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March

Summary

We conducted the monthly radio tests with local agencies and IEMA. The EMA Liaison Team of the RECG met and discussed upcoming exercises, training and mutual concerns. A key point of discussion was the concern for Damage Assessment and Debris Management in the event of a disaster in the county. It was proposed that we form teams to be prepared and trained drawing from each jurisdiction in our group. Discussions were held with several local and corporate businesses about the possible sponsorship and product procurement for emergency management. We participated in several IEMA training courses as part of our continuing education. The National Weather Service meteorologist from the Lincoln, IL field office met with us to present new services they will be providing to EMAs. Volunteer recruitment continues to be strong and we have continued to work on the planning and building the foundation of a county search and rescue team capability.

Training Events

- Amateur Radio Emergency Services group presented a storm spotter safety procedure class at the EOC
- National Weather Service presented the annual Storm Spotter basic skill training at the ILEAS training center. A record number of people attended (over 110)

Emergency Activations

- Two incidents of the EOC Level 1 Weather related activation (monitoring)
- Call Out of E-1 Command Post for Champaign Police SWAT barricaded subject incident
- Call Out of E-1 Command Post for Champaign Fire Dept apartment fire incident

Community Outreach / Presentations

- Presented EMA support capabilities to law enforcement at monthly County Law Enforcement Investigators meeting
- Participated in an Emergency Preparedness panel discussion at Parkland College
- Presented an explanation of EMA functions at the local Red Cross office to Champaign Emergency Services Support Team volunteer group
- Held first Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting to form group funded by approved grant on hazardous material emergency planning in our community

Volunteer Hours

EMA volunteers have attended multiple training events during the month to include storm spotter and EOC Operations training, radio equipment review and maintenance, and have worked on our website and now a Facebook page.

March: 48 hours of volunteer time contributed to EMA

Year to date: 74 hours of volunteer time