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

On the Calendar...

March

American Red Cross Month
Flood Awareness Month (Iowa)

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)

Zimmerman Announces Retirement

After 38 years working in state government, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Chief of Staff Steven Zimmerman will retire on March 30, 2012.

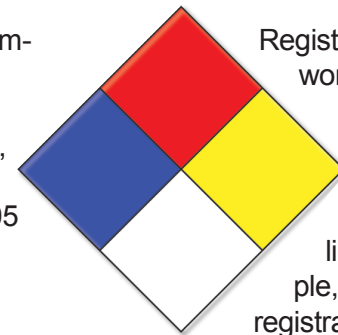
A celebration in Zimmerman's honor will take place from 3–5 p.m. on March 28 at the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge. RSVP by Monday, March 26, to **Michelle Matthes** at (515) 725-3230 or michelle.matthes@iowa.gov.



Local Emergency Planning Workshop Scheduled in April

The Iowa Emergency Response Commission will sponsor the 2012 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Workshop on April 12, 2012, from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Cass County Community Center, 805 W. 10th Street in Atlantic. For information about the facility go to www.casscountyc.com.

Who should attend? LEPC leadership, emergency management coordinators, facility safety coordinators, local elected officials or citizens. The workshop is planned as an orientation to the purpose, duties and legal responsibilities of LEPCs.



Registration for the workshop is \$15 and includes breaks, lunch and materials. Seating is limited to 50 people, and advance registration is required.

Deadline for registration is April 5, 2012. Visit www.iowadnr.gov/spills to find the flyer for the workshop schedule and the registration form. If the workshop needs to be cancelled on short notice, the information will be posted on the same website. Ω

Training Opportunities



Effective Communication (IS 242.a)

When: April 4–5
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge, Bldg. M9-2
7105 NW 70th 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 communication.

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.

Operations Section Chief Training

When: April 9-12
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Black Hawk County EMA
1925 Newell St.
Waterloo

This course addresses all roles and responsibilities appropriate to an operations section chief on a local or state all-hazards ICS Incident Management Team (IMT). The course supports learning through discussion, lecture, and active participation in multiple exercises.

There is no charge to attend this training. For more information contact **Lorie Glover** at (319) 291-4373 or bhcema@co.black-hawk.ia.us.

Intermediate Incident Command (ICS-300)

When: April 10-11
Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

This class is intended for supervisory, management or other staff that would be assigned in a supervisory or leadership role in the command or general staff of an emergency response incident or major pre-planned event.

There is no charge to attend this training. For more information contact **Liz Manion** at mmanion@storycounty.com.

All-Hazards Safety Officer Training

When: April 16-19
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Johnson County EOC
4529 Melrose Ave.
Iowa City

This course addresses all responsibilities appropriate to an all-hazards safety officer on a local or state ICS or EOC team or as part of an Incident Management Team. The course supports learning through discussion, lecture, and active participation in multiple table-top exercises.

There is no charge to attend this training, however, cancellations must be made at least three days prior to the start of the class or your agency will be billed for your unfilled seat.

To register, email **B.J. Dvorak** at bj.dvorak@jecc-ema.org. State rate lodging of \$55 per night can be reimbursed for attendees who live more than 50 miles from the site.

HazMat IQ Training

When: April 20, 8 a.m.
Where: Iowa Air National Guard Base
Sioux City
When: April 21, 8 a.m.
Where: Horn Memorial Hospital
701 E Second St.
Ida Grove

