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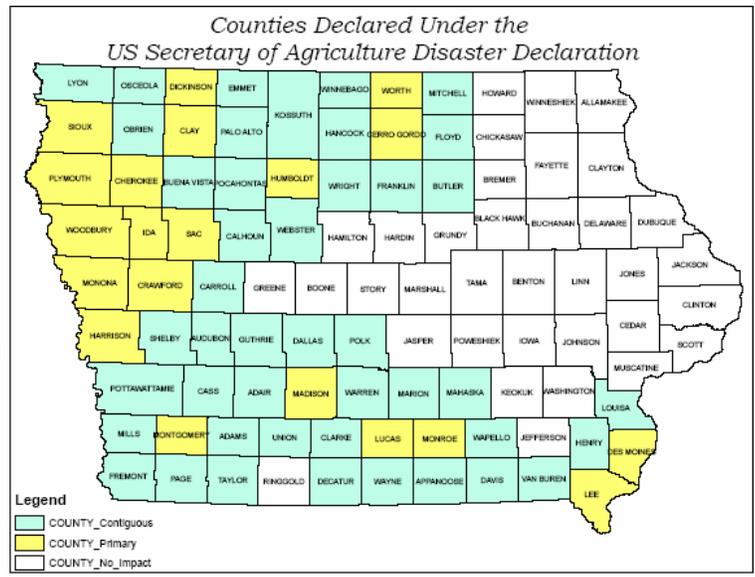
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Please note that HLSEM's main office/24-hour contact phone number has changed to 515-725-3231.

20 Counties Declared Ag Disaster Areas

On September 5th, Governor Vilsack received word from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that 20 counties sustained sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial disaster designation.



A letter from the USDA said counties receiving the disaster declaration include: Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Des Moines, Dickinson, Harrison, Humboldt, Ida, Lee, Lucas, Madison, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, Plymouth, Sac, Sioux, Woodbury, and Worth.

"I am pleased the USDA has responded positively to my request for assistance on behalf of Iowans," said Vilsack. "The losses felt by Iowa's agriculture community were great. These resources will help them through difficult times and ensure they continue to provide a strong and sustainable future for our state."

Adair and Webster counties were in the original request as primary natural disaster areas, but will be included as contiguous disaster counties along with Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Clarke, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Emmet, Floyd, Franklin, Fremont, Guthrie, Hancock, Henry, Kossuth, Louisa, Lyon, Mahaska, Marion, Mills, Mitchell, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Shelby, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Wayne, Winnebago, and Wright.

Eligible residents in these counties will be able to request low interest loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) through the USDA Emergency Loan Program.

NIMS Deadline Approaching

The September 30th deadline is a few days away and we have received over 500 compliancy letters. This has been an outstanding effort by everyone. If you have a agency or jurisdiction that is attempting to become NIMS complaint but will not make the September 30th deadline, please contact David Hempen or Mike Beaman and we can assist you in that effort.

Iowa Schools to Receive NOAA Radios

Public schools in Iowa will soon be receiving free NOAA weather radios. The radios are being distributed to K-12 public schools nationwide through a program sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Commerce, and Education. The radios are scheduled to arrive in Iowa schools by early October.

This program promotes NOAA weather radios as an important component of school emergency planning. Last year, schools in two states and 20 metro areas received the radios. For more information on this program, visit <http://public-alert-radio.nws.noaa.gov/proginfo-02.htm>.

School Safety Survey Going Out

HLSEM has worked with a group of volunteers over the past year to address school safety issues with an emphasis on emergency planning. The committee has representatives from the private sector, schools, county emergency management, and state agencies.

After a good deal of discussion, the group decided to try and gauge school preparedness, with an emphasis in the planning area, by distributing a survey. The committee was able to partner with the Area Education Agencies and an electronic survey will be going out to all school superintendents by the end of September.

Citizen Corps Funding Recipients Announced

The following counties expressed interest in Citizen Corps funds for FY06: Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Delaware, Des Moines, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fremont, Guthrie, Hardin, Henry, Howard, Humboldt, Johnson, Linn, Louisa, Lyon, Marshall, Mitchell, Monona, O'Brien, Osceola, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Scott, Shelby, Sioux, Story, Taylor, Union, Woodbury, and Worth.

Each county will receive \$4,295.29. These funds will flow through the regional fiscal agent, but are awarded to each county. Grant guidance is located on the HLSEM Web site. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest.

