Introducing Your Local EMA

The Peoria County’s Emergency Management Agency (EMA) goal is to promote, coordinate and direct a comprehensive emergency management program which addresses mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery relative to disaster and major emergencies.

EMA assists with hazard and threat vulnerability identification ranging from severe weather to active shooter and potential terrorism incidents. In addition to this, the EMA also takes on the roles of developing an Emergency Operations Plan, designing and evaluating exercises, as well as communicating inclement weather forecasts and severe weather notifications.

The EMA is important because during the worst case disasters it will ensure that all local resources are quickly applied to reduce the impact of the disaster and shorten the required recovery time. To go with this, a proposal that could potentially be utilized to assist in a greater depth is creating an alliance to bring the multidisciplinary groups in the emergency sector together.

Upcoming Exercise Events

- General Wayne Downing Peoria Airport Full Scale Exercise (Looking for players to participate with this aircraft accident event!) April 18, 2020
- State of Illinois Great Inoculation Full Scale Exercise October 26-30, 2020 (For more information, see page 4)

Upcoming Project

- Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Project (For more information, see page 2)

Coronavirus COVID-19

An EOC partnership between the City and County of Peoria has been established with the primary focuses including:
- Situational Awareness
- Public Information
- Resource Allocation

Upcoming Training

- Decision Making during Complex Coordinated Attacks April 22-23, 2020 Held at the Peoria City/County Health Department
Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Project (CCTA)

A CCTA is defined by FEMA as "acts of terrorism that involve synchronized and independent team(s) at multiple locations, sequentially or in close succession, initiated with little or no warning, and employing one or more weapon systems: firearms, explosives, fire as a weapon, and other nontraditional attack methodologies that are intended to result in large numbers of casualties."

The key concepts of a CCTA
- Multiple attacks increase the complexity of:
  - Public information efforts
  - Resource management
  - Command and coordination
- Need to develop a common operating picture across the community, to include:
  - Public safety agencies
  - Supporting agencies and organizations
  - The general public
- Resources will be utilized/allocated/depleted

The Critical Decision Making During Complex Attacks training is being hosted by Peoria County on April 22-23, 2020, and will address the following FEMA capabilities to be approved upon for the CCTA project:
- Operation of Coordination
- Planning
- Intelligence and Information Sharing
- Operational Communications

The CCTA project plans to encompass 6 exercises over a period that would potentially go into 2021. These include 3 tabletop exercises, 2 functional exercises, and 1 full scale exercise.

The program overview will essentially provide an operational framework for CCTA coordination in the City of Peoria, Peoria County and other stakeholders by: identifying CCTA risks, assessing capabilities and gaps; developing CCTA scenarios; conducting a series of planning meetings; and building, training and exercising a Comprehensive Coordination Plan, Template, and a State Annex. If interested in participating, please contact the Emergency Management and Preparedness Program at (309)679-6020 or jmarks@peoriacounty.org
Hazard Vulnerability Analysis
2019

The Peoria County Hazard Vulnerability Analysis was initiated via survey in December 2019. It was sent to a wide audience of community partners and they were encouraged to share the survey with any individuals whom they felt it was relevant to. The analysis itself asked individuals to rank the probability, impact, and community preparedness for each of the identified hazards. To rank the hazards the hazard vulnerability analysis followed the Kaiser Permanente HVA Tool.

The Hazard Impact Analysis is a comprehensive list of potential impacts resulting from various natural, technological, and other man-made hazards. While each hazard will undoubtedly have multiple direct and indirect impacts, the Hazard Impact Analysis only captures those impacts that are deemed to be most significant and operationally relevant.

1. Severe Thunderstorm
2. Tornado
3. Active Shooting

4. Blizzard
5. Mass Casualty Incident
6. HAZMAT (Fixed Location)
The Great Inoculation
The State of Illinois Great Inoculation Full Scale Exercise (FSE) is being held October 26-30, 2020. This will build upon the earlier exercises that included two table top exercises (December 2018 and April 2019) and a national, federally-led functional exercise (Crimson Contagion 2019) that have been completed. This exercise very well could set the foundation for future infectious disease outbreaks and the ability for state and local governments to act upon. All health care coalitions (HCC), hospitals and local health departments (LHD) are encouraged to participate in this statewide event and should have turned in their 'Extent to Play Agreement' by January 31, 2020.

The participation in this links with the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant and a few (this doesn't include all) of the capabilities being assessed and validated are:
- Medical Countermeasures
- Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions
- Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation
- Information Sharing

The Great Inoculation consists of the following objectives:
1. Examine the ability of the state and local governments to take coordinated protective actions in accordance with applicable plans, policies, and procedures.
2. Examine and test coordination mechanisms between local, state and federal partners.
3. Effectively describe the integrated initial notifications, message content, pathways for communication related to SNS activation as it relates to the current communications plan.
4. Evaluate the adaptability of communicable disease surveillance systems and tools.
5. Examine the ability to understand the processes for managing medical surge and fatality management.
6. Identify and remove barriers that can prevent the timely occurrence of response activities.
7. Integrated command and control structure described, assessed and applied.
8. Describe process and procedures for tracking countermeasures that were both distributed and received.
9. Describe the process for set up, staffing, activation, and ongoing management of mass vaccination for open and closed POD operations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Central Illinois Coalition Active in Response Planning (CIL-CARP) is an 18 county regional alliance that focuses on outreach and encourages the collaboration between healthcare organizations, emergency responders, and other emergency response planners while supporting the development of cooperative partnerships in order to promote the essential services the provide the public. If interested, the next meeting is May 13, 2020.

The Tri-County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a community-based organization that assist in preparing for emergencies, particularly those concerning hazardous materials. This committee is combined LEPC’s consisting of Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties as a requirement of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act. The next meeting is set for April 21, 2020 at the Tazewell County EMA Building.

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