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Get the latest information on the recovery efforts along the Missouri River by visiting www.MoRiverRecovery.iowa.gov.

On the Calendar...

February

National Burn Awareness Week (5-11)
Great Central U.S. Shakeout (7)

March

Flood Awareness Month
American Red Cross Month
National Poison Prevention Week
50th Anniversary (18-24)

April

National 9-1-1 Education Month
Severe Weather Awareness Week (2-6)
National Volunteer Week (15-21)

Mighty "Mo" Conference to be held in March

The University of South Dakota in partnership with Morningside College is hosting a "Best Practices in Emergency Management" conference to be held in Vermillion, SD, on March 27-28, 2012. The goal is to draw best practices from the unusual, prolonged event of the emergency management of the 2011 Missouri River Flood and apply them to general emergency management practices.



Aug. 11, 2011 – The Missouri River overtakes part of Highway 2 at I-29 in Fremont County. Photo by Iowa State Patrol Air Wing.

The 2011 Missouri River flood created new challenges for emergency management in multiple jurisdictions across the local, state, and federal levels. Local command staff was tasked with managing the event, responding to the needs of

the public in order to protect lives, critical infrastructure, and property from the prolonged effect of the high river levels. Resource needs created the necessity for involvement of state and federal partners in the flood

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HSEMD Finishes Work on 2007 Disaster

On May 25, 2007, the State of Iowa received a disaster declaration for severe storms, flooding and tornadoes for damage sustained in 19 counties during the period of May 5-7, 2007 (Disaster 1705, or DR-1705). The performance period for DR-1705 came to a close on May 24, 2011. The State of Iowa has submitted a

request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to close the disaster, certifying all work as a result of the disaster has been completed at a final cost of \$15,631,392. Final closeout of DR-1705 is expected within 60 days. HSEMD is currently working on 13 open disasters in addition to DR-1705. Ω

Mighty “Mo” Conference to be held in March

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fight. By sharing the experiences from all levels of the Missouri River flood management teams, emergency coordinators and command staff everywhere can gain an increased awareness of some of the best practices in emergency management.

In addition to general information related to the flood, this conference will include breakout sessions in which experts will present on topics related to the response and recovery of the event, followed by a facilitated session involving the audience. A few of the response topics that every agency was involved in include incident command structure, public information, and the role of elected officials. Volunteer needs, economic impact and FEMA involvement came into play during recovery. These

topics and others will be offered at this conference with the goal of bringing agencies together to create a stronger, more unified response to emergencies.

When: March 27-28, 2012

Where: University of South Dakota
Muenster University Center
414 E. Clark, Vermillion, SD

Participants are also needed who are willing to share their experiences during the Missouri flood of 2011. Professionals from the local, state, and federal levels are requested. What did you do? Why did you do it? Would you do it again? If you are interested in making a presentation or have questions, or you would like to register for this FREE conference, please contact **Michelle Skaff** at **712-899-3757** or miskaff@sioux-city.org. Ω

Mitigating Future Disaster Damage: Flood Recovery Update

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division's mitigation staff recently submitted the City of Council Bluffs property acquisition application to FEMA on Jan. 19. The application consists of the acquisition and demolition of 13 substantially damaged properties. The properties are located along Gifford Road and Emil Lane in southwest Council Bluffs. Each property is located in the floodway between the flood protection levee and the Missouri River. The project cost is estimated at \$2,982,493; it will remove flood-damaged structures from the floodway and return the area to green space in perpetuity. Ω



March is Flood Awareness Month

Flood Awareness Month is coming up in March and several agencies will be working to ensure lowans are aware and prepared.

Throughout the month, the Iowa Insurance Division, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, National Weather Service and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division will share flood-



related information and safety tips with the media and the public.

The month-long public information campaign will educate lowans about family and individual preparedness, flood insurance, disaster precautions and other safety measures.

Beginning in April a series of six flood awareness community meetings will be held at locations throughout the state. At the meetings, residents will be able to learn how to prepare for floods and protect against property losses. A schedule of meeting dates and locations will be published in this newsletter when finalized, so watch for it in upcoming issues. Ω



"ShakeOut" in 2012

The second annual Great Central U.S. Shake-Out is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7. More than three million people in 11 states practiced "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" last April as part of the first Central U.S. ShakeOut, and so far more than one million people across nine states will participate in this year's event.

Wherever you are at that moment—at home, at work, at school, anywhere—you should Drop, Cover, and Hold On as if there were a major earthquake occurring at that very moment, and stay in this position for at least 60 seconds. There will not be any freeway closures, power outages, or other simulated effects of the hypothetical earthquake, unless your local government or utility company specifically notifies you about something of this nature. The ShakeOut is not something you need to leave work to participate in—in fact, participating at work is encouraged!

Businesses, organizations, schools, and government agencies can register and have their employees practice Drop, Cover, and Hold On or have a more extensive emergency drill.

The main goal of the ShakeOut is to get everyone prepared for major earthquakes, so use the ShakeOut as an opportunity to learn what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. Visit www.BeReady.iowa.gov/be_aware/earthquakes.html for more information and a link to the ShakeOut website.

