

Severe Weather Seminar

Agenda • March 3, 2018

Richland Community
College • Decatur, IL



8:30-9:00

Registration

9:00-9:15

Opening Remarks – By Jason Musselman and Paul Rasch from IEMA. Paul has been a tradition for opening the Severe Weather Seminar and we're glad to have him back

9:15-10:15

"Radar Interpretation and the Use of Radar Apps" – Chris Miller from the National Weather Service in Lincoln and Steve Hilberg statewide CoCoRaHS coordinator and retired Director of the Midwest Regional Climate Center in Urbana will be going in depth on radar interpretation and two weather apps: GR Level 2/3 and RadarScope. Learn how to not only read and understand radar but how to use some of the most popular radar apps for your smartphone and device"

10:15-11:00

JC Fultz, Chief Meteorologist at WAND-TV in Decatur Illinois, will talk about the importance of sharing information with your local meteorologists and how to get information out to your local news stations.



11:00-11:15

Break/Vendors

11:15-12:00

Social Media and Public Safety: Trooper Tracy Lillard Safety Education Officer and Media Liaison from Illinois State Police District 10 will be presenting on social media. Trooper Lillard manages one of the largest social media pages in the State of Illinois and will talk about effective uses of social media for public safety agencies.

12:00-13:00

Lunch - Sponsored By AMEREN with a presentation on their innovative storm technology and safety programs and how they can respond during a disaster.



13:00-14:00

Rodney Reed, from Harris County Fire Marshalls Office in Houston Texas – Lessons Learned From Hurricane Harvey. Assistant Chief Reed will be talking about the tactical response as well as go in to the strategic "high level" actions, and lessons learned from Harvey.

14:00-15:00

Chad Sperry, from Western Illinois University GIS department, will cover the use and importance of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and drones in the field of emergency response. Topics will include the current state of GIS software and data, damage assessment applications, data sharing/partnership building, and UAV/drone uses and regulations. A drone demonstration will be conducted if weather and the location permits.

15:00-15:15

Break

15:15-15:45

Mike Crews, Christian County Emergency Management and Taylorville Fire Dept Chief, will be presenting on damage assessment. Chief Crews has responded to numerous large-scale disasters and flooding to lead damage assessment teams and will talk on building a team, conducting a damage assessment and more!

15:45-16:15

To Be Determined

16:15

Wrap Up and Door Prizes