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## There's still time to register for the 10th Annual Homeland Security Conference



The 10th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference will be held Oct. 8-9, 2013, at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at

Veteran's Memorial in downtown Des Moines. The conference agenda is available online at [www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/conference/agenda.html](http://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/conference/agenda.html).

Mark Lucero with FEMA is just one of the great speakers we have lined up this year. During his breakout session, he will talk about the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System

(IPAWS). Lucero is the engineering branch chief of IPAWS. He will discuss how IPAWS integrates, modernizes, and expands the nation's alert and warning infrastructure to allow emergency managers to send geographically-targeted messages to the public to save lives and protect property.



**Mark Lucero**

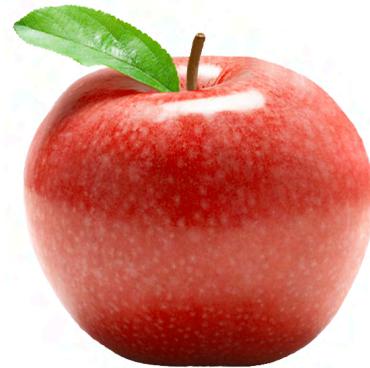
Rebecca Herold is a widely-recognized and respected information privacy and security professional. She is the owner and CEO of

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# Training opportunities

## CERT Train-the-Trainer

**When:** Sept. 27-28  
9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
**Where:** Joint Forces Headquarters  
6100 NW 78th Ave.  
Johnston

Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Blake DeRouchey** ([blake.derouchey@iowa.gov](mailto:blake.derouchey@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231.

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## Volunteer Reception Center Training

**When:** Oct. 7  
1–4 p.m.  
**Where:** Community Choice Credit  
Union Convention Center  
at Veteran's Memorial  
833 5th Ave.  
Des Moines

Tentatively scheduled in conjunction with the 10th Annual Homeland Security Conference (day prior). Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Blake DeRouchey** ([blake.derouchey@iowa.gov](mailto:blake.derouchey@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231.

## Exercise Design with HSEEP

**When:** Oct. 15-17  
8 a.m.–4 p.m.  
**Where:** Polk County EOC  
1907 Carpenter Ave.  
Des Moines

Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Steve Warren** ([steve.warren@iowa.gov](mailto:steve.warren@iowa.gov)), **John Halbrook** ([john.halbrook@iowa.gov](mailto:john.halbrook@iowa.gov)) or **Beth Lewis** ([beth.lewis@iowa.gov](mailto:beth.lewis@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231.

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## Critical Employee Emergency Planning

**When:** Nov. 8 (Friday session)  
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Grand River Medical Center  
Klien Center  
1307 S. Gear Ave.  
West Burlington

Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Susan Green** ([susan.green@iowa.gov](mailto:susan.green@iowa.gov)) or **Beth Lewis** ([beth.lewis@iowa.gov](mailto:beth.lewis@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231.

## Critical Employee Emergency Planning

**When:** Nov. 9 (Saturday session)  
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Grand River Medical Center  
Klien Center  
1307 S. Gear Ave.  
West Burlington

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## Emergency Management Program Development

**When:** Dec. 5-6  
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Polk County EOC  
1907 Carpenter Ave.  
Des Moines

Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Susan Green** ([susan.green@iowa.gov](mailto:susan.green@iowa.gov)) or **Beth Lewis** ([beth.lewis@iowa.gov](mailto:beth.lewis@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231, or A.J. Mumm at 515.286.2107. Ω

# Local National Weather Service office holds open house

The Des Moines National Weather Service (NWS) office held an open house on Saturday, Sept. 21, at their office in Johnston.

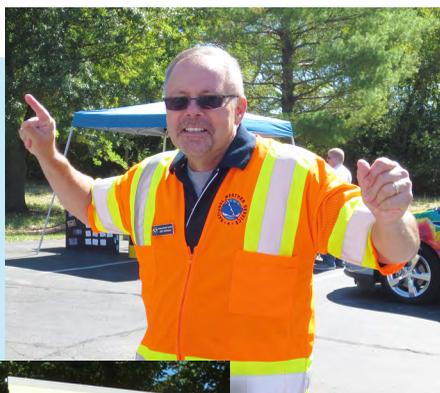
This year's theme was "Weather Enterprise." Participants were able to tour the NWS facilities and interact with the staff.

