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Special points of interest:

- Iowa prepares for baseline EMAP assessment. Details on page 2.
- Public Assistance for last December's winter storm has exceeded \$33.5 million. See page 4.
- Governor Culver recently signed into law several bills of interest to the homeland security and emergency management communities. See page 5.
- Learn more about the many duties and responsibilities of HSEMD's Grants Management Bureau on page 6.

Nine Counties Receive Governor's Disaster Proclamations for April Flooding

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) monitored flooding throughout the state and coordinated state and federal resources to counties affected by heavy rains and flooding beginning April 23.

Governor's Disaster Proclamations were issued to Black Hawk, Bremer, Jones, and Louisa Counties, making state resources available to assist communities affected by the severe storms and flooding.

In addition, Governor's Disaster Proclamations were issued for Clayton, Fayette, Grundy, Humboldt, and Webster Counties, making residents eligible for the State Individual Disaster Assistance Program. Residents in Black Hawk, Bremer, Jones, and Louisa Counties are also eligible to apply for this disaster assistance program.

The individual disaster assistance program helps people with low incomes. Iowans with household incomes of up to 130 percent of federal poverty guidelines may apply for a grant of up to \$3,300 to help recover from flood damage. This is a reimbursement program, meaning that applicants must include receipts when applying for help. The grant application and step-by-step instructions can be found on the home page of the Department of Human Services Web site: <http://dhs.iowa.gov/>. Look for the words "Storm Help," or call toll-free 877-937-3663 for more information.

Governor Culver toured the flood damage in Davenport and Cedar Rapids, where he met with local elected and homeland security and emergency management officials to discuss efforts being taken to protect those cities from rising flood waters.



Photos above and at left show flooding along County Road X-64 in Jones County.

Iowa to Participate in EMAP Baseline Assessment

Iowa will participate in a baseline assessment of its emergency management and homeland security capabilities this summer.

Under a new cooperative agreement between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), EMAP has agreed to fund a new round of baseline assessments against the EMAP standard. HSEMD Administrator David Miller has decided that Iowa will take advantage of the FEMA offer to pay for a baseline assessment.

The Emergency Management Accreditation Program is an independent, non-profit organization that fosters excellence and accountability in emergency management and homeland security programs by establishing credible standards applied in a peer review process. EMAP looks at a jurisdiction's entire program and assesses its capability to mitigate, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters. The assessment identifies strengths and identifies areas where improvement is needed.

As a recognized standard, EMAP provides Iowa with a baseline to measure itself against, and to see strengths and deficiencies that exist in the state's programs. HSEMD and partner organizations will be able to use the results of the assessment to formulate strategic direction, quality improvement and other tasks as we move into the future.

EMAP has 62 separate criteria, broken out into 18 subsections:

- Program Administration, Plans and Evaluation
- Program Coordination
- Program Committee
- Administration and Finance
- Laws and Authorities
- Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- Hazard Mitigation
- Prevention and Security
- Planning
- Incident Management
- Resource Management and Logistics
- Mutual Aid
- Communications and Warning
- Operations and Procedures
- Facilities
- Training
- Exercises, Evaluations and Corrective Actions
- Crisis Communications, Public Education and Information

The EMAP review committee will be visiting the state the week of September 15, 2008, to conduct an on-site review of our materials. Before that on-site visit, Iowa will fill out an online self assessment, where we answer the questions/criteria that EMAP requires. HSEMD has set a date of July 31, 2008 to have this self-assessment completed. This should provide us with enough time between the self assessment and the site visit to be able to fix a few things before the assessors' visit.

If you have any further questions, Kyle Karsjen is the point person for this project. Kyle can be reached at 515-725-3237 or kyle.karsjen@iowa.gov.

Historical Society Assists Iowans Impacted by Flooding

The State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) is urging museums, art galleries and libraries; owners of historically significant properties; and local historical societies to call for technical assistance with flood-damaged structures, collections and artifacts.

“Water can cause enormous damage to historical documents, artifacts, government records and art collections,” said Jerome Thompson, SHSI’s state curator. “A single flood can erase substantial portions of a community’s unique recorded history, and water distorts paper and causes ink and other media to run or even disappear. Wet records, artifacts and art pieces can grow mold within 48 hours, so even a small water disaster requires a prompt response.”

Iowans can contact Thompson at 515-281-4221 or jerome.thompson@iowa.gov for technical assistance and referrals to qualified conservators and preservation specialists who may offer literature, on-site evaluations and recommendations.

