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HSEMD Earns Conditional Accreditation

Iowa HSEMD has been granted conditional Emergency Management Program (EMAP) accreditation. EMAP 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.

To achieve conditional accreditation, the Iowa program documented how it meets national standards for a state's disaster preparedness and response system. In May, the state invited a team of trained EMAP assessors from other localities to review its



materials to verify compliance with all criteria in the Emergency Management Standard by EMAP. Review of assessors' report on that evaluation resulted in the EMAP Commission granting conditional accreditation.

"Iowa has achieved an important step in the accreditation process and we are pleased to see the program striving to meet national standards," said Karen Windon, chairperson of the EMAP Commission and deputy county administrator for Manatee

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Homeland Security Conference Provides Valuable Training, Networking Opportunities

Subject matter experts from all over the United States came to Des Moines this week to present at the Sixth Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference. The event was held Oct. 6-7 at the West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel.

A free training session preceded the conference on Monday, Oct. 5. In-

structors David Glass and John Clark from New Mexico Tech) taught "Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings" (PER 230) and "Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents" (PER 231) to approximately 100 participants.

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County, Florida. "Jurisdictions that work toward and achieve compliance with these standards are at the forefront in ensuring they have an established, viable system in place to deal with disasters."

Conditional accreditation is an interim step to full accreditation for programs. It requires follow-up and correction in specified areas to fully meet national emergency preparedness program standards.

The state program has up to nine months to complete corrective steps and seek full accreditation.

Working collaboratively since 1997, state, local and federal emergency managers developed EMAP to provide quality standards and a process for determining compliance. The Emergency Management Standard by EMAP creates a structure for strategic planning for improvement coupled with methodical, verified assessment by experienced peers from other jurisdictions, which results in stronger capabilities and accountability. The EMAP process evaluates emergency management programs on compliance with requirements in 16 areas, including: planning; resource management; training; exercises, evaluations, and corrective actions; and communications and warning. Ω

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"In my opinion, having attended many conferences, I can truly say this has been the best ever," said Jerry Plagge of Latimer. "Each session provided very useful information." Ω



Clockwise from upper left: John Clark of New Mexico Tech, disaster psychologist Dr. Grady Bray, Assistant Administrator Steve Saunders of FEMA's National Integration Center-National Preparedness Directorate.

EMPG Deadlines, Rollout Meetings

Just a reminder, FFY2009 financial reports, requests for reimbursement and project reports for fourth quarter are due to HSEMD on or before Oct. 30, 2009.

Emergency management agencies will be eligible to apply for 2010 EMPG funding if they have met compliancy deadlines by Sept. 30, 2009.

2010 EMPG Rollout Meetings

Oct. 13: Region 6 (Cedar Rapids)
Oct. 16: Region 3 (Cherokee)
Oct. 26: Region 2 (Mason City)
Oct. 27: Region 5 (Ottumwa)
Nov. 5 (a.m.): Region 4 (Atlantic)
Nov. 5 (p.m.): Region 1 (Carroll)

If you have any questions, please contact **Tricia Boggs** at tricia.boggs@iowa.gov or **515.725.3218**. Ω

New Crisis Management Course Available

The Homeland Security Training Center will be bringing a popular national crisis management training course for school administrators and law enforcement to Iowa in December for six classes across the state. These classes are all open for registration now.

The class, AWR-148 – Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement and the Local School Systems – is an eight-hour course that is approved by the Department of Homeland Security and was created at The University of Findlay (Ohio).

This course is designed to educate school administrators and staff as well as rural law enforcement officers and first responders on the elements that would allow for an effective response to school-based emergencies.

Key elements to this course include:

- Introduction to incident planning and preparedness
- Proactive threat mitigation
- Incident response
- Incident recovery
- Vulnerability assessments
- Threat assessment management
- Incident defusing and debriefing
- Parent reunification
- Anniversaries, memorials, “copy-cats”

This course is available **free of charge** to school administrators, AEA, law enforcement, and all first responders.

Classes are currently scheduled in:

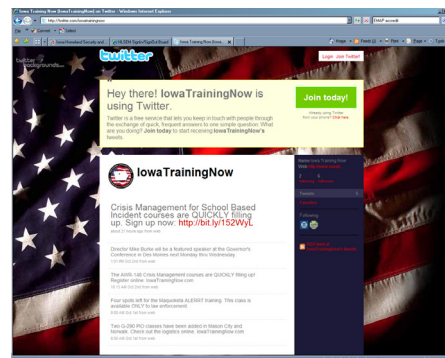
Dec. 7 – Norwalk
Dec. 9 – Oakland
Dec. 11 – Fort Dodge
Dec. 14 – Spencer
Dec. 16 – Mason City
Dec. 18 – Iowa City

Additional information as well as registration are available online at:

www.iowarespondertraining.com/awr-148.asp

This course is popular and the sessions will fill up quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

Visit the training center on Twitter at twitter.com/IowaTrainingNow! Ω



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Final ESFs Distributed



HSEMD has distributed the last two pieces of the Emergency Response Plan conversion. Emergency Support Functions (ESF) 13 Public Safety and 15 External Affairs are now available. As with all the other ESF prototypes, these are a starting point, please take these plans and personalize them for your county.

All prototypes are posted on the SharePoint site created just for the County EMA Coordinators.

You will need your username and password to get access to SharePoint. The username and password are the same ones you use to access the secure side of the HSEMD Web site. If you do not know your username and password please contact your HSEMD regional planner and they can help you get that information.

You can take all of the ESF prototypes, download them to your computer as electronic Word documents, and make changes/updates to them on your schedule. Once completed, you can log back into SharePoint and upload them into your county's planning folder for the current planning year. HSEMD will maintain five years of folders for each county in SharePoint (currently 2009–2013). Ω

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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 Iowa and its citizens.

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FEMA Administrator Visits Cedar Rapids



Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate visited Cedar Rapids on Sept. 22 to discuss recovery efforts there. Fugate toured the city and held meetings with local and state officials, including Governor Culver and HSEMD Administrator David Miller.

Fugate commented on the strong partnership between FEMA and the state as they work toward the common goal of supporting community recovery. "Today's trip was an important opportunity to see first-hand the collaborative efforts taking place to ensure Iowa communities have the tools they need to recover," Fugate said.

Top, left to right: Gov. Culver, Mike Parker (FEMA), Craig Fugate and David Miller. Bottom: Craig Fugate and David Miller. (Photos by Jamilah Fraser/FEMA.) Ω