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Bomb, Death Threats Prompt Civil Emergency in Broadview

(Broadview, IL) – Village of Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson announced today the declaration of a Civil Emergency in Broadview, effective immediately, in response to a credible death threat against the mayor and the safety of the Village Hall.

The declaration comes after specific **death threat** was made against Mayor Thompson on October 13, alongside a telephone **bomb threat** targeting the Village Municipal Building (Village Hall) on September 4. The FBI has been notified of threat against Thompson.

The threats grew this past Saturday, November 14, 2025, when a group of **out-of-town protesters, non-Broadview residents**, attempted to **storm Village Hall** and explicitly threatened to “shut down” the scheduled Monday, November 17 Board of Trustees meeting, according to the Broadview Police Department.

Additionally, during the protests near the ICE processing center on Saturday **two Broadview Police officers were injured** when protesters jumped security barriers, leading to 21 arrests. Both officers were transported to Loyal Hospital for treatment, released, and are now sidelined due to their injuries. An Illinois State Police trooper and Cook County Sheriff’s deputy were also injured.

“Since ICE’s Midway Blitz and the subsequent, intensifying protests began, the serious and credible bomb and death threats and the threat to disrupt village government has left me with no alternative but to declare a civil emergency in Broadview,” said Thompson. “I will not allow threats of violence or intimidation to disrupt the essential functions of our government, and I will not allow other elected officials, Village Hall staff or residents to be placed in harm’s way, which is why I signed a Civil Emergency Executive Order to ensure we can conduct the public’s business securely and without fear of violence.”

The Civil Emergency order will allow for the flexibility necessary for conducting essential in-person meetings of the Village of Broadview Board of Trustees, beginning with tonight's November 17 session.

"The order is designed to preserve the continuity of governance in light of the imminent threats against the lives of Village officials and public property," said Thompson.

The Civil Emergency will remain in place until the mayor determines that the immediate and imminent threat to Village officials and property is no longer present, at which point the Executive Order will be rescinded.

Written public comments for the November 17 board meeting can be submitted to Village Clerk Kevin McGrier @kmcgrier@broadview-il.gov by 5:30 p.m. and he will read them into the record.