In addition to the NWS, several other partner organizations were in attendance, including the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Iowa HSEMD, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Polk County Emergency Management, Mid-Iowa Skywarn, Safe-guard Iowa Partnership and local chapters of the Na-



tional Weather Association and the American Meteorological Society.

For more information about the National Weather Service, visit [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov). Ω



**Above: Jeff Johnson of the Des Moines NWS office gets excited about weather. Below: Lucinda Robertson of HSEMD talks to an event attendee about family preparedness.**

## Homeland Security Conference

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The Privacy Professor & Compliance Helper and will delve into the "five most common overlapping privacy and information security areas," during her breakout session. Herold will provide practical advice to help those in attendance address complex privacy and information security convergence and compliance issues within their respective organizations.

There is still time to register if you have not already done so! Visit [www.homeland-security.iowa.gov/conference/conference.html](http://www.homeland-security.iowa.gov/conference/conference.html) for more information. Ω



**Rebecca Herold**

# Hazard Mitigation funding application deadlines approach

The State of Iowa will receive FEMA disaster funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) as part of four Presidential Disaster Declarations this year. Two of the deadlines to submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) form have passed, but the deadline to submit an NOI for funding under disasters 4126 (severe weather, May 19-June 14) and 4135 (severe weather, June 21-28) is **Sept. 30, 2013**.

Funding will be available for eligible hazard mitigation projects that will reduce or eliminate losses from future natural disasters. Those include, but are not limited to:

- Construction of tornado safe rooms (multi-functional community or school safe room projects are highly encouraged)
- Acquisition, structural relocation, or elevation of buildings located in a special flood hazard area
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing public buildings, facilities, or utilities

to protect against wind, ice, or flood hazards

- Minor structural hazard control or protection projects such as storm water management (e.g., culverts, floodgates, retention basins)
- Localized flood control projects, such as floodwall systems, that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities and do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system
- Development of multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans and plan updates

Eligible applicants include state agencies and local governments, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments (including State-recognized Indian tribes, and authorized tribal organizations), and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations or institutions that operate a PNP facility as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR), Section 206.221(e).

## Pre-Disaster Mitigation funds

In addition, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program provides funds on an annual basis for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster. The goal of the PDM program is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures, while at the same time, also reducing reliance on federal funding from actual disaster declarations.

FEMA has announced Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant program for FY2013, which includes PDM. Funding amounts are based on congressional appropriation. Notice of Interest applications are due **Oct. 1, 2013**.

For more information including NOI forms, visit [www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/grants/HMA.html](http://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/grants/HMA.html). Ω

## October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

**Stop.  
Think.  
Connect.**

For more information, visit [www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org). Ω



National Cyber Security  
Awareness Month

## ON THE CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- Crime Prevention Month
- Fire Prevention Week (6-12)
- 10th Annual Homeland Security Conference (8-9)
- America's Safe Schools Week (20-26)

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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.

**Secure & Prepared** is published for those involved in the homeland security/emergency management system in the state of Iowa. For more information, contact Stefanie Bond at [stefanie.bond@iowa.gov](mailto:stefanie.bond@iowa.gov).

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## Local Rotary gives IDHRC \$5,000

During the September meeting of the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC), the Rotary Club District 6000 presented a donation of \$5,000 to the Council. The funding will assist the IDHRC in providing unmet needs assistance and any case management still needed from the storms that passed through Iowa earlier in the year.

The IDHRC will be contacting local emergency managers, long-term recovery committees, and local COAD's within the state

regarding the details for those who may be interested and still in need of unmet needs assistance. On hand for the presentation were HSEMD Administrator Mark Schouten, IDHRC President Rick Wulfekuhle, IDHRC Vice President Janna Diehl, IDHRC Treasurer Don Hampton, Rotary 6000 Governor Jacque Andrew, and Rotary 6000 members Terry Geiger and Steve Dakin. Ω

*[Submitted by Blake DeRouchey, IDHRC secretary]*



**L-R: HSEMD Administrator Mark Schouten, Steve Dakin and Jacque Andrew (Rotary 6000), Rick Wulfekuhle, Janna Diehl and Don Hampton (IDHRC).**