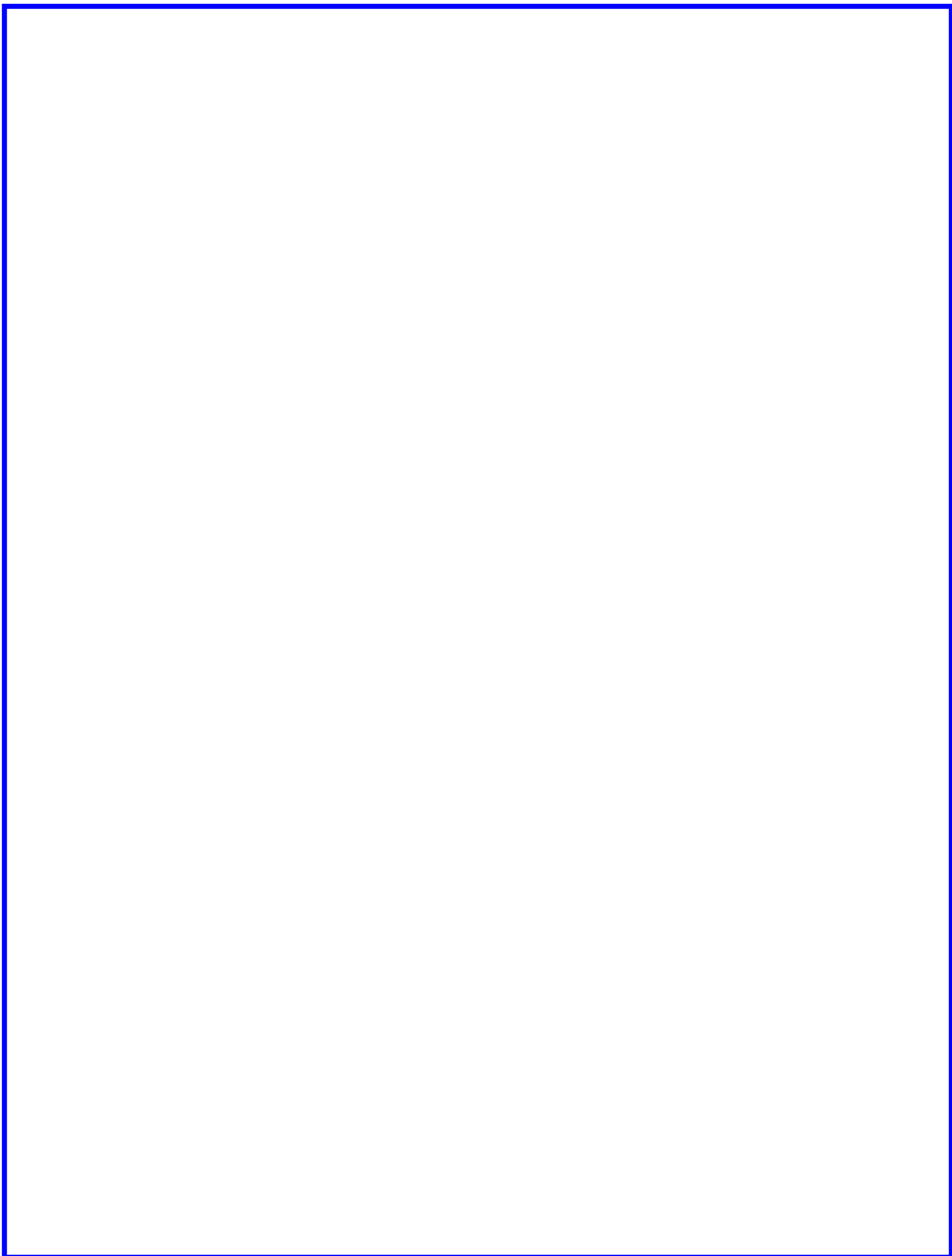


# Racine County Office of Emergency Management



**2012 Annual Report**



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**"Building a Disaster Resistant Community-Making Disaster Resistance a Way of Life"**

## A Letter from the Emergency Management Coordinator

December 2012

Dear County Executive Ladwig:

I am pleased to present the FY 2012 Annual Report for the Racine County Office of Emergency Management (RCOEM).

This has been an exciting year for RCOEM. In January, we were recognized at the White House for our outreach to the faith-based community. While in Washington, DC, I was able to meet with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and senior Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff.

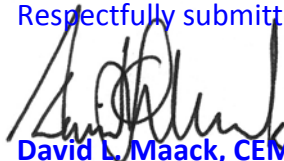
RCOEM took a leadership role in a regional planning initiative that will result in the development/update of a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The eight counties in the southeast region are using the Racine County CEMP as a model and when completed, all eight counties in southeast Wisconsin will be operating under a common planning platform.

