



# Maine Township News Release

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## **New OEM Director named for Maine Township**

Carol A. Teschky, Supervisor of Maine Township, has announced the promotion of Dagmar Rutzen to the position of Director for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). A longtime dedicated OEM volunteer, Rutzen was most recently Deputy Director responsible for most field operations. The Maine Township Board of Trustees voted tonight to appoint Rutzen to replace longtime Director Robert Cohen who passed away recently.

"Dagmar, who has proven to be an outstanding and committed member of the agency, has often demonstrated her superior judgment in crisis situations and has become a highly visible leader", says Supervisor Teschky. In her new position, Rutzen will work closely with Maine Township officials and the agency's community partners. She will also be more involved in the day to day operations of the agency and overseeing the training of volunteer members.

Rutzen, who lives in unincorporated Des Plaines, is a retired teacher from Algonquin Middle School in Des Plaines. A Trustee of the North Maine Fire Protection District, she has also been involved in other township activities and committees including the Garbage Referendum Committee and the Neighborhood Watch program. She is also a State Certified instructor for C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Training), she provides training to the community through the Townships Citizen Corps Council. She also serves as a trail guide at Starved Rock State Park

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Maine Township OEM is the key response agency for emergency and disaster planning and response and coordinates outside agencies to provide shelter and evacuation guidance, damage assessment, and recovery information in the event of a community emergency or disaster and acts as the local contact for state and federal governments in the event of state or national disasters.

For more information about volunteering for the Maine Township OEM or to schedule a speaker who will provide an overview of OEM responsibilities, as well as instructions on making your own emergency survival kit, call 847-297-2510.

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