Iowans can eliminate or reduce their risk of water damage of historical documents, artifacts, government records and art collections by following these tips:

- Do not place storage boxes, artifacts or paintings directly on the floor. Set them on pallets – plastic, if possible – that are higher than floor level.
- Install water alarms in basements or other low-level areas to warn of rising water during times when the building is closed.
- Link all alarm systems to a security office or other location that is staffed 24 hours a day.
- Immediately air dry or freeze wet records to prevent further damage and mold growth.
- Be prepared for disasters by developing contacts with appropriate consultants and vendors beforehand, not after the fact.

Thompson said Iowans may want to visit the American Institute for Conservation Web page at <http://aic.stanford.edu/library/online/disaster/index.html>. The Web site is hosted by Stanford University and offers a wide variety of disaster response and recovery information, including a four-page guide called “Emergency: If You’re First,” which SHSI has incorporated into its disaster recovery plan.

HSEMD to Conduct SHSGP Equipment Monitoring Visits

Beginning May 19, HSEMD staff will be visiting each county to perform a spot check of equipment purchased through the 2004 and 2005 State Homeland Security Grant Programs. HSEMD, as the recipient of federal grants, is required by federal regulation to monitor sub-recipients of these grants.

The week of May 12, Terry Brown, HSEMD purchasing agent, will notify counties of the tentative dates and specifics of the visits via e-mail. Each county will be asked to verify approximately 10 equipment purchases from each of the grant years. Visits will begin May 19 in Region 2 counties. Depending on progress in Region 2, visits to Region 1 counties may begin the following week. Terry will keep counties updated on scheduling and will be as flexible as possible to facilitate a smoother process. The tentative dates for visits to the counties in each region are:

May 19-30	Region 2 Counties
June 2-6	Region 1 Counties (visits may begin earlier depending on progress in Region 2)
June 16-27	Region 3 Counties
June 30-July 3	Region 1 Counties (if not completed in early June)
July 14-25	Region 4 Counties
July 28-Aug. 8	Region 6 Counties
Aug. 11-22	Region 5 Counties

For more information, contact Terry Brown at 515-725-3203 or terry.brown@iowa.gov.

Public Assistance Projects for December 2007 Winter Storm Exceed \$33 Million

More than \$33.5 million in federal disaster grants are helping communities in 30 counties recover from the December 10, 2007, severe winter/ice storm.

Following the storm, Iowa received a Presidential Disaster Declaration on January 4, 2008. The declaration provides Public Assistance (PA) program funding for Adair, Adams, Appanoose, Cedar, Clarke, Clinton, Davis, Decatur, Fremont, Iowa, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Linn, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Page, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington, and Wayne Counties.

Public Assistance projects range from the collection of debris that was then turned into mulch and distributed to citizens in Marion, to replacement of damaged electric cooperative lines statewide, to replacement of ceiling tiles, carpet, and books at an Anamosa elementary school that sustained damage when water from ice buildup seeped through the roof.



This photo, taken Dec. 13, 2007, shows some of the many ice-covered trees in Osceola following the Dec. 10 ice storm.

The table below shows estimates for each Public Assistance Category and the number and type of entities requesting assistance.

Category	Current Estimates
Debris Removal	\$ 4,821,416.00
Emergency Protective Measures	\$ 4,936,479.00
Roads and Bridges	\$ 4,020,533.00
Water Control Facilities	\$ -
Buildings and Equipment	\$ 131,121.00
Utilities	\$ 19,588,036.00
Parks, Recreation Facilities; Others	\$ 22,047.00
Total	\$ 33,519,633.00
Requesting Entities	
City	134
County	72
Private Non Profit	26
Special District	20
State Government	16
To be Determined by FEMA	14
Total	282

Investment Package Submitted to DHS for '08 Homeland Security Grant Program

HSEMD submitted an investment justification package, covering 15 investment areas, to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on May 1. The investment areas were identified after reviewing 44 submissions from local and state government partners. The investment justification package will now go through a peer review and scoring process, as in previous years. The review and scoring process should take place in early summer, and we should receive our award sometime in late summer.

