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- Over 235 people were involved in an all-day disaster drill at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 20. See article on page 3.
- Iowa HazMat Grant Program funding was awarded to 18 subgrantees this year benefiting a total of 73 Iowa counties. See article on page 5.
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HLSEM's 2005 annual report is available online at:
www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/news_room/publications.asp

'07 Funding Process to Begin

Iowa has begun the process of applying for funding under the FFY 2007 Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program. HLSEM expects to receive the grant guidance in mid-November, which should include a timeline with specific deadline dates. Last year, Iowa received over \$13 million in federal preparedness funding under the FY06 program.

This year's process will build on last year's successes, where Iowa's application ranked in the top 25 percent of all applications, and five of our 15 projects were ranked in the top 15 percent of all projects nationally. HLSEM has identified 11 capability workgroups to address this year; eight of these continue to address capabilities we planned for last year, with the addition of a new Citizen Preparedness workgroup to address individual and family preparedness. The capability workgroups for FY07 will be as follows:

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection
- Communications Interoperability
- Intelligence and Fusion
- Regional Response Team Coordination
- Expanded Regional Collaboration
- Animal Health/Food and Agriculture Safety and Security
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)/National Response Plan (NRP) Implementation
- Critical Infrastructure/Key Resource (CI/KR) Protection Planning
- Program and Planning
- Medical and Health Preparedness
- Citizen Preparedness

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be conducting a kick-off session with the leads of these workgroups on November 17th, 2006. In the next few weeks, HLSEM will also begin the process of inviting first responders from across Iowa to participate in the process.

If you have any questions regarding the FY 2007 HSGP process, contact Kyle Karsjen at 515-725-3231 or kyle.karsjen@hlsem.state.ia.us.

Federal Developments

Last month, President Bush signed the FFY '07 Appropriations Bill and FEMA Reform Package. The bill appropriates \$34.8 billion in homeland security funding and includes an authorization package to reform FEMA by combining the Preparedness Directorate and FEMA into one separate unit under the Department of Homeland Security.

Stay Involved

By HLSEM Administrator, David L. Miller



It seems like it was just yesterday that we started to gear up the teams and prepare for the '06 Homeland Security grants. Well, believe it or not, it is time to start the process again and we're gearing up for the '07 federal Homeland Security grants.

At this point, you might be asking yourself, why bother with '07 especially given the fact that we expect another cut in funds? The answer is, with the expected reductions your input and ideas are now more important than ever. The involvement of hundreds of local and state responders was a key to our success during the '06 grant cycle. The insight provided by our team captains and all that were involved in developing the initiatives strengthened our request and as a result, Iowa fared well in our final allocation. In short, your work and involvement paid off and we are hop-

ing you'll stay involved this year.

Beyond developing the initiative packages, your input is also important because critical decisions are being made as we shape the direction of the homeland security program in our state. We face a challenging time and tough decisions on what to sustain and what capabilities to improve. Your voice is important as those choices are made.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be establishing our '07 teams and funding initiatives. I encourage you to participate in as many teams as possible. There will always be a chair at the table for you and your ideas are welcomed.

Thank you for helping to develop a strong partnership in Iowa. We are in this together and I appreciate all the help you provide.

School Safety Survey Results

For the most part, Iowa schools have emergency plans. That's the bottom line of a survey sent out to school superintendents to gauge their overall school preparedness efforts.

When asked if the school district has an overall emergency response plan, 46% said yes they do, with another 40% indicating they have a plan but it needs to be updated. The remainder either have an incomplete plan or have not developed one.

Schools do report higher preparedness in two key areas that are required under Iowa law. 1) When asked about fire hazard plans, 67% indicate they have an up-to-date complete plan, and 22% reporting plans that need to be updated. 2) Results for severe weather are similar with 65% saying they have up-to-date plans and 27% reporting plans that need to be updated.

Incident command training and conducting exercises are two areas that have room for improvement. Almost 80% have not received ICS training. Only 9% have completed a full-scale exercise to test their plans.

The 20 question survey was completed by 169 respondents. Other questions covered hazard analysis, bomb threat plans, school violence plans, establishment of public information officers, and procedures to communicate to parents and responders.

Disaster Drill Held at Kinnick Stadium

On October 20, Iowa City area hospitals and emergency first responders, along with university, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and others took part in an all-day disaster drill at Kinnick Stadium on the University of Iowa Campus. The drill simulated a disaster of large proportions that included transporting and caring for mass casualties.

