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## HSEMD recognized as StormReady

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) was recently recognized by the National Weather Service (NWS) as StormReady. The StormReady designation is given to organizations and communities that have made a strong commitment to implement plans and resources in an effort to save lives and protect property when severe weather strikes.



"I'm honored HSEMD and the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) were awarded the StormReady designation," said Joyce Flinn,

HSEMD Operations Division administrator. "We are fortunate to live in Iowa where state agency partners respond without hesi-

**Left to right: Ken Harding, meteorologist-in-charge, NWS Des Moines; Mark Schouten, director, HSEMD; Kelsey Angle, warning coordination meteorologist, NWS Des Moines; Joyce Flinn, Operations Division administrator, HSEMD; Dr. Louis Uccellini, director, NWS.**

tation to the State EOC in support of requests from local emergency managers. From response resources, to state and local partners, Iowa is StormReady!"

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The nationwide StormReady program uses a grassroots approach to help communities and organizations develop plans to handle local severe weather and flooding threats. The voluntary program started in 1999. There are now more than 2,350 StormReady communities across the country working to build a Weather-Ready nation.

“Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management has taken proactive steps to plan and prepare for weather impacts in an effort to help build a Weather-Ready Nation,” said Dr. Louis Uccellini, National Weather Service director, during the StormReady presentation.

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*Dr. Louis Uccellini,  
NWS director*

To be recognized as StormReady, an organization must:

- Have access to a 24-hour warning point and an emergency operations center;

- Have more than one way to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings and to alert the public;
- Monitor local weather conditions;
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars;
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan and hold emergency exercises.

The StormReady recognition will be in effect for three years. HSEMD will then have to go through a renewal process. Ω

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## HSEMD legislative update



**John Benson**

With the General Assembly winding down its work for the year, let's take a look at some of the bills they have passed and Governor Branstad has signed into law.

HSEMD introduced one policy bill this year, **SF 2231**, which dealt with payment processes for the State Individual Assistance Grant

Program and the Disaster Contingent Fund, and Emergency Management Assistance Compact payment to partner states that render aid to Iowa. The bill passed both chambers and was signed by the governor on March 30.

The Iowa Emergency Management Association offered **HF 2353**. This bill repealed the prohibition on emergency management employees running for partisan elective office. The bill was passed by both the House and Senate and

signed into law by the governor on March 31.

A bill related to 911 service and funding, **HF 2439**, was passed by both chambers and is being evaluated for signature by the Governor. The bill increases the wireless E911 surcharge public safety answering points (PSAP) pass through from 46 percent to 60 percent. It also asks HSEMD to conduct a feasibility study on how PSAP consolidation, as well as shared services, can be implemented within Iowa

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# Training opportunities

To register for any of these courses, visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **Beth Lewis** at 515.725.3204 or [beth.lewis@iowa.gov](mailto:beth.lewis@iowa.gov) or **Cristie Duric** at 515.725.3243 or [cristie.duric@iowa.gov](mailto:cristie.duric@iowa.gov) with questions.



## Emergency Management Program Development Session #2

**When:** May 5, 2016  
9 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Where:** Polk County EOC  
1907 Carpenter Ave.  
Des Moines

**Target audience:** Both new and experienced emergency managers.

**Prerequisites:** NONE

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the statutory requirements and professional duties of today's emergency manager. Includes: governance, resource management, direction/control/coordination, damage assessment, operation and procedures, and professional development. Sessions may be taken in any sequence, however, all four are required to receive a certificate of completion.

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## CERT Train-the-Trainer Two Sessions!

### Session 1

**When:** May 11-12, 2016  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** Iowa Central CC  
Triton Cafe Conf Room  
1 Triton Circle  
Fort Dodge

### Session 2

**When:** June 8-9, 2016  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** Johnson County EOC  
4529 Melrose Ave.  
Iowa City

**Prerequisites:** 1) Must have a referral from a CERT-sponsoring agency (local/regional/state), 2) Must have taken the basic CERT course. Forward referral and copy of basic CERT course certificate to [cristie.duric@iowa.gov](mailto:cristie.duric@iowa.gov).

This two-day course prepares participants to effectively deliver the basic CERT course.

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## Volunteer Reception Center Training

### Two Sessions!

#### Session 1

**When:** May 17, 2016  
8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Polk County EOC  
1907 Carpenter Ave.  
Des Moines

### Session 2

**When:** June 9, 2016  
8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Where:** Wapello County Law  
Center  
330 W. 2nd St.  
Ottumwa

If there is a disaster in your community, you can be a part of the unified team that will be trained to register volunteers, coordinate agency needs, answer calls and enter data.

This training is sponsored by the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council and is free of charge.

