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## Iowa receives fourth Presidential Disaster Declaration

Governor Terry E. Branstad requested a fourth Presidential Disaster Declaration on July 18, and on July 31 state officials received word that the request had been granted.

The declaration covers 10 Iowa counties affected by severe storms, tornadoes and flooding from June 21-28: Allamakee, Benton, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Clayton, Delaware, Howard, Jones and Winneshiek.

The declaration from the President will provide federal funding for the declared counties under the Public Assistance program. A Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance puts into motion long-term federal recovery programs, some of which are matched by state programs, and are designed to help public entities and select private nonprofit organizations. Public Assistance funds may be used for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities and may include debris re-

moval, emergency protective measures, repair of damaged public property, loans needed by communities for essential government functions and grants for public schools.

The deadline for these 10 counties to turn in their Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs) is Aug. 30.

The deadline to apply for Public Assistance funding has already passed for this year's other three Presidential disasters.

In addition, the latest declaration includes funding to conduct hazard mitigation activities statewide, to minimize the impact of future disasters by taking steps now to strengthen existing infrastructure.

### SBA assistance available

With the Presidential declaration, low-interest federal disaster loans are also available to certain private, nonprofit organizations in the same 10 counties – as well as all other counties covered by Presidential Disaster Declarations this year.

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# Football Giant helps promote preparedness

September and Preparedness Month are just around the corner. This year, the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD), Safeguard Iowa Partnership (SIP) and Iowa Emergency Management Association are partnering to encourage Iowans to be more prepared for all emergencies and disasters.

This year's Preparedness Month theme is "Let's Tackle Preparedness."

Oskaloosa native and New York Giants safety Tyler Sash is serving as a spokesman for the 2013 campaign, sharing his message on the importance of being prepared on and off the field.

Throughout September, citizens and businesses are urged to take simple steps to ensure they and their families are prepared. Individuals who take the Tackle Preparedness Pledge will be eligible to win one of several items signed by Sash, including a football, mini helmet or emergency supply kit. In addition, businesses statewide are being urged to participate in activities that will increase the preparedness of their employees and their workplace. Citizens and businesses can take the Tackle Preparedness Pledge and learn more about preparedness at [www.beready.iowa.gov](http://www.beready.iowa.gov).



Sash also promoted preparedness in a "Let's Tackle Preparedness" public service announcement which will soon be available at [www.beready.iowa.gov](http://www.beready.iowa.gov). At that same site, tools such as a preparedness playbook, a calendar of daily plays, family emergency plan template, supply kit checklist, printable family emergency wallet cards, and "20 Weeks to Preparedness," a planning guide, are available for download. Businesses will also find at the site a business/organization playbook and other tools that can be used to promote workplace and employee preparedness.

HSEMD and SIP previewed "Let's Tackle Preparedness" at the Prepare Fair, sponsored by SIP and held on Aug. 3 at Merle Hay Mall in Des Moines. Exhibitors located throughout the mall provided in-



formation to help individuals and families learn how to be prepared for disasters and emergencies. At the "Let's Tackle Preparedness" exhibit, citizens were able to take the Tackle Preparedness Pledge and pick up information to help them create a family emergency plan, emergency supply kit and learn tips on how to be aware of potential hazards.

For information on Preparedness Month and the "Let's Tackle Preparedness" campaign, contact **Lucinda Robertson** or **Stefanie Bond** at [HSEMDPIO@iowa.gov](mailto:HSEMDPIO@iowa.gov), or 515.725.3231. Ω

# Training opportunities



## ICS 300-Intermediate

**When:** Sept. 17-18  
8 a.m.–4 p.m.  
**Where:** Lady Luck Casino  
100 Anti-Monopoly St.  
Lone Wolf Room  
Marquette

Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Steve Warren** ([steve.warren@iowa.gov](mailto:steve.warren@iowa.gov)), **John Halbrook** ([john.halbrook@iowa.gov](mailto:john.halbrook@iowa.gov)) or **Beth Lewis** ([beth.lewis@iowa.gov](mailto:beth.lewis@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231.

## ICS 400-Advanced

**When:** Sept. 19-20  
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Lady Luck Casino  
100 Anti-Monopoly St.  
Lone Wolf Room  
Marquette

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## CERT Train-the-Trainer

**When:** Sept. 27-28  
9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
**Where:** Joint Forces Headquarters  
6100 NW 78th Ave.  
Johnston

Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Blake DeRouchey** ([blake.derouchey@iowa.gov](mailto:blake.derouchey@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231.

## Volunteer Reception Center Training

**When:** Oct. 7  
1–4 p.m.  
**Where:** Community Choice Credit  
Union Convention Center  
at Veteran's Memorial  
833 5th Ave.  
Des Moines

Tentatively scheduled in conjunction with the 10th Annual Homeland Security Conference (day prior). Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Blake DeRouchey** ([blake.derouchey@iowa.gov](mailto:blake.derouchey@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231.

