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Disaster Assistance Info on HSEMD website

For the latest in disaster funding information, visit www.iowahomelandsecurity.org in the Current Disasters section.

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!

Counties Added to Disaster Declaration

Three Iowa counties have been added to a July Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Two counties – Appanoose and Wapello – have been added to the declaration for Individual Assistance, and another county – Pocahontas – is eligible for Public Assistance.

Individual Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Public Assis-

tance funds are available to state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations (including rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities) for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities.

The 34 counties now eligible for federal Individual Assistance are: Appanoose, Black Hawk, Cherokee, Clayton, Decatur, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Kossuth, Lee, Lucas, Lyon, Mahaska, Marion, O'Brien, Osceola, Polk, Ringgold, Sioux, Story, Taylor, *Continued on Page 2...*

More Counties Receive Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Designation

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack has designated 11 Iowa counties as primary natural disaster areas, making assistance available to agriculture producers in those counties, as well as 44 contiguous counties.

The 11 primary counties included in this latest Secretarial Disaster Designation have been designated due to losses caused by severe storms with excessive rain, flooding and flash flooding, hail, high winds and tornadoes that occurred from April 25 through Aug. 15, 2010. Those



July flooding in Polk County field.

counties are: Audubon, Delaware, Dubuque, Hamilton, Henry, Mahaska, Muscatine, Pottawattamie, Story, Warren and Wright.

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Counties Added to Disaster Declaration

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Union, Wapello, Warren, Webster, and Wright.

Application Deadline Approaches

The deadline to apply for Individual Assistance is Oct. 13, 2010.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the 34 designated counties may register for assistance online 24/7 at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, local time, until further notice. Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves, details on insurance coverage, and any other information to help substantiate losses. Applicants may also visit one of several disaster recovery centers located throughout the state. The centers are staffed by representatives from FEMA and the Small Business Administration who are available to answer questions and provide recovery information. To

locate a disaster recovery center, go to www.fema.gov/assistance/opendrcs.shtm.

Public Assistance Funding

There are now 59 counties eligible for federal Public Assistance funding.

Applicants in 32 of the counties have until Sept. 27, 2010, to request Public Assistance: Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Buena Vista, Butler, Cherokee, Clay, Davis, Decatur, Franklin, Howard, Humboldt, Iowa, Lee, Lyon, Madison, Marion, Mills, Monroe, Montgomery, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Ringgold, Shelby, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Wayne, Webster and Wright.

Applicants in 26 of the counties have until Oct. 9, 2010, to request Public Assistance: Black Hawk, Boone, Buchanan, Calhoun, Clarke, Clayton, Dallas, Delaware, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Guthrie, Hamilton, Henry, Ida, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Keokuk, Lucas, Mahaska, Polk, Sioux, Story and Washington.Ω

November Citizen Corps Conference

HSEMD is holding its first Citizen Corps Conference on Nov. 2, 2010.

The conference theme is Citizen Corps Best Practices and Information Sharing, and will be held in conjunction with the Governor's Homeland Security Conference.

Participants will be given a wide range of presentations that will encompass the many facets and aspects of Citizen Corps. Key note

presentations will be on Community Emergency Response Teams, Medical Reserve Corps, FEMA Office of Individual and Community Preparedness, as well as a panel presentation to discuss best practices.

The Citizen Corps Conference is free. For more information, visit <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/CalDetails>. Ω

Iowa Receives Agriculture Disaster Designation

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The 44 contiguous counties included in the new declaration are: Adair, Boone, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Clarke, Clayton, Crawford, Dallas, Des Moines, Fayette, Franklin, Guthrie, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Humboldt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Kossuth, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mills, Monroe, Montgomery, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Shelby, Van Buren, Wapello, Washington and Webster.

Additional counties may be added to the Secretarial Disaster Designation.

This Secretarial Disaster Designation makes farm operators eligible to be considered for certain types of assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), including emergency loans and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. Producers should contact their local FSA office for additional information.

