

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR BUSINESS

Thursday, March 18, 2010

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

ESDA Office, 311 Miracle Ave.

The Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry
& The Safety & HR Network
Invite you to attend their quarterly meeting.

Speaker: Russ Thomas, Effingham County Emergency
Management Agency.

This agency, a department of Effingham County government, coordinates the plans and operations of all components of the emergency management system within the county. One full-time Director and approximately 20 volunteers stand ready to assist with any incident response within the county involving fire, police, EMA, public works, or other entities contributing to the management of emergencies. Effingham County EMA maintains an Emergency Operations Plan for the county and would function as the Emergency Operating Center during the response to a disaster within the county. We also serve as the front-line in conjunction with the National Weather Service, for all Effingham County residents in monitoring incoming severe weather coming into the county.

The Effingham County Emergency Management Agency maintains equipment used to respond to emergencies. Included are one radio-equipped emergency response vehicle and a Mobile Operation Center. EMA volunteers are trained and ready to deploy with the unit anywhere within the county or region under the direction and request of IEMA and/or FEMA.

The Effingham County Emergency Operations Center also serves as a state-wide training facility for southeast Illinois providing first responders with strategic and tactical training. It also provides citizen disaster preparedness training such as Weather Spotting Classes and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training free of charge.

Effingham County EMA's mission statement states: To mitigate natural and manmade hazards and disasters; to prepare for any threat to the safety of the citizens of Effingham county; to respond to disasters in such a manner to facilitate a quick and complete recovery and a return to normalcy; to train the citizens in emergency preparedness; to provide emergency response personnel with training and assistance; to access local, county, state and federal resources.

There is NO FEE for the meeting! Advanced Registration is required.

Call the Chamber office at 217.342.4147 to make your reservation or contact Becky Brown at bbrown@effinghamchamber.org.