

Braidwood Emergency Service Disaster Agency (E.S.D.A.)

275 W. Main St.

Braidwood, IL. 60408

Emergency Dial 9-1-1



Administrative Line (Braidwood Fire Dept.): (815) 458-2000

Non-Emergency requests for Braidwood E.S.D.A. can be made thru the Braidwood Police Department (815) 458-2341

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Braidwood E.S.D.A. provides volunteer emergency services to the City of Braidwood and surrounding areas. Braidwood E.S.D.A. is operated by a group of dedicated volunteers who provide support services for the Braidwood Police Department and Braidwood Fire Department.

A few of the services that Braidwood E.S.D.A. provides include:

- Provide assistance with traffic control & direction as well as perimeter control during emergency incidents (power lines down, fire scenes, accidents, road closures, roadway obstructions, etc.) as well as during planned events such as parades, 5K runs, etc. Braidwood E.S.D.A. volunteers are also able to assist local police department officers with traffic control during scheduled refueling outages at the Exelon Braidwood Generation station if needed.
- Weather spotting & monitoring operations during severe or extreme weather events
- Response to disaster incidents both natural & manmade
- Provide assistance to other area Emergency Management/E.S.D.A. agencies/Fire & Police Departments
- Oversee and coordinate operations of the Braidwood Emergency Operations Center during major incidents
- Provide public preparedness education & awareness programs and materials to the community

Braidwood ESDA is responsible for coordination, review & implementation of the Illinois Plan for Radiological Accidents (IPRA) for the Braidwood Nuclear Station's Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) in the event that a larger scale incident was to occur at the Exelon Generation Braidwood Station. Braidwood ESDA Coordinators work closely with the Will County Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to ensure the IPRA is up to date and reviewed on a regular basis. E.S.D.A. Coordinators & volunteers also participate in annual NARS (Nuclear Accident Reporting System) emergency drills with the Braidwood Station.

All members of the Braidwood ESDA team are 100% volunteer and receive no compensation for their services. A few members have fire service backgrounds or law enforcement backgrounds, but it is not a requirement in order to be a member of the Braidwood ESDA team. Members are trained in several areas including basic & advanced weather spotting, CPR, incident command, traffic incident management and the National Incident Management System, just to name a few.

Prospective new team members must first complete a membership application following the instructions found in the application packet. After submitting the application, a formal interview with the candidate will be held. Following the interview, the candidate will be sent for processing thru the Braidwood Police Department which will include fingerprinting, background check, MVR check and photographing. Upon successful completion of all requirements and membership is approved, the successful candidate will begin a 1-year probationary period with the agency. For questions or more information on membership please contact the agency Coordinator or Asst. Coordinator.