

# Emergency Management Annual Report



2025

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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.



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### EM Director:

In 2025, the Marquette County Emergency Management put preparedness and training as top priorities. As you will see in this report much of the work product revolved around school safety and severe weather awareness. While we recognize that both severe weather and school violence are low frequency events, we continue to plan and train so that our community is ready to respond and recover from such tragedies.

*-Lt. Aaron Williams*

## Training:

In March Lt. Williams participated in Pipeline Emergency Response training. Lt. Williams also completed Crisis Management for School Incidents training in Dodge County.

Lt. Williams attended the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association conference and completed the Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response and Coordination Methods training courses.



## Exercises:

In March Lt. Williams participated in the WI DOT North Central Region Spring Weather Preparedness Exercise. Lt. Williams also took part in the Wisconsin Emergency Management East Central Regional WebEOC functional exercise.



In August, Lt. Williams and Captain Tomlin conducted tabletop exercises for both Montello and Westfield schools. Topics ranged from medial emergencies to severe weather. They also participated in a full-scale School Threat/Reunification exercise in Waushara County.

## Outreach:

Lt. Williams completed his fourth year serving as the Secretary Treasurer for the Marquette County Firefighters Association. During the July meeting Lt. Williams set up a facility tour at United Cooperative in Westfield. First Responders learned of the specific hazards at the facility and got a better understanding of their operations.

In April Lt. Williams hosted a Severe Weather Spotter training in collaboration with the National Weather Service. Later in July, Lt. Williams gave a Severe Weather presentation to some members of the Amish community. And keeping with the theme of severe weather, Lt. Williams conducted a facility tour at Brakebush Bros and spoke about ways they might improve safety during severe weather. As a result, the company purchased several weather radios to place in strategic locations within the plant. Finally in December, Lt. Williams posted an article in the Marquette County staff newsletter about Winter Weather Preparedness.

In September, Lt. Williams gave a presentation to the Westfield Schools on School Violence. Lt. Williams also assisted the Montello Schools on their lockdown and evacuation drills. In December, Lt. Williams completed a School Safety Assessment at Christ Alone Lutheran Academy in Montello.



## 2025 Grant Summary:

The Emergency Management Office together with the Marquette County Hazmat Team was awarded the 2025 Computer and Hazmat Equipment Grant. The grant awarded Marquette County \$7,457.66 which was used to purchase specialized portable radios for members of the Marquette County Hazmat Team.

The Emergency Management Office applied for and received the 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$24,130.10. The Emergency Management Office also applied for and received the 2025 EPCRA Emergency Planning Grant in the amount of \$5,101.83. 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 Quikclot combat gauze and additional tourniquets for each of the sheriff's office patrol deputies and detectives.

## 2025 Budget:

The Emergency Management Division experienced a surplus in the budget for 2025. The total expenses in 2025 were approximately \$888 less than what was budgeted. On the revenue side, changes in grant funding resulted in grant awards being delayed. This was primarily because the State of Wisconsin was waiting for funding from FEMA.

The EM Office showed a net surplus of approximately \$888 in 2025.

	Budgeted	Actual	Net
Total expenditures	\$155,311	\$154,950	\$361
Total revenues	\$36,759	\$37,286	\$527
		2025 Surplus	\$888