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Save the dates for this year's Fourth Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference
July 16-18!

Governor Culver Names Lt. Governor Judge as Homeland Security Advisor

On February 19th, Governor Chet Culver announced his appointment of Lt. Governor Patty Judge as his new homeland security advisor.



Governor Culver announced his appointment of Lt. Governor Judge as his Homeland Security Advisor at a press conference Feb. 19th. Pictured from left to right are: Lt. Governor Patty Judge, Adjutant General Ron Dardis, Governor Chet Culver, and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division Administrator David Miller.

The Governor's homeland security advisor is responsible for overseeing the state's homeland security activities. This includes providing budget oversight and giving policy guidance on a wide range of homeland security issues and programs.

"As my homeland security advisor, Lt. Governor Judge will serve to not only keep me informed and advise me regarding all issues of security in and around our state, but she will also work with the federal Department of Homeland Security to make sure Iowa's interests are known and understood around the country," said Governor Culver. "In addition, she will work with other state agencies to ensure our government is ready for disasters, and work with other states to ensure that Iowa is at the forefront of preparedness and we are not caught asleep at the wheel."

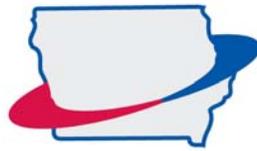
"I look forward to working with Lt. Governor Judge to ensure the safety of Iowans no matter what the emergency – be it natural or human-made," said Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division Administrator David Miller. "Preserving life and reducing the impact of disasters remain our agency's main objectives."

As secretary of agriculture, Lt. Governor Judge spearheaded development of the Center for Agriculture Security, which coordinates the department's efforts in the areas of livestock, crop, dairy, fertilizer and pesticide security, and is a resource for local, state and national agencies to coordinate agriculture security policy and agriculture disaster response.

Judge replaces Adjutant General Ron Dardis, director of the Iowa Department of Public Defense, who served as homeland security advisor from July 2005 to February 2007.

Iowa Business Council Launches Safeguard Iowa

On January 29th, the Iowa Business Council along with the State of Iowa and the non-profit Business Executives for National Security (BENS) launched the Safe-



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guard Iowa Partnership. The Partnership is a voluntary coalition of the state's business and government leaders, who share a commitment to combining their efforts to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from catastrophic events in Iowa. The statewide partnership will serve to help integrate business resources, expertise, and response plans with those of government during all stages of disaster management.

"Business leaders recognize that their companies' ability to maintain or restore operations, following a disaster, depends on the continuity of the community around them," said Iowa Business Council Chairman Max Phillips, president of Qwest Iowa. "The diverse industries that support Iowa's economy are inter-dependent. By working across industry sectors, and with our government partners, we can help protect Iowa's future, its economy, and the quality of life Iowans enjoy."

"Recent national disasters have demonstrated the importance of planning in advance of a crisis," said Iowa Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge. "There is enormous capability resident in Iowa's business community that government cannot replicate. We've needed this kind of partnership – and the commitment from both business and government that it represents – to facilitate effective public-private collaboration."

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership will focus first-year efforts on improving communication during crises, identifying and cataloging business resources and expertise that could be called upon during a disaster, and exercising new operational capabilities between business and agency partners.

The Iowa Business Council has endorsed the Safeguard Iowa Partnership and will provide early sponsorship. Founding business partners include: Alliant Energy, Deere & Company, Hy-Vee, Iowa Health System, MidAmerican Energy, Pella Corp., Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Principal Financial, Rockwell Collins, Ruan Transportation, Vermeer Manufacturing, and Wellmark Blue Cross - Blue Shield. The University of Iowa, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa are also partners. Public agencies supporting and working with the partnership include the Iowa Department of Public Defense, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Department of Public Safety, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The catalyst for this initiative was former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack who, one year ago, suggested that the Iowa Business Council work with the non-profit Business Executives for National Security (BENS). BENS has facilitated similar partnerships and programs in several other states.

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership is in the process of hiring an executive director, who is expected to be named in February. For more information on the Partnership, visit www.iowabusinesscouncil.org.

'05 Homeland Security Grant Extended

The Office of Grants and Training (OGT) for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced an extension of the FFY 2005 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) that will allow HSEMD to extend the local grant agreement performance period.

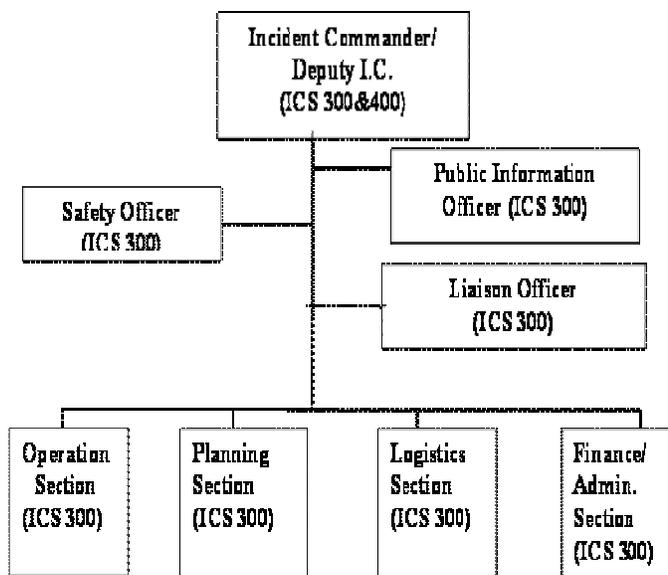
HSEMD will be executing grant agreement extension documents to each of the homeland security regions based upon the extension requests and timelines identified by each of the regions. In executing this process, the standard grant agreement performance period of all open agreements will be extended to an end date of September 30, 2007, allowing the homeland security regions adequate time to complete the scope of work identified.

