

Three Illinois National Guard Soldiers complete Illinois Emergency Management accreditation

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SPRINGFIELD, IL (09/05/2013)(readMedia)-- Three Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers were among 80 people recognized by the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) during a ceremony at the 17th Annual IEMA conference Sept. 4 in **Springfield, Ill.**

Maj. Wyatt Bickett of **Glenarm, Ill.**, Maj. Lenny Williams of **Dyer, Ind.**, and Capt. Michael Raschen of **Edwardsville, Ill.**, all with the Illinois National Guard's Joint Staff received accreditation for completing the Illinois Professional Emergency Manager (IPEM) course and Illinois Professional Development Series (IPDS).

The IPEM was established to provide an education and training standard for those involved in the emergency management field. The IPEM will also assist county and municipal administrators by providing a framework to use in evaluating individuals applying for positions in their emergency management program.

The Illinois National Guard has had six members within its ranks who have received this accreditation since 2002.

U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Camacho, Illinois National Guard Public Affairs/ Maj. Wyatt Bickett of **Glenarm, Ill.**, Maj. Lenny Williams of **Dyer, Ind.**, and Capt. Michael Raschen of Edwardsville, Ill., all with the Illinois National Guard's Joint Staff, stand with Jon Monken of **Chatham, Ill.**, director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and a captain in the Illinois Army National Guard, after receiving their accreditation for completing the Illinois Professional Emergency Manager (IPEM) course and Illinois Professional Development Series (IPDS) at the 17th Annual IEMA conference Sept. 4 in **Springfield, Ill.**