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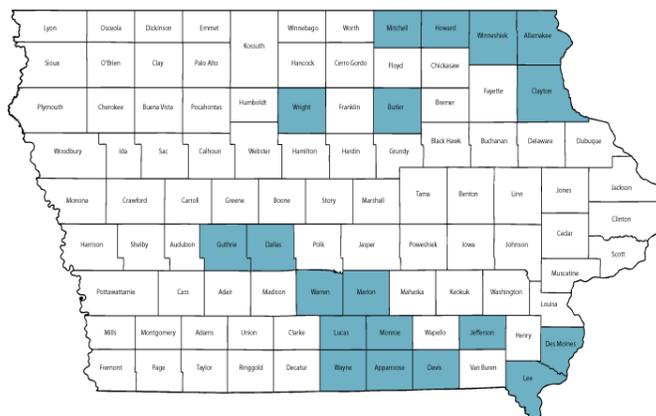
## Gov. Branstad requests Presidential declaration

On July 22, Governor Terry E. Branstad signed a letter to be delivered to President Obama, requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for 19 Iowa counties substantially impacted by severe weather in June.

From June 20-25, 2015, damaging winds and tornadoes, hail, and heavy rains and thunderstorms resulting in flooding caused significant damage to public infrastructure, in the amount of \$5.2 million.

The 19 counties included in the request are: **Allamakee, Appanoose, Butler, Clayton, Dallas, Davis, Des Moines, Guthrie, Howard, Jefferson, Lee, Lucas, Marion, Mitchell, Monroe, Warren, Wayne, Winneshiek, and Wright.**

A Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance would provide funding for debris re-



moval, implementation of emergency protective measures and permanent restoration of public infrastructure in each of the declared counties.

In addition, if a Presidential Disaster Declaration is granted, Iowa would receive funding for hazard mitigation projects to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects.

For more information about this request, visit [www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov](http://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov). Ω

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## Des Moines County volunteers honored



The Des Moines County SKYWARN Team received 10-year service awards at the 2015 Governor's Volunteer Awards ceremony on July 10.

Des Moines County SKYWARN Volunteers Ron and Kim Smith and Evan and Mary Bachtell were present and were each honored with individual 10-year volunteer awards. They, along with Connie Todd, Lisa Webb, Leo Hallowell, Chris-

topher de la Rosa, Bob Petzinger, Christina Asaro, and Gina Hardin represented the SKYWARN team in receiving the group award. Individuals who were also nominated for the 10-year service award but were unable to attend the ceremony included Scott Gillis, Tom Cipolli, Ray Conn, Dave, Nathan and Patricia Fritz, James Houghton, Barney Paytes, Ryan Smith, Larry Newby and Michael Rosenblatt.

The team and the individuals were nominated by Des Moines County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Gina Hardin. "These individuals give extensively of their time and personal resources to actively watch and spot the weather," Hardin said.

Congratulations, Des Moines County SKYWARN volunteers! Ω

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## Mahaska County emergency manager, local student travel to Washington, D.C. for Youth Preparedness Council Summit

Mahaska County Emergency Manager Jamey Robinson and New Sharon native Austin Witt attended the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Summit in Washington, D.C., July 21-22, 2015.

The purpose of the summit is for Council members to share ideas, opinions and questions about youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of national organizations working on this critical priority (including FEMA).

Robinson and Witt presented to the group regarding the collaboration of Council youth with their local partners. Witt serves on the Council as the representative for FEMA Region VII. This is his second year serving in that capacity.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Youth Preparedness Council. Ω



**Jamey Robinson**



**Austin Witt**

# Training opportunities

## CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training

**When:** July 28-30, 2015  
8 a.m.–4 p.m.  
**Where:** Wallace Bldg. Auditorium  
502 E. Ninth St.  
Des Moines

This two-and-a-half-day course will educate participants about preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and teaches basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

**To register,** visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **David Johnston** at [515.725.3295](tel:515.725.3295) or [david.johnston@iowa.gov](mailto:david.johnston@iowa.gov) or **Beth Lewis** at [515.725.3204](tel:515.725.3204) or [beth.lewis@iowa.gov](mailto:beth.lewis@iowa.gov) with any questions.

