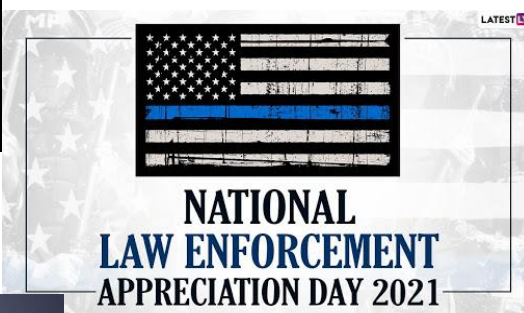




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Membership



Calling all CERT volunteers!!

The CERT Association of Illinois ranks are growing! We now have 107 members spanning 61 jurisdictions. This is fantastic... but we want more!



The Association now has **Marketing Committee** that can perform outreach throughout the State. **Gary Mills (Buffalo Grove CERT and Phillip Mason (Cook County EMA)** are now performing those outreach endeavors. If interested in joining the Marketing Committee and helping Gary and Phillip, please contact us using the link below to express your interest.

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Membership

Addison Police Department	Milton Township
Alsip CERT	Monroe County Emergency Management Agency
Beecher Police Department	Mount Prospect Fire Department
Berwyn Fire Department	Mundelein Fire Department
Buffalo Grove CERT	Naperville CERT
Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency	Naperville Fire Department
Carol Stream CERT	Niles Police Department
Carol Stream Police Department	North Aurora Police Department
Chicago CERT	Northbrook CERT
Chicago Police Department - 12th District Community Policing Office	Northbrook Fire Department
City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications	Palos Park Police Department
Collinsville Emergency Management Agency	Park Ridge Police Department
Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security	Plainfield CERT
Cumberland County Health Department	Plainfield Police Department
Harlem Roscoe Fire Department (Illinois Stateline CERT)	Rock Island County
Highland Park CERT	Round Lake Beach Emergency Management Agency
Highland Park Police Department	Serve Illinois Commission
Huntley CERT	Sherman Emergency Management Agency
Huntley Police Department	SLCR CERT
Illinois Department of Public Health	South Lake County CERT
Jersey County	South Lake County Regional CERT
Kendall County Emergency Management Agency	St. Clair County Citizen
Lake County	Stateline CERT
LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency	Tinley Park Emergency Management Agency
Long Grove Fire Protection District	Village of Alsip
Madison County	Village of Monee
Madison County Emergency Management	Village of New Lenox
McDonough County ESDA	Village of Oak Park
McHenry County EMA	Wauconda Emergency Management Agency
Milton Township CERT	West Chicago Police Department
	Westmont Fire Department



Membership

Member Highlight

Interim Board Member Rich Wilson is a celebrity!

In January Rich was a guest on Lou Bruno's WRLR.FM CERT program. On Thursday evenings at 6:30 Lou hosts a program dedicated to everything CERT and Rich let the Lake County public know what the CERT Association is about, a little on the CERT challenge, and hopefully sold a few folks on joining the Association!

We will never wash the hand that shook Rich's hand!!



Michelle Hanneken with Serve Illinois is looking for Illinois CERT programs who are working cooperatively with their local **Medical Reserve Corps** during COVID-19 on various issues like contact tracing, testing, etc. **The state would like to highlight your good work, and so would FEMA.**

Please contact Michelle at michelle.j.hanneken@illinois.gov if you are collaborating with the MRC.