HLSEM Establishes Fusion Center Program: TIIP

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management is in the beginning stages of creating a Threat Information and Infrastructure Protection Program (TIIP). While Iowa already has a very good fusion system concept, it is time to take the current system to the next required level. Iowa is investing in an expanding system that allows us to build upon our existing resources aimed at fusion and information sharing and expand that effort to other public and private sector partners.

The TIIP is geared more toward the public side of Iowa's fusion system. To maximize our effectiveness, we must be able to take sensitive information and convert it into operational, actionable results. This will continue to be a primary purpose of the Fusion Center within the Department of Public Safety.

The TIIP will allow for additional information gathering capability, better dissemination of general and specific information, as well as expediting any required protective measures to our homeland security partners, when required. Both tactical and strategic threat information will be used to help identify preventative and protective measures for the 17 sectors, referenced under the National Infrastructure Protection Program (NIPP). Through coordination and collaboration with public and private sector partners, Iowa will be able to identify appropriate sector specific protective measures that will help protect our people and resources during any disaster situation.

As a result, three individuals within HLSEM have been identified to work under the TIIP program:

Jeff McKinney will serve as the Information Sharing and Security Officer. His primary tasks will be to ensure information is being shared in a timely and accurate manner. He will also be responsible for ensuring secure actions and information are given adequate and appropriate protection. Jeff will help implement an effective OPSEC (Operations Security) program. One of his primary duties will be to work with a number of partners to develop a more effective program to look at special events security planning. He will also continue to be one of HLSEM's Duty Officers.

Curt Sullivan will work with our public and private sector partners on asset protection measures, focusing on risk, threat, vulnerability and consequence analysis. He will also work with the Buffer Zone Protection Program and assist with improving various asset lists including the National Asset Data Base. Curt will also have a primary responsibility for the Critical Asset Protection Program. His responsibilities will extend to individual assets/sites to assist with the various vulnerability models and to help better understand interdependencies.

Dutch Geisinger will have an important role of working with the elements of the National Infrastructure Protection Program (NIPP). Dutch will work with our 17 sector partners from both the public and private sector to put into place an improved Homeland Security Advisory System to address the needs of each of these areas. He will have an added responsibility of coordinating our overall homeland security efforts with the Iowa BENS (Business Executives for National Security) objectives. Dutch will also be added to HLSEM's list of Duty Officers.

All three of these individuals will be "connected at the hip" to our fusion system partners with the Department of Public Safety, who has been an invaluable partner in this process. HLSEM will continue to work with DPS to add two additional criminal intelligence analysts to their staff to help with the analytical part of this equation. If we truly view risk as having a direct relation to threat, vulnerability and consequence, then we must be able to connect to all three elements. That is what the "Fusion" system is intended to do.

As an outcome, Iowa plans to see an improved process for information sharing, more complete and concise analysis of information, improved vision of "risk" and an ability to better prevent, protect, respond and recover from disasters, whether they be natural or human-made.

Compliance Maps Coming Soon

County exercise and planning compliance maps will be added to the HLSEM Web site at http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/CoEM_FR/co_em.asp by the end of September. The maps will show which counties have met compliance requirements and will be updated on a weekly basis.

The “New” Preparedness Bureau

In the July 5th *Secure and Prepared* newsletter it was announced that with the retirement of Connie Gilbert, a new Preparedness Bureau would be created. What had been the Exercise and Evaluation Bureau was folded in with what had been the Planning and Recovery Bureau. The new bureau combines the basic preparedness functions of planning, training and exercises.

Steve Zimmerman is the Bureau Chief and he has the following team leaders in the key areas:

Planning: Ken Brink

Training: Dave Hempen

Exercises: Ann Garvey

Supply Kit Winners Announced

Once again, HLSEM would like to thank our partners for this year's Family Preparedness Campaign, the American Red Cross and the Animal Rescue League of Iowa. In addition to their support, these agencies also donated supply kits for our drawing.

Speaking of the drawing, thank you to everyone who participated in this year's drawing for a family emergency supply kit or a pet supply kit. Congratulations to the following winners! Prizes will be mailed out shortly.

