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Governor issues proclamations of disaster emergency for June flooding and storms

June flooding and severe storms have prompted Governor Terry Branstad to issue proclamations of disaster emergency for a number of Iowa counties.

On June 17 and 20, Governor Branstad issued disaster proclamations for the following counties due to flooding and storm damage that began June 13: Buena Vista, Cedar, Cherokee, Clay, Dickinson, Franklin, Hancock, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Woodbury and Wright.

The proclamations allowed State of Iowa resources to be used to respond to and recover from the ef-

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Flooding in the northwest Iowa town of Rock Valley. Photo by Jimmy Centers., communications director for Governor Branstad.

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fects of the flooding and severe weather. In addition, the governor's proclamation activated the Iowa Individual Assistance Program in Hancock and Kossuth counties (see page 6 for more on the program).

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) will be conducting damage assessments in 26 counties impacted by the June 13 and continuing storms. The damage assessments, which will primarily cover public infrastructure, will be conducted jointly by HSEMD, FEMA and local officials. Results of the damage assessments could be used to determine if a request for a Presi-

dential Disaster Declaration is warranted. Damage assessments will be conducted in the following counties: Allamakee, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury and Wright.

Earlier in the month, in response to storms that occurred June 3, Governor Branstad issued disaster proclamations for the use of state resources in Pottawattamie, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Mills, Taylor, Wayne, Cass, Harrison, Montgomery and Ringgold

counties. The Iowa Individual Assistance Program was activated in Decatur, Cass, Harrison, Montgomery, Pottawattamie and Ringgold counties.

HSEMD, along with FEMA and local officials, also conducted damage assessments in 10 counties impacted by the June 3 storms. It has not been determined at this time if damage is sufficient to warrant the governor requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

HSEMD, its state, local and private-sector partners, will continue to monitor severe weather and flooding, and are prepared to provide needed resources to impacted communities. Ω

Governor and HSEMD Director tour flood damage in northwest Iowa

On June 18, HSEMD Director Mark Schouten accompanied Governor Terry Branstad as he toured flood damage in Rock Rapids and Rock Valley in northwest Iowa.

Both towns were impacted by flooding of the Rock River.

For more information on Iowa's current disasters, visit www.homeslandsecurity.iowa.gov. Ω

Right, Governor Branstad and HSEMD Director Schouten talk with homeowners in Rock Rapids.



Left, Governor Branstad and Director Schouten tour flood damage in Rock Rapids accompanied by residents and reporters. Photos by Jimmy Centers, Governor Branstad's office.

North Iowa Community Emergency Response Team has active year

The North Iowa Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), sponsored by Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management, has had an active year, according to Steve O'Neil, Cerro Gordo County emergency management director. O'Neil has submitted a few of the team's recent highlights. Learn more at <http://northiowacert>.



Above, these CERT team leaders, Jeff Richter, Bob Harris and Carl Hutchinson, have completed several months of training and are now the Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management Liaison Team. When many towns are affected at one time by disaster, the emergency management coordinator can now remain in the emergency operations center (EOC) and one of these liaisons can be sent to the affected community to coordinate between the city and county EOC.

Below, the animal response members of the CERT team spent this last winter restocking the response trailer, and revising and updating SOPs. All of their work came into play in March when they were called to assist Worth County by setting up an animal shelter in Kensett. Animal Response Team members have received training in small and large animal rescue and first aid, and animal sheltering.



Above, Susan Madsen, one of the team's newest emergency medical technicians (EMT), practices on a mannequin donated to the team by Community Motors of Mason City. The team was recently upgraded by the Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services to an EMT Service.



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Training opportunities

For all classes except ICS-300 and ICS-400, register online at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: Susan Green (susan.green@iowa.gov) or Beth Lewis (beth.lewis@iowa.gov) at 515.725.3231.

Basic Public Information Officer Training (G290)

When: July 14–15, 2014
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: ISU Extension Office
212 North I Street
Oskaloosa

This two-day training will equip participants with the basic skills needed to be a full- or part-time PIO, such as oral and written communications, understanding and working with the media, and basic tools and techniques.

Target audience: public information officers, local elected officials, and emergency management personnel. Please note: seats are filled for this

class but you may register on a waiting list.

Critical Employee Emergency Planning (CEEP)

When: July 28, 2014
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Where: Iowa Specialty Hospital
403 First St. SE
Belmond

This is an awareness-level one-day course that will provide guidance for your agency or business to prepare your critical employees before, during and after a disaster.

Target audience: emergency management coordinators, business owners, nonprofit organizations, first responders, law enforcement, fire departments, and public health officials.

Basic Public Information Officer Training (G290)

When: July 29–30, 2014
9 a.m.–4 p.m.



Where: Iowa Specialty Hospital
403 First St. SE
Belmond

Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools (L364)

When: July 31–Aug. 1, 2014
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge- Bldg. B-57
7105 NW 70th Ave.
Johnston

This two-day course provides the knowledge, skills and tools needed to develop or refine an all-hazards school emergency operations plan (EOP) and to identify how to train and exercise the school EOP. This course follows the guidance set forth in the FEMA Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101 for developing an emergency operations plan and explains how

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TRAINING

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to engage the whole community in school preparedness and planning.

