



# Director's Notes

## END OF MONTH COMMUNICATIONS

September 2011

### GEMW and Energy Summit - NEW DATES!



The 2011 GEMW/Energy Summit is back on track and will be one of the best ever! Included in this year's Workshop are county emergency managers, senior elected officials, all levels of state government, federal partners and our private sector partners.

We hope everyone can join us December 14 - 16 at the Galt House in Louisville! A number of grants are available. A good time will be had by all with excellent learning opportunities and socials to have some fun! Sign up now at [www.kyem.ky.gov/gemw2011.htm](http://www.kyem.ky.gov/gemw2011.htm).

Additionally, after closing ceremonies on Friday, December 16, KYEM will host training for county emergency management directors and their judge executives. Focus will be on moving forward and partnering for the future in 2012, a new annual program circular, exercise and training program, and new EMPG guidance. More information will be forthcoming on this exciting event!

### KESC Conference

This year's Kentucky Emergency Services Conference was a huge success with over 450 registered attendees! Conference highlights included several recognition awards:

- KEMA Most Improved EM Program of 2010-2011: Keith Slugantz, Woodford Co. EM
- KEMA County Judge of the Year: Hon. Wayne T. Rutherford, Pike Co. Judge
- KEMA EM Professional of the Year: Jerry Rains
- KEMA Catalyst Award: Northern KY Incident Management Team
- KEMA Hall of Fame: Jim Inman (posthumously)
- KYEM County EM of the Year 2010-2011: Doug Tackett, Pike Co.
- KYEM Regional Response Manager of the Year 2010 - 2011: Rick Watkins
- KYEM Challenge Coins presented to Northern KY Incident Management Team:
  - Rick Watkins, KYEM Region 6 Manager
  - Mike Giordano, Point Pleasant Fire Department
  - Eric Seibel, Point Pleasant Fire Department
  - Todd Schulkers, Erlanger Fire Department
  - Mark Ihrig, Boone Co. EMA
  - Kirk Reinhart, Kenton Co. EMA
- KYEM Special Contribution to the KYEM National Level Exercise 2011: Steve Oglesby
- KYEM Challenge Coin presented to: Honorable Wayne T. Rutherford, Pike Co. Judge Executive

### CSEPP Annual Federal Exercise

On October 26, KYEM/CSEPP will participate in a federally evaluated exercise in which the CEOC and each CSEPP county EM division play along with the Bluegrass Army Depot. During this exercise, DECON, sheltering operations, schools, hospitals, triage, local police and fire departments all play together through a scenario, to practice and enhance their skills and knowledge should a chemical event occur at the Depot. The annual CSEPP exercise usually encompasses over 190 federal evaluators from Kentucky and other CSEPP states.

### NLE 2011 - A look at Product Submissions

- 50,000 hits to KYEM website on Day 1 - Monday, May 16
- 1,965 completed Daily Exercise #1 - Home Hazard Hunt
- 1,998 completed Daily Exercise #2 - Emergency Survival Kit
- 1,695 completed Daily Exercise #3 - Drop Cover and Hold On
- 1,742 completed Daily Exercise #4 - After the Shaking Stops
- 2,140 daily exercise certificates emailed
- 576 KYEM Contribution & Participation Certificates
- 2,500 Register Me for the NLE
- NLE Facebook Group
  - 166 group members
  - 142 posts
- NLE Twitter ([http://twitter.com/#!/KYEM\\_NLE11/](http://twitter.com/#!/KYEM_NLE11/))
  - 120 followers
  - 124 tweets
- Picasa Web (<http://picasaweb.google.com/kyemnlephotos>)
  - 18 NLE albums (to date)

### KYEM Receives EMAC Grant from NEMA

Kentucky has been selected to receive a grant to develop and test a new approach to mutual aid. This grant will allow us to reach down to the state and local agency level to identify both human and equipment resources. The information will be compiled into a database that will then allow for the rapid assembly of assets for mutual aid response in state or an EMAC request. An exercise will be developed as part of the process to test this new methodology.

### Appalachian Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Conference - Oct. 14 - 15, 2011

This unprecedented event will bring together emergency management, public health, human services and disability stakeholders from throughout the rural Appalachian region to discuss the latest issues in inclusive emergency management and response.

This interactive and engaging seminar will examine some of the greatest challenges in meeting the unique access and functional needs of an entire community in disasters and strategies to overcome these issues. Brigadier General John Heltzel, Director of KYEM, will be a keynote speaker in the conference. Please visit KYEM's Conferences and Workshops website at [www.kyem.ky.gov](http://www.kyem.ky.gov) for more conference information.