

ARRL ILLINOIS SECTION
CENTRAL ILLINOIS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SUMMIT
2200 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois
Saturday, March 25, 2023

12:30 p.m. -1 p.m. Registration

1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Opening Session Program Overview.

Purpose, Brief Explanation of Afternoon Set-Up, introduction of meeting participants.

Speakers: Robert Littler, W9DSR, ARRL Illinois Section Emergency Coordinator; Matthew Miller, Illinois Statewide Interoperability Coordinator; Josh Johnston, KE5MVH, ARRL Director of Emergency Management; Thom Beebe, W9RY, ARRL Illinois Section Manager.

1:45 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.: The first of two 45- minute break-out sessions that will be repeated after a refreshments and social break so that participants can attend the alternate session.

SESSION A: *The Big Picture: Federal, State and Local Amateur Radio Communications in Illinois: Where Do We Fit? What Do We Need? How Do I Fit?* (An overview of the role amateur radio operators play in Illinois, the training they need, AUXCOMM, how ARES and ARRL club efforts can be part of the local and state emergency communications package).

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2 :30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
break

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3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Read out-group discussion

4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Review, Action Items, and Closing