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Important Information

June	Home Safety Month
June 20-26	Lightning Safety Awareness Week
July	National Fireworks Safety Month

2008 Disaster Funding

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

Office Closure

HSEMD offices will be closed **Monday, July 5** 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.

David Miller Appointed to Advisory Council

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Administrator **David Miller** has been selected to serve a three-year term on the National Advisory Council (NAC).

The National Advisory Council, which is comprised of emergency management professionals, meets quarterly to discuss, deliberate, and make recommendations on FEMA plans and strategies. Miller is among 12 individuals nationwide recently appointed to the NAC. His term will last from June 15, 2010, to June 15, 2013.

The National Advisory Council was set into motion by the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006. The membership of the NAC may consist of up to 35 members appointed by and serving at the discretion of the FEMA administrator. Since its inception, the council has made recommendations to the FEMA administrator on the National Response Framework, the National Incident Management System, the Stafford Act, the National Disaster



Iowa HSEMD Administrator David Miller

Housing Strategy and disability and private sector issues.

Miller is not the only Iowa representative on the NAC. In January 2010, Story County Supervisor Jane Haliburton was appointed by FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate as the local elected official representative of the NAC. Former Iowa HSEMD Administrator Ellen Gordon serves as an ex officio member of the NAC.

Congratulations, David! Ω



FEMA

June 20-26 is Lightning Safety Awareness Week

Summer is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena—lightning. But don't be fooled, lightning strikes year round. The goal of this Web site is to safeguard U.S. residents from lightning. In the United States, an average of 58 people are killed each year by lightning. To date, there have been five lightning deaths in the U.S. in 2010.

Hundreds of people are permanently injured by lightning each

year. People struck by lightning suffer from a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms, including memory loss, attention deficits, sleep disorders, chronic pain, numbness, dizziness, stiffness in joints, irritability, fatigue, weakness, muscle spasms, depression, and more.

For handouts, brochures, links and to learn more about the dangers of lightning go to www.lightning-safety.noaa.gov. Ω



Free Critical Employee Emergency Planning Training Offered

There will be a free training available on Nov 2, 2010, at the West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel – the day prior to the 7th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference.

CEEP (pronounced "KEEP") training provides emergency responder and critical infrastructure agencies and companies information, planning guidance, and lessons learned to ensure adequate support of employee families during and after a disaster.

During disasters, first responders are expected to remain on the job saving strangers without being distracted by concerns about their own family. Obviously, this is not realistic. Family members and special needs individuals who rely on your employee for support can and should be prepared to endure emergencies without a primary care provider.

CEEP training provides an opportunity for government and critical infrastructure agencies and first responders to develop solid and realistic plans that let them know that their family members have the basic needs to make it through, allowing the employee to focus on the job that must be done.

Your community's response capability to catastrophic emergencies — whether terrorist, pandemic, or weather related — is only as strong as the people who work in its emergency services and critical infrastructure sectors. Providing in-depth safety planning and resources for these employees and families is the only way to make sure those employees stay on the job and are able to carry out the



tasks critical to preventing, preparing, responding and rebuilding our country's infrastructure.

Every area of the nation visited in the research of this project revealed a "hemorrhaging" of staff after a catastrophic event. It stands to reason if we can lessen the stress by implementing plans to help families—you will have to hire, replace, or retrain fewer employees post-disaster. Pre-planning for

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New ALERRT Courses Offered This Summer

The goal of the ALERRT course is to aid police officers, specifically the true first responders, in their ability to safely and effectively respond to, address, and stop an active shooter.

The tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., changed the way law enforcement reacts to active shooting situations. When two students took control of Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, the first responding patrol officers established a perimeter and called in the SWAT team. For 45 minutes, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold had free rein of the school before the SWAT team made entry. During this 45 minutes, the shooters killed 13

people, critically wounded 24 and injured more than 160 others. The first responders were crucified in the media for their perceived lack of response

to the unfolding events at Columbine High School. What the media and public did not understand was that the first responders acted as they had been trained and conditioned to do. This tragedy identified weaknesses and outdated philosophies in tactical training and response.

Emergency deployment protocols were developed across the country and agencies recognized the need to empower the first respond-

ers to make immediate, tactical decisions to stop the ongoing violence and save lives. However, this new mandate must also be addressed in training. It is neither appropriate nor advisable to simply TELL our first responders how to respond without first training them HOW TO respond. The ultimate mission of the ALERRT Active Shooter course is to train first responders in basic tactical skills to safely and effectively respond to, address, and stop an active shooter and to offer this training to agencies at little or no cost to the agency or the officers taking the course.

“The best training mimics real life. ALERRT will save lives – both law enforcement and those we were sent to protect.”

– Jeff Feldhans, Calhoun County Sheriffs Office

Violent attacks in schools, businesses and public places continue to rise, and national terrorism alerts remain in the headlines. The responsibility for quality comprehensive tactical training falls on the shoulders of the men and women who are the front line responders to such critical incidents. Law enforcement agencies across the country are seeking to develop new tactics, policies and awareness programs to deal with active shooter situations.



Available Upcoming ALERRT Courses:

July 26-27 – Webster City

July 28-29 – Webster City

August 9-10 – Boone

August 11-12 – Boone

To register, go to www.iowa-trainingnow.com/alerrt.asp. Contact Kelli Bloomquist at 1.800.362.2793, ext. 1264 or bloomquist_k@iowacentral.edu if you have any questions. 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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Critical Employee Emergency Planning

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disaster from the family perspective can help reduce the loss of experienced employees.

The CEEP course contains five modules:

1. Introduction to Critical Employee Emergency Planning
2. Plans, Policies, and Partnerships
3. What Families Need to Know

4. Emotional Response to Disaster
5. Action Planning

You may register for the CEEP training at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/default.aspx>. If you have problems getting registered, please contact **Beth Gathercole** at 515.725.3204 or beth.gathercole@iowa.gov. Seats are limited so register early! Ω

Nearly 120 Attend Public Assistance Training

State of Iowa and FEMA staff recently had the opportunity to train together in their effort to help communities rebuild after the devastating floods of 2008.

Nearly 120 participants gathered to receive additional training to ensure that FEMA Policy SOP9570.14, which outlines the Standard Operating Procedures for program management and grant closeout as it relates to the Public Assistance Grant Program, is followed by State and FEMA PA staff. The Public Assistance Program, is used to fund eligible disaster-related debris removal and emergency protective measures, to restore disaster-damaged public infrastructure and to help certain, eligible private non-profit agencies which suffered disaster-related losses.

During the June 10 training at the Joint Forces Headquarters in Johnston, HSEMD Public Assistance staff (Dennis Harper, Rick Biondi and Tim Hauber) shared recent changes regarding internal large project close-



HSEMD's Dennis Harper

out procedures. The presentation included the process that is used to close out Public Assistance projects, program management, close-out standard operating procedures and other related topics.

“Ultimately, the goal of this training is to improve the process and efficiency of closing out projects under the Public Assistance Program, thereby speeding the provision of federal and state disaster funding to Iowa communities,” said Harper. Ω