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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

The McHenry Township Road District: Always doing more for less!

Road District staff and crews are highly trained, well-prepared in advance, and ready to respond immediately to emergency conditions resulting from tornados, storm damage, flooding, automobile accidents and winter blizzards.



Coordinated Emergency Response

Our Road District is a member of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Assistance Network, as well as a member of the McHenry County Emergency Management Agency. As a result of our affiliation with these organizations and the 24 hour a day, 365 day per year commitment of our staff and crew members, we stand ready to act in any emergency. We answer emergency call-outs resulting from storm damage, tornados, blizzards, fallen trees, flooding & automobile accidents.



Winter Emergencies

- Ensure all vehicles and plows are in emergency-ready condition, with adequate amounts of salt and fuel.
- Maintain adequate fuel and salt reserves for the duration of hazardous conditions.
- Assign teams of plows to cover pre-planned township quadrants. Clearing main roads is a top priority, followed by subdivisions.
- Emergency responders and vehicles staged from Township yard, prepared to load salt and refuel as needed.
- Maintain Road District facility's readiness to handle staff & volunteer needs for food, water and warming.



Intergovernmental agreements are important under emergency conditions.

The McHenry Township Road District has entered into mutually beneficial agreements with numerous McHenry County communities including the City of McHenry, Villages of Johnsburg, McCullom Lake, Wonder Lake, Ringwood, Spring Grove as well as IDNR, Greenwood Township and Nunda Township. In addition, the District cooperates in maintaining and upgrading non-dedicated roads that have been accepted into the County Road System.

Our Emergency Action-Plan Includes:

- Immediately contact & coordinate with emergency responders and law enforcement agencies.
- Immediately alert and inform citizens utilizing township website, news outlets & social media.
- Pre-assign staff and crew members to emergency duties, assuring a rapid coordinated response.



Accidents and Storm Damage

- Cooperate with law enforcement agencies to install warning signs in cases of serious automobile accidents.
- Clear all post-accident debris. Return roadway to safe driving conditions.
- Repair or replace any damaged signage or guard rails.
- Remove any damaged or fallen trees to assure safe roadway conditions.



Flooding Emergencies

- Maintain adequate supplies of sand, sandbags and anti-icing liquid
- Utilize automated equipment capable of rapidly filling thousands of sand bags.
- Continually maintain gasoline powered water pumps. Thousands of feet of hose on stand-by.
- Maintain all generators emergency-ready, topped off with fuel.
- Deliver sandbags, sand and shovels to critical locations throughout the Township for use by crews, volunteers and residents.
- Place warning, road closed and caution signs as required until conditions return to normal.



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