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## WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS DAY

Winter Weather Awareness Day is Nov. 9, 2010. Are you prepared should a winter storm strike? Do you have what you need in your car to sustain you until help arrives if you become stranded? Visit [www.bereadyiowa.org](http://www.bereadyiowa.org) for more information on how to protect yourself and your family during the winter months.

## OFFICE CLOSURE

HSEMD offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. Iowa State Patrol Dispatch will be taking emergency calls that come in via the Division's main number, 515.725.3231.

## Miller Begins Tenure as NEMA President

David Miller, administrator of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, began his tenure as president of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) on Oct. 20.

NEMA is the professional association of and for state emergency management directors. Miller will serve as NEMA's president through October 2011.

"I am honored to have been chosen by my colleagues and peers to represent them during such an exciting and important time in emergency management," said Miller. "NEMA will continue working with our public and private partners in shaping

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*HSEMD Administrator David Miller*

## Iowa's Emergency Management Program Achieves National Accreditation

The state of Iowa's emergency preparedness and response program has been granted full accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) Administrator David Miller received notification of Iowa's accreditation on Oct. 27. EMAP accreditation demonstrates that

an emergency management program meets 63 national standards, including standards in the areas of prevention, planning, mutual aid, training, exercises and crisis communications.

"I want to congratulate David Miller and his staff at Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management for achieving this huge milestone," said Lt. Governor and Governor's

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Homeland Security Advisor Patty Judge. "EMAP accreditation speaks volumes about Iowa's commitment to protecting our citizens in times of disaster or emergency."

HSEMD staff began working toward accreditation in the spring of 2009. During that time, HSEMD performed a self-assessment of Iowa's emergency management system, underwent an on-site assessment by an independent, trained team of assessors, and a review by the EMAP Program Review Committee. The EMAP Commission then determined accreditation should be granted to the Iowa program. Accreditation is valid for five years, at which time Iowa may apply for reaccreditation.

"This is a major accomplishment for HSEMD and all those who worked with us to earn this accreditation," said Miller. "It was a long and rigorous process, but we were able to demonstrate the vitality and strength of Iowa's emergency



management system. That strength lies in our demonstrated ability and commitment to bring together resources from all our partner agencies and entities to mitigate from, prepare for, respond to and recover from any emergency or disaster."

Iowa joins 23 other states that have been granted EMAP accreditation. The Emergency Management Accreditation Program is a voluntary accreditation process available to state, regional, territorial, tribal, county and municipal government programs responsible for disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Ω

## Indiana Joins Multi-State Partnership

The State of Indiana has joined 13 other Mid-western states in a collaborative effort to prepare for and respond to agriculture and food safety and security incidents. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels signed the charter authorizing the state's membership in the Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture.



Partnership coordinator Mark Shearer with Iowa Homeland Security Emergency and Management Division (HSEMD) announced the signing during last week's 2010 Symposium on Food and Agriculture Security. The national conference, held in Madison, WI, was sponsored by the partnership.

David Miller, HSEMD administrator, said the partnership's success is a direct result of regional collaboration.

"This partnership is an example of how states can efficiently and effectively work together," Miller said. "By sharing scarce funding and program resources, they deliver results that benefit all states in the region."

In 2001, an animal disease outbreak in Great Britain caused  
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### DON'T FORGET! HSGP Training for IowaGrants.Gov

**Who:** 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-Grantees

**When:** Nov. 8 at 1 p.m., or Nov. 10 at 9 a.m.

**Where:** Web-based and conference call

Contact Doug Rossell for more information. There are a limited number of open spots for each date. Sub-grantees need to only participate in one of the two dates. Ω

## HSEMD's Morris Attends ASIS Seminar

The ASIS International 56th Annual Seminar was held Oct. 12-15 in Dallas, Texas. **Vicki Morris** with HSEMD serves as secretary to the Central Iowa ASIS Chapter and attended the seminar with several others from Iowa and Nebraska.

