## Champaign County Emergency Management

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With all the media coverage from the hurricanes in New Orleans and Texas we have been ask what planning has gone on in Champaign County to protect the public during a disaster. Champaign County EMA working with all public safety departments as well as private agencies like the Red Cross and local hospitals have worked together to create the Champaign County Emergency Operation plan that explains how agencies in the county will respond to a disaster and what are the responsibilities that will be expected from each agency. This plan is always being adjusted as new assessments of threat are evaluated. Over the last year we have exercised our response capabilities from plane crashes to bioterrorism events and have had actual activation for Hazardous material incidents and possible civil unrest. We are currently looking at policies and procedures for the pandemic influenza. In a more local effort we have worked with county Administration and Department Heads to create a contingency plan for all county departments which still needs some evaluation and exercising. We still feel that public education to the threats that affect residents of Champaign County and what residents can do to protect them selves is a priority of our agency, and continue to provide presentations to groups throughout the county.

As the Information Coordinator for the County Local Emergency Planning Committee we have logged and evaluated 40 facilities in the County that have Extremely Hazardous Materials, 27 that are labeled as minor EHS facilities, and 64 that have hazardous materials.

As the 911 addressing point for all new construction in the unincorporated area of the county we have addressed over 70 locations.

During 2005 we have managed Federal grant in excess of \$600,000.00 to purchase equipment for Public Safety Agencies in the County as well as maintained reports to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to maintain our status for our normal Emergency Preparedness grant funds and eligibility for future grants.

I would like to thank the board for their ongoing support and look forward to keeping Champaign County EMA as a leader in Emergency Management in Illinois.