

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

## Serving the Village of Lake Delton

Marty Krueger, Chairman
Sauk County Board – Executive and Legislative Committee
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Dear Chairman Krueger,

This letter is in reference to Mr. Jeffrey Jelinek and his value to the Village of Lake Delton and all of Sauk County.

Mr. Jelinek provides an incredibly valuable service to the Village of Lake Delton and Sauk County. During the past two years, I have served as the Emergency Management Director for the Village of Lake Delton. During this time, I have worked very closely with Mr. Jelinek on several projects and I have repeatedly been impressed by his sincere dedication and breadth of knowledge. On an ongoing basis, Mr. Jelinek works with representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, as well as the school districts and area businesses, on a variety of life safety and preparedness issues. His personality and friendly demeanor make him highly effective in his important role as Emergency Management Director.

Recently, the Village of Lake Delton elected to participate in a federally developed warning system known as Integrated Public Alerts and Warning System (IPAWS). As the development of the program moved along, we ran into some issues but Mr. Jelinek was right there ready to assist. As a result of Mr. Jelinek's resourcefulness and insightfulness, the end result was the IPAWS system being made available on a countywide basis. Not only did the Village of Lake Delton get the robust warning system we needed, but now this same technology is also available to all of Sauk County.

Mr. Jelinek goes about his daily business doing an incredibly vital job that rarely gets attention. Much of his efforts are not immediately visible, but as a result of the valuable service he provides, the Village of Lake Delton and Sauk County are safer and more prepared.

Yours in Public Safety,

Darren Jorgenson, Fire Chief Emergency Management Director