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EdTrAC, the Education and Training Advisory Committee, serves as a coordinator, link, and information clearinghouse about issues, training, and exercises that benefit those in the state who are responsible for ensuring the safety and health of Iowans on a day-to-day basis. Bringing together members who represent a wide array of preventers and first responders, EdTrAC takes an innovative and multidisciplinary approach to coordinating preparedness training priorities for Iowa. More information about EdTrAC can be found at [www.edtrac.us](http://www.edtrac.us).

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## Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division Newsletter

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The latest HSEMD newsletter (February 20, 2007) has been posted at [www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/news\\_room/newsletters.asp](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/news_room/newsletters.asp).

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For additional information, please contact Kara Berg at 515-725-3271.

## Southwestern Community College Course Offerings

### EMT – Basic Course

Southwestern Community College

February 22, 2007

7:00 PM

**Ringgold County Hospital  
Mt. Ayr  
48-Hour Paramedic Refresher Course  
Southwestern Community College  
February 27, 2007  
8:00 AM  
Southwestern Community College, Room 160  
Instructional Center at the Creston Campus**

**Storm Spotters Course  
Southwestern Community College  
February 28, 2007  
6:00 PM  
Southwestern Community College, Room 220  
Instructional Center at the Creston Campus**

**Fire Fighter 1 Course  
Southwestern Community College  
March 5, 2007  
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Anyone interested in the above courses can contact Cheryl Blazek at Southwestern Community College at 641-782-1332 or 1-800-247-4023, ext. 332.

**Center for Agriculture Security Tabletop Exercise  
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
March 5, 2007  
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

#### **Cost Information**

No cost to attend, lunch provided

This exercise is designed to test interstate communications, asset requests procedures and resource sharing among 12 members of the Multi-State Partnership. State players include: IDALS, IDPH, DNR, and HSEMD. Local players include: poultry and turkey industry representatives, and county emergency management. Federal players include: USDA and DHS. If interested, please contact Mark Shearer at (515) 281-5798.

## **Excavation Competent Person Training Session**

**Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities**

**March 9, 2007**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities**

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### **Cost and CEU Information**

\$130 per person for IAMU members

\$155 per person for non-IAMU members

\$230 per person for contractors

0.6 CEUs available (not available for water treatment)

IAMU Risk Management Coupons accepted

The training will cover the overall requirements of the law, including employee safety, soil identification, determining if shoring is needed, proper methods of trenching and shoring, dealing with traffic, emergency equipment.

Register on the IAMU website, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org) (click on "Calendar/Registrations").

The registration deadline is March 2, 2007. For additional information, contact Dave Hraha ([dhraha@iamu.org](mailto:dhraha@iamu.org)) or Melody Taninies ([mtaninies@iamu.org](mailto:mtaninies@iamu.org)) at IAMU, 800/810-4268.

## **Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP)**

### **Train-the-Trainer Course**

**Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division**

**March 6 – 9, 2007**

**Scheman Center, Iowa State University**

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There are four seats reserved for each Homeland Security region. In addition, regional staff from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Homeland Security Grant Program are invited to attend. State agencies are also invited to fill a limited number of slots. Multiple discipline participation is encouraged. There are a total of 50 seats for the course and HSEMD would like to fill this course – it is the only Train-the-Trainer that Iowa is scheduled to receive. HSGP FFY05 and FFY06 funds may be used to pay for this training. Registration for this course will be on HSEMD's website at [www.hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/](http://www.hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/). Please contact HSEMD's Beth Gathercole at [beth.gathercole@hsem.state.ia.us](mailto:beth.gathercole@hsem.state.ia.us) or 515-725-3204 if your region needs more seats or if your region will not need all four seats.