Why should you participate?

We all need to be better prepared to react should a major earthquake strike, no matter where we live. The Central United States is a seismic region, it's not impossible that one should happen here. Join the club! Register as a participant at www.shakeout.org/centralus. Ω

Storm Spotter Training Begins in February

Each year, National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologists from the Des Moines office travel to most of the 51 counties they serve to provide a comprehensive multi-media

spotter training presentation. The course contains information about severe weather climatology, severe thunderstorm types, different severe weather threats and how to identify them, how to report severe weather, spotter safety and severe weather communications. Spotter training classes last between one and two hours, are open to the public and are free of charge.

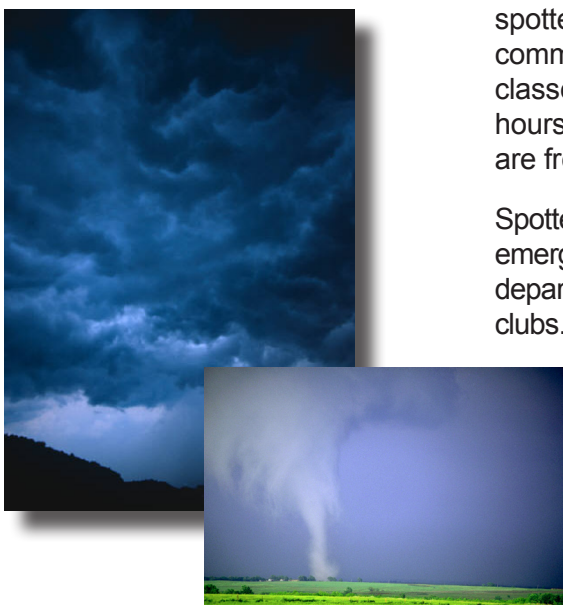
Spotter training classes are hosted by emergency management officials, fire departments and a few amateur radio clubs. Most classes are scheduled by the county emergency management coordinator in cooperation with the National Weather Service. The training schedule is constantly updated so check back often if your county is not scheduled. Keep in mind

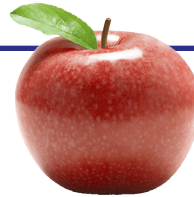
that some counties only offer spotter training every other year. If training is not offered in your county, you may attend a class in a nearby county.

February Offerings

2/22	New Market (Taylor County) 6:30 p.m.
2/28	Toledo (Tama County) 7 p.m.
	Des Moines (Polk County) 7 p.m.
2/29	Story City (Story County) 6:30 p.m.
	Grinnell (Poweshiek County) 7 p.m.

Visit www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/?n=spotterinfo for details and a complete, updated schedule of courses. Courses have been scheduled through April 2012. Ω





Upcoming Training Opportunities

Intermediate ICS (ICS 300)

When: Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Where: Johnson County EOC
4529 Melrose Ave., Iowa City

Personnel who should take this course include federal, state and local emergency management or response personnel who require ICS-300 training based on local incident management position duties. Typically this is required for personnel serving in command and general staff roles in an ICS organization, select department heads with multiagency coordination system responsibilities, area managers, emergency managers, and multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center managers.

To register for this FREE course, contact **B.J. Dvorak** at **319-356-6762** or bj.dvorak@jecc-ema.org. Please provide your name, address, organization, email address and cell phone number.

Port & Vessel Security for Public Safety & Maritime Personnel (AWR 144)

When: Feb. 22, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Clinton Community College
Technology Center
1951 Manufacturing Dr.
Clinton

This is a FREE course developed to introduce rural and small agency first responders to the maritime security requirements of the high-risk, regulated facilities in their jurisdictions. In emergency situations, regulated facilities have federally-mandated security and reporting procedures that must be followed. Management of an incident will be more efficient when emergency responders have a good working knowledge of maritime security principles and procedures.

Registration deadline is Feb. 8, 2012. Visit www.ruraltraining.org/training/delivery/10707 to register. If you have any questions, please contact **Chance Kness** at **563-242-5712** or ckness@clintoncounty-ia.gov.

Essential Records & COOP/COG Planning

When: Feb. 29, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Osage Safety Center
432 Main Street, Osage

In this FREE course, you will learn how to:

- Identify essential records;
- Analyze and prioritize records, assessing specific risks and identifying protection strategies;
- Specify time frames for essential records availability in emergencies;
- Develop procedures to ensure

access to and security of essential records;

- Outline an essential records plan for inclusion in COOP;
- Become familiar with federal, state, and local COOP regulations and procedures.

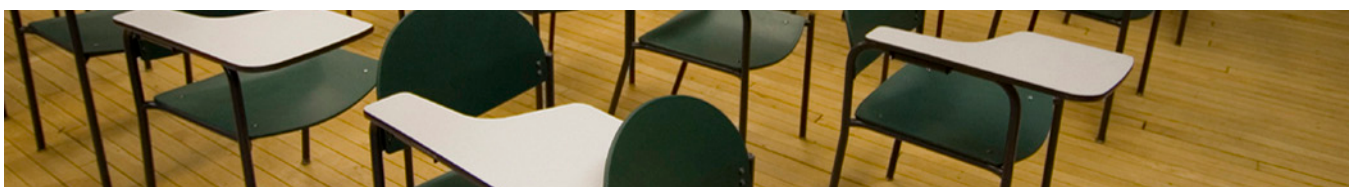
The target audience for this course is county emergency managers, county supervisors, and other city and county officials. Register online at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>.

