

**City of Milwaukee
Office of Emergency Management
and Homeland Security
(EMHS)**

Status Report

October 2013

Mandated core activities – WI Stats Chap 323 and City Charter Chap 6

- Create and maintain response and recovery plan
- Arrange/direct training programs and exercises
- Insure and maintain ICS/NIMs compliance
- Increase citizen outreach and preparedness
- Coordinate major incident response and recovery
- Serve as liaison to Milwaukee County and adjoining counties

MKE UASI funding: From \$4M annually to \$0

- Previous EMHS ops funding: UASI \$425K
- Previous EMHS staffing: UASI 3.75 FTE; City .25
- Not punitive: MKE UASI - FEMA Region 5 DAT project designated COE and ongoing
- Cuts at federal level; focus on major urban centers and highest risk profiles
- DHS decision: Top 30 cities based on risk profile
- Also eliminated: Indianapolis, Memphis, Orlando, Honolulu, OK City, New Orleans

Office of EMHS response to funding & staffing cuts

- Identified and secured partial alternative funding
 - \$80K from State of Wisconsin HSGP
- Identified and secured alternative staffing
 - FPC, DER, DPW, MFD, MPD training = EOC Response Team
 - ITMD: call center upgrades = data collection and info push
 - DNS: tablets/training = disaster damage assessment teams
 - AmeriCorps: 2 workers 2014; paid by AmeriCorps, not City
- Expanding CBO/FBO/private sector partnerships
 - Volunteer recruitment and management
 - Trusted voices for information in/out

**What is EMHS doing to
meet our core goals?**

Create and maintain response and recovery plan

- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) final draft
- Next step (currently underway) is final review with designated departments
- Final step (anticipated Spring 2014) is approval by Mayor and Common Council

Arrange and direct training programs and exercises

- Ongoing exercises and training programs
- Damage assessment training with ITMD, DNS, FPC, WEM, FEMA May 2013
- Mitchell airport crash scenario Sept 2013
- Interoperable communications testing with Joplin tornado scenario Oct 2013
- All of the above involve multiple agencies and jurisdictions; local-county-state-federal

Insure and maintain ICS/NIMs compliance

- HSGP funding dependent upon maintaining ICS/NIMS compliance
- MFD, MPD and DPW already have mandated training for supervisors
- Intent is to expand ICS 402 training to all Department heads and council members

Increase citizen outreach and preparedness

- Introductory letter from Mayor & CC President
- EMHS Director makes personal contact and presentation to private sector, CBO and FBO management
- AmeriCorps does follow-up and presentations
- Likely stakeholders would include NML, Johnson Controls, Harley-Davidson, Rotary, Kiwanis, UWM, Marquette, Alverno, Kohls, etc.

Coordinate major incident response and recovery

- EOC Response Team established
- City call center upgraded and coordinated
- Damage assessment upgraded and coordinated
- Information link SOPs in process
 - PIO established for every EOC activation
 - Website link with updates for every EOC activation
 - Direct communication with local TV, radio, utilities
 - Seat in EOC for CC President ; link to Common Council

Serve as liaison to Milwaukee County and adjoining counties

- Monthly SE WEM region meetings
- Quarterly meetings with Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) continue
- Facilitate/oversee regional communications interoperability program
- SE Wisconsin Incident Management Team (IMT) formed and training
- Eagle tornado, Burlington fire, Cudahy fire, Sikh Temple shooting and 2010 Milwaukee flooding **ALL** involved multi-jurisdictional assistance