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On the Calendar...

May

National EMS Week (20-26)
 National Public Works Week (20-26)
 Memorial Day (28)*

June

National Safety Month
 National Home Safety Month
 National CPR & AED Awareness Week (1-7)
 Heat Awareness Day - Iowa (14)
 Lightning Safety Awareness Week (24-30)

July

National Fireworks Safety Month
 Independence Day (4)*

*State holiday.

HSEMD offices will be closed. Iowa State Patrol Dispatch will be taking emergency calls that come in via the Division's main number 515-725.3231.

HSGP 2012 Funding Application Announced

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) will begin accepting 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) applications May 21, 2012.

Iowa received \$2,801,316 for 2012 HSGP. HSEMD will retain 20 percent of that amount to carry out statewide projects. Project applications for the remaining funding must fall under the areas of whole community approach to homeland security local initiatives (\$1,540,724) or intelligence and information sharing (\$700,329).

Projects selected will enable homeland security activities that mutually support homeland security interests

of the state and nation. These projects must align with the National Preparedness Goal and at least one of its core capabilities associated with threats and hazards that pose the greatest risks to whole communities. Core capabilities include prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery.

Three 90-minute webinars will be held to outline federal and State requirements for effective grant management practices. In addition, webinars will provide an overview of HSGP, formal guidance and directions on how to apply using IowaGrants.gov, criteria for selection, project alignment with the National

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Agencies Join Together for School Safety

Recently, the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division brought together public safety and education agencies with the goal of improving school safety.

Staff of HSEMD's Threat Information and Infrastructure Protection Program (TIIPP) collaborated with several organizations in an effort to enhance safety in Iowa's schools. The goal of the group was to make sure every school in Iowa had an emergency plan. To drive planning conversations at the local level, the



group developed the "Iowa School Safety Guide," a planning template that encourages partnership between

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Flip Chart Promotes School Safety

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schools, local first responders and county emergency managers.

“Our vision was to develop a tool to increase the overall security and safety of every school in Iowa,” said Matthew Parrino, an infrastructure protection specialist with the TIIPP.

Parrino said the planing guide has been shared with at least eight states, and will be used soon at the national level through the National Association of School Resource Officers.

A component of the guide is the “Iowa School Safety Flip Chart,” a simple but comprehensive planning tool for schools. The flip chart has been designed so end users can tailor it to suit their needs and can be customized to fit any school

from the smallest rural school to the largest urban metro campus.

“The goal is to improve school safety, and this flip chart is an excellent place to start,” said David Johnston, HSEMD lead planner, who was also involved in the effort.

The flip chart contains information and instructions for a variety of hazards, including an armed assailant, hazardous materials and severe weather. The flip chart can be downloaded from the HSEMD website at

www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/programs/school_safety.html.

Other school safety resources are also available at that location.

Partner agencies in this effort were the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Public Safety (Intelligence Fusion Center), State of Iowa Fire Marshall’s Office,

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School Administrators of Iowa, Iowa State Education Association, Iowa Association of School Boards, Heartland Area Education Agency, and Des Moines Police Department (School Resource Officers).

Staff of the Threat Information and Infrastructure Protection Program are available to discuss school safety products, and school security assessments. For more information contact tiipp@iowa.gov or matthew.parrino@iowa.gov.

Ethanol Safety Seminars Set for Iowa in June

Two ethanol safety seminars are scheduled for Iowa during the month of June.

The seminars are designed to educate local emergency planning committees, emergency responders and emergency managers on all aspects of ethanol safety and planning. The seminars are free.

Registration is limited to the first 100 people per seminar.

When: June 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or 5:30-10 p.m.

Where: Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Facility
14928 Public Safety Way
Dubuque

When: June 14, 9 am.-2 pm. or 5:30-10 p.m.

Where: Hawkeye Community College
Room 107A
1501 East Orange Rd.
Waterloo

For more information contact **Jen Kracher**, (402) 391-1930 or jkracher@ethanolrfa.org.

2012 Legislative Session Wrap-Up



The Legislature finished its work for this year on May 9 and headed home to get started on the upcoming elections. In the midst of the wrangling over

the budget, education funding and property tax relief, there were several bills that passed that will impact emergency management functions at the local and state levels.

At the local level the Iowa Emergency Management Association was successful in ushering through two pieces of legislation:

SF 2289--makes changes to the state-funded Individual Assistance Grant Program. Signed by Governor Branstad April 12.

SF 413--clarifies funding efforts of the local emergency management commission. Signed by the Governor Branstad April 12.

Significant bills at the state level were:

SF 2217--creates a flood mitigation program that can use tax increments to fund mitigation projects. Signed by the Governor Branstad April 19.

SF 2338--will move HSEMD to a separate stand-alone department. Sent to Governor Branstad May 9.

SF 2332--changes to E911 service in Iowa. As part of this bill, the Division will be leading a task force to explore changes that may be needed within the 911 program. It will be the first time in roughly a decade where the stakeholders will gather to develop a strategy on how to move 911 service into the future. Signed by Governor Branstad May 2.

So as the legislators head home it is time to start thinking about the next session which will convene in January 2013. Even though we would like a break, now is the time to start assembling ideas for next year. Ω

[Contributed by John Benson, HSEMD legislative liaison and alternate state coordinating officer]

Tri-State Group Holds Full-Scale Communications Exercise

The Tri-State Group Cross-Border Full-Scale Communications Exercise was held in Dubuque, Iowa; Winona, Minn.; and La Crosse, Wis., on April 26, 2012. This exercise gave participating agencies an opportunity to evaluate current plans and capabilities in response to a multistate terrorist attack.

