Mission Statement

CIL-CARP’s mission is to improve an all-hazards response in the central Illinois region through effective communications, planning, and coordinated exercises. CIL-CARP encourages collaboration of multiple disciplines in preparing for disasters. The collaboration between regional healthcare organizations, emergency responders, regional emergency management directors, public health and other emergency response planners supports the development of cooperative partnerships in order to promote the essential services they provide to the public.

Carp Fun Fact:

Carp originate from Eurasia and were brought over to America by man in the 1800s.

Check out the new CIL CARP website!

Click on the carp
Message from the Board

Carp is eaten in many parts of the world both when caught from the wild and raised in aquaculture. In Central Europe, it is a traditional part of a Christmas Eve dinner. Hungarian Fisherman's soup, a specially prepared fish soup of carp alone or mixed with other freshwater fish, is part of the traditional meal for Christmas Eve in Hungary. A traditional Czech Christmas Eve dinner is a thick soup of carp's head and offal, fried carp meat with potato salad or boiled carp in black sauce. In some Czech families, the carp is not killed, but after Christmas returned to a river or pond. A Slovak Christmas Eve dinner is quite similar, with soup varying according to the region and fried carp as the main dish. In Western Europe, the carp is cultivated more commonly as a sport fish, although there is a small market as food fish.

So like these fish our CIL CARP group varies across the region....we all have our specialties. While we may do things a bit different here and there, we are doing things to accomplish the same goal: to serve the citizens of our agencies/organizations, villages/towns/cities, and our region. As you read carp is used in many parts of the world and is a hearty fish, it adapts just as our CIL CARP group can be used in many ways across the region. CIL CARP is a robust group made up of many disciplines ready to respond in times of disaster. One of the objectives of CIL CARP is make sure our region can provide a coordinated response to disaster. Just like carp it has several benefits: carp fish helps to improve the heart health and helps in reducing chances of heart stroke, they contain omega-3 fatty acids which act as an anti-inflammatory agent, they contains a large amount of zinc which helps in improving the immune system, they also contains phosphorus which is helpful in improving bones and teeth, and many vitamins and minerals are found in carp fish which helps in curing chronic diseases.

If you haven’t been to a CIL CARP meeting or it’s been awhile since you have attended one, please join us, you may find some benefits you weren’t expecting!

~Dawn Cook
Advisory Board Member
**Advisory Board Summary**

Jason Marks is currently in the process of forming a policy to ensure the membership list and contact information on it remains up to date and accurate.

The gaps survey tool responses were broken down and reviewed for input for future meetings.

Keep an eye out for Save-the-Date cards for the next General Membership meeting.

It was decided that CARP should remain informal in order to support the mission of information sharing with emphasis placed on networking rather than plan development.

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**General Membership Meeting Summary**

The 2017 NAEMT Annual Report is available and can be found [here](#) under “NAEMT”.

There have been a few legislation changes in the EMS world:

The Public Health Service Act has been amended so that states with a shortage of EMTs may streamline the qualification process for veterans who have previously completed military EMT training by providing a demonstration program in order for them to meet state EMT certification, licensure, and other requirements.

The Controlled Substances Act has been amended to direct the DEA to register EMS agencies to administer controlled substances assuming that the agency has submitted an application proving it is authorized to do so within the state the agency is located in.

The Length of Service Award Program Cap Adjustment Priority Act bill amends the Internal Revenue Code in such a way to affect deferred compensation plans by increasing the limit on accruals that is required for length of service award plans for volunteers to be exempt from being treated as a deferred compensation plan.
**The Office of Infrastructure Protection**

Introduced by Kevin Pennell, the agency has the mission of leading the national effort to mitigate risks to, strengthen the protection of, and enhance the all-hazard resilience of critical infrastructure. Several key points that were brought up include: the different personnel and their duties, the function of a Site Assist Visit, and the Critical Infrastructure Information Act. Going further into the background of critical infrastructure, Mr. Kevin Pennell brought up some of the challenges presented through having most of the aforementioned privately owned.

Protective Security Advisor Kevin Pennell can be reached at 217-836-2631 or at kevin.pennell@hq.dhs.gov.

Interested in further information? Take a look at [DHS’s National Protection & Programs Directorate website](https://www.dhs.gov/npp) or at the [Office of Infrastructure Protection website](https://www.dhs.gov/infrastructure-protection).  

**Reunification Exercise**

Eric Hodges from Illinois State University presented the recent relocation and reunification full-scale exercise. To put their plan briefly: students arrived at the stadium and sat in the upper bowl, parents checked into the stadium after parking at their designated spot, students would then go and meet with parents on the floor after seeing their names on the video board. The exercise boasted 180 parents and 180 students, 30 controllers/evaluators/safety officers, 50 players, 90 observers, news representatives, and specific-incident actors.

If you have any question on the exercise or would like more information, you can contact Eric Hodges at [eric.hodges@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:eric.hodges@IllinoisState.edu).
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Trainings, Exercises, and Meetings

IEMA Summit
   Springfield
   Sept. 4th-6th

CARP General Membership Meeting
   Sept. 12th
   Folepi Building, East Peoria

Future CARP General Membership Meetings:
   January 9th, 2019
   May 8th, 2019
   September 11th, 2019