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## NOAA Weather Radio Expansion Project Partners Recognized

On April 3, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management hosted a NOAA Weather Radio Project ceremony to recognize and thank the many partners who took part in the project.

Since 1997, 23 NOAA Weather Radio transmitters have been installed across the state. On December 29, 2005, the final transmitter was installed in Manchester. Completion of the statewide expansion provides Iowa residents the increased capability to receive National Weather Service broadcasts via NOAA Weather Radio. This project was funded by a federal hazard mitigation grant.

Former HLSEM Administrator Ellen Gordon was recognized for having started the project and HLSEM Program Planner Joyce Winningham was credited with her guidance in helping to complete the project.

Iowa Emergency Management Association President and Buchanan County Emergency Management Coordinator Rick Wulfekuhle said, "You don't know what this means to smaller communities. This is a great service for Iowa and it took a great deal of coordination." Wulfekuhle then presented Winningham with a plaque on behalf of IEMA for her efforts.

Administrator David Miller called the completed project "a system to be modeled throughout the nation." While Miller is glad the project is done, he says, "The next step is to promote the use of NOAA Weather Radios. Every family, critical facility, and care facility should own one." (Continued on page 2)



Former HLSEM Administrator Ellen Gordon and HLSEM Program Planner Joyce Winningham, both of whom were instrumental in the success of Iowa's NOAA Weather Radio expansion project, celebrate during the recognition event.

# NOAA Weather Radio Expansion

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Many Thanks! - Pictured at left are some of the many partners that attended the recognition event that helped make expansion of the NOAA Weather Radio in Iowa a success.

Thank you to the following tower owners and partners. Without you, this project would not have been possible.

## **Tower Owners:**

Webster County  
Iowa Department of Public Safety  
KIMT TV  
Alliant Utilities  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Carroll Broadcasting  
Mid-American Energy  
Christian Broadcasting  
The Community Agency  
Farmers Telephone Company  
Iowa Public Television  
Viking Towers  
Iowa Select Farms  
Crawford County Firefighters Association  
Ringsted Telephone Company

FMC Broadcasting  
Winnebago County  
Delaware County

## **Other key partners:**

Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives  
Emergency Management Coordinators  
National Weather Service offices in:  
Des Moines, IA  
Davenport, IA  
Omaha, NE  
LaCrosse, WI  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Central Region Headquarters - Kansas City  
FEMA/U.S. Department of Homeland Security

## Iowa Submits PDM Grant Application

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HLSEM) has submitted Iowa's grant application to FEMA for the Pre Disaster Mitigation (PDM) 2006 program. The PDM program provides funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, and communities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. PDM grants are funded on a competitive basis

Included in Iowa's application were two project sub-applications for the cities of Nashua and Mason City and one planning sub-application that incorporated 45 local planning grant requests. FEMA limited the number of sub-applications that each state could submit to five, so HLSEM determined that the best chance to get all planning initiatives funded would be to roll all the local applications into one state application.

FEMA will conduct the National review process in April and May. It is anticipated that HLSEM will be notified sometime in June 2006. If you have any questions about the PDM program, contact John Wageman at 515-281-7125 or [John.Wageman@hlsem.state.ia.us](mailto:John.Wageman@hlsem.state.ia.us).

# 2006 911 Hero Award Presented

On March 28, five-year-old Kamrin Ryun of Keokuk was presented with the 2006 911 Hero Award for Iowa by Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Administrator David Miller.

On December 11 and 13, 2005, Kamrin called 911 because his mother was unconscious due to insulin shock. The dispatcher and officers that responded were very impressed with Kamrin's ability to remain calm. They were also impressed that Kamrin knew his grandfather's phone number and address so they could contact his grandfather.

Each year, the Iowa Chapter of NENA (National Emergency Number Association) and the E911 Council present the award to show young people the importance of the correct usage for 911.



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## NIMS Update

HLSEM wants to congratulate everyone on their hard work with NIMS implementation and compliancy efforts. HLSEM's Dave Hempen has been in contact with the NIMS Integration Center and learned that several states have done very little with NIMS, so we can all be proud in what we have accomplished. With that said, following are a few issues everyone should be aware of.

### 1) Confusion on NIMS minimum training criteria

HLSEM has received many calls from individuals confused about training criteria for NIMS. The two most asked questions are: Who needs NIMS training? And, what is the minimum training standard?

The only courses required for NIMS compliancy are IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800. Not everybody needs every course, and not everybody in an agency/department or jurisdiction needs NIMS training. To determine who needs NIMS training, you first must determine who may possibly respond to an incident. For example, if you have council members that are not responders and will not respond to an incident, they do not need NIMS training for NIMS compliancy. Although it may be nice if the council members know how emergency personnel will respond to an incident, it is not required to take NIMS training.

