EMA Director’s Quarterly Report

(January 1 – March 31, 2025)

**Incidents/Responses:**

1. January (several periods) – Extreme cold
2. January 28 – Structure fire in Tyner
3. February 5 – Freezing rain, travel advisory issued
4. February 8 – Freezing rain, travel advisory issued
5. February 12 – Snow, travel advisory issued, in effect until February 24
6. March 15 – Severe thunderstorms
7. March 30 – EF1 tornado, severe thunderstorms

**Grant Updates:**

1. 2024 EMPG Salary Reimbursement Agreement adopted.
2. Submitted BRIC Grant application to FEMA.
3. Received training on using Indiana’s new grants portal.
4. Continued to monitor grant opportunities for EMA and stakeholders.

**Training Updates:**

1. Attended Damage Assessment Training in Elkhart
2. Continually involved in planning for the 2025 IDHS North Region full-scale exercise.
3. Preparing training opportunity for local elected officials, first responders, and other community partners that will cover incident command, emergency management, and disaster response. Data of training will be May 13.

**Community Outreach:**

1. Continually updated Marshall County EMA Facebook page, as well as the Marshall County App.
2. Created an EMA monthly newsletter that was sent out for January, February, and March.
3. Updated community partners on winter weather conditions.
4. Appeared on WTCA’s morning show on March 12.
5. Attended January VFA meeting.
6. Attended spring semester school safety meeting.
7. Attended March ARES meeting.
8. Attended March 12 meeting of the Argos Town Council.
9. Shared the following press releases with local media:
   1. February 5 – Travel advisory
   2. February 6 – Normal travel status
   3. February 8 – Travel advisory
   4. February 10 - Normal travel status
   5. February 12 – Travel advisory
   6. February 24 – Normal travel status
   7. March 6 – Severe Weather Preparedness Week
   8. March 31 – EF1 tornado confirmed near Donaldson

**Other Topics:**

1. Participated in January/February/March monthly radio and WebEOC tests.
2. Hosted February Marshall County COOP meeting.
3. Attended February safety committee meeting.
4. Attended January District 2 Healthcare Coalition meeting.
5. Attended January and February District 2 EMA Meeting.
6. Continued updating Marshall County’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The first draft of the base plan is now complete, work on annexes has begun.
7. Conducted Q1 advisory board meeting on March 19.
8. Coordinated warming shelters with local communities.
9. Met with community partners to explore content improvements to the Marshall County App.
10. Spread awareness for Severe Weather Preparedness Week and monitored the county’s tornado sirens during the test.
11. Completed annual asset report.