

# TOIRMA Update

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### TOIRMA Partners with IPWMAN

T'S NO SECRET that TOIRMA is an advocate of intergovernmental agreements. Having an intergovernmental agreement in place better protects township/road districts by outlining the specific terms of the cooperation and the responsibilities of the parties involved. Whether it's for road maintenance, snow removal, or construction projects, townships/ road districts, through intergovernmental cooperation, are increasing efficiencies, and saving taxpayer dollars while getting the job done. In the spirit of planning ahead with intergovernmental cooperation, and written agreements, TOIRMA is partnering with the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN). During calendar year 2019, for any TOIRMA member that joins IPWMAN, TOIRMA will reimburse that member the 2019 IPWMAN membership fee.

**UESTION:** What is IPWMAN?

**ANSWER:** IPWMAN was established with the goal of assisting local governments in being better equipped to respond to natural disasters such as tornadoes, earthquakes, flooding, other major storm events, infrastructure failures, and terrorism events. It is the mission of 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 natural or man-made emergencies and disasters.

**UESTION:** How does IPWMAN work?

**ANSWER:** When a disaster occurs, an IPWMAN member can make a request to the network for assistance from other IPWMAN members.

**UESTION:** What are some examples of situations where assistance has been provided by IPWMAN?

**ANSWER:** Examples of assistance during disasters include the need for personnel, equipment or both. IPWMAN members have assisted during the aftermath of tornadoes (cleanup). During regional flooding, town-

ships/road districts may put out a request for temporary signs or barricades from other unaffected areas of the state.

**UESTION:** If a township/road district is a member of IPWMAN and a call is made for assistance, does that member have to provide the requested assistance?

**ANSWER:** No, it is NOT mandatory for IPWMAN members to provide. IPWMAN members maintain their ability to decide whether they can help or not.

**UESTION:** What organizations may join IPWMAN?

**ANSWER:** Membership is open to any public agency that provides public works related services. This includes townships/road districts.

**UESTION:** What are the benefits of joining IPW-MAN?

**ANSWER:** As stated above, by joining IPWMAN, members have access to personnel and resources when there is an emergency. In addition, members benefit from IPWMAN's guidance in coordinating a response to an emergency, consistent understanding of the responding and requesting agencies' roles during response by following the mutual aid agreement, response that is based upon the need of the requesting agency as opposed to unsolicited responders hampering recovery efforts, and opportunities to participate in emergency training programs.

IPWMAN has responded to disasters all over the State of Illinois since 2009, and is recognized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. IPWMAN maintains a current, readily accessible listing of available resources for its members, provides standardized operating procedures for disaster response, has quick and direct access to public works assets, and a simplified reimbursement system.

**UESTION:** Does IPWMAN provide an intergovernmental agreement?

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**ANSWER:** Yes. The IPWMAN mutual aid agreement is a standard intergovernmental agreement entered by each IPWMAN member. The agreement is self-renewing after the first year with the payment of dues. Members retain their ability to cancel at any time.

**UESTION:** What does it cost to join IPWMAN?

**ANSWER:** IPWMAN has provided over \$2.5 Million in services to stricken members since its inception in 2009. IPWMAN dues are based on population served, so townships/road districts with a population under 15,000 annual dues will be \$100 per year, 15,001 to 75,000, \$250 per year, and townships/road districts with a population over 75,000, \$500 per year.

**UESTION:** How does your township/road district join IPWMAN?

**ANSWER:** For more information regarding membership in IPWMAN, please visit ipwman.org, or feel free to contact IPWMAN by email, info@ipwman.org, or telephone (844) 479-6269.

| Township               | County             |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| AMBOY TOWNSHIP         | LEE COUNTY         |
| CANOE CREEK TOWNSHIP   | ROCK ISLAND COUNTY |
| CARRIGAN TOWNSHIP      | MARION COUNTY      |
| CHAMBERSBURG TOWNSHIP  | PIKE COUNTY        |
| COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP      | ADAMS COUNTY       |
| CROOKED CREEK TOWNSHIP | CUMBERLAND COUNTY  |
| CROOKED CREEK TOWNSHIP | JASPER COUNTY      |
| DERINDA TOWNSHIP       | JO DAVIESS COUNTY  |
| ELKHORN TOWNSHIP       | BROWN COUNTY       |
| GENEVA TOWNSHIP        | KANE COUNTY        |
| GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP     | CHRISTIAN COUNTY   |
| HURRICANE TOWNSHIP     | FAYETTE COUNTY     |
| KERR TOWNSHIP          | CHAMPAIGN COUNTY   |
| LACLEDE TOWNSHIP       | FAYETTE COUNTY     |
| LAMARD TOWNSHIP        | WAYNE COUNTY       |
| LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP     | MCLEAN COUNTY      |
| LIBERTY TOWNSHIP       | EFFINGHAM COUNTY   |
| LOOKINGGLASS TOWNSHIP  | CLINTON COUNTY     |
| LOUDON TOWNSHIP        | FAYETTE COUNTY     |
| MARTINTON TOWNSHIP     | IROQUOIS COUNTY    |
| MEACHAM TOWNSHIP       | MARION COUNTY      |
| MONEY CREEK            | MCLEAN COUNTY      |

**UESTION:** How does a township/road district that is a TOIRMA member, get reimbursed for joining IPW-MAN during calendar year 2019?

**ANSWER:** Once you have paid your 2019 IPWMAN membership invoice, please provide TOIRMA a copy for reimbursement. Send it to our office by email: pjacob@toirma.org, fax: (217) 744-8011, or by mail: TOIRMA, 3217 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. As always, if you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me toll-free at (888) 562-7861 or by email at jdonelan@toirma.org.

#### Think Safe ... Drive Safe ... Work Safe

As of May 23, 2019, the following TOIRMA members have not deposited their 2019 dividend check. If your township/road district is on this list below, please deposit your dividend as soon as possible. Thank you!



| Township                | County            |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| MORGAN ROAD DISTRICT 11 | MORGAN COUNTY     |
| NEW HAVEN TOWNSHIP      | GALLATIN COUNTY   |
| OHIO GROVE TOWNSHIP     | MERCER COUNTY     |
| OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP    | LASALLE COUNTY    |
| PATOKA TOWNSHIP         | MARION COUNTY     |
| PEA RIDGE TOWNSHIP      | BROWN COUNTY      |
| PEOTONE TOWNSHIP        | WILL COUNTY       |
| PICKAWAY TOWNSHIP       | SHELBY COUNTY     |
| PIN OAK TOWNSHIP        | MADISON COUNTY    |
| PLATO TOWNSHIP          | KANE COUNTY       |
| PLEASANT VALE TOWNSHIP  | PIKE COUNTY       |
| POLK TOWNSHIP           | MACOUPIN COUNTY   |
| RICHLAND TOWNSHIP       | MARSHALL COUNTY   |
| RICHWOOD TOWNSHIP       | JERSEY COUNTY     |
| SERENA TOWNSHIP         | LASALLE COUNTY    |
| SHAFTER TOWNSHIP        | FAYETTE COUNTY    |
| SOMERSET TOWNSHIP       | JACKSON COUNTY    |
| STONEFORT TOWNSHIP      | SALINE COUNTY     |
| WABASH TOWNSHIP         | CLARK COUNTY      |
| WALLACE TOWNSHIP        | LASALLE COUNTY    |
| WILLOW HILL TOWNSHIP    | JASPER COUNTY     |
| WOODBURY TOWNSHIP       | CUMBERLAND COUNTY |



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