

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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