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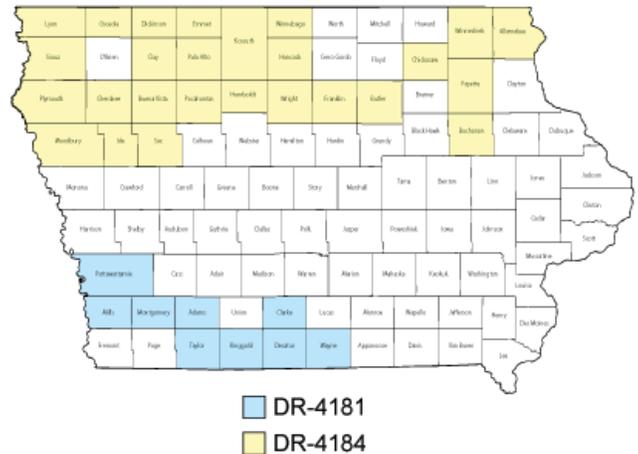
Governor has requested a third disaster declaration

Iowa has had two Presidential Disaster Declarations approved in 2014 due to June's severe weather. On July 29, Governor Branstad sent a letter to President Obama requesting a third declaration.

On July 14, the governor received word that the request he had sent to President Obama asking for a major disaster declaration for nine counties due to severe weather from June 3-4 (DR-4181) had been granted. The nine counties are: Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Mills, Montgomery, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Taylor and Wayne.

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**Presidential Disaster Declarations
Public Assistance**



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On that same day, Gov. Branstad sent another request to the president, this time asking that he grant a disaster declaration due to damage caused by severe weather from June 14-23 (DR-4184). The governor received word on July 24 that this second request had been granted for the following 26 counties: Allamakee, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Hancock, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, and Wright.

Both Presidential Disaster Declarations will provide funding to the declared counties under the Public Assistance Program. The the Public Assistance Program is used to rebuild damaged infrastructure that may include roads, bridges, culverts and other public facilities, or to cover costs of emergency work during, and debris removal after, the storms. The declaration also provides funding to conduct hazard mitigation activities for the entire state.

The governor sent the third Presidential Disaster Declaration request to the president on July 29. The request is for 22



June 2014 flooding in Akron, Iowa.

counties where significant damage was sustained from severe weather that produced damaging winds, tornadoes, heavy rains and thunderstorms from June 26-July 7, 2014. The counties included in this request are: Audubon, Black Hawk, Butler, Cedar, Des Moines, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Ida, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Lee, Linn, Mahaska, Muscatine, Poweshiek, Tama and Washington. The governor requested funding under the Public Assistance Program and for hazard mitigation activities.

In addition, these three separate severe weather events in June caused Gov. Branstad to issue disaster proclamations for 68 counties and activate the Iowa Individual Assistance program in 40 counties.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or a maximum annual income of \$39,580, for a family of three.

For more information, visit www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov.

Des Moines County volunteers honored

Six volunteers with the Des Moines County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and SKYWARN teams were honored with Governor's Volunteer Awards by Governor Terry E. Branstad in Ottumwa on June 20. Gina Hardin, Des Moines County emergency management coordinator, nominated these individuals for this award.



Des Moines County Emergency Management Coordinator Gina Hardin, left, with Scott Gillis, Christopher de la Rosa, Ron Smith, Colleen Roland, and Jared Sommerfelt.

Scott Gillis, Angie Parsons, Ronnie Smith and Jared Sommerfelt, who are the net controllers for the Des Moines County SKYWARN team, qualified for this award by spending many, many hours watching the weather forecast, radar, and checking weather websites in preparation for severe weather impacting the county. When severe weather comes into the area, they place spotters, coordinate with emergency response agencies, coordinate siren activation, and provide ground truth information to the National Weather Service.

Christopher de la Rosa and Colleen Roland from Des Moines County CERT have put in an extraordinary amount of hours to assist Hardin with a variety of projects. De la Rosa has served as chair of the committee that has organized a great number of public education preparedness events, has taken numerous train-

ing courses above the basic CERT course, and assisted with various other projects and events.

Roland has put in numerous hours chairing a committee that has developed new bylaws and policies and procedures for the CERT, as well as being the CERT incident commander for various events such as 5K races, triathlons, and parades for which the team has assisted law enforcement and volunteer agencies.

These individuals were nominated for this volunteer award by Hardin in recognition of their leadership roles and commitment above and beyond the normal level of volunteer service to these two organizations.

*Submitted by **Gina Hardin**, Des Moines County emergency management coordinator. Ω*

IDHRC members nominated for Governor's Volunteer Awards

HSEMD nominated members of the Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC) for the 2014 Governor's Volunteer Awards.