## ICS EOC Interface (G191)

**When:** Aug. 13, 2015  
9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
**Where:** Wapello County EOC  
330 W. Second St.  
Ottumwa

**Target audience:** ICS command staff, emergency management positions, elected officials.

This course describes ICS, identifies the roles and responsibilities of ICS and EOC during emergency operations, applies ICS/EOC interface concepts in an exercise situation, develops ICS/EOC interface action plan.



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## Crude by Rail Preparedness (NEMA Webinar Series)

**When:** Aug. 19, 2015  
1–2 p.m. CDT

In 2013, a dramatic surge in North American oil production caused the U.S. to become the leading crude oil producer in the world. As a result, there has been a significant increase in the transportation of crude oil across North America via maritime, pipeline, rail, and motor carrier transportation systems. This webinar will help emergency managers understand crude oil transportation trends, routes, implications for sensitive populations and critical facilities, crude oil characteristics, lessons learned from crude oil derailments, and crude oil preparedness recommendations.

**To register,** visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7117484380602011650>.

## Wide Area Search (PER213)

**When:** Aug. 21-23, 2015  
8:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Fire Station  
510 Tomar Dr.  
Wayne, Neb.

**Target audience:** Local, state and federal responders who may be required to perform search operations. The target audience also includes all emergency responders from municipal and industrial agencies tasked with performing search operations.

This course is applicable to jurisdictions that would need to conduct wide area searches due to natural disaster or terrorist incident. Participants will learn practical search methods and skills in order to perform systematic searches over a large affected area. This course concludes with a table-top exercise that requires participants to utilize the previous two days of instruction.

**To register,** contact **Kevin Garvin** at [cedarem@hartel.net](mailto:cedarem@hartel.net) or [402.254.6862](tel:402.254.6862).

## Iowa Railroad Symposium

**When:** Aug. 26, 2015  
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
(Check-in 7:30-8:30 a.m.)  
**Where:** DMACC  
FFA Enrichment Center  
1055 SW Prairie Pkwy.  
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## Training opportunities

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**Target audience:** Law enforcement, prosecutors, emergency management/responders, firefighters, prevention/education professionals, policymakers, and others impacted by rail safety issues.

This FREE training sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office will provide a national overview of rail transportation as well as rail and pipeline safety issues specific to Iowa.

Contact **Bill Kilburg**, U.S. Attorney's Office, at [bill.kilburg@usdoj.gov](mailto:bill.kilburg@usdoj.gov) or 319.363.0182, with any questions. To register, visit <http://www.justice.gov/usao-ndia>. Registration deadline is July 30.

### Rail Safety & Chlorine Emergency Response Training

**When:** Aug. 26, 27, or 28  
9 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Where:** Durham Museum  
801 S. 10th St.  
Omaha, Neb.

#### Choose from three dates!

This FREE one-day training includes hands-on workshops and classroom instruction, one-on-one training opportunities with emergency response professionals, DVDs containing presentations, plus additional videos and reference materials, complimentary lunch, and certificates upon successful completion of the course.

#### Course modules:

- Railroad 101
- Understanding Tank Cars
- Chlorine Safety & Emergency Response
- C-Kit Workshop
- Midland ERK Workshop
- "Gear On" Leak Mitigation Exercises
- Optional Field Exercises

For all field exercises, the following safety gear is required: hard hat, gloves, safety glasses, and sturdy leather work boots with a defined heel.

For more information, contact **Cindy Kuranchie** at 703.894.4124 or [cindy@CL2.com](mailto:cindy@CL2.com), or **Henry Ward** at 703.894.4114 or [hward@CL2.com](mailto:hward@CL2.com).

To register for any of the three course offerings, visit <http://www.transcaer.com/state.aspx?ID=27>.

