

Joint Information Center Flood Update

DES MOINES – The office of Gov. Terry E. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, along with the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) and other state and federal agencies to support local response to flooding occurring across Iowa.

State Response Summary

Governor's Office

- NEW--The Governor and Lt. Governor, along with HSEMD Administrator Mark Schouten, conducted a tour of New Hartford and Iowa City Monday afternoon.

- The Governor's office has issued disaster emergency proclamations for the following counties:

- Benton
- Black Hawk*
- Buchanan*
- Buena Vista*
- Butler*
- Cedar*
- Cherokee*
- Chickasaw*
- Clay*
- Clayton
- Clinton
- Crawford
- Davis*
- Decatur*
- Delaware*
- Fayette
- Floyd*
- Franklin
- Greene
- Grundy*
- Hardin
- Henry*
- Ida
- Iowa*
- Jasper*
- Johnson*
- Jones
- Keokuk
- Linn*
- Louisa
- Lyon
- Mahaska
- Marshall*
- Mitchell*
- Monona
- Monroe*
- O'Brien
- Palo Alto
- Plymouth*
- Poweshiek*
- Sac
- Sioux*
- Story*
- Tama*
- Wapello*
- Winnebago
- Wright*

* State Individual Assistance Program

2013 Iowa Flooding Update

- The Office of Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds on May 31 launched www.iowaFloodCentral.tumblr.com in conjunction with HSEMD to give Iowans a resource for up-to-date Iowa flood information. This is the first Tumblr established and utilized by the governor's office. Press releases regarding flood-affected counties will still be posted on the governor's website (governor.iowa.gov) and information regarding disaster readiness and assistance will still be available through HSEMD's website. (www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov). The Iowa Flood Central page will act as an information aggregator of flood-related content from Iowa state agencies, news reports and eyewitness accounts from Iowans wishing to submit pictures and videos of local flooding.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management

- Joint FEMA/State/local government preliminary damage assessments began today. Assessments will begin in the northwest section of the state and conclude in the southeast section. It is expected to take several days to complete the assessments.
- Deployed pump resources to Benton, Butler, Cherokee, Jasper, Louisa, Mahaska and Marshall counties.
- Traffic barricades to Buena Vista, Cherokee and Tama.
- Sandbags and poly to Benton, Louisa and Mitchell.
- Bottled water was delivered to New Sharon in Mahaska County and Galva in Ida County. The Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council coordinated the delivery of water to Galva with the Convoy of Hope.
- Sioux City Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)/Swift Water Rescue team is being staged in the Louisa County area so they are able to quickly respond to any needs in southeast Iowa. The Cedar Rapids USAR/Swift Water Rescue team is staged in Iowa City for response if needed.
- To view actions that are being taken by state agencies in impacted counties, visit the HSEMD website at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov.

Iowa National Guard

- NEW--The Iowa National Guard has sent two liaison officers and two personnel to assist with evacuation planning activities to the Johnson County EOC.
- Incident Awareness Assessment teams are being sent to affected river basins in southeast Iowa to increase situational awareness.

Department of Transportation

- NEW--The Department has submitted a letter of intent to the Federal Highway Administration, requesting Emergency Relief Funding for all Federal-Aid routes classified as major collectors or above in rural areas and collectors and above in urban areas.
- Numerous road closures on state and local highways and roads. For more information on road closures, visit www.511ia.org, or call 5-1-1 or 1-800-288-1047.

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- The Department is transporting flood-fighting resources to various locations in the state.
- The Department is providing staging locations for resources.

Department of Human Services

- The Department is administering the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program.
http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Assistance_Programs/CashAssistance/DisasterAssistance/StormHelp.html

Department of Natural Resources

- Information on private wells during times of flooding can be found at
<http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RegulatoryWater/PrivateWellProgram.aspx>
- The Department is actively monitoring water treatment and sewage treatment facilities.
- Field staff is assisting in numerous counties.

Department of Public Health

- The Department has established a website addressing health issues during flooding at
<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/EmergencyResponse/Flooding>

Department of Corrections

- The Department has provided inmate sandbagging assistance out of the Iowa Medical Classification Center.
- Inmates will provide debris removal assistance in the City of Kellogg.

Department of Public Safety

- The State Fire Marshal is providing building inspectors in Cherokee.
- NEW--The Iowa State Patrol will provide personnel for traffic control, if needed, in Johnson County.

For more information

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