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County receives emergency management nominations & award

Mount Clemens, Mich., - Mr. Peter Locke, Emergency Services Aide with the Macomb County Office of Emergency Management & Communications was awarded the 2011 Michigan Emergency Management Association's (MEMA) Mitigation of the Year Award. MEMA's annual conference was held last week in Traverse City where the nomination's for the various award categories were revealed and the final award winners announced.

Mr. Locke was nominated in this category for his extensive work on the Macomb County Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2010-2015. Each community in the State is required to have a plan and this was the first Hazard Mitigation Plan in the State of Michigan officially recognized and approved for use by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for this period of time. Vicki Wolber, Emergency Management Coordinator for Macomb County, in her nomination of Mr. Locke, noted his hard work, dedication and understanding of how important hazard identification, analysis and mitigation are to lessening the effects of and/or preventing emergencies or disasters in our area. Ms. Wolber stated that Mr. Locke is "dedicated to serving and protecting the citizens, businesses and assets of the county and is deserving of such an award for the outstanding effort put forth and product produced."

Other notable nominations at the conference from the county, though not final winners, included Ms. Wolber for Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) of the Year and the county itself for Special Community of the Year for the collective promotion, support and embracing of the principles of emergency management by our county and local officials, first responders and support agencies.

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