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### **Christian County EMA Director appointed to lead Hanover Township Emergency Services**

Hanover Township Supervisor Brian McGuire has appointed Mike Crews as Director of the Township's Emergency Services Department effective October 28, 2019. Director Crews joins Hanover with over 15-years of experience as the Emergency Manager of the Christian County Emergency Management Agency and 27-years of experience in the fire service.

"We couldn't be more excited to have someone with Director Crew's experience and professionalism lead the department," said McGuire. "Since 2009, Hanover Township Emergency Services has taken a step forward each year in terms of their abilities and we look forward to his leadership in taking the department to the next level."

Director Crews recently served as Chief of the Taylorville Fire Department where he oversaw department operations and fire service training for the city. In his role with the Christian County EMA, Director Crews coordinated local disaster response and was successful in obtaining \$1 million in grant funding for municipal and county projects.

Crews directed Taylorville's response when an EF-3 tornado struck the city on December 1 of last year. His efforts were recognized by Congressman Rodney Davis who invited Crews to be his guest at the State of the Union Address in January in Washington D.C.

"My intentions are to hit the ground running, moving the organization ahead with sustained growth," said Crews. "With the current leadership in Hanover Township, it is clear we are bound by nothing in our abilities to improve emergency services for the residents. I am anxious to get started and honored to lead such a tremendous team".



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The Hanover Township Emergency Services Unit is trained to respond to a wide range of emergencies and non-emergency events to either assist primary emergency responders or operate independently in times of natural and man-made disasters. This dedicated group of professional volunteers exist to provide a properly equipped, trained and ready unit to assist Hanover Township residents and the public safety agencies that serve them. Hanover Township Emergency Services is only of three agencies to receive accreditation from the Cook County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

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