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FEMA reverses decision to deny disaster benefits to northwest Iowa utilities

Gov. Terry E. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds announced on March 18, 2016, that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has reversed an earlier denial of disaster assistance to three rural electric cooperatives and one municipal utility in northwest Iowa.

“This is great news for the rural electric cooperatives and municipal utility that were affected by a terrible ice storm in 2013,” said Gov. Branstad. “I’m pleased to see FEMA’s willingness to listen to the appeal led by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, who outlined the extensive damage suffered. I’d also like to thank our Iowa congressional delegation in assisting with this effort.”

An April 2013 ice storm caused millions of dollars in damage to electrical utility



Utility poles damaged by ice storm

lines in five Iowa counties: Dickinson, Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola and Sioux. The damage was so extensive that a Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on May 6, 2013. On Aug. 30, 2013, FEMA denied the request for funding in the amount of \$19 million to restore downed utility lines in those counties.

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In issuing the denial, FEMA initially said the utilities did not conduct comprehensive laboratory testing to verify the damage was a direct result of the disaster.

On Dec. 24, 2013, the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) submitted an appeal to FEMA, asking for reconsideration of their denial of funding for the impacted rural electric cooperatives. HSEMD filed the appeal in conjunction with Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative, Osceola Electric Cooperative, and Sanborn Electric and Telecommunications Utility. That appeal was denied in April 2015 and in August 2015, HSEMD

submitted a second appeal. By granting this second appeal, federal Public Assistance funding will be able to be used to replace conductors on the applicants' electrical distribution systems.

"After originally denying funding, I am pleased to hear that FEMA listened to the concerns of Iowans and have reversed their original decision, which will go a long way to aiding our three rural electric cooperatives and one municipal utility in Northwest Iowa," said Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds. "The importance of today's decision cannot be undervalued."

Chuck Soderberg, executive vice president of the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, added, "We are thankful to Gov. Branstad, Lt. Gov. Reynolds and the Iowa De-



Ice covering a power line.

partment of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for submitting the second appeal to FEMA. This funding is greatly needed to the three electric co-ops that were affected and now they can continue providing reliable and affordable power to their member-owners." Ω

April is 9-1-1 Education Month

Governor Branstad has again designated April as 9-1-1 Education Month in Iowa.

Iowa HSEMD and the Iowa 9-1-1 Communications Council sponsor 9-1-1 Education Month to demonstrate the importance of 9-1-1 and the things Iowans should keep in mind when dialing 9-1-1.

Both the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the U.S. Congress have also recognized April as 9-1-1 Education Month.

Throughout the month of April, Iowa HSEMD will push tips and other 9-1-1-related information through its social media accounts, including Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, using the hashtag #911education. More information may also be found on the Ready Iowa website at www.beready.iowa.gov. Ω



Training opportunities

To register for any of these courses, visit [HSEMD's training website](#). Contact **Beth Lewis** at 515.725.3204 or beth.lewis@iowa.gov or **Cristie Duric** at 515.725.3243 or cristie.duric@iowa.gov with questions.



All-Hazards Planning Section Chief (L-962)

When: April 11-14, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Pottawattamie County
Services Building
Conference Room 101
515 Fifth Ave.
Council Bluffs

Target audience: Personnel who are assigned to functional, support or unit leader positions on Type 3 or 4 all-hazard incident management teams (AHIMTs) or by those persons who desire to seek credentials/certification in those positions. Emergency management, EMS, fire service, law enforcement, public health.

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, ICS-400, IS-700, IS-800. Participants must also have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

This course provides emergency responders with a robust understanding of the duties, responsibilities, and capabilities of an effective planning section chief on a local or state AHIMT.

Critical Asset Risk Management (MGT-315)

When: April 12-13, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Franklin County EOC
105 Fifth St. SW
Hampton

Target audience: Law enforcement, fire, hazmat, EMS, public works, health care, public health, government agencies, public safety communications, elected officials, private sector officials.

Prerequisites: NONE. Participants must have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

This course will prepare participants to conduct a jurisdictional Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA).

Intermediate ICS (ICS-300) with ICS Forms Review

When: April 12-14, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: The Security Institute
4647 Stone Ave.
Sioux City

Target audience: Individuals who would have a supervisory role in expanding or Type 3 incidents.

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200, IS-700, IS-800.

This course provides training on and resources for personnel who have a responsibility to function in a command post managing an expanding incident. An introduction to the development of an incident action plan and interactions between the command and general staff sections will be discussed.

EOC Management & Operations (G-775)

When: April 19-20, 2016
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
Where: Franklin County EOC
105 Fifth St. SW
Hampton

Target audience: Emergency managers, first responders, public/private industry, volunteer organizations active in disasters.

Prerequisites: NONE, but IS-701a is recommended.

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This course describes the role, design, and functions of emergency operations centers (EOCs) and their relationships as components of a multi-agency coordination system. This course is part of the Advanced Professional Series.

Debris Management Planning (G-202)

When: April 26-28, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Where: Black Hawk County EOC
1925 Newell St.
Waterloo

Target audience: Emergency managers, public works, finance and environmental officials.

Prerequisites: NONE

This course is designed to help participants successfully plan for, respond to, and manage debris operations resulting from a debris-generating event.