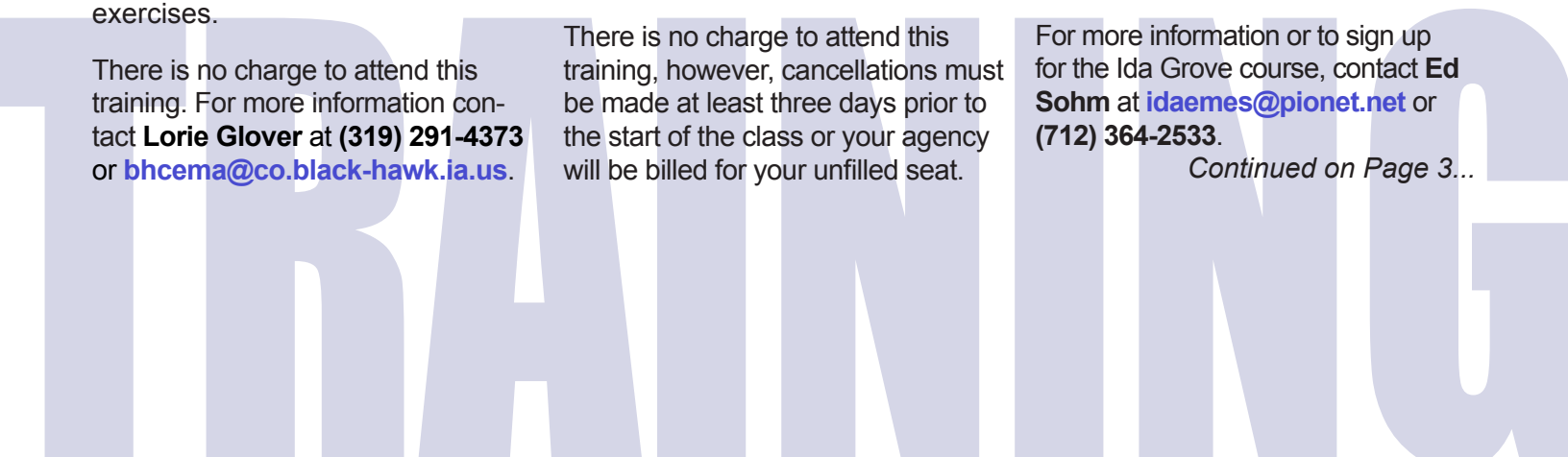
HazMat IQ is a patented HazMat/WMD response system incorporating a set of smart charts formulated from years of HazMat emergency response experience. The system uses four simple steps:

- 20-second above the line/ below the line size-up
- Chemical research under two minutes
- Selecting the correct meters
- Selecting the correct mission-driven PPE

There are two chances for you to attend. For more information or to sign up for the Sioux City course, contact **Master Sgt. Daniel Williams** at daniel.williams@ang.af.mil or (712) 233-0893.

For more information or to sign up for the Ida Grove course, contact **Ed Sohm** at idaemes@pionet.net or (712) 364-2533.

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Training Opportunities

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Essential Records & COOP/COG

When: April 23
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Heartland Museum
119 Ninth Street SW
Clarion

Discover the elements needed to ensure continuity of operations (COOP) under all circumstances. Participants will learn how to:

- Evaluate risks and hazards
- Identify what records are essential, as well as which strategies will ensure that resources are available to continue operations even after disaster
- Begin a COOP/COG plan

This class is intended for county emergency managers, supervisors, and other city and county officials.

For more information contact **Amy Meston** at (515) 725-3236, **Jim Marwedel** at (515) 725-3249, or **Jim Lester** at (515) 602-6821.

Terrorism in Iowa: Problems & Prospects

When: May 4
9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Where: Otter Creek Park
148 Nature Center Rd.
Toledo

When: May 10
9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Where: Hamilton County EMA
2300 Superior St.
Webster City

This is a half-day discussion (two offerings) of current terrorism issues locally, throughout Iowa, and nationwide. Topics include misperceptions about terrorists, characteristics of extremists, trends, and decision making.

The training is FREE. For more information contact **Liz Manion** at mmanion@storycounty.com.

Basic Public Information Officer (PIO) Training (G 290)

When: May 9–10
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge, Bldg. M9-2
7105 NW 70th Ave.
Johnston

This course will equip participants with basic skills needed to be a PIO, covering topics such as oral and written communications, understanding and working with the media, as well as basic tools and techniques needed to perform effectively.

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: Camp Dodge, Bldg. M9-2
7105 NW 70th Ave.
Johnston



This course is for emergency response-related professionals working with all types of volunteers and coordinating with voluntary agencies.

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.

Advanced Incident Command (ICS-400)

When: May 22-23
Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

This course provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS). It expands upon information covered in earlier ICS courses. It will include but not be limited to: major and/or complex incident/event management, area command and multi-agency coordination, and will provide overall management skills rather than tactical expertise.

