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Special points of interest:

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HLSEM's Move is Complete

On April 24, HLSEM made the move to Camp Dodge. With the move came a new address and new phone numbers. There is a link on our homepage with this information, which also contains a map at <http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/>.

HLSEM's new address is 7105 N.W. 70th Ave., Camp Dodge, Bldg. W-4, Johnston, IA 50131. Our main office phone number, which is also used for 24-hour contact, remains the same at 515-281-3231. However, our fax number has changed to 515-725-3260 and the staff's personal desk phone numbers have changed. For a new phone list, please go to: http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/about_HS/contact_us.asp. Our e-mail addresses were not affected by the move.



Building W-4 at Camp Dodge is HLSEM's new home.

Once the dust has settled a bit, HLSEM plans to hold an open house. We hope you'll come check out our new home. Just so you are aware, there is a guard at the south gate and you will need to show your driver's license to gain entry. The guard can also explain how to get to our building, which is brick and seems to be the only one out here with a smoke stack. Follow the signs to the Main Post and you'll come to a four way stop. Turn right at 5th and Railroad and you are just a block away from W-4. We are just across the street from the Radiological Calibration building for those who have visited that facility. There is convenient parking across the street to the east of W-4.

Thank you again for your patience during our transition!

FY'06 RFC Program Funds Available

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has announced funding availability for the Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) Program. The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division is soliciting Notices of Interest (NOI) from applicants to determine which applicants will be invited to develop and submit a full RFC application. The deadline for submitting NOIs is May 16.

The RFC grant program provides funding to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that have had one or more claim payments for flood damages. The long-term goal of RFC is to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP through mitigation activities that are in the best interest of the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF).

For more information, contact John Wageman at 515-725-3260.

Planning Compliance Dates for 2006

This is a reminder that as of this year, every county must have compliant emergency operations plans by September 30, 2006. This applies to both the Part A 20 percent review and hazardous materials annex. At close of business on September 30, 2006, county plans will be considered compliant or non-compliant with Iowa Code planning requirements, and designated as eligible or non-eligible for that calendar year's applicable federal and state grants and financial assistance relative to planning. It is recommended that counties submit Part A annexes no later than August 1, 2006 in order to maximize the plan review period.

For more information, see http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/CoEM_FR/password/planning.asp or call Chief Planner Ken Brink at 515-725-3249.

Homeland Security Conference Update

Information on the Governor's 3rd Annual Homeland Security Conference, hosted by the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, is now available on HLSEM's Web site: <http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/>. Click on the link at the top of the page.

This year's conference will be held July 18-20 at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines. Keynote speakers on the first day include U.S. Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for Preparedness George Foresman, U.S. Army Chief of Staff General Dennis Reimers (retired), and State Epidemiologist for the Iowa Department of Public Health Dr. Patricia Quinlisk. Topics will range from lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina to pandemic influenza.

Registration information will be available soon, so please check the Web site link mentioned above periodically. For questions, e-mail governorsconf@hlsem.state.ia.us or call Mary Ann Lee at 515-243-2000.

HR172 Recognizes Katrina/Rita Relief Efforts

House Resolution 172 was passed on April 25 recognizing the efforts of Iowans who provided disaster relief to victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 172

By Petersen, Wise, Oldson, Wendt, Bell, Cohoon, R. Olson, Schueller, Kressig, Winckler, Wessel-Kroeschell, Shultz, Heddens, McCarthy, Reasoner, Foege, Berry, Smith, T. Taylor, Swaim, Reichert, Thomas, Mascher, Pettengill, Whitead, Lykam, Whitaker, Murphy, Bukta, Mertz, D. Taylor, Gaskill, Frevert, Hunter, Shomshor, Davitt, Miller, Jacoby, Hogg, Dandekar, Tomenga, May, and De Boef

