



ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

JB Pritzker
Governor

Alicia Tate-Nadeau
Acting Director

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I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for allowing one of more of your officers or deputies to respond to assist with the flood response in Southern Illinois. Your agency was one of 88 agencies throughout Illinois that responded to our call for help by sending over 120 officers/deputies. Your participation in the ILEAS system is to be commended. Time and time again, ILEAS member agencies step up to the plate to provide service and support to the citizens and their brothers and sisters in law enforcement across Illinois.

While it may not have been exciting or adventurous work, the details to which your officers were assigned remain important and critical nonetheless. We heard from residents who had evacuated from their homes that they were comforted by the fact that police officers from around Illinois were there to watch their property in their absence. In some cases, deployed team members offered a chance for local officers, who had been dealing with the crisis long before the arrival of assistance, to get some time off to deal with their own personal flooding issues. Let me assure you that deployed officers and deputies were appreciated, valued and respected for their time and effort.

I know that you are wondering if your expenses will be reimbursed. While that has yet to be determined, rest assured that the Illinois Emergency Management Agency is working diligently to obtain sufficient funds to reimburse your agency as much as legally possible. It is important that you participate in the ILEAS process for documentation of expenses as soon as possible so that we have all the data necessary to submit our claim.

On behalf of Governor JB Pritzker, the State of Illinois as well as me and the entire staff at IEMA, we thank you for your willingness to help your fellow citizens in their times of need. Also, please pass along my personal thanks and gratitude to each of your officers and deputies who responded to this disaster.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my staff if you have any questions whatsoever.

Respectfully,


Alicia Tate-Nadeau
Acting Director