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## HSEMD Administrator Participates in 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

HSEMD Administrator Derek Hill was a featured speaker at a remembrance ceremony held at the State Capitol on Sept. 11.

Hill joined Governor Terry Branstad and several others who spoke to the large crowd about the changes 9/11 has brought to our state and to our nation.

“We were all affected in different ways, but one thing we have all felt was the loss of America as we had known it,” said Hill. “We have endured much, but we are a resilient nation. The past 10 years have proven that.”

During the ceremony, Gov. Branstad placed a wreath at the foot of the Statue of Liberty on the Capitol grounds where the ceremony took place. Other speakers at the ceremony, which was called “Remembering Our Past, Securing our Future,” were General Timothy Orr of the Iowa National Guard, Barry Ferguson of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Commissioner Larry Noble of the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

Also on display during the ceremony were 2,977 flags placed by WHO



**HSEMD Administrator Derek Hill (second from right) pays tribute on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. (Photo by Jimmy Centers, Governor Branstad's office.)**

Radio on the Capitol grounds along East Grand Avenue honoring those whose lives were lost on 9/11.

“Each of these flags represents a life lived and a life lost. It is one thing to hear the numbers but it is truly stun-

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## On the Calendar...

### October

- Crime Prevention Month
- Cyber Security Awareness Month
- Fire Prevention Week (9-15)
- America's Safe Schools Week (16-22)

### November

- Winter Weather Awareness Day (10)
- Veteran's Day (11)\*
- Thanksgiving Day (24)\*
- Day after Thanksgiving (25)\*

*\*State holiday. HSEMD offices will be closed.*

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ning to see all these flags and to realize each represents a life that was lost on that day," said Hill.

The Iowa State Patrol, Des Moines Police Department, Polk

County Sheriff's Office, Des Moines Fire Department, Boone Fire Department, Indianola Fire Department, Iowa National Guard and Patriot Guard Riders of Iowa also participated in the ceremony. Ω

*"The only thing that overcomes hard luck is hard work."*

*~Harry Golden*

## Businesses Urged to Report Impacts of Missouri River Flood

As the flood waters along the Missouri River recede, the Safeguard Iowa Partnership (SIP) and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) asked businesses to report flood-related damage.

"We asked businesses in the impacted counties to report their damages to help paint the picture of the damage from the Missouri River flooding," said Jami Haberl, executive director of the Safeguard Iowa Partnership. "We asked that all businesses who spent funds to prevent or mitigate flood damage, those with physical damage and those with indirect damages complete a short online survey."

The State will use damage information gathered by SIP when it appeals last month's decision by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to deny requested assistance

for individuals and businesses in Fremont, Harrison, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties. As the flood waters have receded, HSEMD has been working with local officials to bolster Iowa's appeal by capturing dam-



ages and associated impacts. The deadline for Iowa to appeal FEMA's denial of the Individual Assistance Program is Oct. 7, 2011. The Individual Assistance Program is made available to homeowners, renters and businesses and can include grants and low-interest loans to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other aid programs.

"The information the Safeguard Iowa Partnership has collected

from businesses is truly important to our appeal for assistance," said Derek Hill, administrator of HSEMD. "Now that the water is receding, we will be better able to assess the damage caused by this devastating flood and the impact it has had on businesses and residents along the river."



Teams of local, state and federal officials are scheduled to conduct damage assessments next week in Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties.

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership is a 501c3 nonprofit involving government, private-sector, higher education and nonprofit organizations. Its mission is to strengthen the capacity of Iowa to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters through public-private collaboration. Ω

## Prepping Fido for a Disaster

September is Family Preparedness Month in Iowa. HSEMD would like to remind you not to forget about your pets when preparing for an emergency.

When we go on a trip and can't take our pets, we make arrangements for a kennel, friend or family member to care for them. The same care and planning should take place for emergencies. Make your dogs, cats and other animals part of your family emergency plan. After all, they're a part of your family!

If the need arises for you to evacuate your home, you should bring your pets with you if possible. If you need to stay in a shelter for any period of time, however, be aware that most shelters do not accept pets.

### Make a plan for your pet

- Prepare a list of hotels, kennels, friends and family members outside your immediate area where your pet may be able to stay in an emergency.
- Determine which neighbors, friends or relatives can care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be sure they know where your pet's emergency supply kit is located. Designate locations where you would be able to meet in an emergency: one close to your home and one outside your immediate area.
- Talk to your veterinarian about what you should have available for your pet in case of an emergency. Gather names and contact information for vets or veterinary hospitals outside your immediate area.



- Microchip your pet. Make sure you keep your emergency contact information up to date. It can be an invaluable way of reuniting with your pet in case you are separated.
- Bring current photos and details about your pets that could help locate them if missing.

### Build an emergency kit for your pet

- Pets, like humans, should have at least a three-day supply of food and water
- Medications your pet is taking, including directions for administering them
- Current vaccination records
- Small toys or items that may make your pet feel more comfortable in an unfamiliar setting
- Pet carrier

Disasters and emergencies of all kinds can strike anywhere at any time. For more preparedness information, visit [www.BeReady.Iowa.gov](http://www.BeReady.Iowa.gov).

## Training Opportunities

### Intermediate ICS (ICS-300)

To register, contact **B.J. Dvorak** at [bj.dvorak@jecc-ema.org](mailto:bj.dvorak@jecc-ema.org) or 319-356-6762. Please provide your name, address, organization, email address and phone number.

**When:** Oct. 8-9,  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Where:** Johnson County EMA  
4529 Melrose Ave.  
Iowa City

### Terrorism in Iowa: Issues and Prospects 2011

This workshop provides relevant information on terrorism in Iowa. The workshop is intended for community stakeholders including local law enforcement, emergency managers, school officials, local health, local business, and local leaders.

**When:** Dec. 14  
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Where:** Public Safety Bldg.  
Sixth Ave. & Spring St.  
Grinnell

To register, or if you have any questions, please contact **Liz Manion** at **515-382-7229**, [mmanion@storycounty.com](mailto:mmanion@storycounty.com). This class is sponsored by the Region One Homeland Security Board. Ω



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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](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org)

## Homeland Security Welcomes New Employee

The Homeland Security and Grants Bureau has hired a temporary employee to help the grant management team process open homeland security grants. Benjamin Bower joined the Division on Friday, Sept. 16.

Ben attended the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at University of Pittsburg where he majored in security and intelligence studies with emphasis on civil security and disaster management. During the summer of 2010, he worked for the emergency service office in San Diego, Calif. In this role, Ben reviewed and revised policies for post-disaster housing and resource distribution, managed a FEMA logistics capability assessment, assisted in drafting an after action report, and



**Ben Bower**

reviewed and revised memorandums of understanding (MOUs).

Welcome, Ben! Ω

## Reduced Fee for Governor's Conference Available for One More Week

Registration is still available online for the 8th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference, and you still have time to secure a reduced rate.

Early-bird registration is open until Oct. 1 and is \$125. **Registrations received after Oct. 1 will be \$150.**



Some of this year's topics include:

- Pre-and post-disaster planning
- Economic espionage
- Donations management
- Emergency planning for individuals with functional needs
- Statewide floodplain mapping
- Basic animal rescue training

The conference will be Nov. 1-2, 2011, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. For information about the agenda, presenters, and to register, go to [www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org) and click the conference link on the home page. Ω