Search & Rescue in Community Disasters (PER-334)

When: April 27-28, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m. (4/27)

Where: Johnson County EOC
4529 Melrose Ave.
Iowa City

Target audience: Fire, CERT teams, youth organizations, public/private sectors, emergency management.

Prerequisites: NONE. Participants must have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

Hands-on training will be used in this one-and-a-half-day course to demonstrate best practices for safe and effective search and rescue.

Emergency Management Program Development Session #2

When: May 5, 2016
9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Where: Polk County EOC
1907 Carpenter Ave.
Des Moines

Target audience: Both new and experienced emergency managers.

Prerequisites: NONE

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the statutory requirements and professional duties of today's emergency manager. Includes: governance, resource management, direction/control/coordination, damage assessment, operation and procedures, and professional development. Sessions may be taken in any sequence, however, all four are required to receive a certificate of completion.

CERT Train-the-Trainer

When: May 11-12, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Where: Iowa Central CC
Triton Cafe Conf Room
1 Triton Circle
Fort Dodge

Prerequisites: 1) Must have a referral from a CERT-sponsoring agency (local/regional/state), 2) Must have taken the basic CERT course. Forward referral and copy of basic CERT course certificate to cristie.duric@iowa.gov.

This two-day course prepares participants to effectively deliver the basic CERT course.

All-Hazards Incident Commander (L-950)

When: May 23-27, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Where: Council Bluffs
Community Hall
205 S Main St.
Council Bluffs

Target audience: Emergency management agencies, EMS, fire service, law enforcement, public health, non-governmental organizations, and others who wish to achieve effective local incident command capability.

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Prerequisites: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800, ICS-300, ICS-400. Participants must have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

This course provides local and state emergency responders with an understanding of duties, responsibilities, capabilities of an effective incident commander on an All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).

Rail Car Incident Response (AWR-147)

When: May 26, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: ISU Extension Office
212 N. I Street
Oskaloosa

Target audience: EMS, fire service, government agencies, hazardous materials responders, law enforcement, public safety communications, public works.

Prerequisites: Must be a U.S. citizen. Participants must have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

This awareness-level course was developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials.

CERT Train-the-Trainer

When: June 8-9, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: Johnson County EOC
4529 Melrose Ave.
Iowa City

Prerequisites: 1) Must have a referral from a CERT-sponsoring agency (local/regional/state), 2) Must have taken the basic CERT course. Forward referral and copy of basic CERT course certificate to cristie.duric@iowa.gov.

This two-day course prepares participants to effectively deliver the basic CERT course.

Advanced ICS (ICS-400)

When: June 21-22, 2016
8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Where: The Security Institute
4647 Stone Ave.
Sioux City

Target audience: Senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in the Area Command (AC) or Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) entity.

Prerequisites: ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, IS-700, IS-800. Participants must have a FEMA Student ID (SID) number to register.

This course provides training on and resources for personnel who have a responsibility to function in a command post managing an expanding incident. Topics include use of an incident complex and Area Command, and the interactions between Multi-Agency Coordination agencies. Ω

Departing staff

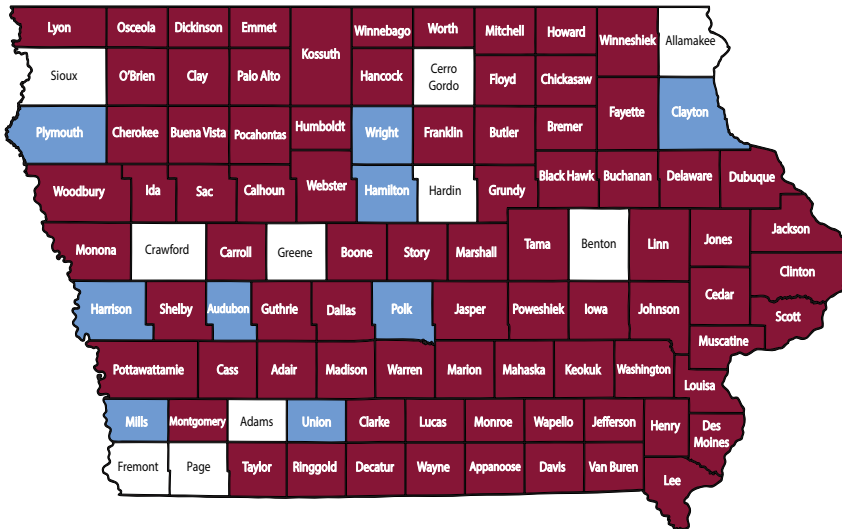
HSEMD Communications and Infrastructure Bureau Chief Randy Goddard has accepted a position with the Iowa Communications Network. His last day will be April 7. Randy has been with the department for 12 years.

Good luck in your new position, Randy. You will be missed! Ω



80 counties now using Alert Iowa system

Welcome Lee County, our most recent Alert Iowa county!



80 Able to register users and issue alerts

9 Not ready to register users or issue alerts

ON THE CALENDAR

APRIL

National 9-1-1 Education Month
National Volunteer Week (10-16)

MAY

Public Service Recognition Week (1-7)
National Nurse's Week (6-12)
National Police Week (15-21)
National EMS Week (15-21)
National Public Works Week (15-21)
Memorial Day (30)*

JUNE

National Safety Month
National CPR/AED Awareness Week (1-7)
Heat Awareness Day (9)
Lightning Safety Awareness Week (19-25)

*State holiday.
HSEMD offices will be closed.

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