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November 5 is Winter Weather Awareness Day

It's that time of year again! As temperatures outside begin to dip, it's the perfect opportunity to make sure you're ready for any upcoming winter weather. Because in Iowa, it's a matter of when—not if—winter weather will strike.



**WINTER
WEATHER**
Awareness Day

Do you have what you need in your home or your car in case a winter storm strikes? Winter storms can bring heavy snow, ice, strong winds and freezing rain.

Before the storm arrives, winterize your home! Make sure you service any snow removal equipment, and check that you have sufficient heating supplies in case regular fuel sources are cut off. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows, install storm windows and doors, and wrap pipes in insulation. And, be sure that your emergency supply kit is up to date with items like a

flashlight and portable radio (and extra batteries for both), at least three days' worth of food and water for each member of your household (including pets), essential medications, extra blankets and sleeping bags, and a fire extinguisher.

This is also the time to get your car checked out by a mechanic. Make sure the following are on the list: battery, antifreeze, wipers/windshield washer fluid, thermostat, lights/flashing hazard lights, exhaust system, heater/defroster, brakes, oil level, and tires.

For more information including checklists, visit the [Ready Iowa website](#). Ω

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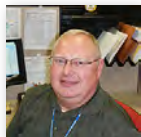
HSEMD Recovery Division staff say goodbye

After up to seven years of service for some, 16 of HSEMD's Recovery Division staff departed the agency on Oct. 2, 2015.

Cate Brehmer was hired in 2010 and worked for a little less than five years in the Public Assistance Bureau. Her primary duties were tracking PA disaster progress and keeping the bureau organized.



Doug Bunkers was hired in 2011 and was with HSEMD for four years in the Public Assistance Bureau. He was charged with performing preliminary damage assessments and closing JFO activities.



BJ Covington was hired in 2009 and was with HSEMD for nearly six years. He worked in both the Hazard Mitigation Bureau and the Disaster Operations Bureau, doing everything from infrastructure projects, GIS, environmental reviews, and drafting correspondence for disaster requests and appeals.

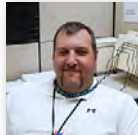


Rex DuBois was hired in 2010 and worked nearly five years in the Public Assistance Bureau working first exclusively with electric utilities and drainage districts. He also played a vital role in the closeout of DR-

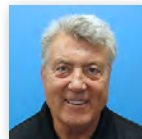


1998's largest applicant, the City of Council Bluffs.

Chad Edwards was hired in 2010 and spent five years working for HSEMD in the Public Assistance Bureau. He was primarily assigned to closeout duties



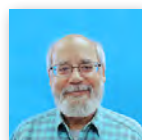
Greg Gruss joined HSEMD in 2010 and worked for five years in the Public Assistance and Operations bureaus. He was primarily assigned to review applicant claims, assemble backup documentation and provide recommendations for closeout.



Dan Jones was first hired in 2008 as a Merit Resources contract employee and worked for more than seven years in the Hazard Mitigation Bureau. The majority of his work dealt with property acquisitions and demolitions—focusing heavily on working with community officials following disasters when the community pursued housing recovery and long-term mitigation objectives.

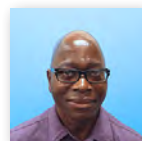


Tim Kautza began working for HSEMD in 2010 and worked for five years in the Public Assistance Bureau. He spent much of his time performing the grantee review for initial project, version, and closeout obligations.

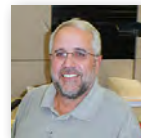


He was especially successful in resolving eligibility issues.

Tommy Kwia was hired in 2010 and worked for five years in the Public Assistance Bureau. He spent most of his time working with the University of Iowa—one of the most heavily impacted and complicated applicants. His engineering background was relied upon in working with several projects.



Bob Lagneaux was hired in 2011 and worked for four years in the Public Assistance Bureau. He participated in preliminary damage assessments, supported the State of Colorado via EMAC in 2013, and was primarily assigned to closeout and JFO activities.



Ty Mennenga was hired in 2010 and for five years was assigned to the Public Assistance Bureau. He was primarily assigned to completing preliminary damage assessments, as well as closeout and JFO activities.



