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## Important Information

### ESF Deadline

The annual ESF-10 Oil and Hazardous Materials, plus three additional plans (20 percent required) are due to the HSEMD office by close of business on Aug. 1, 2010 (four total plans due). The Basic Plan **can be** one of the three additional plans. Ω

### Save The Date

The Governor's 7th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Nov. 2-4, 2010**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines.

For the latest in funding information for the 2008 disaster, visit the Rebuild Iowa Web site at [www.rio.iowa.gov](http://www.rio.iowa.gov).

## HSEMD Requests Additional Counties for December Disaster

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) has officially requested that 53 Iowa counties be added to the declaration for a severe winter storm that occurred Dec. 23-27, 2009 (DR-1877).



*Fig. 1. Counties in yellow are part of the 53-county add-on request.*

The following counties are included in the request: Adams, Allamakee, Appanoose, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Clarke,

Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fayette, Greene, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Keokuk, Kossuth, Louisa, Lucas, Lyon, Madison, Marshall, Mills, Mitchell, Monroe, Montgomery, Muscatine, Osceola, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Story, Tama, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Warren, Wayne, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth and Wright.

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## Region Five Sponsors Ethics Symposium

The Region Five Homeland Security Planning District is sponsoring a Medical Ethics Symposium on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Ethical decision-making is required when health care leadership must balance the needs and interests of the individual, the organization and society. Those involved in this decision making process must consider ethical principles such as justice, autonomy, beneficence and fairness, as well as professional ethical standards and codes.

Speakers include Lisa LaDue, Dr. Mark Repenshek, Dr. Lauris Kildjian and Timothy Dawson.

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## Johnson County Wins Outstanding Achievement Award

Johnson County Emergency Management was named the recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award by the United Way of Johnson County. The award was presented to Dave Wilson and B.J. Dvorak at the United Way's Community Celebration Event on March 31, 2010.

"Throughout the past year, we have been in awe of the knowledge, skill, resources and energy of this organization and its leadership. We have observed their excellence in collaborating with and bringing together virtually every sector of our community, and we have benefitted from their partnership and support," said Christine Scheetz, president and CEO of the United Way of Johnson County. "Last summer, Johnson



*B.J. Dvorak and Dave Wilson*

County Emergency Management provided United Way with a nearly \$12,000 grant to help us build the

infrastructure for the Emergency Volunteer Center – funding that was critical for purchasing laptops, a wireless printer...fluorescent safety vests, cell phones and other supplies necessary for mobilizing the Emergency Volunteer Center at sites where volunteers are needed.

"Johnson County Emergency Management has been responsible for coordinating efforts across government entities, our health organizations, businesses and nonprofit organizations, and improving our communication and readiness for any disaster that may befall our community in the future."

Congratulations, Johnson County Emergency Management! Ω

## Butler County Dispatchers Named "Telecommunicators of the Year"

Butler County dispatchers received the prestigious Telecommunicator of the Year Award from the Iowa Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) at the annual spring banquet on March 23, 2010. Butler County dispatchers were recognized for their loyalty and excellent service to the people of Butler County during the natural disasters and other serious events they have handled over the last three years.

Congratulations, Butler County dispatchers! Ω

[Submitted by Mitch Nordmeyer.]



*Left to right: Amy Fehlberg, Kathy Dann, Carol Gomez, Deb Bills, Deb Frye, Denise Junker (Civil Deputy), Larry Bass (Jail Administrator), Bev Truax, Jennifer DeGroot.*

## Updates and Deadlines for HSGP, HMEP Grants

### Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

**FFY 2007:** Sub-grantees who requested extensions were approved to May 15, 2010.

**FFY 2008:** Quarterly project progress reports are due to HSEMD by April 15, 2010.

**FFY 2009:** Sub-grantees who have submitted budgets and work plans should receive notification from HSEMD if they are good or if more information is needed. This year, Agreement Articles will be issued to the sub-grantee once their work plan and budget are satisfactory. HSEMD will schedule meetings with sub-grantees as the Articles of Agreement are issued. Sub-grantees are not allowed to spend and/or incur costs for 09 HSGP prior to signing the Articles of Agreement.

One additional note....The grants program, project and fiscal officers began first-round review of 2009 HSGP budgets and work plans on April 2. None were approved as written. Subgrantees have been, or will be within the next week, informed of required revisions. Reviews are ongoing with a target to generate agreement articles in late April.

**FFY 2010:** The Investment Justifications (IJs) and funding amounts have been decided. Some IJs need revisions. Those applicants need to submit any required revisions to HSEMD by April 14, 2010.

### Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP)

**FFY 2011:** Applications are due back to HSEMD by April 21, 2010. Ω

## Volunteers Needed in Polk County

The Polk County Mental Health Response Team is looking for committed and caring volunteers. This team is made up of mental health professionals, para-professionals and citizens to provide emotional support to individuals within Polk County at times of disaster and critical incidents. Volunteers must be 18 years and older to apply. An interview and background check are required. Call **Polk County Health Services** at **515.243.4545** and leave your name and phone number. Ω

## Register for the Iowa COAD Conference

The Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC) is sponsoring a COAD Conference for western Iowa on Tuesday, April 13. Attendees will learn how to apply the four "C's" – Communication, Collaboration, Coordination and Cooperation – in their community to effectively address the unmet needs of individuals following a disaster. The conference will be held at the Cherokee Mental Health Institute, 1251 West Cedar Loop in Cherokee from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.



For complete conference information and a link to register for the event, visit [www.iowa-homelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowa-homelandsecurity.org). For more information, contact **Blake DeRouchey** at **515.323.4232** or [blake.derouchey@iowa.gov](mailto:blake.derouchey@iowa.gov). 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.

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## Additional Counties Requested for Disaster

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The counties covered by the disaster declaration currently are: Adair, Audubon, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Emmet, Franklin, Fremont, Guthrie, Harrison, Ida, Monona, Page, Pottawattamie, Sac, Shelby, Sioux and Woodbury.

If all 53 counties are added to the disaster declaration, a total of 74 counties will be eligible for public assistance as a result of damages incurred in the December storm. Ω

## Region Five Sponsors Ethics Symposium

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**What:** "Medical Ethics: A Proactive Dimension to Disaster Planning"

**When:** 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Indian Hills Comm. College  
Rural Health Education Bldg.  
Ottumwa

Registration is free and includes lunch for all Region Five attendees. Each attendee will receive a CD with presentations and resources. Non-

Region Five attendees will be served lunch and charged \$25 to cover food and duplication costs. Make checks payable to: Keokuk County Health Center, 23019 Hwy. #149, Sigourney, Iowa 52591-0286, Attention: Lynn Reasor.

Registration may be sent to [4keeps@mahaska.org](mailto:4keeps@mahaska.org). Continuing education applications have been made. Ω

## Damage Assessment Training Available

Spring is a good reminder of the possibilities of inclement weather, and this year is no exception. Therefore, Iowa HSEMD would like to offer Disaster/Damage Assessment Training for anyone who may be interested or who has yet to take the course. This course takes approximately three to four hours and is a Train-the-Trainer course. Contact **Tracey Epps** if you are interested at **515.725.3297** or [tracey.epps@iowa.gov](mailto:tracey.epps@iowa.gov). Ω



*Coralville city administrators show FEMA officials damage from the 2008 floods. Photo by G. Henshall/FEMA*