

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TO: Justice Committee
FROM: Bill Keller Director
SUBJECT: August Activity Report
DATE: August 29,2005

As I told you in the past Champaign County EMA has been chosen to receive a communication trailer funded by the State Terrorism Task Force. Now in addition to the trailer we be receiving a tow vehicle for the trailer. I have attached a copy of the terms and conditions for receipt of this equipment. This equipment will enhance our capabilities to respond to any emergency or disaster in the County as well as our Region. As this is new equipment it should not impact our budget and if the State requests this equipment anywhere else we would be reimbursed our costs. I have signed the signed the response form before your approval because of the time frame that communication committee requested it be returned by August 31st.

The first of the month started off with a 9 hour response to a hazardous materials spill On Interstate 74 to supply our Command Post for a Unified Command. We also participated in a full scale exercise of activation of a Surge Facility for treatment of up to 500 medical patients should both hospitals be overloaded. We have started a working group of news media personnel and public safety agencies to see what we could do to improve severe weather notification for people with special needs. We are also working with METCAD and the Illinois State Police to make the Emergency Operation Center a back up dispatch location for District 10 in Pesotum should they have to evacuate their location.