In the past year, we have continued to strengthen our community outreach and preparedness activities. In addition to the public outreach campaigns that we are required to undertake, we hosted three national training courses and developed a community preparedness series.

Finally I would like to thank Jim Dobbs, Skip Twardosz, Dave Voss and Tom Knitter (who has recently replaced John Prochniak, who has moved out of the area). All have volunteered their time and augmented our staff by serving as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators for Racine County. Their assistance has been invaluable and they have become integral members of the emergency management team.

We are extremely proud of our accomplishments in the past year, and we look forward to your review.

Respectfully submitted by:



David L. Maack, CEM, CPM, WCEM

Racine County Emergency Management



## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- RCOEM took a leadership role in coordinating the regional planning project which will result in an updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). All eight counties in the southeast region are working collaboratively on this project. The contractor is impressed with the level of cooperation he has encountered and believes that the work we are doing in the southeast region can be a model for collaboration elsewhere.
- RCOEM was asked to participate on the Planning Committee for the Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security.
- RCOEM worked with the County Executive's Office on updating the county's emergency management ordinance. Significant changes were made and the ordinance was adopted by the County Board.
- RCOEM continues to partner with the Department of Corrections, participating in various exercises that they are conducting in Racine County
- RCOEM was invited to attend an invitation-only Faithful Readiness Lessons Learned Convening sponsored by the DHS Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships. During these meetings he met with high ranking FEMA officials regarding the National Preparedness Goal and FEMA's Whole Community Initiative.
- RCOEM was asked to conduct an after-action review for the Village of Waterford's well pump failure, which resulted in a water ban.
- RCOEM hosted three national training courses in Racine County, conducted a series of community preparedness seminars, and gave more than 35 presentations/interviews on emergency preparedness.
- RCOEM participated in five disaster exercises and the statewide tornado drill and facilitated fire drills for all county buildings.

## RCOEM MISSION

The Racine County Office of Emergency Management (RCOEM) is a planning and coordinating agency charged with developing both comprehensive all-hazard plans and specialized plans for chemical spills and terrorism. In addition, it is required to conduct disaster exercises and drills, provide emergency management-related training, conduct public awareness campaigns and respond to actual disaster or emergency situations. RCOEM provides key coordination and leadership to county departments, stakeholders, residents, and visitors.

Our mission is:

*“To assist the community in mitigating known hazards and in preparing for, responding to, surviving and recovering from both natural and man-made disasters”*

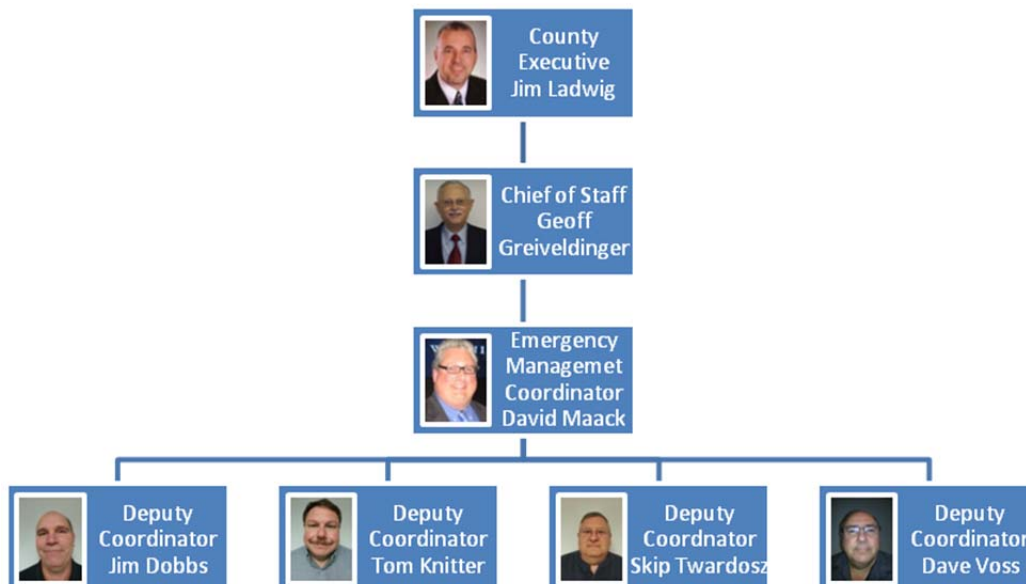
And our goal is:

*“To build a ‘Disaster Resistant Community’ while ‘Making Disaster Resistance a Way of Life.’”*

Wisconsin Statutes §323.14 requires that the governing body of each county, town and municipality shall adopt an effective program of emergency management consistent with the state plan of emergency management. The office provides emergency management services to all municipalities in Racine County. It works closely with local fire, police and public health departments and is represented on the Racine County Law Enforcement Executives Association and the Racine County Fire Chiefs Association.

