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Florence County Receives WI-CAMS Printer to Assist in Emergency Situations

Florence, WI- Florence County Health Department collaborated with the Florence County Sheriff's Office to receive grant funding for a WI-CAMS Printer. The Wisconsin Credentialing and Asset Management System (WI-CAMS) is maintained and supported by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) to provide county emergency managers and emergency response agencies the ability to rapidly identify, qualify and validate responders on scene. Overall, this system allows our county to be better prepared for an emergency.

WI- CAMS is a multi-purpose tool which allows us to identify vetted individuals prior to and during a real event through credentialing. The WI-CAMS system collects and stores information in the Salamander Live application. A card or wrist band is then printed with an individualized bar code for use by staff and volunteers during an emergency situation. The system could be used in a search and rescue event, for example, to vet a large number of responders.

Funding for the WI-CAMS system was awarded to Florence County by the Wisconsin Healthcare Readiness Coalition (HERC). The total amount awarded to the health department and sheriff's office was just over \$4,500.00. Wisconsin has 7 HERC regions of which Florence County is part of the Northeast HERC region with counties such as Marinette, Oconto, Door, Brown, Kewaunee and Manitowoc. The HERC provides monthly coalition meetings to stay up-to-date on news, available resources, emergency exercises and training opportunities, etc.

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