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Additional Counties Added to Presidential Disaster Declarations

A total of 21 counties have been added to the two Presidential Disaster Declarations granted for storms that impacted the state in December 2009 and January 2010.

On March 25, Governor Culver received notification that 15 additional counties affected by the severe winter storm that struck Iowa January 19-26, 2010, have been added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration that was granted March 2. This brings the

total number of counties covered by the declaration to 27.

Counties added to the declaration are: Adams, Boone, Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Dallas, Emmet, Greene, Hardin, Ida, Monona, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Story and Union. The 12 initial counties included in the declaration were: Adair, Audubon, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Crawford, Guthrie, Harrison, Madison, Pottawattamie, Sac and Shelby.

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In the April 8 Issue...

See how Johnson County Emergency Management was honored by the United Way of Johnson County for its outstanding work on flood recovery and disaster preparedness.

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!

Black Hawk Consolidated Call Center Director Honored for National Leadership

The E9-1-1 Institute, in conjunction with the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA), the 9-1-1 Industry Alliance ("9IA") and the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus, presented Judy Flores of Waterloo, Iowa, with the Government Leader Award as part of the 7th Annual 9-1-1 Honors Gala in Washington, D.C., last week.

The Government Leader Award recognizes the efforts of federal, state and local officials in developing and implementing public policy
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Judy Flores (left) with HSEMD E911 Program Manager Barbara Vos.

E911 Call Center Director Honored

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to advance the capabilities of 9-1-1 emergency communications. Flores, director of the Black Hawk Consolidated Communications Center, received the award for installing the nation's first 9-1-1 text messaging service in her call center in July 2009.

"Judy is very deserving of this honor," said Barbara Vos, E911 Program Manager for Iowa. "Under her leadership, Black Hawk County was able to do ground-breaking work in the advancement of E911 technology."

As the director of emergency communications, Flores has spent her career working for improvements and changes in 9-1-1 emergency communications. Her leadership has put her center, and the citizens of Black Hawk County, on the cutting edge of 9-1-1 communications technology.

"Judy Flores was the first in the nation to implement a 9-1-1 texting solution for her call center," said Gregory L. Rohde, executive director of the E9-1-1 Institute. "This breakthrough allows greater access to emergency services for more people, especially those with special needs. Because of Ms. Flores' dedication to implementing the latest technology, Black Hawk County is leading the way in the nation for next generation 9-1-1 applications." Ω

Counties Added to Disaster Declarations

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This declaration provides assistance to state and local governments and certain non-profit organizations (including rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities) for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities. Public Assistance funds are available to rebuild infrastructure that may include roads, bridges, culverts and other public utilities, or to cover costs of emergency work during the January storm.

On March 19, Governor Culver received notification that six additional counties affected by the severe winter storm that impacted Iowa Dec. 23-27, 2009, have been added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration granted Feb. 25, 2010. The counties added to the declara-

tion, and eligible to apply for Public Assistance funds, are: Buena Vista, Dickinson, O'Brien, Palo Alto, Plymouth and Pocahontas.

The initial counties eligible for Public Assistance under this declaration were Adair, Audubon, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Emmet, Franklin, Fremont, Guthrie, Harrison, Ida, Monona, Page, Pottawattamie, Sac, Shelby, Sioux, and Woodbury.

In addition, Buena Vista, Dickinson, O'Brien, Palo Alto, and Plymouth Counties may be eligible for snow removal assistance (reimbursement of costs for 48 hours of continuous operations for emergency snow removal) under this declaration.Ω

Severe Weather Awareness Week

HSEMD and the National Weather Service (NWS) have declared April 5-9, 2010, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa. Severe Weather Awareness Week is an annual event to remind Iowans that severe weather is part of living in our state, and that understanding the risks and how to respond to those risks can save lives.

The highlight of the week will be a statewide tornado drill to be held Wednesday April 7, at approximately 10 a.m. Schools, businesses, state agencies, local governments and individuals are strongly encouraged to participate in the drill.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, HSEMD will promote fam-

ily awareness and preparedness on the BeReadyIowa! Web site at www.bereadyiowa.org. In addition, the NWS will promote severe weather safety by issuing informative public information statements. Each day of the week, a new topic will be highlighted. The topics this year are:

Monday--Flash Floods
Tuesday--Severe Weather Warnings
Wednesday--Tornadoes
Thursday--Severe Thunderstorms
Friday--Family Preparedness

Details about the tornado drill can be found at <http://crh.noaa.gov/dmx> under the "Additional News Headlines" link. Ω

Homeland Security Grant Program Investments Announced

Final investment justifications for the FFY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) were announced March 18.

“It is clear to me as the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division Administrator and the State Administrative Agent for this community of grants, that Iowa is on the right track when it comes to putting in

for and utilization of these homeland security grant dollars in support of our strategic plan,” said HSEMD Administrator David L. Miller.

Miller extended his thanks for all who had devoted their time, energy and effort to the process.

A listing of the approved FFY 2010 HSGP investments is below. More

information can be found at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org on the Resource Room page.

Questions concerning the FFY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program process and results can be directed to Tom Baumgartner or Lisa Sexton at 515.725.3231.

