

WORKSHOPS

GEMW - The 2011 Governor's Emergency Management Workshop and Energy Summit was held Dec. 14 - 16, at the Galt House Hotel and Suites in historic downtown Louisville, Kentucky. The theme for this year's workshop was "Partnering for the Future."

Partnering with Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) at this year's workshop was Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities, LG&E and KU. Working closely with LG&E and KU during past disasters, as well as other private sector groups, has proven the need and value of such partnerships.

The workshop promoted and enhanced the knowledge of public and private sectors leaders throughout Kentucky in terms of emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. KYEM Director John Heltzel said, "Kentucky has been hit hard in the past 4 years, with 10 presidentially declared disasters. The workshop presented an excellent opportunity for nearly 600 participants to review the 'lessons learned' from those events, and use them as building blocks for the future. We are very fortunate to have such a strong partnership with LG&E and KU, other private sector members and participating vendors which make these workshops possible."

This workshop brought together emergency management personnel, state and local elected officials, state officials, volunteer organizations, and private sector partners who have a vested interest in the preparation for, response to, and recovery from emergency events. Emergency industry vendors were able to network and share information with those who make decisions before, during, and after disasters and emergencies.

KYEM presented to attendees a yearend agency review and a look ahead to 2012 and the goals and objectives for the division and the Commonwealth's emergency management programs.



FEMA Administrator Phil May (L),
GEMW Opening Speaker

2011 GEMW Color Guard

ES – Kentucky Emergency Services Conference

The 2011 annual Kentucky Emergency Services Conference (KESC) was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, September 6th - 9th, 2011. The conference was a huge success with over 450 registered attendees.

The KES Educational Committee provided numerous accredited training tracks. These tracks covered a variety of disciplines throughout the field of emergency management. KYEM hosted nine (9) educational offerings at the conference. Of those in attendance approximately 175 individuals completed and received training credit for KYEM educational offerings. Elected officials had the opportunity to receive up to 15 hours accredited training, as well.

Conference highlights included the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, during which heroes from 9/11 were honored with a moment of silence and a tribute made to the Fallen Commonwealth of Kentucky Comrades.

The awards banquet on Thursday, September 8, 2011, provided attendees a opportunity to recognize the hard work and professionalism of their peers



KES Table of Honor

CHEMICAL STOCKPILE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM (CSEPP)

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CSEPP

Chemical Stockpile
Emergency Preparedness Program

CSEPP was created in 1985 when US Congress passed a law directing the Army to dispose of its aging chemical weapons inventory with maximum protection of the public and environment as its primary consideration. The primary goal of CSEPP is to educate and enhance emergency preparedness in communities surrounding the chemical stockpile stored at the Bluegrass Army Depot located in Richmond, Kentucky. The CSEPP footprint consists of Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jackson, Jessamine, Laurel, Madison, Powell and Rockcastle Counties.

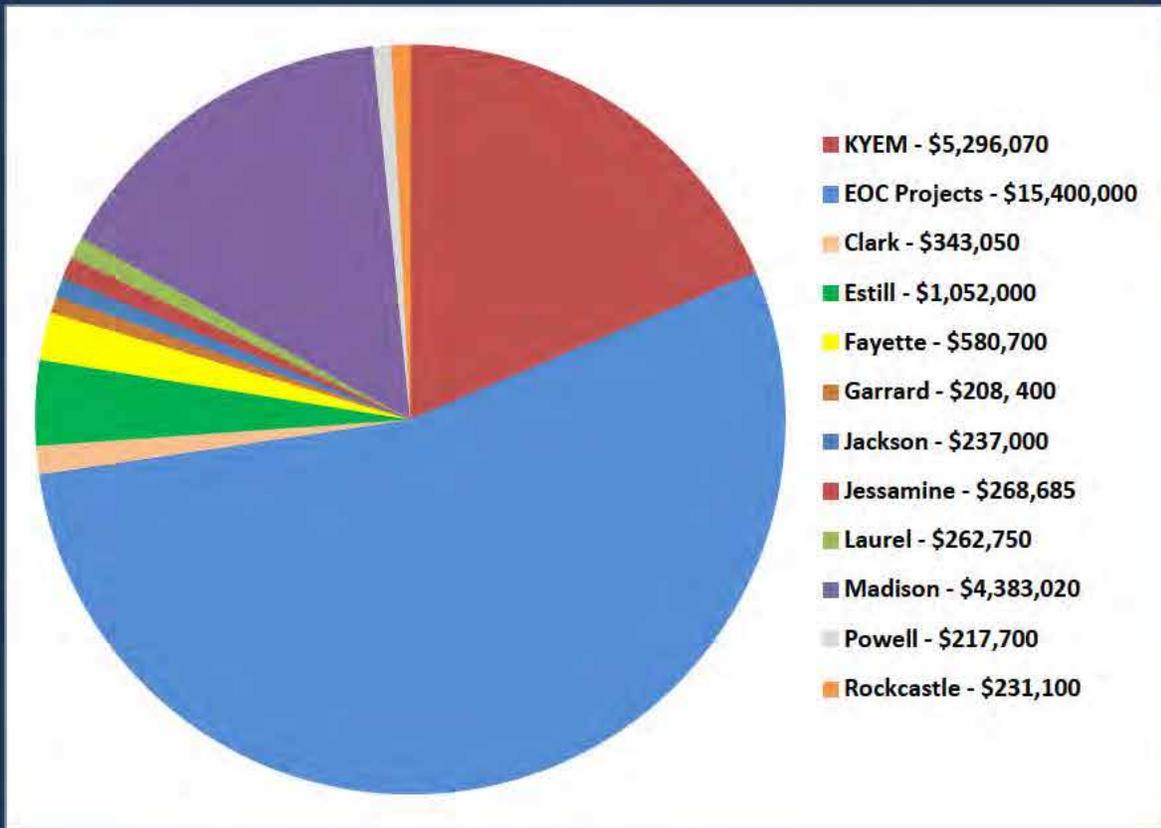
CSEPP is overseen by the director of KYEM, and is directly managed by the Operations Branch Manager. KYEM/CSEPP staff consists of a branch manager, public information officer, financial officers, training staff, planner, IT specialists, audit specialists, and logistics officer.

