



**Dodge County Office of Emergency Management Director  
Receives President's Award at 2005 Annual WEMA Conference**

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Mark Fritsche, Director of Dodge County Emergency Management was the recipient of the 2005 Wisconsin Emergency Management Associations (WEMA) President's Award at the October 27, 2005, Annual WEMA Conference in Green Bay, WI. The award is presented to the Emergency Management Director most recognized for their outstanding service to their community and to the Emergency Management profession. Jerry Billington, Emergency Management Director for the City of Horicon read the award announcement. Jennifer Warmke, Deputy Director of Dodge County Emergency Management and Jeff Berry, Emergency Management Director for the City of Waupun were present for the award.

"It is both an honor and privilege to receive such an honorary award. This award is not for Mark Fritsche, but for Dodge County and everyone who has played a part in the success of this department and the continued mission to provide outstanding service in helping Dodge County mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from all-hazards. The biggest thanks goes out to my wife Renee for her continued support and understanding that when something bad happens, I have to run off and leave her alone with the kids and that is a great burden to put on your spouse." Fritsche says.

During the conference, Fritsche was also re-elected as Secretary of the WEMA Board of Directors for a two year term.

WEMA is an association of people and businesses that are interested in promoting effective emergency management planning, training, and exercise programs throughout the State of Wisconsin. The purpose of WEMA is to advocate, promote and represent statewide emergency management interests in order to enhance the safety and security of all citizens.

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