Family supply kit winners:

Timothy Hoschek—Burlington
Gina Erickson —Burlington
Kelly Thomann—West Burlington
Don Mitchell—Bonaparte
Deb Hommer—Mount Vernon
Sal Alaniz—Mt. Pleasant
Kimala Peterson —Spencer

Shannon Carnine—Earlham
Peggy Lanscak—W. Des Moines
Dana Schuemann—Cumming
Mike Gerdes—St. Charles
Abby West—Mediapolis
Jan Dugger—What Cheer
Joan Alton—Iowa City

Tim Metz—Ames
June Van Wyk—Sully
Tim Frandsen—Davenport
Jeff Budny—Cedar Rapids
Roger Vansickel—Radcliffe
Susan Peavler—Prescott

Pet supply kit winners:

Jerald Ballanger—Centerville
Jon Brachman—Dubuque
Theresa Sandvig—Laurens
David Nandell—Johnston
Ty Carruthers—Bussey

Lori Houston—Cedar Rapids
Karmell Bowen—Coralville
Holly Wade—Ankeny
Shawna Borland—Lenox
Barb Rench—Sac City

Iowa Pipeline Association to Conduct Seminar

The State Fire Marshal Office, Office of Pipeline Safety, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Iowa Pipeline Association are conducting a seminar from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on November 8th at the West Des Moines Marriott located at 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266, telephone 515-457-3201.



IOWA PIPELINE ASSOCIATION

The goal of the seminar is to provide information affecting several important safety, health and emergency issues relating to pipeline breaks, failures and explosions that could affect communities and the public safety of the citizens of Iowa. Newly established regulations (API RP 1162) will be highlighted and information will be sought/shared to improve communication efforts during emergency response situations.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided at no cost to the participants. If you would like to attend, please contact the Fire Service Training Bureau at 888-469-2374, by e-mail at fstbinfo@dps.state.ia.us, or by FAX at 800-722-7350.

Multi-Year Flood Hazard ID Plan (MHIP) Version 2.0

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) manages the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the nation's strategy for preparing communities for flood disasters. The Flood Hazard Mapping Program is a key component of the NFIP. FEMA and its mapping partners provide flood hazard data and maps that are used to establish premium rates for flood insurance policies and guide floodplain management activities.

The catastrophic flooding events which have occurred in the United States since the inception of Flood Map Modernization reinforce the importance of assessing the validity of flood hazard designations on effective flood maps. Following an assessment of Flood Map Modernization as it reached its midpoint, FEMA has made some adjustments and has articulated them in the *Flood Map Modernization Mid-Course Adjustment Executive Summary*. This document can be downloaded from FEMA's Web site at http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/mm_mca.shtm.

MHIP Version 2.0 begins to reflect the mid-course adjustment by allowing more flexibility and encouraging a greater focusing of resources in areas where flood risk is the highest. This effectively means that areas of high-flood risk will receive more attention, while areas where flood risk is the lowest are deferred. Appendix A of the MHIP is partially shaped by this change in direction; however, as with any plan, individual flood map update details may change. The MHIP Version 2.0 60-day comment period provides flood mapping stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on the revised Flood Map Modernization plan. Flood hazard mapping partners that participate in the business planning process, including states, commonwealths, territories, and some cooperating technical partners, working through the FEMA Regions, will have the opportunity to request additional changes to the flood map update sequencing through the FY07 State Business Plans.

MHIP Version 2.0 is planned to be provided on FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Web site in October 2006 at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/mh_main.shtm.

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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

Exercise Design Course Offered

HLSEM is offering an Exercise Design Course November 1- 2. The course will be held at Joint Forces Headquarters in Johnston. To register visit the training section of the HLSEM Web site at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>. The class size is limited to 32.

Continuing Education Requirement

County emergency management coordinators are required to take 24 hours of continuing education per federal fiscal year, which starts October 1st and ends September 30th. When you complete a course or attend a conference, please provide HLSEM with some type of documentation that includes the number of hours attended. This will assist us in keeping our records up-to-date.

Resource Management is On-line

The Resource Management application is on-line in WebEOC for all registered users. WebEOC Resource Management enables users to catalog and deploy resources in a manner compliant with FEMA's National Incident Management System (NIMS).

If you have attended WebEOC training, you can access WebEOC and the Resource Management application on the Internet at <http://165.206.254.4/eoc6> . If you have any questions, please contact Jon Paoli at jon.paoli@iowa.gov or Joyce Winningham at Joyce.Winningham@iowa.gov .



Region 7 Local Emergency Planning Committee

Tribal Emergency Response Commission

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This year's conference will feature six tracks designed for Decision Makers and First Responders in the emergency industry including:

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