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## Apply Now for Community Disaster Grants

Applications for the \$22 million Community Disaster Grant are due April 1, 2009. Applications, which are available at [www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org), can be sent in electronically to [cdg@iowa.gov](mailto:cdg@iowa.gov) or by certified mail if postmarked by April 1.

The new allocations, which now more accurately reflect actual damages, are also available at the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Web site, as well as a listing of the eligible 85 counties and incorporated cities.



The grant is intended to help cities and counties pay for unmet disaster needs from the floods of 2008. There are six very broad eligible categories for these funds. Ω

## Important Resources

**2008 Flood Resource Center**  
[www.flood2008.iowa.gov](http://www.flood2008.iowa.gov)

For the latest in disaster funding information, visit the Rebuild Iowa Web site at [www.rio.iowa.gov](http://www.rio.iowa.gov).

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Governor's 6th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Oct. 5-7, 2009**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. More information to follow as the date gets closer. See you there!

## Severe Weather Awareness Week 2009

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and the National Weather Service have designated April 6-10, 2009, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, HSEMD will promote individual and family preparedness on the BeReadyIowa! Web site at [beready-iowa.org](http://beready-iowa.org). In addition, the National Weather Service will promote severe weather safety by issuing informative public information statements. Severe Weather Awareness Week daily topics include flooding, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, NOAA All Hazards



Radio, and family preparedness. The highlight of the week will be a state-wide tornado drill on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Schools, businesses, state agencies and individuals are strongly encouraged to participate in the drill. Details about the tornado drill can be found at [www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/) under the Additional News Headlines link. Ω

# Training Opportunities



## EOC Management and Operations (G775)

This course describes the interface between the on-scene Incident Command and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC); how to encourage officials to respond to the EOC; and the role, design and functions of the EOC and their importance as a component of the multi-agency coordination system.

The following regions currently have this training scheduled:

**Region 1** – April 9-10, Ames  
ISU EHS Learning Center  
Contact **Liz Manion** at  
**515.382.7229** to register.

**Region 2** – May 20-21, Charles City  
Ft. Dodge Animal Health Auditorium  
To register, go to the HSEMD training Web site at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar>.

**Region 3** – April 22-23, Spirit Lake  
Contact **Michael Ehret** at  
**712.336.3987** to register.

**Region 4** – June 11-12, Creston  
Contact **Jo Duckworth** at  
**641.782.1622** to register.



## CARVER Methodology

The nation's critical infrastructures face a myriad of physical and technical threats. These threats, whether natural or man-made, accidental or intentional, each carry a certain level of risk that could compromise national security, public safety and the economy. CARVER training (Critical Accessibility Recognizability Vulnerability Effect Recoverability) will offer participants an opportunity to learn how to plan and conduct a vulnerability assessment. The U.S. Department of Defense uses CARVER as an offensive target analysis tool and it has become a very effective defensive tool for critical infrastructure protection.

HSEMD will host two CARVER training sessions. Targeted personnel include analysts, assessors, incident planners, executive managers, law enforcement, fire and emergency management/homeland security personnel. The first training will be held May 27-29 at the State Emergency Operations Center in Johnston. The second training will take place June 1-3 at the Cerro Gordo Emergency Operations Center in Mason City. Travel and lodging are the responsibility of the participant. Interested parties can register via the HSEMD training Web site, <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar>. Questions should be directed to **Curt Sullivan** at [Curt.Sullivan@iowa.gov](mailto:Curt.Sullivan@iowa.gov) or **Whitney Baethke** at [Whitney.Baethke@iowa.gov](mailto:Whitney.Baethke@iowa.gov). *Continued on Page 3...*



## ESF Distribution Begins Soon

Iowa HSEMD has all 15 Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) in house and is working to get them ready for statewide distribution.

The first two pieces of the plan to be disseminated will be the Basic Plan and ESF 10 (Hazardous Materials). These will be distributed to all counties statewide no later than April 30, 2009.

The only planning requirement for counties for 2009 is ESF 10. There is an annual requirement (EPCRA) to update Local Hazardous Materials plans. HSEMD will accept Annex P in 2009, but strongly recommends converting to ESF 10. This single ESF is due to HSEMD by Aug. 1, 2009.

