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Important Information

For the latest in disaster funding information, visit the Rebuild Iowa Web site at www.rio.iowa.gov.

CIPP PLAN AVAILABLE

HSEMD has released Iowa's Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan (CIPP), a road map for the implementation of Iowa's critical sector and asset security program. The plan can be accessed from the HSEMD Web site at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org under the "Quick Links" section.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

HSEMD offices will be closed **Friday, July 3**, in observance of Independence Day. Iowa State Patrol Dispatch will be taking emergency calls that come in via the Division's main number, 515.725.3231.

Grants Update for County Coordinators



Each week **Tricia Boggs**, **Doug Rossell** and **Lynda Wessel** will compile information for a grant update to be sent to county emergency management coordinators.

Each Friday you will receive a list of all processed packages that have been sent to the State Comptroller's Office for further processing. Please keep in mind that just because grant management staff approve and forward reimbursements does not mean you will have your checks in the mail immediately. There are a number of steps and state agencies involved in processing your requests and at the very best it is a 30-45 day process. There will be

a flow chart available next week that outlines all of the steps and activity at each step.

Beginning in July, HSEMD Grants Bureau staff will hold monthly conference calls to provide updates and answer any questions you might have about your grant projects/funds. The first meeting is set for Wednesday, July 1. For now all conference calls are scheduled on the first workday of each month (July 1, Aug. 3, Sept. 1, Oct. 1, etc.).

If you have any questions about EMPG grants, please contact Tricia at tricia.boggs@iowa.gov or **515.725.3218**. If you have any questions about HSGP grants, please contact Doug at doug.rossell@iowa.gov or **515.725.3217**. ☐

Johnson County Wins National Award

Congratulations to Johnson County Emergency Management for receiving an Honorable Mention for the national 2009 James Lee Witt Local Award for Excellence in Floodplain Management!

The award was announced at an awards luncheon on June 11 as part of the Association of State Floodplain Managers' annual conference in Orlando, Fla. ☐



New Training Opportunity

The Iowa Central Homeland Security Training Center will be hosting a Train-the-Trainer course for the ALERRT course (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training), a.k.a. Response to an Active Shooter.

The course will be held July 27–31 on the campus of Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge.

The TtT course is FREE to all law enforcement, corrections and military officials in good standing with their agency.

All approved participants following the training will be added to our cadre of instructors for this course.

All participants for the upcoming TtT are being accepted by application only. Please go to www.iowarespondertraining.com and click the ALERRT link at the top of the page. Applications will be taken until July 15, however it is anticipated that the course will fill up quickly!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Kelli Bloomquist** at 515.574.1264 or bloomquist_k@iowacentral.com, or **Mike Burke** at 515.574.1260. Ω



Next of Kin Registry Assists Local, State Emergency Agencies

The Next of Kin Registry (NOKR) was established as a free tool for daily emergencies and national disasters. This free proactive service stores emergency contacts, next of kin and vital medical information which could be useful to emergency response agencies and their family members.



NOKR's system has proven effective for missing, unconscious injured or deceased community members. Next of kin can be immediately contacted if seniors suffering from Alzheimer's are found carrying a registration card. The system has been utilized for national disasters including the 2009 flooding in Washington State, and the 2008 California wildfires, hurricane disasters, and flooding disasters in Iowa.

Stored information is accessible only by emergency services sector (ESS) agencies that have registered with NOKR at <http://nokr.org/nok/restricted/agencies.htm>, where system information and directions for the ESS can be found. The general public can click on <http://nokr.org> to obtain more information about NOKR or apply for its service. You may also access the NOKR site by going to the HSEMD Web site, www.iowahomelandsecurity.org, and clicking the "Public" tab at the top of the home page. On the right side of the Public page there is a link to the NOKR page.

NOKR has available an optional registration card that indicates the person is registered with them. Users can also obtain a free emergency contact decal to place on their driver's license or passport. Ω

Chemical Safety Board Redesigns Web site, Releases New Video

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) unveiled a redesigned Web site, www.csb.gov that includes imbedded flash videos, a photo gallery and a new accident news feed. The home page includes an improved news feed of recent

chemical accidents throughout the country, as well as direct access to CSB's safety videos.

CSB's new safety video, entitled "Emergency Preparedness: Find-

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Join us this fall!