## RCOEM ORGANIZATION

RCOEM is a relatively small department with 1.1 staff. In addition, four volunteer Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators are on call in the absence of the Emergency Management Coordinator.



During an actual disaster, the emergency management coordinator advises the County Executive on emergency management issues. If need be, an Emergency Operations Center is activated and key elected and appointed officials gather in it to manage the overall incident.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Deputy EM Coordinator **John Prochniak** accepted a position in Oregon teaching helicopter special ops and resigned his position on March 26, 2012. For the past 14 years, John served this office well, participating in many exercises and drills, working on special projects and assisting where needed. His interests were varied; and he helped develop a pet evacuation policy, spearheaded Project DUI, and assisted in the creation of two Law Enforcement trailers to name just a few of the many projects he worked on. In 2005, John stepped in and served as the interim emergency management coordinator during David Maack’s prolonged absence due to illness. During that time, John assisted in closing out several large Homeland Security equipment grants and carrying out a major full-scale exercise.

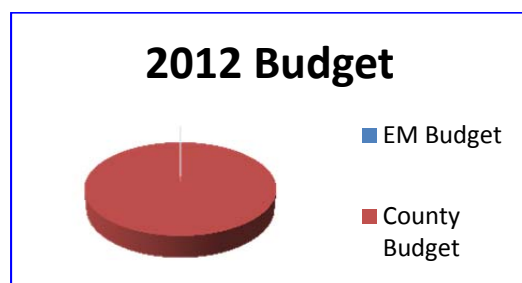


**Tom Knitter** was appointed as a volunteer Racine County Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Tom is a retired police officer and is active with Racine County TRIAD and Crime Stoppers. He joins Skip Twardosz, Dave Voss and Jim Dobbs.

**Geoff Greiveldinger** is retiring as the County Executive’s Chief of Staff. RCOEM reported to the Chief of Staff for administrative matters. Geoff also served as the County’s Public Information Officer and was active in many disaster exercises.

## BUDGET/GRANTS OVERVIEW

Emergency Management accounts for less than 0.1% of the overall county budget. And because the OEM budget is largely offset by a combination of federal and state grants, it is less than 0.1% of the county tax levy.



	<b>EM Budget</b>	<b>County Budget</b>
FY 2010	126,748	139,561,626
FY 2011	129,089	143,480,831
FY 2012	127,470	142,512,092



Various grant opportunities become available each year. Two grants that RCOEM consistently receives are the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), which is supposed to fund 50% of operations, and the Wisconsin Emergency Management's Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) Grant, which funds a portion of our hazardous materials planning activities.

In addition, we routinely apply for training grants and through the Milwaukee Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), of which Racine County is a member. Grants will be made available for our Citizen Corps program and for response-related equipment through June 30, 2013.

In many cases, the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance requires that the emergency management office apply for grants on behalf of outside agencies. Many of the grants are multi-year grants.

The following summary provides a snapshot of the various grants that were managed in 2012 (with the exception of EMPG and EPCRA grants).

<b>2012 GRANTS</b>		
<b>Program/Grant Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
#9624 Homeland Security/SE Citizen Corps	This grant funds the Southeastern Wisconsin Citizen Corps Program, a collaborative partnership between the Racine County and Kenosha County Emergency Management programs. The primary activity is the Community Emergency Response Team training classes.	\$45,835.00
#8533 Homeland Security/Regional Planning Grant	This grant is funding the development of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (CEMP) in the Southeast Wisconsin Region.	\$135,000.00
#8383 Homeland Security/SE Citizen Corps	This grant funds the Southeastern Wisconsin Citizen Corps Program, a collaborative partnership between the Racine County and Kenosha County Emergency Management programs. Additional grant dollars were added to complete Recovery Support Functions. The grant was closed out in FY2012.	\$ 119,850.00
#9879 Homeland Security/UASI M & A	Funds support planning and equipment procurement activities as well as maintenance and administration expenses	\$5,000.00
		\$305,685.00



## EMERGENCY PLANNING

RCOEM works closely with emergency responders, community partners, and residents to engage in comprehensive disaster planning for the County of Racine.

RCOEM has developed and maintains more than 50 plans, annexes, appendices, and supporting documents that guide preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities. Topics include Terrorism, Hazardous Materials, Mass Evacuation, Mass Care and Shelter, Medical and Health, Communications, and others.

