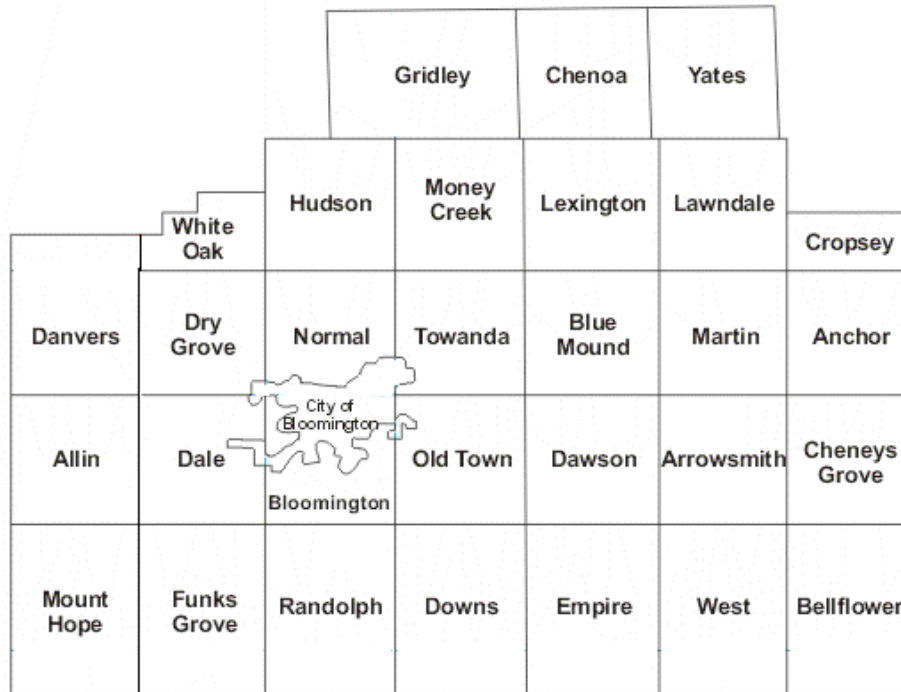


McLean County, IL

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McLean is the largest county (in area) in Illinois, almost 1200 square miles. Within McLean County is the crossroads of 3 major Interstate highways, 2 mid-sized cities and one of the largest universities in the state. With an interesting mix of urban and rural locales, one can hear just about any type call on the scanner, from homicides to missing cattle.

McLean County was one of the few installations nationwide of an EF Johnson LTR-MultiNet trunking system. This replaced several VHF and UHF channels for several agencies of the county and cities. The system never quite worked well for the county and has been replaced by reverting back to old channels (often with quite different use than before the EFJ system) and by moving to the StarCom21 system. StarCom21 is the statewide Motorola Astro25 system, and the McLean County portion was built earlier than originally planned to accommodate them.

StarCom21: Metcom is the county dispatch center, and dispatches all County emergency services and most local communities except ISU PD and Bloomington PD & FD. See the [CARMA StarCom21 Profile](#) for talkgroups and frequency assignments.

Operations known to be using StarCom21, dispatched by Metcom include:

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| McLean Co Sheriff | Bellflower PD | Bloomington PD |
| Colfax PD | Chenoa PD(Also covers Gridley) | Danvers PD |
| Downs PD | Ellsworth PD | Heyworth PD |
| Hudson PD | Lake Bloomington PD | Leroy PD |
| Lexington PD (“LX” Units) | McLean PD (“MC” Units) | Stanford PD |
| Normal PD | Normal FD | |

McLean County Sheriff Numbering:

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|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| “Paul” | Patrol | “Sam” | Sergeants |
| “George” | Civil Process Unit | “David” | Detectives |
| “John” | Jail Transport Units | “Charles” | Mechanic |
| “Command x” | Command Staff (1 thru 6) | “Edward” | Coroner’s Office (1 thru 16) |

County Fire Operations

Response Codes:

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| “Alpha” Response | Fire units, no lights or sirens |
| “Bravo” Response | Lights & Sirens |
| “Charlie” Response | Fire units with lights & siren, LifeLine with no lights or siren |
| “Delta” Response | Fire & LifeLine respond with lights & siren |
| “Echo” Response | All units respond with lights & siren, PD with AED as available also |
| “Omega” Response | Refer to other agency |

