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OFFICE CLOSURE

HSEMD offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Iowa State Patrol Dispatch will be taking emergency calls that come in via the Division's main number, 515.725.3231. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Deadline to Apply for Individual Assistance Approaches; DRCs to Close Soon

The deadline is fast approaching for families and business owners to apply for disaster assistance through FEMA.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, is the deadline for families and business owners to apply for Individual Assistance for damage caused as a result of severe storms, tornadoes and flooding which occurred June 1 through Aug. 31, 2010.

Individuals may register 24/7 online at www.disasterassistance.gov, or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. local time, seven days a week.

Families and business owners may also visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to receive information about available assistance, receive referrals to voluntary organizations to help

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Damage sustained by the foundation of a home in Oelwein. Photo courtesy Randy Frank, Fayette County Emergency Management.

Online Registration Still Available for Annual Conference

The 7th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference is scheduled for Nov. 3-4, 2010, and registration is still available online. Registration for the two-day event is \$150 and payable by check or credit card.

Several dynamic speakers have signed on to present at this year's conference, including nationally-

known Gordon Graham. Graham's presentations this year will focus on ethical decision making and non-punitive "close call" reporting. Many of you have seen Mr. Graham at the Governor's conference in past years.

"You will not be disappointed by Gordon Graham," said David Hemen, *Continued on Page 2...*

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with immediate unmet needs, learn cost-effective mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future disasters and learn about Internal Revenue Service programs available to those affected by the disaster.

Homeowners, renters and business owners may also get help completing low-interest loan applications from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

It is highly recommended that registration is completed prior to visiting a DRC.

Currently, there are five DRCs open in Iowa:

Appanoose County

312 E. Maple
Centerville

Delaware County

2655 210th St.
Earlville

Polk County

Boys and Girls Club
1740 Garfield Ave.
Des Moines

Story County

1615 Golden Aspen Dr., Suite 108
Ames

Wapello County

102 Church St.
Ottumwa

DRCs in two counties have transitioned to U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC). Both will close on Wednesday, Oct. 13:

Cherokee County

530 W. Bluff St.
Cherokee

Wright County

Clarion Police and Fire Department
120 First Ave. S.W.
Clarion

SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the DLOCs to issue loan applications and explain the application process, answer questions about SBA's disaster loan programs, and help each individual complete an application.

The remaining DRCs are expected to close by the end of October. Ω



Registration Still Available for Conference

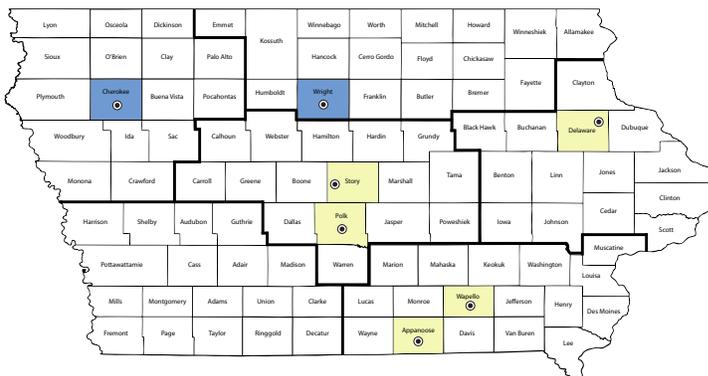
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Preparedness Bureau chief for Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management. “He is a fantastic speaker and we’re happy to have him back again this year.”

Other topics and speakers of interest include: Changes in Interoperable Communications for Public Safety in Iowa: What You Need to Know (Jim Bogner, Iowa Department of Public Safety); Earthquakes in the Central U.S., (Jim Wilkinson, Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium); Cyber Security: An Overview of the Threat Landscape (Jeff Franklin, State of Iowa Information Technology Enterprise); and The Current Face of Terrorism: An Assessment of the Terrorism Threat to the U.S. Homeland (Weysan Dun, FBI).

In addition, two free training sessions will be offered on Tuesday, Nov. 2: Citizen Corps Best Practices and Information Sharing, and Critical Employee Emergency Planning (CEEP). That’s election day, so vote early, and then come and enjoy additional training at no cost to you!

Register online now at <https://hsemdconference.iowa.gov/>. Follow the links on this site to register for the free training on Nov. 2. See you there! Ω



■ Open Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)
■ Open SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs)

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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.

We're on the Web!

www.iowahomelandsecurity.org

New Bureau Chief Starts Work at HSEMD

On Friday, Oct. 1, a new bureau chief began work in the Homeland Security and Grants Bureau at HSEMD.

Kent Farver assumed the position recently vacated by Tom Baumgartner. His main duties will be to oversee HSEMD's non-disaster grant activities and to coordinate homeland security staff activities.

Prior to coming to HSEMD, Kent worked as a financial consultant for the Iowa Department of Education, as an office manager for the Iowa Auditor of State, an accounting manager for the City of Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency and as a state trooper for the Iowa State Patrol.

Kent and his wife, Michelle, have two children: Kade, 7, and Kasi, 2.



Kent Farver

Welcome, Kent! Ω

Save the Date: Training for IowaGrants.gov



HSEMD non-disaster grant program staff will be contacting sub-grantees with additional information about IowaGrants.gov training.

HMEP Training for IowaGrants.Gov

For: 2011 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness sub-grantees

When: Afternoon of Oct. 21, or morning of Oct. 25

Where: Web-based and conference call

HSGP Training for IowaGrants.Gov

For: 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program sub-grantees

When: Afternoon of Nov. 8, or morning of Nov. 10

Where: Web-based and conference call Ω