**Racine County** received a \$135,000 grant through the Milwaukee Urban Area Security Initiative to facilitate the completion of a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) for the counties in the southeast region of Wisconsin. This plan is based on the current Racine County CEMP; once it is completed, all the counties in the southeast region will be operating on a common platform for response and recovery. Work will be completed in early 2013.

Work continued on catastrophic/evacuation planning and functional needs planning. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation provided detailed evacuation plans and maps for the entire county.

Updates were made to the Racine County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Racine County Hazardous Materials Plan.

Plan	2012 Update
<b>Racine County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Support Functions.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated and revised the Racine County CEMP</li><li>• Reduced ESF's from 29 to 24</li></ul>
<b>Racine County Hazardous Materials Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated the Racine County Hazardous Materials Plan</li></ul>
<b>Off Site Plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated 14 off site facility plans</li></ul>
<b>Snowmobile Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated the Racine County Snowmobile Plan</li></ul>
<b>Racine County Emergency Response Plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated Racine County ERPs for all Racine County buildings</li></ul>
<b>Mass Evacuation Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continued to develop a mass evacuation plan with the assistance of WI DOT</li></ul>

## TRAINING & EXERCISES

**Training** is an important component of preparedness. Throughout the year, RCOEM sponsors various training programs in Racine County. Many of these are grant funded, and target audiences may include both public safety agencies and the general public.

### **AWR 209 DEALING WITH THE MEDIA**

Racine County Emergency Management hosted the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium's *AWR 209 Dealing with the Media: A Short Course for Rural First Responders* course. AWR 209 was a short six-hour course designed to provide rural first responders with the skills and knowledge to quickly adopt the role of public information officer (PIO) if/when needed and to communicate with the public through the media.

### **TEEX's INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEMS**

Racine County Emergency Management hosted the TEEX's Incident Command Systems Forms Review-Local Jurisdiction (MGT-347) and Incident Management/Unified Command for All Hazards Expanding and Complex Incidents (MGT-313) courses. These courses were held on May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively.

### **DAVID MAACK COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING TRAINING COURSES IN 2012:**

01/05/12	IS-909 Community Preparedness Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone
01/25/12	AWR 209 Dealing with the Media
01/30/12	Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government's Role
02/06/12	IS-00912 Retail Security Awareness Understanding the Hidden Hazards
02/06/12	IS-00106.12 Workplace Violence Awareness Training 2012
02/06/12	IS-00139 Exercise Design
02/28/12	Journal Times Media Workshop
03/15-16/12	Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security
04/10/12	E-Sponder Basic
04/23/12	Donations Management
07/18-20/12	2012 Whole Community Conference
09/12/12	IS-00042 Social Media in Emergency Management
10/05/12	Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery (PER-300)

**Exercises** and drills are great opportunities to test skills and plans under simulated conditions. Each year, Racine County Emergency Management participates in several exercises/drills. RCOEM participated in several exercises with the Department of Corrections, as well as an exercise with Mercury Waste Solutions.

## RACINE COUNTY PARTICIPATES IN FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE-EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TESTED

The Racine County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was bustling with activity on the morning of April 19<sup>th</sup>. While the fire chief gathered additional information about an early morning train derailment, the Mayor and County Executive discussed the need for issuing a disaster declaration. Law Enforcement officials began planning for a one mile evacuation, paying close attention to the schools sitting in the hazard area. Of particular concern were the challenges evacuating the Racine County Youthful Offender Correctional Facility (RYOCF), a state correctional facility located just blocks away from the hazard.

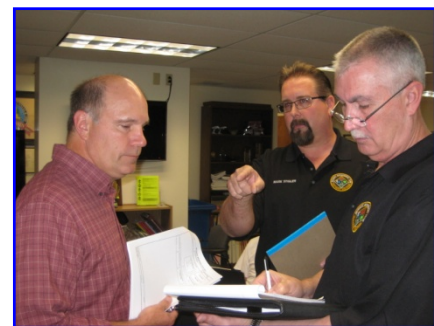


Phones rang, status boards were updated and briefings were held. Teams quickly formed as problems were addressed and action plans developed. Though it appeared real, it was just a test, a test involving over 15 different agencies who gathered in four different sites to test plans, procedures, communication capabilities and decision making.



The exercise was an extension of a table top that RYOCF conducted about a year ago involving a train derailment. They had a requirement to conduct a follow-up exercise which expanded on the original so David Maack, Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator suggested they expand the scope and bring in additional community partners besides police, fire and emergency management.