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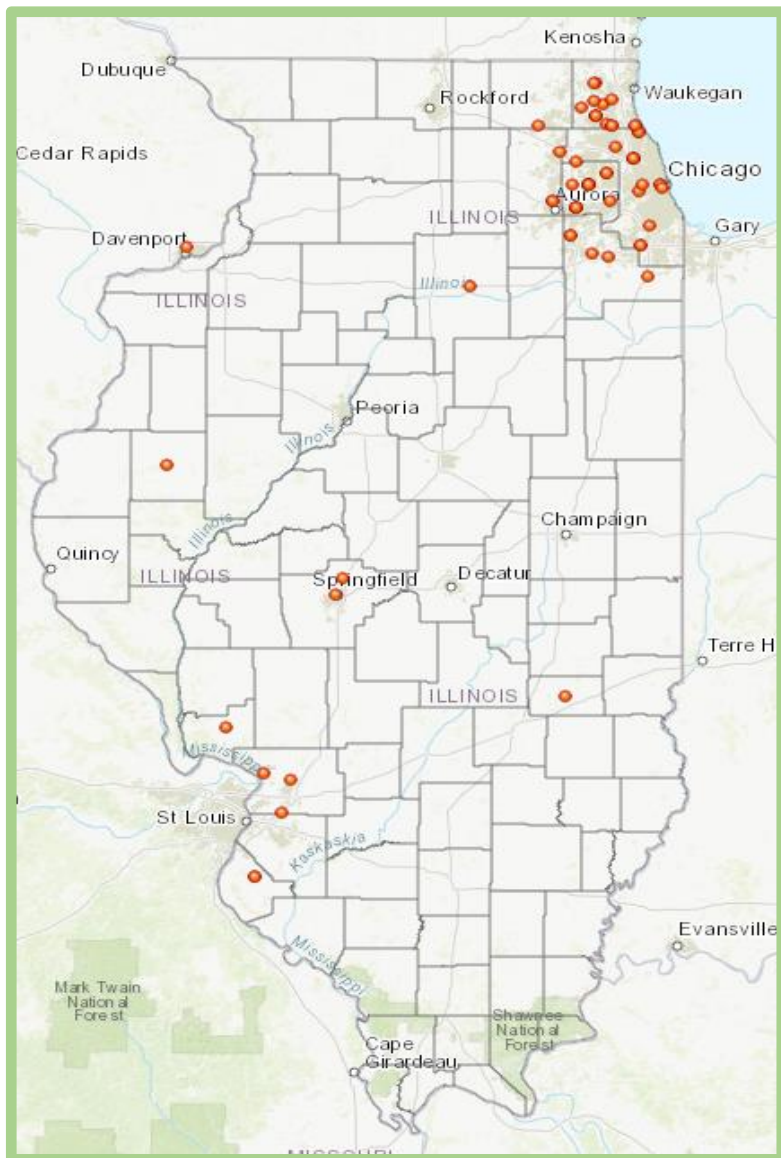
Membership

Illinois CERT teams, if you have a Facebook page for your CERT organization, please send the link to the Newsletter Committee:

Kurt Clifford kdclifford@yahoo.com

Sheri Drotor shd@cumberlandhealth.org

The CERT Association of Illinois is putting together a list of all Illinois CERT team Facebook pages. We would also like to follow your pages!



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Training

Current Training

The **University of Illinois** has developed a series of **14 one-hour courses** (courses listed below) on various aspects of COVID-19 that have been made available on video (You Tube or Media Space) **free of charge**. The courses may give you a better understanding of various aspects of the global pandemic, the needs of the communities we serve as well as providing a good professional development opportunity.

A link to the courses is provided below.

Pandemics in History, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Infection: Biology and Anthropology, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Diagnostic Technologies, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

COVID-19 and the Election, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Mental Health, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Health Inequities, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Arts in a Pandemic, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Data Security and Privacy, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Global Impacts, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Higher Education, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Financial Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

Social Life: COVID-19 and the CU Community, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

The Future with COVID-19, COV-Course: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Pandemic

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Training

CERT Association 2021 Meeting Calendar

Note: All dates, locations & topics subject to change. Do you know of an activity that our membership would have interest in? If so, send your information to il.cert.assoc@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

2021 Dates	What	Topic	Location
1/21	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
1/26	Member Meeting*	Traffic Control & Management	ZOOM
2/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
2/23	Member Meeting*	Disaster Psychology	ZOOM
3/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
3/23	Member Meeting*	TBD	ZOOM
4/19	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
4/27	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
5/17	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
5/25	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
6/21	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
6/22	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
7/9	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
No Meeting	Member Meeting*	Summer Break	NA
7/12-17	Natl CERT Conference	http://2021nationalcertconference.com/	Springfield, MO
8/16	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
8/24	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
9/7-10	IEEMA Training Summit	TBD-Tentatively Scheduled	Springfield or Virtual
9/20	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
9/28	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
10/18	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
10/26	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
11/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
11/16	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
12/20	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
12/14	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD

** Meetings are held by video conferencing unless notified differently.*

You can also view this on the Association's website via this link:

[Events – CERT Association of Illinois \(certillinois.com\)](https://www.certillinois.com/events)

