Iowa HSEMD sends additional personnel to East Coast following Hurricane Sandy

Through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), the State of New Jersey recently requested the assistance of 35 qualified Public Assistance (PA) personnel to assist with PA operations in response to Hurricane Sandy. Iowa HSEMD was able to provide four personnel from the Recovery Bureau: Leon Freeman, Jim Grandquist, Jordan Moser and L.T. Smith.

The four were on the ground in New Jersey on Sunday, Nov. 25, and reported to their office location on Monday, Nov. 26.

Freeman, Grandquist, Moser and Smith will each be assigned to one of the following locations:

• Cumberland/Salem County (Bridgeton, NJ)
• Gloucester/Camden Counties (Clayton, NJ)
• Hunterdon/Warren Counties (Flemington, NJ)
• Sussex/Passaic Counties (Wayne, NJ)

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State Hazard Mitigation Team Meets

On Nov. 15, 2012, The State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT) met to continue the process of updating Iowa’s State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) is the lead agency in developing and writing the plan along with the SHMT, which is an interagency team that provides input and technical assistance during this process.

The emphasis for this meeting was to review threat/hazard profiles and rankings identified in the plan. The team will meet again in early 2013. Ω
Public assistance funding in Iowa reaches nearly $2 billion

Since 2007, Iowa has received 14 Presidential Disaster Declarations. As a result, local jurisdictions, the State of Iowa, and private relief organizations have incurred millions of dollars in emergency protection measure costs, and Iowans have suffered severe damage to our infrastructure.

Through its Public Assistance (PA) program, FEMA provides grants to aid public entities and certain private nonprofit organizations in their effort to recover. The PA program allows for reimbursement—subject to a cost share—for emergency work performed to reduce or eliminate an immediate threat to life, protect public health and safety, and to protect improved property that is threatened as a result of the disaster. The PA program also allows for reimbursement—again, subject to a cost share—for the restoration of facilities to pre-disaster design, function and capacity including upgrades necessary to meet current adopted codes and standards.

Since 2007, FEMA has awarded funding for 16,791 projects in Iowa totaling more than $1.7 billion. HSEMD Public Assistance staff continue to work with FEMA to approve and fund projects for open disasters. Ω

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Are you prepared for winter weather?

Winter storms can bring heavy snow, ice, strong winds and freezing rain. The leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. Preparing your vehicle for the winter season and knowing how to react if stranded or lost on the road are the keys to safe winter driving.

**Before you drive**

Have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- Battery
- Antifreeze
- Wipers/windshield washer fluid
- Ignition system
- Thermostat
- Lights/flashing hazard lights
- Exhaust System
- Heater/Defroster
- Brakes
- Oil level (if necessary, replace existing oil with a winter grade oil or the SAE 10w/30 weight variety)

Use your head this winter! For more winter weather tips, visit [www.beready.iowa.gov](http://www.beready.iowa.gov). Ω
Training opportunities

WebEOC Training for County Emergency Management Coordinators
When: Dec. 3, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Where: State Emergency Operations Center
Johnston

Training is also offered via webinar. For more information, contact Blake DeRouchey at blake.derouchey@iowa.gov or 515.323.4232.

WebEOC Training for State Agency Responders
When: Dec. 6, 2–4 p.m.
Where: State Emergency Operations Center
Johnston

Training is also offered via webinar. For more information, contact Blake DeRouchey at blake.derouchey@iowa.gov or 515.323.4232.

Emergency Management Program Development
When: Dec. 12–13, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Polk County Emergency Operations Center
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

This course is open to all Iowa local emergency management coordinators and provides insight into the role of the coordinator. Topics that will be covered include grants, exercise, planning, training and communications.

Exercise Design with HSEEP
When: Feb. 19–21, 2013
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Kirkwood Community College
6301 Kirkwood Blvd.
Cedar Rapids

This three-day workshop provides participants an opportunity to review their homeland security strategy and multi-year exercise plan. Training is targeting toward individuals who would respond to an emergency or incident.

For more information, contact Steve Warren, John Halbrook, or Beth Lewis at 515.725.3231.

Leadership & Influence (IS-240)
When: March 4–5, 2013
10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
(8 a.m. on March 5)
Where: Camp Dodge
Bldg. M10-3
Johnston

Being able to lead others—to motivate them to commit their energies and expertise to achieving the shared mission and goals of the emergency management system—is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner, and responder.

Contact Susan Green or Beth Lewis at 515.725.3231 for more information.

Decision Making & Problem Solving (IS-241)
When: March 6, 2013
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Camp Dodge
Bldg. M10-3
Johnston

Being able to communicate effectively is a necessary and vital part of the job for every emergency manager, planner and responder. This course is designed to improve your communication skills.

Contact Susan Green or Beth Lewis at 515.725.3231 for more information.

Essential Records & COOP/COG Planning
When: March 19, 2013
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Where: Shenandoah Safety Center
Bricker Room
400 W. Sheridan Ave.
Shenandoah

If disaster strikes your place of business, how will you continue the most essential functions and services you provide? Participants will dis...
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The four Iowa HSEMD employees are scheduled to work in New Jersey through Dec. 9.
HSEMD’s PA staff are not the only employees helping out on the East Coast. On Nov. 9, HSEMD Operations Specialist Frank Klier traveled to New Jersey following a request through EMAC. Klier is now back in Iowa but continues to assist officials in that state.

In addition, Joyce Flinn, HSEMD’s Readiness and Response Bureau Chief, has been actively engaged in daily EMAC conference calls since Oct. 27. On these calls, Flinn and representatives of other EMAC member states receive situational updates, learn of any resource shortfalls, and identify resources to fill the needs of the impacted states.

EMAC is administered by the National Emergency Management Association and facilitates the effective and efficient sharing of resources among member states when they are impacted by catastrophic disaster events.

Learn more about EMAC at www.emacweb.org or www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov.

Training opportunities

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cover the elements needed to ensure continuity of operations (COOP) and continuity of governance (COG) under all circumstances, with a special focus on ensuring that essential records are preserved and available. By the end of the training, participants will have a clear understanding of what should be in their COOP/COG plan and even have a start on the plan.

Contact Jim Marwedel, Amy Meston, or Beth Lewis at 515.725.3231 for more information.

Rapid Needs Assessment (G-191)

When: April 17, 2013
9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Where: Kirkwood Community College
6301 Kirkwood Blvd.
Cedar Rapids

An accurate assessment will need to be done within the first few hours of an incident. This course will help you learn who needs to be involved, get your plans reviewed and in place before an incident occurs.

Contact Susan Green or Beth Lewis at 515.725.3231 for more information.

Register for all of these courses at http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/.