

Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response and Citizen Corps Coordination Plan

Annual Update – Year XV

October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

Supporting and enhancing Michigan's homeland security, community health, public safety, and all-hazards preparedness with responsible leadership and planning.

Reducing, preventing, and preparing for emergencies or disasters.

Letter from Capt. Kevin Sweeney Chairperson of MCCERCC

December 18, 2024

The Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was created to integrate information from three separate committees and develop a critical core group to best serve the residents of Michigan. The combination of the Hazard Mitigation Committee, State Emergency Response Commission, and Citizen Corps Committee has allowed first responders, policymakers, and technical experts to exchange ideas and information freely while developing policies and procedures to protect the residents of Michigan as hazards evolve.

In May, the state of Michigan activated its State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in response to tornados that came through Southwest Michigan and affected four counties, which highlighted the importance of state agency coordination with representatives who are also members of the MCCERCC. Michigan will continue to be impacted by events that test the resilience and preparedness of the state, making the work of the MCCERCC increasingly vital to the safety of Michigan's residents. Michigan remains dedicated to enhancing public safety by improving the ability to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters, and threats to our homeland. Current initiatives include prioritizing statewide hazard mitigation projects, establishing Advanced Community Emergency Response Team (ACERT) training to better prepare volunteer resources, evolving chemical site and transportation safety by requiring the distribution of essential information to the community, and the continuous monitoring of crude oil safety and increasing information sharing with first responders.

The mission of the MCCERCC is "to support and enhance Michigan's homeland security, community health, public safety, and all-hazards preparedness with responsible leadership and planning," remains steadfast, as the Council and valuable partners continue to move forward.

This annual update analyzes determined goals for the period covering October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and the progress achieved. This document also identifies goals and challenges for the upcoming year, aligned with the mission of the MCCERCC.

The MCCERCC's commitment to support and enhance the preparedness for all-natural, human, and technological disasters or emergencies within the state of Michigan remain strong and will continue to increase through the expansion of public-private partnerships, interagency projects, and collaboration with local and federal partners.

Respectfully,

Capt. Kevin Sweeney, Commander
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MOVING THE MCCERCC FORWARD

Summary of the MCCERCC and Citizen Corps Coordination Plan Annual Update

Executive Order 2007-18 requires the MCCERCC to complete a comprehensive Michigan Community Emergency Response and Citizen Corps Coordination Plan. This order requires the plan to address five items:

- 1. Coordination of the use of volunteer resources in Michigan in furtherance of homeland security and emergency response.
- 2. Description of volunteer management plans for volunteer recruitment during times of declared states of emergency or disaster.
- 3. Analysis of state agency coordination plans related to volunteer recruitment and emergency management.
- 4. Detail of state, local, and tribal activities that may assist further development of Michigan Citizen Corps and coordination of resident-based community emergency response efforts.
- 5. Reporting on best practices in local and tribal resident-based emergency response activities and recognizing accomplishments.

The original plan, developed in 2009, included the items above and highlighted the three committees of the MCCERCC, which include Citizen Corps, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCR), and Hazard Mitigation. The 2009 plan provided a solid foundation and starting point for the MCCERCC.

The 2022-2023 Annual Update focused on the development of the three committees and provided detailed information on their vision, goals, and accomplishments. This document was designed to support the vision and mission of the MCCERCC while setting the goals and challenges for the coming year.

This year, the Year XIV Annual Update analyzes the goals that were established in the previous plan and provides a detailed assessment of progress toward the achievement of those goals. This update also identifies new goals and challenges for the upcoming year (October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025).

THE MCCERCC TODAY

Introduction

The MCCERCC is staffed by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD), chaired by the division commander, and is composed of 19 representatives including the directors or designees from Michigan's Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Military and Veterans Affairs, Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), MSP, and Transportation, as well as the State Fire Marshal, the executive director of the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC), and 11 other representatives appointed by the Governor. All members serve a four-year term and are eligible for reappointment by the Governor.

MCCERCC MEMBERSHIP

Members	Representation	Term Expires		
Mr. Cody Dorland	Technical Expert related to Emergency Response	12/31/2027		
Mr. John Dulmes	Technical Expert related to Emergency Response 12			
Ms. Theresa Metzmaker	Technical Expert related to Emergency Response 12/31/202			
Mr. Jeff Parsons	Technical Expert related to Emergency Response	12/31/2025		
Mr. Robert Seeley	Technical Expert related to Emergency Response	12/31/2026		
Mr. Chad Veeser	Technical Expert related to Emergency Response	12/31/2027		
Ms. Abigail Watkins	General Public	12/31/2024		
Mr. S. Tutt Gorman	General Public 12/31/			
Ex Officio	Agency			
Mr. Brad Deacon	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development			
Mr. Jay Eickholt	Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy			
Mr. Jay Fiedler	Department of Health and Human Services			
MAJ Steven Haggerty	Department of Military and Veterans Affairs			
Capt. Kevin Sweeney	Department of State Police			
Mr. Todd Bechler	Department of Transportation			
Ms. Virginia Holmes	Michigan Community Service Commission			
Mr. Kevin Sehlmeyer	State Fire Marshal			
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Vision of the MCCERCC

To reduce, prevent, and prepare for emergencies or disasters.

Mission of the MCCERCC

To support and enhance Michigan's homeland security, community health, public safety, and all-hazards preparedness with responsible leadership and planning.

The MCCERCC is comprised of three committees: Citizen Corps, EPCR, and Hazard Mitigation. Each of these groups has a unique role in developing Michigan's emergency preparedness capabilities.

THE CITIZEN CORPS COMMITTEE

The Michigan Citizen Corps Program (CCP) helps communities coordinate volunteers to prepare for and respond to local emergencies. It encourages training and engages volunteers to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to emergencies and disasters of all kinds, including threats of terrorism, natural disasters, crime, public health issues, etc. The support of CCP activities is critical during major disasters when first responders may be initially overwhelmed.