Rick Wulfekuhle, Buchanan County Emergency Management
Rick served as the president of

the IDHRC, which is the state representative to National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) from 2012-2014. He oversaw the growth in the IDHRC and helped the organization establish its 501c3 non-profit status. He also guided the organization

as it helped individuals recover from severe weather and flooding during the spring and summer of 2013. Rick continues to serve on the IDHRC board of directors.

Eddy Weiss, Chasing4Life
Eddy is a member of the board

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Wartburg College incorporates CERT into leadership program

Students at picturesque Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa – the “Be Orange” school - have a new logo they recognize. Students in the leadership program are now adding “Be Prepared” to their Wartburg experiences as they recently completed the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program.

Incorporating CERT into a college minor was the idea of Dr. Fred Waldstein, professor of political science and director of Wartburg’s Institute for Leadership Education. Waldstein contacted Bremer County Emergency Management Coordinator Kip Ladage to discuss the concept.

“Professor Waldstein proposed integrating CERT into their leadership program and I thought it was a great idea,” Ladage said. “Both the leadership program and CERT are well-established on their own. Combining them posed some challenges, but nothing we couldn’t overcome.” Challenges faced were class period duration, class locations for hands-on learning, and discussing local disaster examples most participants had not experienced due either to their age or location of their homes.

“When I teach CERT, my classes include plenty of field experience – we go to the fire station and we practice what we are studying. Col-



Wartburg College students participate in Community Emergency Response Team training for leadership program.



lege class periods are shorter than typical CERT sessions, so we had to be efficient with our time,” Ladage explained. “Fire extinguisher practice and cribbing worked better at the fire station, so we had to factor travel time into class periods too. We made it work!”

Ladage described an interesting challenge he hadn’t faced when teaching other CERT classes. “The students were young. Most

of them had not experienced a disaster first-hand. Even our local disasters had occurred when most of the students were in their early teen years. It was different teaching emergency preparedness to students who wanted to learn it before experiencing it. It was fun!”

Erin Sawyers explained the opportunity from a student’s point of view. “In the past, students have traditionally worked with 6th grad-

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ers at the local WSR middle school for their integrated community leadership part. I loved taking part in this program because I learned so much about leadership, along with numerous other life skills that are essential to have.”

Sawyers described gaining a feeling of confidence when under duress. “The motto of CERT is ‘Doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people.’ I now feel that

I will be able to hold up this motto in emergency situations because I am more prepared and able to remain calm.”

Waldstein’s and Wartburg’s goal was to teach students leadership qualities. Based on Sawyers’ comments, the CERT/Wartburg program was a success. “Not only did I build stronger relationships with my fellow classmates, but also with members of the Waverly communi-

ty as we worked closely with them. I would highly encourage anyone, Wartburg student or average community member, to participate in the program. You will feel more prepared, confident, and ready to respond when disaster strikes.”

Submitted by Kip Ladage, Bremer County emergency management coordinator. Ω

Training opportunities

For all classes except ICS-300, ICS-400, and MGT 312, register online at <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training>. For more information, contact: Susan Green (susan.green@iowa.gov) or Beth Lewis (beth.lewis@iowa.gov) at 515.725.3231.

Intermediate ICS (ICS-300)

TWO OFFERINGS!

When: Aug. 12–13, 2014
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Where: Johnson County EOC
4529 Melrose Ave
Iowa City

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200 and ICS-700.

To register: Contact B.J. Dvorak at bj.dvorak@jecc-ema.org or 319.356.6761.

When: Aug. 26–27, 2014
9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Where: NIACC
200 Harwood Dr.
Charles City

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200 and ICS-700.

Call the Floyd County EMA at 641.257.6144 with questions. Pre-registration is required by emailing floydema@floydcoia.org.

Advanced ICS (ICS-400)

TWO OFFERINGS!

When: Aug. 19–20, 2014
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Where: Johnson County EOC
4529 Melrose Ave
Iowa City

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300 and ICS-700.

To register: Contact B.J. Dvorak at bj.dvorak@jecc-ema.org or 319.356.6761.

When: Sept. 3–4, 2014
9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Where: NIACC
200 Harwood Dr.
Charles City

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300 and ICS-700.

Call the Floyd County EMA at 641.257.6144 with questions. Pre-registration is required by emailing floydema@floydcoia.org.

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Bakken crude oil shipments shine attention on railroad hazardous materials preparedness

On May 7 of this year, the federal Department of Transportation issued an Emergency Restriction/Prohibition Order that applies to all railroad carriers that transport one million gallons or more of Bakken crude oil in a single train in commerce within the United States. The order requires the carriers to provide information to state and local responders and other appropriate emergency response planners.

Per the order, a notice from the railroad carriers must:

- (a) Provide a reasonable estimate of the number of trains implicated by this order that are expected to travel, per week, through each county within the state;
- (b) Identify and describe the petroleum crude oil expected to be transported in accordance with 49 CFR part 172, subpart C;
- (c) Provide all applicable emergency response information required by 49 CFR, subpart G; and

(d) Identify the routes over which the material will be transported.