The Warden agreed and a multi-agency planning team was assembled. Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) was asked to facilitate this process and according to Cregg Reuter, WEM Exercise Design Officer, this was the most complex and largest drill they had ever conducted for a county, involving four different sites and over a hundred participants when it was all done.



A functional exercise simulates an emergency in the most realistic manner possible, short of moving real people and equipment to an actual site. As the name suggests, its goal is to test or

evaluate the capability of one or more functions in the context of an emergency event. For Racine City and County officials, it was a test of the Emergency Operations Center.

There are limitations to these exercises. It is difficult to replicate the urgency and the adrenalin rush that one would feel if it had been an actual event. It is also difficult to simulate the sheer volume and intensity of calls that would flood dispatch centers, agency offices and the EOC. But it does give each and every participant a glimpse of what they would face if it had been an actual event and allows them to make and learn from mistakes before disaster strikes.

### **RACINE FD/CST EXERCISE**

David Maack was invited to participate in a full scale exercise involving the Racine Fire Department's Regional Hazmat Team and the National Guard's CST team. The scenario involved the discovery of a "booby-trapped" meth lab in an old vacant warehouse.



### **MERCURY WASTE SOLUTIONS**

Waste Management's Mercury Waste, Inc. (WMMWI) is the nation's largest mercury waste processor and, as such, must be prepared to meet a variety of day-to-day issues as well as HAZMAT emergencies in coordination with Racine County First Responders. The possibility of an incident at the plant is real. Thus, WMMWI and Racine County First Responders must not only have a plan, but prepare for this possibility by exercising along with cooperating and assisting agencies to assess how they would work individually and collectively in



response to such an incident. The WMMWI/ Kansasville Fire Department (KFRD) Tabletop Exercise was developed to evaluate multi-jurisdictional response and coordination of a simulated incident. This exercise was designed to test on-site incident management/unified command, communications, and coordination between the public agencies and private sector. The exercise planning team was composed of the KFRD, WMMWI, RCOEM and Wisconsin Emergency Management.

**EXERCISE/DRILL:**

- 04/19/12      Functional Exercise-Train Derailment  
                  Statewide Tornado Drill
- 09/13/12      Child Support Fire Drill
- 9/14/12        Ives Grove Fire Drill
- 09/17/12      Western Racine County Service Center Fire Drill
- 09/18/12      Racine FD/CST Exercise
- 09/20/12      Courthouse Fire Drill  
                  DKRCSC Fire Drill
- 09/26/12      Mercury Waste Table Top Exercise
- 10/25/12      RYOCF Plane Crash/Hazmat/Mass Casualty Table Top Exercise
- 11/15/12      All Saints Winter Storm TT
- 11/16/12      LEC Fire Drill

*“In a crisis, you will not rise to the level of your expectations, but you will fall to your level of training.”*  
-unknown





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PUBLIC OUTREACH

Racine County Emergency Management conducts comprehensive, robust public outreach campaigns throughout the year. Campaigns include winter, flood, tornado, severe thunderstorm and hazardous materials awareness; public outreach includes speaking, media interviews, a Ready Racine newsletter, email blasts and a website to name a few.

### FEMA THINK TANK

David Maack was invited to participate in FEMA's first Think Tank. This program was held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and was open to a national audience of state, local, and tribal governments, and to all members of the public, including the private sector, the disability community, and volunteer community, who share an interest in improving our role in emergency management. FEMA Deputy Administrator Richard Serino hosted this national Think Tank.



### READY RACINE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FORUMS

Racine County Emergency Management is sponsoring a series of community readiness seminars that cover topics such as individual and family preparedness, developing a home emergency plan, pet/service animal preparedness, Rx for readiness, going off grid: utility outages, fire safety and severe weather awareness. Participants who complete the four part series receive a certificate of completion.

The first seminar was held on February 20, 2012 and covered individual and family preparedness. The second seminar was held on March 19, 2012. Topics covered were Pet/Service Animal Preparedness (Hope Safehouse), Going Off Grid: Utility Outages (WE Energies) and Rx for Readiness (Wheaton Franciscan-All Saints).

Representatives from HOPE Safehouse gave an informative presentation on how to plan for the safety of pets and service animals in times of disaster and personal emergencies. The presentation offered detailed information on choosing and planning appropriate arrangements for the shelter and care of your animals during these times of crisis.

A sample animal emergency kit was presented with instructions on how to prepare a similar kit for your own pet. The importance of proper identification of animals was discussed, with suggestions on how to increase your chances of being reunited with your pets in the event that they are separated from you. The session concluded with advice on alleviating unnecessary stress during times of crisis, including how to detect and address animal anxiety, creating a back-up buddy system for your pet's emergency care, and safeguarding against certain hazards unique to times of disaster.

