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We conducted the monthly radio tests with local agencies and IEMA. The new Director continued to meet with key individuals and groups to discuss EMA capabilities and any of their concerns or suggestions. The EMA Liaison Team of the Regional Emergency Coordination Group held its monthly meeting. At the meeting a brief presentation was made by the RPC on the follow-up work that is planned for the Champaign County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was developed through the county in 2009 and is due to be updated. EMA participated in a table top drill exercise conducted by the City of Champaign at the county EOC. Also included was a presentation of the capabilities and operation of the new EOC. The Deputy Director, John Dwyer, participated in the Illinois Terrorism Task Force meeting held in Springfield. EMA supported the Physical Plant Department in conducting a generator back-up test for the county clerk's election vote counting operation. The first Brookens Safety / Security Committee meeting was held. A sub-committee was formed to review procedures and suggestions for serious incident events in the Center. We attended the IEMA Regional meeting and Damage Assessment training class at the Douglas County EMA Office. The grant request for the Local Emergency Planning Group was approved by the county board and submitted to IEMA. This program specifically addresses the training and planning for hazardous material issues in the county. In an effort to develop and identify local resources that can be called on in an emergency incident we meet with Vermillion County EMA and Cornbelt Fire Protection District to review their Dive Team capabilities. Also initial planning has been started on establishing a ground Search and Rescue capability in the county.