To date, all rail carriers have complied with the U.S. Department of Transportation order. The information about Bakken crude oil shipments has been provided to local emergency managers, local emergency planning committees, and responders in the following Iowa counties where Bakken crude oil shipments will take place:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway--Lee, Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth and Woodbury

Canadian Pacific Railway--Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton, Dubuque, and Jackson.

This additional information about Bakken crude oil shipments helps state and local emergency management partners to more accurately assess railroad hazardous

materials risks within their communities and prepare accordingly.

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) supports preparedness and response capabilities for railroad hazardous materials risks through technical and financial support of local and state level hazard analysis, planning, training and exercise as well as state level response support as required. Through the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant, HSEMD supported training to over 4,000 first responders last year for transportation-related hazardous materials incidents.

HSEMD will continue to reevaluate the risk profile and refine our preparedness and response posture as the hazardous materials transportation landscape through Iowa evolves. Ω

Iowa Homeland Security Conference is Oct. 21-22

The 11th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference will be held Oct. 21-22 at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Veteran's Memorial, 833 Fifth Ave., Des Moines.

Early registration is \$125. After Oct. 1, 2014, the fee is \$150.

Register, and find out more about lodging and this year's presenters, at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/conference/conf_home.html. Ω



IDHRC members honored

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of directors of the IDHRC and has responded as a volunteer to disasters not only in Iowa, but throughout the nation. Eddy organizes his team, Chasing4Life and Associates, and deploys when requested by local emergency managers. He can bring many resources to assist in disaster response and recovery. Eddy and his team are capable of managing a volunteer reception center, as well as providing equipment, expertise, and manpower to disaster relief efforts.

Linda Von Bank, Northwest Central Regional Disaster Recovery
Linda has been a member of the

IDHRC for five years. Her service has included vice-president and board member. She has been integral in helping form a 501c3 and writing governing policies for the organization. Her expertise in local COADs (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) has helped the IDHRC form COADs elsewhere.

IDHRC Disaster Case Advocacy Committee

The IDHRC's Disaster Case Advocacy Committee has been instrumental in developing multiple training sessions for local providers on conducting disaster case advocacy. The group has helped

standardize and expand the practice throughout the state. The committee held training in Iowa City and Urbandale for disaster case advocates to learn and refresh their practice and also revised the IDHRC's disaster case advocacy guidelines, which can help local jurisdictions with local case advocacy.

The IDHRC is made up of faith-based, non-profit, volunteer, private, and governmental organizations active in disasters. The IDHRC helps communities and individuals plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters throughout the state. Ω

Training opportunities

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Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness (MGT-312) *NEW!*

When: Aug. 27, 2014
9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Where: Great Prairie AEA
3601 West Ave.
Burlington

This course provides a forum to discuss strategic and executive-level issues related to all-hazards disaster preparedness, to share proven strategies and best practices, and to enhance coordination among officials responsible for emergency response and recovery from a disaster.

To register, contact **Barb Baker** at bakerb@dmcounty.com or **319.753.8290**. Please provide attendee's name, phone number and email address.

EOC Management and Operations (G775)

When: Sept 22-23, 2014
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Where: Osage Police Dept.
432 Main St.
Osage

This course describes the role, design, and functions of emergency operations centers (EOC) and their

relationships as components of a multi-agency coordination system. The course contains disaster-related examples, activities and case studies that relate to EOCs and multi-agency coordination systems at the local, state and federal levels of government.

Target audience: emergency managers, first responders, public/private entities, disaster coordinators.

ICS/EOC Interface (G191)

When: Sept, 25, 2014
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Where: Osage Police Dept.
432 Main St.
Osage

Target audience: emergency managers, EOCs and MAC system entities, first responders, public/private entities.

Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers of Senior Citizens (AWR 308)

When: Oct. 23, 2014
8:00 a.m. - noon.

Where: Community Choice
Credit Union at Vet's
Memorial
833 5th Ave.
Des Moines

Target audience: senior care providers, shelter coordinators, facility planners, home health agencies, emergency managers, public health, first responders.

This course is designed to enhance the caregiver's awareness of vulnerability factors associated with senior citizens.

Note: This training will be held following the Iowa Homeland Security Conference and will be offered in two simultaneous sessions. Registration is required on two sites: <http://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/training/> and <https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training.Ω>

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ON THE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

National Preparedness Month
Labor Day (1)*

OCTOBER

Crime Prevention Month
National Cyber Security Awareness Month
National Fire Prevention Week (5-11)
Great Central U.S. ShakeOut (16)
America's Safe Schools Week (19-25)

*State holiday. HSEMD offices will be closed.

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