



Director's Notes

END OF MONTH COMMUNICATIONS

July 2011

Emergency Management Preparedness Grant

KYEM recently received new federal guidance for administering the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG). The good news is we were fully funded at the same level as last year! There are, however, new guidelines for tracking training and exercises we conduct. We will be working very closely with our county partners through our regional managers to establish the KYEM Training and Exercise Program.

Transparency - Grants Management System

I am very pleased to announce the initial deployment, internally right now, of a system we have been building since the ice storm called the Grants Management System (GMS). This system is on-line now, not in test, but in actual use, supporting the funding and payment structures for the record spring flooding in April and May. We are bringing GMS online to support making payments to our counties. So far, it looks like it will be a great tool in our efforts to reach the highest level of transparency with our county partners.

GEMW Workshop

As everyone knows, we have had what appears to be the 4th largest disaster in modern time this spring with the flooding in April and May. Because of that and the NLE 2011, we moved back the Governor's Emergency Management Workshop (GEMW) to December 12 – 14. We have begun the process of reestablishing our training curriculum and it looks awesome! The GEMW highlight is "Partnering for the Future". We are going to include our county emergency managers, senior elected officials at all levels of state government, federal partners and a real highlight for us is our private sector partners. We are going to have part of the GEMW committed to the first ever Kentucky Energy Summit as part of our private sector efforts. We hope everyone can join us! A number of grants will be available. A good time will be had by all with excellent learning opportunities and significant socials to have some fun!

KEMA Conference

Our signature training event for the year for all county emergency managers is the KES (or KEMA) conference which will be held September 6 – 9, 2011. The highlight for this conference will be an overview of the NLE 2011 depicting the deployment of our Incident Management Team (IMT) into western Kentucky, not only for the flood situation, but also in support of the CEOC Forward as part of the NLE 2011. The overview will occur on Tuesday afternoon and then our KEMA leadership plans to have a vendor reception on Tuesday night with training on Wednesday and Thursday. We hope everyone can attend this great event!

Web EOC - A Highlight from the NLE 2011

We are concluding our efforts on the statewide NLE AAR. It is a truly educational opportunity to go through observations from various groups. The NLE ended up being the largest exercise in the history of the Commonwealth! As we previously reported, over 10,000 people participated in some level on different days of the exercise.

One of the signature events of the NLE was WebEOC. We were able to train our CSEPP partners and at least 24 counties out west through the efforts of Mr. Doug Eades in preparation of the NLE. Our AAR pointed out a number of processes we want to refine and document. We are now in the initial stages of a very robust period of developing the baseline and foundation process flows that will define emergency management at the state and county level going forward into the future. We are looking forward to that and believe by the end of the calendar year, we will have established those benchmarks and baselines. Once that is complete, we will begin again our training process with the remaining counties in the state to bring them on-line with WebEOC.

As a note, WebEOC works in conjunction with the DMZ Sharepoint application. KYEM would like to take this opportunity to correct any misunderstandings. The Sharepoint application within the DMZ is specifically to support county access and sharing information. So if you don't have an ID or don't know how to access Sharepoint, get in contact with KYEM employee Regina Riggs and we will coordinate a training session. In training year 2012, which will begin in October, we plan on offering training throughout all the regions on all the systems in use at KYEM.

Another Presidential Disaster Declaration

We recently found out we did receive a presidential declaration for the flooding in southeast Kentucky in June. This is the 10th disaster declaration during the Governor's tenure. While there were only a number of counties impacted, it is important those counties receive federal funding. We look forward to working with our county partners to get that process started as quickly as possible.

CHAMPS

We are beginning efforts now for the Commonwealth Hazard and Mitigation Planning System (CHAMPS), Version II. CHAMPS I is in test mode now and will be released later this year, hopefully at the GEMW. We will begin our analysis on CHAMPS II in August which will focus on an application known as "My Risk" which maps the risk at a county level and also gives the state a baseline process procedures and repository to support long-term recovery. In summary, CHAMPS II is long-term recovery with the "My Risk" module and CHAMPS I is our planning module and specific support for disaster management and mitigation process.