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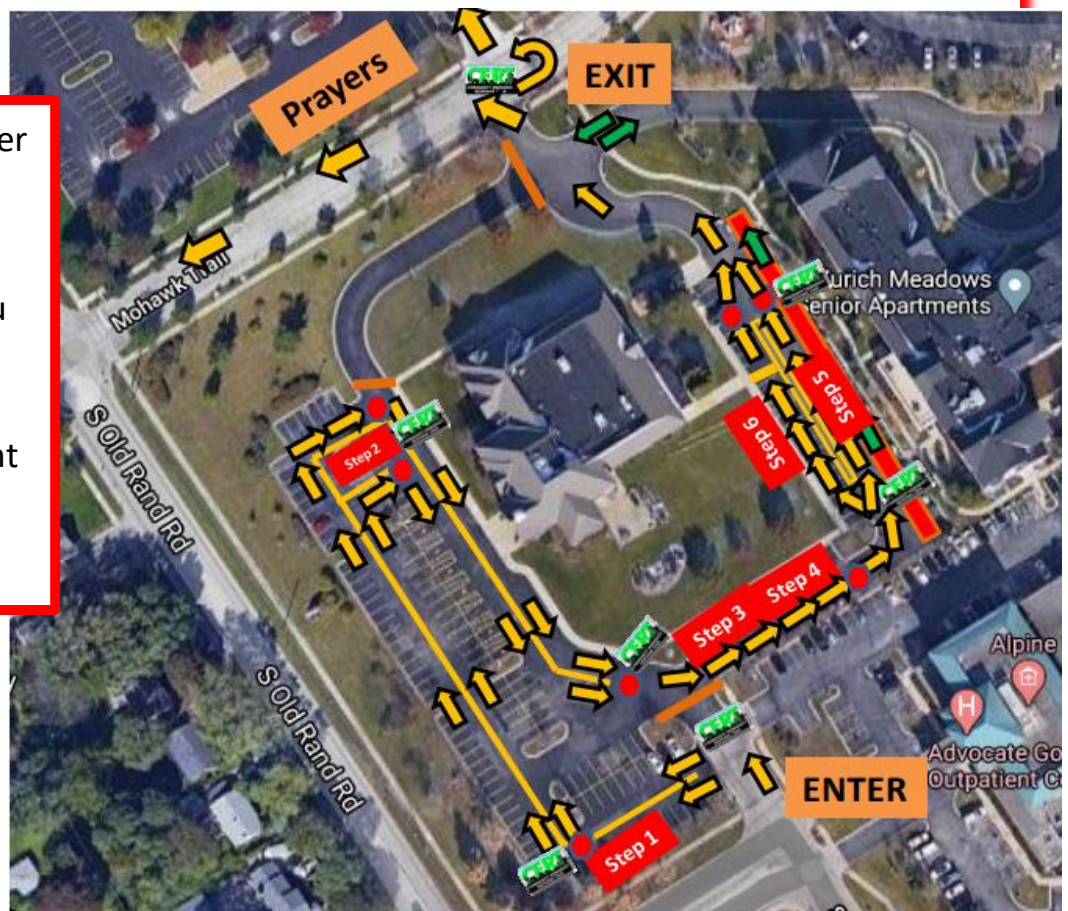
Past Training

CERT Association Regular Member Meeting, January 26, 2021 – Training Committee Chairperson Rich Frizelis introduced the training topic at this meeting, presented by **Randy James (South Lake County CERT)**. The subject matter was *“Preparing for Drive-thru Covid Vaccination Clinics”*. Randy James informed the attendees of the following concerns when embarking on Drive-thru distribution sites.

- Different types of Drive-Thru events
- Building Traffic Management Skills
- Staffing and “JITT” (Just In Time Training)
- Opportunities for CERT Participation
- Scaling the Event to Meet Demand

A 3-hour, 500 vehicle Winter Coat Distribution in Lake Zurich – Dec 2020.

One of the many drive-thru events that helped build upon the planning and management of subsequent drive-thru events.



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Past Training

CERT Association Regular Member Meeting, December 12, 2020 - Training Committee Chairperson Rich Frizelis introduced the training topic at this meeting, presented by Members **Trish Billings (Milton Township)** and **Mike Lynch (Milton Township)** The training presentation on *“Volunteer Training and Retention”* included topics such as:

- Acquiring new members, training and mentoring them in order to sustain retention.
- Training programs that incorporate all members of the agency, not just Command Staff.
- Putting in place mentoring and “handoff” procedure to tenured members so that the new member can take advantage of a robust skill set.



