



Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team

Illinois Nurse Team

Upcoming Training Sessions:

There is still time to sign up for each session!

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Deployment Operations Course
ILEAS Training Center
Urbana, IL

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IMERT.org Has a Whole New Look!

Dear IMERT Members:

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website today! We have been working hard over the past year to develop a site that will serve the needs of our volunteers to keep informed and updated. www.imert.org

One of our main goals when designing the new site was to help our volunteers and candidates get to know us better and get a feel for who we are and what we do. IMERT's old site was created 9 years ago, ancient times in today's rapidly changing internet landscape.

We are now using a responsive design and mobile optimization, which means that you'll see essentially the same design optimized for your smart phone, tablet and desktop. Our new website is more agile, interactive, and is easier to scan, read and navigate, enabling you to find what you need quickly. Just as importantly, our key messages and mission highlighted in a new way are evident and clear.

Improved functionality includes SEO optimization, making it easier than ever to find IMERT on the web and integration with our social media pages. Even if you don't follow IMERT on Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest (and you should!) you can now find our latest social media updates on the website. Other new features include a search function to allow you to find the content you are looking for easier and the ability for you to recover your password on your own when logging into the member's section. Once you log in, you will still have access to special team member only content.

Take a moment to take a look around acquaint yourself with the new design and let us know what you think! We are proud of our new look, but know there may still be work to do. In the coming months we will continue improving the site so that it best serves how we communicate with you. If there is something you would like to see more of, please let us know. Our relationship with you is our most important asset. Thank you for being a part of IMERT.

Dr. Moses Lee (IMERT Medical Director)



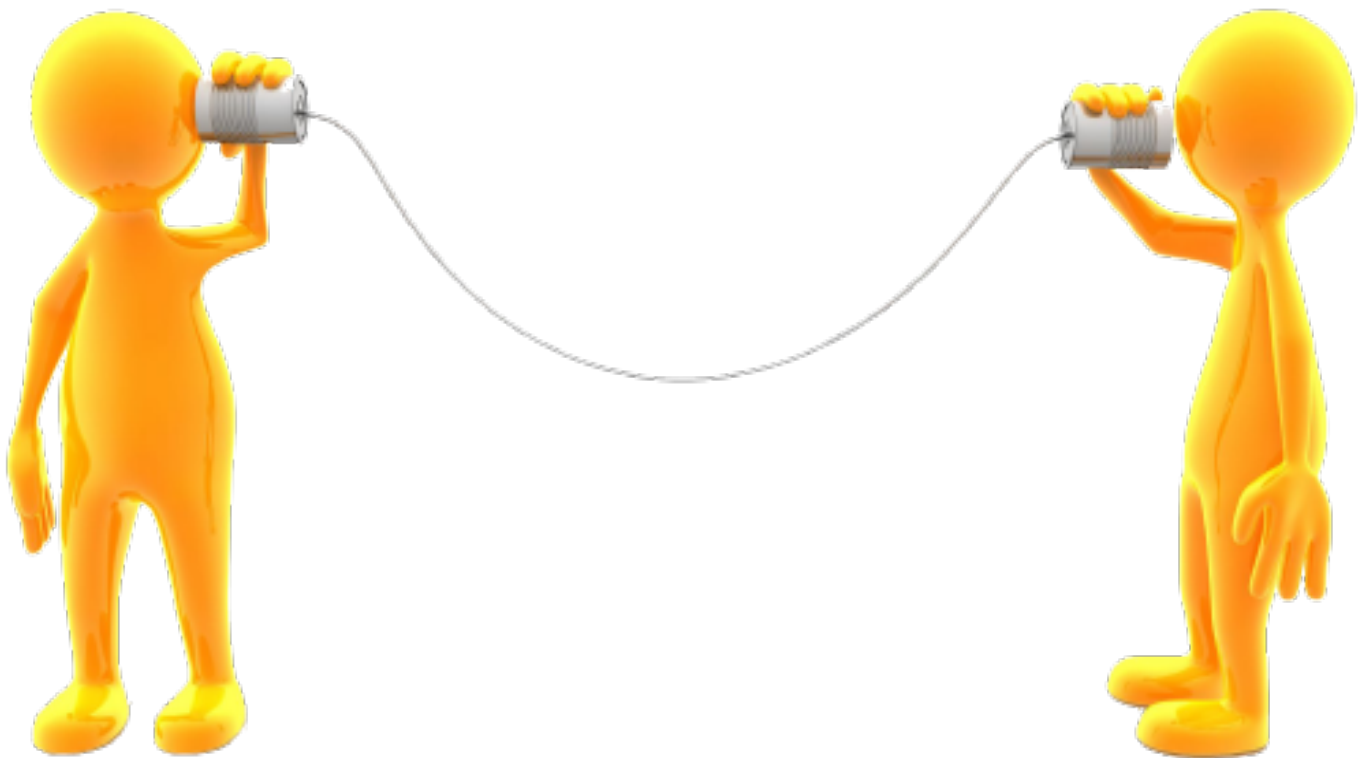
GEAT SHAKEOUT COMMUNICATIONS DRILL WRAP-UP

Last Thursday IMERT participated in the annual Great Shakeout as a part of a nationwide campaign to promote earthquake preparedness. The Great ShakeOut Drills are an annual opportunity for people across the nation to practice what they should do during an earthquake. You can find out more at www.shakeout.org.

We sent an alert to all our volunteers on our roster who have kept up with their training to be deployed with IMERT. Participants received an email notification and text notification to respond to. As always, we asked volunteers to respond with both methods so they are familiar with each way to let us know your availability. In addition to allowing you to be familiar with our call-out response procedure, these drills also give us our real-time response capability.

