

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: *April 4, 2022*

TO: *Emergency Management Committee*

FROM: *Eric Rasmussen, Director of Emergency Management*

RE: *Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact for Local Emergency Management Assistance*

Background:

Mutual Aid has been a long-standing practice in the field of Emergency Management. When disaster strikes, Emergency Management Offices are tasked with an immense number of tasks that quickly overwhelm our small staffs. In these times, we rely on our counterparts from other Counties for support.

For example, in 2018 floods impacted 272 homes in Sauk County. Through mutual aid office spent time in Sauk County conducting damage assessments and running a donation center. With our assistance, Sauk County was able to document the damages and receive more than \$2.9 million in FEMA Public Assistance.

Wisconsin Emergency Management in conjunction with the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association have developed this agreement, procedure, and request form to formalize this process. We entered into a similar mutual aid agreement within our Region in 2009. However, as disasters continue to grow in size and complexity additional EMs from outside our region may be necessary and this agreement will standardize a process to facilitate this support.

Policy Discussion:

This is a new agreement/compact for Winnebago County. Being so, the item requires County Board approval before entering into the agreement.

Requested Action:

The requested action is for a motion and vote to approve entering into the Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact for Local Emergency Management Assistance.

Committee Action:

(Added before full county board) Information on discussion at committee including who made the motion, the verbiage of the motion and any pertinent discussion items

Attachments:

- *Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact for Local Emergency Management Assistance*
- *Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact Procedure*
- *Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact Request Form*