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**From:** Executive Director <lcarcdirector@gmail.com>  
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**To:** LCFD  
**Cc:** Lake Crystal City Administrator; twiens@lakecrystalmn.org  
**Subject:** Re: Packet

Thank you Jeff.

In the past the Rec Center has just provided the space and other entities have provided the amenities, so we did the same this last time. I apologize if there was a different expectation this time. However, I think it brings out at a good opportunity for us to make a better long-term solution in general. And I would agree with everything that you said, regarding the Rec Center having the space and that it may be better suited to accommodate larger groups of people. We also have the showers, multiple restrooms, and possibly even the ability to make frozen pizzas if need be. Looking forward to working with you all on this, Ryan.

On Wed, Dec 28, 2022 at 9:16 AM LCFD <[lcfd4600@gmail.com](mailto:lcfd4600@gmail.com)> wrote:

I have an item for discussion for the council. Last Tues 12-27-22 the LCFD Officers met with (2) LCARC reps to discuss the past blizzard and housing of stranded motorists. (12-23 & 24th) We (LCFD) housed & fed 19 people, while we turned away 8 and sent them to the LCARC. This was all prearranged w/Ryan after the BE Sheriff's Dept contacted me about sheltering. After talking w/the LCARC, we found out they were not as prepared as what we assumed. They had no blankets, or cots. No food, other than candy and snacks. This was a slight lack of communication between the REC and the LCFD. While we (LCFD) instinctively always prepare/care for victims, we just assume everyone else does the same.....

But we are offering a solution. We (LCFD) have connections with the DNR and they typically are overstocked w/blankets, and sometimes cots. We are offering to find these excess items and the LCARC is willing to store them. So the next time we have this big of an event, we can send all the stranded motorists to the LCARC, they'll have plenty of room, and the LCFD can utilize the firehall once again. We will offer FF's to fill in shifts to keep watch during the event. I still will ask that Civil Defense funds be used to help w/food/beverages, and possibly purchases from the DNR. Last year (2020) the DNR GAVE AWAY as many blankets as you could carry. We will attempt this approach again.

Thank you  
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