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## Important Information

For the latest in disaster funding information, visit the Rebuild Iowa Web site at [www.rio.iowa.gov](http://www.rio.iowa.gov).

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Governor's 7th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be **Nov. 2-4, 2010**, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. More information to follow as the date gets closer. See you there!

## Joint Field Office Opens in West Des Moines

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have established a Joint Field Office (JFO) in West Des Moines in response to the winter storms that occurred Dec. 23-27, 2009, and Jan. 19-26, 2010.

The JFO officially opened on Monday. FEMA and HSEMD staff will work to distribute funds to state and local governments as well as certain nonprofit organizations, including rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities in 21 counties for the December storms and 12 counties for the January storms.

Thomas A. Hall (FEMA) has been appointed as the federal coordinating officer for JFO; Pat Hall of HSEMD will act as the state coordinating officer. Q



**Above: Federal Coordinating Officer Tom Hall; Below: Just some of the supplies brought in to the JFO by FEMA.**

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

### Exercise Design with HSEEP

**Date:** March 30-Apr. 2

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily

**Location:** 2809 Daley Dr., Ames

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) is a capabilities and performance-based exercise program that provides a standardized methodology and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation and improvement planning. HSEEP constitutes a national standard for all exercises.

This course is based on one important premise: Emergency exercises are worth the effort. Exercises identify areas that are proficient and those that need improvement. Lessons learned from exercises can be used to revise operational plans and provide a basis for training to improve proficiency in executing those plans.

This course is designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of exercise design and to prepare them to design and conduct a small functional exercise for their organization.



For more information, contact **Cathleen Atchison** at **515.725.3201** or **John Halbrook** at **515.725.3280**. Register at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>.

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## HSEMD's Morris Graduates from Leadership Program

In February, HSEMD's **Vicki Morris** and **Kirk Schmitt** of the Iowa Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) graduated from the Executive Leadership Program (ELP) at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, Calif. Morris and Schmitt began their participation in the program in May 2009. The training consists of four one-week sessions.

Presentations were given by **Jami Haberl**, executive director of the Safeguard Iowa Partnership and **Dr. Mary J.R. Gilchrist**, former director of the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory.

ELP's goal is to "enhance senior leaders' capacity to develop policies and strategies while strengthening working relationships across the jurisdictional boundaries of regions, agencies, local-state-tribal-federal governments and the private sector."

Previous graduates of the leadership program include HSEMD Adminis-



*Kirk Schmitt, Vicki Morris, Mary Gilchrist, Ellen Gordon and Jami Haberl.*

trator **David Miller** and Bureau Chief **Tom Baumgartner**.

Former HSEMD Administrator **Ellen Gordon** is an instructor at the school. Gordon earned her Master of Arts degree in Security Affairs, Homeland

Defense and Security from the NPS, as did HSEMD's **Lucinda Robertson** and former HSEMD employee **Ann Garvey**, who now serves as the state veterinarian at IDPH. □



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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](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org)

## "Flood Awareness Month" Proclamation Signed



*Governor Culver has proclaimed March "Flood Awareness Month" in Iowa. A proclamation was signed on March 4 at the Capital. From L-R: John Benson, Iowa HSEMD; Angel Robinson, Iowa Insurance Division; Governor Culver; Wayne Gieselman, Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources; and Lt. Gen. Ron Dardis, Rebuild Iowa Office. Ω*

## Training Opportunities

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### Debris Management for State, Tribes, Local G202

This two-day course is aimed at providing participants with an overview of issues and recommended actions necessary to plan for, respond to, and recover from a major debris-generating event with emphasis on local and state-level responsibilities.

**Date:** March 29-30

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**Location:** Cedar Rapids, Iowa

For more information, contact **Randy Frank**, Region VI planner at 563.419.1474 or [randyfrank@csema.com](mailto:randyfrank@csema.com).

Register at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>. Ω

## Risk Management Expert Returns to Iowa

The Seventh Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference is Nov. 2-4, 2010. Renowned risk management expert Gordon Graham will be a featured speaker this year. You may remember Mr. Graham from the Fourth Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference in 2007. Find out more about him online at [www.gordongraham.com](http://www.gordongraham.com). Ω