CERT Association Regular Member Meeting, February 23, 2020 - Training Committee Chairperson Rich Frizelis introduced the training topic at this meeting, presented by **Michele Forjette (Chicago CERT)** and **Matthew Patton (Chicago CERT)**. The training presentation on *“Dealing with Stress in Today’s World”* included topics such as:

- How to handle stress in various circumstances while navigating through the CERT Sizeup process.
- Keeping track of your “triggers” and responses in order to critique them at a later date.
- Relaxation techniques



Events

Future Events



The 2021 National CERT Conference committee cannot stress enough the importance we have placed on being vigilant about COVID for the 2021 National CERT Conference. In order to be together, we have set a plan in motion along with the public health guidelines to ensure a safe experience for all. We are hopeful as spring and summer approach we will be able to evaluate our conference health plan and begin to allow for greater interaction of participants.

We are however pleased to be able to say that the conference will still take place this year in Springfield, Mo., 2021 at the OASIS Convention Center. The 2021 National CERT Conference committee has put together a Covid-19 Response Planning Team that is specifically evaluating the spaces, and interactions we will be having this summer. Every effort and guideline are being put into practice.

We hope that you will consider joining us for the 2021 National CERT Conference. Our team is working hard to ensure you have a safe, and enjoyable conference experience. Thank you for all your support and all that you continue to do for your communities. The success we see in all of what your CERT teams do, will make this "A Vision for the Future"

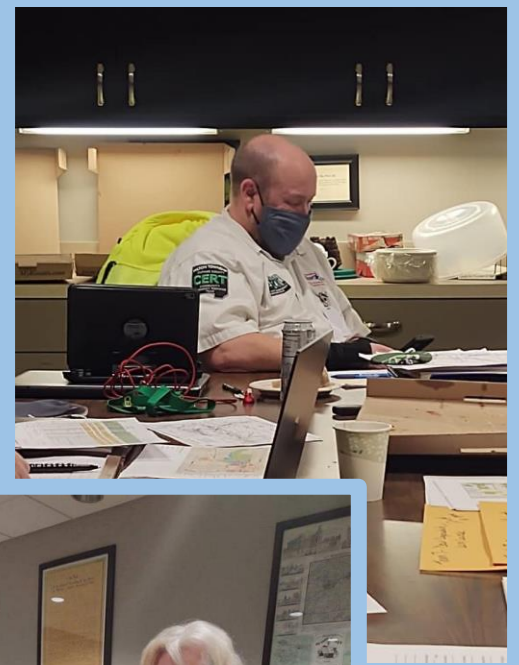
The 2021 National CERT Conference Planning Committee

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Milton Township CERT, January 28 - Trish Billings shared a post on Milton Township's Facebook page - [MILTON TOWNSHIP CERT TEAM | Facebook](#)

"Thank you for all your help with the 2021 Homeless Count Milton Township CERT, Cpl. Agema, Cpl. Mendez, and Cpl. Albright from the Dupage County Sheriff, Officer J. Pellegrino from DuPage County Forest Preserve Police and all the townships that helped to make this happen on a short notice."



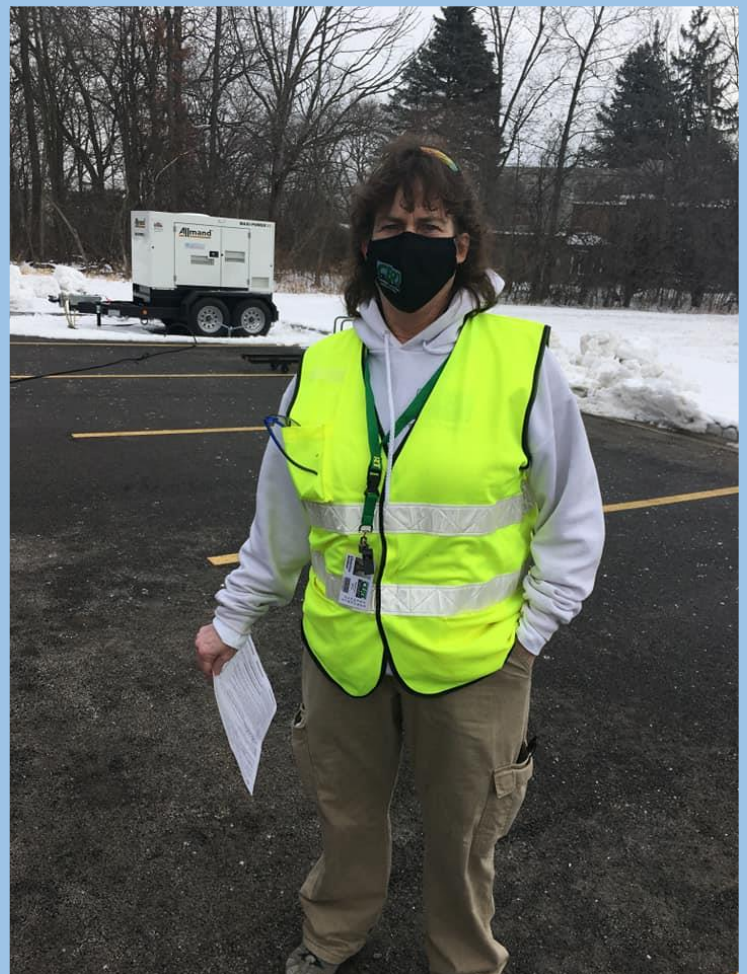
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Past Events

