



Director's Notes

END OF MONTH COMMUNICATIONS

February 2011

Severe Weather Preparedness Month - March 2011

Last year, Kentucky had two devastating storms that criss-crossed the Commonwealth. One of those resulted in the 3rd largest disaster in recent time, the May flooding. We need everybody to reach out to their citizens and make sure everyone is getting the message about being ready and prepared.

Right now, we are exceptionally prone to flooding events this year because of the very wet winter. Remind your citizens, whenever possible: **Turn Around - Don't Drown!** The Commonwealth has already lost four lives this year, let's keep more from happening.

Training Highlights

KYEM's training program continues to improve. Last year, we had an all time high with the number of people trained and classes supported.

This year we are unveiling the new KYEM Training Management System which will involve new members of KYEM's family taking direct responsibility for managing the training program for SAR, Emergency Management Operations and LEPC. We look forward to working with as many of our partners as possible to offer improved, quality training.

Transparency

Great News! The Grants Management System is going into final testing in March and hope to bring the system online soon. This system will allow regional managers and county directors, as well as senior elected officials, to determine the status of their grants payments associated with any of the public assistance grants.

Private Sector Work Group

The PSWG continues to be a success. Our last meeting in February had over 50 participants. During that meeting, we took a look at several of the private sector initiatives we hope to bring online, specifically for the NLE, as a test case.

Highlights among those include the ability to placard and roster vehicles entering the impacted area. In April, we will unveil the Business Emergency Operations Center pilot project between KYEM and our private sector partners of the Commonwealth.

NLE 2011

Planning continues as we move forward for the NLE. Initial plans for county participation came out in February. We are building the ability for counties to play as an impacted county or volunteer county. We strongly encourage counties to play one or more days in the exercise. The NLE is shaping up to be the biggest exercise ever in the history of the Commonwealth.

SARA Title III - Tier II Fees

In response to the SARA Title III program, the ERC is currently collecting Tier II fees to meet statutory requirements. The great news is Kentucky's pilot project to take Tier II fees in electronically is working very well. Anyone who needs assistance with this should contact Barbara Yates at 502-607-5759.

GEMW - Partnering for Success

This year's Workshop will include elected officials, LEPC Chairs, county directors, private sector and our volunteer partners such as Red Cross and others. The Workshop will be held June 28 - June 30 in historic downtown Louisville. Great social events, including one with one of our main partners, KCCRB, who will be having a first class gala event to raise money to assist with their mission of providing crisis intervention during and after crisis and disasters.

Important Dates

- **SAR** - SAR Chief's meeting in Frankfort on March 26. Our purpose is to develop the concept of operations for SAR mission during the NLE.
- **ERC** - March 9 - Bowling Green. KYEM will present to invited members of the western 24 counties, a catastrophic response plan for New Madrid. We have invited county judge executives, mayors, magistrates and city commission members for a briefing in advance of the ERC meeting. The presentation will be followed by a luncheon discussion with Dr. William Hacker on public health issues and concurrently, the ERC meeting and our on-going workshops.
- **State Mitigation Meeting** - March 29 - Frankfort. We will discuss moving forward with CHAMPS, Version I, and our status as the first enhanced plan state in Region IV.
- **Statewide Tornado Drill** - March 8th
- **Great American ShakeOUT!** - April 28
Register at: <http://shakeout.org/centralus/>

KYEM: Our New 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

Protect and Restore Our Commonwealth.

8 Overarching Goals



7 Core Values of KYEM:

Leadership • Professionalism • Integrity • Service • Dedication • Honesty • Excellence

Changing the process to change the outcome.