

# Emergency Management Annual Report



2024

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## **Purpose and Mission:**

The Marquette County Emergency Management Division coordinates effective disaster response and recovery efforts caused by natural or man-made disasters and terrorist attacks in support of Marquette County and surrounding communities. Through planning, mitigation, training, and exercising, we prepare ourselves, our citizens, and response personnel to respond to disasters, and minimize the loss of lives and property.



## **Marquette County Emergency Management Office**

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## **EM Director:**

In 2024, the Marquette County Emergency Management Division worked collaboratively with other county entities and community members to improve resiliency within the county. Although we didn't see any major disasters in 2024, we continue to plan, mitigate and train for those occasions in hopes that we will be better prepared to respond.

*-Lt. Aaron Williams*

## Training:

Lt. Williams completed the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA in 2024. The FBI National Academy is an intense ten-week, in-resident training, that focuses on leadership principles through academics, physical fitness, and networking opportunities. Less than 1% of law enforcement officers throughout the nation are selected to attend this training. Lt. Williams graduated with 196 other officers, coming from 47 states and 23 foreign countries.



Lt. Williams is the third member of the Marquette County Sheriff's Office to attend this prestigious leadership training. Sheriff Joe Konrath (2008) and Captain Michael Kowalski (2018)

Lt. Williams also worked with Adams Columbia Electric Cooperative to bring hands-on training to Sheriff's Office deputies relating to the dangers of working around downed powerlines. We recognize the importance of public/private relationships like this and are thankful that we have such great support in our communities.



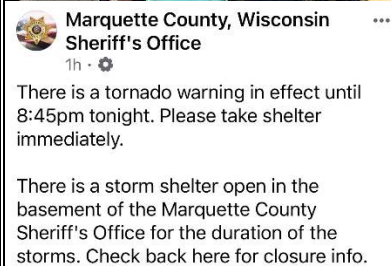
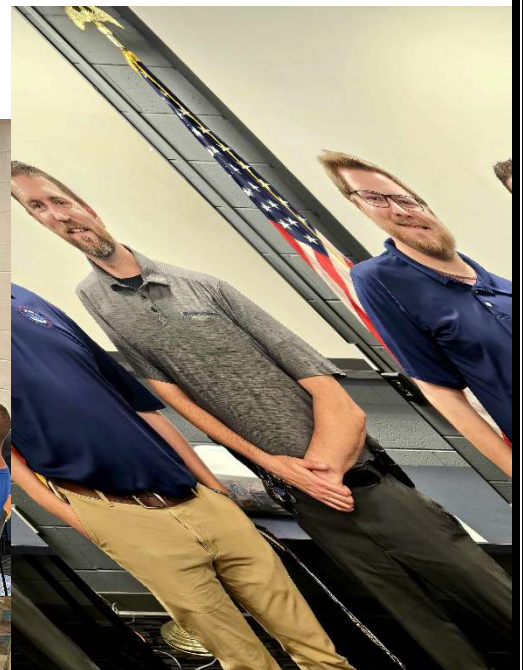


## Exercises:

Lt. Williams worked with Brakebush Bros. Inc. near Westfield to coordinate a facility evacuation drill. This exercise focused on a simulated hazardous material leak at their facility. Employees assigned to the Brakebush Bros Hazmat Team were asked to simulate a response to identify the leak. General Employees were asked to follow their supervisor's guidance and evacuate the building in a safe manner, avoiding the contaminated area. Evaluators were present to record areas for improvement.

## Outreach:

In 2024 Marquette County Emergency Management participated in several drills and exercises. A Weather Spotter training put on by the National Weather Service was held in April. Lt. Williams also worked with the Marquette County Senior Nutrition Program to present a presentation at their Picnic in the Park event in August. Lt. Williams spoke to the group about preparing for weather-related emergencies.



## 2024 Grant Summary:

The Emergency Management Office together with the Marquette County Hazmat Team was awarded the 2024 Computer and Hazmat Equipment Grant. The grant awarded Marquette County \$7,524.29 which was used to purchase specialized hazmat detection equipment for members of the Marquette County Hazmat Team. Emergency Management closed out the grant by asking for additional dollars to be considered with the award check. As of April, we still have not received the check from the State to see if any additional money was added.

The Emergency Management Office applied for and received the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$24,219.62. The Emergency Management Office also applied for and received the 2024 EPCRA Emergency Planning Grant in the amount of \$5,097.29. Both grants are used to offset the wages of the Emergency Management Director.

Lt. Williams applied for a Community Giving grant from United Cooperative. In March, Emergency Management received a grant award in the amount of \$1,000 to use towards purchasing life preservers for each of the sheriff's office patrol deputies and detectives.



## 2024 Budget:

The Emergency Management Division experienced a shortfall in the budget for 2024. The total expenses in 2024 were approximately \$9,200 more than what was budgeted. The majority of that overage related to personnel expenses. On the revenue side, changes in grant funding resulted in a shortfall of approximately \$1,800. This was primarily because the State of Wisconsin realized an award reduction mid-year which was less than what was provided on the initial application.

The EM Office showed a net shortfall of approximately \$11,020 in 2024.

	Budgeted	Actual	Net
Total expenditures	\$149,162	\$158,400	-\$9,238
Total revenues	\$38,623	\$36,841	-\$1,782
		2024 Shortfall	\$11,020