## **FEMA WEBINAR**

David Maack was invited to participate in FEMA's March Monthly Preparedness Update webinar. He presented on "How to Engage Faith-Based Organizations in Your Community in Emergency Management" and then took questions from the national audience. This webinar was a part of an ongoing series of monthly FEMA Preparedness Calls which serve as an opportunity for FEMA to showcase best practices from throughout the country. State and local stakeholders are able to hear from subject matter experts on specific issues and topics that are important to them, listen to updates from the Ready Campaign and the FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness division, and ask questions of featured experts and national leadership. The intent of these calls is primarily to serve state and local stakeholders, and to provide them with insights, ideas, and practices that they can use in the work that they do in their communities.

## **RACINE & ME**

David Maack and Rev. Ron Auch appeared on the March 25<sup>th</sup> edition of *Racine and Me* on Channel 49 (then WBME-TV). The program covered the recent FEMA award for working with the faith-based community, the tornado that damaged Prayer House Assembly of God in Kenosha and steps churches can take to prepare themselves. The interview was conducted by Jennifer Tomazic, Channel 58 morning anchor.

## **READY RACINE BLOG**

Racine County Emergency Management has launched a blog. The blog will be used to disseminate preparedness information and news to the general public. For more information, go to: [readyracine.blogspot.com](http://readyracine.blogspot.com).

## **STORM SPOTTER SEMINAR**

Racine County Emergency Management hosted the annual storm spotter seminar on April 17, 2012. Due to changes at the National Weather Service, a NWS meteorologist was unable to instruct this year. However, Skip Voros from the Milwaukee Area Skywarn Association was able to conduct the class. Attendance was standing room only.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM**

Racine County hosted a Climate Change forum featuring Evan Murdoch, a graduate student with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Sea Grant Institute. Through a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) administered through the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Evan is meeting with representatives from communities located on Wisconsin's Lake Michigan coasts. The Sea Grant Institute has developed a community checklist to answer the questions "How will climate change affect coastal communities" and "What action steps do communities need to take?"



## **RACINE COUNTY FAIR/SAFETY FAIR**

The Volunteer Center of Racine County ran the Emergency Management/Citizen Corps booth at the Racine County Fair. Information on preparedness was handed out. In addition, the Volunteer Center organized our annual Safety Fair which was held at Home Depot.

## **RCOEM PRESENTATIONS**

David Maack presented on *“Building Collaborative Community Relationships for the Whole Community”* at the 2012 Whole Community Conference sponsored by the Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin Combined Statistical Area and on *“Ethical Leadership”* for the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association’s annual conference. In addition, he spoke on emergency preparedness for Society’s Assets, Inc.’s annual employee in-service and for Triad’s Disaster Readiness Event for Seniors.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

David Maack continues to write a Community Newsletter column for *The Journal Times*. In addition, articles that he writes occasionally appear in other publications:

- Community Newsletter Column: Community series continues tonight (Journal Times, 3/19/12)
- Community Newsletter Column: Joplin Tornado: Residents did not immediately seek shelter (Journal Times, 05/26/12)
- Community Newsletter Column: Takes steps to prepare for emergencies (Journal Times, 09/04/12)
- Community Newsletter Column: A list that could save your life in case of emergency (Journal Times, 10/29/12)