See additional grant information and updates on page 4. Ω

| FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program | |
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| State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) | Total |
| Regional Animal Health Emergency and Food and Agriculture Emergency Response | \$200,000.00 |
| (EOD) Iowa's Bomb Squad Task Force Program | \$385,592.00 |
| Regional Statewide (R1-6) ERC: Strategic Planning, Education/Training, Communications, Facilitator | \$395,480.00 |
| Iowa's Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management | \$116,432.00 |
| Intelligence and Information Sharing | \$2,374,432.00 |
| Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture | \$200,000.00 |
| National Initiatives/Requirements | \$289,804.00 |
| National Infrastructure Protection Plan | \$603,114.00 |
| Statewide NIMS/NRF Regions 1-6 | \$228,190.00 |
| Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) | \$435,977.00 |
| WMD Hazardous Materials Response and Decontamination | \$396,929.00 |
| WMD-SWAT Iowa's WMD Tactical Task Force | \$184,212.00 |
| Public/Private Partnership | \$160,000.00 |
| Cyber Risk Reduction | \$312,378.00 |
| State Management and Administration of the Grant (5% of grant total) | \$330,660.00 |
| Total | \$6,613,200.00 |
| Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) | |
| Polk County/City of Des Moines MMRS | \$317,419 |
| Citizen Corps Program (CCP) | |
| Citizen Corps Program | \$166,498 |
| Note: Minor adjustments may occur to these figures. Budgets will not be finalized until we receive final allocation (award) from DHS. | |

Local Emergency Planning Committee Workshops Scheduled for April

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Workshops are scheduled for April 13 and 15. The workshops are planned as an orientation to the purpose, duties and legal responsibilities of local emergency planning committees.

Target Audience

LEPC leadership, emergency management coordinators, local elected officials, citizens.

Cost

A fee of \$25 will include all materials, breaks and lunch

Locations

Creston, April 13
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Southwestern Community College
Room 180, Instructional Center
To register: 800-247-4023 x441
www.swcciowa.edu

Ottumwa, April 15
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Indian Hills Community College
Rural Health Education Center
To register: 800-726-2585 x5281
www.indianhills.edu

The LEPC is established by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), and is the lead organization for providing hazardous chemical information to the community. LEPCs develop comprehensive chemical emergency plans, establish operating rules, respond to public requests for information, and coordinate all EPCRA information. In Iowa, 52 counties participate

in regional planning districts, and the other 47 counties participate in individual planning districts.

The LEPCs have broad based representation, including elected state or local officials, law enforcement, emergency management, first aid, fire fighting, health, local environmental, hospital, transportation, broadcast and print media, community groups and owners and operators of facilities subject to EPCRA's requirements.

The Iowa Emergency Response Commission (IERC) was created by EPCRA. The IERC's mission is to assist in improving communities' preparedness for handling chemical accidents, promoting cooperation among state and local government and industry, increasing public awareness of chemicals in the community and building information databases. Pursuant to federal law, the IERC appoints members to a LEPC in each district.

The IERC is comprised of 15 members appointed by the governor to a three-year term. Officers are elected annually. The Commission is represented by: three members representing facility owners and operators; the Departments of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Workforce Development, Justice, Natural Resources, Public Defense, Public Health, Public Safety and Transportation; LEPC; Iowa Hazardous Materials Task Force; and the Governor's Office. Ω

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Region 5 Homeland Security Board Communications Symposium

Purpose: Expand your knowledge of the communications resources in Iowa.

When: April 21

Location: Honey Creek Resort, Moravia

Target Audience: elected officials, law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, E911, EMA, public health. Open to anyone interested statewide.

More information and registration at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>.

Mitigation Planning Workshop

This two-day workshop discusses the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 which amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by, among other things, adding a new section, 322-Mitigation Planning. Section 322 requires local governments to prepare and adopt jurisdiction-wide hazard mitigation plans as a condition of receiving Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds to "brick and mortar" mitigation projects.

When: April 26-27

Location: Dubuque

Target Audience: local government, elected officials, planners, emergency program managers, mitigation project staff.

More information and registration at <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/>. Ω

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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.

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Grant Information and Deadlines

FFY 2007 HSGP Extension

Amendment articles for subgrantees who applied for extension until May 15 for the FFY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) are completed and will be mailed. Each subgrantee will receive a cover letter and two original amendments. Both originals require signature and return mail to: Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management, 7105 NW 70th Ave., Camp Dodge W-4, Johnston, IA 501310, ATTN: Lisa Sexton or Doug Rossell.

Upcoming Deadlines

March 29--FFY 2009 HSGP budgets and work plans are due. Working documents (work plan templates and instructions, designation of authorized representative forms, grant guidance and other information necessary to enable funding and generate articles of agreement) and budget templates were sent electronically to all designated subgrantees last week. Review/approval of the budget and work plans submitted will begin; agreement articles will be published on a "first come, first served" basis. To help with planning and budgeting, please apply the following terms as defined by federal regulation:

- Equipment means tangible, non-expendable [personal] property having a useful life of more than one year or an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.
- Supplies means all tangible [personal] property other than equipment. Supplies are generally attributable as planning costs, but may be aligned with training or exercises. Please refer to the 2009 Grant Guidance for allowable planning cost definition.

- Personnel Costs as a term is limited to State use (regarding grant-funded salaries, wages, etc.). Such costs remain allowable for subgrantees but are associated either with planning or organization as outlined in the grant guidance. If there are questions or comments, please call Lisa Sexton or Doug Rossell at 515.725.3231.

- For access to the complete Authorized Equipment List, under the Responder Knowledge Base (RKB), go to www.rkb.us/contentdetail.cfm?content_id=227109&GetAELCELcats=1.

April 1--Monthly conference call for non-disaster grants, 9 a.m.

April 2--Any needed clarifications and/or comments stemming from the earlier review of the FFY 2010 EMPG applications by the project officer and district planner are due.

April 14--Any required changes to the final investment justifications for the FFY 2010 HSGP must be submitted to HSEMD no later than 4 p.m. (Final investment justifications were announced on March 18--see page 3).

April 21--FFY 2011 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) applications are due to HSEMD.

April 23--Completed forms from partners who have agreed to assist in the completion of the FFY 2009 State Preparedness Report are due. If you have questions, contact Tricia Boggs at 515.725.3231. Ω