

TO: Justice Committee

FROM: Bill Keller, Director

SUBJECT: September Activity Report

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This month we have been very active with Hurricane Evacuees, Training and Exercising.

The beginning of the month we coordinated with the City of Champaign, Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way and the Urban League to create an evacuee reception center for victims of Hurricane Katrina. The center opened on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, and remained open until Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. during this time approximately 300 persons received services, including sheltering, food, clothing and long term housing.

We met with the City of Champaign, Urbana, and the University of Illinois to discuss emergency management for elected and appointed Officials, and how all four jurisdictions could work and train together on Emergency Operation Center Activities. We will be supplying the Agencies with E.O.C. Disaster Guides for their Policy Makers. This Group will meet again in December to look at on going training.

We also, worked with Champaign-Urbana Public Health District on a medical dispensing site exercise. This exercise was to test the setting up of a facility to dispense mass pharmaceuticals to victims of a possible biological infection incident in Champaign County. The exercise was held at Parkland College Gym and 512 persons were processed in a 2 hour period.

I am a speaker at the Illinois Department of Health Food Safety Symposium on how Local Emergency Management would activate for a large scale food safety incident.

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