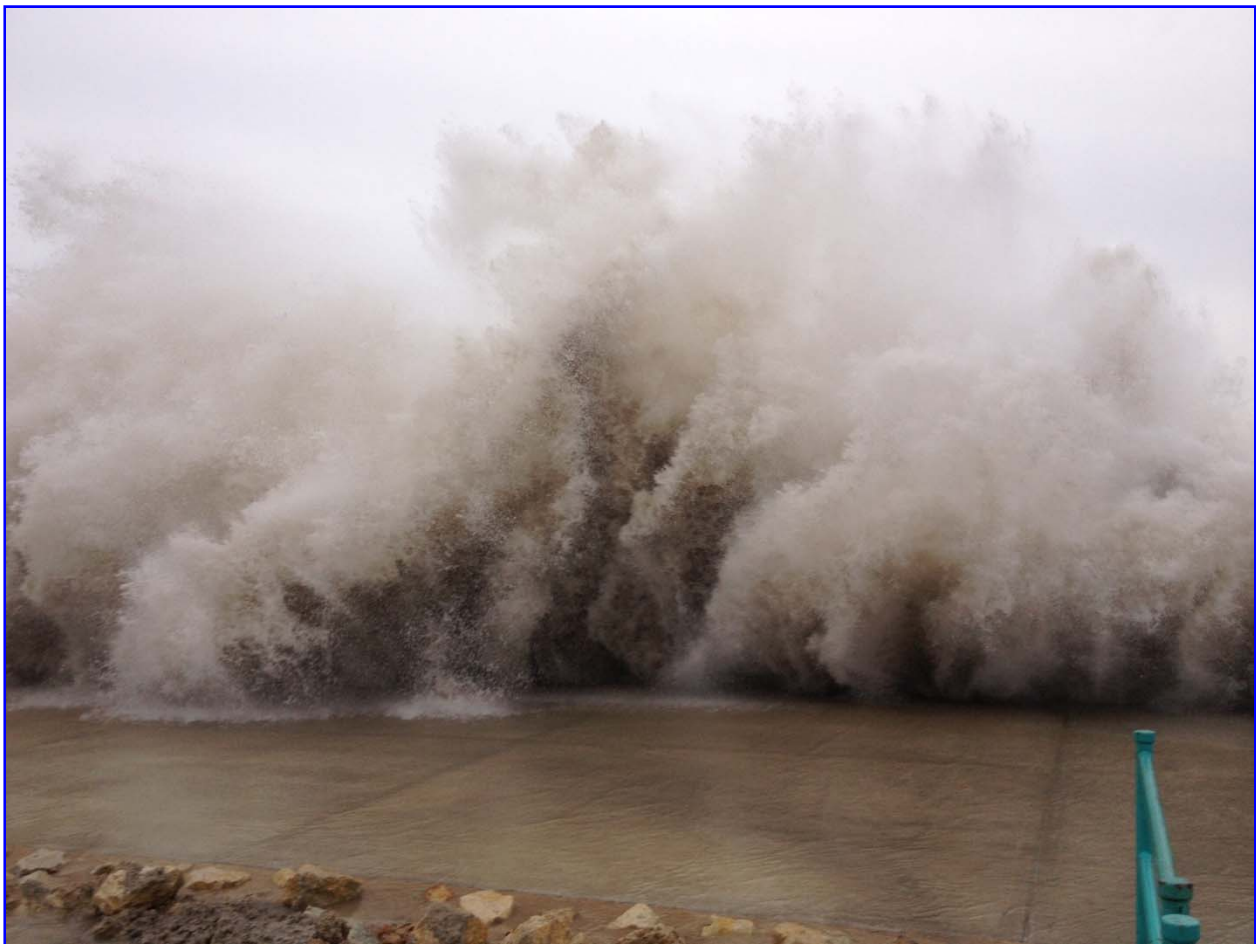


## SPILLS/INCIDENTS

### MILD YEAR

Racine County experienced a mild winter season and a very dry spring and summer season. Drought conditions existed throughout southeast Wisconsin. Severe weather watches and warnings were down significantly over past years. However, Racine County experienced a higher than normal number of Excessive Heat Warnings.

**“I always tried to  
turn every disaster  
into an opportunity.”  
–John D. Rockefeller**



**Storm Surge Impacts Lake Michigan in late October**

### PLANE CRASH-SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

At approximately 12:08 pm Racine County Dispatch broadcast a 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarm MABAS Box for a plane crash in the 24000 block of Kennedy Ave, Dover Township. Skip Twardosz responded. Upon arrival he met with Kansasville Fire Chief Chad Franks, who confirmed the crash of a small plane into the backyards of 24830 and 24820 Kennedy Ave resulting in an explosion and fire which destroyed the plane, a garage, and two cars, as well as damaging two houses, outbuildings, and a power pole and lines. The explosion scattered debris around the neighborhood. At the request of Chief Franks, and with the concurrence of Lt Sikora of the Sheriff's Office, Skip Twardosz functioned as PIO for the incident. A statement was developed and presented to the media by Chief Franks and Lt Sikora. It was later determined by FAA and Sheriff's Investigators that the plane was one that had gone missing from Milwaukee radar at the time of the crash and had been en route from the Chicago area to northern Wisconsin with only a pilot on board.

## Racine County Severe Weather History

Year	Severe Thunderstorm		Tornado	
	Watch	Warning	Watch	Warning
2000	8	14	3	1
2001	10	7	1	1
2002	7	6	1	0
2003	4	6	3	0
2004	15	16	2	0
2005	11	5	5	3
2006	19	19	3	0
2007	2	11	3	0
2008	9	19	5	4
2009	7	8	1	2
2010	6	7	7	7
2011	8	17	2	0
2012	2	10	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>

## AWARDS

### WHITE HOUSE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) honored 17 individuals, including Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator David Maack, as recipients of this year's Individual and Community Preparedness Awards, for spearheading creative and effective initiatives to better prepare their communities for disaster events.

