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PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

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If you have any questions concerning our participation, please contact our Emergency Response Coordinator, Mr. Steven Orth, at (630) 829-9827 or myself at (630) 829-9757.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth Riemer, Chief
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