



# Kane County Office of Emergency Management

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## Disaster Ready Kane Seeks Community Partners for Countywide Response

**Disaster Ready Kane**, an initiative of the Kane County Office of Emergency Management, is creating a countywide support network to help the community prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

The program is inviting Kane County organizations to learn more about this coordinated effort to help residents and businesses stabilize, rebuild and recover more quickly after a major emergency.

A community meeting will be held on **Friday, April 10**, for nonprofits, faith-based organizations, service agencies, businesses and community groups interested joining Disaster Ready Kane.

Disaster Ready Kane is organizing partners around the following functional areas:

- Animal Services
- Case Management
- Communications
- Damage Assessment
- Debris Removal
- Donations Management
- Emergency Shelter
- Emotional and Spiritual Care
- Long-Term Recovery
- Programs, Outreach, Education, and Membership
- Volunteer Coordination

“Strong partnerships are the foundation of effective disaster response,” said Scott Buziecki, Director of the Kane County Office of Emergency Management. “Disaster Ready Kane ensures we are not meeting each other for the first time in the middle of a crisis. We are building relationships, clarifying roles and strengthening our ability to serve our residents when it matters most.”

“Major disasters test the entire community, not just first responders.” said Joe Cluchey, Interim Chairman of Disaster Ready Kane and retired South Elgin and Elburn Fire Chief. “The more organizations engaged before an event occurs, the more effective and compassionate our response will be. This is about neighbors helping neighbors in a coordinated and meaningful way.”

The **April 10** meeting will be held at the **Kane County Government Center**, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, in Building A, Lower-Level Auditorium at **2:00 p.m.** An online meeting option will also be available.

Organizations are encouraged to RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/Eo8tvVJ2xpcQY8NZA>

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Together, we can build a stronger, more prepared Kane County.