

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 Mat Willey at 515-243-2000 or mwilley@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.

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 5

9am-Noon

Location TBA

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

One new HSEMD newsletters (April 24) has been posted at:

www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/NewsRoom/Newsletters/tabid/75/Default.aspx

Three highlights from the April 24, 2008 issue:

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department hosts workshop on infrastructure and asset protection

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management hosted a Midwest regional critical infrastructure/key resources workshop on April 15-16 at Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona. Twenty-two attendees participated in round-table discussions on a number of topics, including progress on critical asset protection planning; Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS) implementation, and CI/KR (Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources) Tier II Program. The states represented at the workshop were South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Iowa.

Workshop participants also had the opportunity to discuss and learn about site and sector-specific planning, private sector partnership development, multi-state infrastructure protection initiatives and opportunities, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards – Buffer Zone Protection Program, Protected Critical Infrastructure Information program implementation, information sharing with CI/KR partners, and expectations with dwindling resources.

Homeland Security award nominations are being accepted

Nominations are now being taken for the 2008 Homeland Security Award, sponsored by the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, a federal government agency.

The \$25,000 award will be presented to an individual or company making an invaluable contribution related to homeland security research. The mission of the award is to promote or encourage innovation in the field of homeland security. Nominations will be accepted online at www.ccolumbusfoundationawards.org. The deadline for nominations is May 23. Information on the competition rules, regulations and past recipients is also available on the Web site.

News from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the realignment of its organizational structures in an effort to enhance FEMA's capability to develop a national preparedness system. The realignment includes the transfer of specific preparedness, administrative, and operational roles from FEMA Headquarters to FEMA regional administrators.

According to information released by FEMA, the transfer of authority impacts personnel associated with the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, Community Preparedness, Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, Continuity of Operations, and Regional Investment Officers. The National Preparedness Divisions, led by new Federal Preparedness Coordinators at the regional level, will lead FEMA's efforts to coordinate the broad scope of preparedness missions for all hazards. There are also plans for FEMA to form a new Grant Program Division in each Region to serve as the central location for business management for grants administered by the Regions, as well as the program management for certain national preparedness homeland security grant programs.

As the result of an agreement that was included in the National Response Framework, FEMA will have responsibility for coordinating mass care, a role formerly held by the American Red Cross. Under this agreement, the Red Cross will no longer be responsible for reporting data on all shelters, as it has done in the past. The Red Cross will now report only on its own shelters, and the states will be responsible for reporting on all shelters. FEMA will be responsible for compiling the data on all shelters into a centralized database.

Upcoming events:

Volunteer Management for Public Health Iowa Department of Public Health and the Upper Midwest Center for Public Health Preparedness (UMCPHP)

Date:

This is an online course.

Cost:

Free.

This course is intended for public health agencies in Iowa who may need to utilize volunteers in both emergency and non-emergency situations. The course includes information on how to handle spontaneous volunteers; the use of volunteer agencies including the Medical Reserve Corp and Disaster Medical Assistance Teams; the process of recruiting, screening, and training volunteers; volunteer retention; and licensure, privileging, and liability issues.

Here are a few comments regarding what users liked about this course: “the review questions were very helpful;” “the use of clear terminology and examples;” “the ease of getting in and moving around in the course;” “the resources that it identified;” “it pulls together information on the legal aspects of volunteering that I wasn’t familiar with;” “new information on volunteers;” “practical information on recruiting, interviewing, and retaining volunteers;” and “learned more about volunteer organizations that are available.”

For more information, or to register for this course, please visit the web-site at www.prepareiowa.com or contact Angela Harding at UMCPHP at 319-335-8451 or e-mail angela-harding@uiowa.edu.

Introduction to Disaster Services American Red Cross Online Course

Dates:

This is an online course.

Cost:

Free.

Introduction to Disaster Services is an 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. The course takes approximately 45 minutes to complete Web Link: http://www2.redcross.org/flash/course01_v01/

Training Officers Workshop Fire Service Training Bureau

Date:

May 3 from 9am to 3pm at the Fire Service Training Bureau (3100 Fire Service Road, Ames)

Cost:

Free. To register visit <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/fstb/newclasses.shtml> or call 1-888-469-2347 or 515-294-6817.

The Fire Service Training Bureau, in cooperation with the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors, has designed this workshop to assist training officers from volunteer, career, and combination fire departments as well as others interested in training at the local level. In addition to the presentations, the Bureau will have a display of some of the newest fire service training materials available for your training needs. Materials from the Bureau, IFSTA/Fire Protection Publications, and others will be available for you to review.

