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TO: Mayor Manier and the Washington City Council
FROM: Chief of Police Michael D. McCoy
RE: Renaming the City ESDA to Emergency Management Agency

Mayor and Aldermen,

It is my recommendation that the city's Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) be renamed to Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

The rationale for requesting such a change is to keep with modern naming conventions. The concept of having an agency to manage large-scale emergencies goes back to the Civil Defense Agencies of the 1950s. As needs evolved, the agencies and terms describing them also evolved. The suggested change keeps with modern practice and updates statutory references from Illinois Revised Statutes to Illinois Compiled Statutes.

The full text of the suggested change is attached.