

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To: Justice Committee
From: Bill Keller Director
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The first two weeks of the month I was working for FEMA in Minnesota as a Project Officer. This involved working with local government jurisdictions to recover costs incurred by the jurisdiction from flood damage to local infrastructure. By working this deployment I have a much better understanding of what FEMA is looking for from the jurisdiction to receive reimbursement. I will talk to the Auditor to see if establishing a disaster account that would be used by all County Departments involved in a disaster response, and being sure a accurate record of employee time, equipment and location is kept during the response.

I did a presentation for the Big Ten Emergency planners on how we created our Regional Emergency Coordination Group. This is made up of County, Champaign, Urbana, and U of I chief elected officials and administrators that come together to make policy decisions during major events. Most universities attending the meeting did not have good working relationships with there local jurisdictions that hampered their ability to share resources and planning efforts.

Finally we have been working with Champaign HAZMAT Team and the U of I Physical Plant people on a disaster exercise. This exercise will be a catastrophic release of fuel at the Abbott Power plant that floods campus steam tunnels and spills into the Bone Yard.