A Resolution recognizing the continuing efforts by Iowans in providing disaster relief in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. WHEREAS, since August 2005 Iowans and Iowa organizations have come forward, in hundreds of ways, to provide desperately needed relief to their fellow Americans whose lives were devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and WHEREAS, by April 2006 some 424 Iowans have now provided over 9,100 total person days of service, offering hurricane relief in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, since September 2005, 15 individuals, working in a variety of capacities at the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory, have been conducting newborn screening tests on samples sent from Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division of the Iowa Department of Public Defense deployed three staff members to the State Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, deployed one staff member to the National Response Coordination Center in Washington, D.C., to coordinate response activities, deployed one staff member to the State Emergency Operations Center in Jackson, Mississippi, to assist with response coordination, and deployed one staff member to the State Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to assist with the requests for aid from other states; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa National Guard deployed 13 soldiers of the 185th Air Refueling Wing and a 200 kilowatt electric generator to Belle Chase Naval Air Station in Louisiana, deployed 197 soldiers of a medical battalion to act as a security force and provide water purification units to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, deployed 40 crew members of the 185th Air Refueling Wing and four KC-135E Stratotankers to perform evacuation, transport, security, and fuel handling missions, deployed the 71st Civil Support Team of 20 members to complete sample analysis in Carville, Louisiana, and deployed a physical therapist and a biomedical laboratory specialist to Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health deployed a team of 30 health professionals, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, and environmental health specialists, to Louisiana State University; and WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Human Services deployed 10 human service workers to assist parishes with food stamp relief program efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Bettendorf Fire and Rescue Department deployed two staff members and one vehicle to support the New Orleans Fire Department; and WHEREAS, the City of Davenport deployed 14 staff members to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to assist with recovery efforts for its water and sewer systems; and WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol deployed a two-person team on an aerial damage assessment mission to Texas; and

WHEREAS, these agencies and organizations are made up of hundreds of Iowans, from all walks of life, who have unselfishly offered their time and the expertise in service to Americans in desperate need; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, that the House of Representatives recognizes the dedication and sacrifice of those Iowans who provided aid and comfort in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and on behalf of all Iowans thanks them for a job well done.

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HLSEM 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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www.iowahomelandsecurity.org

HLSEM Spotlight: Lynn Zook

Lynn Zook joined HLSEM on April 14th as the executive secretary to Dave Miller. She comes to the Division from the Iowa DOT Offices of Aviation and Public Transit. Prior to the DOT, she worked for Qwest Wireless for five years in Arizona as a radio frequency technical support engineer.



Lynn grew up in McCallsburg and Sioux City, Iowa, and moved to Arizona when she was a sophomore in high school. She has an eight-year-old daughter who will be starting 4th grade next year. Currently a resident of Ames, Lynn and her daughter will be moving to Norwalk with her boyfriend in June. She says she's looking forward to the knowledge and experiences HLSEM will provide her.

Linn County EMA Position Open

Linn County has an opening for the position of Linn County Emergency Management Director. This position is a full-time position that directs all activities of an emergency management agency supporting Linn County, Iowa. The Director reports to the Linn County Emergency Management Commission. He/she supervises the Linn County Emergency Management Agency and develops and maintains plans, policies, and procedures to meet numerous natural, technological, and civil hazards affecting the county.

Requirements include but are not limited to: a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university; four years of responsible experience in emergency management, disaster services, business administration, public administration, military preparedness, or related work; and other accommodations for experience and educations. For a complete job description including duties, qualifications, and salary range, contact the Linn County Human Resources Department at 319-892-5120 or go to www.linncounty.org for more information. The closing date for this position is Friday, May 26, 2006.

HLSEM After Hours Contact Info

The main number for Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division is 515-281-3231. This number is transferred to State Patrol Communications during non-work hours to provide 24/7 duty officer coverage. If, for some reason, our main number would be out of service, the 24/7 phone number for State Patrol Communications at the State Emergency Operations Center in Johnston is 515-323-4360.