## **Iowa Fusion System: Managing Information & Ensuring Security**

**Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division**

- Session#1: LEIN Regions 1 and 4, Tuesday, March 13, 2007  
Location: Iowa Western Community College, Looft Hall, Council Bluffs

- Session#2: LEIN Regions 2 and 5, Friday, March 16, 2007  
Location: Joint Forces HQ, Enhanced Classroom, Johnston
- Session#3: LEIN Regions 3 and 6, Monday, March 19, 2007  
Location: Kirkwood Community College, Iowa Hall, Cedar Rapids

The training conferences are designed to facilitate information management among all levels of government and the private sector. The information will be of special interest to federal/state/local law enforcement, emergency managers, security managers, business executives, homeland security specialists, public administrators, and infrastructure specialists. To register for this event, go to <http://hls.extension.iastate.edu/calendar>. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Participants are responsible for their own hotel and travel arrangements. For questions, please contact Jeff McKinney at 515-323-4312 or Roxann Ryan at 515-281-8109, or e-mail [tipp@iowa.gov](mailto:tipp@iowa.gov).

## **Electric Utility System Operation Short Course**

**Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities**

**March 20 – 22, 2007**

**Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities Training & Office Complex  
Ankeny**

### **Cost Information**

Workshop Fee: \$700 per person (fees include lunches, breaks, and course materials)

IAMU Risk Management Coupons accepted

Topics to be covered include: generation of a sine wave, generation and generator excitation, frequency control, grounding, overload criteria, three-phase systems, energy consumption, watt-hour meters, calculating energy costs, etc. Register on the IAMU website, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org) (click on "Calendar/Registrations").

The registration deadline is March 13, 2007. Please contact Eric Stoll ([estoll@iamu.org](mailto:estoll@iamu.org)) or Melody Taninies ([mtaninies@iamu.org](mailto:mtaninies@iamu.org)) at IAMU, 800/810-4268 for additional information.

## **Western Iowa Regional Disaster Crisis Recovery Conference**

**Carroll County Emergency Management Agency**

**March 23, 2007**

**8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**The Carrollton Inn**

**Carroll, Iowa**

### **Cost Information**

\$25 (Postmarked prior to March 9<sup>th</sup>)

\$35 (after March 9<sup>th</sup> through morning of conference)

The central topic of this conference is: social and mental aspects of disaster planning. For inquiries about the conference

or accommodations, please contact Carroll County Emergency Management at 712-775-2166 or [carrollcountyema@yahoo.com](mailto:carrollcountyema@yahoo.com).

**Public Information Officer Workshop**  
**Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division**  
**March 27, 2007**

HSEMD is inviting one PIO from each county to attend the workshop. The workshop will be focused on the Joint Information System (JIS) and Joint Information Center (JIC), giving participants a picture of how they work. PIO contact information, along with questions, may be submitted to Lucinda Robertson at [Lucinda.Robertson@iowa.gov](mailto:Lucinda.Robertson@iowa.gov). Please include the name, organization, phone number, and e-mail address of your PIO contact(s).

**Spring Colloquium and Leadership Conference**  
**University of Iowa College of Public Health, Institute for Public Health Practice**  
**March 28, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Iowa Memorial Union (on the University of Iowa campus)**  
**Richey Ballroom, Room 376**

Joseph M. Henderson, CDC Senior Management Official in New York State, will join the conference to present “Meta-Leadership and the Challenge for Public Health,” a program developed with the Harvard school of Public Health and the Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Henderson’s previous roles at CDC include serving as Associate Director of Terrorism Preparedness and Response, the aftermath of September 11, 2002, and the subsequent anthrax attacks, serving as Deputy Director of CDC’s Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program. For additional information, contact Angie Harding at (319) 335-8451 or [hardingaj@mail.public-health.uiowa.edu](mailto:hardingaj@mail.public-health.uiowa.edu).

**Severe Weather Awareness Week**  
**Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division**  
**April 2 – 6, 2007**

Topics for the week include:

Monday: NOAA Weather Radios

Tuesday: Severe Thunderstorms

Wednesday: Tornadoes (Tornado Drill)

Thursday: Family Preparedness

Friday: Flooding

HSEMD plans to run PSAs on radios statewide throughout the week to promote preparedness information on [www.BeReadyIowa.org](http://www.BeReadyIowa.org) and to promote a drawing for 30 NOAA weather radios featured on this website.

