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Disaster recovery task force aims to speed recovery from summer disasters

In late August, Governor Terry E. Branstad established a task force to oversee the state's long-term recovery from damage caused by this summer's severe storms. Iowa requested and received three Presidential Major Disaster Declarations from President Barack Obama as a result of these storms, which took place from June to July. In total, 57 counties were affected by hail, heavy rains, flooding, tornadoes and straight-line winds.

"As we work with communities and citizens impacted by this summer's disasters it's important that we bring to bear all available resources," said Branstad.

The 2014 Long-Term Disaster Recovery Task Force, com-



prised of representatives from state and federal governments and the private sector, had its first meeting on Aug. 20, and its second on Sept. 24—both at the State Emergency Operations Center in Johnston. Mark Schouten, director of the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, is the chair of the task force.

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Training opportunities

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

When: Oct. 23, 2014
8 a.m.–noon

Where: CCCU 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 is free of charge and will be held following the Iowa Homeland Security Conference. It will be offered in two simultaneous sessions. Registration is required on both [HSEMD's training website](#) and the [NDPTC website](#).

Wide Area Search (PER 213)

When: Nov. 7-9, 2014
Where: Iowa Central CC
One Triton Circle
Fort Dodge

This FREE course is applicable to jurisdictions that would need to conduct wide-area searches due to a natural disaster or terrorist incident. Participants will learn

practical search methods and skills in order to perform systematic searches over a large affected area. The course concludes with a table top exercise that requires participants to utilize the previous two days of instruction. The curriculum is based on lessons learned from search operations in support of the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery, hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Dolly, Ike, and other wide-area search incidents.

To register: visit the [Iowa Training now website](#) and click the "REGISTER FOR RERTC TRAINING" link. If you have any questions, contact **Scott Kuester** at **515.574.1314** or kuester@iowacentral.edu.

Emergency Management Professional Development (EMPD) Course–Winter

When: Nov. 24, 2014
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

Delivered in a four-part series over the calendar year, this course provides a comprehensive overview of the statutory requirements and professional duties of today's emergency manager and will benefit new and experienced emergency



managers alike. Each six-hour session can be taken individually or in any sequence, however, all four sessions are required for full course credit. The focus of this **winter** session will be governance, communications and warning, public education, grants, and professional development.

The focus of the **early spring** session will be governance, resource management, direction and control, damage assessment, operations and procedures, and professional development.

The focus of the **late spring** session will be governance, hazard analysis, planning, and professional development.

The focus of the **fall** session will be governance, training, exercises, homeland security, budgeting, and professional development.

To register for the winter session, visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **Beth Lewis** at **515.725.3204** or beth.lewis@iowa.gov with any questions. Ω

Deadline approaches for 11th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference

If you're planning to attend the 11th Annual Iowa Homeland Security Conference this year, you have less than a week to register at the early registration price.

Through Oct. 1, registration for the conference is \$125. **After Oct. 1, the cost jumps to \$150.**

The conference will be held Oct. 21-22 at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at Veteran's Memorial, 833 Fifth Ave. in Des Moines. For a copy of the agenda, maps of downtown Des Moines (including restaurants, hotels, skywalks, and parking), information on this year's presenters and other links, visit the Iowa HSEMD website.

Pre-conference workshop

On the day prior to the conference (Oct. 20), HSEMD will also hold a Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW). The workshop enables HSEMD to compile and share priorities and initiatives. All HSEMD partners are encouraged to engage in their own TEPW process and share the results as the state perspective is constructed. The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and wrap up around noon.



If you have any questions, or you would like to be a part of this discussion, please contact **John Halbrook** or **Steve Warren** by email or at **515.725.3231**. If you cannot attend, you may share the core capabilities that you feel are a priority, training information, and exercise dates, so that they may be included.

Post-conference training

A free course will be offered on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the convention center following the conference. For more information on the Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers of Senior Citizens (AWR 308) course, see the training information on **page 2**, or visit the **HSEMD website**. Ω

September spawns more severe weather

Governor Terry Branstad has issued disaster proclamations for seven counties this month, as a result of severe storms that moved through the state on Sept. 9: **Adair, Appanoose, Guthrie, Madison, Ringgold, Union, and Warren.**

The proclamations allow the use of State resources for response and recovery activities in those counties.

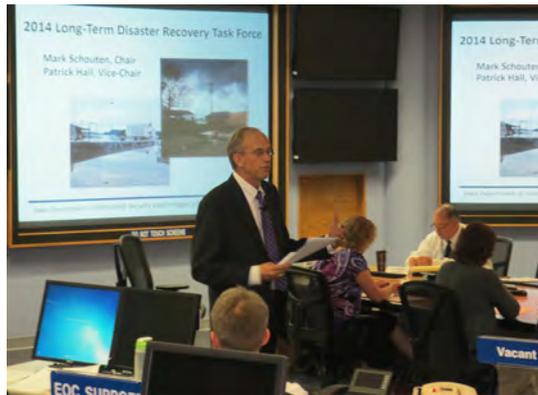
In addition, the Governor activated the Iowa Individual Assistance Program for all but Appanoose County. The program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or a maximum of \$39,580 for a family of three. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing.

The grant application and instructions are available on the **Iowa Department of Human Services** website. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim. Ω

Disaster recovery task force

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The task force is charged with providing an overall network of assistance to support immediate and long-term recovery resources for affected communities and citizens. The work of the task force will include identifying available resources and ensuring that local officials and citizens have knowledge of and access to these resources.



Mark Schouten at the Aug. 20 task force meeting

The task force has formed four work groups in order to make an in-depth examination of recovery issues and available resources in the areas of housing, transportation, utilities and flood risk management.

For additional information on the 2014 Long-Term Disaster Recovery Task Force and updates on the progress being made throughout Iowa, visit the HSEMD website. Ω

ON THE CALENDAR

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)

NOVEMBER

Winter Weather Awareness Day (6)
Veteran's Day (11)*
Thanksgiving Day (27)*
Day after Thanksgiving (28)*

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

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