Sixth Annual

Governor's Homeland Security Conference

Oct. 6-7, 2009

with special training session on Oct. 5

Effective Results for a Changing Iowa

FREE training session on Oct. 5:

- *Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings*
- *Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents*

@ West Des Moines Sheraton
1800 50th Street
West Des Moines, IA 50266

The conference hotel rate is \$86 per night.
This rate is available until **Sept. 13, 2009.**

REGISTER NOW for the conference online! Visit www.iowahomelandsecurity.org. The conference registration fee is \$125 before or on Sept. 21 and \$150 after Sept. 21. A link to the Sheraton's special hotel registration page for this event is available on the conference Web site.

QUESTIONS? Contact us at **515.725.3231** or governors.conference@iowa.gov.



Hosted by Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management

'09 Homeland Security Grant Amounts Announced

The federal Department of Homeland Security has announced Iowa's awards for three homeland security grants. The amount for the State Homeland Security Grant rose to \$6.5 million, compared to the \$6.1 million received last year. While announced, the official award will actually come in 30 to 45 days. The state will then work with local and state partners to decide on the final obligations.

Earlier this year members of the First Responder Advisory Committee helped to review, rank and make preliminary recommendations on investment packages to be funded under this grant. Fourteen packages were submitted for a total of almost \$6.7 million.

The investment packages were:

- Incident Management Team, \$40,000
- WMD-SWAT, \$213,000
- Explosive Ordinance, \$541,500
- WMD HAZMAT, \$496,000
- University of Iowa Hygienic Lab, \$195,000

- Food and Ag security, \$190,000
- Local/State Official training, \$13,750
- Multi-State Partnership, \$218,213
- NIMS, NRF Implementation, \$1,160,000
- National Infrastructure Protection, \$526,750
- National Initiatives/ Regionalization, \$357,000
- Intelligence and Information Sharing, \$1,871,587
- Urban Search and Rescue, \$445,000
- Continuity of Operations and Government, \$400,000

These packages will now be reviewed and refined to meet the final grant amount. (For more details on these packages go to the Feb. 26, 2009, issue of **Secure and Prepared**, found in the newsletter archive section of the Iowa Homeland Security Web site.)



The other grant awards were:

- Metropolitan Medical Response, a direct pass through to the City of Des Moines, \$321,221 the exact same amount received last year.
- Citizen Corps, designed to build local citizen response teams and promote family preparedness, \$194,673 compared to \$195,388 last year. Ω

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ings from CSB Accident Investigations," depicts a series of chemical accidents that illustrate the need for effective training, communications, and community planning. In this video CSB Chairman John Bresland

says, "We hope that our findings will help keep communities safe."

CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating industrial chemical accidents. The Board strives to be a leader in the

online communication of safety information and recommendations. Board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. You can view the videos at www.csb.gov/videoroom/videos.aspx. 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

HSEMD Welcomes New Employee

Grants Bureau

Justine Zimmer joined the HSEMD Grants Bureau on May 1, 2009, as a Public Assistance coordinator focusing on Special Considerations and the Section 106 review process to ensure proper actions are being taken on historic properties. Justine had worked as a contract employee for HSEMD since October of 2008.

Prior to HSEMD, Justine was self-employed as a historic preservationist and artist. She lives in Iowa City, but says she seems to be on the road a lot lately. Justine is a metal-smith and makes tornadoes.



Justine Zimmer

Welcome, Justine! Ω

Save the Date: Everyone Survives II *Building on Success*

A free symposium will be held for emergency services providers and people with special needs to learn about practical tools and techniques, find out what works, what doesn't and what can be done to make it work better.

The course will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Johnston. Register online at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>.

What does special needs mean? For emergency services, it means any individual, group or community whose circumstances make it difficult to comfortably or safely access and use the standard resources offered in disaster preparedness, relief and recovery.

Some examples:

- A person with a disability whose needs cannot be met in a shelter
- A non-English-speaker who does not understand the order to evacuate or other directions by emergency officials, or is reluctant to ask for help

For overnight accommodations, please call the Hilton at **515.270.8890** and mention this symposium.

For special needs accommodations at the symposium, please contact **Blake DeRouchey** at **515.323.4232**, blake.derouchey@iowa.gov, or **Loren Bawn** at **515.283.7903** lbawn@dhs.state.ia.us. Ω