The following section reviews the Citizen Corps Committee's past year's goals, projects of significance, future goals, and potential obstacles.

REVIEW OF GOALS (YEAR XIV)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

The following section reviews summarizes, and analyzes the goals set forth by the Citizen Corps Committee.

Analysis

The Michigan CCP continues to grow and address challenges, even in the absence of dedicated capacity support or funding. The Michigan Citizen Corps faced significant challenges in 2023-2024 but continues to focus on its mission "to create an atmosphere of safety, security, and personal preparedness with the residents of the state of Michigan."

<u>GOAL 1</u>: Continue risk and needs assessments on an ongoing basis to guide priorities for leadership, planning, and resource utilization.

Currently, the CCPs are examining their needs and exploring ways to rebuild their volunteer efforts. Teams have requested assistance with volunteer recruitment, community engagement, as well as funding for training and equipment. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) have resumed conferences and training activities in most regions. The CCP will resume regular quarterly meetings to assess the needs and planning for resources to support communities.

The MDHHS received a \$733,701 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) State Territory, and Tribal Nations Representative Organizations for Next Generation grant from the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response. This grant is being offered to local MRC to expand training, volunteer recruitment, and volunteer management at the unit level as well as funding for the state to standardize background checks on volunteers.

<u>GOAL 2</u>: Encourage participation in activities and conferences that increase volunteer participation in Citizen Corps councils, Citizen Corps partner programs, and Citizen Corps affiliate partners.

The CERT Programs are finding that training and engagement opportunities are the two key factors that retain volunteers for their emergency programs. In response, the MCSC along with the State of Michigan Fire Marshall has offered engagement opportunities to have volunteers involved in meaningful activities to promote safety. Some CERT Programs have been working with their local fire departments to install working smoke and CO2 alarms in private residences. In addition, CERT Teams have been invited by local Emergency Managers to assist with damage assessments following several weather-related disasters in Kalamazoo County, Muskegon, and SE Michigan.

The MSP and the MCSC have been offering training programs that are free and open to every CERT Member in the state. On a local level, CERT Leaders have been offering training opportunities both online and in person to practice hands-on activities.

Efforts in local counties have been made to forge partnerships with national and state-level organizations that support middle school, high school, and post-secondary students interested in healthcare occupations the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) encourages students to explore future healthcare professions by providing opportunities to enhance leadership skills, knowledge of healthcare careers, and helps put lessons into practice through participation in local, state, and national competitions and educational opportunities. The HOSA

program has been working with MRCs to gain support for the student programming utilizing local professionals as competition judges and coaches to enhance educational opportunities for youth members. Students are also participating in volunteer activities as part of their HOSA membership and opportunities are being developed and offered through the local MRCs.

The MCSC has been working on a program to help nonprofit organizations work with emergency managers to develop a volunteer-based response to disasters and donations management. There is a requirement for CERTS in the area to be invited to participate as a partner in the collaboration. It is anticipated that Citizen Corps Councils will include backbone, nonprofit organizations in their planning for disasters prior to an activity for volunteer and donations management.

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<u>GOAL 3</u>: Strengthen local, regional, and state coordination by establishing integrated procedures and clarifying roles and responsibilities in the management and utilization of the Citizen Corps and other volunteers during an emergency or disaster.

Contacts from MSP, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs), MI Registry, 2-1-1, and MCSC have been meeting to clarify roles and responsibilities for volunteers and donations in times of disaster.

<u>GOAL 4</u>: Support the development of a statewide Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) network, including the identification of a lead entity or agency that would coordinate the use of volunteers during an incident or event in collaboration with emergency management, human services, public health, and other response agencies and organizations.

Discussions continue to take place between MDHHS, MCSC, and MSP/EMHSD coordinators to improve the integration of the groups and coordinate with the state's volunteer structures. Revisions to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) should identify CCP volunteers as a resource to be used when a disaster occurs. Furthermore, the anticipated addition of the Volunteer and Donations Management Plan updates, as part of the MEMP, will detail a clearer and more comprehensive role for the CCP. CCP volunteers continue to be written into local plans, and complete integration with first responders remains an ongoing task. The CCP will continue to encourage incorporation into state planning.

Representation from the MSP/EMHSD, MCSC, and MDHHS will continue to collaborate and leverage volunteer management planning and activities through engaging in committee and volunteer management workgroups and coordinating and supporting volunteer management needs statewide.

The integration of VRCs has varied from disaster to disaster in our state. As organizations begin planning for volunteer responses to a disaster, VRCs will continue to be part of the planning.

<u>GOAL 5</u>: Strengthen local CCP through the support of statewide training and education, including a model training on how to establish a VRC and credential volunteers during a disaster.

As statewide training opportunities become available through disaster conferences and volunteer training, opportunities will be made available to work with local leaders.

<u>GOAL 6</u>: Increase ACERT participation by conducting leadership training each year and conducting and/or coordinating at least one ACERT designation exam and one ACERT class.

Completion of this goal is ongoing, as this program was designed to be a continuing education program for those volunteers going above and beyond what was originally asked of them.

BEST PRACTICES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (YEAR XIV)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

The following is an overview of best practices and accomplishments of the Citizen Corps Committee over the past year.

- The MDHHS, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Emergency Medical Service, and Systems of Car, MCSC, and MSP/EMHSD continued to expand the statewide VRC directory to support local Emergency Operations Centers, the SEOC, and the Community Health Emergency Coordination Center respond to emergencies in which volunteers may be needed.
- 2. The CCP continues to support the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance, via the MCSC, to bolster community preparedness and honor our military veterans
- 3. The Michigan CCP teams will continue to conduct basic CERT training for units. Other specialized trainings will continue to be held, including Stop the Bleed, Search and Rescue, Point of Distribution, High-Frequency Amateur (HAM) radio operation, Mass Casualties, Damage Assessment, Sky Warn classes, Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) 'You are the Help,' Auxiliary Communications, reunification, and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) supported Train-the-Trainer courses. This will continue to be a model the CCP supports, and they will continue to incorporate EMI training in these events.

VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS (YEAR XV)

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The MCCERCC has three separate but interrelated committees: Citizen Corps, EPCR, and Hazard Mitigation. Each of these committees has a separate but equally important role in the preparation and development of preparedness in Michigan. The following section describes the Citizen Corps Committee's vision, mission, and goals for the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 (October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025).

Vision

To create an atmosphere of safety, security, and personal preparedness with the residents of the state of Michigan for volunteerism and service.

Mission

To support and enhance Michigan's Citizen Corps councils, volunteer engagement, and partner programs with responsible leadership and planning.

GOALS (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

- 1. Continue risk and needs assessments on an ongoing basis to guide priorities for leadership, planning, and resource utilization.
- 2. Encourage participation in activities, exercises, and conferences that increase volunteer participation in volunteer groups centered on disaster response and recovery, Citizen Corps Councils, and affiliate/partner programs.
- Strengthen local, regional, and state coordination by establishing integrated procedures, planning, and clarifying roles and responsibilities in the management and utilization of the Citizen Corps and other volunteers during an emergency or disaster.

- 4. Support the development of a statewide VRC network, including the identification of a lead entity or agency that would coordinate the use of volunteers during an incident or event in collaboration with emergency management, human services, public health, and other response agencies and organizations.
- 5. Strengthen local CCPs through the support of regional and statewide training and education, in addition, to community-wide volunteer engagement and support operations in times of disaster.
- 6. Determine ACERT Program viability and participation by conducting a planning event and executing the vision laid out for updating and implementing a remodeled Michigan CCP training program.

STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE GOALS (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

The following strategies have been developed to achieve the goals mentioned in the preceding section:

- 1. Support statewide CERT training and statewide CERT games.
- 2. Hold and implement the suggestions from a CCP Focus Group training planning meeting.
- 3. Promote the CCP within emergency management, public safety, the Regional Health Care Coalitions (HCC), and local public health.
- 4. Continue to promote public awareness of local, regional, and state-level Citizen Corps and other volunteer recruitment.
- 5. Assist local programs in conducting at least one training conference in each region per year.
- 6. Provide technical assistance in updating the yearly MCCERCC Plan.
- 7. Partner with the Michigan Emergency Management Association, MI-VOAD, MDHHS, and other agencies to enhance preparedness in Michigan.
- 8. Participate in Days of Service and preparedness events around the state.
- 9. Involve local volunteers in state, regional, and county trainings and exercises.
- 10. Expand the viability and operations of the CCP and volunteer operations in each of the seven emergency management regions.
- 11. Develop community-wide volunteer training for disaster operations support.
- 12. Support the wider inclusion of additional volunteer resources and organizations, as part of the Michigan Citizen Corps Subcommittee, to support the MCCERCC. The MCSC plans to propose an adoption of Volunteer Services as a new title for the Michigan Citizen Corps Subcommittee.

CHALLENGES (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Challenges exist within each committee and each goal and the MCCERCC is dedicated to overcoming these challenges. Below are some challenges the CCP expects to face in the coming year and solutions to overcome each one.

Challenge: Increasing and maintaining volunteer engagement.

Solution: In 2023-2024, the MCSC supported CERT programs by offering training opportunities to strengthen volunteer capacities. The MCSC also met with CERTs. The teams began meeting quarterly in regions to collaborate on mutual goals for retaining members, training, and receiving support from the MCSC on volunteer

recruitment. It is important to continue developing avenues to keep volunteers engaged, trained, and updated with current preparedness information. The Michigan CCP will work to overcome this challenge by "supporting activities and conferences that increase volunteer participation in CCPs and Citizen Corps affiliate programs." Local, regional, state, and county agencies are encouraged to include their CCP in community activities, exercises, and emergencies. In addition, members of the Citizen Corps could assist all sectors in building community resilience. Best practices from successful recruiting units, including an emphasis on high school and college-level recruitment, should be identified, and used in training opportunities. In addition, each region will complete a bi-annual status report to identify unit composition, health/engagement, and training levels.

Challenge: Coordination with emergency managers to use Citizen Corps and additional volunteers in real events.

Solution: Determine the impact of the Volunteer Registry House Bill on liability and continue to educate emergency managers on the benefit of the CCP. Events, trainings, and exercises should be supported and promoted between CCP units, local authorities, community partners, and state entities.

Challenge: Funding and capacity reductions.

Solution: With the elimination of direct federal funding for the Michigan CCP, each CCP will continue to seek diverse ways to fund the CCP. The MCSC will endeavor to find support from granting sources where and when applicable.

Challenge: Volunteer management interagency coordination.

Solution: Local and state coordination in the management and utilization of volunteers during an emergency is crucial to ensure an effective response to an emergency. The VRCs support the process of channeling offers of assistance from residents to meet disaster-related needs, matching volunteers with organizations in an efficient, coordinated, and timely manner. The VRC directory will continue to be used for supporting interagency volunteer management, emergency preparedness, and response efforts. Additionally, alternate solutions will be explored to engage volunteers in ways outside a traditional VRC setting, including MI-VOAD and other volunteer engagements.

Challenge: FEMA change in program support.

Solution: Due to the change in FEMA support (eliminating all program support for CCPs aside from the CERT Program), determine a course of action for Volunteer Incentive Programs, Fire Corps, Neighborhood Watch, and MRC support in the state of Michigan.

PRIORITY PROJECTS (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Based on the goals and strategies set forth, the following hazard mitigation projects have been identified as priorities by the Hazard Mitigation Committee and the full MCCERCC membership. These priority projects will have the greatest impact and success for the completion of CCP goals and will allow for the greatest success in supporting and enhancing Michigan's homeland security, community health, public safety, and all-hazards preparedness.

State and Regional Conferences and Training: Region 2N and 2S, have taken the lead in organizing statewide CERT games tentatively planned for Spring 2024. This will be the first statewide conference/training held since the pandemic.