Advanced ICS (ICS 400)

When: March 3, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
March 4, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Where: Johnson County EOC
4529 Melrose Ave., Iowa City

Typical required personnel for this course include all federal, state, tribal, local, private-sector, and non-governmental personnel, including persons serving as command and general staff in an ICS organization, select department heads with multiagency coordination system responsibilities, area managers, emergency managers, and multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center managers.

To register for this FREE course, contact **B.J. Dvorak** at **319-356-6762** or bj.dvorak@jecc-ema.org. Please provide your name, address,
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SAFER Application Guide Available Online

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) application period will be opening soon! This handy guide will give you a kick-start in preparing your grant application to thoroughly answer all the grant application questions.

The primary goal of the SAFER grants program is to improve or

restore local fire departments' staffing and deployment capabilities so they may more effectively respond to emergencies. With the enhanced or restored staffing, a SAFER grantee's response time will be reduced sufficiently and an appropriate number of trained personnel will be assembled at the incident scene. Grant funds are available in two categories: Hiring Firefighters and Recruitment and

Retention of Volunteer Firefighters.

Go to www.fema.gov/firegrants/safer/index.shtm to download a Ready Guide now! Ω



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organization, email address and cell phone number.

Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Planning Seminar

When: March 6-7

Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

The NFPA 1600 Standard establishes a common set of criteria for emergency management and business continuity programs. In addition, the standard provides such programs the criteria to access current programs or to develop, implement, and maintain aspects for the prevention, mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery from emergencies.

Who should attend:

- Business owners
- Hospital administrators/planners
- Public health and group home emergency planners

- Emergency management
- Day care providers
- Local jurisdictions
- Mall owners, managers
- Educational institutions

This course is normally \$800, but the Region One Homeland Security Board is helping supplement the cost, so registration for this session is only \$100! For more information and to register, contact **Liz Manion** at **515-382-7229** or mmanion@storycounty.com.

Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement and the Local School Systems (AWR 148)

When: March 27, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Where: Iowa Valley Continuing Ed
Room 608 and 610
3702 S. Center St.
Marshalltown

Rural schools, law enforcement, and other emergency responders are often limited in resources, so

it is imperative that all potentially affected parties collaborate on planning, preparing, communicating, responding, and recovering from a school-based incident.

This FREE course is beneficial for rural police and sheriff's departments, school administrators, resource officers and counselors, and others involved in school safety and security. Topics covered include:

- Introduction to incident planning and preparedness
- Proactive threat mitigation
- Incident response/recovery
- Vulnerability assessments
- Incident defusing and debriefing
- Parent reunification
- Anniversaries, memorials, "copycats"

To obtain a registration form, contact **Liz Manion** at mmanion@storycounty.com or **Andrew James** at ajames@storycounty.com. If you have any questions, please contact **John Kayser** at **419-434-5814** or kayser@findlay.edu. 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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Emergency Managers, State Employees Complete APS Coursework

Recently, two state employees and two county employees completed FEMA's Advanced Professional Series (APS). The series consists of five required courses and five elective courses.

Tom Boeckman with the Iowa Department of Public Health, B.J. Dvorak with Johnson County Emergency Management, Gina Hardin with Des Moines County Emergency Management and Steve Warren with HSEMD

all received their APS certificate of completion in December.

"Through continuing education, these individuals sought a greater expanse of training and information," said Susan Green, HSEMD's training and exercise lead. "This is a significant accomplishment."

The five courses required as part of the series are EOC Management and Operations (G775 or IS775), Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface (G191), Rapid Assessment Workshop (G250.7), Recovery from Disaster – the Local Government Role (G270.4) and Mitigation for Emergency Managers (G393). Participants had 17 courses from which to choose their five electives.

For more information regarding upcoming courses or answers to your training questions, please visit the HSEMD website at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org.

Congratulations, Tom, B.J., Gina and Steve! Ω



HSEMD's Steve Warren receives his APS certificate of completion from Administrator Mark Schouten at a recent staff meeting.

Burn Awareness Week is Feb. 5-11

Burn Awareness Week, observed the first full week in February, is designed to provide an opportunity for burn, fire and life safety educators to unite in sharing a common burn awareness and prevention message in our communities. Burn Awareness Week, celebrated early in the year, is an excellent opportunity to "kick off" a year full of burn awareness education. This year, the focus is again about preventing a specific kind of burn: scalds.

Scald injuries are painful and require prolonged treatment. They may result in lifelong scarring and even death. Prevention of scalds is always preferable to treatment and can be accomplished through changes in behavior and the home environment.

For more information, visit the American Burn Association website at www.ameriburn.org/preventionBurnAwareness.php. Ω