



## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### October

#### Summary

The monthly emergency radio and siren tests were conducted with the local county agencies and IEMA. A radio test was also conducted to include the EMA volunteer storm spotter and EOC group. The re-banding of the radio signal for the outdoor weather alert warning sirens project was completed for Champaign, Urbana, Savoy and the University of Illinois campus. The EMA and Metcad held an Open House for County Board members to tour the Emergency Operations Center and building operations.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency approved the county's updated Emergency Operations Plan. This approval is necessary for the EMA to receive IEMA grant funds and provides an updated plan for the county and related agencies. Also in October, IEMA approved the 2013 grant funding for the county's Local Emergency Planning Council. This grant will provide funding for attendance to training conferences and exercise support this next year.

EMA participated in the ongoing planning with the Illinois National Guard and other public safety agencies for the full-scale training exercise to be held in the county in April 2013. This exercise will contain elements from various agencies to include, SWAT, Hazmat, Decon, Incident Command and the County RECG / EOC activation. A county-wide local ESDA coordinators meeting was held in the EOC with EMA full time and volunteer staff to discuss planning, preparedness and issues of common concern.

The National Weather Service, Lincoln IL office, notified EMA that Champaign County has been awarded the designation of Storm Ready. This award has only been given to 18 other counties in Illinois. The award is in recognition of the County EMA and local agencies active planning, training and preparedness for weather related emergencies. Later this year a formal presentation by the National Weather Service will be made at a County Board meeting.

### Training Events

- County Search and Rescue Team *Ground SAR Basic 16 hour course* conducted at Homer Lake 10/20-21
- Attended Douglas County Search and Rescue Team meeting 10/17
- Hosted the Illinois National Guard and local agencies for the training planning meetings on next years' Prairie North 2013 exercise to be conducted in Champaign County 10/4 and 10/31
- EMA / local ESDA coordinator planning session 10/18

### Community Outreach

- Champaign Area Citizen's Corps Council – volunteer planning meeting 10/5
- Presentation to CERT volunteer training session at CFD Station # 6 10/29

### Emergency Activations

- Emergency Generator was deployed to IPW conference in Bloomington 10/23-24

### Volunteer Hours

EMA volunteers participated in the monthly radio drill, Search and Rescue Team planning and training, and updating the EMA Face book and Web Site page.

October: 20 hours of volunteer members time  
40 volunteers + 16 hours each Ground Search and Rescue Training class