Laboratory Symposium

Iowa University Hygienic Laboratory

Date:

May 5 at Des Moines Area Community College – DMACC Building 7

Cost:

Registration details will be available in March. If interested please call Pamela Mollenhauer at 515.725.1600
The University Hygienic Laboratory sponsors the annual Laboratory Symposium each spring. The Symposium is attended by chemists and laboratory specialists, water and wastewater operators, consultants, and other environmental professionals. Common topics covered at the Symposium include method development and review, laboratory procedures, regulatory updates, laboratory certification issues, and quality control.

Media Relations for Law Enforcement Schools

Presented by the Division of Criminal Investigation in conjunction with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Dates:

May 5

Cost:

\$50. To register call 515-242-5471.

These one-day schools, presented by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, will provide law enforcement personnel with important information needed to enhance media relations in their area. Attendees will be provided with instruction on how to foster a positive relationship with the media. Instruction will include law enforcement's responsibility for release of information under Iowa's Open Records law and related legal aspects. Attendees will be provided insight on how to work with the media during major incidents to include: AMBER Alerts, hostage situations and accident scenes. Attendees will also be provided with tips on writing effective press releases and how to conduct press briefings. This workshop will include a practical exercise which will include a member of the media from the Des Moines area.

20-Hour Jail In-Service

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 6-8 at Jones County Sheriff's Office

Cost:

\$135. To register contact Judy at 515-242-5357.

Each fiscal year after the completion of the required basic training course, jailers and jail administrators are required to complete 20 hours of in-service training. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy schedules a number of schools throughout the state.

Less Lethal Munitions Instructor Recertification School

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 7

Cost:

\$75. To register call 515-242-5471.

The philosophy of less lethal munitions is defined as a concept of planning and force application, which meets an operational objective with less potential for causing death or serious physical injury than conventional police tactics. This one-day class is designed to provide participants with updated knowledge, tactics, and techniques that will prepare him/her to train end users in the deployment and use of kinetic energy impact projectiles.

Less Lethal Munitions Instructor School Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 7

Cost:

\$460. To register call 515-242-5471.

This one-day school is a certification course in the use of the munitions available for the purpose of encouraging compliance, overcoming resistance or preventing serious injury without posing a significant potential of causing death. Topics to be covered will be 12 gauge beanbag rounds, 37/40 mm rounds, 37/40 mm foam baton rounds, 37/40 mm rubber pellet rounds and Sage KO 1 rounds.

University Hygienic Laboratory Spring Professional Forum University Hygienic Laboratory

Dates:

Region Five: May 7 from 1pm to 4pm at Indian Hills Community College (Rural Health Education Center room 111, Ottumwa)

Region One: May 8 from 1pm to 4pm at Iowa State Patrol District Office (260 NW 48th Place, Des Moines)

Region Two: May 13 from 1pm to 4pm at North Iowa Community College (Muse Conference Center, Mason City)

Region Six: May 14 from 1pm to 4pm at Kirkwood Community College (Iowa Hall rooms A and B, Cedar Rapids)

Region Three: June 3 from 1pm to 4pm at Iowa Western Iowa Tech Community College (Advanced Science Multipurpose Building rooms 416 and 417, Sioux City)

Region Four: June 4 from 1pm to 4pm at Iowa Western Tech Community College (Continuing Education Building, Council Bluffs)

Cost:

Free. Please register at: <http://www.uhl.uiowa.edu/educationoutreach/conferenceevents/forum> For questions contact Rick Bonar (richard-bonar@uiowa.edu) 319-335-4099.

The objective of this educational opportunity is to present valuable information on preparedness activities to keep partners informed. There is no charge to attend. Every organization is highly encouraged to send at least one representative who

can bring back important information. Reimbursement to cover travel expenses for one person may be available through Regional Preparedness Funds. You must contact your regional representative to confirm available funding.

Defensive Tactics Instructor School

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 12-16

Cost:

\$250. To register call 515-242-5471.

This five-day school will provide instructor certification in the areas of defensive tactics and force management. Required student teaching sessions will be videotaped. The attending officer should bring a sweatshirt and pants, athletic shoes, appropriate groin and mouth protection, as well as duty belt including handcuffs and a whistle. Class enrollment will be limited to thirty certified Iowa law enforcement officers.

Emergency Planning

Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

Date:

May 13 and 14 at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa

Cost:

Free. Contact David Hempen at 515-725-3281 or Beth Gathercole 515-725-3231

This course is designed to provide a practical knowledge in how to develop emergency plans using Hazard analysis in the planning process.

