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Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

March 2010

ANNOUNCEMENT



DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2010

To get registered, contact Suzy Mannella at suzy.mannella@iowa.gov or fax 515-242-6119

TORNADO SEASON IS COMING UP...

IT'S TIME TO GET PREPARED...

SIGN UP FOR A FREE one day Emergency Preparedness Training...

WHEN: April 16, 2010

TIME: 8 am—5 pm

WHERE: Quality Inn & Suites Starlite
Conference Center
2601 East 13th Street
Ames, IA

Continental Breakfast & Lunch are provided.
Interpreters and real-time captioning are provided.

Maximum seating: **40 participants**

20 deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, late deafened;
20 emergency responders.

This course is designed to promote emergency preparedness, community response, and recovery from emergencies involving individuals with hearing loss. The one-day course contains lectures, interactive activities and group discussions in most modules to ensure that participants have a better understanding of the needs of individuals with hearing losses, especially in times of emergencies.

LEGISLATURE BILLS UPDATES

Check the updates of these bills by going to this website: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Cool-ICE/DisplayBills.htm>

SF2088 - This is a very large bill related to reorganization of state government. Department of Human Rights' reorganization information is included in this bill. If you look up the bill, DHR starts on page 56, line 2 and ends on page 82, line 22.

HSB223 – This is a bill that would require some health insurance providers to cover the cost of audiological services and hearing aids for children. It was made very clear that this will only cover businesses with less than 50 employees that provide insurance coverage to their employees. Iowa law only covers those businesses. Federal law covers businesses with 50 or more employees.

HF2013 – This is a bill that would eliminate temporary licenses for sign language interpreters beginning in 2014. Bill died on 2/12/10.

SF2216 – This bill would require that the Iowa Core Curriculum for kindergarten through 8th grade include foreign language and ASL. Bill died on 2/12/10.

SF2342 – This bill, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children's Educational Bill of Rights, was introduced on Feb. 15th and referred to Education. then on Feb. 16th, the bill was sent to subcommittee but there has been no action on it.

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INFORMATION

DeafTax.com provides tax preparation and planning services for the U.S. deaf community. Through the use of available e-business practices and videophone technology, we provide services and consultation to Deaf clients across the country. For more information go to: www.deaftax.com

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The FCC announces that cell phone numbers are NOT being released to companies for solicitation so we don't need to register a cell phone with the "Do Not Call" registry.

For More Information

To learn more about the National DNC Registry and the rules that enforce it, visit the FTC at www.ftc.gov or the FCC at www.fcc.gov.

For more information about a planned "wireless 411" directory, visit <http://www.qsent.com/wireless411/index.shtml>.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES, NEWS, RECENT EVENTS, OR INFORMATION

The deadline for submission for the April issue is March 30th. Send e-mail submissions to the editor at dhr.dsci@iowa.gov

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United States Census 2010 During the month of March Census forms will be mailed to your homes. Send your completed forms back in the mail by April 1st.

There is information about the 10 questions on the form at this webpage: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/interactive-form.php>

If need assistance in filling out the Census form, contact DSCI to make an appointment by either

Email: dhr.dsci@iowa.gov or
VP 515-598-7326 Stephanie or
VP 515-598-7327 Suzy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/5: 6:00 p.m. American Sign Language Social hosted by Deaf Awareness and DMACC located at [ALL-Play](#) 615 - 3rd Street, Des Moines. Games, eat and drink. First Friday of every month.

3/5: 3:30—6:00 p.m. Deaf Chat Coffee sponsored by UNI ASL and Deaf Studies Program located at College Square Food Court, 6301 University, Cedar Falls. Open to all Deaf, hard of hearing, hearing and ASL students.

3/6: Deaf Tax Day hosted by Employee & Family Resources, to make an appointment, contact ariemer@efr.org or VP 515-598-7309. **NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED.**

3/26: 1—4 pm DSCI Commission Meeting located at Altoona Public Library, 700—8th St. SW, Altoona.

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