



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Dear Kentucky Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers:

For those of you I have yet to meet, I am Brigadier General John Heltzel. In July 2008, I accepted the position as Director of the Kentucky Division Emergency Management in July, 2008. Since that time there has been a tremendous amount of activity, including several disasters. The past year has gone by quickly and many of my immediate goals have been postponed due to issues relating to recent disasters.

One of my first goals was to reach out and meet with you. I came to this agency and quickly learned during the recovery phase of the Ike wind disaster that most of the financial information at the county level was known by the county treasurer. You and your office are the link to many of the funding sources that work for or through Kentucky Emergency Management including FEMA assistance.

With this thought in mind, I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend the 2009 Governor's Emergency Management Workshop, July 29-31, at the Galt House in Louisville. Many of the workshop classes are designed for elected officials and will be of interest to you. It is our goal to help educate and reinforce information at the county level as to how to effectively run the emergency management program and the recovery funding cycle for a disaster.

We realize that better communication and knowledge will lead to more effective record keeping at both the local and state level dealing with reimbursements and mitigation grant funds. The Governor's Emergency Management Workshop is the first in a series of training opportunities to begin this dialogue.

Many of your county judge executives have registered for the workshop. It is our hope that you will attend with your CJE and as a team work with emergency management on learning more about the recovery and mitigation funding process. Registration information can be found at www.kyem.ky.gov by clicking on the Governor's Emergency Management Workshop.

I look forward to meeting you in the future. I also appreciate your work and dedication to your county and to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John W. Heltzel".

Brigadier General, John W. Heltzel, Director
Kentucky Emergency Management

