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Gov. Branstad issues disaster proclamation for two counties

On Sept. 15 Gov. Terry Branstad issued a proclamation of disaster emergency for two counties in response to recent severe weather.

The governor's proclamation allows State resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of severe storm systems that affected Guthrie and Hamilton counties beginning Aug. 28, 2015, and continuing.

In addition, the governor's proclamation also activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Program for Guthrie and Hamilton counties.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or a maximum annual income of \$40,180, for a family of three.

Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and for the expense of temporary housing. Original

receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery.

The grant application and instructions are available on the [Iowa Department of Human Services website](http://www.human-services.iowa.gov). Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

For more information on Iowa disasters, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov. Ω

The 12th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference will be held Oct. 20-21. Early-bird registration ends Oct. 1. Register at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov and click on the conference logo on the home page. See more about the conference on page 6.



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Hardin graduates from Emergency Management Advanced Academy

Des Moines County Emergency Manager Gina Hardin recently graduated from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Advanced Academy.

Hardin graduated from FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (formerly the Leaders Academy) on July 25, 2015, at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Md., after she completed the full curriculum that provides the strategic level training and education in the essential skills and tools for emergency management professionals to lead dynamic and resilient programs.

Hardin completed the four resident courses with three short distance learning sessions in the Advanced Academy including: A Survey of Advanced Concepts in Emergency Management, Assessment and Application of Professional Style in Emergency Management, Advanced Concepts and Issues in the Emergency Management Organization and Advanced Concepts, and Issues in the Emergency Management Community and Profession.

FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy reinforces the qualities needed to lead emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts, and utilizes appropriate case stud-

ies. By working within their series, Advanced Academy participants work within a collaborative environment on projects and establish a network of their peers. The Academy is designed for emerging leaders and mid-level managers wanting to advance their skill set. Students learn skills critical to performing leadership responsibilities such as program management and oversight, effective communication at all levels, integrated collaboration, and strategic thinking.

The Advanced Academy provides students the opportunity to demonstrate their critical thinking ability through a guided research project. Students apply the key learning concepts from the Advanced Academy curriculum relative to their own skill sets and abilities within their organizations, and their own performance environments.

FEMA's Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP) curriculum is designed to provide a lifetime of learning for emergency managers and includes three separate, but closely threaded, training programs including: the National Emergency Management Basic Academy, a specialized and



FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) graduated Gina Hardin who completed all requirements of the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy. Edward Smith, deputy superintendent, EMI, is shown congratulating Hardin as she graduates. Photo by Shane Gibbon/FEMA

technical training program to develop specific, fundamental skill sets; the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy; and the National Emergency Management Executive Academy, a program designed to challenge and enhance the talents of the nation's emergency management senior executives through critical thinking, visionary strategic planning, challenging conventional concepts, and negotiation and conflict resolution applied to complex real-world problems.

For more information on FEMA's training classes through the Basic, Advanced, and Executive Academies, or other emergency management courses, go to: <http://training.fema.gov/empp/>. Ω

Training opportunities

EMPG/HMEP Training for EMGrantsPro MB3 System

As HSEMD transitions from Iowa Grants to the EMGrantsPro (MB3) system, subrecipients of the FFY 2016 HMEP grant and local applicants of the FFY 2016 EMPG and FFY 2017 HMEP grant programs will be required to use EMGrantsPro.

Training is being offered at four locations around the state during the month of October. Participants will need to bring a laptop or tablet computer and have an active EMGrantsPro user account.

- When:** Oct. 13, 2015
12–3 p.m.
Where: Black Hawk County EOC
Lower Level Classroom
1925 Newell St.
Waterloo
- When:** Oct. 15, 2015
9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Where: Buena Vista County EOC
411 Expansion Blvd.
Storm Lake
- When:** Oct. 9, 2015
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Where: Union County EOC
208 W. Taylor St.
Creston

- When:** Oct. 27, 2015
9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Where: Wapello County EOC
330 West 2nd St.
Ottumwa

For more information, and to register, visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **Tricia Boggs** at 515.725.3218 or tricia.boggs@iowa.gov or **Lisa Sexton** at 515.725.3213 or lisa.sexton@iowa.gov with questions.

Essentials of Community Cybersecurity

- When:** Oct. 19, 2015
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Where: Vet's Auditorium at
CCCU Convention Center
833 Fifth St.
Des Moines

**T a r g e t
a u d i e n c e :**
Those involved with critical infrastructure, emergency operations, public/private organizations, industries, chambers of commerce, and government officials.

This course provides information for individuals, community leaders,

and first responders on how cyber attacks can impact, prevent, and/or stop operations in emergency responses.

To register, visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **Beth Lewis** at 515.725.3204 or beth.lewis@iowa.gov or **Cristie Duric** at 515.725.3243 or cristie.duric@iowa.gov with questions.

Rail Car Incident Response (AWR 147)

- When:** Oct. 24, 2015
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: New Albin Community
Center
136 Elm St. NE
New Albin

This is an eight-hour awareness-level course developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials. Upon completion of the DHS-approved course, participants will be better prepared to respond to a freight rail car incident without endangering the health and safety of responders.

Registration deadline is Oct. 10. Register at www.ruraltraining.org.

