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EMAP to Assess Iowa's Capabilities

The Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) assessment is fast approaching. Representatives from the Emergency Management Accreditation Program will be visiting Iowa May 18-22 to assess Iowa's emergency management program based on a variety of criteria.

Under a new cooperative agreement between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Emergency Management Accreditation Program, EMAP has agreed to fund a new round of baseline assessments against the EMAP standard. HSEMD Administrator David Miller has decided that Iowa will take advantage of the FEMA offer to pay for a baseline assessment.

The Emergency Management Accreditation Program is an independent, non-profit organization that fosters excellence and accountability in emergency management and homeland security programs by establishing credible standards applied in a peer review process. EMAP looks at a jurisdiction's entire program and assesses its capability to mitigate, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters. The assessment identifies strengths and areas where improvement is needed.

As a recognized standard, EMAP provides Iowa with a baseline to measure itself against, and to see strengths and deficiencies that exist in the state's programs. HSEMD and partner organizations will be able to

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Important Information

For the latest in disaster funding information, visit the Rebuild Iowa Web site at www.rio.iowa.gov.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Governor's 6th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Oct. 5-7, 2009**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. More information to follow as the date gets closer. See you there!

Stay Tuned for More on H1N1

Information about the H1N1 virus changes from day to day, sometimes hour by hour. Governor Culver has declared a Public Health Emergency which activates quarantine and other authorities to respond to this event. At the state level the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has the lead. The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, along with several other state agencies, are acting in support of IDPH.

For the latest information be sure to check out this Web site link: www.idph.state.ia.us.

At the federal level the Web site for the Centers for Disease Control has the latest information: www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu.



HSEMD Releases County ESF Prototypes

HSEMD has distributed to all counties the first two pieces of the State Emergency Response Plan conversion. Prototypes for the Basic Plan and Emergency Support Function (ESF) 10 Hazardous Materials have been distributed to all counties.

The only planning requirement for counties for 2009 is ESF 10. The deadline for submission of ESF 10 to HSEMD is Aug. 1, 2009. HSEMD will still accept Annex P for 2009, but encourages everyone to reformat to the ESF 10 Hazardous Materials format. HSEMD has all 15 ESFs in house and is working to get them ready for statewide distribution.

HSEMD will distribute to the counties a minimum of two ESFs per month. Ω



Upcoming LEPC Events

Local Emergency Planning Committee Workshop--Ames, IA

A Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) workshop will be held at the Fire Service Training Bureau in Ames on June 10.

The workshop will provide an orientation to the purpose, duties and legal responsibilities of LEPCs. Topics covered include duties and responsibilities of LEPCs, exercising your LEPC and the state hazmat grant. The cost to attend the workshop is \$25, and will include all materials, breaks and lunch.

Workshop attendance is limited to 50. Advance registration is required through the Event Management System at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar>. The deadline to register is May 27.

If you need assistance registering, please call 515-725-3250.

Local Emergency Planning Committee/Tribal Emergency Response Commission Conference--Kansas City, MO

The Region 7 Local Emergency Planning Committee/Tribal Emergency Response Commission Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO, Aug. 6-9.

The conference is sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, FEMA Region 7, tribal, state and local governments and business and industry. The conference will cover a wide selection of topics to assist Local Emergency Planning Committees and Tribal Emergency Response Commissions more safely and effectively do their jobs.

For more information, go to www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc. Ω

EMAP Assessment

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use the results of the assessment to formulate strategic direction, quality improvement and other tasks as we continually seek to improve our program.

EMAP has 62 separate criteria, broken out into 18 specific areas:

- Program Administration, Plans and Evaluation
- Program Coordination
- Program Committee
- Administration and Finance
- Laws and Authorities
- Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- Hazard Mitigation
- Prevention and Security
- Planning
- Incident Management
- Resource Management and Logistics
- Mutual Aid
- Communications and Warning
- Operations and Procedures
- Facilities
- Training
- Exercises, Evaluations and Corrective Actions
- Crisis Communications, Public Education and Information. Ω

Upcoming Training and Learning Opportunities

WebEOC Training for State Agency Responders

HSEMD will offer WebEOC training for state agency responders.

Date: June 30

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Location: Joint Forces Headquarters, State Emergency Operations Center, Johnston.

Register at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/> or by visiting the HSEMD Web site at www.iowa-homelandsecurity.org and clicking on the Training link in the Quick Links section on the home page.

EMI Releases New Courses

The EMI Independent Study Program announces the launch of new courses:

IS-100.HE - Introduction to the Incident Command System for Higher Education

IS-197.EM: Special Needs Planning Considerations for Emergency Management

IS-26: Guide to Points of Distribution

IS-836: Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex

To complete these courses, go to <http://training.fema.gov> and click on "FEMA Independent Study" in the green bar. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to see all of the new courses or click on 'ISP Course List' in the red box to see all courses that are available.



Contact the Independent Study Office with questions via email at Independent.Study@DHS.gov or by phone at (301) 447-1200 during normal business hours of 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Group training is now available for the following NIMS courses:
IS-100.a – Introduction to the Incident Command System

IS-100.HE - Introduction to the Incident Command System for Higher Education

IS-100.SCa – Introduction to the Incident Command System for Schools

IS-200.a – ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

IS-700.a - National Incident Management System, An Introduction

IS-800.b – National Response Framework, An Introduction

For more information on group training, visit the EMI Independent Study Web site at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/>.

New Online Courses

The South Central Health Partnership is offering several new online courses of interest, including:

Productive Communication Skills
Cross-Border Collaboration

Special Needs Populations in Disaster Response

Understanding and Responding to the Needs of Children After Large-Scale Disasters

Continuity of Operations Planning
Mass Casualty Medical Command

The Partnership also offers video clips called Preparedness Minute Videos which describe actions to take in emergency situations, whether at work or at home.

The South Central Health Partnership is a consortium of state health departments, universities and local public health agencies. To learn more about the Partnership and to register for their online courses, visit www.southcentralpartnership.org.

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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.

We're on the Web!

www.iowahomelandsecurity.org

New Employee Joins HSEMD

Grants Bureau

Tricia Boggs began work at HSEMD on May 1 as an administrative assistant in the Grants Bureau. She will be assisting the homeland security grant manager and other grant staff with programmatic management for Department of Homeland Security and FEMA grant programs.

Prior to coming to HSEMD, Tricia was with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources as the AmeriCorps Program Director, working with a 55-member team to provide statewide environmental education, wildlife habitat restoration, sustainable train construction, marketing, volunteer generation and disaster response and recovery.



Tricia Boggs

Tricia grew up in Adams County in southwest Iowa and attended college at Northwest Missouri State University prior to making Des Moines her home. When not at work, she enjoys listening to live music, including her husband's rockabilly band, the El Dorados. Tricia also enjoys checking out local restaurants and wineries and attending the Court Avenue Farmers' Market.

Zimmerman Named Acting Chief of Staff

HSEMD's **Steve Zimmerman** will wear two hats for awhile. He has been named acting chief of staff by administrator David Miller and will retain his current position as the Preparedness Bureau chief.

Zimmerman replaces Mike Beaman who retired as chief of staff on April 27 and now works as a trainer for General Dynamics for the National Training Center at Camp Dodge. Miller is in the process of reviewing and updating the chief of staff position. He hopes to complete that process quickly and then open it for applications. Ω

HSGP 2006 Grant Deadline Extended

HSEMD recently received approval from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to extend the performance period for the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The performance period has been extended to Dec. 31, 2009.

For additional information on the 2006 HSGP performance period extension, contact Lynda Wessel at 515-725-3231. Ω