## Social Media for Natural Disaster Response & Recovery

**When:** Oct. 10  
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Community Choice Credit  
Union Convention Center  
833 5th Ave.  
Des Moines

Scheduled in conjunction with the 10th Annual Homeland Security Conference (day following), there will be two sessions of this course. Participants must bring a wi-fi-enabled laptop. Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Susan Green** ([susan.green@iowa.gov](mailto:susan.green@iowa.gov)) or **Beth Lewis** ([beth.lewis@iowa.gov](mailto:beth.lewis@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231. Participants must also register at <https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training>.

## Exercise Design with HSEEP

**When:** Oct. 15-17  
8 a.m.–4 p.m.  
**Where:** Polk County EOC  
1907 Carpenter Ave.  
Des Moines

Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: **Steve Warren** ([steve.warren@iowa.gov](mailto:steve.warren@iowa.gov)), **John Halbrook** ([john.halbrook@iowa.gov](mailto:john.halbrook@iowa.gov)) or **Beth Lewis** ([beth.lewis@iowa.gov](mailto:beth.lewis@iowa.gov)) at 515.725.3231. Ω

## Change in DNR's spill reporting system

The DNR's incident reporting hotline is changing from a directly-answered system to a calling tree-based system. When calling the reporting hotline, the caller will be prompted to choose general queries or incident reporting. General queries will be forwarded to DNR customer service. During business hours, those calling to report an incident will be asked to enter the first four letters of the county where the incident occurred. The caller will then be directed to the appropriate field office for assistance. After business hours, incident reporting is forwarded to a paging service. The appropriate duty officer will then be paged and will respond to the caller.

### After-hours response

The DNR is reducing the number of staff on duty during non-business hours from Monday afternoon through Friday morning. During these hours, two DNR field office staff will be on duty to take reports of hazardous conditions, wastewater by-passes, water supply incidents, animal mass casualty, and other environmental incidents. There will be no change in duty officer coverage from Friday afternoon through Monday morning and on state holidays.

The change in coverage has led to a change in field response. Gen-



erally DNR staff will not be able to respond to weekday after-hours incidents until the next business day unless the incident meets specific criteria. You should continue to notify DNR as you always have, using the DNR spill notification number 515.281.8694. The duty officer will continue to be available to consult during an incident.

### Notification of hazardous condition

State regulations require responsible parties to notify DNR and law enforcement of a "hazardous condition" as soon as possible, but **no later than six hours after discovery or onset**. A "hazardous condition" is an actual or threatened spill or release of a substance that does or could pose a hazard to public health or the environment. Law enforcement agencies that receive such notification, or observe such an incident, are required to immediately call the DNR at **515.281.8694**.

A spill reporting guide and other valuable reporting information is *Continued on Page 6...*

## Iowa architect to speak at annual conference

Thomas R. Hurd is the founder and owner of Spatial Designs Architects and Energy Solutions in Mason City, and the Iowa American Institute of Architects' (AIA) disaster assistance program coordinator in Iowa. He will be a presenter at the 10th Annual Homeland Security Conference in October.



The AIA has a disaster assistance program to quickly respond to declared disasters. Architects' knowledge of building safety and construction make them uniquely qualified for this program. The program trains locally-based volunteer AIA architects to work with other responders and emergency managers. More than 60 architects are trained in Iowa and more than 1,000 are trained across the U.S. Ω



**Tom Hurd**

# FEMA Corps in Iowa

Two FEMA Corps teams have been tackling projects on behalf of the State of Iowa. FEMA Corps normally works directly with FEMA but Iowa is the first state in the nation to invite FEMA Corps to work directly with applicants and state resources associated with disaster recovery. Mark Schouten, director of HSEMD and Beth Freeman, FEMA Region VII administrator, collaborated on this pilot project to bring the teams to Iowa. Not only does it provide Iowa with a valuable resource, it also provides the FEMA Corps trainees with a broader perspective on disaster recovery.

On Aug. 2, 2013, the Green 4 Individual Assistance team from the FEMA Corps Pacific Region wrapped up their project with a presentation to Mark Schouten and Pat Hall of HSEMD and Dan Best and Joyce Well of FEMA

Region VII. The Green 4 Team's mission was to work with county emergency managers in region 6 (eastern Iowa) to identify potential fixed location Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs). The team conducted assessments of proposed sites and prepared reports on the sites assessed. Out of the 95 sites surveyed, 75 were recommended.

