Illinois Emergency Management Agency

Ready to Respond Initiatives
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“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”

- Benjamin Franklin
“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.”

- H. Jackson Brown Jr., P.S. I Love You
Preparedness

• The strong can get stronger

• Those with the desire to improve are given the opportunity

• Make preparedness a low cost initiative

• In short, everyone can incrementally improve their readiness
Ready to Respond Programs

Ready to Respond

- Ready Community
- Ready Campus
- Ready Congregation
- Ready Business
Ready to Respond Community

- Recognizes a community’s acceptance and achievement of criterion established for a better prepared community.

- With the assistance of IEMA, communities work to implement plans and programs to improve government’s ability to respond and recover from disaster, and ensure each citizen is better prepared for disasters.
Ready Community

- Emphasizes a “whole community” approach
- Includes government, volunteer and not-for-profit organizations, private industry, and citizens in overall preparedness efforts
Ready Community

- Currently in the Pilot stage with plans to roll out statewide in 2015

- Pilot Communities:
  - Morton
  - Macomb
  - Sherman
  - St. Charles
  - Charleston
  - Rockford
NEW! Ready to Respond Community Designation

Illinois’ Ready to Respond Community Program is designed to recognize the preparedness efforts of communities statewide. Ready to Respond Community recognizes a community’s acceptance and achievement of criterion developed by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and endorsed by the statewide association of local emergency managers, the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association for a better prepared community.

The Ready Community Application Criteria is currently under revisions. If you have any questions, please contact Abby Dammi at abby.dammi@illinois.gov.
Press Release

IEMA Announces UIUC First Illinois University to Attain Ready to Respond Campus Designation

Pat Quinn, Governor
Jonathon Monken, Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 20, 2014

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Safety Initiative Now Open to Campuses Statewide

Press Release

IEMA Announces Richland Community College Attains ‘Ready to Respond Campus’ Designation

Jonathon Monken, Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 6, 2014

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Richland is first community college, second campus in state to complete program requirements

Press Release

IEMA Announces Parkland College Attains ‘Ready to Respond Campus’ Designation

James K. Joseph
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 29, 2015

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Parkland third campus in state to complete program requirements
Ready Campus

- Designed to enhance campus safety, preparedness and response efforts.

- Designation based on completion of required criteria developed by IEMA, in cooperation with a task force of college and university law enforcement and emergency management professionals.
Ready Campus

- Criteria assures an “all hazards” approach to planning and exercising.

- Colleges and universities meeting the criteria will be designated a Ready to Respond Campus and will receive designation and approval to use the Ready Campus logo for a period of three years.
Ready Campus

• Participating Pilot Campuses
  – UIUC
  – Richland
  – Parkland
  – Columbia
  – Moraine Valley
  – Augustana
  – Heartland
  – SIUC
  – Southeastern IL College

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• Designated Campuses
  – University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign
  – Richland Community College
  – Parkland Community College
  – Augustana College
  – Elgin Community College

• In Review
  – Heartland Community College
Ready Campus

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Ready Congregation

• Designed to enhance safety, preparedness and response efforts in congregations and worship facilities across Illinois.

• Efforts focused not just on facility but membership’s preparedness efforts outside the facility.

• Criteria assures an “all hazards” approach to planning and exercising.
• Criteria categories are focused on:
  – Building Emergency Action Plan
  – Conduct assessment of buildings
  – Appropriate preparedness items in buildings
  – Annual Exercise
  – Internal notification/alert system
Ready Congregation

• Activities in each category:
  – Public Health and Medical
  – Congregation Preparedness
  – Community Engagement

Official Engagement with the local emergency management or Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) groups
  – Define an area of expertise to assist community during a disaster
Ready Congregation

• Congregations meeting the criteria will receive:
  – Recognition certification
  – Approval to use the Ready Congregation logo for a period of three years.
  – Receive technical assistance via the ready.illinois.gov website

• Currently in the pilot stage with plans to roll out statewide in 2016
Ready Program
Future Additions

Ready Business

• Will use national and state laws, rules, regulations, and guidance for evaluation criteria, coupled with national standards for business continuity and emergency management.

• Criteria will include:
  • Emergency Action Plan
  • Business Impact Analysis
  • Business Continuity
  • Exercise Component
  • 3 Contributions to the “Whole Community” concept
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