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CAMEO Course

HSEMD will host a CAMEO course Sept. 25-27 at the State Emergency Operations Center. The deadline to register is Sept. 20. For more information, see page 4.

On the Calendar...

September

National Preparedness Month/
Family Preparedness Month (Iowa)

October

Fire Prevention Week (7-13)
America's Safe Schools Week (21-27)

November

Winter Weather Awareness Day (8)
Veteran's Day (11)
Veteran's Day observed (12)*

*State holiday.

HSEMD offices will be closed.

September is Family Preparedness Month Iowans Urged to Pledge to Prepare

Governor Terry E. Branstad has proclaimed September Family Preparedness Month in Iowa. This year, Iowans are being encouraged to take a pledge to be better prepared for all emergencies and disasters.

"We encourage Iowans to 'Pledge to Prepare,' during Family Preparedness Month," said HSEMD Administrator Mark Schouten. "Pledging can be as easy as setting up weather alerts on your mobile phone or vowing to pick up a few items each week at the grocery store to stock your emergency supply kit."

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division



(HSEMD), Safeguard Iowa Partnership (SIP) and Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) are partnering to encourage Iowans to take a pledge to be more prepared for emergencies and disasters.

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Assistance available for agriculture producers impacted by the drought

All 99 counties in Iowa are now covered by USDA disaster designations due to the ongoing drought.

Farm operators who have suffered major production and/or physical losses caused by the drought may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans under a Secretarial Natural Disaster Designation.

Impacted producers in designated counties should contact their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office for more information.

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Photo provided by Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources.

Family Preparedness Month

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HSEMD, SIP and IEMA are asking Iowans to take a Pledge to Prepare by taking just one simple step to be more prepared for emergencies. The pledge can be found at www.beready.iowa.gov, www.safeguardiowa.org or www.iowaema.com.

“Preparedness Month is essential to Iowa because it reminds everyone about taking the extra steps to better prepare you, your family, your business and your community,” said SIP Executive Director Jami Haberl. “By taking the Pledge to Prepare, you are taking the necessary steps to becoming better prepared for when an emergency or disaster strikes your community.”

In addition to the evident benefits of being better prepared, those who take the pledge may be eligible to win prizes by entering the Pledge to Prepare contest. Individuals, families and groups are invited to record and submit a video showing how they are taking the pledge. Videos must be submitted by Sept. 20. HSEMD, SIP and IEMA will choose the top five videos and ask the public to select their favorite in an online vote Sept. 24-28.

Iowans who don't submit a video may still enter their Pledge to Prepare in a random drawing. Pledges may be submitted online or via FAX through Sept. 30. Winners for the contest and drawing will

be announced Oct. 1. Target has joined HSEMD, SIP and IEMA in this effort and will provide gift cards and a NOAA weather radio as prizes for the contest and drawing. SIP is also providing emergency preparedness kits to contest and drawing winners.



“The best way to reduce panic is through preparedness. We are all much more clear of mind and rational in our response if we take the time before a disaster strikes to: one, have a plan; two, put together a kit; and three, know how to keep ourselves and our families informed of changing conditions during a disaster,” said Polk County Emergency Management Director and IEMA Vice President A.J. Mumm. “Take the pledge to be better prepared today than you were yesterday and be even more prepared tomorrow than you are today.”

Preparedness Month began as a national initiative and was created in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in an effort to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies.

For more information on Family Preparedness Month and the Pledge to Prepare contest and drawing, visit www.beready.iowa.gov, www.safeguardiowa.org or www.iowaema.com. Ω

TEPW workshop at annual conference

A training and exercise planning workshop (TEPW) will be conducted on Nov. 5, 2012, in conjunction with the Iowa Homeland Security Conference. The purpose of this workshop is to address the capabilities that have been identified for the State of Iowa through the conduct of training and exercises across the state during the previous year and to set the calendar for training and exercises for the next five years.

This workshop is conducted annually in the state to review improvement actions identified from training and exercises and helps to determine which capabilities will be the focus in coming years. This is a requirement as part of the Emergency Management Performance Grant that drives the training and exercise program for all first responders as well as state agencies.

HSEMD appreciates the feedback and participation in this process by our state and local partners. This work helps to set goals and identify whether our current training and exercise process is addressing the needs of all responders from across the state.

For more information on the workshop please contact **Steve Warren (515.725.3201, steve.warren@iowa.gov)** or **John Halbrook (515.725.3280, john.halbrook@iowa.gov)**. Ω

Hazard Mitigation Projects Receive Funding

Hazard mitigation projects are important for reducing or preventing damage from future disasters. Federal funding for hazard mitigation projects is made available after each Presidential Disaster Declaration through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). As part of HMGP in Iowa, 75 percent of eligible costs is paid by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 10 percent is paid by the applicant (state), and the remaining 15 percent is paid by the sub-applicant (local governments/communities, tribal governments, and certain eligible non-profits).

The following projects have been funded recently through HMGP:

City of Afton
Award: \$63,200
Project: Infrastructure

Generators for lift stations will result in reduced or almost non-existent potential damage from sewage backups caused when loss of power to lift stations occurs.

