



Director's Notes

END OF MONTH COMMUNICATIONS

January 2012

KYEM STRATEGIC GOAL #1 - CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

KYEM Budget - New Initiative: Livestream

The Division is working through the Governor's recommended budget cuts. At this time, it looks like we will be able to fund programs as originally anticipated. We continue to look for ways to be more efficient.

One of the initiatives to use our funds more efficiently is through the use of Livestream video. Livestream allows KYEM to stream live video feed during a meeting or workshop to better serve people who cannot attend.

Livestream was inaugurated at the 2011 GEMW when we streamed live video feed of workshop classes, enabling the emergency management community who could not attend to watch, and additionally, actively participate by asking questions through the chat module.

Another great example of Livestream's capability was during the last CERC meeting held on January 18 in Frankfort. As part of this meeting, Search and Rescue held their committee meeting. In order for more search and rescue individuals to participate, we again streamed live video through Livestream and were able to pass along questions and comments through the chat feature.

We look for this tool to enhance our ability to reach further out into the emergency management community, bringing together the TEAM and closing the gap!

Exercise and Preparedness

KYEM will host 22 opportunities across the Commonwealth this year at the regional level to work with KYEM planning staff in order to meet the goal of having all counties' conversion to ESF format by the end of 2012.

Regional Focus - ITEAMS

KYEM wants all the counties to know they should be very comfortable contacting their regional manager and regional administrative officer for any information that is needed to help get their ITEAMS updated. As yourself:

- Do you have your ITEAMS number?
- Are your certificates uploaded to SharePoint?
- Are your training records updated in ITEAMS?

If not, contact your local regional office for assistance!

Training Opportunities - New EMPG Guidelines

As KYEM previously reported and discussed statewide, we have received new federal guidance for administering EMPG funds. One specific area is the new guidelines for tracking training and exercises we conduct.

Additionally, from the county perspective, the new guidelines state each county that receives EMPG funds must participate in three (3) HSEEP compliant local or regional exercises, with one of those being a functional/full scale exercise, and exercise participation logged in ITEAMS.

KYEM's state supported exercises include:

- April 2 – 3 Statewide Weather Exercise
- May 1 – 2 Statewide Communications Exercise (Functional-Full Scale)
- August 3 HazMat Exercise
- September 19 CSEPP Exercise
- October 19 SAR Mutual Aid Exercise

For additional information on any training and exercise opportunities, including the above, please visit: kyem.ky.gov/TRAINING.

Calendar - Important Dates

- FEBRUARY IS EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS MONTH
- 2012 Great US Central Shakeout - 2/7 - Statewide
- Applicant Agent Certification Course - 2/6 - 2/10
- Weather Workshop - 2/24 - 2/25 - Bowling Green
- MARCH IS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS MONTH
- KET Call-In Show - Severe Weather - 3/1

Transparency: Public Assistance/Division Circular

Public Assistance grant reports are now out on SharePoint and available to pull down and review. Additionally, the Division Circular, which addresses all programs supported by the Division, will be published by the end of the first quarter.

Get Ready to ShakeOut.

February 7, 2012 Register Now at shakeout.org/centralus



KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

A resilient Commonwealth, safe, secure and prepared for emergencies and disasters through the programs and efforts of a superior emergency management team, staffed and led by professional managers and administrators.

MISSION

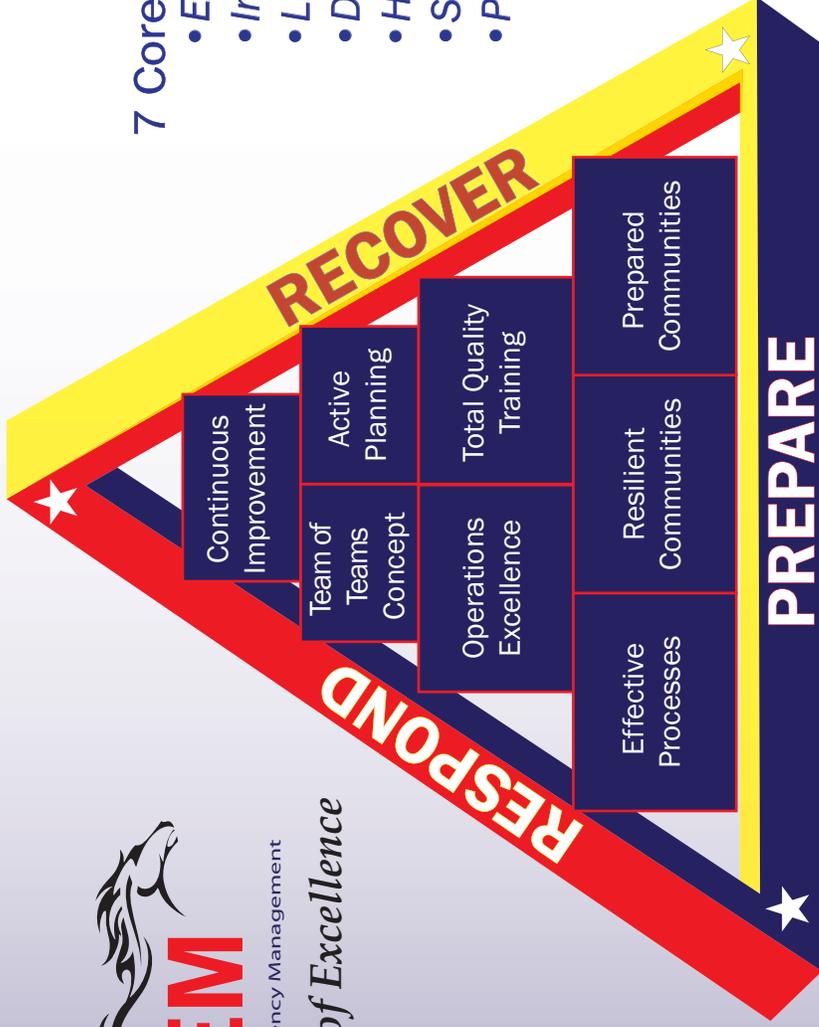
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Unbridled Pursuit of Excellence

7 Core Values of KYEM

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Dedication
- Honesty
- Service
- Professionalism



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