Continued VRC Development: This project will involve expanding the statewide VRC directory for emergency management, human services, local public health, HCC, volunteer agencies, and organizations in Michigan with a role in managing volunteers during an emergency response and updating/implementing planning based on VRC usage. Because each jurisdiction has its own distinct range of resources, information on VRC capabilities in Michigan is needed for situational awareness and to encourage partner support, collaborative planning, and implementation.

Expanded Community Preparedness: The MCSC will assist with direct planning, curriculum and tool development, and consultant support for communities in each region. As stated previously, each region has its own unique set of capabilities and challenges, and the MCSC's support is intended to identify the needs and gaps in resources in each area to better prepare communities for optimal recovery in times of emergency or disaster.

THE HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

The Hazard Mitigation Committee works in coordination with mitigation analysts from the MSP/EMHSD to help communities avoid potential disasters. Through hazard mitigation projects on private and public property, the Hazard Mitigation Committee is committed to protecting life, property, and the environment.

The following section reviews the Hazard Mitigation Committee's goals from the past year, projects of significance, future goals, and potential obstacles.

REVIEW OF GOALS (YEAR XIV)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

The following section reviews, summarizes, and analyzes the goals set forth by the Hazard Mitigation Committee in Year XIV.

<u>GOAL 1</u>: Promote life safety by minimizing disaster-related injuries and loss of life through public education, hazard analysis, and early warning.

During the year, MSP/EMHSD staff assisted local governments with obtaining and/or implementing 97 hazard mitigation grants. All these grants, directly or indirectly, contributed to minimizing disaster-related injuries and loss of life. Grant activities included the construction of safe rooms, installation of early warning systems, protective measures for utility infrastructure, voluntary acquisition and elevation of flood prone structures, stormwater management projects, and development of community all-hazards mitigation plans.

<u>GOAL 2</u>: Reduce property damage by incorporating hazard mitigation considerations into land use planning, resource management, land development processes, and disaster-resistant structures.

During the reporting period of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, 12 local hazard mitigation plans were approved by FEMA. One more has been submitted to FEMA by MSP/EMHSD, and four others have passed FEMA review but have not yet had local adoptions completed. The local plan update process includes coordination with land use planning and land development as required elements. Plans approved since April 2023 include additional federally required information on climate change and equity considerations. The MSP/EMHSD hazard mitigation staff also provided technical support to communities throughout the state.

GOAL 3: Build alliances and forge partnerships with other public safety agencies and organizations to enhance and improve the safety and well-being of all Michigan communities.

The MSP/EMHSD hazard mitigation staff provided technical support and grants management assistance to numerous communities and agencies across the state. This assistance was in the form of application development, project implementation, local hazard mitigation plan review, and other methods of direct technical assistance related to hazard mitigation planning and project development. Throughout this process, partnerships were created, enhanced, and furthered through direct interaction of the MSP/EMHSD hazard mitigation staff with those communities and agencies. Continued coordination with various state and federal agencies occurred through meetings of the Michigan Silver Jackets and the Michigan Climate Coalition.

<u>GOAL 4</u>: Provide leadership, direction, coordination, guidance, and advocacy for hazard mitigation in Michigan.

Hazard mitigation presentations and training opportunities were offered throughout the year to promote hazard mitigation concepts and opportunities. Examples include:

- 1. EMHSD promoted the FEMA application development webinar series in July.
- 2. EGLE presented Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs at the Spring Resilience Summit in May 2023.

- 3. The EMHSD local hazard mitigation planner delivered a presentation on hazard mitigation principles at the July 31 conference of the Michigan Transportation Planning Association in Muskegon.
- 4. Monthly MSP/EMHSD emergency management webinars and related webinars during emergency events throughout the year.

Coordination of hazard mitigation efforts was provided statewide to many communities and agencies through the local hazard mitigation planning update/review process and the annual HMA Grant application process.

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY PROJECTS (YEAR XIV)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

The following section reviews the priority projects set forth by the Hazard Mitigation Committee and provides an in-depth analysis as to the success of each of these projects.

Mitigation Grant Review: The application deadline for the FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program occurred during the year. MSP/EMHSD staff worked closely with jurisdictions to develop grant applications. Staff provided technical assistance to the various communities to review the applications for completeness and feasibility. In February 2024, the MCCERCC Hazard Mitigation Committee reviewed and ranked BRIC and FMA applications that were submitted to FEMA. In total, Michigan submitted 12 BRIC applications, five of them for competitive funding and seven for state allocation funding as well as one FMA application. All seven of the Michigan allocation projects were selected for funding consideration. Unfortunately, none of the competitive applications were selected nor was the FMA application.

Michigan Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) Update:

The full revision of the 2019 MHMP, a five-year plan that was set to expire in 2024, was formally approved by FEMA effective April 21, 2024. The document included an Action Plan containing 19 broad mitigation related objectives, which are further broken down into separate implementation actions. The 2024 MHMP employs new MSP/EMHSD internet content that was specifically created to be used in conjunction with the plan, including a webpage for hazard and social vulnerability related mapping tools. The 2024 MHMP also now includes a standalone appendix related to climate change, primarily authored by Michigan's official state climatologist.

The new plan will next be entering its monitoring phase, to ensure its implementation actions are being pursued/completed and to also augment/update the plan, as required, with the expectation that the state's hazard mitigation environment will change over the course of the next five years.