On Aug. 24, Governor Culver received word that Secretary Vilsack had designated 20 counties in Iowa as primary disaster areas and 32 counties as contiguous counties, as the result of severe storms, excessive rain, flooding, flash flooding, hail, high winds and tornadoes that occurred from April 25 to July 18, 2010. Ω

HSEMD Personnel Update

Tom Baumgartner, Homeland Security and Grants Bureau chief, has retired from HSEMD. Until a new bureau chief comes on board, please contact Vicki Morris. A new Homeland Security and Grants Bureau chief has been chosen and is scheduled to start Oct. 1—watch

for the official announcement in the Oct. 7 issue of Secure & Prepared.

Alan Horn, also with the Homeland Security and Grants Bureau, is resigning and will be with the division through Sept. 30. Ω

School Safety and Preparedness Topic at Governor's Homeland Security Conference

The 7th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference is fast approaching!

As in past years, the conference will feature a variety of topics and speakers. New to our conference this year is "Changing Realities and Conversations in School Safety and Preparedness."

Are schools prepared to handle incidents that daily have the potential to cascade into crisis situations? Do society and parents expect school officials to have training, resources and plans to protect their children in schools during crisis situations? Is every educational institution vulnerable to threats, disasters and crisis incidents?

These are only a few of the questions that will be discussed by Dr. Bob Hull, director of the Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools and the chair of the Governor's Commission on Safe and Prepared Schools.



The Governor's Homeland Security Conference will be held Nov. 3-4 at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. Other topics included in this year's conference include critical employee emergency planning, fatality management and children in disasters.

In addition, two free training sessions will be offered Nov. 2.

For more information and to register, go to <https://hsemdconference.iowa.gov/>. Ω

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation

Trainings for Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) have been rescheduled.

Dates and Locations:

Oct. 5, 1–3:30 p.m. Camp Dodge Theater, Bldg. B-58, 7105 N.W. 70th Ave., Johnston

Oct. 6, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Pottawattamie County Courthouse, 227 S. 6th St., Suite 23-B Council Bluffs

Oct. 7, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Johnson County EOC, 4529 Melrose Ave., Iowa City

This technical assistance is provided by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Register at: www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/.

Community Mass Care Management

Dates: Oct. 7-8, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: Camp Dodge, Johnston

Surveillance Detection Training

Dates: Oct. 12-14, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Des Moines

For more information and to register: <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/>. Ω

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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

Disaster Assistance Programs

Disaster assistance is available through a variety of federal, state and local sources. For the most current information on disaster assistance for individuals, businesses, agriculture producers and communities, visit www.iowa-homelandsecurity.org/Current%20Disasters_Assistance.html

FEMA Individual Assistance Program

For individuals and businesses. May provide grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans from the Small Business Administration, and other programs to help individuals and businesses recover from the effects of the disaster.

- **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **1-800-462-7585 (TTY)** for hearing/speech impaired
- www.disasterassistance.gov
- **Individual Assistance Registration Deadline Oct. 13**

Iowans Helping Iowans

This is a new program designed to provide housing assistance, small business assistance, unmet needs assistance, and case management services for those impacted by recent floods.

Iowans Helping Iowans Housing Assistance

Administered by councils of governments and counties in various disaster recovery zones. See contact information at this website.

- www.iowanshelpingiowans.com/resources/housing_assistance.cfm
- Homeowners must have registered with FEMA.

Iowans Helping Iowans Business Assistance

Administered by Iowa Department of Economic Development

- **1-800-245-IOWA**
- www.iowanshelpingiowans.com/resources/business_assistance.cfm

Iowans Helping Iowans Unmet Needs Assistance

Administered by the Rebuild Iowa Office,

Provides qualified households with up to \$2,500 in reimbursement for disaster-related items and services. Applicants must first apply for FEMA assistance and Small Business Administration assistance if applicable.

- www.iowanshelpingiowans.com/resources/unmet_needs.cfm
- **1-866-849-0323**

Agriculture Assistance

Farm operators should contact their local Farm Service Agency

- www.fsa.usda.gov, select State Offices link.
- To apply for assistance for damage to primary residence under FEMA Individual Assistance Program, see contact information above. Ω