



202nd Session

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Flood Safety Plan

Background:

In April 2013 an area of our community was damaged or destroyed by a devastating flood. During the flood the area from Tolin Street south to the Illinois River and Chicago Street west to Main Street was flooded or partially flooded.

We have been in communications with personnel from the Corps of Engineers since the 2013 flood. As a result of these meetings we have developed a safety plan. If we learn of predicted river heights that will potentially affect our community we will put our plan into action. You will see the plan is a three phase plan. Phase one and two are based on river elevation and flow as measured at Morris.

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=lot&gage=mori2>

Communications:

The Marseilles Police will use NIXLE as the primary source of notification. Other sources will be used including social media, radio and print media.

Phase 1 Voluntary Evacuation:

When the Illinois River gauge at Morris is at 21 feet and the river is predicted to continue rising we will issue an alert for voluntary evacuation for the following area. At this time the mayor will issue a State Of Emergency Declaration. The mayor will appoint the Chief of Police or his designee as the Incident Commander. The Incident Commander will activate the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and will notify La Salle County Emergency Management Agency of the declaration and the evacuation. The Incident Commander will notify whomever else he feels would be helpful. He will also notify the Marseilles Elementary School superintendent to explain the situation.

Evacuation Area:

Broadway Street South to the Illinois River from Chicago Street to Main Street, Mill Street: This includes all East, West, North, and South streets in that area.

Phase 2 Mandatory Evacuation:

When the Illinois River gauge at Morris is at 22.5 feet and the river is predicted to continue rising we may issue an alert for mandatory evacuation for the following area.

Evacuation Area:

Broadway Street South to the Illinois River from Chicago Street to Main Street, Mill Street: This includes all East, West, North, and South streets in that area.

Phase 3 Reentries:

If there is a mandatory evacuation we will determine the predicted level of the river and the time before it begins to recede. This will determine when we will issue the decision to reenter. The EOC will continue to be staffed as needed until a reentry order is issued.

Evacuation Route:

All evacuation will be controlled exit and reentry. Peoria Street will be used as a North-South dividing line. For all citizens that live East of Peoria Street they will use Chicago Street as an exit and reentry route. This includes those living on the East side of Peoria Street. For the citizens that live West of Peoria Street they will use Aurora Street as an exit and reentry point. This includes those who live on the West side of Peoria Street. Both exit points will be manned by police. All citizens leaving will be asked for their name, address, where they are leaving to, if anyone remains in the home and a contact number. Entry during mandatory evacuation will be limited to citizens of the area or those who have obtained previous permission to enter. There will be no reentry allowed during the mandatory evacuation phase.

Security:

The Marseilles Police will use various patrol techniques to secure and monitor the evacuated homes and personal property. The police may utilize other agencies for assistance as needed.