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Homeland Security Conference just around the corner

The 11th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference will be held Oct. 21-22 at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Veteran's Memorial in Des Moines.

The conference will feature speakers on a wide variety of topics, including the Boston Marathon bombings, Iowa's Urban Search and Rescue Team, the 25th anniversary of the Flight 232 crash in Sioux City, and livestock transportation accidents.

Although it is too late to register for the conference online, walk-ins are welcome.

A free course will be offered on Oct. 23 at the convention center following the conference. The course, Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers of Senior Citizens (AWR 308), will address the vulnerability of se-



nior citizens to natural hazards and discuss ways to increase awareness of the factors that make them more vulnerable. For more information and to register, visit [HSEMD's training website](#).

View the conference agenda and get more information at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov

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Iowa School Safety Coalition supports America's Safe Schools Week

Oct. 19-25 is America's Safe Schools Week, an opportunity to recognize school safety efforts and to advocate for continued safety improvements.

The Iowa School Safety Coalition will support the national week of observance. For the second year, the Coalition has asked Governor Terry Branstad to sign a proclamation celebrating Iowa's support of Iowa's Safe Schools Week. Members of the Coalition will attend the signing ceremony.

The Iowa School Safety Coalition will also be featuring school safety and security information on its website, www.iowaschoolsafety.org. The website also provides a number of resources for educators and administrators.

The Iowa School Safety Coalition was created to assist schools in preparing for, mitigating, responding to and recovering from natural and man-made threats and incidents. Ω

Governor's disaster proclamation issued for Decatur County

Governor Terry Branstad has issued a disaster proclamation for Decatur County as a result of severe storms that moved through the state on Sept. 9. The proclamation, issued Sept. 30, 2014, allowed state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of severe weather and heavy rains. Seven other counties received Governor's disaster proclamations for the Sept. 9 severe weather. Those counties are: **Adair, Appanoose, Guthrie, Madison, Ringgold, Union, and Warren.**

For more information, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov. Ω

Nov. 6 is Winter Weather Awareness Day Are you ready?

Are you prepared if a winter storm strikes? Do you have what you need in your car to sustain you until help arrives if you become stranded in a winter storm? Do you have a plan for what you and your family would do if a snow or ice storm occurs while you are at home?



Winter Weather Awareness Day, Nov. 6, is an opportunity to take steps to be prepared for winter weather.

It's not a matter of if, but when, winter weather will set in, so it's a good idea to make a plan and prepare before the snow starts falling.

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management urges all Iowans to learn how to be prepared at home, at work and on the road. For more information on winter weather preparedness and safety, visit www.beready.iowa.gov. Ω

ON THE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Winter Weather Awareness Day (6)
Veteran's Day (11)*
Thanksgiving Day (27)*
Day after Thanksgiving (28)*

DECEMBER

International Day of Persons with Disability (3)
Christmas Day (25)*

**State holiday. HSEMD offices will be closed.*

Training opportunities



Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers of Senior Citizens (AWR 308)

When: Oct. 23, 2014
8 a.m.–noon

Where: CCCU at Vet's Memorial
833 5th Ave.
Des Moines

Target audience: senior care providers, shelter coordinators, facility planners, home health agencies, emergency managers, public health, first responders.

This course is designed to enhance the caregiver's awareness of vulnerability factors associated with senior citizens.

Note: This training is free of charge and will be held following the Iowa Homeland Security Conference. It will be offered in two simultaneous sessions. Registration is required on both [HSEMD's training website](#) and the [NDPTC website](#).

Mass Prophylaxis Preparedness and Planning (MGT 319)

When: Nov. 5-6, 2014

Where: Danan Lansing Bldg.
Winneshiek Co.
Fairgrounds
900 E. Main St.
Decorah

This course addresses local public health and medical preparedness with other community partners in preparation for the coordination of plans to provide mass distribution of medical countermeasures for the jurisdiction as it relates to the Division of Strategic National Stockpile Program.

To register or for more information, contact **Bruce Goetsch**, Winneshiek County emergency management director, at ema@co.winneshiek.ia.us or **563.387.4095**.

Wide Area Search (PER 213)

When: Nov. 7-9, 2014

Where: Iowa Central CC
One Triton Circle
Fort Dodge

This FREE course is applicable to jurisdictions that would need to conduct wide-area searches due to a natural disaster or terrorist incident. Participants will learn practical search methods and skills in order to perform systematic searches over a large affected area. The course concludes with a table top exercise that requires participants to utilize the previous two days of instruction. The curriculum is based on lessons learned from search operations in support of the Space Shuttle

Columbia recovery, hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Dolly, Ike, and other wide-area search incidents.

To register: visit the [Iowa Training now website](#) and click the "REGISTER FOR RERTC TRAINING" link. If you have any questions, contact **Scott Kuester** at **515.574.1314** or kuester@iowacentral.edu.

Emergency Management Professional Development (EMPD) Course–Winter

When: Nov. 24, 2014
10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

Delivered in a four-part series over the calendar year, this course provides a comprehensive overview of the statutory requirements and professional duties of today's emergency manager and will benefit new and experienced emergency managers alike. Each six-hour session can be taken individually or in any sequence, however, all four sessions are required for full course credit. The focus of this **winter** session will be governance, communications and warning, public education, grants, and professional development.

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Training

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The focus of the **early spring** session will be governance, resource management, direction and control, damage assessment, operations and procedures, and professional development.

The focus of the **late spring** session will be governance, hazard analysis, planning, and professional development.

The focus of the **fall** session will be governance, training, exercises, homeland security, budgeting, and professional development.

To register for the winter session, visit **HSEMD's training website**. Contact **Beth Lewis** at **515.725.3204** or **beth.lewis@iowa.gov** with any questions.

Enhanced Risk and Threat Assessment Training

When: Dec. 3-4, 2014
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Scott Co. Emergency Comms. Center
1100 E. 46th St.
Davenport

During this interactive workshop participants will learn ways to apply the process of risk management to business and prioritize risks from all hazards, develop methods to fight against potential risks, visit and assess local facilities, use software to develop an action plan, and network and strategize with local partners.

Register at <https://safeguardiowa.wildapricot.org/event-1751640>. Ω

Iowa receives Homeland Security Grant Program funding

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded HSEMD \$3,733,000 for the FY 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program. These funds are provided to states to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. HSEMD, as the administering agency for this award, sub-awards 80 per-

cent of the funds to local government units and other local entities for projects that support the Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

For more on the Homeland Security Grant Program, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/grants/HSGP.html. 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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