8-Hour Telecommunicator In-services

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Dates:

May 14, 2008 – Marion County LEC, Knoxville

May 15, 2008 – Marion County LEC, Knoxville

May 21, 2008 - Manchester PD, location TBA

May 27, 2008 – Red Oak Fire Department

May 28, 2008 – Clarinda Police Department

Communications Supervisor Class

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 19-21

Cost:

\$160. To register call Carolyn at 515-242-5357

This training session focuses on the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to function effectively and professionally as a communications center supervisor. Special emphasis is placed on incident management, leadership skills, and effective communications.

Basic PIO Course G-290

Iowa Department of Public Health

Dates: May 20 and 21 in Ankeny at the University Hygienic Lab on the DMACC Campus (2220 South Ankeny Blvd.)

Cost:

To register email Steve Warren at steve.warren@idph.state.ia.us

The purpose of this course is to instruct individuals who provide messaging to the public which resources to use and how to get messages out in an emergency or other event.

Crime Scene Photography

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 20-22

Cost:

\$260. To register call 515-242-5471.

These schools will address all aspects of crime and accident scene photography. Officers will begin with camera/flash basic operations and progress through impression photography, fill-flash techniques, paint with light, close-up lighting and night photography.

20-Hour Jail In-Service

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 20-22 at Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Cost:

\$135. To register call 515-242-5471.

Each fiscal year after the completion of the required basic training course, jailers and jail administrators are required to complete 20 hours of in-service training. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy schedules a number of schools throughout the state.

Taser Instructor Recertification School

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 21

Cost:

\$180. To register call 515-242-5471.

This one-day recertification school will recertify instructors currently holding Iowa Law Enforcement Academy certification in the use of the advanced taser, less lethal weapon. Students will be retrained in the reasonable and proper legal, medical and tactical use of this weapon. Class enrollment will be limited to twenty Certified Iowa Law Enforcement Academy taser instructors.

Taser Instructor School

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

May 21-22

Cost:

\$260. To register call 515-242-5471.

This school will cover the techniques for proper deployment and certification of officers in the use of the Advanced Taser, Less Lethal Weapon. All officers completing this course will be Iowa Enforcement Academy and Taser International, Inc. certified. All participants will be trained in the reasonable and proper legal, medical and tactical use of this weapon. Class size is limited to twenty certified Iowa law enforcement officers.

Laboratory Response Network Wet Workshop

Iowa University Hygienic Laboratory

Dates:

May 28 and May 29 at the Iowa Laboratory Facility in Ankeny, Iowa.

Cost:

Free. To register contact Rick Bonar via phone: 319.335.4099 or via email: rbonar@uhl.uiowa.edu Registration is limited to 12 people per day.

Preparedness for detecting events of biological terrorism is the responsibility of every laboratory performing microbiological cultures. This program will provide in-depth information and hands-on experience about specific select agents of bioterrorism. Protocols for collecting and handling specimens will be addressed.

Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program

Region V Homeland Security Board

Dates:

May 28 and May 29 at ADLM Conference Room in Moravia, Iowa

The intent of the HSEEP training is to provide common exercise policy and program guidance capable of constituting a standard for all exercise that can be used by all exercise planners, regardless of the nature and composition of their sponsoring agency or organization.

The training will cover the following Course Competencies:

[461 What Emergency Preparedness and Response Is](#)

[461.07t Creative thinking to challenges](#)

[461.07d Readiness across range of emergencies](#)

[461.08d Participate in continuing education](#)

[462 Bioterrorism-related Preparedness & Response](#)

[463.02d Conduct bioterrorism preparedness](#)

[463.38t Evaluate drills](#)

[XD15 Apply creative problem solving](#)

[XD17 Participate in continuing education](#)

The training requires the following prerequisites: ICS 100, IS 700, IS 120a or IS 139. For questions or more information, Contact R.D. Keep, at 641-673-0123 or via email at 4keeps@mahaska.org

Live Fire Skills Weekend Fire Service Training Bureau

Dates:

May 31 to June 1 at FSTB training grounds (3100 Fire Service Road, Ames, Iowa)

Cost:

Free. To sign up go to <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/fstb/index.shtml> click on 'training opportunities' and then follow the directions.

This Live Fire Skills training program will provide firefighters the opportunity to gain the essential live fire skills required for FFI and FFII, while addressing the skills previously signed off by the chief officer on their department.

The training program will cover the following skills: Extinguishment of Class A & B type fires using the appropriate extinguisher; Extinguish or control piles of Class A materials; Extinguish or control a vehicle fire and storage container fire; Use the Interior Fire Attack Simulator for below-grade, at-grade, and above-grade fire attack inside a structure; Exterior combustible liquids fire of at least 100 sq. ft. using foam fire stream; Simulated fire involving energized electrical components; Simulated fire involving flammable gas cylinders.