The Glacier 5 Public Assistance Team from the FEMA Corps Southwest Region has been working with the City of Cedar Rapids in gathering and organizing documentation

for the closeout process for the floods of 2008. In addition to their work at city hall, the team has also been assisting the Cedar Rapids Fire Department in researching information needed to complete a FEMA memorandum of agreement associated with the demolition of an historic fire station damaged by flood waters in 2008.

FEMA Corps requirements include independent service projects. Both the Glacier 5 and the Green 4 teams volunteered their labor to rebuild a retaining wall damaged in the 2008 flood at the historic Ushers Ferry complex in Cedar Rapids. The Green 4 team also participated in clearing debris built up from this year's round of flooding under a bridge in Vinton.

In between their assigned and volunteer projects, the State managed to squeeze in various learning experiences and conducted several site visits to prominent projects. The Green 4 team visited Sutliff Bridge in Johnson County and the Glacier 5 team toured the Paramount Theater in Cedar Rapids. The purpose was to educate the teams on the various stages of the recovery process and provide them direct access to applicants. Ω

*[Submitted by Justine Zimmer, HSEMD disaster recovery specialist]*



***Above: The Glacier 5 Team at the Paramount Theater in Cedar Rapids. Left: Both teams helped rebuild a retaining wall at the Ushers Ferry complex in Cedar Rapids.***

## Host an ALERRT Level I Active Shooter course

The ALERRT Level I Active Shooter course is designed to prepare the first responder to isolate, distract, and neutralize an active shooter. This course covers shooting and moving, threshold evaluation, concepts and principles of team movement (including solo officer strategies), setting up for room entry and room entry techniques, approach and breaching the crisis site, follow-on responder tactics, improvised explosive devices, and post-engagement priorities of work. The course culminates with dynamic “force-on-force” scenarios.



To host a class, your accredited law enforcement agency must provide an approved facility for the training and an appropriate classroom that can accommodate up to 25 individuals (for the lecture portion). Each class must have a minimum of 20 students and a maximum of 25.

For additional information and requirements, contact **Michael Burke** at the Iowa Central Homeland Security Training Center at [burke@iowacentral.edu](mailto:burke@iowacentral.edu), or **515.575.1264**.

Visit [www.IowaTrainingNow.com](http://www.IowaTrainingNow.com) to learn more about ALERRT and other training available through Iowa Central Community College’s Homeland Security Training Center. Ω

## Change in DNR’s spill reporting system

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available from the DNR website at [www.iowadnr.gov/spills](http://www.iowadnr.gov/spills). If you have any questions about these changes please feel free to contact your local DNR field office.

**Field Office 1 (Manchester)**  
563.927.2640

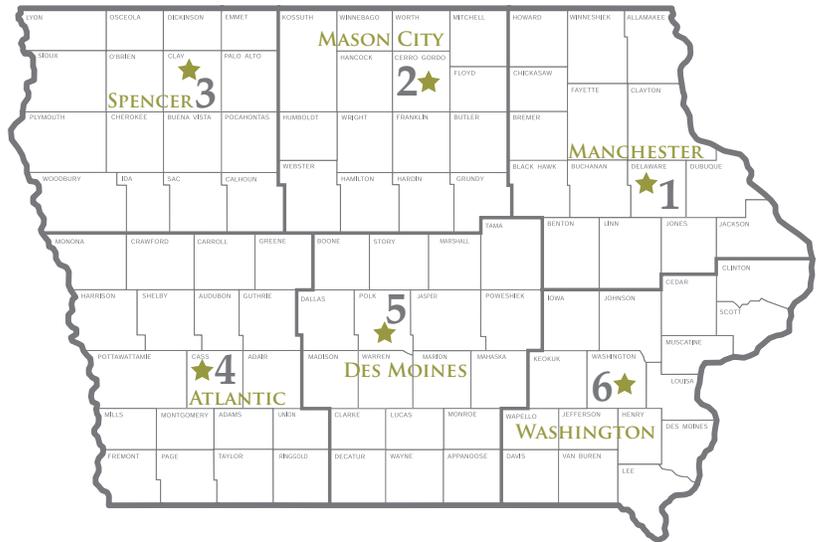
**Field Office 2 (Mason City)**  
641.424.4073

**Field Office 3 (Spencer)**  
712.262.4177

**Field Office 4 (Atlantic)**  
712.243.1934

**Field Office 5 (Des Moines)**  
515.725.0268

**Field Office 6 (Washington)**  
319.653.2135 Ω



## 2013 State plan open for public comment

The 2013 draft update of the Iowa Hazard Mitigation Plan is open for public review and comment. Following review of the draft, it will be submitted to FEMA and after approval, the final version of the plan will be posted on the HSEMD website.