We had an 81% overall response rate, which is fantastic. We utilized a new system for sending the drill notification and receiving your responses. The email notification went well, but there were a few issues for those of you that chose to call-in for the text response that we were able to bring to the attention of the vendor. We appreciate the feedback we received during the drill. Overall, most participants reported finding it easier and faster to respond than in the past.

If you received only the text or email and not both, please make sure your information is up to date with the IMERT office, as you should have received both. If you did not receive a drill notification, you need to update your status with IMERT and attend the Deployment Operations Course to get back on the deployable list. Currently we have two trainings scheduled at ILEAS in November. We will be scheduling additional trainings including in the Chicago area in the Spring.



MOULAGE TEAM UPATE

Moulage is an art form that adds considerable realism to mass casualty trainings. Simulated wounds and appropriate clinical presentations greatly enhances the experience for healthcare providers and other responders.

As many of you know we have been working at developing a moulage team and now have many team members trained and actively participating in providing moulage at trainings across the state. This includes events with EMS, military, law enforcement and health care.



Our moulage team has been recognized by exercise designers as “phenomenal”. Some scenarios included active shooters, bombings and tornados. In the near future we will conduct a few training courses to add additional members to the moulage team. We will let you know once these plans are finalized.

Summer Activity Recap

It's been a busy summer. We had several great training sessions attended by 82 team members and the new training location at the Cook County Department of Homeland Security received great reviews. The IMERT staff continues to regularly presents to responder and healthcare workers to improve community preparedness and participate in interagency training exercises to raise awareness for healthcare needs during disaster.

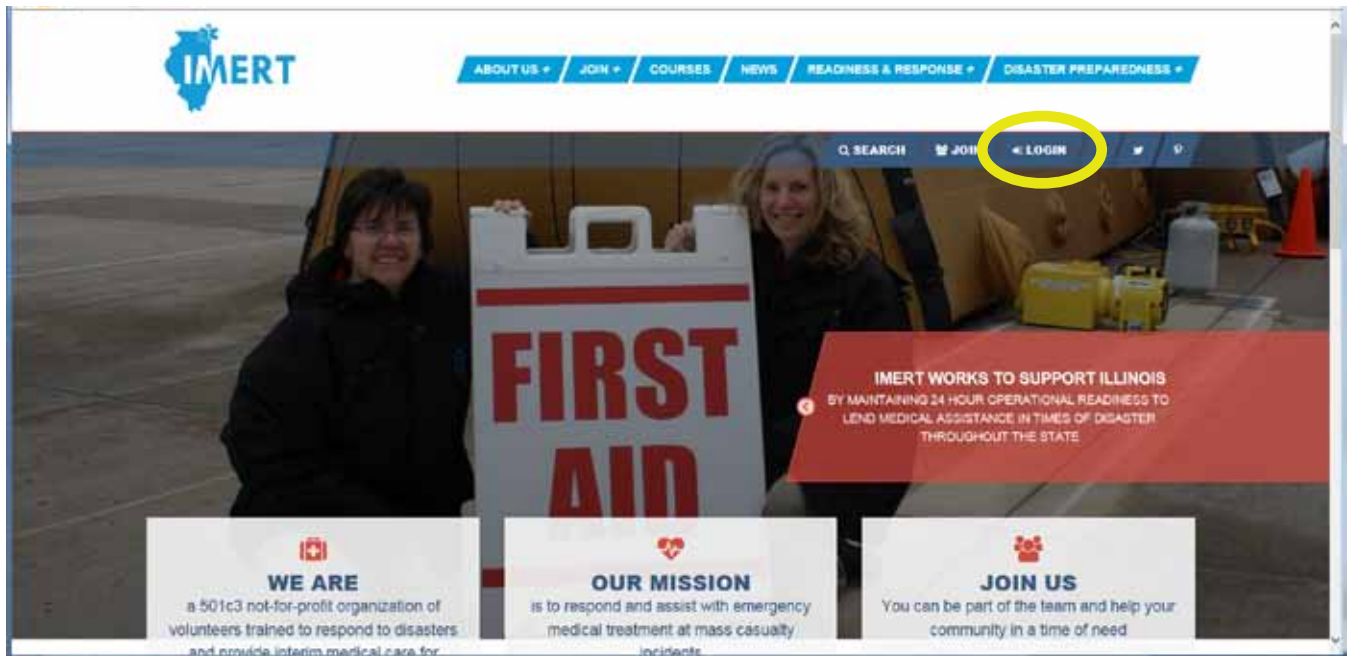
7/12/16	Community Outreach Presentation
7/13/16	Community Outreach Presentation
7/20/16	RAFT Exercise
8/4/16	Telemedicine Demonstration
8/19/16	Deployment Operations Course
8/20/16	Deployment Operations Course
8/31/16	Community Outreach Presentation
8/31/16	JumpSTART Presentation
9/6-8/2016	IEMA Training Summit
9/16/2016	Deployment Operations Course
9/17/16	Deployment Operations Course
9/21/2016	Telemedicine Demonstration
9/23/2016	Region 7 Conference



IMERT attendees from a CCHS session of the Deployment Operations Course. We hope to see you all at a session soon!

LOGGING INTO IMERT'S NEW WEBSITE

When you go to IMERT's site, click on the Login button to go to the team member section.



To login, your username is your email that you signed up for IMERT under. The system has generated a default password for you. Click on the “Lost your password” button to retrieve your new password.

Once logged in, a menu for the team member's section will appear for you as well to allow you access to member only content. If you have any problems or are unable to remember and/or access your email your username is attached to, please email the IMERT office at lizl@imert.org and we will be happy to assist you.