Steve Oberbroeckling was hired in 2010 and spent all of his nearly five years with the department in the Hazard Mitigation Bureau. His work focused

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Training opportunities

Recovery From Disaster, the Local Government Role (G-270.4)

When: Nov. 4-5, 2015
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Black Hawk County EOC
1925 Newell St.
Waterloo

Target audience: Local disaster recovery teams, emergency managers, city/county administrators, public works directors, building inspectors, community planners.

This course focuses on the roles and responsibilities of local disaster recovery team members, and provides guidance on developing a local disaster recovery plan.

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.

Hospital Incident Command System (ICS) Forms

When: Dec. 1, 2015
10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Where: Marshall County Sheriff
2369 Jessup Ave.
Marshalltown

Target audience: Health care personnel who have a responsibility in emergency preparedness/response efforts.

This course provides a comprehensive overview of how to interpret and correctly complete common ICS forms.

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ALERT Level 1

When: Dec. 14-15, 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@clintoncounty-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 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.

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WMD Radiological/Nuclear Course for HazMat Technicians (PER 241)

When: Multiple dates
beginning Jan. 11-14, 2016
Where: Nevada National
Security Site
Las Vegas, Nevada

Prerequisites: AWR-140. It is also recommended, but not required, that participants be certified hazardous material technicians.

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Training opportunities

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Target audience: Secondary screeners such as law enforcement, EMS, fire service, governmental administrative, HazMat, health care, public health, public safety communications, public works, and other skilled personnel that provide immediate support services during prevention and deterrence of radiological/nuclear detection and interdiction operations.

Visit the Center for Radiological Nuclear Training at the Nevada National Security Site at http://www.ctosnnsa.org/pages/resident_calendar.htm for a full list of dates. Contact the registration desk at ctosreg@nv.doe.gov for more information or call 1.877.963.2867 or 702.295.3224.

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: State, local, and tribal government emergency program managers, other emergency management staff, and other local government employees responsible for mitigation.



This 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.

Upcoming Training

HSEMD and other emergency management agencies have already scheduled more courses in 2016. Here's a sneak peek at some of the classes currently scheduled. Watch the HSEMD training website for details as they become open for registration.

Registration open Nov. 2, 2015:

- **ICS Form Review/ICS 300**
Feb 2-4, 2016—Sioux City
- **Volunteer & Donations Management (G288)**
Feb 4-5, 2016—Oskaloosa

Registration open Dec. 1, 2015:

- **AWR 213 Critical Infrastructure Security & Resilience**
March 8, 2016—Iowa City
- **MGT 414 Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection**
March 9, 2016—Iowa City
- **MGT 310 THIRA**
March 30-31, 2016—Hampton

Registration open Jan. 25 2016:

- **MGT 315 Critical Asset Risk Management**
April 12-13, 2016—Hampton
- **ICS 400-Advanced**
April 12-13, 2016—Sioux City

Registration open Feb. 1, 2016:

- **PER 334 Wide Area Search in Disasters**
April 27-28, 2016—Iowa City

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

IDHRC sponsors disaster reunification planning webinar

The Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC), in partnership with the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, is working with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) to present a disaster reunification planning webinar.

Sharon Hawa from NCMEC will discuss the importance of disaster reunification planning and the implications for children who become separated from their parents and guardians in the aftermath of a disaster. Ms. Hawa will also talk about the various disaster resources that NCMEC offers to support disaster-



impacted states with the identification, location and reunification of children with their families.

The webinar will take place on Nov. 16, 2015, from 2-3 p.m. Registration is available online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6100774777014379266>. Ω

ON THE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

International Day of Persons with Disability (3)
Christmas Day (25)*

JANUARY

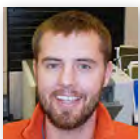
National Radon Action Month
National Volunteer Blood Donor Month
New Years' Day (1)
Hazardous Materials Awareness Week (17-23)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (18)*

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

HSEMD staff say goodbye

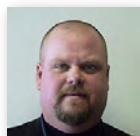
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primarily on projects for electrical utilities and more recently, projects under the Public Assistance Program for rural electric cooperatives. Steve also worked in the development of after action reports.



