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2016 Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference

Rockford, Illinois – April 06, 2016 – The Winnebago County Local Emergency Planning Committee presents its 2016 Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference. The 2016 Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference is Tuesday, April 12th beginning at 1:00 PM and Wednesday, April 13th beginning at 08:00 AM at Giovanni’s Restaurant & Convention Center, 610 North Bell School Road, Rockford, Illinois 61107.

Those who would benefit include: Employees of industries subject to SARA Title III and Clean Air Act Section 112R, Hazardous Materials Handlers, Emergency Response Clean-up Personnel, Health Departments, Emergency Responders, Police and Fire Service, Physicians and Nurses, Education / Security professionals, citizen groups and Local Emergency Planning Committee members plus anyone wanting to take the USDOL/OSHA 29.

Registrants from all target groups will receive the latest information to conduct their activities safely, in compliance with current standards and laws, provide awareness and preparation for emergency events, fulfill other training and response requirements for OSHA, 29 CFR §1910.120 refresher training.

At the completion of the conference, the participants will have a better understanding of important changes in emergency management through their training experience and the regulatory updates. This will include updates from IEMA as well as environmental health and safety issues. Transportation experts will cover safety, preparedness and planning issues relating to railroads, and an expert in the social media field will discuss emergency management and terrorism issues. A panel from the US EPA, IEMA, Jo Davies County EMA, and BNSF Railway will discuss lessons learned from the 2015 Galena Train Derailment, and the conference will culminate with a Tabletop Drill for a Flammable Liquids Train Derailment to increase awareness of response actions needed. This drill will meet the criteria for an annual exercise/ simulation for LEPC Plans as long as a copy of their local LEPC Plan is used and exercised. Emergency Management Agencies will also receive credit from IEMA for participation in the Tabletop Exercise/Simulation.

2016 Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference information can be found at <http://winn-lepc.org/conference.html>.

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