

Northern Illinois Emergency Preparedness & Response Training Summit

September 29, 2026

8:00-8:30 Registration and Breakfast

8:30-8:45 Opening Remarks

8:45-10:00 Keynote Speaker -

IEMA Deputy Director Clayton Kuetemeyer

10:10-11:00 General Session

Natural Gas Leak with Evacuation: A Multi-Agency Response

Jon Mensching Chief Deputy Director Kane County EMA

Kyle Griffin Emergency Response Supervisor Kane County Health Department

11:10-12:00 Breakout Session #1

Option 1: *Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Overview* - The presentation will include an overview of the law enforcement mutual aid system in Illinois, and an in-depth breakdown of statewide teams, capabilities, equipment, and specialized training.

Option 2: *Creating Connections* - This interactive workshop will guide you through how to talk about your organization and/or topic meaningfully so that others are compelled to not only pay attention but to become involved.

12:00-1:00 Networking Lunch

1:00-1:50 Breakout Session #2

Option 1: *From Paper to Preparedness: Digitizing Hospital Resource Requests* - This presentation outlines the development of a digital hospital resource request form designed to improve coordination, visibility, and response times during emergencies.

Option 2: *Cooling Centers & Building Resilient Communities* - We will explore the growing public health threat of extreme heat, and the role cooling centers play in protecting vulnerable populations, communities with limited access to air conditioning.

2:00-2:50 Breakout Session #3

Option 1: *No Borders, No Silos: A Measles Response in Action* - a real-world measles response that required rapid coordination across county lines in northern Illinois.

Option 2: *Strengthening Healthcare Preparedness with an Improved Digital Presence* - This session is designed to help you build a more purposeful digital presence for your emergency preparedness content, using strategies and cost-efficient tools.

3:00-3:50 Closing Session

Through the Eyes of History: A Tribute to 250 Years of American Medical and Trauma Care

Dr. Liza Pilch

3:50-4:00 Closing Remarks

