



MESSAGE FROM YOUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY COORDINATOR

The Village of Sherman Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is a volunteer organization consisting of members of the community with experience and/or training in the emergency management public safety profession.

Sherman EMA is available to assist in a myriad of public safety duties. We work very closely with the Sherman Police, Public Works Departments, reporting directly to the Village Board through the Village President. In addition, we work with the Sherman Fire Protection District which is a separate governmental body from the Village.

Sherman EMA staff encourages the citizens of the community to plan ahead for emergencies through training in emergency preparedness. We would be happy to present a short program on how to protect your family, pets and home in case of a disaster. Some of the items we can discuss are:

- Individual and work preparedness
- Outdoor and indoor warning systems
- Emergency Kits and Go Kits
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
- Volunteering
- Etc.

We would be happy to present our program to neighborhood organizations, resident groups and community businesses. Please feel free to contact us through the Sherman Police Department at 496-3256 or Village Hall 496-2621. The volunteers of Sherman EMA are very proud of the community they live in. They are honored to serve and provide the professionalism required in their day to day duties.

Remember, the Village of Sherman is served by the Sangamon County Enhanced 9-1-1 System. In the event that you have an emergency, DIAL 9-1-1.

MISSION AND VALUES STATEMENT OF SHERMAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

It is the mission of the Sherman Emergency Management Agency to serve all people with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to the protection of life and property; the preservation of order and safety; the enforcement of local, state and federal laws; and the defense of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Sherman EMA is committed to serving our community to ensure the quality of life and public trust is maintained by holding ourselves to the highest standard of performance and ethics. Our volunteers are determined to develop relationships with community groups, residential and business organizations and promote an environment receptive to visitors and residents alike. The Sherman EMA has and shall continue to provide service of the highest quality to the community.

PURPOSE OF THE SHERMAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The purpose of the Sherman EMA is to "Ensure the Safety of our Citizens through Preparedness". The Agency protects the rights of all persons within its jurisdiction to be as prepared as possible for an emergency, to be secure in their possessions and live in safety. The Agency serves Sherman by performing the emergency management function in a professional manner.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

A society free and safe from disaster and emergencies remains an unachievable ideal; nevertheless, consistent with the values of a free society, it is the primary objective of the Sherman EMA to as closely as possible, approach this ideal. In doing so, the Agency's role is to work in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing the statutory and judicial limitations of our authority and constitutional rights of all persons.

To demonstrate our commitment to our profession, we subscribe to the following values:

- **INTEGRITY** - is defined as being honest, moral, upright and sincere. Public trust can only exist with our integrity and respect for one another. The foundation of the Village of Sherman is the high level of integrity of its employees.
- **COMMITMENT TO EMPLOYEES** - The Agency recognizes that its employees are the vital component to the successful delivery of emergency management. We believe we can achieve our highest potential by actively involving our employees in problem solving and improving emergency services. We support an organizational climate of mutual trust and respect.
- **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP** - We encourage and expect the participation of the community in facilitating solutions to problems of mutual interest and concern. We therefore solicit and support contributions from all members of our community regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin or social status.
- **PROFESSIONALISM** - Recognizing the changing and diverse needs of the community, Sherman EMA promotes and encourages a policy of professional and individual excellence which is delivered and enhanced by continuing education and training.

The Sherman EMA realizes fully that the expression of ideas is meaningless unless actively practiced. The integrity and professionalism demanded of members of the Sherman EMA shall ensure the proper, lawful, and unbiased application of work.