



EdTrAC Connect is distributed electronically every month. It provides preparedness training-related news and information to EdTrAC members and other individuals or organizations interested in receiving the updates. All of the information can be republished or distributed to other parties. Submissions can be made any time, but must be received by the first week of the month in order to be published in the new month. To submit items for the EdTrAC Connect, or to subscribe/unsubscribe, please contact Rachel Lynch at 515-243-2000 or [rylynch@sppg.com](mailto:rylynch@sppg.com).

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).

EdTrAC is convened and funded by The University of Iowa College of Public Health, Center for Public Health Preparedness. Partnering agencies include the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, the Iowa Department of Public Safety, and the Iowa Department of Public Health. State Public Policy Group serves as the coordinator and staff for EdTrAC.

## **Upcoming EdTrAC Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

### **Thursday, June 7, 2007**

9 am – noon  
Ramada Inn  
Des Moines, IA

### **Thursday, September 6, 2007**

9 am – noon  
Ramada Inn  
Des Moines, IA

### **Thursday December 6, 2007**

9 am – noon  
Ramada Inn  
Des Moines, IA

## **Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division Newsletter**

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The latest HSEMD newsletter (May 2, 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.

## ILEA Telecommunicator 8-Hour In-Service Training Classes

### Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

**May 16 – June 14, 2007**

May 16, Manchester Farmers & Merchant's Bank

May 17, Fayette County Law Enforcement Center

May 30, Mitchell County Sheriff's Office

June 14, Carroll Police Department

Advanced Telecommunicator Class

at UNI, Maucker Union, Presidential Room

May 22-24

Basic 40 Hour Telecommunicator at ILEA

June 4-8

To register or to schedule training, call Nancy with ILEA at 515-242-5011.

## Bird Flu School Planning Summit

### New-Fields Exhibitions

**May 21, 2007**

**Hilton Garden Inn Raritan Center, New Jersey**

The second Bird Flu School Planning Summit, which will be launched on May 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn Raritan Center in New Jersey, is meant to engage school administrators, teachers, parents and students in an intensive, hands-on training on how to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from a possible bird flu pandemic.

Organized by New-Field Exhibitions, the summit aims to encourage all community members to engage in the fight against bird flu and to prepare for a looming flu pandemic.

The summit agenda has four general topics: Learn How to Plan, Protect the Community, Know How to Respond, and Plan to Continue. Taken together, these are meant to teach participants how, in the event of a pandemic, to maintain cash flow and to continue day-to-day operations.

For more information about the conference, please contact New-Fields Exhibitions at 202-536-5000 or visit the website: [www.new-fields.com](http://www.new-fields.com).

## **Fulfilling Our Mission: Translating Your Compassion into Community Action American Red Cross Central Iowa Chapter**

### **Dates Offered:**

May 24, 6-9 pm

June 26, 6-9 pm

July 19, 6-9 pm

August 21, 6-9 pm

### **Cost Information:**

No cost. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, contact Dean Sweberg at 515-471-8333 or [swebergd@desmoines-redcross.org](mailto:swebergd@desmoines-redcross.org).

## **Fulfilling Our Mission: Translating Your Compassion into Community Action**

is a basic, entry level instructor-led course, which introduces potential disaster volunteers and members of other local agencies to the role of the Red Cross in the community's actions in preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters. The course will enable individual volunteers to translate their care and compassion for their community into action and provide information to other agencies on Red Cross work and possible partnership in preparation for and response to a disaster.

Many other disaster training courses are offered at no cost by the American Red Cross to registered volunteers. If you're interested in responding to disasters, both locally (house fires are most common) and around the country (3-week assignments), contact the American Red Cross to get involved. Disaster training is provided at no cost, and your travel/incidental expenses are covered while on a national disaster relief operation. Find your local Red Cross chapter by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

## **Combination Paramedic Specialist and Paramedic to Paramedic Specialist Bridge Course**

**Southwestern Community College**

**Starts May 31, 2007**

### **Cost Information:**

#### **Paramedic Specialist Course:**

Tuition: \$4000.00

Books: \$400.00

Clinical shirt: \$25.00

## **Iowa Paramedic to Paramedic Specialist Course:**

Tuition:	\$2500.00
Books:	\$400.00
Clinical shirt:	\$25.00

Successful completion of either of these courses prepares the student to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician paramedic skills and cognitive certification examinations. Successful completion of National Registry examinations allows the student to apply for EMS certification as a Paramedic Specialist in the State of Iowa.

The Paramedic to Paramedic Specialist Bridge Course is a pilot course within the state of Iowa. Southwest Community College has been approved by the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of EMS to offer the course.

These two courses have been designed to be held concurrently. Paramedic Specialists will attend both Monday and Thursday evenings and Paramedic to Paramedic Specialist Bridge students will attend Thursdays only, with occasional Mondays.