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| 154.1900 | 173.8 | F1 | County Fire Operations |
| 154.2650 | 210.7 | F2 | IFERN / MABAS, MABAS Division 41 |
| 154.2350 | 000.0 | F3 | Fireground |
| 154.8150 | 173.8 | F4 | Countywide EMS Operations, Repeats 159.0300 |
| 153.8300 | 69.3 | F5 | Fireground Red |
| 154.2800 | 74.4 | F6 | Fireground White |
| 154.2950 | 85.4 | F7 | Fireground Blue |
| 155.3400 | 94.8 | F8 | MERCI 340 |
| 155.0550 | 000.0 | F9 | IREACH |
| 154.1600 | 97.4 | F10 | Bloomington FD paging and ops, Repeats 151.220 |
| 151.1900 | 173.8 | F11 | Randolph Twp & Heyworth FD’s tac & weather spotting |
| 154.2200 | 94.8 | F11 | Downs FD Tac, weather spotters |
| 154.1000 | 000.0 | F11 | Saybrook-Arrowsmith FD tac & weather spotting |
| 154.0850 | 000.0 | F11 | Carlock & Danvers FPD’s Tac and weather spotting |
| 154.9650 | 000.0 | F11 | Octavia FPD (Cooksville, Anchor, Cropsey) Tac WX |
| 154.3025 | 67.0 | F12 | IFERN 2 |
| 153.8375 | 91.5 | F13 | Fireground Gold |
| 154.2725 | 94.8 | F14 | Fireground Black |
| 154.2875 | 136.5 | F15 | Fireground Gray |
| 156.2100 | 94.8 | F16 | Paging |
| 153.9650 | D051 | | Bloomington Twp tac and weather spotters |
| 153.8975 | 100.0 | | Normal FD mobile extenders |
| 159.0525 | 100.0 | | Normal FD mobile extenders (Used with StarCom21 TG 30372) |
| 459.6500 | 141.3 | | Carlock FD Mobile Extenders |
| 457.6500 | 100.0 | | Carlock FD Mobile Extenders |
| 458.6000 | 120.0 | | Carlock FD Mobile Extenders |
| 155.2200 | 173.8 | | Lexington Ambulance Service (No longer used) |
| 159.1050 | 118.8 | | Gridley Ambulance (Repeats 156.0000) |
| 155.0850 | 94.8 | | Leroy Ambulance Service (Repeats 153.7850) |
| 453.6750 | 173.8 | “Countywide” | Disaster, Back-up |
| 453.5750 | 103.5 | “Citywide” | Buildings Maintenance |
| 453.3375 | 103.5 | | McLean County Jail operations (Low Power) |
| 155.0550 | 000.0 | | IREACH (Used to contact ISP troopers) |

McLean County Highway and Local Government Operations:

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| 151.0100 | 141.3 | Hwy | County Highway Net, repeats 156.045 (also used by townships) |
| 458.1500 | 103.5 | LG | County Building Maintenance |
| 453.5750 | 103.5 | LG | Co. Building Management, also used for with hospitals ("Countywide") |

EMA Operations: *(See also StarCom21)*

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| 453.7000 | 103.5 | F1 McLean County EMA Dispatch Repeater |
| 453.7000 | 103.5 | F2 (Simplex) |
| 453.8625 | 156.7 | U-Tac 3 EMA Ops Team (Simplex) |
| 045.4000 | 103.5 | EMA Operations |
| 045.4400 | 103.5 | EMA Statewide Net |
| 045.5200 | 000.0 | EMA Operations (limited use) |
| 045.5600 | 210.7 | EMA Weather Link |
| 159.1050 | 118.8 | Gridley EMA, repeats 156.0000 |
| 453.4500 | 103.5 | Lexington EMA |
| 151.1900 | 173.8 | Heyworth EMA |
| 154.7925 | 131.8 | Stanford EMA, repeats 156.1575 |
| 154.0850 | 000.0 | Danvers & Carlock EMA |
| 154.9650 | 000.0 | Colfax & Anchor EMA |
| 155.1000 | 000.0 | Hudson EMA |
| 155.7900 | D306 | Leroy EMA (Repeats 153.8750) |
| 453.7000 | 103.5 | Towanda EMA |

EMA Numbering:

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| 100's Lexington | 700's Carlock | 3700's Downs |
| 200's Colfax | 1200's Chenoa | 4300's Heyworth |
| 300's Leroy | 1600's Gridley | 5300's Towanda |
| 400's McLean | 3200's Ellsworth | 7400's Hudson |
| 500's | 3400's Arrowsmith | 7600's Danvers |

