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**CITY OF WAUKESHA AND WAUKESHA COUNTY PARTICIPATE
IN FEDERAL DISASTER TRAINING**

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Approximately 75 representatives from the City of Waukesha, Waukesha County, numerous Waukesha County municipalities, nonprofits, and other community partners will participate in a series of rigorous training exercises designed to prepare the community for a significant emergency. These individuals will travel to the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland next week. Professional instructors in the field of emergency management will engage the delegation in classroom training and scenario exercises for four and a half days.

“This training center will sharpen the city and county’s emergency response skills and help us to become more secure and prepared,” said City of Waukesha Mayor Larry Nelson.

As the course progresses, scenario related events of increasing complexity, threat, and pressure occur. Participants will develop emergency policies, plans, and procedures to ensure an effective response. The range of exercises will trigger participants to use their own corresponding plans in the event of an emergency. While the City and County are proud of our response to the 2008 flooding situation, we are eager to improve our skills to be better prepared for the next major event.

The course will include emergency exercises designed to test participants’ knowledge, awareness, flexibility, leadership, and interpersonal skills under extreme pressure.

“Our goal in participating in the program is for all of Waukesha County to be on the cutting edge of emergency preparedness,” said Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas.

The training center is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is the premier emergency management training center in the country for key decision-makers and policy makers across all levels of government and their partners.

The federal government is paying the full cost of travel, housing, course instruction and training facilities for the duration of the Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC).

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