BEST PRACTICES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (YEAR XIV)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

The following is an overview of the accomplishments of the Hazard Mitigation Committee over the past year:

- 1. The FEMA plan approvals were received and processed for 12 local plan updates during the FY 2023, plus four additional plans that had passed review but still needed local adoption in order to receive full approval. A great amount of feedback was provided to local planners who are still working on their plan updates.
- The FY 2023 HMA Grants: The Hazard Mitigation Committee reviewed and ranked applications for BRIC and FMA resulting in the submission of 13 FY 2023 applications. Seven of the BRIC applications were selected for funding consideration by FEMA.
- 3. Community Safe Rooms: Construction of community safe rooms continues to be a priority for the MSP/EMHSD. During Year XIV, implementation was ongoing for one grant for the construction of a community safe room.
- 4. 2024 MHMP finalization: The Hazard Mitigation Committee met and reviewed draft versions of the plan before it was sent to the full MCCERCC committee of the whole. This included approving the hazard

rankings that were included within the plan, as well as the new 2024 Action Plan and its associated implementation actions.

5. The EMHSD with support from the committee implemented the use of the Emergency Management Grants application system which will improve application processes and file sharing abilities which was a challenge for HMA grant applications.

VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

The following section describes the Hazard Mitigation Committee's vision, mission, and goals for FY 2025 (October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025):

Vision

Michigan will be a state where hazard vulnerability reduction is a standard practice in both government and the private sector.

Mission

To foster, promote, and implement measures to eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to human life and property from the effects of natural, technological, and human-related hazards.

GOALS (YEAR XV)

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- 1. Promote life safety by minimizing disaster-related injuries and loss of life through public education, hazard analysis, and hazard mitigation project implementation.
- 2. Reduce property damage by incorporating hazard mitigation considerations into land use planning, resource management, land development processes, and disaster-resistant structures.
- 3. Build alliances and forge partnerships between public safety agencies and organizations to enhance and improve the safety and well-being of all Michigan communities.
- 4. Provide leadership, direction, coordination, guidance, and advocacy for hazard mitigation in Michigan.

STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE GOALS (YEAR XV)

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The following strategies have been developed to achieve the goals mentioned in the preceding section.

- 1. Support the process for the HMA Program.
- 2. Provide input from the Hazard Mitigation Committee, the MCCERCC, and other stakeholders, for assistance in updating the MHMP every five years.
- 6. Provide technical assistance in updating the yearly MCCERCC Plan.
- 7. Expand and publicize the Compendium of Michigan Mitigation Projects. This publication provides a summary report for mitigation projects completed with HMA grants in Michigan. This will provide readers with ideas and information about the types of projects that can be completed with HMA grants and the benefits that can be realized from such projects. This project was initially published in Year XIII as part of the MHMP. In Year XVI, it will be expanded as a standalone document.

- 5. Provide technical assistance to applicants for BRIC, FMA, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant applications, to assist in obtaining FEMA approval for their applications.
- 6. Solicit grant applications for the 2024 BRIC and the 2024 FMA programs. Provide technical assistance to applicants, review, and rank applications, and submit to FEMA for funding.
- 7. Provide technical assistance to applicants, and review/rank applications, for the Michigan Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan program.

CHALLENGES (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Challenges exist within each committee and each goal and the MCCERCC is dedicated to overcoming these challenges. Below are some challenges the Hazard Mitigation Committee expects to face in the coming year and solutions to overcome each one.

Challenge: Additional hazard mitigation planning outreach/education is needed for local officials, especially since additional requirements became part of FEMA's new Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Policy in April 2023. Informing officials about the benefits of having a local hazard mitigation plan and about the process for updating an existing local mitigation plan may lead to more jurisdictions participating in the development and update of local hazard mitigation plans.

Solution: The Hazard Mitigation Committee will work with the FEMA Integration Team and EMHSD staff to develop an outreach strategy.

Challenge: Michigan's sub-applications for BRIC have seen limited success for competitive funding.

Solution: Encourage communities to develop project scoping grants before submitting a construction project application to ensure the maximum possible points are awarded during each round of competitive scoring. Encourage communities to apply to FEMA for Direct Technical Assistance which will help with future application development. Conduct vigorous outreach to encourage communities to develop their applications in a manner to take maximum advantage of scoring criteria. Continue to work with interested stakeholders to get Michigan to adopt the most recent International Building Codes.

Challenge: Lack of available local matching funds for communities when applying for grants through FEMA's HMA.

Solution: One solution currently in the early stages of implementation is the creation of the Michigan Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund (MISTRLF). The MISTRLF will allow communities to access low-interest long-term loans to finance their match portion of HMA grants. On behalf of the MCCERCC's Hazard Mitigation Committee, the MSP/EMHSD will continue to work with communities and FEMA to find creative ways to address match shortages, such as using in-kind matches and identifying less obvious sources for matching funds.

Challenge: Some local hazard mitigation plans have expired.

Solution: The Hazard Mitigation Committee will continue to support the use of FEMA grant funds to update local hazard mitigation plans, thus increasing the prospects for implementing hazard mitigation projects with federal funds.

Challenge: Increase the number of local units of government participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Solution: The Hazard Mitigation Committee will work with EGLE and FEMA to deliver a consistent, fact-based message about the NFIP to community officials and residents. The MSP/EMHSD will provide support to FEMA and EGLE in promoting NFIP educational opportunities in the state. The Recovery Unit will provide education

regarding the benefits of the NFIP and clear up misconceptions about how the program works. The Hazard Mitigation Committee will investigate any reluctance expressed by potential participants in the NFIP.

PRIORITY PROJECTS (YEAR XV)

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Based on the goals and strategies set forth, the following hazard mitigation projects have been identified as priorities by the Hazard Mitigation Committee and the full MCCERCC membership. These priority projects will have the greatest impact and success for the completion of the Hazard Mitigation Committee's goals but will also allow for the greatest success in supporting and enhancing Michigan's homeland security, community health, public safety, and all-hazards preparedness.

Mitigation Grant Review: The Hazard Mitigation Committee will review, prioritize, and submit grant applications under the 4757 HMGP, and 2024 FMA and BRIC programs.

The MGMP: The Hazard Mitigation Committee, in cooperation with the MCCERCC, will support continual updates of the MHMP and its associated Michigan Hazard Analysis. The current plan is effective and valid through April 20, 2029.

