

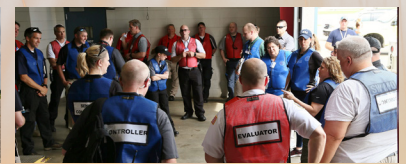


SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



OEM Training for Real-Life Airplane Disaster Scenario: Operation Night Flight

Springfield-Greene County OEM, Airport Police and Aircraft Rescue Firefighters, along with other public safety partner agencies including Springfield Fire Department, Willard Fire Department, Mercy EMS, CoxHealth EMS, CoxHealth and Mercy Hospitals, American Red Cross and the 911 Emergency Communications executed a planned exercise scenario at the Springfield-Branson National Airport on May 16. This was a full-scale exercise planned for four hours that evaluated fatality management services and coordination between local agencies and mass-care services in the event of a high-impact airplane crash resulting in a mass casualty incident.



This exercise provided an opportunity to test community emergency response plans and demonstrated the community's capabilities in operational coordination; operational communications; fire management and suppression; public health, health care and emergency services; environmental response/health and safety; mass care services; and fatality management services.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF ADDITIONS



Wesley Mann joined the OEM team in April as the new logistics specialist. He has an associate's degree in allied health science.

Before coming to OEM, Wes was a firefighter and EMT. He has nine years of EMS, fire and specialized rescue experience. Wes is currently pursuing a bachelor of applied science in emergency management with a concentration in homeland security.



Branden Surgnier joined OEM as the new public information officer. Branden has previous work

experience in advertising and marketing. He has a bachelor of science degree in journalism with an emphasis in strategic communication and a minor in business, and he has a master of arts degree in communication with

an emphasis in integrated marketing communication from Drury University.



Courtney Wharton

joined the team as OEM's new IT network engineer. Courtney holds a bachelor's degree in

management information systems and has more than 10 years of IT experience prior to joining OEM.

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OEM Hosts U.S. Department of Homeland Security Communications Technician Course

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Public Safety Center was host to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Communications Technician Course. This 40-hour course taught incident radio communications, infrastructure and information technology skills to responders that would be deployed to disasters and emergencies. Jonathan Ayres (OEM reservist) is one of three certified instructors in the state of Missouri. Participating groups include OEM, MoDOT and Mercy Emergency Medical Services.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Skylab Deployed to Ozark County after Lightning Strike Disables Communication

In June, the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management responded to a call for assistance from the state Emergency Management Agency after a nearby county's 911/dispatch center was hit by lightning. The lightning strike knocked out radio communications at the Ozark County Sheriff's Office, taking out phone lines and radio capabilities. The lightning strike disabled some systems while leaving others intact.

OEM deployed two of its staff members and three required communications specialists to assist with communication support. The Region D Mobile Communications Support Vehicle was also deployed in order to assist with receiving and dispatching calls. A great example of neighbors helping neighbors!



JULY 19 WEATHER EVENT

On July 19, severe thunderstorms blew through southwest Missouri and into northwestern and central Greene County. While a couple of large-hail reports were received, straight-line winds caused the majority of the damage. Numerous reports of damaging winds with trees uprooted and power lines down were received. The National Weather Service also measured 74 mph winds in Springfield.

Due to the high and damaging winds and severe weather, the Office of Emergency Management sounded the outdoor warning sirens. The policy permits the use of outdoor warning sirens for damaging straight-line wind events. OEM was alerted by trained weather spotters, as well as the National Weather Service, of potential damage in communities to the west of Springfield and of damaging winds in the city of Springfield itself. OEM strives to take great care and attention to only sounding the sirens when necessary and in the best interest of public safety.



SUMMER IS AN ACTIVE SEASON FOR OEM EVENTS

"Skylab" Mobile Communication Vehicle Aids in Dispatching Services at Ozark Empire Fair

The Office of Emergency Management staff were on site at this year's Ozark Empire Fair coordinating public safety communications and support from the Region D Mobile Communications Support Vehicle, also known as Skylab. Along with OEM staff, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members operated the first-aid booth, providing assistance to fair attendees with minor medical issues.



OEM Provides Communications and Logistics Support at the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival

Approximately 56,000 people came out to this year's Birthplace of Route 66 Festival in downtown Springfield on Aug. 10 and 11. OEM staff helped coordinate public safety communication throughout the two-day event, as well as provide logistical assistance and support to event staff and organizers.

