

PROJECTS:

Chemical safety awareness and public education on community safety have been greatly enhanced by the communication efforts of the Jo Daviess County LEPC working jointly with the Tri-State CAP (Community Advisory Panel). "SHELTER-IN-PLACE" presentations have been given to schools, nursing homes, service clubs, and hospital personnel.

Other projects include sponsoring the IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Agency) with training of local law enforcement and HAZMAT teams on the specifics of the "Cameo" Software. The Jo Daviess County LEPC is working with the Illinois EPA regarding the open burning law and is also assisting the Jo Daviess County Health Department with implementing a county-wide smallpox vaccination program.

A significant amount of time has been spent on accumulating information to initiate a community alert network within the Tri-State (Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin) area. The Jo Daviess County LEPC coordinated with LEPCs in Dubuque County (Iowa) and Grant County (Wisconsin) in this effort, but the endeavor was discontinued due to lack of funding. At present, the LEPC is working on a program with the American Red Cross Emergency Service to place weather radios into homes within the area.