Mitigation Project Ideas and Success Stories: The Hazard Mitigation Committee and MSP/EMHSD staff will continue to document and publicize the completion of successful hazard mitigation projects. Additionally, MSP/EMHSD staff will continue to expand the Michigan Compendium of Mitigation Projects document as a resource for jurisdictions interested in pursuing mitigation projects.

Technical Assistance: The Hazard Mitigation Committee, in cooperation with the MCCERCC, will provide technical assistance to ensure the successful completion of the annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment.

THE EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW COMMITTEE

The EPCR Committee oversees the activities of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III Program in the state of Michigan. The EPCR Committee is dedicated to identifying proactive planning for protecting communities around hazardous materials (hazmat) facilities. Day-to-day operations of administering the SARA Title III Program are the responsibility of EGLE and the MSP/EMHSD. Both departments report back to the EPCR Committee on initiatives, program performance, and issues associated with hazmat planning and reporting.

The following section reviews the EPCR Committee's goals from the past year, projects of significance, future goals, and potential obstacles.

REVIEW OF GOALS (YEAR XVI)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

The following pages review, summarize, and analyze the goals set forth by the EPCR Committee in Year XIII.

GOAL 1: Monitor and promote the implementation of SARA Title III in Michigan through Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) public outreach and workshops.

The SARA Title III legislation is implemented through both the MSP/EMHSD and EGLE. The MSP/EMHSD is responsible for the planning aspects of the legislation while reporting required by the legislation is the responsibility of EGLE. Both departments have had multiple contacts with LEPCs and covered hazmat facilities throughout the year. EGLE provided training to facility representatives in January and February of 2024 (as well as other times) and maintained contact with them during the year to encourage SARA Title III compliance. The MSP/EMHSD promoted the implementation of SARA Title III through individual training provided to LEPCs and individual consultation with LEPC chairpersons and/or local emergency management coordinators. The MSP/EMHSD has been active in presenting on SARA Title III planning compliance at statewide and regional workshops and conferences.

<u>GOAL 2</u>: Advise the MCCERCC on SARA implementation and its progress and recommend appropriate actions to the MCCERCC on the effective implementation of SARA Title III in Michigan.

The EPCR Committee of the MCCERCC receives reports from MSP/EMHSD staff assigned to the SARA Title III Program. Reports are provided on plan completion activities, the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant program and its use by LEPCs, staff contacts/consultations with LEPCs around the state, and chemical inventory reporting by facilities. The MSP/EMHSD provides summary reports on its involvement with EGLE and its part in the SARA program.

GOAL 3: Promote emergency planning for all chemical or hazmat releases.

Chemical emergency response coordination was a key part of the EPCR committee's accomplishments. Through broadened coordination and consultation with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards staff outreach has occurred with regulated facilities and emergency management. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements for Risk Management Planning have led to new connections with at-risk facilities and local planners to broaden community preparedness.

GOAL 4: Promote hazmat training for first responders within the state through the MSP Emergency Management Homeland Security Training Center (EMHSTC).

The MSP/EMHSTC provided numerous hazmat training opportunities to first responders around the state. These classes meet federal guidelines and are taught by skilled instructors. The courses offered by the MSP/EMHSTC are listed on the MSP/EMHSD website, Michigan Training Finder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network, and are promoted around the state to responders, businesses, and state agencies. Classes are also held at conferences and seminars sponsored by the MSP/EMHSD and other organizations. Through HMEP Grant funding secured by

MSP/EHSD the MSP/EMHSTC offers low-cost training for first responders across Michigan by providing high quality and relevant training for first responders to better prepare them for real-world events. There is a discussion when funding permits to explore adding a HAZMAT Training Program Manager to the EMHSTC staff to manage both the curriculum and the contract instructor staff.

GOAL 5: Promote hazmat first responder and community safety.

The EPCR Committee promoted and encouraged multiagency planning and exercise participation from regulated facilities and LEPCs across the state. Information sharing occurred at conferences and workshops, but also upon individual requests from emergency management and LEPCs.

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY PROJECTS (YEAR XIV)

October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024

The following section reviews the priority projects set forth by the EPCR Committee and provides an in-depth analysis as to the success of each of these projects.

Conduct LEPC and SARA Title III Planning Workshops: EGLE also held SARA Title III reporting workshops in January and February 2024. The MSP/EMHSD SARA Program hosted the statewide LEPC meeting at the Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference and Expo in May 2024.

Encourage Active LEPCs: MSP/EMHSD and EGLE staff connected with LEPCs throughout the year via email, phone contact, and virtual meetings. This interaction and assistance to LEPCs will continue through the next year and is a priority for both agencies and the committee.

Tier II Manager™ System Use and Maintenance: The Tier II Manager™ web-based reporting system, used by facilities to meet their SARA reporting obligations, will continue to be supported by EGLE. This system has been very helpful for facilities in meeting their reporting obligations, and it has assisted the state and LEPCs in acquiring accurate SARA Title III data. EGLE conducts routine training for facilities and LEPCs on using the system. A subscription to Tier II Manager ™ can be obtained by using HMEP Grant funding.

LEPC Funding via HMEP Grant: The MSP/EMHSD allocated at least 35 percent of HMEP Grant funding to LEPCs, as required by the federal grant award. This is the only source of funding that many LEPCs receive from the state.

LEPC Member and Hazmat Facility Staff Training: The MSP/EMHSD and EGLE offer multiple training opportunities each year for LEPCs, emergency managers, and hazmat facility staff. These trainings will continue and are offered throughout the year. Specific training for hazmat facility staff occurred in January and February 2024. The MSP/EMHSD hosted the statewide LEPC meeting at the Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference and Expo in May 2024.

First Responder Training: Although training of first responders is not a specific requirement of SARA Title III, activation of a community hazmat response plan cannot occur unless responders in the community are properly trained. Providing this type of training is a priority of the MCCERCC, and significant funding for this training is provided through the HMEP Grant supported by the MCCERCC.

