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## GRANT DEADLINES

For FFY 2010 EMPG – The end of the 12-month performance period for sub-grantees is Sept. 30. Fourth quarter reports and reimbursement requests from sub-grantees are due Oct. 30.

## REGISTER NOW!

The Governor's 7th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Nov. 2-4, 2010**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. Register before Oct. 1 to receive the early-bird registration rate! Go to <https://hsemdconference.iowa.gov> to sign up today!

## HSEMD TRAINING

Iowa HSEMD's training website has moved! You can link there from the HSEMD website, or go directly to <http://homelandsecurity.gov/training> to sign up for an upcoming course.

## Additional Disaster Recovery Centers Open

Iowa HSEMD and FEMA have opened eight Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), with additional DRCs planned in several other locations.

Those affected by the disaster who work or reside in the 32 counties Presidentially-declared for Individual Assistance may visit DRCs in Cherokee, Delaware, Hamilton, Jasper, Mahaska (through Sat., Sept. 11), Polk, Story and Wright counties as of today. To find the closest DRC to you, go to [www.fema.gov/assistance/open-drcs.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/assistance/open-drcs.shtm).

Those who wish to visit a DRC are urged to register for assistance before doing so. Disaster survivors may register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov), or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the



*FEMA Public Information Officer Don Bolger talks to a local TV station at the Des Moines DRC.*

hearing- or speech-impaired. Registration can be accomplished 24/7 online, and the tele-registration numbers are staffed seven days a week, 7 a.m.–10 p.m. local time until further notice.

Registering with FEMA is a required step in the process, whether the loss is large or small, and whether or not the individual anticipates federal as-

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## \$15 Million in Assistance Approved

More than \$15 million has been approved for disaster-impacted Iowans through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program (IHP).

IHP provides assistance for housing to include rent for temporary housing, repair to damage not covered by insurance or replacement of destroyed homes. Assistance is also available for disaster-related expenses, including medical, dental, funeral and transportation costs.

In addition, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved 52 loans for home owners for a total of \$1.5 million.

More than 400 Requests for Public Assistance have been received from government and certain eligible not-for-profit organizations in 58 counties designated eligible to apply for Public Assistance Program funding. Ω

## Honor Anniversary of 9/11 Through Service

Governor Culver has proclaimed Sept. 11, 2010, as A Day of Remembrance in Iowa, marking its second annual observance.

Governor Culver joins President Obama, the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service in encouraging Iowans to honor the sacrifices of 9/11 heroes by participating in service projects on Sept. 11

Iowans are also encouraged to fly flags at half-staff on Sept. 11. Ω

## October EHP Training

Trainings for Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) have been rescheduled.

Dates and Locations:

October 5, 1–3:30 p.m. Camp Dodge Theater, Bldg. B-58, 7105 N.W. 70th Ave., Johnston

October 6, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Pottawattamie County Courthouse, 227 S. 6th St., Suite 23-B Council Bluffs

October 7, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Johnson County EOC, 4529 Melrose Ave., Iowa City

This technical assistance is provided by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Register at: [www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/](http://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/). Ω

## September is Family Preparedness Month in Iowa

Governor Culver has proclaimed September as Family Preparedness Month in Iowa. On the heels of some of the worst flooding in our state's history, Iowans are being urged to take steps now to be prepared for emergencies and disasters.

"It has been a year of extreme weather," said HSEMD Administrator David L. Miller. "We have all been impacted in one way or another by the winter blizzards, record snowfall, widespread flooding and severe weather. The lesson is disasters can and do happen in Iowa, so make sure you and your family are prepared."

There are three easy steps everyone can take to be more prepared for any emergency or disaster:

1) Put together an emergency kit with insurance and financial information, prescription medications and other items you may need if you cannot return home for several days or even longer.

2) Work with family members to put together a family emergency plan so you will know who to contact if you are separated in an emergency, and where to go if you are told to evacuate.

3) Learn about and stay aware of the risks in your community. Listen to radio and television stations for the latest warnings and watches. Purchase a NOAA weather radio for your home or business to be alerted to severe weather or flooding conditions in your area.

"We all have a role to play in the preparedness of our families, communities, state and nation," Miller said. "It's important to remember that when a disaster strikes, emergency personnel might not be immediately available or could even be unable to respond. We have to know what we need to do to take care of ourselves and to help each other."

Learn more at [www.BeReadyIowa.org](http://www.BeReadyIowa.org). Ω

## Henry County Added to Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance

Henry County has been added to a July Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance. A total of 58 counties are now covered by the July 29, 2010, declaration.

The counties eligible for federal Public Assistance funding are: Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Black Hawk, Boone, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clarke, Clay, Clayton, Dallas,

Davis, Decatur, Delaware, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Guthrie, Hamilton, Henry, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Keokuk, Lee, Lucas, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Mills, Monroe, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Polk, Ringgold, Shelby, Sioux, Story, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster and Wright. 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 Employee News

**Steve Warren** has joined the HSEMD Preparedness Bureau as an exercise planner for Regions 1, 4 and 6. Prior to coming to the Division on July 23, he had worked at the Iowa Department of Public Health for two and one-half years as the Region 1 education and exercise coordinator.

Steve lives in Ankeny with his wife and eight-year-old twins, a boy and a girl, who are in third grade. In addition to spending time with his family, he likes to read and teaches a variety of EMS and fire classes around the state. He is a member of the Ankeny Community Emergency Response Team.

Welcome, Steve!

**Mike Raes** moved from the Preparedness Bureau to the Homeland Security & Grants Bureau as an executive officer on Aug. 20, 2010. He began working for the division on April 18, 2008.



**Steve Warren**

In his previous positions, Mike worked in the division as a budget analyst for non-disaster grants and as a mitigation planner in the Preparedness Bureau, prior to that he worked in the Operations office of the Military Division.

Mike's new duties include assisting and monitoring non-disaster grant programs.

When he's not at work, Mike likes to read. He also enjoys attending night school.

Congratulations on your new position, Mike! Ω

## Additional Disaster Recovery Centers Open

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assistance. Iowans affected by the summer 2010 storms who have already registered with local, county, state or voluntary agencies need to register with FEMA to be considered for federal assistance.

Those who have registered for assistance with FEMA, will be assigned a 9-digit Disaster Registration Number at the end of the registration process.

At the DRCs, visitors may speak with representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) about their concerns. Federal officials can provide recovery informa-

tion as well as materials about various federal and state programs.

DRC visitors may also get help completing applications for federal low-interest disaster loans from SBA; inquire about the status of applications for federal assistance; and obtain referrals to voluntary organizations that may help with immediate unmet needs.

Additional disaster information and recovery resources can be accessed at FEMA's new mobile website, <http://m.fema.gov>. Ω