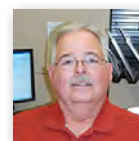
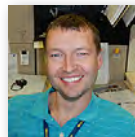
Rick Rutter was hired in 2010 and worked for about four years for the department. He has spent more than a year deployed for the Air Force.

Kirk Steinfeldt was hired in 2010 and spent his five years with HSEMD in both



the Public Assistance Bureau and most recently, the Hazard Mitigation Bureau. His work has focused heavily on rural electric cooperative utility projects and hazard mitigation retrofits. He also spent time performing preliminary damage assessments.

Will Utter was hired in 2010 and was assigned for five years to the Public Assistance Bureau. He was primarily assigned as a project officer with an emphasis on electric utility and drainage district damage.



Randy Warren was hired in 2010 and for the vast majority of his five years worked in the Public Assistance Bureau. His last position was with the Hazard Mitigation Bureau, and focused heavily on rural electric cooperatives and projects related to repairs and conductor replacement. He performed a variety of work including preliminary damage assessments.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Iowa. You will be missed! Ω

Local LEPCs honored for work in reducing chemical risks

Nineteen emergency planning organizations were honored recently by the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)/Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) Emergency Planning and Response Regional Conference for their exemplary work in reducing chemical risk in the county. The regional conference includes the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, as well as nine tribal nations.

LEPCs and TERCs were created in 1986 by the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). LEPC/TERCs help reduce the community's risks from accidents involving hazardous chemicals. LEPCs normally include representatives from fire departments and districts, law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services agencies, private industry, city and county emergency management officials, local media, and state and federal agencies. Because of the importance of making this information available to all communities, EPA recognizes tribal governments as the appropriate implementing authority of EPCRA in Indian Country.

The Iowa LEPCs recognized include Cass County and Adair-Guthrie counties in the small LEPC category; the counties of Calhoun, Carroll, Greene, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Sac, Webster and Wright in the large LEPC category; the Adair-Guthrie counties' LEPC for social media use; and for industry, CJ Bio-America in Fort Dodge.

The Local Emergency Planning Committees/Tribal Emergency Response Commission Emergency Planning and Response Regional Conference has recognized outstanding achievement in community preparedness since 2001. The conference is organized by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa Homeland Security and Emer-

gency Management, Kansas Division of Emergency Management, Missouri Emergency Response Commission, Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency and Occupational Safety and Health Administration, as well as representatives from industries and LEPCs. [Source: U.S. EPA] Ω



Clockwise from top left: Adam Broughton, Iowa DNR presents the Small LEPC and Social Media awards to Bob Kempf, emergency manager for Adair-Guthrie counties; Small LEPC Award to Mike Kennon, Cass County emergency manager; the Large LEPC Award to Peg Stickrod of the Region V Hazardous Materials Response Commission and LEPC; and the Industry Award to Wendy Cortez and Adam McCrady of CJ BioAmerica.

Scenes from the 12th Annual Homeland Security Conference



Thanks to all our presenters, attendees, vendors and staff for making this year's conference a success! See you next year!

HSEMD welcomes new employee

Samantha Brear joined the Operations Division of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management on Sept. 28. She serves as the volunteer and donations management program manager, in addition to providing program support for the statewide E-911 program.

Samantha came to HSEMD from the Polk County Emergency Management Agency, where she worked for four years. She was the E-911 coordinator and emergency management



Samantha Brear

program specialist. Prior to working at Polk County EMA, she was a disaster volunteer with the American Red Cross, and an emergency management consultant.

Samantha grew up in England and holds a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Leeds. She also earned her master's degree in emergency management from American Public University.

When she's not at work, Samantha enjoys traveling, being active, and spending time outside.

Welcome, Samantha! Ω

HSEMD staff departures

After more than 12 years, Kathy Karn, one of the department's program planners, left HSEMD effective Oct. 23. Kathy is now a program planner for the new Office of Health Care Transformation within the Iowa Department of Public Health. Ω

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