Public comments are welcome. Please visit [www.homeland-security.iowa.gov/disasters/hazard\\_mitigation.html](http://www.homeland-security.iowa.gov/disasters/hazard_mitigation.html) to view the draft plan and submit your comments. If you have any questions, contact **Mathew Noble** at **515.725.3231**. Ω

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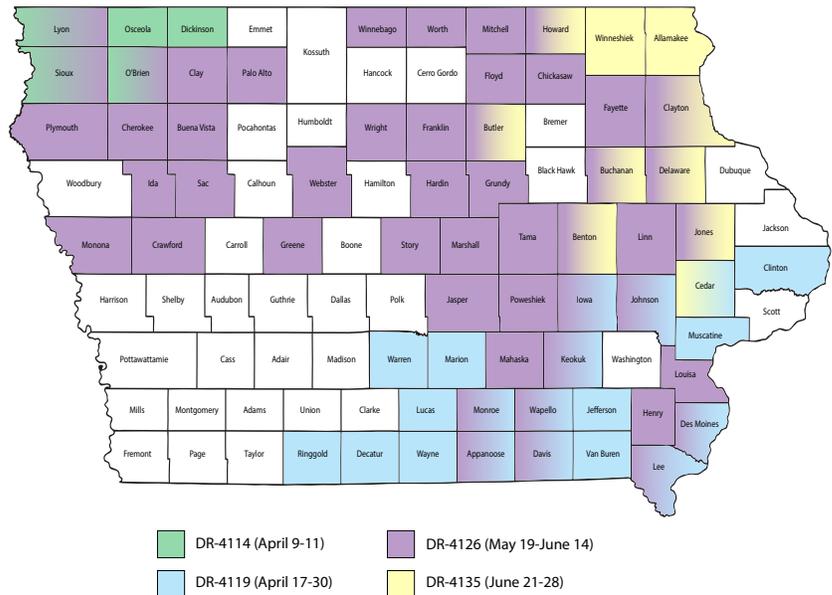
The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) may provide low-interest federal loans to private nonprofit organizations (PNPs) that provide essential services of a governmental nature after a disaster. Interested PNPs begin the process by first registering with FEMA. FEMA determines if the PNPs qualify for a grant under FEMA's Public Assistance program, or if they will be referred to the SBA to apply for a low-interest federal disaster loan.

The SBA may lend PNPs up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. The SBA may also lend additional funds that help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent, or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For certain PNPs, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by disaster. EIDLs may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the nonprofit suffered any property damage.

To begin the process of applying, organizations must first register with FEMA by calling **1.800.621.3362** (TTY **1.800.462.7585**) or visit [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov). Ω

## Presidential Disaster Declarations 2013 Public Assistance



### Deadlines for Application

	Hazard Mitigation	SBA (property damage)	SBA (economic injury)
<b>DR-4114</b>	<i>Aug. 15, 2013</i>	<i>July 5, 2013</i>	Feb. 6, 2014
<b>DR-4119</b>	Aug. 30, 2013	<i>July 30, 2013</i>	March 3, 2014
<b>DR-4126</b>	Sept. 30, 2013	Sept. 3, 2013	April 2, 2014
<b>DR-4135</b>	Sept. 30, 2013	Sept. 30, 2013	May 1, 2014
			<i>(Past due deadline)</i>

### ON THE CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER

National Preparedness Month  
Labor Day (2)\*

#### OCTOBER

Crime Prevention Month  
Fire Prevention Week (6-12)  
10th Annual Homeland Security Conference (8-9)  
America's Safe Schools Week (20-26)

\*State holiday. HSEMD offices will be closed.

## Kossuth County's Kelley retires

Kossuth County Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Kelley recently retired after 25 years of service. His friends and colleagues held a reception in his honor on Aug. 9 in Algona.

Kelley is a past president of the Iowa Emergency Management Association and earned the rank of command sergeant major during his many years in the U.S. Army.

"Jim has spent his entire life serving the public. He's the kind of man you're proud to call a friend," said HSEMD's Tracey Epps. "His dedication and loyalty will be missed throughout the emergency management family."

Emmet County Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Reekers said, "I could go on and on about [Jim's] dedication to his country, state and county over



**Tracey Epps and Jim Kelley**

the years...and [his] never refusing to serve wherever he could...I always knew I could count on Jim to 'have my back' if needed. [I] wish him the very best." Ω

## 2013 EMPG awards issued

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management has received and accepted the FFY 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award package.

If you applied for an EMPG 2013 sub-grant, you can access your grant at [www.iowaGrants.gov](http://www.iowaGrants.gov) under "My Grants."

You can also sign up to participate in a training webinar for technical

assistance on EMPG 2013. There is one session left:

**Title:** 2013 EMPG Grant Tech Assist  
**Date:** Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013  
**Time:** 8:30–10:30 a.m. CDT

Reserve your seat now at <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/230200118>. Ω

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