New “Req-A” IMAC Form Available

The Iowa Mutual Aid Compact, or IMAC, is an intrastate program under Iowa Code 29C.22 that allows local jurisdictions to request or provide assistance in a disaster that has been declared either by the local political subdivision or the Governor. The compact was signed into law April 22, 2002, but legislation amended the compact July 1, 2009, to address membership, include emergency management commissions and designate authorized representatives.

Since the use of IMAC is legally binding and requires written documentation, the IMAC form or Req-A Form has also been updated to better assist local jurisdictions in capturing necessary information. Some examples of the various changes made to the Req-A Form:

1. Information Text Boxes. When using the form electronically, users can place their mouse over the red triangle located in some cells to see a description or explanation of the content being requested.

Fig. 1 Information text box.

Region 6 Hosts Free Workshop

Feb. 25-26, 2010
8 a.m.–4 p.m. (both days)

The Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Planning Workshop, Understanding and Implementation of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1600 Standard, is two days of dynamic planning education for businesses of all sizes to better understand and plan for a variety of dis-
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2. Check Boxes. Parts I, II & IV use check boxes to answer “Yes” and “No” questions and to identify which part of the form is being continued.

3. Drop-down Options. Drop down options have been added to clarify units of measure.

4. Detailed Cost Estimate. This section located in Part IV: Other Mission Information is an optional section designed to help both parties clearly understand the origin of costs involved in providing the requested assistance.

The Req-A Form as well as other IMAC program information can be found on the HSEMD Web site at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org. Click the “Disasters” tab, then “Iowa Mutual Aid Compact.” Questions regarding IMAC or the use of the Req-A Form can be directed to Theresa Enright at 515.323.4323 or via theresa.enright@iowa.gov.

Reminder to county emergency management coordinators: HSEMD has several courses available in 2010! You can find more information on the Events Management System: get there via www.iowahomelandsecurity.org. There are several courses that will help fulfill your five-year training baseline requirement.

Please note: The Leadership and Influence Course scheduled for this month was canceled due to low enrollment.
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sasters. By the time participants are done, they will be well versed in:

- Program Management
- Risk Assessment
- Prevention and Mitigation
- Resource Management & Logistics
- Plan Development
- Incident Management
- Training Drills & Exercises
- Reviews, Evaluations & Corrective Actions

In addition to a well rounded planning Workshop, each participant will receive the Authoritative new manual from NFPA which explains how to develop a program in compliance with NFPA 1600. This includes a wealth of useful forms, worksheets, checklists and more.

The NFPA 1600 Standard establishes a common set of criteria for disaster/emergency management and business continuity programs. In addition, the standard provides disaster and emergency management and business continuity programs, the criteria to access current programs or to develop, implement, and maintain aspects for the prevention, mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery from emergencies.

The course will be held at the Johnson Co. Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency, 4529 Melrose Ave. in Iowa City.

To register, log on to the Events Management System or contact Blake DeRouchey at 515.323.4232.

WebEOC Training for County Coordinators

What: WebEOC training
When: Feb. 3, 2010, 10 a.m.–12 noon
Where: Joint Forces Headquarters in Johnston
Register: Log on to the Events Management System
Contact: Blake DeRouchey, 515.323.4232

WebEOC Training for State Agency Partners & HSEMD Employees

What: WebEOC training
When: Feb. 4, 2010, 2–4 p.m.
Where: Joint Forces Headquarters in Johnston
Register: Log on to the Events Management System
Contact: Blake DeRouchey, 515.323.4232

Story County Emergency Management Provides Free Training

WMD/All-Hazards Community Partnerships & Awareness

Feb. 27, 2010
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

This unique training opportunity is designed to educate the community on how best to prepare and respond to a disaster when emergency respondents are overwhelmed. Training includes:

- How to create a family disaster plan
- What to include in a family disaster kit
- Developing a community resource database
- Crisis response
- Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) information
- Terrorism awareness
- Desktop exercise

A complementary continental breakfast and lunch will be provided with the course. The class will take place at Mary Greeley Medical Center in the Bessie Meyers Auditorium (Ames). The auditorium will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.

Register by Feb. 15 by contacting Story County EMA at storyema@aol.com or 515.382.7315.

Please provide your name, phone number and e-mail address so you may be contacted in the event of weather postponement.
“Killology” Expert Comes to Southeast Iowa

Region 5 Homeland Security Board would like you to save the date for an important presentation.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
102 Church St.
Ottumwa

Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
1780 Stonegate Center Dr.
Burlington

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Dave Grossman will present “Lessons from Jonesboro, Littleton, and Vietnam: How Kids are Learning to Kill and Learning to Like It.” Lt. Col. Grossman is one of the world’s leading experts on interpersonal aggression and violence. He was a trainer of health professionals, law enforcement and first responders after the school shootings in Jonesboro, Arkansas; Springfield, Oregon; Littleton, Colorado; West Nickel Mines Amish School, Pennsylvania; and Virginia Tech. Grossman was also called as an expert witness and consultant in U.S. v. Timothy McVeigh and the Paducah school shooting case. He has also testified before U.S. Senate and House committees. Former psychology professor at West Point and Director of Killology Research Group, Grossman has devoted himself to teaching, writing, speaking and research.

More details about this event will be released soon. For additional information about Lt. Col. Grossman, go to www.killology.com/bio.htm. Ω

Reminder: HSGP, EMPG Grant Deadlines

Jan. 15, 2010 – FFY 2008 HSGP quarterly project reports are due to HSEMD.

Jan. 30, 2010 – FFY 2010 EMPG quarterly reports and reimbursement requests are due to HSEMD.

Feb. 19, 2010 – Investment justifications for FFY 2010 HSGP funding are due to HSEMD. Follow the quick link on the HSEMD home page for more information. Ω