



City of Rochelle
Superintendent of Streets
& Cemetery

Memo

To: David Plyman
From: Tim Isley
Date: 6/17/14
Re: Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network

The Rochelle Street Department would like to enter into a written mutual aid agreement with (IPWMAN) Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network to provide and receive emergency assistance in the event of a natural or man-made disaster that would require action beyond normal capabilities. This agency embodies the concept of “community helping community” by providing assistance with equipment, materials and personnel in the event of a disaster.

The Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq., provides the basic legal authority for units of government to contract with other units of government. In order to become members of this organization we must have a signed city ordinance authorizing the Rochelle Street department to enter into this agreement.

The mutual aid agreement does not obligate any agency to respond. The agreement is designed for agencies to assist each other when and if available. Based on the principal of neighbor helping neighbor no financial reimbursements will be paid to the responding community for the first 5 days of assistance. There is a \$100 dollars membership fee to join this organization.

I would like recommend the City of Rochelle consider entering into a written agreement with IPWMAN and join the vast list of surrounding communities who are part of this Mutual Aid Network.