

TO: Justice Committee

FROM: Bill Keller, Director

SUBJECT: MARCH ACTIVITY REPORT

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March being Severe Weather Preparedness Month, we hosted our annual storm spotter training from the National Weather Service. Two weeks later we were activated for Tornado Spotters on Saturday and Sunday nights that required over 15 hours of activation. The severe weather missed Champaign County, but; we had over 75 spotters out on both Saturday & Sunday nights. As you know these are EMA Volunteers and their dedication to their towns and villages deserves a real "a t a boy". We have also done several severe weather programs for businesses and healthcare facilities.

We are working on an activation procedure for Avian Flu, should it affect Champaign County. We are working with C-U Public Health, U of I and both Cities to ensure a comprehensive approach to any potential problems. The threat of a Pandemic flu outbreak will overwhelm most if not all agencies and businesses. The potential of 1/3 of the work force being ill, and 1/3 afraid to come to work will challenge all on how to operate with a third of their work force. I will keep you informed on all the response and policy planning.