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Get the latest information on the recovery efforts along the Missouri River by visiting www.MoRiverRecovery.iowa.

On the Calendar...

March

American Red Cross Month
Flood Awareness Month (Iowa)
National Poison Prevention Week: 50th Anniversary (18-24)

April

National 911 Education Month
Severe Weather Awareness Week (2-6)
National Volunteer Week (15-21)

May

Public Service Recognition Week (6-12)
National Nurse's Week (6-12)
National Police Week (12-17)
National EMS Week (20-26)
National Public Works Week (20-26)

Project Recovery Iowa Helps Disaster Survivors

Residents of Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona or Pottawattamie counties who are still in need of support following the Missouri River flooding last year, have a resource they can call.

Project Recovery Iowa assists individuals and communities recovering from the challenging effects of a disaster through the provision of community-based outreach and counseling services.



Iowa Department of Human Services

Administered through the Iowa Department of Human Services, Project Recovery Iowa is funded by a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant. The Department of Human Services has contracted with Heartland Family Services, Waubonsie Mental Health Center and Iowa State University's Iowa Concern Hotline to operate Project Recovery Iowa services for residents in flood-impacted counties along the Missouri River.

Citizens may contact Project Recovery Iowa by calling the Iowa Concern Hotline at **1-800-447-1985**. Additional information on available services can be found at www.projectrecoveryiowa.com.

Counseling through Project Recovery Iowa is free and confidential. Ω

HSEMD Legislative Update

February 24 is the first funnel for the legislative session. This means that bills have to be voted out of a committee from their chamber of origin to be eligible to be considered further by the General Assembly—House bills out of a House committee, Senate bills out of a Senate committee. Needless to say, funnel weeks tend to be rather hectic as legislators work to keep certain bills alive while also allowing others to die.

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Several Mitigation Projects Receive Funding

Hazard mitigation projects are very important for reducing or preventing damage from future disasters. Federal funding for hazard mitigation projects is made available after each Presidential Disaster Declaration through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

As part of the HMGP in Iowa, 75 percent of eligible project costs is paid by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 10 percent is paid by the applicant (state), and the remaining 15 percent is paid by the sub-applicant (local governments/communities, tribal governments, and certain eligible private non-profits).

The following hazard mitigation projects have been recently funded through HMGP.



Joplin, Mo., Aug. 15, 2011 – The safe rooms at the temporary Joplin High School. The EF-5 tornado on May 22, 2011, tore a path through Joplin seven miles long and half a mile wide. Photo by Elissa Jun/FEMA.

Monticello, City of

Award: \$446,335
Date: Jan. 18, 2012
Project: Property Acquisition

Acquisition and demolition of seven residential, owner-occupied or renter-occupied properties. All substantially damaged and in the Special Flood Hazard Area.

Iowa State University (Administrative Building)

Award: \$626,706
Date: Jan. 25, 2012
Project: Tornado Safe Room

Iowa State University was funded to construct a multi-purpose safe room attached to the Administrative Buildings center that will be used as a conference room when not being utilized during a storm event. The tornado safe room will provide protection from high winds up to 250 mph and up to two hours for an at-risk population of 199 employees and visitors at the 4H building and the Administrative Services Building.

Iowa State University (Child Care Center)

Award: \$339,829
Date: Jan. 25, 2012
Project: Tornado Safe Room

Iowa State University was funded to construct a single purpose safe room attached to the Child Care Center. The tornado safe room will provide protection from high winds up to 250 mph and up to two hours for an at-risk population of 93 employees and visitors at the Child Care Center.

Black Hawk County

Award: \$50,000
Date: Jan. 5, 2012
Project: Mitigation Planning

Black Hawk County was awarded a planning grant to update the county multi-jurisdictional plan to include 10 jurisdictions. These plans must be FEMA-approved according to the 44 CFR, Part 201 every five years for the participating jurisdictions to remain eligible for HMGP project grants.

Brandon, City of

Award: \$30,755
Date: Jan. 25, 2012
Project: 5 Percent Warning Siren

The City of Brandon was awarded funding for the installation of a warning siren to be placed adjacent to city hall. The siren will warn residents of the city of impending life threatening weather conditions.

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Valuable Resources: Just-In-Time Training

The Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture has funded the development of 24 "Just-In-Time" training modules for agricultural emergencies. Created for livestock disease emergency response, some selections are also appropriate for plant or natural disaster response. Currently, 14 modules are complete and available for use. The additional 10 modules are in development and will be available no later than June 30, 2012.

These modules coordinate with information being developed for the Foreign Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Plan: <https://fad-prep.lmi.org>.

All of the materials for the modules are available for download and use at www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Emergency-Response/just-in-time-training.php. Ω



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Cardinal Community School District

Award: \$638,453
Date: Jan. 5, 2012
Project: Tornado Safe Room

Cardinal Community School district located in Eldon was funded to construct a multi-purpose safe room attached to the elementary school that will be used as a cafeteria when not being utilized during a storm event. The safe room will provide protection from high winds up to 250 mph up to two hours for an at-risk population of 350 employees, students and visitors of the elementary school.

Clarke County

Award: \$24,250
Date: Jan. 5, 2012
Project: Mitigation Planning

Clarke County was awarded a planning grant to update the county multi-jurisdictional plan to include four jurisdictions and three school districts. These plans must be FEMA approved according to the 44 CFR, Part 201 every five years for the participating jurisdictions to remain eligible for HMGP project grants.

