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Are you a winner of an emergency supply kit?



See page 5.

Please note: HSEMD offices will be closed Thursday, October 4 for a staff training/retreat. Iowa State Patrol Dispatch will be taking emergency calls that come in via the Division's main number, 515-725-3231.

State Supplies More Information to FEMA in Support of Individual Assistance Request

Governor Chet Culver has provided the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with additional information to support a request for Individual Assistance, the federal program that provides grants and loans to Iowans. This is part of the recovery process following the heavy rains and floods that hit Iowa in mid-August.

In September, Governor Culver was notified Iowa had received a Presidential Disaster Declaration, which made available assistance for public entities affected by the August severe weather. Even though the governor had also requested Individual Assistance, which provides funding for citizens and businesses, it was not included in the declaration.



Flooded property located in Webster County.

Damage assessment teams from the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division were sent out to gather further information after the initial request was submitted. It is estimated that more than 4,500 homes were damaged across 16 counties in the state, significantly impacting residents.

The original request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration included 14 counties: Allamakee, Appanoose, Boone, Calhoun, Cherokee, Davis, Humboldt, Mahaska, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Van Buren, Wapello, Wayne, and Webster. This most recent request includes two additional counties, Howard and Wright.

Requested Individual Assistance programs include the Individuals and Household Program, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, and Crisis Counseling. Other requested programs include the Small Business Administration Loan Programs and U.S. Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency programs.

It could take several weeks before the Governor receives a final decision from federal officials.

State Disaster Assistance Deadline Approaches

Iowans in 14 counties who sustained property damage from the August flooding and severe weather have until October 5 to apply for the state's low-income individual disaster assistance grant. The grant program is available to residents in Allamakee, Appanoose, Boone, Calhoun, Cherokee, Davis, Humboldt, Mahaska, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Van Buren, Wapello, Wayne, and Webster Counties. The program, which is automatically activated when the governor declares a disaster, covers damage sustained during the period of August 22-24.

The program provides maximum grants in several areas, with the total not to exceed \$3,319. Since it is a reimbursement program, applicants must provide receipts for their storm-related expenses. Eligible applicants are those with household incomes at or below 130 percent of federal poverty guidelines. That would be an annual income of \$13,273 for a single individual, \$17,797 for a family of two, or \$26,845 for a family of four.

Instructions and application forms are available on the Department of Human Services Web site, dhs.iowa.gov. Click on Summer Storm Help under the Frequently Visited Links section on the front page. The DHS also has a toll-free number to field questions, (877) 937-3663.

Five Additional Counties Eligible to Apply for Assistance

On September 26, five counties were added to the Governor's Disaster Proclamation, making residents eligible to apply for the state individual disaster assistance grant. Residents in Howard, Kossuth, Montgomery, Winneshiek, and Wright Counties have 45 days from the date of the Governor's Disaster Proclamation to apply for this assistance.

Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council Assists Impacted Residents

In addition, elderly, low income, and special needs Iowans may receive clean-up assistance through the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council. Although no direct financial assistance is available, the council represents a number of faith-based and other service organizations that help with various projects, including basement and home clean-up. For more information, contact local emergency management officials.

'07 HSGP Allocations Announced

The distribution of '07 homeland security funding for local and state entities was recently announced by HSEMD. Iowa received just over \$7 million under the '07 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), slightly over half of what was received under the '06 program. Because of the drastic cut in funding, HSEMD engaged partners to determine how to fund those programs most essential to our state. Over \$5.6 million of HSGP funds will be distributed to local entities, and just under \$1.4 million will be dedicated to state programs.

The HSGP included four separate grants for a total of \$7,043,386.

Citizen Corps Program (CCP)	\$195,241
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)	\$2,750,000
State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)	\$3,840,000
Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)	\$258,145

Local Distribution -- \$5,655,386

Iowa's six Homeland Security Regions -- \$2,016,041

Citizen Preparedness (\$125,241), Critical Infrastructure Protection (\$300,000), Expanded Regional Collaboration (\$915,800), National Incident Management System (NIMS) National Response Plan (NRP) Implementation (\$675,000)

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'07 State and Local Funding Allocations

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Iowa's six local Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN) Regions for Intelligence and Information Sharing — \$1,900,000

Iowa's Homeland Security Specialty Teams -- \$1,481,200

Urban Search and Rescue (\$400,000), Special Weapons and Tactics (\$340,000), Explosive Ordnance Disposal (\$480,000), Incident Management Teams (\$40,200), Veterinary Rapid Response (\$221,000)

Des Moines Metropolitan Medical Response System -- \$258,145

State Distribution Total -- \$1,388,000

For implementation, management, and administration of statewide programs for: Grant Management and Administration, Citizen Preparedness, Critical Infrastructure Protection, Homeland Security Regional Collaboration, Food and Agriculture/Veterinary Rapid Response, Intelligence and Information Sharing, Homeland Security Specialty Teams Coordination, Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture, NIMS/NRP Implementation, Homeland Security Program and Planning.

