



# Director's Notes

## END OF MONTH COMMUNICATIONS

October 2011

### 2011 CSEPP Exercise

On October 26, KYEM and the CSEPP footprint counties of Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jackson, Jessamine, Laurel, Madison, Powell and Rockcastle, participated in a federally evaluated exercise in which 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 Bluegrass Army Depot.

John Heltzel, director of KYEM, stated "This has probably been the best exercise in the past four years that KYEM has been a part of. We saw outstanding performance across all the counties. As always, there were some lessons learned but they were in the best possible vein to move the Commonwealth forward." He continued with, "We have an outstanding partnership between the Army, FEMA, Commonwealth and emergency management community. Great things are happening and we continue to leverage CSEPP into everything we do and put everything we do into CSEPP."

KYEM was also able to incorporate our team members in Western Kentucky who came in and served as evaluators in an unparalleled number. They did a tremendous job and their participation was greatly valued and commented on very positively by the CSEPP national team. We hope to expand that program next year as FEMA has agreed to support our offer for two iterations of HSEPP and two iterations of the MEPP course. The availability of becoming part of our exercise team will continue to expand.

During the exercise, KYEM unveiled some new capabilities initially tested in the NLE. We were able to embed streaming video from Clark County into the CEOC and also the CEOC out to other areas. This is a technology we believe has great promise and hope to expand its use throughout all the regions next year.

Additionally, the HAM community once again stepped up and greatly participated with the CSEPP exercise this year providing both situational awareness and real time coverage from the counties which greatly supplemented our communications effort.

### GEMW and Energy Summit



Don't forget! The GEMW and Energy Summit is almost here!

Sign up now at [www.kyem.ky.gov/gemw2011.htm](http://www.kyem.ky.gov/gemw2011.htm).

### Weather Workshop

The 2012 Weather Workshop will be held on February 24 and 25 in Bowling Green. Look for more information soon!

### NLE 2011 - Continuing Our Efforts

KYEM Director John Heltzel was able to testify about the successes of the NLE as part of the Interim Joint Senate Subcommittee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Hearing. All members of the subcommittee were very appreciative of KYEM and the Department of Military Affairs' commitment to prepare and respond to the safety of Kentuckians. To view the entire hearing, please visit:

[www.ket.org/cgi-bin/cheetah/watch\\_video.pl?nola=WLEGP+011039&altdir&template+](http://www.ket.org/cgi-bin/cheetah/watch_video.pl?nola=WLEGP+011039&altdir&template+)

Additionally, at a separate event, Heltzel recognized several amateur radio volunteers for their participation in the NLE and their continued support of emergency management.

Kyle Hollander	Anderson County Radio Club
Edwin (Guy) Hollander	Anderson County Radio Club
John Marks	Anderson County Radio Club
Brian Carter	Anderson County Radio Club
Bill Uschan	Capital Amateur Radio Society
Patrick Compton	Capital Amateur Radio Society/Joint MARS
Doyle Mills	Capital Amateur Radio Society
Bud Amsden	Capital Amateur Radio Society
Wilson Wells	Joint MARS
David Gray	Joint MARS
Bob Wilford	Joint MARS
Harvey Frye	Joint MARS
Barry Jackson	Joint MARS
Chris Galbreath	Joint MARS/Capital Amateur Radio Society
Ed Durham	Capital Amateur Radio Society

### Winter Weather Awareness Week

Governor Steve Beshear has proclaimed November 14 - 18, 2011, as Winter Weather Awareness Week in Kentucky. As the winter weather season approaches, KYEM wants to remind everyone to "Be Aware, Be Prepared - Have a Plan!"

### CERC - Final Yearly Meeting

The Commonwealth Emergency Response Commission will hold its end of year wrap-up session on November 9 in Frankfort. For additional information, contact Barbara Yates at (502) 607-5759.

### National EAS Test

FEMA will hold the first ever national activation of the Emergency Alert System on November 9, 2011.

KYEM reminds counties this is a national activation originating from the White House, and counties should not schedule a local activation at the same time.

### Search and Rescue Grants

The 2012 Search and Rescue Grants are now out! County SAR coordinators should coordinate directly with regional managers to ensure their submission meets the submission timeline and that all paperwork is complete. Due to this grant being competitive, incomplete paperwork and missing the deadline will disqualify any submission.