"It was a great opportunity for all these disciplines to work together and to form relationships with each other. We are glad to have shared the experience," said Tom Hansen, Johnson County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Over 235 people were involved in the exercise including 55 Iowa City West High School students who participated as victims and hostages. After being rescued by the HazMat team, the students had to undergo decontamination, triage, and transportation to hospitals for treatment.

According to Sue Faith, Johnson County Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, planning for this exercise had been ongoing for the past 18 months and followed three days of tactical training and an exercise last May.

Among the agencies taking part in the 12-hour drill were: University of Iowa (UI) Hospitals and Clinics, Mercy Hospital, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Johnson County Emergency Management, Johnson County Ambulance Service, UI Athletics, UI Police, Iowa City Police, Coralville Police, Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Iowa State Patrol, FBI, Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN Region 3), Iowa task Force-1 (USAR), Iowa City and Coralville Fire Departments, Johnson County Hazmat Team, Johnson County Metro Bomb Squad, and the 71st Civil Support Team of the Iowa National Guard.



Above, SWAT team members enter Kinnick Stadium. Left, officials meet in the University Police Command Center at Kinnick Stadium.

Need a Speaker?

If you are part of an organization that brings in speakers, HLSEM would like to come and deliver a message about the steps that have been taken since the 9-11 attack and the role the public has to play to prepare. Civic groups, church organizations, we'll be happy to come and tell our story to any organization, anywhere in the state.

To find out more, or to call and make a request, contact Lucinda Robertson at (515) 725-3239 or e-mail Lucinda at Lucinda.Robertson@iowa.gov.

First Responder DVD Available

The Education and Training Advisory Committee (EdTrAC) recently mailed 2,600 DVD's called "Pandemic Influenza: Protecting Iowa's First Responders" to law enforcement, fire, health, emergency management, and other officials.

EdTrAC identified the need for this educational product and a planning committee was formed to develop the DVD for a target audience of first responders, healthcare, and environmental health professionals who could be involved in responding to a pandemic influenza outbreak or be in contact with potentially infected individuals.

The goal of the DVD is to provide Iowa's first responders with a consistent message regarding the challenges, safety considerations, and legal issues involved in responding to a pandemic influenza event. The complete program consists of five, 15-minute video segments on the history and current status of pandemic influenza, self protective measures, public health approaches to disease and illness prevention, isolation and quarantine, and the psychological impact of pandemics.

For a copy of the DVD, contact Angela Harding at angela-harding@uiowa.edu or (319) 335-8451. After viewing the DVD, please complete an evaluation form on-line at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=671882526411>.

The EdTrAC is co-convened by the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, the Iowa Departments of Public Health and Public Safety, and the Upper Midwest Center for Public Health Preparedness at the University of Iowa College of Public Health. For more information about EdTrAC please visit: www.edtrac.us.

ISU to Host Cyber-Defense Competition

On November 3-4, Iowa State University will host a Cyber-Defense Competition to increase awareness and understanding of cyber security issues. The competition has been designed as a defense and survivability exercise where participants will need to minimize the risk of a security breach while ensuring necessary operational services are maintained.

The competition is open to all students to promote a multidisciplinary approach since the information infrastructure is a multidisciplinary space. Teams participating in the exercise will develop and implement security plans that safeguard their users and secure their network.

A virtual Internet called the Internet-Scale Event and Attack Generation Environment or ISEAGE, will be implemented during the competition on which defenders can practice protecting their computer systems against thousands of simulated cyber-attackers in a controlled environment.

The 18-hour competition will begin Friday evening, November 3rd and last through the night, finishing Saturday. Throughout the competition, hackers will try to gain access to the system while common users will complicate the competition by introducing difficulties into the event.

New Coordinator Orientation

A New Coordinator Orientation will be held December 12 at the Joint Forces Headquarters in Johnston. This 2-day training course for new county emergency management coordinators will review responsibilities and who to contact at the state level. To register for this course visit: <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar>.

This class is free and lunch is provided. For more information on covered expenses such as lodging and meals, visit: <http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/training/classes.asp>

'04 Grant Reallocation Announced

HLSEM has requested and expects to receive an extension for the '04 federal homeland security grant. If approved, the grant would stop at the end of May.