This project, once completed, will shield the citizens from potential illness and prevent damage of property due to loss of power from a natural or human-caused disaster and will protect the whole community from damage due to lift station failure.

City of Ottumwa
Award: \$16,222,100
Project: Infrastructure

This project will prevent inland flooding within the city and eliminate damage to the critical water treatment plant. Construction of a floodwall around the water treatment plant will offer reliable pota-

ble water and fire protection to the population and to critical facilities such as hospitals.

The separation of portions of the sanitary and storm sewer lines will result in effluent stormwater no longer backing up due to infiltration and lack of capacity which results in road closures, health risks and damages within the community.

Iowa County
Award: \$47,060
Project: Mitigation Planning

This multi-jurisdictional plan includes: the cities of Marengo, North English, Williamsburg, Millersburg, Parnell, Victor and Ladora; the school districts of Williamsburg, English Valleys, Hartwick-Ladora-Victor, Iowa Valley and Clear Creek-Amana; and unincorporated areas. Ω

Assistance available for drought-impacted agriculture producers

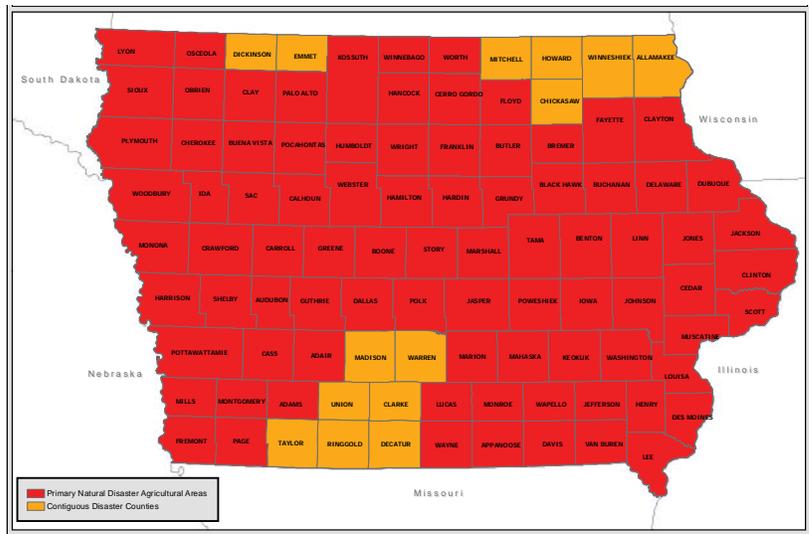
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In addition to emergency loans, other available forms of assistance include the USDA Emergency Conservation Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wetland Reserves Program. Information on these programs may also be obtained from local FSA offices.

Small non-farm businesses impacted by drought may be eligible to apply for loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA). For more information, visit www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance or call 800.659.2955.

For more information on Iowa's drought, visit the Governor's drought website at <https://governor.iowa.gov/drought> or the

HSEMD website at www.homeslandsecurity.iowa.gov/disasters/drought2012. 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!

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HSEMD hosts CAMEO course

HSEMD is hosting a three-day Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) course Sept. 25-27 at the State Emergency Operations Center in Johnston. The deadline to register is Sept. 20.

This is a general purpose course in the CAMEO Suite software which includes CAMEO, MARPLOT and ALOHA. The course is limited to 18 public-sector first responder participants. Participants will be eligible for lodging and travel reimbursements if traveling over 50 miles.

The instructor is a certified CAMEO instructor through NOAA/EPA and teaches through the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training at Louisiana State University (LSU). Participants who pass the post-test will receive 24 hours of credit from LSU.

Register at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov and choose "HSEMD Course Registration" under the "Quick Links" tab. For additional information, contact **Lisa Sexton** or **Paul Sadler** at **515.725.3231**. Ω

Training opportunities

Essential Records and COOP/COG

When: Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Linn County EOC
6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW
Cedar Rapids

When: Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Where: Glenwood American Legion
104 N. Vine St.
Glenwood

In this course you will discover the elements needed to ensure continuity of operations (COOP) under all circumstances, with a focus on ensuring availability of essential records.

For more information or to register for this course, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov and choose "HSEMD Course Registration" under the "Quick Links" tab.

Emergency Planning (IS-235a)

When: Sept. 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge
Johnston

This course is designed for emergency management personnel who are in-

involved in developing an effective emergency planning system. This course offers training in the fundamentals of the emergency planning process, including the rationale behind planning.

For more information or to register for this course, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov and choose "HSEMD Course Registration" under the "Quick Links" tab.

Exercise Design with HSEEP

When: Oct. 9-11, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Where: Henry County EMA
900 W. Washington
Mt. Pleasant

The course teaches exercise designers the systems and methodology associated with the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP). Participants will create exercise objectives and supporting material to conduct an exercise for their organization.

For more information or to register for this course, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov and choose "HSEMD Course Registration" under the "Quick Links" tab. Ω