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## On the Calendar...

### December

Christmas Day (25)\*

### January 2013

National Blood Donor Month  
 National Radon Action Month  
 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (21)\*  
 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week (Iowa) (20-26)

### February

National Burn Awareness Week (3-9)  
 Great Central U.S. ShakeOut (7)

\*State holiday.  
 HSEMD offices will be closed.

## 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 pri-

vate 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-disas-

ter 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

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDING IN IOWA, 2007-2012

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	ELIGIBLE FUNDING AMOUNT
Debris Removal	1,869	\$64,175,281
Emergency Protective Measures	3,818	\$270,224,756
Roads and Bridges	4,811	\$144,828,733
Water Control Facilities	930	\$59,121,287
Buildings and Equipment	1,915	\$693,966,709
Utilities	2,031	\$461,292,683
Parks, Recreational Facilities, Others	1,417	\$38,354,130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,791</b>	<b>\$1,731,963,579</b>

## 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 acci-

dents. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Halbrock, 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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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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## HSEMD sends additional personnel to East Coast

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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](http://www.emacweb.org) or [www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov](http://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov). Ω

## 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/>. Ω