Once you have determined who needs NIMS training, you must now figure out what level of training they will require. If the person requiring training is at an entry-level position and has no supervisory responsibilities then they would require IS-700 and IS-100. If the person is considered a first line supervisor or higher, then they would need IS-700, IS-100 and IS-200. The IS-800 (NRP Awareness) is meant for officials in tribal and local jurisdictions with overall emergency management responsibilities as dictated by law or ordinance, officials with overall emergency management responsibilities through delegation, and officials primarily involved in emergency planning. This would limit the number of people in a jurisdiction that would need this course. In most cases, it would only involve the county coordinator.

### 2) NIMS Survey

In the next few weeks, county coordinators will receive a short, four-question survey. The purpose is to see where we stand as a state. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey and send it back to HLSEM as soon as possible. This survey is not mandatory, but it will give us a good idea of what we need to do as a state to assist you with compliancy efforts.

## Iowa Participates in Catastrophic Planning

Over the past few months, HLSEM staff worked in partnership with states in FEMA Regions V and VII to develop a catastrophic planning session, which was held March 23-24 in Kansas City. This planning initiative fulfills a portion of the catastrophic NIMS requirement and helped gain a better vision of how to coordinate catastrophic planning in the Midwest.

Thirty people from FEMA, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training, FEMA Regions VII and V, Central United State Earthquake Consortium, Minnesota, Missouri, Michigan, Kansas, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Iowa attended.

Some of the topics discussed included changes in national response procedures, lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the status of catastrophic event planning at the state level, hazard analysis and risk assessment, and resource management.

The primary goal of this event was directed toward the brainstorming and sharing of initiatives currently underway in the two regions aimed at how to approach catastrophic planning. The agenda was developed toward directing the group's discussion towards the unique areas of catastrophic planning in the Midwest in comparison to the coastal states. A focus on what would be catastrophic in the Midwest brought the New Madrid Earthquake zone and other subjects such as pandemic influenza to the height of discussion.

The New Madrid scenario also happens to be the scenario for the SONS (Spills of National Significance) exercise that will involve several regions in June of 2007. From the New Madrid scenario, many commonalities were found between the states and several had already been proactive in assessing evacuation procedures and shelters.

According to HLSEM Planning and Recovery Bureau Chief Steve Zimmerman, "There was good discussion on the practicalities in responding to a catastrophic event as individual states or a region. He said they also found that the states were very dependant on plans made at the county and city level, but that the larger cities, even though under 200,000 in population, needed more specific plans that included adequate evacuation plans.

Another big issue that was addressed in the planning session was how the states would communicate and share resources with each other and with the federal government. There will be many needs unique to the Midwest due to the differences in population, evacuation plans, and lack of funding.

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## HLSEM Move Update

A tentative time frame for HLSEM's move to Camp Dodge looks to be around April 24 and 25. Our new address will be 7105 NW 70th Ave., Camp Dodge Building W-4, Johnston, IA 50131-1824.

Please note that staff may not have access to e-mail or phones during the move and that all staff phone numbers will be changing. However, the main phone number of 515-281-3231 will remain the same. A new staff phone directory will be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Staff already located at the Joint Forces Headquarters will not be affected by the move.

Look for an update in the next *Secure and Prepared* newsletter.

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**HLSEM Mission**

To support, coordinate, and maintain state and local homeland security and emergency management activities in order to establish sustainable communities and assure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

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## HLSEM Spotlight: Joyce Winningham

Joyce Winningham is a Program Planner in the Readiness and Response Bureau. Joyce has been with the Division since May 1997 when she was hired as a Fiscal Grants Management Specialist for the Mitigation Bureau (now called the Grants Bureau). Joyce transitioned to the Readiness Response Bureau in March, 2000 where she serves as the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Designated Contact for the State as well as EMAC Lead State Representative for Region VII. She is the Citizen Corps point of contact for Iowa and serves as a duty officer.

Since 1997, Joyce has been working to complete a state-wide expansion of NOAA Weather Radio Multi-Hazard Warning system. The project was completed December 29, 2005 with the last of 23 transmitters being installed throughout the State. A celebration of the successful completion of this project was held April 3, 2006 with representatives from National Weather Service, local emergency management and tower site owners attending. Joyce considers the completion of the project one of the highlights of her career and believes strongly in the system's importance to warn the public and save lives.

Prior to joining the Division, Joyce worked part-time for a CPA firm in Indianola and was a stay-at-home mom. Joyce is married and has two children Sean and Erin, as well as four step-children and seven step-grandchildren. Joyce is a senior at Simpson College where she is majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Management. She and her daughter will both graduate from Simpson in May, 2006. She enjoys photography, tennis, spending time with her family and reading. Joyce looks forward to the time she can read something besides textbooks.



Iowa Emergency Management Association President Rick Wulfekuhle presents Joyce Winningham with a plaque recognizing her hard work and dedication to the NOAA Weather Radio expansion project during a ceremony on April 3.

## Personnel Update

**Ann Garvey**, HLSEM agriculture specialist, was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Security Affairs (Homeland Defense and Security) on March 23rd from the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, CA . Ann is the third HLSEM staff member to complete the 18-month program sponsored by the Office of Domestic Preparedness.