Governor Makes Appointments to Statewide Interoperable Communications Board

On September 24, Governor Chet Culver appointed nine of 15 members to the Statewide Interoperable Communications Board.

The board, created during the 2007 legislative session, will: establish, monitor and maintain appropriate policies to ensure that interoperable communications systems function properly; allocate and oversee state appropriations or other funding received for interoperable communications; expand, maintain, and fund consistent, periodic training programs for current communications systems and for the statewide integrated public safety communications interoperability system as it is implemented; and develop a statewide integrated public safety communications interoperability system that allows for shared communications systems and costs.

The new appointees are:

Kerry Crouch, Yarmouth, Fire Department
Jeremy Logan, Oelwein, Municipal Police Department
Greg Martin, Sioux City, Fire Department
Dina McKenna, Story County, Sheriff
Ron Miller, Fairbank, At-Large Member
Sandy Morris, Des Moines, Communication Center Manager
Randy Thompson, Glenwood, Communication Center Manager
Roxane Warnell, Gladbrook, Municipal Police Department
Mike Williams, Clarinda, County Sheriff

Members will serve three-year, staggered terms. In addition to the nine members appointed by the governor, the board consists of six members who are representatives from the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and the Iowa Departments of Transportation, Public Safety, Corrections, Natural Resources, and Public Health.

What a Year: Federal Disaster Aid Tops \$100 Million and Still Counting

As we start working our fourth Presidential Disaster Declaration in 2007, the numbers are in and we can take a quick look back at the three previous disasters. Here's a snapshot of the dollars and activity associated with recovery efforts undertaken so far this year. This has been a historic year both in the number of disasters and in the total amount of assistance.

At the start we should recognize the breadth of the activity. All but a handful of counties have been covered under a Presidential Declaration this year. In effect, the entire state has been working at least one, and in some cases, several Presidential Disaster Declarations.

Public Assistance

It started with the ice storm of late February and early March. Total damages from this disaster are \$80,350,034. Public utilities, and especially the hard-hit rural electric cooperatives, accounted for \$57,711,172 of this total. Then came the blizzard with total eligible expenses of \$3,862,185, all under emergency protective measures. Southwest Iowa was next up with major spring flooding. Total eligible damages under the Public Assistance program were \$18,026,732 with roads and bridges leading the way and accounting for \$8,867,509.

Here is a listing of combining all three disasters by category:

Category A – Debris Removal	\$ 4,463,079
Category B – Protective Measures	\$22,236,665
Category C – Roads and Bridges	\$ 8,968,257
Category D – Water Control Facilities	\$ 6,858,564
Category E – Public Buildings	\$ 850,732
Category F – Public Utilities	\$58,381,941
Category G – Recreational or Other	\$ 479,713
Total	\$102,238,591



Downed power lines and stranded vehicles on Hwy 14 near Conrad in Grundy County.

Individual Assistance

The flooding in southwest Iowa was the only disaster of the three that included Individual Assistance along with Public Assistance. A total of 1,603 Iowans applied for federal Individual Assistance and just over \$2.2 million has been disbursed for both housing assistance and other needs assistance. Meanwhile, the Small Business Administration (SBA) approved over \$2.6 million in low-interest disaster loans.

The Latest Disaster

Preliminary numbers of eligible expenses for our most recent flooding include \$8.7 million in damages eligible under the Public Assistance program. Over 4,500 homes were damaged in the disaster.

1600 Jurisdictions Submit NIMS Compliancy Information

HSEMD is happy to announce that as of September 25, we have received all of the information needed to maintain NIMS compliancy with over 1600 jurisdictions in Iowa. All this information has been submitted into the federal NIMSCAST compliancy tool and has been rolled up to the NIMS Integration Center.

Beginning in October, we should see the final draft for FY 2008 NIMS requirements. We will be distributing this information as soon as we get it. Rest assured we will condense the information and make it as user friendly as possible.

Thank you to all the county emergency management coordinators in the state who assisted HSEMD in gathering information!

State Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved

FEMA Region VII approved the State of Iowa Standard Hazard Mitigation Plan on September 18. Approval of the plan ensures the State of Iowa's eligibility to apply for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation grant program dollars. States must submit their standard hazard mitigation plans for approval every three years.

The newly-approved plan is available on the HSEMD Web site at http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/programs/hazard_mitig.asp.

Iowa's Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan will be submitted to FEMA for review the week of October 1. States that have an approved enhanced plan at the time of a disaster declaration will qualify to receive increased federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds. Approval of the plan increases HMGP funds from 15 percent to up to 20 percent of the total estimated eligible Stafford Act disaster assistance in a federally-declared event. Enhanced plans must be approved every three years.

Disaster Supply Kit Winners Announced

Once again, HSEMD would like to thank our partners for their involvement with this year's National Preparedness Month Campaign: the American Red Cross, the Iowa Emergency Management Association, the Iowa Lottery, and the National Weather Service. In addition to their support, the American Red Cross also donated emergency supply kits for a drawing on our www.BeReadyIowa.org Web site.

Thank you to those who entered the drawing. Congratulations to the following lucky winners! Prizes will be mailed out shortly.

John Cox, Cooper
Ronda Berg, Bettendorf
Raymond Olejniczak, Carroll
Nadine Ruden, Sioux City
Christine Mackey, College Springs

Stachia Russell, Des Moines
Lori Dunwoody, Dubuque
Sara McKay, Clive
Chris Bergeson, Webster City
Steve Rossler, Newton



HMGP Funding Available Following Latest Disaster Declaration

The State of Iowa will receive FEMA funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as part of Presidential Disaster Declaration FEMA-1727-DR (September 14, 2007). This is the third Presidential Disaster Declaration this year that will provide funding under the HMGP.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires a FEMA-approved local mitigation plan in order to apply for HMGP project funding and also requires that jurisdictions update their FEMA-approved mitigation plans every five years. Communities with plan approval dates prior to June 2005 should consider updating their plan with funding assistance through an HMGP planning grant.

Notice of interest (NOI) must be completed and e-mailed to hsemd.mitigation@iowa.gov. Our mitigation staff will review the NOIs for basic eligibility and then send invitations for full HMGP application within two weeks. Because of the large amount of HMGP grant funding available from the three disasters, the NOI and application period will remain open indefinitely.

Forms needed to apply for this funding are available on the HSEMD Web site at http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/CoEM_FR/grant/HMGP.asp. For additional information, you may contact Jim Russell at 515-725-3217, jim.russell@iowa.gov, or Jessica Alaniz at 515-725-324, jessica.alaniz@iowa.gov.

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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

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HSEMD Spotlight Randy Goddard

Randy Goddard has served as HSEMD's chief communications engineer for three years. His primary responsibilities involve telecommunications and electronics consulting and implementation for the Division. Randy also provides technical support to achieve interoperability of communications equipment for the state and local responder organizations in Iowa, and serves as the state technical representative for the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program.



After serving as an electronics technician in the U.S. Navy, specializing in cryptographic equipment and metrology (electronic calibration), Randy taught elementary school for two years, during which time he spent his summers working for the Iowa Department of Transportation. Wanting to get back into the field of electronics, he had an opportunity to be in at the beginning of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN), where he spent his next nine years as a telecommunications administrator before he signed on with HSEMD.

Randy is married to wife Colleen and has two children: Chance, a junior at Iowa State and Elle, who will be in kindergarten next year. He is an ice fisherman and enjoys an occasional round of golf.

Personnel Notes

Peter Grandgeorge has transferred to the continuity of operations planner position in the Preparedness Bureau. His primary duties are the continued development of the continuity of operations and continuity of government plans enterprise-wide across the State of Iowa government, including management of the Living Disaster Recovery Planning System, an online planning system available to state agencies. He will also work as a state liaison with Iowa's Region 4 Preparedness Board. He has been with the Division for four years. Pete has taken the place of Stu Turner, who was recently promoted to the lead planner position for the Division.

Janet Riley has taken over the duties of state exercise training officer, coordinating exercises and policy throughout state government and with local and federal partners. She will also coordinate the State Agency Exercise Group and analyze actual events through after-action reports. Janet has over four years of exercise experience and nine years total with HSEMD, during which time she has worked with local emergency managers in both exercise and public assistance. Janet most recently developed Amber Waves II, a two-part tabletop exercise that explored crisis communications between the public and private sectors.