ASIS (American Society for Industrial Security) is an organization for security professionals with more than 40,000 members worldwide. Founded in 1955, ASIS is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing educational programs and materials that address broad security interests.

The highlight of the seminar were two keynote speakers: **Chesley Sullenberger III**, who became an international hero on Jan. 15, 2009, when he successfully landed US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River after the plane hit a flock of birds and caused both engines to lose its thrust. He spoke on values and integrity and shared "when your values are clear, the choices are easy."

The other keynote speaker was former Pakistani **President Pervez Musharraf**, who has survived two assassination attempts, rooted out militants in his own government, and helped direct raids against al Qaeda and track Osama Bin Laden. He spoke frankly and sincerely and iterated that we are passing through very dangerous times, and now is the time we must make decisions: decisions in Iraq and Pakistan that will affect the world.

The 57th Annual ASIS International Seminar will be held Sept. 19-22, 2011. For more information about ASIS go to [www.asisonline.org](http://www.asisonline.org). Ω

## Governor's Homeland Security Conference Draws Nearly 300 Attendees

The 7th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference took place Nov. 3-4 at the West Des Moines Sheraton. Close to 300 people attended the conference and more than 100 attended the free training sessions offered on Nov. 2.

Mr. Gordon Graham energized the participants in his keynote address on the first morning, with his presentation on ethical decision making and risk management. He utilized experiences from his past as a law enforcement officer and attorney to paint a picture for the audience on the importance of teaching your employees "how to think" and not just how to complete tasks.

Some of the other presentations included: communications interoperability, fatality management, earthquakes in the central U.S., energy delivery and water systems during a disaster, cyber-security, the current terrorism threat, and the 2-1-1 program.

The event wrapped up with presentations by Lawrence Tan with the National Commission on Children and Disasters about how to close the gaps in disaster planning when it comes to our children, and Dr. Bob Hull of the Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools about the changing realities in school safety and preparedness.

Look for information on next year's conference in upcoming issues of Secure and Prepared. Ω



*Left to right: Dr. Bob Hull of the Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools, O'Brien County Coordinator Annie Koontz, and HSEMD Administrator David Miller.*



*Top, L-R: Gordon Graham of Graham Research Consultants and HSEMD Administrator David Miller; Bottom: Polk County Emergency Management's Peggy Reelitz and A.J. Mumm have a serious conversation with HSEMD Homeland Security and Grants Bureau Chief Kent Farver.*



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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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agriculture leaders in the U.S. to improve disaster planning and risk communications. At that time, Iowa and five other states conceived the multi-state concept. The partnership continues to be managed by the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Member agencies include state animal health, food safety and public health experts. States meet several times each year to plan and prepare for a disease

or other event that could disrupt the food and agriculture system.

The 14-state partnership members are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

To learn more about the Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture, visit their website at

[www.agpartnership.org](http://www.agpartnership.org). Ω

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policy to ensure our citizens are safe and secure and our communities are resilient in the face of any threat or disaster.”

Miller had served as NEMA's president-elect for one year, beginning in October 2009, and will continue his leadership role with NEMA after his term as president by serving one year as the Association's past president.

As president, Miller will be responsible for leading a board of NEMA directors in providing leadership, guidance and direction for the Association, and representing the views of NEMA members to the federal government, Congress and the White House. In addition, he will preside over the development and implementation of the organization's strategic

plan, assist with training programs for newly-appointed state emergency management directors, and develop and preside over two national NEMA conferences during his tenure.

“David Miller is exceedingly qualified to serve as president of the National Emergency Management Association. He is an experienced state emergency manager who is widely respected by his peers across the nation. David has served in various leadership positions within NEMA including chair of the Legislative Committee, regional vice president and a member of the NEMA Board of Directors. His experience will serve the Association well,” said Trina Sheets, executive director of NEMA, following Miller's election in 2009. Ω