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March 25-29 Designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week

DES MOINES – The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) and the National Weather Service (NWS) have designated March 25-29, 2013, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa.

“We don’t know what Mother Nature will throw at us, so Iowans need to be prepared throughout the year,” said Stefanie Bond, public information officer for HSEMD. “Much of Iowa’s severe weather occurs in the spring, though, so now is the perfect time to review emergency plans with our families.”

For each day during Severe Weather Awareness Week, a different subject will be featured:

Monday – Flash Floods

Tuesday – Weather Warnings

Wednesday – Tornadoes

Thursday – Severe Thunderstorms

Friday – Family Preparedness

The highlight of Severe Weather Awareness Week is the annual tornado drill scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, at approximately 10 a.m. Schools, businesses, state and local governments, and individuals are strongly encouraged to participate in the drill. Additional information about the tornado drill can be found on local NWS websites.

During Severe Weather Awareness Week, HSEMD will post information on individual and family preparedness at www.BeReady.iowa.gov, including podcasts, public service announcements and videos. The NWS will promote severe weather safety on their websites and by issuing informative public information statements.

Additional information about severe weather and family safety can be found at:
www.BeReady.iowa.gov.

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