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## Businesses recognized for Preparedness Month efforts

Six Iowa businesses were recognized recently by Governor Terry Branstad for their efforts to make their workplaces and employees better prepared for emergencies and disasters.

Gov. Branstad recognized businesses from across the state for participating in preparedness activities during Preparedness Month, which was in September. The Governor, along with HSEMD Director Mark Schouten and Safeguard Iowa Partnership Executive Director Jami Haberl, met with representatives from

each business to thank them for their efforts to make their employees and places of work more prepared for emergencies.

“It’s important for businesses to take steps in becoming better prepared for potential emergencies and disasters since the majority of us spend a lot of time at work” said Haberl.



**Governor Terry Branstad, Julie White and Sally Sonnenberg of MidAmerican Energy, HSEMD Director Mark Schouten and Safeguard Iowa Partnership Executive Director Jami Haberl.**

“When businesses promote preparedness, it carries over into their employees’ personal lives and we become better prepared as families, communities and as an entire state.”

The following businesses attended the recognition held at the Capitol on Oct. 7: City of Conway, MPTIowa, Mahaska County Sheriff’s Office; Ottumwa YMCA; Decatur County Hospital and MidAmerican Energy Company. Four other businesses were recognized for their participation in Preparedness Month

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# Nov. 7 is Winter Weather Awareness Day in Iowa

Are you prepared if a winter storm strikes? Do you have what you need in your car to sustain you until help arrives if you become stranded? Do you have a plan for what you and your family would do if a snow or ice storm occurs while you are at home?

Winter Weather Awareness Day, Nov. 7, is an opportunity to take steps to be prepared for winter weather.

It's not a matter of if, but when, winter weather will set in, so

it's a good idea to make a plan and prepare before the snow starts falling.

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, along with our partners at the National Weather Service in Des Moines, urges all Iowans to learn how to be prepared at home and on the road. For more



information on winter weather preparedness and safety, visit [www.beready.iowa.gov](http://www.beready.iowa.gov) and [www.weather.gov/dmx/](http://www.weather.gov/dmx/).

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but were not present at the Capitol: Grinnell Fire Department, Hills Bank and Trust Company, Mahaska County 4-H and Morningside College.

During Preparedness Month, the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department, Safeguard Iowa Partnership and Iowa Emergency Management Association partnered to encourage citizens and businesses to be more prepared for all emergencies and disasters.

The theme for Preparedness Month 2013 was "Let's Tackle Preparedness." Tyler Sash, an Oskaloosa native and former member of the Iowa Hawkeye football team, helped to raise awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness.

During September, nearly 200 individuals, along with their families, took a pledge to take simple steps to make sure they and their families were prepared for emergencies. Forty-one businesses signed up to participate in Preparedness Month activities.

Iowa's Preparedness Month was held in conjunction with National Preparedness Month, which was created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in an effort to educate the public on how



**Gov. Terry Branstad, Mahaska County Sheriff Paul DeGeest, HSEMD Director Mark Schouten and Safeguard Iowa Partnership Executive Director Jami Haberl.**

to prepare for all types of disasters and emergencies.

It's never too late to be prepared. Visit [www.beready.iowa.gov](http://www.beready.iowa.gov).

# 2008 flood recovery update

## *Progress made on demolition and construction of Hancher Auditorium and Voxman/Clapp School of Music*

Severely damaged in the floods of 2008, the Hancher Auditorium and Voxman/Clapp School of Music complex stood empty for several years on the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City.

Demolition and construction could not begin until the funding was approved and in place. Final approval was not received from FEMA until August 2012.

“We were held by FEMA to keep the building in sort of a suspended state until all the t’s were crossed and i’s were dotted,” said Rod Lehnertz, the director of planning, design, and construction for UI Facilities Management.

HSEMD has played a significant role in assisting the University of Iowa in capturing the scope of work and resolving programmatic issues in order to secure funding from FEMA.

The first stage of demolition was to clear the interior of asbestos and render it safe for large-scale demolition. It wasn’t until the wrecking ball hit the exterior wall of the iconic Hancher Auditorium on September

23, 2013, that the public was able to have a visual image of demolition progress. Mainly comprised of steel beams, large concrete pan-

els, and huge sheets of glass, the demolition is a massive undertaking. It is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Ironically, the same day the exterior of the old Hancher began, construction crews initiated the largest single-day concrete pour of 1,400 cubic yards on the new Hancher facility foundation. Located just to the north of the old building, the new Hancher facility sits seven to eight feet above the 500-year flood plain.

Hancher Auditorium was a premier 2,500 seat performance venue that hosted artists and productions such as the Joffrey Ballet, Frank Sinatra and the Broadway production of Les Miserables. The new facility will be a streamlined 1,800-seat venue and host similar productions. It is a key component of the University’s dedication to arts and education in Iowa.

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**Above right: Hancher Auditorium sitting empty in 2009 following the 2008 floods. Above left: Demolition reveals damage inside Hancher Auditorium.**

Voxman and Clapp Recital Hall, which house the School of Music, are being relocated to downtown Iowa City on the corner of Clinton and Burlington streets. Demolition of two banks has been completed and excavation of the site has commenced to make room for the new facility. Both the Hancher and Voxman/Clapp replacement buildings are slated to be completed by late 2016. The entire demolition and replacement costs are now set at \$265 million.

**Submitted by Justine Zimmer, HSEMD Recovery Division Public Assistance lead. Ω**

# HSEMD holds 10th annual homeland security conference

Nearly 150 people attended the 10th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference held in Des Moines Oct. 8-9.

Conference participants were able to hear and learn from speakers on a wide variety of topics, including home improvement trauma, working with people with access and functional needs in emergency situations, animal rescue and sheltering and the theater shooting in Aurora, Colo.

HSEMD staff members presented on volunteer reception center training and essential records/COOP-COG at the local level.

During the conference, Governor Terry Branstad, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and HSEMD Director Mark Schouten recognized 69 lo-

cal emergency managers for outstanding service during the 2013 spring and summer disasters.

Twenty-one vendors at this year's conference provided participants an opportunity to learn more about their products and services.

Visit the conference website at [www.homeland-security.iowa.gov/conference/conference.html](http://www.homeland-security.iowa.gov/conference/conference.html) to learn more. Ω



**Conference presenters Steve Berry (above) and Eric Sorchik (left).**



**Right: Conference participant visits with a vendor.**



## ON THE CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- Winter Weather Awareness Day (7)
- Veteran's Day (11)\*
- Thanksgiving Day (28)\*
- Day After Thanksgiving (29)\*

*\*State holiday. HSEMD offices will be closed.*

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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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# Training opportunities

## CASM Training

The Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board is offering training on the use of the Communications Assets Survey and Mapping (CASM) tool and local development of Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans (TICP).

The training is available at no cost on the following dates:

Oct. 22	Nevada
Oct. 23	Glenwood
Oct. 24	Washington
Nov. 13	Cedar Rapids
Nov. 14	LeMars

Register and get more information at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e8aogl3s23a35eec&llr=lkjmoniab>.

## Critical Employee Emergency Planning

**When:** Nov. 8  
8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Great River Medical Center  
Klien Center  
1307 S. Gear Ave.  
West Burlington

Register at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact:

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## Critical Employee Emergency Planning

**When:** Nov. 9  
8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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## Emergency Management Program Development

**When:** Dec. 5-6  
8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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

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