On Thursday, January 19, the 17 FEMA honorees were recognized at the White House as Champions of Change. Each week, a different issue is highlighted, and groups of Champions, ranging from educators to entrepreneurs to community leaders, are recognized for the work they are doing to better their communities.

FEMA recognized Maack in the category of "Engagement with Faith-Based Communities". In collaboration with the City of Racine Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships and Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, he worked with the faith-based community to present a forum on preparedness for churches and faith-based organizations.



During the White House event, Maack and the other attendees heard from Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and participated in a panel discussion, facilitated by Richard Reed, Special Assistant to the President on Homeland Security. The panel discussion was streamed live on the White House website and, according to the White House, this event garnered over 13,000 page views and over 4500 live stream viewers, the largest in the history of the Champions of Change program.

Honorees also met with senior FEMA staff, including a round table discussion with Timothy W. Manning, FEMA Deputy Administrator for Protection and National Preparedness. On Capitol Hill, they attended a Congressional reception hosted by Rep. Gus Bilirakis, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications.

#### **Biographies can be viewed at:**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions/previous>

#### **You Tube Video:**

<http://www.youtube.com/user/whitehouse#p/u/8/HmEzqU43FGo>

#### **David Maack blog**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/01/19/strength-numbers>

## **EM COORDINATOR RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD**

Racine County Executive Jim Ladwig announced that David Maack, Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator, received the 2012 “Member of the Year” award from the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association (WEMA) at the association’s annual conference held in Madison on October 17, 2012.

According to Mark Owen, WEMA president, the member of the year award is to recognize outstanding performance in emergency management program management and practice.

“David Maack was recognized by the association for both his accomplishments as an emergency manager and for his willingness to share and work with others to foster better emergency management practices within the southeast region and the state of Wisconsin,” commented Owen, “Based on the depth and scope of his activities and a continued desire to serve Racine County and Wisconsin, I was pleased he was selected to receive the award. “



David has served Racine County since 1990. Over the past 22 years, he has built a program that has received national recognition for various programs and projects. Most recently, he was honored this past January at the White House by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for work he has done with the faith-based community. Ladwig stated, “I congratulate David on this recognition; it’s another example of the fine work done by Racine County employees day in and day out.”

The Wisconsin Emergency Management Association (WEMA) is an association of people and businesses that are interested in promoting effective emergency management planning, training and exercise programs throughout the State of Wisconsin. Its purpose is to advocate, promote and represent statewide emergency management interests in order to enhance the safety and security of all citizens.

## **EM COORDINATOR RECERTIFIED**

David Maack was recertified as a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM<sup>®</sup>) by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). IAEM created the Certified Emergency Manager<sup>®</sup> Program to raise and maintain professional standards. It is an internationally recognized program that certifies achievements within the emergency management profession.

## SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN CITIZEN CORPS

In 2012, **Southeast Wisconsin Citizen Corps** hosted four Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes, two business CERT classes, one youth disaster camp, a traffic control class and a CERT train-the-trainer class. The CERT class for businesses was refined and presented to Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Region V officials. It was well received and may be shared with others at FEMA headquarters.



Since the Racine and Kenosha Citizen Corps programs merged in 2006, over 480 citizens have gone through CERT training. In addition, a number of CERT-trained individuals have indicated an interest in being a part of an organized CERT team, including twenty-six from Racine County, forty from Kenosha County and seven from outlying areas.

Public outreach activities included SafeAssured™ ID events, county fair participation and safety fairs in each county. The Southeast Wisconsin Citizen Corps program received a certificate of appreciation from the Department of Homeland Security for National Awareness Month participation.

### 2012 ACTIVITIES:

#### Community classes

- February - held at the Sturtevant Village Hall with 17 in attendance
- June - held at the Sturtevant Transitional Facility with 12 in attendance
- October - held at Randall Fire House #2 with 13 in attendance
- December - held at Sturtevant Village Hall with 15 in attendance

#### Business classes

- January - held at Gordon Foods with 16 in attendance
- May - held at Albany Chicago with 24 in attendance

#### Youth Camp

- June - 18 in attendance

#### Train the Trainer

- July - 8 new instructors

#### Traffic Control Class

- May - held in Caledonia with 7 in attendance





Outreach for 2012 included:

- Numerous SafeAssured™ ID functions under the CERT banner
- Kenosha and Racine County Fairs
- Updates to the Southeast Wisconsin Citizen Corps CERT Facebook page
- Safety Fairs in Kenosha and Racine Counties
- Racine's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

CERT members volunteered for the following:

- Kenosha and Racine County Fairs
- Kenosha and Racine County Safety Fairs
- Traffic control at several festivals and events in Kenosha and Racine Counties
- Cops 'n Kids Giveaway
- Parades

