



# Director's Notes

## END OF MONTH COMMUNICATIONS

August 2012

### KYEM STRATEGIC GOAL #8 - PREPARED COMMUNITIES

#### September - NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Governor Beshear has signed a proclamation declaring September National Preparedness Month. Please take the time and spread this very important message throughout your county. Ensure your citizens are prepared for any emergency that may come their way. For preparedness information, talking points and templates to use in your county, please visit [www.kyem.ky.gov](http://www.kyem.ky.gov) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

#### CSEPP Exercise 2012

The 2012 CSEPP exercise is almost here! This year, the exercise will be held on September 19, and involves the 10 counties within the CSEPP footprint (Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jackson, Jessamine, Laurel, Madison, Powell and Rockcastle). Additionally, our Army and FEMA partners will be present for this annual exercise.

The CSEPP exercise is a joint partnership between local, state and federal partners in which evaluators are brought in to oversee how the state and counties respond during a mock chemical event at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Kentucky and Colorado are the last two CSEPP sites in the United States.

#### KYEM Welcomes Back Denisa Robinson

KYEM is proud to welcome back Denisa Robinson as the new Exercise Officer. We look forward to seeing Denisa at the CSEPP exercise and during future events as we move forward.

#### Kentucky Emergency Management Information System (KEMIS)

KEMIS is a new system KYEM has been working on and is built on a couple of different platforms, which include Web EOC and Sharepoint. This will be the system we use to manage disaster and emergency response missions throughout KYEM. Look for more information on this new system as we keep moving KYEM disaster response forward.

#### KYEM Training

KYEM is putting the final touches on the 2013 training package and plan to roll out it out to the counties around the first of the year. Our county and cabinet partners will be able to receive training on our new KEMIS platform as well. I am very excited for everyone to get the chance to play with this new system.

#### CAPSTONE 2014

Capstone 2014 is a very large exercise the third week in June of 2014. Kentucky will be part of an eight state regional exercise built on the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ) threat. We intend on rolling out many new technologies and techniques as we work as Kentuckians to meet the requirements for the needs of the citizens in western Kentucky. This will be a statewide exercise as well as a regional exercise. Craig Fugate, Administrator with FEMA has pledged his support for the effort and exercise. This will be a great opportunity for us to train and learn together and demonstrate what we can do as Kentuckians to ensure our citizens' safety.

#### Governor's Emergency Management Workshop

The GEMW is fast approaching! The Workshop will be held on December 12 - 13, in Louisville at the Galt House. As in previous years, scholarship opportunities will be available. This Workshop is designed for emergency managers, senior elected officials and our cabinet partners. This is a great opportunity with our focus on emergency management systems and solutions. We have invited people from around the nation to be part of this. There will be lots of training opportunities and fellowship for attendees.

IMPORTANT - I would like for all county directors (who can make it) to be there on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm to receive the KYEM Program Brief. During the brief, we will roll out the events and exercises for all program areas for 2013 and 2014. It's a great opportunity to meet and discuss our future as we get better and better at the mission that is so critical to the Commonwealth.

#### EMPG Training Requirement

At this point, counties should be completing their EMPG training requirements, most of which is on-line. Your hours should be logged and you should be completing your exercise requirements in conjunction with your regional manager. Also, the end of this calendar year is the deadline to have your county Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) updated. Remember, these are federal grant requirements and KYEM is required to report to FEMA and will be doing so in the near future.

#### District 4 SAR School

The next District 4 SAR School will be held September 15 - 16 in Somerset at the Pulaski Fire Training Center. Please visit KYEM's training website at [www.kyem.ky.gov/training](http://www.kyem.ky.gov/training) to register. For additional information or questions, please contact Mike Buresh at 502-607-5731.

# 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

Protect and Restore Our Commonwealth



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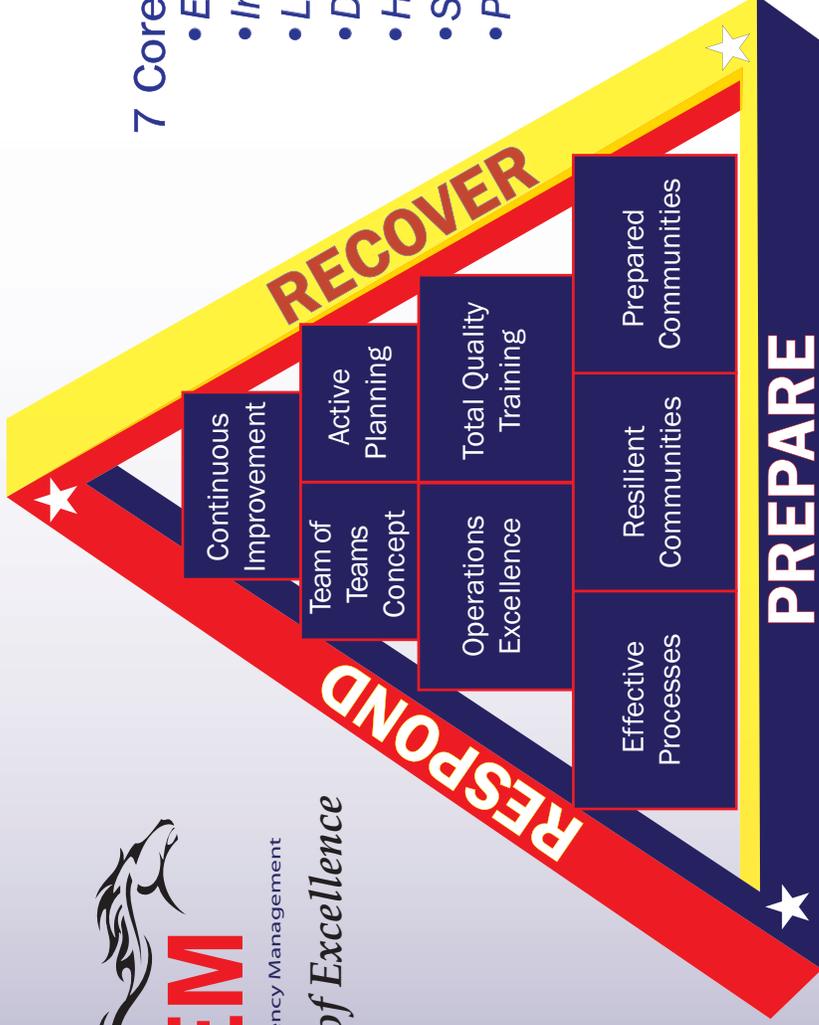
Kentucky Emergency Management



*Unbridled Pursuit of Excellence*

## 7 Core Values of KYEM

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



A Team of Teams • One Mission • Protect Our Commonwealth