There is also about \$400,000 in local share '04 dollars that are now eligible to be reallocated to new local projects. On November 1, an application and the evaluation guidelines will be available on the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management website.

Projects can cover equipment, planning, training or exercises as long as they fall under the '04 grant eligibility requirements. A panel made up of the six Regional chairs, or their designee, and HLSEM staff from planning and grants management will review the applications based on the expected impact, the costs, and whether the projects is clearly explained.

Iowa Hazmat Grant Program (HMEP) Update

Iowa's HazMat Grant Program (HMEP) award letters and documents were mailed October 27, 2006. We remained at level funding this year with a total award of \$204,938 for hazardous materials planning and training. Funding was awarded to 18 subgrantees this year benefiting a total of 73 Iowa counties.

The FFY 2007 HMEP grant pass-through is as follows:

Planning \$82,355
Training \$100,757

An additional \$7,500 from the training award will be held for the Region VII LEPC Conference in August. Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's) may request this funding through HLSEM's Paul Sadler or Lisa Sexton.

Foreign Animal Disease Response Training

The AgTerror Preparedness Center is offering foreign animal disease response (FADR) training for emergency responders who assist during animal disease outbreak events. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Grants and Training, the Center provides training nationwide to a variety of disciplines. Included in this course are overviews of agroterrorism and biosecurity, plus training modules on quarantine, PPE, euthanasia, disposal of animals, and cleaning and disinfection of personnel, vehicles, and equipment.

The FADR courses, AWR 180 and AWR 180-1, are currently the only courses in the nation endorsed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. To view upcoming training sessions, visit: http://www.agterrortraining.org/training_courses.asp. To register or for more information, contact Jane Colavecchi at 515-279-4345. For open enrollment courses, call 1-800-464-6874.

Upcoming AgTerror Responder Master Trainer Courses:

December 5, Knoxville, TN
January 16-18, Tampa, FL (Open Enrollment)
January 31, Little Rock, AR
February 1, Little Rock, AR
February 7-9, Holiday Inn, Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX (State Personnel Only)
March 29-30, Columbia, SC
May 8-10, Cedar Rapids, IA (Open Enrollment)
April 10-11, Oklahoma City, PK (Fire Service Personnel Only, Call 515-279-4345)

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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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State Participates in Power Plant Exercise

Says Farewell to Two Long-Time Colleagues

Fifteen State agencies, representatives from the Duane Arnold Energy Center, and county officials from Benton and Linn Counties, participated on October 18th in a federally-evaluated, full-scale exercise for Iowa's only nuclear power plant, the Duane Arnold Energy Center located near Cedar Rapids.

Radiological Emergency Response Plans in support of nuclear power plants are exercised yearly but only evaluated by the Department of Homeland Security on a biannual basis. The exercises include testing the emergency response entities within the plan as well as making recommendations, protective actions, necessary to protect the health and safety of the public. These recommendations could include either evacuation or sheltering-in-place or both for residents within the emergency planning zone for the nuclear plant. A preliminary out brief was held on October 20th with very favorable comments from the Department of Homeland Security. A formal exercise report will be issued within 30 days.

Following the October 18th exercise at the State Emergency Operations Center in Johnston, HLSEM Administrator David Miller, gave two long-time colleagues a



HLSEM Administrator David Miller and FPL Energy, Duane Arnold Energy Center Manager of Emergency Planning Paul Sullivan, recognizes IDPH's Don Flater and DOT's Carol Coates on their upcoming retirements.

Don has spent 41 years in public health at the federal and state level, 25 of those with the IDPH Radiological Health Bureau. Don has been participating in the power plant exercises since their inception in the early 80's. Don and his wife plan to move to the Montezuma area. He is looking forward to traveling and spending time with his two grandsons.

Carol has worked for the DOT for 28 years and has been participating in the power plant exercises for about 12 years. Carol is looking forward to traveling and she and her husband plan to build a summer home in Idaho.



HLSEM's Pebble Holland converses with HLSEM Administrator David Miller and IDPH's Dan Mcghee during the power plant exercise.

fond farewell following their last power plant exercise. Don Flater, Chief of the Bureau of Radiological Health within the Iowa Department of Public Health will retire on November 30th and Carol Coates, Director of the Office of Procurement and Distribution within the Iowa Department of Transportation will retire on December 29th. HLSEM would like to thank Don and Carol for their years of expertise and commitment to the program.

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