University of Central Missouri

- Warrensburg, MO (population 15,000)
- Student population - 11,000
- BS Crisis and Disaster Management
  - Emergency Management option
  - Hazardous Materials option
  - Business Continuity option
  - Approved in April 2001
Institute for Rural Emergency Management

• Created in 2005
• Service Learning opportunities for students
• Assistance to the public and private sector
  – Emergency planning
  – Exercise design and delivery
  – Technology studies
  – Business recovery
  – DART – student preparedness and recovery team
Challenges for Rural EM

- Capability
- Manpower
  - Population decline
  - Aging population
  - Volunteers
- Financial
  - Reduced tax base
  - Limited government funding
- Expertise

- Accessibility
  - Broadband
  - Cellular service
- Remoteness
  - Time
  - Distance
- Density
  - Rural
    - < 60 people/sq. mile
  - Frontier
    - < 10 people/ sq. mile
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