in the County Safety procedures and to address any safety concerns of staff. Staff has brought up several concerns ranging from employee identification cards, conducting fire drills, to emergency lighting in storm shelter locations.

We are in the process of changing over to the new 800mhz radio system with our storm spotters as well as all the local village esda units. As you may remember we were able to secure a grant to purchase radios for all the local village units so they could be part of the new radio system and enhance our communication capabilities.