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This year's annual conference hosted speakers from non-profit volunteer organizations, local, state and federal governmental agencies and several private-sector partners. Vendors, agencies and universities manned booths in the vendor room and provided drinks and snacks throughout the conference.

Emergency Managers came from across the state to meet, network and enjoy the company of others who know exactly what the job entails. Three among us were formally recognized for their accomplishments and contributions in an award ceremony.

This year we also found that both Area Coordinator Rick Kelley and ADEM Director David Maxwell are retiring.



Kathryn Mahan-Hooten manned the Federal Surplus booth in the vendor room. Although many of the attendees already participate Kathryn said they gained several new donees during the conference.

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Two full pages of photos!

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Award Winning Emergency Managers



Rick Covert was awarded the Joe Halsey Award for his work in Communications both as a hobby and with local emergency managers.



Jeff Turner was awarded 'Local Coordinator of the Year'. Jeff is the Local Coordinator for Sebastian County.



Area Coordinator Rick Kelley was awarded 'State Employee of the Year'. He also announced his retirement in January.



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• **Krista Guthrie, Deputy PIO**

Upcoming Events

September	October
General Events	General Events
7 — Labor Day	31 — Halloween
HazMat Training	HazMat Training
1 — Meth Lab Awareness Course in Franklin County. 11 & 12 — HazMat Weekend Convention in Little Rock. 14-25 — HazMat Technician Course in Washington County. 19-20 — HazMat Operations Course in Miller County. 21 — HazMat Awareness Course in Pulaski County. 21-22 — HazMat Awareness Course in Independence County. 23-24 — HazMat Operations Course in Pulaski County.	12-13 — HazMat Awareness Course in Yell County. 26-29 — HazMat Operations Course in Yell County.
EM Training	EM Training
14-15 — ICS 300 in Izard County. 21-22 — EO-973 Mission Specific Finance Chief in Baxter County. 28-30 — G-290 Basic PIO in Hot Springs.	3-4 — ICS 300 in Marion County. 5-6 — ICS 400 in Izard County. 5-6 — ICS 300 in Little Rock. 7-8 — ICS 400 in Little Rock. 24-25 — ICS 400 in Marion County. 26-29 — COM-L in Little Rock.
Exercises	Exercises
3 — ADEM Training and Exercise Planning Workshop 16 — ADEM State Emergency Operations Center Exercise.	9 — Pipeline Leak TTX in Calhoun County. 15 — ADEM State Emergency Operations Center Exercise. 23 — Randolph County Nerve Agent Exercise. 25 — Baxter County Tornado Drill.

“We cannot stop natural disasters but we can arm ourselves with knowledge: so many lives wouldn’t have to be lost if there was enough disaster preparedness.”

-Petra Nemcova

ADEM's Monthly Exercise



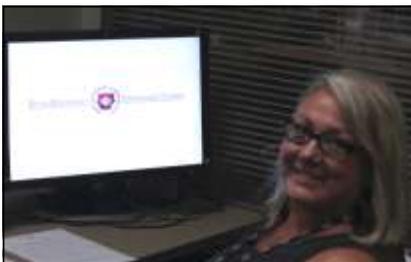
Left—Kyle Key and Steve Moore participate in the monthly exercise as Event Managers while David Bertelin and Mellissa Roof observe.



Above—Katie Belknap worked in the Sim-Cell.
Below—FEMA Corps representatives take a moment to observe the SEOC during the monthly exercise.



Right—Kathryn Mahan-Hooten and Tim Johnson work together to make sure equipment functions at the Assistant Team Chief stations.



Above—Kathy Wright worked as the PIO for this exercise.





Smart911's First Responder Portal

Enhancing Emergency Response across AR

In the recent years, innovative technology has begun to change public safety and emergency management across the country. Never before have we had access to so much information. The key to successfully avoiding overloading our public safety officials is understanding how to manage the ever-increasing amount of information by presenting only the most relevant information relating to a particular incident.

To that end, AR has provided Smart911 to all residents, free of charge. For the first time ever, Arkansans have the opportunity to communicate important information to first responders, telecommunicators, and emergency managers before an emergency occurs. By creating a Safety Profile for their household at www.Smart911.com, people may share as much or as little information about their household as they feel appropriate.

The safety profiles are stored in a secure, private database. The only gateway into this database is through one of the phone numbers tied to that safety profile placing a call for service to 9-1-1. Should one of those phone numbers ever call 9-1-1, the safety profile will automatically be displayed inside the dispatch center.

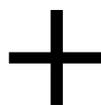
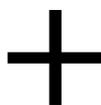
In order to increase the safety of our first responders and maximize the chance for a positive outcome, the Smart911 Safety Profiles are also available to our state's first responders.

Once responders are credentialed to use the system, they can simply log on to Smart911's First Responder Portal to access the Safety Profile associated to that particular call. Typical Safety Profiles include a dispatchable address, information on each family member, emergency contacts, medical information, allergy information, family pictures, child fingerprint kit scans, home floor plans, entry and egress points, and even information on family pets – all of which is now available to AR First Responders.

-Submitted by Randie Jones,
911 Coordinator



This is the typical view for a First Responder when they log into the system. Profile information is only available when a call has been placed to 911.



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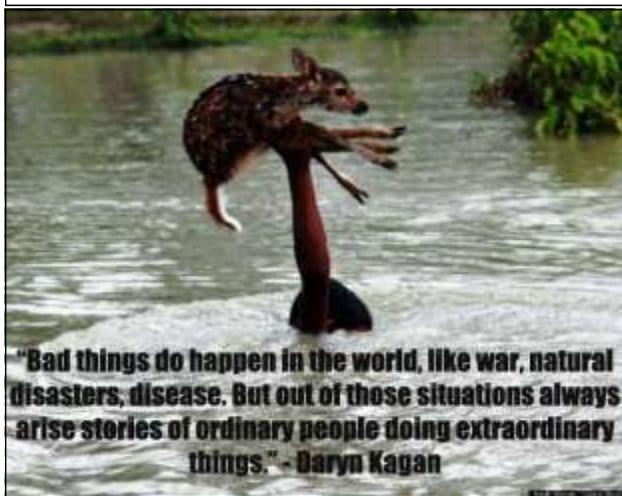
Don't forget!



Arkansas Hazmat Weekend
September 11-12, 2015
at the Double Tree Hotel
424 W. Markham St.
Little Rock, AR 72201



[Click here for more details!](#)



While the hours were long and schedule continuously changed, you each accepted change and did what was needed to ensure those effected received help.

It is because of your efforts, we were able to obtain 641 Registrations with 387 of those individuals being served in the DRC leading to over \$1 million in Individual and Housing Assistance being provided to citizens.

So again, WE SAY THANK YOU! This could not have been done without YOU!

The Recovery Branch would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered to assist us during the Disaster.

Your help with the Disaster Recovery Centers, Disaster Survivor Assistance Teams, and Bereavement Team was instrumental in helping us to move quickly in order to provide assistance to the citizens of Arkansas.

-Pamela Burton, ADEM Individual Assistance



ADEM Alert user's guide

Content

Each month's newsletter will contain information about ADEM personnel, programs and activities; news from coordinators around the state; and updates on legislative, policy and other important matters.

Hyperlinks

Throughout each issue, embedded "hyperlinks" will allow users to click on an image, graphic or [blue text](#) to view additional information on an external website, such as Facebook or www.ready.arkansas.gov.

These hyperlinks will include links to photo galleries, video interviews, more information about a given subject and/or other types of multimedia content.

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