For further information, contact Cheryl Blazek at Southwestern Community College. Phone: 641-782-1332 or e-mail: [blazek@swccciowa.edu](mailto:blazek@swccciowa.edu)

## **2007 National Conference on Community Preparedness: Partnerships and Collaboration through Citizen Corps National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) June 10 – 13, 2007 Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, Virginia**

### **There will be opportunities to:**

- Share best practices on community preparedness
- Get suggestions on how to reach out to specific population segments
- Learn innovative approaches to funding
- Hear updates on Department of Homeland Security initiatives
- Network with other Citizen Corps partners
- Find out how others are addressing liability issues
- Hear ideas on engaging elected officials
- Listen to findings from citizen preparedness research and much, much more!

The conference is being hosted jointly by the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA). The conference is open to all who are interested in making their communities safer, stronger, and better prepared for all types of hazards.

Exhibit and sponsor opportunities are available for the conference. More detailed information and a sponsorship brochure can be downloaded from the IAEM web site at <http://www.iaem.com/NCCC2007.htm#about>.

**Iowa Veterinary Rapid Response Team Virtual Deployment Exercise**  
**Center for Agriculture Security**  
**Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship**  
**June 18 – 29, 2007**  
**Center for Agriculture Security Office, Wallace Building, Des Moines.**

This exercise projects the roles of private sector responders in a foreign animal disease incident over a 2-week period. Only IDALS staff and IVRRT responders will be players.

Call 515-281-5798 if you wish to observe.

**4th Annual Governor's Homeland Security Conference**  
**Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division**  
**Polk County Convention Complex**  
**July 16 – 18, 2007**  
**Des Moines, Iowa**

**Cost Information:**

Participant Registration

\$125 (Postmarked prior to June 29)

\$175 (After June 29 payment must be made the day of the conference)

No refunds will be given after July 6

Exhibitor Registration

\$400 (Postmarked prior to June 29)

\$450 (After June 29 payment must be made the day of the conference)

No refunds will be given after July 6

Learn more about current homeland security topics such as National Incident Management (NIMS), Ethanol Production and Hazards, Facility Assessments, and Special Needs Planning. Suggested participants include Fire, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, Health Care/Public Health, Planner/Managers, Emergency Management, State and Local Officials, State and Federal Agencies, Security Personnel, Agriculture/Animal Health, Industry and School Officials.

For more information, visit [www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org), email [governorsconf@iowa.gov](mailto:governorsconf@iowa.gov) or call Mary Ann Lee at 515-243-2000.

**Introduction to Disaster Services**  
**American Red Cross Online Course**

Introduction to Disaster Services is a free online course consisting of three separate learning modules that will introduce learners to American Red Cross Disaster Services and allow them to discover how volunteers support this critical mission and to explore ways they can become involved in their local chapter.

This online course takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. To take the course, visit the website:

[http://www2.redcross.org/flash/course01\\_v01/](http://www2.redcross.org/flash/course01_v01/).

## Providing Mass Medical Care with Scarce Resources: A Community Planning Guide

### HHS Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Shares Resources

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, in collaboration with the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness, has released **Providing Mass Medical Care with Scarce Resources: A Community Planning Guide**. This planning guide was developed to provide community planners, as well as planners at the institutional, state and federal levels, with valuable information that will help in their efforts to plan for and respond to a mass casualty event (MCE).

The planning guide examines MCE response and preparedness challenges across a wide range of health care settings and issues recommendations for planners in specific areas. The guide also discusses ethical and legal considerations related to MCE planning in pre-hospital, hospital, acute-care, and alternative-care sites.

To access **Providing Mass Medical Care with Scarce Resources: A Community Planning Guide** go to <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/mce/>. To order a print copy of the guide, contact the AHRQ Publications Clearinghouse at 800-358-9295 or by sending an e-mail to [ahrqpubs@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:ahrqpubs@ahrq.hhs.gov).

## The Advisor Newsletter

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

The Office of Grants and Training (G&T) 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.

## Revised HSEEP Policy and Guidance Volumes

### Lessons Learned Information Sharing

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is pleased to announce that the 2007 editions of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Policy and Guidance Volumes I-III have been finalized and published. HSEEP is a capabilities and performance-based exercise program that provides a standardized policy, methodology, and terminology for the design, development, conduct, and evaluation of all exercises. The HSEEP volumes were initially developed in 2002; however, to increase the applicability and utilization of HSEEP among diverse entities, several revisions were made to the volumes over the past two years.

The volumes can be found on the HSEEP website at <http://hseep.dhs.gov> and on the [Lessons Learned Information Sharing](#) (LLIS.gov) system.

## 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/>