KYEM/CSEPP is responsible for administering and oversight of the federal grants received from the Department of Defense and FEMA for local CSEPP communities. Each CSEPP county has a designated CSEPP director (or EM) who is responsible for that county's CSEP Program. CSEPP is governed by an Integrated Process Team (IPT) who meet quarterly to discuss and vote on issues within the CSEPP community. The IPT is comprised of each county CSEPP/EM, KYEM director or state CSEPP manager and federal partners

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CSEPP communities are some of the best prepared EM agencies in the Commonwealth, due in part to CSEPP funding. CSEPP received over \$28 million in federal funding for FY12. This funding is larger than previous years due to new EOC construction projects for Kentucky Emergency Management, and Clark, Jackson, Powell, Rockcastle, and Garrard Counties along with Fayette and Madison County receiving funding for expansion and remodels. CSEPP funding encompasses exercise and training, medical, personal protective and shelter equipment, and public information. The CSEPP annual budget, coupled with additional CSEPP grant awards provided to KYEM and CSEPP communities, is responsible for many EM improvements, thereby allowing state and local emergency management to better prepare for and respond to emergencies. Improvements include communication equipment such as new handheld and mobile P-25 standard communication devices to comply with FDC radio narrow requirements in all CSEPP counties, new 800 MHz radio system in Madison County, and Powell County completed phase I of its microwave system to support communication operations. Additionally, upgrades were completed with TAR/Weather radios in many of the PAZ counties, with a total of 99 sirens and 30,000 TAR/Weather Radios added in the IRZ/PAZ and distributed to residents. Another targeted highlight in 2012 included the placement of an animal shelter trailer in Jessamine, Garrard, and Laurel Counties to support reception operations.

CSEPP Budget: \$28,000,000



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Public information is a key tool in preparing citizens surrounding the chemical stockpile to “know what to do” in the event of a chemical stockpile accident. CSEPP preparedness initiatives include a yearly calendar, pamphlets, emergency preparedness booklets, videos, social media, commodities, school programs, and CSEPP displays at county fairs. CSEPP will begin a multi-media campaign in FY12 for the entire footprint. These key CSEPP preparedness initiatives, in addition to an all-hazards approach, help the public better prepare for all types of emergencies.

Training also plays a key role in CSEPP. The CSEPP training program is considered one of the most thorough processes of its kind. Last year alone, more than 1,300 emergency responders were trained in Moulage, TCTC, HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operations, DECON, ICS 100-200-300-400-700-800, Medical Simulation Response, Hospital Command, and Hospital All-hazards.

Each year, a federally evaluated CSEPP exercise occurs in Kentucky in which the CEOC and each CSEPP County EM division participate, along with the Bluegrass Army Depot. During this exercise, DECON, sheltering operations, triage, local agencies such as: police, fire departments, schools, hospitals and other state agencies all play together through a scenario, to practice and enhance their skills and knowledge should a chemical event occur at the Depot.

The October 2011 CSEPP exercise encompassed over 190 federal evaluators from Kentucky and other CSEPP states.



Exercise evaluators listen in as Mark Klaas conducts the 2011 CSEPP Exercise "Hot Wash"

COMMONWEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

KYEM is proud to report construction has begun on the new Commonwealth Emergency Operation Center (CEOC). Adjoining the existing CEOC at Boone Center in Frankfort, the new building will contain approximately 26,000 square feet and will permanently house KYEM staff. The projected cost of \$9 million is being funded primarily (approx 98%) through federal grants.

The official ground breaking ceremony, originally scheduled for March 5, 2012, was postponed due to the statewide severe storms and tornadoes which struck March 2. The ceremony was rescheduled and held on May 29, 2012. Keynote speakers included Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson, the Adjutant General, Edward Tonini, and KYEM Director John Heltzel.



TAG, Edward Tonini (L) introduces
Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson (R)



KYEM Director John Heltzel, conducts a
media interview on the new CEOC



Consultants with Morel Construction of Louisville, KY discuss building design



Artist rendering of the and floor plans of the new EOC



CEOC under construction – installation of steel framework