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## All-Hazards Incident Commander (L-950)

**When:** May 23-27, 2016  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** Council Bluffs  
Community Hall  
205 S Main St.  
Council Bluffs

**Target audience:** Emergency management agencies, EMS, fire service, law enforcement,

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public health, non-governmental organizations, and others who wish to achieve effective local incident command capability.

**Prerequisites:** IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800, ICS-300, ICS-400. Participants must have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

This course provides local and state emergency responders with an understanding of duties, responsibilities, capabilities of an effective incident commander on an All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).

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## Rail Car Incident Response (AWR-147)

**When:** May 26, 2016  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** ISU Extension Office  
212 N. I Street  
Oskaloosa

**Target audience:** EMS, fire service, government agencies, hazardous materials responders, law enforcement, public safety communications, public works.

**Prerequisites:** Must be a U.S. citizen. Participants must have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

This awareness-level course was developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials.

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## Managing the Lost Person Incident

**When:** June 13-16, 2016  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** Williamsburg Fire Station  
102 Fire Ridge Rd.  
Williamsburg

**Target Audience:** The audience is those who have experience with search and rescue operations, are tasked with the responsibilities of missing person incidents, or have the desire to learn and develop skills in managing a lost person incident.

**Prerequisites (recommended):** Fundamentals of Search and Rescue and/or Advanced Search and Rescue courses (or equivalent), IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800, IS-300

The four-day course prepares the student for the management responsibilities and leadership skills required during search and rescue (SAR) missions. The course ex-



plains the tasks and procedures needed to effectively manage SAR operations from the initial response through the expansion phases of the search to the final demobilization of all resources.

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## Advanced ICS (ICS-400)

**When:** June 21-22, 2016  
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** The Security Institute  
4647 Stone Ave.  
Sioux City

**Target audience:** Senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in the Area Command (AC) or Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) entity.

**Prerequisites:** ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, IS-700, IS-800. Participants must have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

This course provides training on and resources for personnel who  
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have a responsibility to function in a command post managing an expanding incident. Topics include use of an incident complex and area command, and the interactions between multi-agency coordination agencies.

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## Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery (PER-304)

### Two Sessions!

#### Session 1

**When:** July 11, 2016

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** Red Oak Fire Dept.  
1904 N. Broadway St.  
Red Oak

#### Session 2

**When:** July 13, 2016

8 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Where:** Mason City Police Dept.  
78 S. Georgia Ave.  
Mason City

**Target audience:** This course is targeted for a broad cross section of individuals and professionals interested in and involved in emergency management, planners, as well as communication and public information personnel.

This course focuses on the use of social media in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Participants are provided with the knowledge and skills to integrate social media into their current communication plans. The course defines social media and its uses and identifies the tools, methods, and models to properly make use of social media.

### More training opportunities

Please register with the listed provider.

#### Leadership and Decision Marking Workshop

**When:** June 2, 2016

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** Polk County  
Emergency  
Management Office  
1907 Carpenter Ave.  
Des Moines

This one-day workshop combines the attributes of tactical decision making with managerial decision making for leaders of all kinds and types and explores the concepts

of using a decision making model in high stress environments.

To register, visit [www.thenimsstore.com](http://www.thenimsstore.com) and click on courses/workshop.

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## Emergency Operations Center Operations and Planning for All-Hazards Events

**When:** July 26-28, 2016

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** The Security Institute  
4647 Stone Ave.  
WITCC campus  
Sioux City

The EOC course offers participants insight into, and practical experience with, emergency management and decision-making skills necessary to effectively manage an EOC and the overall response to a large-scale Type 3 or 2 and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/terrorism incident or all-hazard event utilizing the MACS.

Register at <https://teex.org> under the Training/Course Calendar tab. ☺

## Departing staff

HSEMD's Amy Meston, executive officer with the Planning and Finance Division, has accepted a position with the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Her last day at HSEMD will be May 5. Amy has been with the department for nearly six years.

Good luck in your new position, Amy. You will be missed! Ω



## Legislative update

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while also providing a process to provide grants to incentivize these efforts.

Both legislative chambers are still actively working on finalizing the budget for fiscal year 2017. As of this issue of Secure & Prepared, it appears most of the budget parts are moving in the right direction with adjournment likely to occur during the last week of April. We will provide a final update once the 2016 session of the General Assembly is complete. 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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### ON THE CALENDAR

#### MAY

Public Service Recognition Week (1-7)  
National Nurse's Week (6-12)  
National Police Week (15-21)  
National EMS Week (15-21)  
National Public Works Week (15-21)  
Memorial Day (30)\*

#### JUNE

National Safety Month  
National CPR/AED Awareness Week (1-7)  
Heat Awareness Day (9)  
Lightning Safety Awareness Week (19-25)

\*State holiday.  
HSEMD offices will be closed.