

Champaign County Local Emergency Management Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2018

Location: ILEAS Boardroom
1701 E. Main St.
Urbana, IL 61802
Time: 10:30 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman John Dwyer called the meeting to order at 10:33 am and introductions were made.

II. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

III. Review and approval of minutes from the October 31st meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Deb Goettig and seconded by Bill James, all approved.

IV. Purpose

To provide coordinated input by emergency management program stakeholders in the preparation, implementation, evaluation, and revision of the emergency management program.

John Dwyer defined the committee's role as that of an advisory group that provides community input to emergency management program.

V. Report on meeting needs of the community in the following areas:

1. Weather

John Dwyer discussed the work EMA had done for special events. EMA has been informing the local NWS office of special events in the community to include fun days, marathon, and other community events.

John Dwyer discussed the work with homeless providers over the summer in times of extreme heat. CCEMA will be reaching out over the winter in times of extreme cold. Preparing for the upcoming winter season the Champaign County Community Winter Storm Planning meeting was conducted on 13 December 2017. Also, EMA has been involved with the Champaign County Climate Resilience Task Force.

The annual storm spotting class is scheduled for March 29th, 2018 at Parkland College.

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2. Public Education

John Dwyer described numerous outreach activities including weather alerts and informational topics on Twitter and Facebook. CCEMA will be participating in upcoming "Playing it Safe" on May 19th2018.

3. Disabled and special needs

CCEMA has provided weather updated to area shelter providers to assist operations for the homeless in extreme cold situations. CCEMA, CUPHD and Carle have been working with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS)/Long term care providers on planning and exercise requirements.

4. Minimizing the community and financial impact as a result of emergencies and disasters

CCEMA worked with the Village of St. Joseph during the February flooding. CCEMA worked with the Red Cross to provide assistance to those affected.

5. Training and Training Opportunities

CCEMA has been conducting various search and rescue training classes and events. Also, CCEMA has been promoting Amateur Radio licensing for volunteers and groups as a means for communications in emergencies. CCEMA is planning with Willard Airport a functional exercise to be conducted in April 2018. CCEMA did a few virtual table-top exercises to include workplace violence, civil unrest, cyber coordination and medication dispensing.

6. Innovation through Technology

CCEMA has been given access to the state WebEOC program and has exercised usage, but more training needs to be done. CCEMA continues to get more followers on EMA twitter and more friends on EMA Facebook accounts.

VI. Open Discussion

No additional comments for the open session.

VII. Next Meeting: October 30, 2018

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made all approved.

Attendees:

John Dwyer	CCEMA
Bill James	CCEMA
Sherry Wooten	UIPD
Stephanie Vogelsang	UIPD
Carol Vorel	WDWS-WHMS-WKIO, News Gazette
Deb Goettig	American Red Cross
Roger Hayden	Village of Tolono
Ralph Kuchenbrod	Champaign Co SAR
Mike McCormick	Conair Corp.
Ryan Clutts	Carle Hospital
Rob Davies	C-UPHD
Bill Colbrook	Parkland College
David Scherer	UIUC-DRS
Carl Lewis	Ogden ESDA

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