**National Public Health Week: Preparedness and Public Health Threats:  
Addressing the Unique Needs of the Nation's Vulnerable Populations**  
American Public Health Association  
April 2 – 8, 2007

During the National Public Health Week, local events will be hosted by various organizations throughout Iowa. For more information, visit <http://www.apha.org/nphw>.

**2007 “New Directions in Public Health” Iowa Public Health Conference**  
Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Public Health Association  
April 3 – 4, 2007  
Scheman Center, Iowa State University  
Ames

This year's conference will feature presentations by three leaders in public health, and several workshops will feature presentations on emergency preparedness, risk communication, health literacy, public health standards, and public health from the local perspective. You can register for the conference through March 23 at [www.uhl.uiowa.edu/news/iphabrouchure.pdf](http://www.uhl.uiowa.edu/news/iphabrouchure.pdf), or contact the Iowa Public Health Association at [iowa-pha@gmail.com](mailto:iowa-pha@gmail.com) for additional information.

**Foreign Animal Disease Response Master Trainer Course**  
AgTerror Preparedness Center, Kirkwood Community College  
May 8 – 10, 2007  
Kirkwood Community College  
Cedar Rapids

This intensive 2 ½ day course is designed for the experienced Master Trainer who will instruct Emergency Responder Training Officers from multi-disciplines and jurisdictions across the Emergency Response community and to assist animal health officials in response to a foreign animal disease outbreak. For more details about this course, please contact the AgTerror Preparedness Center at 1-800-464-6874 or visit the website at: [http://www.agterror.org/training\\_courses.asp](http://www.agterror.org/training_courses.asp).

**Draft National Incident Management System (NIMS) Upgrade**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

The Department of Homeland Security has recently released Version 1 of the Draft National Incident Management System (NIMS) Upgrade and has opened it for nationwide review and comment. The NIMS Upgrade Document (Version 1) can be accessed for review and can be downloaded from the NRP/NIMS website at <http://www.dhs.gov/nrp>. If you would like to request a comment form to submit comments, please email [NIMScomments@hsi.dhs.gov](mailto:NIMScomments@hsi.dhs.gov). However, while a comment form will help assure clarity and consistency, it is not a requirement. You may also submit your comments directly to that email address. Initial comments were to be received by February 19, 2007 to be considered during the first comment period. Comments will then be adjudicated and a revised version of the document will be available on March 26, 2007. The final comments will be due no later than April 6, 2007.

## **The Advisor Newsletter**

### **Office of Grants and Training (G&T) Training Division Update**

The Office of Grants and Training (G&T) Training Division is pleased to announce the inaugural edition of *The Advisor*, newsletter. This edition recognizes the Fiscal Year 2006 Competitive Training Grants Program (CTGP) process and awards, highlights a unique training initiative by the Western Community Policing Institute (WCPI), provides Frequently Asked Questions about Web-Forms, and much more. Future editions of *The Advisor* will include information on G&T Training Division Initiatives, grantee and responder community success stories, and other pertinent information for the emergency responder training community. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.iml.org/anps/anitem.cfm?AnnID=779>.

## **Lessons Learned Information Sharing,**

### **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

The Lessons Learned Information Sharing ([www.LLIS.gov](http://www.LLIS.gov)) is the national network of Lessons Learned and Best Practices for emergency response providers and homeland security officials. LLIS.gov's secure, restricted-access information is designed to facilitate efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to acts of terrorism and other incidents across all disciplines and communities throughout the US. You can seek access to this site by registering on [www.LLIS.gov](http://www.LLIS.gov). Once you have gained access, you will be able to locate lessons learned and best practices, which have been submitted from states throughout the country.

## **Websites to Check Regularly for Trainings and Exercises**

### **AgTerror Preparedness Center**

<http://www.agterror.org/>

### **EdTrAC**

<http://www.edtrac.us>

### **Iowa Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division**

<http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/fstb/>

### **Iowa Law Enforcement Academy**

<http://www.state.ia.us/ilea/courses.html>

### **Iowa Responder Training**

<http://www.iowarespondertraining.com/>

### **Prepare Iowa Learning Management System**

<http://www.prepareiowa.com/Public/>