Township Highway Departments:

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|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Allin | | Funk's Grove | |
| Anchor | | Gridley | 151.1300 (179.9) |
| Arrowsmith | 157.6200 (203.5) | Hudson | 151.0100 (141.3) |
| Bellflower | 155.9850 | | 151.1300 (000.0) |
| Bloomington | 153.2450 (141.3,Rpts 159.495) | Lawndale | |
| Blue Mound | 154.0400 (000.0) | Lexington | 453.4500 (103.5) |
| Cheney's Grove | 158.8800 | Martin | 151.1300 (000.0) |
| Chenoa | | Money Creek | |
| Cropsey | 156.1350 | Mount Hope | 151.1300 (000.0) |
| Dale | 151.0850 | Normal | |
| Danvers | 158.9400 (151.4) | Old Town | 158.7450 |
| Dawson | | | 151.0100 (141.3) |
| Downs | 151.0100 (141.3) | Randolph | 453.3000 (192.8) |
| | 151.1300 (179.9) | Towanda | 151.0100 (141.3) |
| Dry Grove | 463.3500 (156.7) | West | 154.0550 (000.0) |
| | 155.9400 (000.0) | White Oak | 153.9200 |
| Empire | 155.9550 (173.8) | Yates | 461.475 (R) |

Cities and Villages:

Anchor (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Octavia FPD, County Net

Arrowsmith (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD, County Net
154.2350 Fire Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD
154.1000 Fire Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD

Bellflower (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)
154.1900 173.8 Fire Bellflower FPD, County Net
045.5200 000.0 EMA Local EMA Unit

Bloomington: (Police dispatch on StarCom21)
Adam Patrol K9 Canine Tom Traffic
Baker Special Assignment Lincoln Lieutenant Victor Vice
Frank Training officer Robert School officer 700's Park District PD
Ida Detectives Sam Sergeant

Legacy PD Channels:
453.1500 127.3 Police F1 Alternate
453.9250 127.3 Police F2 "Proactive" Tactical ops & Events channel
460.1250 D331 Police F3 Dispatch (Simulcast to SC21 TG 30378)
155.1300 000.0 Police Car to Car (No longer used)
458.7375 Police Receiver Link
458.7875 Police Receiver Link

Other freqs:
154.1600 97.4 Fire Bloomington FD, Repeats 151.2200
453.1000 110.9 LG Miller Park Zoo
453.1000 118.8 LG Bloomington Parks & Recreation
453.8500 LG Building Inspectors channel, possible future PW use
453.4000 110.9 LG Housing Authority channel, possible future PW use
453.4750 91.5 Misc B-N Airport Operations
453.3750 Misc B-N Public Transit
453.4250 141.3 Misc B-N Public Transit
453.5250 Misc B-N Water Reclamation District
462.2375 Data Misc B-N Water Reclamation District (Telemetry Links)
460.9000 100.0 School Bloomington School District 87
464.3250 131.8 School Bloomington School District 87
157.5750 School Bloomington Schools
157.6350 School Bloomington Schools
463.2625 D051 School First Student Systems (School Busses)
462.8500 Hosp St. Joseph Medical Center
463.5125 141.3 Hosp St. Joseph Medical Center Security, Maintenance
463.3000 Hosp Chestnut Health Systems
461.6375 D114 Mall Eastland Mall, Security/Maintenance

Bloomington Township:
154.1900 173.8 Fire Bloomington Twp FPD, County Fire Net,
154.2350 000.0 Fire Bloomington Twp FPD