Recommended attendees: Teams are preferred, which could include principals, risk managers, school board members, school safety coordinators, transportation and food service coordinators, facility managers/building engineers, nurses, counselors, public information officers, teachers, first responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS, etc.).

Recommended prior training: ICS-100 for Schools and IS-700.

Intermediate ICS (ICS-300)

When: Aug. 26–27, 2014
9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Where: NIACC
200 Harwood Dr.
Charles City

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200 and ICS-700.

Call the Floyd County EMA at **641.257.6144** with questions. Pre-registration is required by emailing floydema@floydcoia.org.

Advanced ICS (ICS-400)

When: Sept. 3–4, 2014
9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Where: NIACC
200 Harwood Dr.
Charles City

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300 and ICS-700.

Call the Floyd County EMA at **641.257.6144** with questions. Pre-registration is required by emailing floydema@floydcoia.org.

G775 EOC Management and Operations **NEW!**

When: Sept 22-23, 2014
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Osage Police Dept.
432 Main St.
Osage

This course describes the role, design, and functions of emergency operations centers (EOC) and their relationships as components of a multi-agency coordination system.

The course contains disaster-related examples, activities and case studies that relate to EOCs and multi-agency coordination systems at the local, state and federal levels of government.

Target audience: emergency managers, first responders, public/private entities, disaster coordinators.

G191 ICS/EOC Interface **NEW!**

When: Sept, 25, 2014
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Osage Police Dept.
432 Main St.
Osage

The course objectives are as follows:

- Describe ICS principles.
- Describe multiagency coordination (MAC)/emergency operations center (EOC) principles.
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of ICS and EOC during emergency operations.
- Using scenarios, analyze the ICS and EOC systems and identify various interface issues.
- Apply ICS/EOC interface concepts in an exercise situation.
- Begin developing an ICS/EOC interface action plan for your community.

Target audience: emergency managers, EOCs and MAC system entities, first responders, public/private entities.

For those that will be traveling an excess of 50 miles to attend class and will have an overnight stay, we can help financially with your meals and lodging expenses. Ω

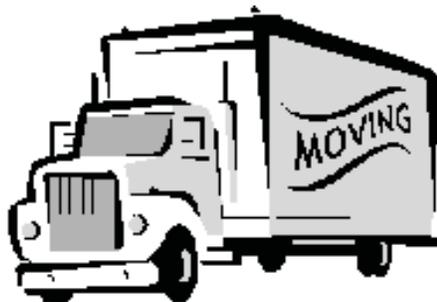


HSEMD is moving!

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management office located on Camp Dodge will be moving, effective July 14, 2014 (Please note: the Radiological Maintenance Facility will remain on Camp Dodge and the Operations Division will remain at the Joint Forces Headquarters).

HSEMD staff from the Planning and Finance Division, along with Director Schouten and members of his executive staff, will join Recovery Division staff at their current location, 7900 Hickman Rd., Ste. 500, Windsor Heights, 50324.

All department phone numbers will remain the same. Ω



Iowa Homeland Security Conference Oct. 21-22

The 11th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference will be held Oct. 21-22, 2014, at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Veteran's Memorial in Des Moines.



As in past years, the conference will feature speakers on a variety of topics relevant to emergency management, homeland security and partner disciplines.

Watch for more information in the July issue of "Secure & Prepared," or visit the HSEMD website at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov. Ω

Iowa Individual Assistance Program is available in some storm-impacted counties

Recent flooding and severe weather have prompted the governor to activate the Iowa Individual Assistance Program in some of the impacted counties.

The counties where the program has been activated are: Cass, Harrison, Montgomery, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Kossuth and Hancock.

The program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes of up to 200 percent of

the poverty level, or a maximum annual income of \$39,580, for a family of three. Grants may cover home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and for the expense of temporary housing.

The grant application and instructions are available at <http://dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistance-programs>. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the governor's proclamation to submit a claim. Ω

ON THE CALENDAR

JUNE

National Safety Month

JULY

National Fireworks Safety Month
Independence Day (4)*

SEPTEMBER

National Preparedness Month
Labor Day (1)*

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

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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.

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North Iowa CERT

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Above are two of three ambulances that were donated to the CERT team in the last two years. Two were from the Mason City Fire Department and one was+ from Mercy Medical Center North Iowa. The red unit and its twin have been stocked and are ready for service as Emergency Medical Technicians-Basic (EMT-B) units. The white ambulance is set up to be used for establishing and operating a major staging area as a wide-area search base unit, or as a CERT command post during deployments.



The photo above shows team members working a functional exercise at the North Iowa Area Community College fire training facility. The scenario involved assessing the building and determining a course of action. The team then implemented the plan and did search, triage and extrication. The team also established treatment and rehab areas outside of the building. Ω