BEST PRACTICES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS (YEAR XIV)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

The following is an overview of best practices and accomplishments of the EPCR Committee over the past year.

- 1. Reviewed all required SARA Title III plans submitted to the MSP/EMHSD.
- 2. Worked with LEPCs to update offsite response plans in 2023-2024.
- 3. Educated LEPCs and emergency management professionals on their duties and responsibilities relative to the SARA Title III Program via instruction at virtual LEPC meetings and regional emergency management

meetings. The MSP/EMHSD and EGLE also provided instruction to LEPCs and emergency management professionals at SARA Title III workshops and the EGLE webinar series on environmental emergency management.

- 4. Held Tier II reporting workshops and a webinar to help facilities understand the SARA Title III regulations and aid in submitting Tier II reports.
 - December 5 University Center, Gaylord: 21.
 - January 16 L.V. Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids: 67.
 - January 25 Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor: 100.
 - February 7 Lansing Community College West, Lansing: 77.
 - 2024 Tier II Reporting Basics Webinar Recording views: In 2024: 769.
- 5. Processed 8,016 hazardous chemical inventory reports submitted in Tier II Manager™ during the 2024 calendar year. As of October 10, 2024, 7,339 Tier II annual reports and 541 Tier II 2024 updated reports have been submitted for the calendar year.
- 6 Identified 2,721 facilities in the database that are subject to the emergency planning notification.
- 7. Identified 1,620 non-reporters in the Tier II Manager™ database.
- 8. Supported the MSP/EMHSTC and its mission to train first responders in appropriate hazmat response.
- 9. Secured grant money to train over 1,500 first responders in hazmat response.
- 10. Updated the Michigan Facilities' Guide to SARA Title III, Emergency Planning and Release Reporting.
- 11. Maintained and updated EGLE SARA Title III web pages.
- 12. Participated in bi-monthly conference calls with EPA Region V regarding SARA Title III enforcement.
- 13. Participated with the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials.
- 14. Increased usage of Tier II Manager ™ by subscription members.

VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

As stated earlier, the MCCERCC has three separate but interrelated committees: Citizen Corps, EPCR, and Hazard Mitigation. Each of these committees has a separate but equally important role in the preparation and development of preparedness in Michigan. The following section describes the EPCR Committee's vision, mission, and goals for the upcoming FY 2023 (October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024).

Vision

To reduce the threat of known chemical hazards to Michigan's communities.

Mission

To provide the MCCERCC with information and recommendations to fulfill its obligations, as required by the Governor and federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) legislation.

GOALS (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

- 1. Monitor and promote the implementation of the EPCR/SARA Title III Program in Michigan through LEPC public outreach and workshops.
- 2. Advise the MCCERCC on EPCRA implementation and its progress and recommend appropriate actions to the MCCERCC on the effective implementation of the SARA Title III Program in Michigan.
- 3. Promote emergency planning for all chemical or hazmat releases.
- 4. Promote hazmat training to first responders within the state through the MSP/EMHSTC.
- 5. Promote hazmat first responder and community safety.

STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE GOALS (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

The following strategies have been developed to achieve the goals mentioned in the preceding section.

- 1. Promote community emergency response planning for all chemical and hazmat storage facilities through outreach and interagency collaboration.
- Maintain a meeting schedule and structure that allows the MCCERCC to review and respond to SARA Title III related issues.
- 3. Make direct contact with local emergency management programs throughout the state to encourage the maintenance/support of LEPCs.
- 4. Encourage and promote additional funding to support the SARA Title III Program and Michigan LEPCs and their activities.
- 5. Distribute HMEP Grant funds according to grant agreement obligations with LEPCs.
- 6. Offer training provided by the MSP/EMHSD.
- 7. Train facility and LEPC representatives annually and upon request via EGLE training sessions.
- 8. Provide technical assistance to LEPCs and facilities throughout the year.
- 9. Attend individual LEPC meetings throughout the year and report notable activities to the committee.
- 10. Encourage staff attendance at training conferences to learn about current funding opportunities and recent updates/changes to relevant legislation.
- 11. Develop new/update existing guidance materials to assist LEPCs and facilities in meeting SARA obligations.
- 12. Develop new/update existing guidance materials to assist LEPCs in planning for hazmat incidents.
- 13. Contact facilities that fail to submit their annual Tier II information and encourage compliance.
- 14. Investigate methods to disseminate information covering SARA Title III activities in Michigan.
- 15. Ensure adequate access to hazardous chemical inventory data for all emergency planners and responders.

- 16. Continue work with MSP/EMHSD district coordinators to review, with LEPCs, the actions that will be taken by the MSP/EMHSD if LEPCs remain noncompliant.
- 17. The MSP/EMHSD and EGLE will solicit input from LEPCs on topics for LEPC workshops.

CHALLENGES (YEAR XV)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2025

Challenges exist within each committee and each goal, and the MCCERCC is dedicated to overcoming these challenges. Below are some challenges the EPCR Committee expects to face in the coming year and solutions to overcome each one.

Challenge: Promoting community emergency response planning for all chemical and hazmat storage facilities through outreach and interagency collaboration without a legal mandate.

Solution: Encourage proactive outreach from LEPCs to fire departments and community business partners to share chemical storage information for the community. Outreach on what EPCRA and SARA Title III emergency planning does and why the additional information is beneficial.

Challenge: Maintain active LEPCs that accomplish their primary planning tasks with limited funding.

Solution: LEPC meetings could be held in conjunction with other county meetings, such as local planning teams. Meetings can be set quarterly and conference call capabilities can be utilized, or other virtual options, to increase participation. The MSP/EMHSD will continue to work with LEPCs on behalf of the MCCERCC to increase the effectiveness of LEPCs in their jurisdictions.

Challenge: Provide ongoing and flexible hazmat training through the MSP/EMHSTC so all newly hired responders, as well as current responders, can receive appropriate and timely training that accommodates their schedule.