OGT has been trying to move to longer grant periods to stay away from the grant extension process. The '07 grant, for example, is a 36 month grant.

NIMS Compliancy Clarification

NIMS compliancy is mandatory if an agency or entity chooses to participate in preparedness grants. Only certain individuals in the top 15 counties and top 20 cities by population that would be in the city or county's incident command structure (see chart below) will need to take the ICS 300 and ICS 400 courses for NIMS compliancy.

In your county or city structure, if a public health official is to assume one of the command roles listed above then they will need to take the course. That being said, public health is not specifically identified in the federal training matrix. If one of the counties or cities that has been identified has assigned a public health official to fill a command role in that county, then the emergency management coordinator has the discretion to request the presence of that person at the ICS 300 and 400 courses.



If hospital personnel are not involved in the overall county command structure, ICS 300 and ICS 400 are not required. Hospital requirements differ somewhat from the local public health requirements. There may be certain situations that might include the local public health agency in the overall command staff of an incident, whereas hospitals generally only operate within their own four walls.

Severe Weather Awareness Week Update



As mentioned in the last newsletter, HSEMD and the National Weather Service are sponsoring Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 2-6. A tornado drill will be held from 10-10:30 on April 4. In case of bad weather, the drill will be moved to April 5.

County coordinators, please note that materials are available for your use at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/resource_room/info_library.asp. Here you can find fact sheets, posters, and press releases.

Also, please note that National Flood Safety Week will be held March 19-23. More information can be found at www.floodsafety.noaa.gov.

FEMA Transition to Take Place in March

Due to recent legislation, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is in the process of restructuring its operations by realizing efficiencies in key areas to consolidating certain functions of the Preparedness Directorate and FEMA into a "new" FEMA. David Paulison will serve in the newly created position of administrator.

The bulk of the FEMA/Preparedness transition will take place on March 31, 2007. The U.S. Fire Administration, Grants and Training, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Division, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Division, and National Capitol Region Coordination will transfer to FEMA. Infrastructure Protection, Cyber Security and Telecommunications, the Office of the Under Secretary for Preparedness, the Chief Medical Officer, and the Ready.gov campaign will not transfer to FEMA.



Most of the elements of the current Preparedness Directorate that are transferring will make up the National Preparedness Division; however, not all elements will necessarily come under the Preparedness Directorate. FEMA intends to integrate preparedness across the full spectrum of the agency to develop a preparedness system within FEMA that serves all preparedness stakeholders.

The new Grant Program Division, which includes grants administration and grants policy and programs, will report to the Office of the Administrator. Citizen Corps, the Training Division and the Systems Support Division, which were parts of the former Office of Grants and Training, will be incorporated into the new National Preparedness Division. The public affairs, legislative affairs, legal counsel and grants and training executive secretary functions from the former Office of Grants and Training will shift to their FEMA equivalents.

The agency's strategic objectives and long-term goals concentrate on improving operational core competencies in areas such as incident management, operational planning, disaster logistics and emergency communications. In addition, FEMA leadership is keenly focused on improving the agency's business processes to create more robust systems, and to develop best-in-class capabilities.

FEMA intends to professionalize preparedness and emergency management systems, seeking to link grants to measured improvements in the nation's security and preparedness posture. This will require FEMA to integrate preparedness planning, exercises and remedial action into demonstrated capability to meet challenges presented by potential threats. Senior leadership will outline objectives and define expectations. Structured and measurable performance goals for all functional areas will align to FEMA's strategic vision and serve as the benchmark for efficiency and effectiveness.

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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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HSEMD Spotlight: Janet Riley

Janet Riley is a training specialist focusing on exercises in HSEMD's Preparedness Bureau. She has been a member of the Division since 1998, when she started as an emergency management specialist with the Division's public assistance program.



A native of Boston, MA, Janet joined the Army in 1987. She is currently an Army Reservist stationed at Fort Des Moines with the 103rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, a new organization that provides mid-level logistical support to the Army and others that the Army supports in that area. She has been in either active or reserve status for over 19 years and recently returned from a deployment to Baghdad, Iraq.

While in Iraq, she served as the Commander of the LOGCAP Support Detachment, where she acted as the interface between the U.S. coalition government and construction contractor Kellogg, Brown, and Root. Stationed just outside the main palace where the U.S. Forces Command is located on Camp Victory, Janet traveled the country to interface with the units she supported.

Janet and husband David moved to Iowa in 1998. Her father and sister still live in Boston. She has two brothers living in Chicago, IL, and Dallas, TX, while her husband's family is concentrated in the Austin, TX area. Janet says she has many different hobbies, including reading, sewing, quilting, knitting, and crocheting.

Welcome back Janet and thank you for your service!

Personnel Notes

Jim Wiese has joined HSEMD as a Program Planner II for the Grants Bureau. He will be working with regions five and six and any grants requiring a project officer.

Jim has been a temporary employee of the Division for the past two years. He also worked for the Division as a public assistance coordinator during the Mississippi River flooding in 2001.

Jim is retired from the Iowa National Guard after 24 years of service. He also served 15 years federal civil service in the National Guard.