

# SHERIFF DAN WALSH CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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To:

Justice Committee

From:

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Subject: EMA May Monthly Report

Date:

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## Summary

The monthly IEMA and local emergency radio tests were conducted. Siren tests were conducted. The EMA liaison group met this month; guest speaker Dr. Bob Rauber from the Department of Atmospheric Sciences University of Illinois on severe weather apps and radar signatures to look for when observing weather data. EMA attended the monthly Fire Chief's Association meeting. CCEMA hosted the quarterly Regional Emergency Coordination Group (RECG) at which the personnel accountability and tracking software and equipment the department received a grant for was demonstrated. CCEMA actively monitored developing severe weather situations on May 20th. CCEMA responded with the mobile command post to a gas leak at Bradley and 4<sup>th</sup> on May 27<sup>th</sup>. CCEMA attended the Courthouse Safety and Security Meeting on May 28th discussing 1st draft mindflash emergency procedure training, upcoming fire drill and other safety issues. Recognitions of note are that Rick Atterberry, volunteer Public Information Officer received the 2014 IESMA Volunteer of the Year award and Bill James, Deputy Coordinator, received his Illinois Professional Emergency Manager accreditation.

## **Training Events**

- Attended the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) Conference in Bloomington-May 1st and 2nd
- Hosted the webinar for the State Disaster Assistance to Local Government Grant for eligible Agencies—May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Hosted Search and Rescue Training-May 10th, 17th

#### Community Outreach

- Submitted an article for the "Commerce Connection" issue for "Ask the Expert on severe weather—May 6th
- Met with representatives from Douglas County EMA and Search and Rescue for future joint training opportunities—May 9th
- Helped a scout for merit badge requirements with answers about EMA- May 12th
- Site visits for the National Council of Teachers of English and the Developmental Services Center-May 13th, 21st

- Met with representative of the CN railroad to discuss future exercises involving railroad equipment and local responders—May 30<sup>th</sup>

## Volunteer hours

- Over 119 total hours dedicated of volunteer member's time for the following activities: SAR search techniques and GSP training with practical field work

## Gifford Tornado Response and Recovery Effort

- Completed and submitted grant notice of application, grant agreement and request for payment and documentation for the State Disaster Assistance to Local Government Grant—May 27<sup>th</sup>

# Upcoming Events of Note

- Future LEPC Meeting Dates for 2014: Apr 29<sup>th</sup>, Jul 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct 28th
  County Search and Rescue Team Meetings for 2014--3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month
- Regional Emergency Coordination Group (RECG) Meetings: May 20<sup>th</sup>, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>
- Courthouse Safety and Security Meeting—Aug 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00
- Champaign County Search and Rescue Team major field exercise—June 14<sup>th</sup>
- West Campus Safety and Security Committee Meeting June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30