

Fall Meeting Held at ADEM's New Facility

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management [ADEM] kindly hosted AR-CRT's fall training. Director David Maxwell welcomed the group as well as Deputy Director Danny Ormand. Rich Griffin led members on a tour of the building which included the "state of the art" Emergency Operations Center.

Charlotte Rundell and Becke Williams provided "goodie bags" for all new members. Virginia Raum, Assistant Director, North Little Rock Volunteer Services and AR-CRT member informed the group of Community Emergency Response Team [CERT]. Other training topics included Pandemic Influenza



Virginia Raum

by Deborah Biddle, Pandemic Influenza Director, AR Department of Health and 211 System by John Nazaro, President, United Way.

Jack Bell and Ginger Bailey presented the Regional Team concept for approval. This concept will be tried until January 2009. At that time, a decision will be made to keep this format. The Regional Team Committee is: Jack Bell, Chair, Scott Sasser, Vice Chair, Max Snowden, Secretary and Mike Farris, Treasurer. Andy Altom and Ginger Bailey are Ex-officio members. Regional Coordinators are: Charlotte Rundell, Southeast AR, Deborah Collins, Southwest AR, Karen Lowery, Central AR, Linda Graham, Northeast AR and Jesse

Front row:
Elizabeth Foster,
Becke Williams,
Charlotte Rundell



Carothers, Northwest AR.

Regions will give input for regional trainings and the annual meeting.

The highlight of the meeting was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with Arkansas State Police. Linda Graham introduced ASP Jami Cook and Jean Langford.