Solution: Search for ways to allow additional training to occur in different areas of the state resulting in minimal travel expenses. Review grant guidance to determine if additional funding could be acquired for out-of-state training.

Challenge: Acquire and maintain access to the Tier II Manager™ reporting system for LEPCs, given the relatively high licensing and maintenance fees required to do so.

Solution: Continue to work and partner with EGLE to find ways to reduce the cost for the use of the system. Seek legislative support for funding free access to Tier II Manager for LEPCs and fire departments.

Challenge: Continue to update and modify the Tier II Manager™ Program to ensure it remains effective.

Solution: Work with the contractor to suggest software design features for the program when updated. Perform testing and ensure accurate and complete data transfer to the new platform. Include costs in the EGLE budget.

PRIORITY PROJECTS (YEAR XV)

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Based on the goals and strategies set forth, the following projects have been identified as priorities by the EPCR Committee and the full MCCERCC membership. These priority projects will have the greatest impact and success for the completion of the EPCR Committee's goals but will also allow for the greatest success in supporting and enhancing Michigan's homeland security, community health, public safety, and all-hazards preparedness.

Host Annual LEPC Workshop: MSP/EMHSD and EGLE staff will solicit topic ideas from all LEPCs and will organize and coordinate the workshop details.

Offsite Emergency Response Plan Completion: The EPCR Committee and MSP/EMHSD staff will evaluate which LEPCs need additional encouragement to complete their planning obligations, and they will develop a course of action for contacting those LEPCs to solicit their compliance.

Encourage Active LEPCs: The MSP/EMHSD and EGLE staff will visit LEPCs throughout the year and provide assistance via email, phone contact, and at conferences. These activities will remain a priority.

SARA 302 Plan Development: Plan development for new SARA Title III sites, and maintenance for existing plans, is a priority. Funding from the HMEP Grant is used to heavily emphasize this activity, which will continue.

Tier II Manager™ System Use and Maintenance: The web-based reporting system used by over 7,000 facilities to meet their SARA reporting obligations will continue to be supported by EGLE. This system is an invaluable tool for the state and LEPCs in acquiring SARA Title III data. It is also used for planning and response activities by LEPCs and fire departments in licensed counties.

Legislative Support for LEPC Data Sharing: EGLE will continue to request support from elected officials in the Michigan Legislature to authorize funding to provide free access to Tier II Managers and support underfunded LEPCs and rural fire departments.

LEPC Funding via HMEP Grant: At least 35 percent of the planning portion of the HMEP Grant, provided to the MSP/EMHSD from the U.S. Department of Transportation, is allocated to LEPCs. This is the only funding that many LEPCs receive to do their job, as required in the federal SARA legislation. Management of this grant requires a significant amount of time on the part of the MSP/EMHSD SARA staff person, and it will continue in the upcoming year.

LEPC Member and Hazmat Facility Staff Training: The MSP/EMHSD and EGLE offer multiple training opportunities each year for LEPCs, emergency managers, and hazmat facility staff. These trainings will continue and are offered throughout the year. Specific trainings occur in January.

First Responder Training: Although training of first responders is not a specific requirement of SARA Title III, activation of a community hazmat response plan cannot occur unless there are trained responders in the community. Making sure this occurs is a concern of the MCCERCC. Funding from the HMEP Grant is used to heavily emphasize this activity, which will continue. This training will continue.

CONCLUSION

National events and state agency priority projects have brought changes to the MCCERCC, and the wide-ranging goals and accomplishments addressed in this plan reflect the importance of the Council. Each member of the MCCERCC has been instrumental in the past year's accomplishments, and this is expected to continue.

The importance of hazard mitigation and the work of the Hazard Mitigation Committee is as evident now as ever considering the multiple disasters in Michigan in 2023 and 2024 including the Southwest Michigan tornadoes, and partnering with federal, state, and local partners in preparation of civil unrest surrounding the 2024 Election. In the past year, the committee continued to be instrumental in reviewing and recommending important hazard mitigation proposals for funding from both disaster and non-disaster HMGP. In the coming year, the committee will play a vital role in helping guide priorities for hazard mitigation efforts in recovering communities.

The SARA Title III Program remains active and is in the process of conducting more virtual community outreach from the state level to assist local programs in their emergency preparedness efforts. The upcoming year will see the continued formation of strong partnerships with local LEPCs through virtual conferences, one-on-one support via phone calls or virtual meetings, and the continuation of the LEPC workshop during the 2024 Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference and Expo. The EPCR Committee will remain committed to protecting Michigan residents from all chemical hazards.

The MCCERCC will continue to work together with the residents of Michigan to promote all areas of preparedness. It is with great enthusiasm that we look forward to the upcoming year and greater accomplishments. With the MCCERCC, the great state of Michigan forges ahead as a leader in preparedness. Working together, our goal is to help make the state of Michigan safer and better prepared for all hazards.

MCCERCC SPECIALIZED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee Name	Chair	Current Members	EMHSD/LEO/EGLE Staff Members
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EPCR	Mr. Jay Eickholt	Mr. Brad Deacon Mr. John Dulmes Mr. Cody Dorland	Mr. Mike Young (EGLE) Mr. Tom Matzke (EMHSD)
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AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

The following is a list of federal, state, and other key authorities, as well as other references related to the MCCERCC.

Federal Authorities:

- Public Law 93-288, as amended, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
- National Response Framework
- Emergency Support Function (ESF) #5 (Information and Planning)
- The ESF #6 (Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing and Human Services)
- The ESF #7 (Logistics Management and Resource Support)
- Catastrophic Incident Annex
- Private Sector Coordination Support Annex
- The EMPG Guidance

State Authorities:

- Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended, the Emergency Management Act
- The MEMP
- The MHMP
- Executive Directive 2005-9 (September 29, 2005), "Adoption of the National Incident Management System for Emergency Incident Management in Michigan"
- State (Michigan) Homeland Security Strategy

Key Enabling Authorities:

• Executive Order 2007-18 (established the MCCERCC)