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Questions regarding the facility or location may be directed to **Chris Dahlstrom** at **563.568.4233** or cdahlstrom@co.allamakee.ia.us.

Emergency Management Program Development

When: Oct. 29 2015
10 a.m.—4 p.m.
Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the statutory requirements and professional duties of today's emergency manager. These sessions are offered in four sections throughout a calendar year.

To register, visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **Beth Lewis** at **515.725.3204** or beth.lewis@iowa.gov or **Cristie Duric** at **515.725.3243** or cristie.duric@iowa.gov with questions.

ALERT Level 1

When: Dec. 7-8 and
Dec. 9-10, 2015
8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Where: 2300 Lincoln Way
Clinton

This course is designed to prepare the first responder to isolate, distract and neutralize an active shooter. The course will cover shooting and moving, threshold evaluation, concepts and principles of team movement, improvised explosive devices, and post engagement priorities of work. The 16-hour course will culminate with dynamic “force on force” scenarios.

To register, please email your name, organization, contact information and class number to **Amanda Pearson** at emergencymanagement@clinconcounty-ia.gov by Nov. 9. For more information, call **563.242.5712**.

Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS 300)

When: Dec. 15-16, 2015
8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Where: Henry County EMA
900 West Washington
Mt. Pleasant



Target audience: Individuals who may assume a supervisory role in expanding incidents or in Type 3 incidents.

This two-day course provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System. This course expands upon information covered in ICS 100 and 200 courses.

To register, visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **Beth Lewis** at **515.725.3204** or beth.lewis@iowa.gov or **Cristie Duric** at **515.725.3243** or cristie.duric@iowa.gov with questions.

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Mitigation for Emergency Managers (G-393)

When: Jan. 19-21, 2016
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

Target audience: This course is designed for state, local, and tribal government emergency program

managers, other emergency management staff, and other local government employees responsible for mitigation.

This three-day advanced professional series course focuses on mitigation activities fundamental to reducing and eliminating long-term risk from hazards, creating strategies for disaster-resilient communities, identifying local

mitigation opportunities, selecting mitigation solutions to hazard risk problems, and finding resources to carry out mitigation activities in a post-disaster environment.

To register, visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **Beth Lewis** at **515.725.3204** or beth.lewis@iowa.gov or **Cristie Duric** at **515.725.3243** or cristie.duric@iowa.gov with questions. Ω

Coming to a classroom near you in 2016!

Even though fall has just begun, HSEMD and other emergency management agencies have already arranged for some top-notch training in 2016. Here's a sneak peek at some of the classes currently scheduled. Watch this newsletter and the HSEMD training website for details as they become available.

Feb 2-4, 2016--Sioux City

ICS Form Review/ICS 300

Registration opens on Nov. 2, 2015

Feb 4-5, 2016--Oskaloosa

G288 Volunteer & Donations Management

Registration opens on Nov. 2, 2015

March 8, 2016--Iowa City

AWR 213 Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience



Registration opens on Dec. 1, 2015

March 9, 2016--Iowa City

MGT 414 Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection

Registration opens on Dec. 1, 2015

March 30-31, 2016--Hampton

MGT 310 THIRA

Registration opens on Dec. 1, 2015

April 12-13, 2016--Hampton

MGT 315 Critical Asset Risk Management

Registration opens on Jan. 25, 2016

April 12-13, 2016--Sioux City

ICS 400-Advanced

Registration opens on Jan. 25, 2016

April 27-28, 2016--Iowa City

PER 334 Wide Area Search in Disasters

Registration opens on Feb. 1, 2016

Visit the HSEMD training website for information on and to register for additional training opportunities at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/>. Ω

12th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference

The 12th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference, sponsored by HSEMD, will be held Oct. 20-21, 2015.

This year's conference will be held at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Veteran's Memorial, 833 Fifth Ave., Des Moines.

As in past years, the conference will feature a variety of speakers and opportunities to network with colleagues.

This year's conference offers breakout sessions each morning, and will provide an opportunity for small-group interaction on topics such as cybersecurity, school emergency planning, Public Assistance Program redesign, role of responders when animals are encountered in emergencies and disasters, legal responsibilities and financial considerations for local emergency management commissions, crude oil by rail, and the use of unmanned air systems in disaster operations.

General Session speakers will present on cybersecurity, supporters of ISIS/Islamic State, the Michigan Interstate Pile-up, using Superstorm Sandy to clean up Oklahoma, response to a railroad derailment, and empowering communities around readiness and resilience.

In addition to the conference, a free pre-conference cybersecurity training will be offered Oct. 19.

Early-bird registration is \$160. After Oct. 1, registration will be \$185. Parking fees are included with each paid registration, except for walk-ins.

Visit the conference website to register at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov and click on the conference logo on the lower left of the home page. For more information, contact **Cristie Duric** or **Beth Lewis** at **515.725.3231** or **HSEMDconf@iowa.gov**. Ω

ON THE CALENDAR:

OCTOBER

- Cyber-Security Awareness Month
- Crime Prevention Month
- National Fire Prevention Week (4-10)
- America's Safe Schools Week (19-23)

NOVEMBER

- Winter Weather Awareness Day (5)
- Veteran's Day (11)*
- Thanksgiving Day (26)*
- Day after Thanksgiving (27)*

**State holiday. HSEMD offices will be closed.*

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