The investment areas and requested amounts are:

Emergency Operations Centers	\$ 500,000
National Incident Management System/National Response Framework	\$ 700,000
National Infrastructure Protection Plan	\$ 750,000
Information Sharing and Collaboration	\$1,856,250
Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Urban Search and Rescue	\$ 270,000
WMD Explosive Ordnance Disposal	\$ 810,000
WMD Hazardous Materials	\$ 950,000
WMD Special Weapons and Tactics	\$1,178,320
Capability Assessment	\$ 352,000
Animal Health Emergency Support	\$ 231,200
Emergency Public Information	\$ 123,600
Special Needs Planning	\$ 225,000
Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture	\$ 313,629
Citizen Corps	\$ 195,388
Metropolitan Medical Response System	\$ 321,221

Iowa General Assembly Session Recap

The Iowa General Assembly adjourned on April 26. Several bills of interest to the homeland security and emergency management communities have been signed into law by Governor Culver.

HF 247 – This bill specifies that political subdivisions that operate a volunteer fire department are entitled to a voting membership on the Local E911 Service Board.

HF 2366 – This bill makes emergency communications equipment an essential county or city purpose thereby allowing this equipment to be funded by general obligation bonds.

HF 2564 – This bill deals with the state funded Disaster Individual Assistance Grant Program. It increases the income eligibility limit from 130 percent of federal poverty level to 200 percent and increase the maximum grant award to \$5,000. The income eligibility change makes an additional 351,000 lowans eligible to participate.

HF 2660—This bill makes appropriations to the justice system, and includes HSEMD funding.

HSEMD Grants Management Bureau Spotlight

HSEMD is involved in a wide variety of programs and initiatives. To give readers a better understanding of the responsibilities of each bureau, we will periodically provide a snapshot of bureau/staff projects and responsibilities.

The Grants Management Bureau, lead by Bureau Chief Pat Hall, performs grant management functions for all designated grants managed by HSEMD. The Bureau provides services that include guidance and technical assistance to internal and external customers and ensures all grant expenditures meet state and federal regulatory and audit requirements. Grants Management Bureau staff are responsible for maintaining the overall division operational budget. Bureau staff also have roles and responsibilities during disasters, including performing joint preliminary damage assessments, public assistance recovery and hazard mitigation recovery.

Between 2004 and May 2008, the Bureau handled more than \$300 million in grants, of which \$270 million was passed through to sub-grantees for more than 6,000 grant projects.

Grant programs managed by HSEMD include:

Homeland Security Programs

- State Homeland Security Program
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program
- Citizen Corps
- Metropolitan Medical Response System
- Buffer Zone Protection Program
- Public Safety Interoperable Communications

Federal Disaster Programs

- Public Assistance
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Annual Hazard Mitigation Programs

- Flood Mitigation Assistance
- Pre Disaster Mitigation
- Repetitive Flood Claims
- Severe Repetitive Loss

Emergency Management Performance Grant

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

Additional funding comes from annual state appropriations, nuclear power plant funds, State Executive Council disaster funding, and Return on Investment funds.

Bureau Personnel

Bureau Chief—Pat Hall

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HSEMD 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.

HSEMD Spotlight: Kyle Karsjen

Kyle Karsjen is a homeland security planner for HSEMD. Beginning as an intern doing mitigation planning, he has been with the Division since 2003.

Currently, Kyle is heading up HSEMD's preparations for its Emergency Management Accreditation Program assessment, which will measure Iowa's compliance with nationally-recognized emergency management standards. He has been involved with many different projects, including coordinating Iowa's homeland security grant applications and writing several of the Division's strategic plans.



Kyle is a graduate of Iowa State University. He will take his state EMT exam later this month and works for the Urbandale Fire Department.

When not at work or studying, Kyle likes to play sand volleyball, watch movies, and is currently preparing to move into his new home.

Emergency Response Guidebooks for County Emergency Management Coordinators

County emergency management coordinators may soon pick up their copies of the 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook.

The Guidebooks, provided through the Department of Transportation (DOT) will be delivered to DOT maintenance garages throughout the state within the next few weeks. A listing of the guidebook distribution locations can be obtained from HSEMD's Paul Sadler. Paul can be reached at 515-725-3250 or via e-mail at paul.sadler@iowa.gov. Coordinators will need to make contact with the listed DOT garage in their county to make arrangements to pick up their books.

The guidebook is produced by the U.S. Department of Transportation, and is designed to assist first responders to quickly identify materials and take proper protective actions at a transportation incident. The Iowa Department of Transportation ordered and is coordinating the delivery of the guidebooks. No additional books are available at this time.

2008 Emergency Response Guidebook downloadable software is available at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/pubs/erg/gydebook.htm>.

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