Snapp Receives Award for Service to State

On Feb. 2, Jim Snapp was presented an award from Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) for his more than 15 years of committed volunteer service to the State of Iowa.

Because of Jim’s leadership, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) program is nationally known. RACES volunteer operators are licensed radio amateurs, who are certified by civil defense agencies and able to communicate on amateur frequencies during drills, exercises and emergencies.

“Jim has been a cheerful and dedicated volunteer. He always ensured our equipment was in top working order by participating in weekly radio

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The comment period will run through Feb. 26, 2010. This comment period continues the extensive stakeholder outreach efforts undertaken by the

SAVE THE DATE!

The Governor’s 7th Annual Homeland Security Conference will be Nov. 2-4, 2010, at the Sheraton West Des Moines. Gordon Graham has been invited to speak again; you may remember him from the 4th Annual Governor’s Homeland Security Conference in 2007. More information to follow as the date gets closer. See you there!
Training Opportunities

Webcast: 2010 Flood Predictions

Safeguard Iowa Partnership (SIP), along with the National Weather Service, Iowa HSEMD and the Upper Midwest Center for Public Health Preparedness have partnered to bring you a free webcast to provide the latest information related to the initial flooding predictions for 2010.

Questions may be submitted to sip@safeguardiowa.org before and during the session. As time allows the presenter will answer the submitted questions at the end. A copy of the Q & A will be posted to the SIP Web site at a later date along with an archived copy of the webcast.

Registration is required. The event will be held Monday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. To register and for additional information (including software requirements), please go to: http://2010floodpredictions.eventbrite.com.

Mitigation Planning for Local Governments (G318)

When: Feb. 22-23, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Dubuque Co. EMA
14928 Public Safety Way
Dubuque, IA 52002-8216

EOC Management & Operations (G775)

When: March 4-5, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Black Hawk Co. EMA
1925 Newell St.
Waterloo, IA 50707

For details on both of these courses (and many others), and to register online, go to http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/.

Other training opportunities can be found by visiting: www.iowatrainingnow.com.

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interagency Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group, established in October 2009 by President Obama and co-chaired by Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun Donovan.

Previously, the Recovery Framework was developed based on input from all levels of government, the private sector, academic and emergency management communities, voluntary and non-profit organizations, and a wide array of associations and organizations.

This input was collected through meetings and briefings across the country, online engagement and a series of video teleconferences and stakeholder forums in five key cities.

Individuals and other interested parties who wish to submit comments can obtain a comment form and instructions for submission by visiting www.regulations.gov, in Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0004. The comment period will close Feb. 26, 2010.

Information about the Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group is available at http://disasterrecoveryworkinggroup.gov; and further details about the National Disaster Recovery Framework can be found at www.fema.gov/recoveryframework.

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA’s Legislative Affairs Division at 202.646.4500.

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With One Click, You Could Help the Safeguard Iowa Partnership

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership is a unique coalition of private and public organizations in Iowa with the mission to strengthen the capacity of the state to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters through public-private collaboration.

There’s a fast and easy way to support the Safeguard Iowa Partnership. Go to http://refresheverything.com/emergencydatabase, and vote for this idea. Your vote will help the Safeguard Iowa Partnership raise $50,000 to improve emergency preparedness for our state. It’s easy, and the winning grants from Pepsi are decided by popular vote. The deadline is the end February.

Your support is appreciated. Make the click today, and tell your colleagues about this opportunity as well. A minute of your time could make a difference for this unique Iowa organization. Ω

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checks and ensuring emergency communications support was provided for real world events and numerous exercises.” said Joyce Flinn, HSEMD Readiness & Response bureau chief. “I cannot thank Jim and all the RACES volunteers enough for the service they provide.”

“Jim always has a positive attitude, is extremely knowledgeable, and is committed to the overall mission success. It was never about ‘Jim.’ It was always about getting the job done for the citizens of Iowa,” Flinn continued.

Congratulations, Jim! You have left a void that will be difficult to fill! Ω

Grant Updates

FFY 2010 HSGP Investment Justifications must be submitted electronically no later than 4 p.m. Feb. 19, 2010.

Submit your investment as an email attachment to Tricia.Boggs@iowa.gov. She will log the investments and send notice that HSEMD has received your submission.

The grant program officer for the 2010 HSGP grant is Lisa Sexton. She will be coordinating 2009 and 2010 HSGP.

Doug Rossell remains the 2006-2008 HSGP coordinator. Ω