



# Wauponsee Township Road & Bridge District

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## Press Release

Urbana, Illinois – April 16, 2015 The Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) welcomes Wauponsee Township as a member of its statewide mutual aid network. As a member of the statewide mutual aid network, Wauponsee Township will have access to valuable resources during times of disaster and/or emergency when its resources have been exhausted. In addition to requesting aid, Wauponsee Township will provide assistance to other communities, if needed, when they are faced with situations that require immediate help beyond their capabilities.

To become a member, Wauponsee Township signed an agreement with IPWMAN and submitted a listing of resources.

### **About Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN)**

It is the mission of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN), in the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation, to develop and maintain a statewide network of public works related agencies whose principal purpose is to provide mutual aid response and recovery assistance to each other when confronted with major natural or man-made emergencies and disasters.

As first responders, public works agencies began to look at efficient ways to allocated resources to communities that needed help during times of disasters and emergencies. Fire departments and law enforcement agencies have had statewide mutual aid programs in place, but public works agencies depended upon help from their neighboring communities. Recently, weather-related emergencies have caused wide-spread damage making it difficult for neighboring communities to help each other since they were helping their own citizens with storm damage. IPWMAN officially launched its statewide program in January of 2009 to be able to efficiently respond to communities when help is needed.

For more information, please contact Wauponsee Township Highway Commissioner Mark W. Doerfler, at 815-942-4243, or [markdoerfler@wauponseetownship.org](mailto:markdoerfler@wauponseetownship.org).