



# IMERT-INVENT

Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team  
Illinois Nurse Team

## *Volunteering for Illinois...*

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Briefing: March 2010

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### IMERT-INVENT BRIEFING: Weather Preparedness

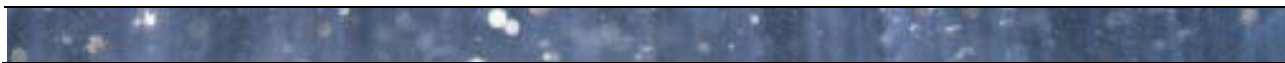
April kicked off Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois. There are a number of severe weather hazards that affect Illinois, including thunderstorms, tornadoes, lightning, floods and flash floods, damaging winds and large hail, snow and ice. Severe weather hazards have the potential to cause extensive property damage, injury and/or death. In 2006, Severe Weather Preparedness week had ended one day before the tornadoes touched down in Springfield.

To view Illinois Emergency Management Agency's Severe Weather Preparedness document, visit the following website:

<http://www.state.il.us/iema/disaster/pdf/severeweatherpreparedness.pdf>

As always, thank you.  
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*Mary Connolly RN*



## CONTACTING YOU FOR DEPLOYMENT



For deployments, a dedicated phone line to the DUCOMM dispatch center has been issued and is available 24 hours. The line will be answered "IMERT Communications". This information has been posted in the Team Members section of our website.

While you are deployed with IMERT-INVENT, should your family have an emergency and need to reach you, you may use this emergency contact number. The dispatch center will be able to communicate with the deployed team(s) and pass along emergency messages.

This number is to be used for dispatch response and emergency contact by family members while on deployment ONLY. For daily communication, please continue to contact the IMERT office directly at 866-99-IMERT.

**REMINDER:** If you have not already done so, we are asking that **ALL** members e-mail their wireless information to the IMERT-INVENT office in the next week for verification purposes.

IMERT-INVENT requires that all team members provide a text message device (cellphone, text capable pager). Primary notification will be sent to you via your text device during an activation. Most cell phones now have an email address to receive text pages or emails. Below is a list of the most common email addresses by company. If your cell phone is e-mail capable, your e-mail address may be used as well.

You are responsible for testing your text capability and e-mailing [emilyl@imert.org](mailto:emilyl@imert.org) with the following information:

ATT = Your ten digit telephone number@txt.att.net  
Nextel = Your ten digit telephone number @page.nextel.com  
Sprint = Your ten digit telephone number @messaging.sprintpcs.com  
T Mobile = Your ten digit telephone number @tmomail.net  
US Cellular = Your ten digit telephone number @email.uscc.net  
Verizon = Your ten digit telephone number @vtext.com  
Virgin = Your ten digit telephone number @vmobl.com

Additional providers can be found at <http://www.livejournal.com/tools/textmessage.bml?mode=details>. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



## UPCOMING COURSES

We have begun offering CPR/First Aid free of cost to our members and the community. We have a few courses coming up, so please spread the word to your friends and family to take advantage of this opportunity!

**4/30/2010**

CPR Provider Course  
BLS Healthcare Provider  
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center  
700 Broadway Ave, Suite 9  
Mattoon, IL 61938

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Upcoming Deployment Operations Courses (DOC):

**5/1/2010**

Training Session 8:30am - 12:30pm  
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center  
Mattoon, IL

**5/22/2010**

Training Session 9:00am – 1:00pm  
ICEP Conference Center  
Downers Grove, IL

This course is a required competency for all IMERT and INVENT members to be deployable. IMERT-INVENT Members who attended the former Boot Camp course prior to September of 2008 are required to complete this course by July of 2010 to maintain their deployable status with IMERT-INVENT.

Upcoming Domestic Preparedness Sessions

**4/30/2010**

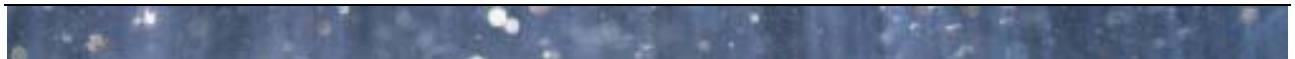
Course 1:00pm - 5:00pm  
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center  
700 Broadway Ave, Suite 9  
Mattoon, IL 61938

**6/8/2010**

Course 5:00pm - 9:00pm  
ICEP Training Center  
3000 Woodcreek Dr Suite 200  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

You have until July of 2010 to complete either the Domestic Preparedness Course OR Medfilms series in order to maintain your deployable status. This 4 hour course Domestic Preparedness Course is open to all, and provides 4 hours of continuing education for all levels of medical professional.

The Medfilms series is offered online and can be completed at your convenience. Please contact the office for access instruction.



## INCIDENT COMMAND TRAINING

All team members who have not yet completed their NIMS and ICS training will receive notification via e-mail in the coming week. Members who have not completed the ICS/NIMS training within 90 days of their initial notification will be removed from the team!