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Scope and Content: This collection contains materials from various agencies within the Milwaukee area which can be referred to under the broad category “Civil Defense” - that is each agency was or is concerned with pre-emergency planning regarding potential local or national emergencies. These agencies are:

- Milwaukee Council for Defense
- Metropolitan Milwaukee Civil Defense Commission
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Civil Defense Commission
- Metropolitan Milwaukee Target Area Civil Defense Commission
- County of Milwaukee Civil Defense Commission
- Milwaukee City Civil Defense and Disaster Administration (changed on Jan. 6, 1976 to) Milwaukee Emergency Government Administration
- Milwaukee County Division of Emergency Government

Until Jan. 1, 1989 the Milwaukee City and Milwaukee County Civil Defense Divisions were separate, with the City’s traditionally being the stronger unit and possessing more programs. By 1989 the two units were integrated to create a county-wide organization more consistent with like organizations throughout the state of Wisconsin.

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Bio.Warfare"
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- 20) "Disaster Skit-Annual Meeting-ARC" - 9/25/53 - 1 side only
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- 23) "Stars for Defense" 6 - The Chordettes, 5 - Johnny Mercer;
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- 35) "Civil Defense March" - Paul Weston, Sammy Cahn - both
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- 36) "Major General Ralph Olson - Special Message for
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- 37) "Chief Edward E. Wischer for C.D. Broadcast - Sunday,
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- 38) "Conelrod Radio Alert" January 25, 1960; "Conelrod Radio
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- 41) "George D. Lyon - Message on Warning Red" - no date -
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