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| Carlock (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Carlock FD, County Net |
| 458.6500 | | Fire | Mobile Extenders |
| 154.0850 | 000.0 | LG | Carlock PW |
| 045.5200 | 000.0 | EMA | Local EMA Unit |
| Chenoa (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom) | | | |
| 453.4500 | 103.5 | Police | Chenoa PD |
| 453.5750 | 103.5 | Police | County Net |
| 453.7000 | 103.5 | Police | County Net |
| 158.8950 | 127.3 | Police | Mobile Extenders |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Chenoa Community FPD, County Net |
| 154.2350 | 000.0 | Fire | Chenoa Community FPD, Alternate |
| 045.5200 | 000.0 | EMA | Local EMA Unit |
| 155.0250 | 000.0 | EMA | ESMARN |
| 155.1150 | 173.8 | LG | Public Works & EMA |
| 463.7750 | 88.5 | School | Chenoa Community School Dist |
| Colfax (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Octavia FPD, County Net |
| 154.9650 | | LG | Local Operations |
| 464.3250 | 100.0 | School | Ridgeview School District 8 |
| Cooksville (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Octavia FPD, County Net |
| Cropsey (Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Octavia FPD, County Net |
| Danvers (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Danvers Community FPD, County Net |
| 154.0850 | 000.0 | LG | Danvers CFPD local ops and EMA |
| Downs (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Downs Community FPD, County Net |
| 154.2200 | 94.8 | Fire | Downs Community FPD, Local Alternate |
| El Paso (See Woodford County) | | | |
| Ellsworth (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Ellsworth FPD, County Net |
| Gridley (Police patrol by Chenoa PD under contract, dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Gridley FPD, County Net |
| 159.1050 | 186.2 | LG | Local Operations |
| 451.3000 | | Misc | Gridley Telephone Company (Community owned) |
| 461.1750 | 114.8 | School | Gridley School District |
| Heyworth (Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom) | | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Randolph Twp FPD, County Net |
| 154.2350 | 000.0 | Fire | Randolph Twp FPD, Alternate |
| 151.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Randolph Twp FPD, Local Tac & EMA |
| 452.1000 | | School | Heyworth CUSD 4 |

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| Hudson | <i>(Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)</i> | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Hudson FPD, County Net |
| Leroy | <i>(Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)</i> | | |
| 155.7900 | D306 | Police | Leroy PD, Repeats 153.8750 |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Leroy Community FPD, County Net |
| 155.0850 | 94.8 | LG | Local Operations, Repeats 153.7850 |
| Lexington | <i>(Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)</i> | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Lexington Community FPD, County Net |
| 155.2200 | 173.8 | EMS | Lexington Ambulance Service |
| 453.4500 | 103.5 | EMA | Village Ops & Local EMA unit, |
| 045.5200 | 000.0 | EMA | Local EMA Unit |
| 853.4875 | D703 | Misc | Lexington Taste of Country Fair ops |
| McLean | <i>(Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)</i> | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Mt. Hope-Funks Grove FPD, County Net |
| 153.8600 | 000.0 | LG | Local Operations |
| Normal | <i>(Police & Fire dispatch are now on StarCom21 by Metcom)</i> | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | County Net |
| 153.8300 | 69.3 | Fire | Fireground Red |
| 159.0525 | 100.0 | Fire | Mobile Repeater for StarCom21, Repeats 153.8975 |
| 173.20375 | Data | LG | Telemetry Data |
| 460.0250 | 103.5 | Parks | Parks & Rec Department |
| 453.9500 | 103.5 | LG | Public Works |
| 155.2200 | | EMS | Lifeline Ambulance Service |
| 464.6500 | | School | School District 5 |
| 155.2350 | D432 | School | School District 5, repeats 153.7400 |
| 464.6375 | 82.5 | School | Normal Community HS West |
| 467.7625 | 82.5 | School | Normal Community HS |
| 464.8250 | Mtrbo | Hosp | Bromenn Regional Medical Center (Security) |
| 464.0250 | 85.4 | Hosp | Bromenn Regional Medical Center (Maintenance) |
| 461.6250 | | Hosp | Bromenn Regional Medical Center |
| Saybrook | <i>(Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)</i> | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD, County Net |
| 154.2350 | | Fire | Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD |
| 154.1000 | | LG | Public Works, also Saybrook-Arrowsmith FPD |
| Shirley | <i>(Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)</i> | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Dale Twp FPD, County Net |
| 045.5200 | 000.0 | EMA | Dale Twp EMA Unit |
| Stanford | <i>(Police dispatch on StarCom21 by Metcom)</i> | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Allin Twp FPD, County Net |
| 155.7000 | 000.0 | EMA | Stanford EMA |
| 451.3000 | | School | Olympia School District 16 |
| 452.8000 | | School | Olympia School District 16 |
| 155.2650 | | School | Olympia School District 16 |
| 151.9550 | | School | Olympia School District 16 |
| Towanda | <i>(Police Patrol by McLean County Sheriff)</i> | | |
| 154.1900 | 173.8 | Fire | Towanda FD, County Net |
| 045.4800 | 000.0 | EMA | Towanda Twp EMA Unit |