Ely, City of

Award: \$40,154
Date: Jan. 25, 2012
Project: 5 Percent Warning Siren

The City of Ely was awarded funding for the installation of two warning sirens to warn citizens of impending tornados, high winds, and

other dangerous weather conditions. One siren is to be installed in a northern residential neighborhood in the city, and the other to serve a newer residential neighborhood in the southeast part of the city.

Garrison, City of

Award: \$25,070
Date: Jan. 25, 2012
Project: 5 Percent Warning Siren

The City of Garrison was awarded funding to purchase a new outdoor warning siren to benefit the 371 residents in the event of tornadoes, and high wind events. The city was affected and included in the Presidential Declaration event of July 2011.

Muscatine, City of

Award: \$59,527
Date: Feb. 2, 2012
Project: 5 Percent Warning Siren

Conversion of outdoor multi-hazard warning siren system from telephone lines to radio controlled sirens.

Newton Water Works

Award: \$772,168
Date: Feb. 7, 2012
Project: Flood Mitigation

Construction of earthen berms, concrete floodwalls and flood gates to provide the water treatment facility protection against flood events.

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Upcoming Training Opportunities

Storm Spotter Training

When: March 15
6–8 p.m.
Where: Coralville Public Library
Schwab Auditorium
1401 5th St., Coralville

This course taught by the National Weather Service offers basic information to help spot inclement weather. The target audience includes local emergency responders, fire and police officials, local elected officials, business owners, and school officials.

For more information, contact **Beth Lewis** at (515) 725-3204 or beth.lewis@iowa.gov, or **B.J. Dvorak** at (319) 356-6762 or susan.green@iowa.gov.

Managing the Lost Person Incident

When: March 26–29
8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Where: Linn County EOC
6301 Kirkwood Blvd.
Cedar Rapids

This course is very heavy in Incident Command (IC) instruction and includes the IC in classroom exercises. An intensive indoctrination for those who are interested in learning more about functioning Search and Rescue (SAR) management.

Audience for this course is police, fire, EMAs and command staff.

Prerequisites include ICS 100-200. NIMS 700-800 and ICS 300-400 are recommended but not required.

For more information, contact **Chance Kness** at (563) 242-5712.



CERT Train-The-Trainer

When: March 29-30
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Joint Forces Headquarters
6100 NW 78th Ave.
Johnston

This course is for CERT members and leaders.

For more information, contact **Blake DeRouchey** at (515) 323-4232 or blake.derouchey@iowa.gov.

Effective Communication (IS 242.a)

When: April 4–5
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Joint Forces Headquarters
6100 NW 78th Ave.
Johnston

Being able to communicate effectively is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner, and responder. This course is designed to improve all phases of communications.

For more information, contact **Beth Lewis** at (515) 725-3204 or beth.lewis@iowa.gov, or **Susan Green** at (515) 725-3243 or susan.green@iowa.gov.

Developing and Managing Volunteers (IS 244)

When: May 22–23
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Joint Forces Headquarters
6100 NW 78th Ave.
Johnston

This course is for emergency managers and related professionals working with all types of volunteers and coordinating with voluntary agencies. The course provides procedures and tools for building and working with voluntary organizations.

For more information, contact **Beth Lewis** at (515) 725-3204 or beth.lewis@iowa.gov, or **Susan Green** at (515) 725-3243 or susan.green@iowa.gov.

FEMA Assistance Reaches \$35 Million

More than \$35 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance has been approved for individuals, businesses and communities impacted by 2011 Missouri River flooding.

As of Feb. 20, 2012, FEMA had approved \$4.6 million in Individual Assistance funding for residents of Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona and Pottawattamie counties.

FEMA has obligated \$30.5 million for projects under the Public Assistance Program in Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties.

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Peterson, City of

Award: \$14,850
Date: Jan. 25, 2012
Project: 5 Percent Warning Siren

The City of Peterson was awarded funding to purchase a new warning siren to be located centrally in the city to warn the 372 residents in the event of tornadoes and high wind events. Currently, the city does not have a functioning warning system.

Storm Lake, City of

Award: \$40,486
Date: Jan. 25, 2012
Project: 5% Warning Siren

Installation of two warning sirens to warn citizens of impending dangerous weather conditions. One siren is to serve new development on the north-west side to town, and the other is to serve the area surrounding Little Storm Lake Park and surrounding residences.

West Okoboji, City of

Award: \$22,223
Date: Feb. 2, 2012
Project: 5 Percent Warning Siren

Installation of one additional outdoor warning siren near a highly populated park/recreational area. Ω

HSEMD Legislative Update

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The Hazard Mitigation Program bill was passed out of Senate Appropriations and was subsequently re-referred to Senate Ways and Means. Its new bill number is SF 2217. The HSEMD 911-related bill has arrived and can be found by looking up SSB 3170. This bill focuses on making language changes so the Code of Iowa matches the Next Generation 911 technologies that are being put in place in the state. Lastly, the budget bills are getting actively discussed

in the House. Look for these bills to start taking up more time at the Capitol as we move past the first funnel.

This last week saw most of the effort under the Dome focused on committee and sub-committee activities with very little floor debate. However, as we move away from the funnel, both floors will be actively debating a wide variety of bills.

[Contributed by John Benson, HSEMD Legislative Liaison] Ω



March is Flood Awareness Month!
Visit our website, www.BeReady.iowa.gov, and check out 14 new podcasts!