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Get the latest information on the recovery efforts along the Missouri River by visiting www.MoRiverRecovery.iowa.gov.

On the Calendar...

April

National 911 Education Month
National Volunteer Week (15-21)

May

Public Service Recognition Week (6-12)
National Nurse's Week (6-12)
National Police Week (12-17)
National EMS Week (20-26)
National Public Works Week (20-26)

Zimmerman Honored for 38 Years of Service to State of Iowa

Steve Zimmerman, who served for the past several years as the chief of staff with the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD), retired on March 30 after working for the state of Iowa for 38 years.

A celebration to honor Zimmerman's service to Iowa and HSEMD was held March 28 at Camp Dodge.



Above, HSEMD's Readiness and Response Bureau Chief Joyce Flinn presents Zimmerman with a plaque recognizing him for his service to the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. Ω

Homeland Security Conference Dates Set

The 9th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference will be held Nov. 6-7, 2012, at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Veteran's Memorial in Des Moines.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at three hotels. Reservations for lodging may be made at:

Renaissance Des Moines Savery Hotel

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dsmbr-renaissance-des-moines-savery-hotel/?toDate=11/9/12&groupCode=homhoma&fromDate=11/4/12&app=resvlink

Embassy Suites Hotel Des Moines Downtown

www.embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DSMDNES-HSC-20121104/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Holiday Inn Downtown Mercy Campus

www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=DSMDW&_PMID=99801505&GPC=H2S

More information will become available in the coming weeks. Registration will be available soon online via www.iowahomelandsecurity.org. Ω

Bills Move to Governor as Legislature Winds Down

The Iowa General Assembly is starting to make strides on finishing up their business and heading home for the fall elections. This past week one of the indicators that the end is approaching arrived in the House, the Standings Appropriation bill, HSB 674.

There are several items of interest as things wind down. First, the Iowa Emergency Management Association's bill **SF 413**, passed out of the House with an amendment and the Senate concurred. The bill now moves to the Governor for his signature. The Flood Mitigation Program bill, **SF 2217**, has received approval from the Senate and House and now moves to the Governor for his signature.

The 911 bill, **SF 2272**, remains a live round in the Senate with discussions focusing on whether a surcharge increase is the way to generate more funds for the local level or making changes to how the existing revenue stream is distributed is the correct course of action. There has also been much discussion on eliminating the Statewide E911 Council and shifting their duties to the State Interoperability Board. Finally, all the budget bills for the year are alive as the House and Senate have not yet reached agreement on what the State's budget will look like for the next fiscal year.

Leadership in both chambers remains optimistic that they will



adjourn by April 17. However, as with all things in the legislature, only time will tell. Ω

*Submitted by HSEMD
Legislative Liaison John Benson*

Importance of Youth Preparedness Focus of Recent Workshop

Youth preparedness was the topic of a recent workshop hosted by FEMA in Kansas City.

"It's so important to develop young people and provide them training in disaster preparedness and response," said HSEMD's Blake DeRouchey, Citizen Corps project officer, who attended the workshop. "If you can get into schools or in after-school programs, not only do you start developing kids for a lifetime of preparedness, you get into that child's household and help educate the entire family. When more and more families have an awareness of what to do to prepare, our job as emergency managers becomes just a little bit easier," DeRouchey said.

Attendees at the workshop, which was hosted by FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division along with FEMA Region VII, were presented with a broad range of youth programs focused on increasing preparedness and participation in disaster response.



At the workshop, attendees were split up and worked on projects such as establishing a budget, identifying financial and non-financial resources, possible pitfalls, evaluating and fundraising and developing a promotional plan.

Teen CERT is an ever popular program in schools and FEMA will be posting the first ever Teen CERT curriculum online soon.

For a closer look at Teen CERT right here in Iowa, check out this video from Mahaska County: www.mahaskaready.com/CERT_Video.html. For details or workshop materials please contact **Blake DeRouchey** at 515-323-4232/ blake.derouchey@iowa.gov or **Tracey Epps** at 515-725-3297/ tracey.epps@iowa.gov. Ω

Training Opportunities

Intermediate Incident Command (ICS-300)

When: April 10-11
Where: Polk County EOC
 1907 Carpenter Ave.
 Des Moines

This class is intended for supervisory, management or other staff that would be assigned in a supervisory or leadership role in the command or general staff of an emergency response incident or major pre-planned event.

There is no charge to attend this training. For more information contact **Liz Manion** at mmanion@storrycounty.com.



Basic Public Information Officer (PIO) Training (G 290)

When: April 11-12
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Where: Robert Nicola Conf. Rm.
 Washington County
 Hospital
 400 E. Polk St.
 Washington

Audience: Elected officials, city/county managers, executives, senior officials, agency administrators responsible for speaking on behalf of the agency/organization in the event of an emergency

The course is NIMS compliant.

The course is free. To register call **Washington County Public Health (319) 653-7758** or kvo-gel@washph.com.

All-Hazards Safety Officer Training

When: April 16-19
 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Johnson County EOC
 4529 Melrose Ave.
 Iowa City

This course addresses all responsibilities appropriate to an all-hazards safety officer on a local or state ICS or EOC team or as part of an Incident Management Team.

The course supports learning through discussion, lecture, and active participation in multiple table-top exercises.

There is no charge to attend this training, however, cancellations must be made at least three days prior to the start of the class or your agency will be billed for your unfilled seat.

To register, email **B.J. Dvorak** at bj.dvorak@jecc-ema.org. State rate lodging of \$55 per night can be reimbursed for attendees who live more than 50 miles from the site.

