

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*

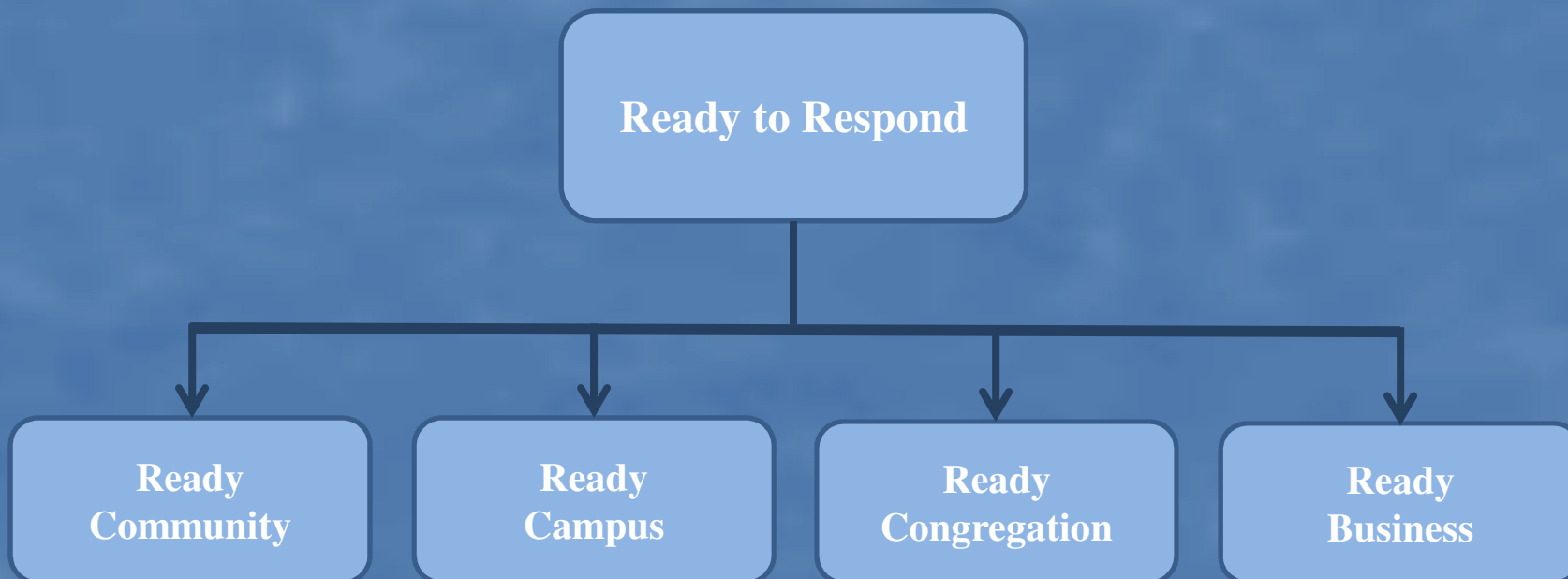


Preparedness

- 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 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



Ready Community



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Ready to Respond Community

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 Damm at abby.damm@illinois.gov.

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Ready Campus



Press Release

Pat Quinn, Governor
Jonathon Monken, Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 20, 2014

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

Safety Initiative Now Open to Campuses Statewide

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Press Release

Jonathon Monken, Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 6, 2014

**IEMA Announces Richland Community College
Attains 'Ready to Respond Campus' Designation**

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

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Press Release

James K. Joseph
Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 29, 2015

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**IEMA Announces Parkland College Attains 'Ready to
Respond Campus' Designation**

Parkland third campus in state to complete program requirements



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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



Ready Campus

- 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

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.illinois.gov/ready/plan/Page>. The page title is "Plan and Prepare: Schools/...". The navigation menu includes: [IEMA Home](#), [Bruce Rauner, Governor](#), [Illinois.gov](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Select Language](#), and a [Search](#) box. The main content area features a banner image of emergency responders in hazmat suits. Below the banner is a navigation bar with tabs: [Ready Home](#), [Plan and Prepare](#) (selected), [Hazards](#), [After a Disaster](#), [Multi-Media](#), and [Monthly Preparedness](#). The current page is titled "Schools/Campus – Ready to Respond Campus". A sub-navigation bar includes: [Training](#), [Ready Campus](#) (selected), [School Safety Information Sharing](#), and [Resources](#). The main content area features the "Ready to Respond Campus" logo, which is a green oval containing the state of Illinois and the text "Ready to Respond Campus". Below the logo is the section "Criteria and Application" with the following text: "The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) has introduced Ready to Respond Campus, a new component of Illinois' Ready to Respond effort. The program is designed to enhance campus safety, preparedness, and response efforts at colleges and universities across Illinois. The designation is 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. The criteria for recognition assure an "all hazards" approach to planning and exercising for potential issues impacting Illinois campuses." To the right of the main content is a sidebar titled "PLAN AND PREPARE" with a list of links: [Animals / Pets](#), [Children](#), [Communications Plan](#), [Cyber Safety](#), [Emergency Communications](#), [Emergency Kit](#), [Faith-based Preparedness](#), [Family Plan](#), [Functional Needs](#), [Go Bag](#), [Hazard Mitigation](#), [Home Safety](#), [How Do I?](#), [Local Officials](#), [Schools/Campus](#), [Seniors](#), and [Staying Put / Evacuation](#).



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



Ready Congregation

- 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



Business



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