Mundelein CERT- January 31 - Mundelein CERT has been busy this week. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday we had lots of volunteer helpers at the **Lake County Vaccination clinic** in Grayslake. Members also helped in shoveling out from the snow. Thanks for remembering to do the hydrants! That benefits everyone in the neighborhood ❤️



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Past Events

Mundelein CERT, January 6 - Mundelein CERT team volunteers collaborating with other **Lake County CERT team volunteers**, MRC (Medical reserve team) volunteers, other Lake County volunteer groups and the Lake County Health Department at the drive thru vaccination clinic in Waukegan on 1/6/2021. One by one people are getting vaccinated!



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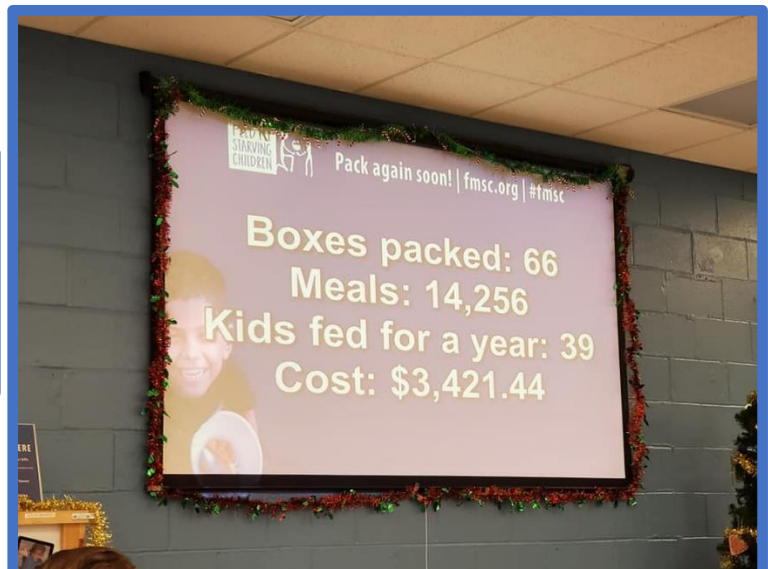
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Lake County CERT Teams, December 5, 2020 - Multiple Lake County CERT teams volunteering together at FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) in Libertyville, Illinois.



Mundelein, Fremont Township, Round Lake Beach, and Highland Park CERT Teams pitched in as well as a few family members joined in. Great activity on International Volunteer Day and a great way to kick off the holiday season.

This is the 3rd or 4th year of this holiday tradition - small due to covid but still positively impacting children across the globe.....and fun too.



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Central

Central Region info TBD

South

South Region info TBD

Board Members (Interim)

Balla, Tonya - Mundelein Fire Department

Clifford, Kurt – McHenry County EMA

Gaonkar, Gaurav - Village of Oak Park

James, Randy - South Lake County Regional CERT

Moos, Mike - Sherman Emergency Management Agency

Small, Marc - Long Grove Fire Protection District

Tubbs, Latesha - City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications

Wilson, Rich – Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency





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Bylaws

Oversight Committees

ByLaws – Randy James (SLCC)

**Training – Rich Frizelis (Chicago CERT)
Laura Townsend (Northbrook CERT)**



Web Site – Gaurav Gaonkar (Village of Oak Park)

**Social Media – Tonya Balla (Mundelein Fire Dept)
Beth Drendel (North Aurora Police Dept)**



**Newsletter – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)
Sheri Drotor (Cumberland County Health Dept)**



Meetings / Agendas – Rich Wilson (Buffalo Grove EMA)

Meeting Minutes – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)

Membership – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)

Geocoding Members - Edgar Rodriguez (McDonough County ESDA)

Basecamp for Members – Michelle Hanneken (Serve Illinois)



**Marketing – Gary Mills (Buffalo Grove CERT)
Phillip Mason (Cook County EMA)**



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