### ICS 400-Advanced

**When:** Aug. 27-28, 2015  
8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Marion Co. Public Health Training Room  
2003 N. Lincoln St.  
Knoxville

**Prerequisites:** ICS 100, 200, 300, 700, 800

**Target audience:** Disciplines that would respond to an incident: command staff, section chiefs, unit leaders, division/group supervisors,

branch directors, and multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center managers.

This two-day course will help responders be aware of the importance of ICS as well as keep them up to speed on what to expect.

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### Rapid Needs Assessment (G557)

**When:** Sept. 3, 2015  
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** Wapello County EOC  
330 W. Second St.  
Ottumwa

**Target audience:** Local elected officials, emergency management professionals, public works employees, fire personnel, law enforcement personnel.

This course teaches government officials how to perform a rapid needs assessment accurately and in a timely manner.

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## Bremer County CERT provides watchful eye during music festival

The Bremer County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was recently featured on KCRG-TV (ABC 9) for its involvement in keeping attendees safe at the famed "Gentlemen of the Road" music festival. The tour stopped in



Waverly last month. After months of planning, CERT members staffed a temporary command center and kept an eye on weather conditions. They also took calls for help and made sure officials were routed to where they needed to be.

[Click here](#) to watch the story. Ω

## Johnson County distributes life-saving equipment to volunteer fire departments

Recently, the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency (JCEMA) acquired five new automated CPR devices through a federal property surplus program run by the General Services Administration (GSA). For just the cost of having the units shipped, JCEMA was able to obtain the units, which cost approximately \$14,000 each, according to Emergency Management Coordinator Dave Wilson. The units will be distributed to volunteer fire departments in the communities of Hills, Lone Tree, Oxford, Solon and Swisher. Ω



### HSEMD staff departures

After 14 years with HSEMD, Terry Brown, HSEMD's purchasing agent, has left the department. His last day was July 16. Brown is now the purchasing agent for the Iowa Lottery.

Disaster specialist Kathy Harper's last day with HSEMD was also July 16. Kathy accepted a position as a purchasing agent with the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. Ω



### ON THE CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER

- National Preparedness Month
- Patriot Day (11)
- Labor Day (7)\*

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

## Training opportunities

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### SAVE THE DATE: EOC Operations and Planning for All Hazards (MGT-346)

**When:** Sept. 22-24, 2015  
Time TBA  
**Where:** Polk County EOC  
1907 Carpenter Ave.  
Des Moines

**Target audience:** Law enforcement, EMS, emergency management, fire service, government administrative, public safety communications, health care, public health, hazmat, public works, non-governmental organizations.

This three-day course focuses on the core functions, processes, and best practices necessary to ensure effective and repeatable performance of an emergency operations center at any level.

For more information, contact **Jory Grassinger** with TEEX at **979.458.5620**, **855.245.1614** (toll free) or [jory.grassinger@teex.tamu.edu](mailto:jory.grassinger@teex.tamu.edu), or **A.J. Mumm** with Polk County EMA at **515.286.2107** or [aj.mumm@polkcountyiowa.gov](mailto:aj.mumm@polkcountyiowa.gov).

### SAVE THE DATE: Integrated Warning Team workshop

**When:** Sept. 29, 2015  
Time TBA  
**Where:** Luther College  
Decorah

The La Crosse National Weather Service (NWS) is hosting a series

of workshops in September about Integrated Warning Teams. An Integrated Warning Team (IWT) is a group of partners who share ideas, build relationships, improve services, and integrate social science into operations.

If you would like to know more, please contact **Peter Rogers** at [peter.rogers@noaa.gov](mailto:peter.rogers@noaa.gov) or **Todd Shea** at [todd.shea@noaa.gov](mailto:todd.shea@noaa.gov).

### Essentials of Community Cybersecurity

**When:** Oct. 19, 2015  
9 a.m.–3 p.m.  
**Where:** Vet's Auditorium at  
CCCU Convention Center  
833 Fifth St.  
Des Moines

**Target audience:** Those involved with critical infrastructure, emergency operations, public/private organizations, industries, chambers of commerce, and government officials.

This course provides information for individuals, community leaders, and first responders on how cyber attacks can impact, prevent, and/or stop operations in emergency responses.

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