After these two pieces of the new version of the plan are disseminated (Basic and ESF 10), the rest of the ESFs will be released at a minimum of two per month. This pace will probably be accelerated if county partners are comfortable receiving them more quickly. Ω

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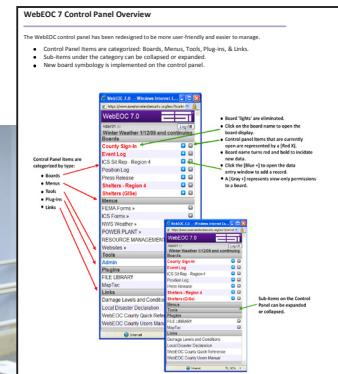
## WebEOC Version 7.0

WebEOC training is now being conducted monthly. There are sessions available for county coordinators as well as state agency partners and HSEMD staff. This training is designed for people who may need to use WebEOC in the future and have a user name on WebEOC. If you are unsure if you should take the WebEOC training, please contact Blake DeRouchey at [blake.derouchey@iowa.gov](mailto:blake.derouchey@iowa.gov) or 515.323.4232. To sign up for training, keep an eye on HSEMD's training Web site at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar>.

In the future, WebEOC training will be available online! This will allow users to receive training right at



**Blake DeRouchey and Jon Paoli (standing) advise students in a recent WebEOC class.**



their desks and save a trip to Des Moines.

It's an exciting time for changes to WebEOC. Users should make sure they stay up to date with the system so they are familiar with it

when using it in a real-life scenario. Please contact **Blake DeRouchey** or **Jon Paoli** with any questions regarding WebEOC training or programming. Ω

## FEMA Assistance Tops \$1 Billion for 2008 Disasters

As of March 24, Iowans affected by last spring's tornadoes and flooding had been approved for just over \$1 billion in disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Government entities and non-profit organizations had been approved for \$638.5 million through the FEMA Public Assistance Program. Eligible expenses under this program are in the areas

of emergency response, debris removal, and repair or restoration of disaster-damaged public infrastructure. Certain non-profit organizations providing essential services may also be eligible for funding under this program.

More than \$137 million had been approved for households that registered for FEMA's Individual Assistance Program. Included in this program is \$121.2 million for Housing Assistance, which

provides for rental assistance and grants to make an owner-occupied structure livable, and \$16.1 million for Other Needs Assistance, which provides grants for disaster-related funeral, dental, and medical expenses.

The Small Business Administration had approved \$262 million in loans for homeowners and businesses, with \$160 million going to homeowners, and \$102 million going to businesses. Ω

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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.

**We're on the Web!**

[www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org)

## HSEMD Employees Attend Leadership Training

The Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA provides the educational opportunity for our nation's homeland security leaders to develop the strategies, policies and organizational elements needed to defeat terrorism in the United States.

The Executive Leaders Program consists of four week-long sessions conducted over a nine-month period in Monterey, Calif., at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security facilities. Participants consist of approximately thirty senior local, state, tribal, federal government, military and private sector officials with homeland security responsibilities. They are selected on

the level of their positions and homeland security responsibility as well as the homeland security knowledge and experience they bring to the table. The NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security covers the costs of travel and lodging for each session.

HSEMD's Homeland Security Coordinator **Tom Baumgartner** recently completed his coursework and graduated from the Homeland Security Executive Leaders Program in February 2009. Alumni of the program include HSEMD Administrator Dave Miller. Assistant Homeland Security Coordinator **Vicki Morris** has been accepted into the program beginning May of 2009. For more information on the program and the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, visit [www.chds.us](http://www.chds.us). Ω

## 2008 HSGP Rollout Meeting on April 3



Please mark your calendars: A post-award rollout meeting for the 2008 HSGP is scheduled from 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3 at Camp Dodge. HSEMD is offering technical assistance to help you get your project started right.

HSEMD would like those attending to bring their work plans and a detailed budget for their project. This meeting

is an excellent opportunity to meet with subject matter experts and to help get detailed budgets in place. Assistance will also be available to develop or refine project scopes of work based on performance measures. Depending on the level of preparation, it is possible that project managers could leave the meeting with an approved budget/scope of work and agreement articles.

For additional information about this meeting, please contact **Lynda Wessel** at [lynda.wessel@iowa.gov](mailto:lynda.wessel@iowa.gov). Ω