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Hanover Township Emergency Services receives certification from county

The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) recently presented the Hanover Township Emergency Services Department with formal Emergency Agency Certification. In doing so, the county recognizes the department's training program, disaster planning, and emergency response capabilities. The department is trained and equipped to assist public safety agencies serving Hanover Township residents on emergency scenes.

The Township was first certified in 2013, and re-certificated in 2016.

“During severe weather and emergency incidents, the Unit is often requested to assist in one or more of the Township's six municipalities and unincorporated areas,” said William Burke, Hanover Township Director of Emergency Services. “Having this certification only further validates the professionalism and dedication of our volunteers that work alongside, and in coordination with, county and municipal first responders.”

Certification from the county is valid through 2020.

Since April of last year, Emergency Services members logged over 10,741 volunteer hours and were requested to 79 emergency scenes. Throughout the year, the Unit provided traffic control and scene security at 116 special events in the Township and surrounding areas.



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“Our volunteers come from all sorts of backgrounds, ages, and demographics,” said Brian P. McGuire, Hanover Township Supervisor. “The front line work they do in our communities allow for many police to go back on patrol and for firefighters to work on well lighted scenes at night. This highly dedicated group of individuals also is trained and equipped to function independently in times of disasters.”

Part of the recertification process required the Township staff and officials to work through an emergency scenario that could last for days, such as severe flooding, a winter storm, or a tornado touchdown. Township personnel developed plans for evacuating residents to safe locations and disbursing supplies while keeping buildings open to serve as shelters.

“In achieving this recertification, Hanover Township Emergency Services Department has shown a level of readiness that is a model for Cook County and our region,” said William Barnes, executive director of DHSEM. “Hanover Township is a valuable partner to DHSEM, and their staff is dedicated to the safety and well-being of their community and its residents.”

For questions about the certification or for information on joining the Hanover Township Emergency Services Unit, please call (630) 837-0301 or email htes@hanover-township.org.

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