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Prepared Statements
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First, I would like to thank you for opportunity to present to this very important committee on disaster preparedness. At 6 ½ years, I have not been in this profession for a very long time, but I have had the opportunity to see some dramatic shifts in the landscape of Emergency Preparedness. I have seen the focus of planning switch from natural hazards to acts of terrorism and back to natural hazards. These shifts have emphasized the fact that we need to stay true to our roots in Emergency Management. We need to continue to plan, train, and exercise for ALL-hazards. Whether it is a threat of school violence in Green Bay, spring flooding, or the potential for an intentional act at our stadium, port, or airport, Green Bay and the State of Wisconsin are not immune to the hazards that face the rest of the United States.

There are 72 well trained, well qualified, and very professional Emergency Management Programs in this State working to ensure that our communities, counties, and the State are well prepared to handle any disaster that may befall us. Whether we are preparing for, responding to, recovering from, or mitigating disasters, we are constantly reviewing are plans and procedures and looking for areas where we can improve.

I've reviewed the *Scope of Study* for this committee and I would like to take this time to give some background information on emergency management while addressing some of your areas of concern.

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