

CLAY TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE FOR HARSENS ISLAND ICE JAM

In the event that there are severe ice jams restricting the ability of Harsens Island residents to leave the island for a long period of time due to the Harsens Island Ferry being shut down the following procedures has been presented by the Chief of Police at a HISCFA board meeting.

- The Clay Township Police Department Dispatch Center will coordinate all emergencies.
- The Harsens Island Fire Department will transport only emergency medical patients by air boat. (Township Business may be transported by air boat as needed). Mutual aid will be toned out as needed. The Fire Chiefs will be the on scene commander at all medical and fire scenes.
- The Clay Township Police Department will place a vehicle on the island side for all emergencies when notified by the Ferry Operator that the ferry will be closing.

In the event the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Harsens Island residents are threatened the following procedure will take place.

- The local Emergency Management Coordinator (Township Supervisor) will declare a local emergency.
- The Coordinator will authorize the Township Emergency Management Liaison (Chief of Police) to coordinate the events and notification to the St. Clair Emergency Management Coordinator.
- The Clay Township Police Department will become the Command Post for evacuation of Harsens Island residents. Through the dispatch center the following will take place.
 - All Department Heads/Township Board will be notified.
 - All Emergency phone numbers and contacts will be located at the Dispatch Center (i.e. Emergency Management, Coast Guard; Red Cross, School System, Tri-EMS etc.)
 - Location for a pick up point from the island to the mainland will be made.
 - Algonac School Superintendent will be notified. School buses will be put in place for evacuation.
 - The Harsens Island Lions Club will be the immediate island relocation center. If there is a need residents may be taken off of the island. The US Coast Guard will be requested to assist in removing residents.
 - The main relocation point on the mainland will be the Algonquin Middle School.
 - The St. Clair Emergency Management will assist in providing staff/bedding etc. to the Middle School.

- Food and showers will be done at the Middle School either through the school personnel or possible the Red Cross.
- The Clay Township Police Department will provide an on scene officer at the school.
- The Clay Township Mainland Fire will monitor fire safety and rescue operations at the school. If the evacuation is to the HI Lions Club then the HI Fire Department will monitor.
- The St. Clair Emergency Management Center will provide an emergency number citizens' may call to get an update of the situation.
- The spokesperson for all Public Information releases will be the local Emergency Management Coordinator (Township Supervisor) or his/her designee.