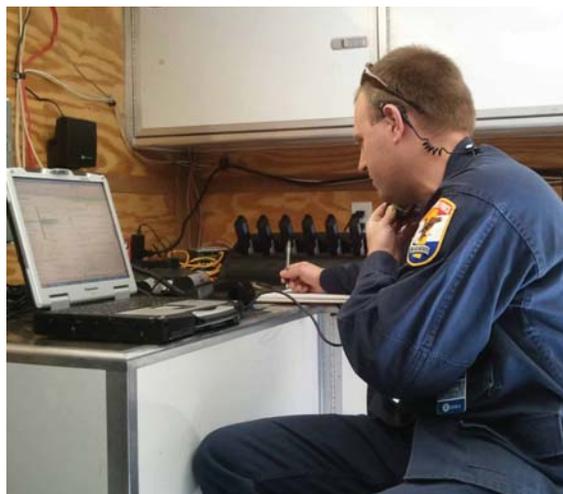
The Tri-State Group Cross-Border full-scale exercise focused on the communication and incident command tasks collectively carried out by regional, state, and local officials as well as support from amateur radio operators. Each task performed had associated standards and performance measures based on standard operating procedures, best practices, and Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program guidance and

methodology. Approximately 79 players, observers, controllers, and evaluators participated in this exercise.

The overall objective of this exercise was to evaluate the regional, state, and local communications capabilities during a simulated terrorist incident requiring use of a command structure.

The planning team for the exercise chose the following objectives to design and develop this exercise:

- Communications--Activate and utilize communication plans, poli-



Curt Walser, a member of Iowa Task Force One, participates in the exercise from the Task Force's communications trailer.

cies, procedures, and systems that support required communications

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HSGP Application Period Set for May 21-June 29

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Preparedness Goal and at least one of its core capabilities and requirements for successful award acceptance and completion if selected. (See webinar dates, times and registration information at right.)

Details of the funding will be posted on www.iowaGrants.gov on May 21. HSGP applications will be submitted online at www.iowaGrants.gov/index.do.

For additional information on the HSGP application process, contact HSEMD's **Lynda Wessel** at (515) 725-3231. Ω

HSGP Application Webinars

Seating is limited so sign up today.

Date: May 22, 2012

Time: 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Link to Register: www3.gotomeeting.com/register/584135254

Date: May 23, 2012

Time: 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Link to Register: www3.gotomeeting.com/register/844048630

Date: May 29, 2012

Time: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Link to Register: www3.gotomeeting.com/register/630694662

Important Dates to Remember HSGP 2012

May 21, 2012 - Application open date

June 29, 2012 - Application closing date

July 1 - Aug. 15, 2012 - Application review period

Aug. 30, 2012 - Announcement of local awards

Sept. 30, 2012 - Anticipated award date from DHS-FEMA

Oct. 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014 - Performance period for 2012 HSGP



Training Opportunities

Donations Management Workshop (G 288)

When: June 5, 1-4:30 p.m.

June 6, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: Southwestern Community College
Creston

Fundamentals of Emergency Management (IS 230.a)

When: July 25-26, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Camp Dodge
7105 NW 70th Ave.
Johnston

Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters (G 366)

When: July 27, 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Where: 106 Milwaukee Mall
Charles City

Donations Management Workshop (G 288)

When: Aug. 8, 1-4:30 p.m.

Aug. 9, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Manchester Fire Dept.
400 E. Main St.
Manchester

ICS 300

When: Aug. 28, 8 am.-4:30 p.m.

Aug. 29, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: 260 E. Prospect St.
New Hampton

For information and to register, visit www.iowahomelandsecurity.org and choose "HSEMD Course Registration" under the "Quick Links" tab. Ω

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HSEMD Mission

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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Keynote Speaker Set for 9th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference

The 9th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference will be held Nov. 6-7, 2012, at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Veteran's Memorial in Des Moines.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. George S. Everly, Jr. Dr. Everly will speak about critical incident stress.

Dr. Everly is the co-founder of, and representative to, the United Nations for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, a non-profit United Nations-affiliated public health and safety organization. He has extensive experience in the area of critical incident stress, has written many books and won numerous awards.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at three hotels:

Embassy Suites Hotel, Des Moines Downtown

Holiday Inn Downtown, Mercy Campus

Renaissance Des Moines, Savery Hotel



For additional information and to make reservations, visit the HSEMD website at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org and click on the Governor's Homeland Security Conference logo on the lower left side of the home page.Ω

Tri-State Communications Exercise

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with all federal, regional, state, local, and tribal government agencies;

- Voluntary agencies;
- Private-sector entities within the tri-state region:
- Onsite incident management-- Demonstrate the ability to maintain multiagency and multijurisdictional command, coordination, and control during a response to an incident on the Mississippi River.

An after-action report will be finalized at a June 27 planning meeting. The report will:

- identify strengths to be maintained and built upon;
- identify potential areas for further improvement;
- provide an in-depth analysis of areas for improvement;
- provide recommendations for planning, training and exercise follow-up actions.

Vicki Morris, HSEMD's assistant homeland security coordinator, has been instrumental in the planning and facilitation of the Tri-State Group's activities. Ω