There is no charge to attend this training. For more information contact **Liz Manion** at mmanion@storycounty.com. Ω

TRAINING

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 projects have been recently funded through HMGP.

Cedar Falls Community School District

Award: \$843,570
Date: Feb. 16, 2012
Project: Tornado Safe Room

Multi-purpose tornado safe room at the Robinson-Dresser Sports Complex to serve as indoor batting cages/multipurpose space and a tornado safe room. The safe room will provide near-absolute life protection for 271 people.

Collins, City of

Award: \$39,178
Date: Feb. 24, 2012
Project: Five Percent Generator

Emergency backup generator for the Collin's Fire Station/EMS services and community center. The generator will power essential

fire and EMS equipment, as well as allow the community center to serve as an emergency shelter as needed.

Colo, City of

Award: \$53,000
Date: Feb. 24, 2012
Project: Five Percent Generator

Emergency backup generator for the Colo's fire station/EMS services and public works buildings. The generator will power essential fire and EMS equipment, and keep necessary equipment for public works operating during power outages.



Independence Community School District

Award: \$956,723
Date: Feb. 24, 2012
Project: Tornado Safe Room

Multi-purpose tornado safe room at the new junior/senior high school to serve as a locker room facility for boys and girls. The safe room will provide near-absolute life protection for 712 people.

Marion, City of

Award: \$372,575
Date: Feb. 24, 2012
Project: Five Percent Generator

Two emergency backup generators to provide emergency power for municipal water wells and control system for Marion's water supply.

North Liberty, City of

Award: \$130,900
Date: Feb. 24, 2012
Project: Five Percent Generator

Purchase and installation of back-up power generator for the North Liberty Fire Department

Osceola County

Award: \$34,000
Date: March 8, 2012
Project: Mitigation Planning

Osceola County was awarded a planning grant to update the county multi-jurisdictional plan to include six 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.

Story City, City of

Award: \$33,158
Date: Feb. 24, 2012
Project: Five Percent Generator

Purchase and installation of back-up power generator for the Story City Fire Department

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Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 2-6

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD), together with the National Weather Service (NWS), is again recognizing the first week in April as Severe Weather Awareness Week. The goal is to provide Iowans a better understanding about the state's spring weather hazards. Brochures and fact sheets about Iowa's various hazards are available for download on both HSEMD's BeReadyIowa website and the Des Moines NWS website, www.weather.gov/des-moines.

The public and news media can also find daily PSAs, and podcasts featuring tips from HSEMD and NWS officials, available for download at www.BeReady.iowa.gov, beginning March 30.

The highlight of Severe Weather Awareness Week is the annual tornado drill scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 at approximately 10 a.m. Schools, businesses, state and local governments, the military, and individuals are strongly encouraged to participate in the drill.

Additional information about the tornado drill can be found on local NWS websites.

For each day during Severe Weather Awareness Week, a different subject will be highlighted:

- Monday–Flash Floods
- Tuesday–Weather Warnings
- Wednesday–Tornadoes
- Thursday–Severe Thunderstorms
- Friday–Family Preparedness

Additional information about severe weather and family safety can be found at www.BeReady.iowa.gov.

Visit HSEMD's Facebook page and Twitter feed for daily updates during Severe Weather Awareness Week. Ω

(Summer 2010) Right: Tornado damage near Sibley, Iowa (Photo courtesy Dan Bechler). Below: Flash flooding in Boone County (photo courtesy David Morlan).



COOP/COG Planning Workshop and Essential Records Course Combined

Following the Eighth Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference held last November, Iowa HSEMD received several requests for training focused on essential records management and continuity of operations/continuation of government (COOP/COG) planning. HSEMD's Jim Marwedel and Amy Meston worked together to hybridize their individual trainings into a single offering. This new workshop was first offered on Feb. 29, 2012, in Osage where more than 45 county and city officials participated.

"This training was another opportunity to deliver training designed to fit the needs of our participants," says Susan Green, Iowa HSEMD state training officer. "Based on feedback from previous offerings, we were able to blend two related topics, essential records and continuity of operations and government."

