



Director's Notes

END OF MONTH COMMUNICATIONS

March 2011

NLE 2011

- It's getting closer! Don't forget to sign up at now at:
www.kyem.ky.gov/nle2011
- Every county, every responder should at least sign up for Monday, May 16th for the communications portion of the exercise.
- KYEM expects to involve all aspects of social media during the exercise to include Facebook and Twitter, websites.
- Citizens are encouraged to sign up and play! Each citizen who participates and completes the on-line modules at KYEM's website will receive an electronic frameable certificate.
- Every county in the Commonwealth is encouraged to play! A county can request to play as one of the geographically impacted, as a volunteer county to respond or KYEM can send simulated damage scenarios for play as if you were impacted by the earthquake.

Great American Shakeout

- Over 1/4 of a million have signed up in Kentucky! KYEM would like to reach 1/2 million by the 28th!
- REMEMBER - help push this initiative out to every distribution list you are part of - if you don't share, you're not serving your Commonwealth!

Register at: <http://shakeout.org/centralus/>

State-wide Tornado Drill and Survey

This year's statewide tornado drill was an amazing success and included the new on-line electronic survey. Thanks to all who participated this year. We received 100's of responses in less than a week!!

SAR

The first meeting of the SAR Chiefs was held on March, 26. Meeting agenda included a tabletop exercise and preparations/discussions for SAR's mission during the NLE. KYEM appreciates everyone's participation and comments.

Future plans include conducting bi-annual meetings with SAR Cheifs. Let's keep moving forward!

GEMW

- Mark your calendar! June 28 - 30 at the Galt House, downtown Louisville, KY.
- Bob Dix, National Chairman for the Private Sector Work Group with FEMA, will be a featured speaker.
- Attendees will include elected officials, LEPC Chairs, county directors, private sector and our volunteer partners.
- Scholarships are now available (on a limited basis) for LEPC members and elected officials.

KET Severe Weather Call-in Show

This years' panelists included John Heltzel - KYEM, Joe Sullivan - NWS Louisville Office, David Guy - LG&E and KU Energy, Jennifer Rukavina - WPSD Channel 6 (Paducah) and Bruce Thomas - Midland Radio Corporation.

Approximately 150 calls were taken and topics ranged from safe locations during severe storms to earthquake preparedness. Midland Radio Corporation donated four weather alert radios, which were given to random callers by drawing. Based upon the level of interest on earthquake preparedness displayed during the weather call-in show, discussions on presenting a earthquake preparedness/NLE 2011 program

Transparency - CSEPP

As with most county programs, grant funding is essential to their existence. For CSEPP, federal grant funding is essential to ensure their response capability. Since a new program manager was selected for CSEPP in 2008, new procedures and policies have been put in place to ensure fiscal accountability. In addition, a grants compliance and assistance office was created to assist proactively with all KYEM budgetary and purchasing items.

CSEPP, along with KYEM's Grants Compliance and Assistance office, conduct regularly scheduled on-site visits with each CSEPP county, ensuring fiscal accountability for purchases.

The Grants Compliance and Assistance office is here to assist all Kentucky counties with questions/issues. Use them - they are here to assist you!