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| Illinois State University | | (Normal) (Also uses ClearTalk and Starcom21 systems) | | |
| 453.9000 | 103.5 | Police | F1 | ISU Housing (Former Police Dispatch) |
| 453.6500 | 103.5 | Misc | F2 | ISU Parking Services |
| 453.0250 | 103.5 | Police | Tac1 | Simplex |
| 453.2000 | 103.5 | Police | Tac2 | Health & Safety Office |
| 453.8750 | 103.5 | Police | Tac3 | Simplex (Rarely used) |
| 453.8750 | 173.8 | Misc | | Recreational Services (Simplex) |
| 453.8750 | 131.8 | Misc | F3 | Facilities Management (Also residence hall dining centers) |
| 453.8750 | 151.4 | Misc | | ISU Ushers |
| 453.8750 | 210.7 | Misc | | ISU Student Fitness Center |
| 453.6000 | 131.8 | Misc | | ISU Maintenance |
| 453.8125 | 151.4 | Misc | | Redbird Arena and other Athletic Venues |
| 453.3000 | 151.4 | Misc | | Bone Student Center |
| 458.3000 | 000.0 | Misc | | Braden Auditorium techs |
| 458.8750 | 151.4 | Misc | | Hancock Stadium operations |
| 461.8375 | D612 | Misc | | Athletics Concessions |
| 170.1500 | | Misc | | Broadcast operations |
| 452.1875 | Data | Misc | | Golf Course sprinkler system |
| 462.8250 | 000.0 | Misc | | Campus Paging |

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| Illinois Wesleyan University | | (Bloomington) | | |
| 453.0000 | 97.4 | Security | 453.0000 | 110.9 Food Services |
| 461.7000 | 167.9 | Residence Halls | 152.3300 | repeats 157.5900 |
| 154.5400 | 151.4 | repeats 159.5400 | | |

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| Mitsubishi Motors plant | | (Normal) | | |
| 451.6750 | D506 | Production Line | 451.4250 | 451.5750 |
| 461.7500 | 88.5 | Maintenance | 451.6250 | 461.0750 |
| 462.2000 | 94.8 | Security | 462.2250 | 462.3250 |
| 462.3500 | 91.5 | Phone Patch | 462.3500 | 462.3750 |
| 462.3000 | 91.5 | Security Manager | 462.4000 | 463.4250 |
| 462.4250 | 85.4 | Fire & Safety | 463.6250 | 463.9250 |

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| State Farm Insurance HQ Offices | | (Bloomington) | | |
| 464.4750 | | Misc | 462.7750 | Misc |

State Farm used to have a Type I Motorola trunked system, System ID 3918, Fleet Map DDDDCCzz on the below frequencies, but the system appears to have been dismantled in favor of commercial services.

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| 854.8375 | 856.8875 | 856.9125 | 857.8375 | 857.8875 |
| 858.8125 | 858.8375 | 859.8125 | 859.8875 | 860.8125 |

Central Illinois Regional Airport (BMI)

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|----------|-------|--|----------|----|----------------|
| 124.6000 | AM | Tower / CTAF | 128.9500 | AM | United Express |
| 121.6500 | AM | Ground Control | 129.0000 | AM | TWE Airlines |
| 135.3500 | AM | ATIS | 130.5500 | AM | Northwest Link |
| 122.9500 | AM | Unicom | 130.8250 | AM | AirTran |
| 118.0500 | AM | Peoria Approach | 131.6000 | AM | American Eagle |
| 462.6250 | 167.9 | FBO Fuel Trucks | | | |
| 453.4750 | 91.5 | Airport Operations & Maintenance | | | |
| 172.9000 | P25 | Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) (NAC 001, Rpts 169.300) | | | |



Railroads:

Union Pacific runs the former Alton/GM&O from Joliet to St. Louis thru Chenoa, Lexington, Bloomington-Normal and McLean, using 161.280 for Road operations and 161.550 for the yard in Bloomington

Toledo, Peoria & Western runs a line across the state thru Gridley and Chenoa, using 161.400 for Road.

Norfolk Southern runs the former Wabash line from Gibson City to Bloomington Normal and the former Conrail line from Bloomington-Normal to Peoria, using 160.440.

Canadian National runs it's former Illinois Central line to Springfield thru Bellflower, using 161.190.

Change Log:

| Date | Initials | Items/Page Nr of changed items: |
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| 11-20-11 | rc | Updated fire and Bloomington Twp |
| 01-02-12 | rc | Update Normal school bus |