The next workshop will be offered in Clarion on April 23, 2012. It includes several activities that give participants a chance to discuss and determine strategies they will use for their own jurisdictions. Past participants found these activities to be one of the most valuable portions of the workshop. In reference to such activities, a participant in Osage stated that she found it particularly valuable to meet "with other people in our [same job] position from differ-

New Leadership Elected to Iowa Emergency Response Commission

On March 15, 2012, the Iowa Emergency Response Commission (IERC) elected new officers.

Anne Jackson was elected chair of the IERC. Ms. Jackson has represented Iowa Workforce Development on the IERC since 1996 and has been a strong advocate of the IERC and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). She is a voting member of the IERC.

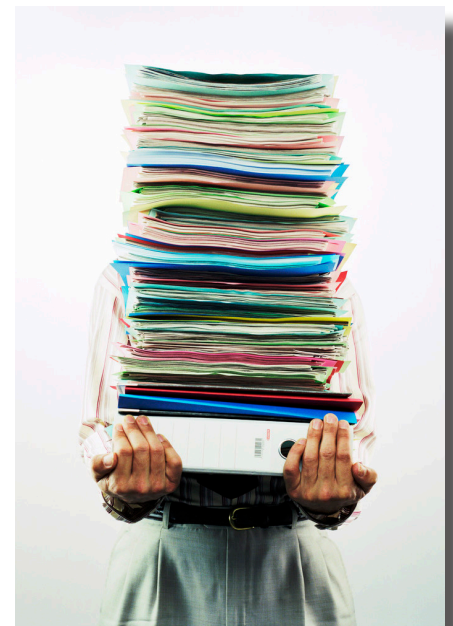
Members chose Rex Mundt to serve as vice chair. Mr. Mundt represents the Fire Service and Emergency Response Council. He is the fire chief in Ankeny and has a background as a first responder.

New members appointed by Governor Branstad include Janet Gastineau, who will represent the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Ms. Gastineau works in the Air Quality Division of the DNR. Gov. Branstad also appointed Staci Griffin, Louisa County emergency management coordinator, to the Commission. Ms. Griffin will represent the LEPCs. Both are voting members of the IERC.

The IERC recognized outgoing commission members Mahala Cox and Kathy Lee for their past service. Julie Waltz will continue to serve on the IERC as an industry representative. Ms. Waltz had served as the IERC chair since September 2008. Ω

ence counties to hear their plans." Another found it valuable to find out "what needs to be done to get things back to working order."

For more information on the workshop, or to find out how to bring it to your area, please contact **Jim Marwedel** at (515) 725-3249 or jim.marwedel@iowa.gov, or **Amy Meston** at (515) 725-3236 or amy.meston@iowa.gov. If you are interested in registering for the Clarion workshop to be held April 23, or for any other training from HSEMD, please go to the HSEMD course registration link at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org in the "Quick Links" section. 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.

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www.iowahomelandsecurity.org

Mitigation Projects Receive Funding

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Superior, City of

Award: \$22,223

Date: Feb. 16, 2012

Project: Five Percent Warning Siren

Purchase and installation of warning siren to be placed in the city to warn residents of impending life threatening weather conditions.



Winterset Community School District

Award: \$1,262,152

Date: Feb. 24, 2012

Project: Tornado Safe Room

Multi-purpose tornado safe room to protect 843 students and staff from tornadoes and high wind events. When not in use as a safe room, the space will serve as three classrooms, including one with Iowa Communications Network (ICN) access.

Boyden, City of

Award: \$23,902

Date: Feb. 24, 2012

Project: Five Percent Generator

Purchase and installation of back-up power generator for the City of Boyden Fire Department and emergency ambulance services.

Award: \$16,638

Date: Feb. 24, 2012

Project: Five Percent Generator

Purchase and installation of back-up power generator for the City of Boyden south lift station.

Clinton County-Secondary Roads

Award: \$41,680

Date: Feb. 24, 2012

Project: Five Percent Generator

Emergency backup generator for the county secondary roads maintenance shop. The generator will ensure that essential county vehicles (sheriff's department vehicles, snow plows, etc.) are fueled, and receive necessary maintenance during power outages.

Pocahontas County

Award: \$62,354

Date: March 5, 2012

Project: Mitigation Planning

Pocahontas County was awarded a planning grant to update the county multi-jurisdictional plan to include nine 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. Ω