MEDIA ADVISORY

2009 Illinois Public Health Emergency Preparedness Summit

CHICAGO - The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) are hosting the 2009 Illinois Public Health Emergency Preparedness Summit, “Strengthening Illinois Through Community Engagement,” this week in Oak Brook. The summit is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of federal, state and local emergency preparedness and response activities in Illinois. The multidisciplinary program will benefit public health, environmental health, nursing, communicable disease, laboratory, food protection, immunization, hospital, allied health and other emergency response professionals.

Concurrent sessions covering emergency preparedness, hospitals, epidemiology/surveillance, environmental health, volunteer workforce development, faith-based preparedness initiative and multi-disciplinary preparedness will be held along with roundtable discussions.

This year’s keynote speakers and topics include:

• Professor Roman Prymula, M.D., Ph.D. – Pre-conference session, Tuesday, July 14, 2009 – 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.


• Amanda Ripley – *Disaster Mythology – What Really Happens at the Worst of Times* Wednesday, July 15, 2009 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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• Richard Sheirer – *Plan, Prepare, Practice*
  Thursday, July 16, 2009 – 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**WHO:**
Dr. Damon T. Arnold - Illinois Department of Public Health Director
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Illinois Terrorism Task Force
Illinois Fire Service Institute
Local health departments
Hospitals
Emergency Medical Services systems
Faith-based organizations

**WHEN:**
Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16
Opening Session – Wednesday, July 15 - 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:**
Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort
3500 Midwest Road
Oak Brook

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