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Important Information

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month! Learn more at www.ready.gov and soon also www.beready.iowa.gov.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Governor's 8th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Nov. 1-2, 2011**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. Registration will be available online soon. Visit www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/quick_links/conference.html for details.

Iowa Disaster Update

While the state still battles flooding along the Missouri River which led to a Major Disaster Declaration from President Obama for Public Assistance in six counties on June 27, Gov. Branstad reached out again on Wednesday, July 27, to ask the President for a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for an additional four counties in central Iowa.

Severe weather and windstorms swept through the counties of Benton, Marshall, Story and Tama beginning July 9, resulting in large amounts of debris.

"The damage caused by this windstorm has been extensive in the four impacted counties," said Governor Branstad. "While Iowans in these areas have been working hard to recover, the damage incurred to public infrastructure has been overwhelming. We need the assistance of the federal government to aid in the recovery. This is why I have requested that the President sign a Major Disaster Declaration for Iowa."

A Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance puts into motion long-term federal recovery programs, some of which are matched by state programs, and designed to help public entities and select non-profits. Public Assistance funds may be used for emergency work and the repair or



June 24 – A home along the Missouri River is nearly completely inundated by flood waters. Photo by Iowa National Guard.

replacement of disaster-damaged facilities and may include debris removal, emergency protective measures, repair of damaged public property, loans needed by communities for essential government functions and grants for public schools.

The State may ask for additional counties to be added if the damage warrants such a request.

The six counties included in the Presidential Disaster Declaration of June 27 are all located along the Missouri River: Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury. If the President makes the declaration for the four counties in central Iowa, it will be the 13th Major Presidential Disaster Declaration Iowa has received since March 2007.

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Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Designation Made

On June 28, Gov. Branstad sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack requesting a Secretarial Disaster Designation for the same six Iowa counties along the Missouri River, due to damage caused by recent flooding along the river and its tributaries.

The Governor's request for the Secretarial Disaster Designation followed a review of agriculture damage conducted by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). The request was granted by Secretary Vilsack on July 8, making disaster programs available to eligible applicants in the primary counties as well as eight contiguous counties: Cass, Cherokee, Crawford, Ida, Montgomery, Page, Plymouth and Shelby. These programs include the availability of low-interest FSA emergency loans and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program, created in the 2008 Farm Bill. Iowans are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for further information.



SBA Loans Available

By law, the Small Business Administration (SBA) makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Small businesses (non-farm)

in the same 14 counties included in the agricultural disaster designation in Iowa as well as neighboring counties in Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota are now eligible to apply for low-interest loans from the SBA.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's designation.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling toll-free **800.659-2955**, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Hearing impaired individuals may call **800.877.8339**.

The deadline to apply for these loans is March 8, 2012. For more information, visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov.

State Individual Assistance Available for Some Iowans

Although federal assistance is not currently available for homeowners and renters in disaster-affected counties, the State has made available its Individual Assistance



June 13 - Breached levee near Hamburg, Iowa.
Photo by the Iowa Dept. of Public Safety.

(IA) program for low-income Iowa families in 11 counties: Benton, Dickinson, Fremont, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, Tama and Woodbury.

The State IA Program provides up to \$5,000 in reimbursements for damages incurred for families whose income is at or below twice the federal poverty level. (For a family of four, that amount is \$44,700.) The program is administered by the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS). Information and application instructions are available on the DHS website: www.dhs.iowa.gov/Consumers/Assistance_Programs/CashAssistance/Disaster-Assistance/StormHelp.html.

If a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance is issued for the same event, the state program is automatically canceled as the federal program then goes into effect.

Current Information and Updates

For the latest information regarding flooding in Western Iowa or storm damage in other counties, visit www.iowahomelandsecurity.org or <https://governor.iowa.gov/news/missouri-river-flooding>. On Twitter and Facebook, look for **#MoRiver**. Ω

2011 Training Opportunities

ALERRT Level II: Open Area Active Shooter Training

When: Aug. 8-10, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Starlite Village Best Western
 1518 Third Ave. NW
 Fort Dodge

This course is open to all law enforcement, corrections and military personnel in good standing with their units at no cost. To register, contact **Michael Burke** with Iowa Central Community College's Homeland Security Training Center at **515.574.1260**. If you have any questions prior to the training, contact **Jennifer Cook** at cook@iowacentral.com or **515.574.1263**.

Building Stability Assessment Program (SAP)

When: Aug. 8, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Dubuque Co. Emergency Responder Training Facility
 14928 Public Safety Way
 Dubuque

This program utilizes a simple tagging system to determine if a building can be occupied, partially occupied or not occupied following an earthquake, flood, tornado, high wind, explosion or other event. Course presenter Dave Karina was one of the lead structural engineers on the SAP team following southern California's 7.2 quake on Easter Sunday, 2010.

There is no fee to attend this session. There will be 6.0 OE CEHs awarded to EMS personnel attending. Pre-registration is not required,

but is encouraged. Participants who have not pre-registered are welcome, but may not receive course printed materials. Register online at: https://nicc.augusoft.net//index.cfm?method=ClassInfo.ClassInformation&int_class_id=6196&int_category_id=6&int_sub_category_id=48&int_catalog_id=0.



Decision Making and Problem Solving (IS-241)

When: Sept. 15, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge, Johnston

Being able to communicate effectively is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner and responder. This free course is designed to improve your communication skills. To register for this free course, visit Iowa HSEMD's training website: <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/>. If you have any questions, contact **Susan Green** at susan.green@iowa.gov or **515.725.3243**, or **Beth Lewis** at beth.lewis@iowa.gov or **515.725.3204**.

Emergency Management Program Development

When: Oct. 4-5, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge, Johnston

This free course is open to all county coordinators in Iowa. It is designed to give you some insight on what your role is in Iowa's emergency management system.

Participants will meet numerous staff associated with grants, exercise, planning, training, and communications who will assist you with your duties.

Emergency Response: Strengthening Cooperative Efforts Among Public and Private Sector Entities (PER 280)

When: Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Tama Co. Annex Building
 104 W. State Street
 Toledo

The deadline to register is Sept. 23. Go to www.ruraltraining.org/training/delivery/7873. For more information please contact **Ryan Currens** at rcurrens@ema.tama-county.org or **641.484.6261**. Ω



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HSEMD Mission

Lead, coordinate, and support homeland security and emergency management functions in order to establish sustainable communities and ensure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

We're on the Web!

www.iowahomelandsecurity.org

HSEMD Welcomes New Grants Employee

HSEMD's Homeland Security and Grants Bureau welcomed a new employee last week.

Annette Mansheim began work for HSEMD on July 22. Before coming to HSEMD, she worked on community and regional recovery planning at the Rebuild Iowa Office. Annette's duties at HSEMD will be in non-disaster grants management as a program planner.

Annette graduated from Iowa State University and currently lives in Norwalk. When she's not poring over budgets and other fiscal documents at work, she enjoys gardening, running, horseback riding, and sometimes, cooking!

Welcome, Annette! Ω



Annette Mansheim



Taking the Oath

Top: On May 10, 2011, Frank Klier, Jr., son of Frank Klier of HSEMD's Readiness and Response Bureau, is sworn into the U.S. Navy by HSEMD Administrator (and Brig. Gen. in the Air National Guard) Derek Hill. Frank Jr. shipped out that same day to attend basic training in Great Lakes, Ill., for eight weeks. He is now attending the fireman apprenticeship program in Great Lakes, and will head to Norfolk, Va., at the end of August where he will join the crew of the USS Wasp (at left). Frank Jr. is expected to be back home in Des Moines for about a week in mid-August before returning to duty. Ω

