City of Crystal Lake

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Crystal Lake Statement On Asylum Seekers

Crystal Lake – As reported in local and national media, asylum seekers are utilizing buses and suburban commuter train service, including train stations in McHenry County, to access resources in Chicago. If a need related to asylum seekers occurs in Crystal Lake, the City will coordinate with the McHenry County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to help facilitate asylum seeker transit to locations where appropriate resources are available.

Similar to other suburban communities, the City is pursuing options to discourage bus operators from unsafely dropping off asylum seekers in Crystal Lake. This would include preventing the arrival of buses without prior notice.

Maintaining the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors, along with having compassion for others, is a hallmark of our community. The City will continue to promote these values as it navigates this on-going situation.

If the public is aware of a life safety or security concern related to this issue contact the Crystal Lake Police Department and/or the Fire Rescue Department by dialing 9-1-1.

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