Public Information Officer Awareness Course

When: April 17
 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
 April 21
 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Where: EOC
 Washington County
 Sheriff's Dept.
 2181 Lexington Blvd.
 Washington

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HSEMD Holds CERT Train-the-Trainer Course

HSEMD held a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Train-the-Trainer course March 29-30 at the State Emergency Operations Center in Johnston.

Nine individuals from around the state participated in the course and became certified CERT Team instructors. The course, instructed by Clair Franzen, was the first using FEMA's updated CERT Train-the-Trainer curriculum that was officially released late in 2011. Course attendees also participated in a conference call with Rachel Jacky, CERT Coordinator from FEMA Headquarters, to learn more about the CERT supplemental training material and future initiatives with the program.

There have been initial discussions about having a second CERT Train-the-Trainer Course later in 2012, at a location yet to be determined, but somewhere other than the Des Moines area.

The CERT program trains people in neighborhoods, the workplace and schools in basic disaster response skills. CERT members may become an important part of a community's emergency response in the aftermath of a disaster when emergency services may not be immediately available to every neighborhood.

If you are interested in participating in the next course, or for more information about CERT, please contact HSEMD's **Blake DeRouchey** at **515-323-4232** or blake.derouchey@iowa.gov. Ω

Upcoming Training Opportunities

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Audience: Those who have collateral PIO duties and/or those needing a refresher course.

The course is free. To register call **Washington County Public Health (319) 653-7758** or email kvogel@washph.com.

HazMat IQ Training

When: April 20, 8 a.m.
Where: Iowa Air National Guard Base
Sioux City

When: April 21, 8 a.m.
Where: Horn Memorial Hospital
701 E Second St.
Ida Grove

HazMat IQ is a patented HazMat/WMD response system incorporating a set of smart charts formulated from years of HazMat emergency response experience. The system uses four simple steps:

- 20-second above the line/below the line size-up
- Chemical research under two minutes
- Selecting the correct meters
- Selecting the correct mission-driven PPE

There are two chances for you to attend. For more information or to sign up for the Sioux City course, contact **Master Sgt. Daniel Williams** at daniel.williams@ang.af.mil or **(712) 233-0893**.

For more information or to sign up for the Ida Grove course, contact **Ed Sohm** at idaemes@pionet.net or **(712) 364-2533**.

Essential Records & COOP/COG

When: April 23
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Heartland Museum
119 Ninth Street SW
Clarion

Discover the elements needed to ensure continuity of operations (COOP) under all circumstances. Participants will learn how to:

- Evaluate risks and hazards
- Identify what records are essential, as well as which strategies will ensure that resources are available to continue operations even after disaster
- Begin a COOP/COG plan

This class is intended for county emergency managers, supervisors, and other city and county officials.

For more information contact **Amy Meston** at **(515) 725-3236**, **Jim Marwedel** at **(515) 725-3249**, or **Jim Lester** at **(515) 602-6821**.

Terrorism in Iowa: Problems & Prospects

When: May 4
9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Where: Otter Creek Park
148 Nature Center Rd.
Toledo

When: May 10
9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Where: Hamilton County EMA
2300 Superior St.
Webster City

This is a half-day discussion (two offerings) of current terrorism issues locally,



throughout Iowa, and nationwide. Topics include misperceptions about terrorists, characteristics of extremists, trends, and decision making.

The training is FREE. For more information contact **Liz Manion** at mmanion@storycounty.com.

Basic Public Information Officer (PIO) Training (G 290)

When: May 9–10
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge, Bldg. M9-2
7105 NW 70th Ave.
Johnston

This course will equip participants with basic skills needed to be a PIO, covering topics such as oral and written communications, understanding and working with the media, as well as basic tools and techniques needed to perform effectively.

For more information, contact **Beth Lewis** at **(515) 725-3204** or beth.lewis@iowa.gov, or **Susan Green** at **(515) 725-3243** or susan.green@iowa.gov.

Developing and Managing Volunteers (IS 244)

When: May 22–23
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge, Bldg. M9-2
7105 NW 70th Ave.
Johnston

This course is for emergency response-related professionals working with all types of volunteers

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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

Application Period Opens for FY 2011 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

Online applications are now being accepted for the FY 2011 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants. FP&S grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. They are part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grants.

For information on how to apply, visit the FP&S grants web page at

www.fema.gov/firegrants. Ω



Future of Citizen Corps Funding

Most everyone has noticed that Citizen Corps as a specific line item was not included in the 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program. It is now on equal footing with the various other programs funded from HSGP. However, with FEMA's increasing focus on "Whole Communities," there is no doubt Citizen Corps will continue its mission.

Blake DeRouchey, HSEMD's Citizen Corps project officer, said it has been stated all the way from the top of FEMA

and Administrator Fugate that Citizen Corps is not going away. FEMA's Grants Program Directorate Information Bulletin 381 further spells out how Citizen Corps activities are still encouraged under the 2012 HSGP.

For more information about future funding or questions about the future of the program, please contact **Blake DeRouchey at 515-323-4232 or blake.derouchey@iowa.org**. Ω

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and coordinating with voluntary agencies.

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Advanced Incident Command (ICS-400)

When: May 22-23
Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

This course provides training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS). It expands upon information covered in earlier ICS courses. It will include but not be limited to: major and/or complex incident/event management, area command and multi-agency coordination, and will provide overall management skills rather than tactical expertise.

There is no charge to attend this training. For more information you may contact **Liz Manion at mmanion@storycounty.com**. Ω