

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN ACTION

Highland Park July 4, 2022

ILCMA April Professional
Development Hybrid Event

Wednesday, April 12

9 AM - 11:30 AM

NIU Naperville -or- via Zoom

Emergency Preparedness was put into action when a mass shooting took place in Highland Park on Independence Day. City Manager Ghida Neukirch will provide the City's response to the horrific tragedy, the significant coordination that was necessary for weeks after the mass shooting, and continued resiliency efforts which are on-going. Lake County EMA Manager Dan Eder will present the County's role in the Highland Park Shooting response including highlights of the plethora of resources available to communities and the public.

On the morning of July 4, 2022 the City of Highland Park was gearing up to celebrate together Independence Day as a community for the first time in two years. A mass shooting took place at 10:14 AM, 14 minutes after the parade started. The gunman, positioned on top of a roof, fired over 70 shots from an assault style weapon into the crowd below. Seven people were killed, 48 others were wounded by bullets or shrapnel, and thousands are forever impacted. The City of Highland Park, working alongside federal, state, county and other local enforcement agencies and responded swiftly and effectively. While the community was searching for meaning, the professionals working behind the scenes, worked tirelessly to best serve the public which continues today. City Manager Ghida Neukirch will present information about the City's emergency response to the horrific tragedy, along with the significant coordination and mutual aid efforts. Lake County Emergency Management Agency Manager Dan Eder will present information about the County's role in the Highland Park Shooting response including highlights of the plethora of resources available to communities and the public.

Ghida Neukirch is a municipal leader with 30 years of experience in local government management. She is the first female City Manager for the City of Highland Park, IL responsible for the management of a \$113 MM budget and 270 employees. Neukirch serves on a broad range of professional, civic, and philanthropic boards and committees. She is a Board Member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board, Board Member and Past-President of the Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood, and a founder and Executive Board Member of Community the Anti-Drug (CTAD). She is a Credentialed Manager by the International City/County Management Association and is a Past President of the Illinois City/County Management Association. In 2012, Neukirch began her employment with the City of Highland Park as the Deputy City Manager and was promoted to City Manager in 2014. Her prior professional work includes management positions at four other municipalities in the State of Illinois. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Psychology from DePaul University and a Masters of Public Administration with an emphasis in Urban Management from Northern Illinois University. She and her husband Scot Neukirch, have two children, Jaclyn & Zachary.

Dan Eder is the current Manager for the Lake County Emergency Management Agency and has been with Lake County since December 2016. Prior to his employment with Lake County, he was the Assistant Director of Community Health Resources with the Kane County Health Department where he had been employed over 10 years. Dan has a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and Environmental Health degree from Northern Illinois University, a Master of Public Health degree from Benedictine University, is a Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner (LEHP), and is also an Illinois Professional Emergency Manager (IPEM). Dan has responded to numerous incidents prior to, and during his time, at Lake County. He is passionate about utilizing strategic planning methods and forming strong partnerships to help develop projects and initiatives to help better prepare Lake County before, during, and after an incident or event.

addresses ICMA practices areas: 2-community engagement, 4-Staff Effectiveness, 6-strategic leadership, 8-policy facilitation and implementation, 9-community and resident service, 10-services delivery, 14-communication and information sharing

Intended audience is local government managers/administrators and assistants

Attend in-person at NIU Naperville or virtually via Zoom. Zoom presentation begins at 9:30 AM. Registration fee is the same for in-person and virtual attendance \$35. Register for Metro Luncheon "Living in the Red & Yellow" as well for \$65. Student Rate \$20 or \$45 for both events. MIT's are free.

To register visit: [ILCMA.org/events/April12](https://www.ilcma.org/events/April12)