Safeguard Iowa Public-Private Workshops Safeguard Iowa Partnership

Dates:

June 2 in Denison from 9:30am to 3pm

June 4 in Cedar Rapids from 9:30am to 3pm

June 5 in Altoona from 9:30am to 3pm

Cost:

Free. Register online at www.prepareiowa.com. Lunch will be provided for registered attendees at each location.

The goal of the workshops is to demonstrate successful public-private initiatives and provide an emergency coordination model for individual communities, as well as regional and statewide efforts. Presentations will include lessons learned from recent incidents, public-sector assessment tools for business preparedness and other varied topics. Topics will include public-private exercises, fusion centers and intelligence, pandemic influenza, making an emergency operations center work, Des Moines' Barton Solvents fire response, and business continuity.

Communications Training Officer Class

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

June 3-6

Cost:

\$160. To register call Carolyn at 515-242-5357

These sessions focus on development of skills for on-the-job training. Areas of instruction include legal and ethical issues, work and motivation, instructional techniques, adult learning, CTO as a counselor, remedial training strategies, performance and evaluations.

Internal Affairs School

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

June 3-4

Cost:

\$120. To register call 515-242-5471.

This two-day school will provide the skills necessary for students to function in an internal affairs unit, show how an internal affairs unit is constructed and structured, and how to work within the constraints of this specialized investigative unit to both protect the agency's integrity and to preserve the rights and obligations of department personnel. Topics presented will include: department policies regarding internal affairs, excessive internal investigations as a management tool, and command responsibility for defining controls and how to set up an internal affairs unit.

Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program

Region V Homeland Security Board

Dates:

June 3 and June 4 at Southeastern Community College in West Burlington, Iowa

The intent of the HSEEP training is to provide common exercise policy and program guidance capable of constituting

a standard for all exercise that can be used by all exercise planners, regardless of the nature and composition of their sponsoring agency or organization.

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**Chemical Munitions Instructor School
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy**

Date:

June 3-5

Cost:

\$260. To register call 515-242-5471.

This school will provide the officer with the skills necessary to provide chemical munitions related instruction to his/her agency and reduce liability. History and development of chemical munitions, use of tactical employment/deployment, OC certification (pepper mace), distraction devices, dynamic entry and building searches are among the topics to be discussed and presented. Class enrollment is limited to thirty certified Iowa law enforcement officers.

**Oleoresin Capiscum Instructor School
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy**

Date:

June 6

Cost:

\$90. To register call 515-242-5471

This one-day school will provide certification as an Iowa Law Enforcement Academy oleoresin capsicum chemical agent instructor. Topics to be covered will include: the history of development, use of force/force continuum, nomenclature of OC, vicarious liability, shelf life considerations, storage, disposal, physical effects, decontamination methods, tactical use, hand held deployment, shoulder mounted deployment, and fogging devices. Class enrollment will be limited to thirty certified Iowa law enforcement officers.

Basic 40 Hour Telecommunicator Training Program

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Dates:

June 9-13

July 7-11

September 8-12

December 8-12

Cost:

\$215. To register call Carolyn at 515-242-5357

These 40-hour telecommunicator training schools are designed to meet the requirements mandated for basic telecommunicator training within the first year of employment. Training will provide the knowledge and skills necessary for telecommunicators to perform their duties professionally, efficiently and effectively.

Patrol Response To The Active Shooter School

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Dates:

June 12-13

Cost:

\$160. To register call Carolyn at 515.242.5357

This school is geared to the patrol officer. The instructors have experience with equipment, tactics and the operational restrictions of line officers. The school is divided into two sections. The first is classroom lecture focusing on the theory of rapid deployment, use of force considerations, equipment suggestions, hallway clearing, building search techniques, room combat and guidelines for departmental policy and procedure. The second portion of the training will be conducted on a live fire range; safety is paramount and will be constantly stressed. There will be multiple drills for handgun and long gun. Officers will engage stationary targets and shoot on the move.

Fulfilling Our Mission

Red Cross Central Iowa Chapter

Date:

June 14 from 9am to 12pm

Cost:

Free. Contact Dean Sweberg, at (515) 471-8333 or swebergd@desmoines-redcross.org for more information.

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 community agencies on Red Cross work and possible partnership in preparation for and response to a disaster.

84TH Annual Iowa Summer Fire School

Fire Service Training Bureau

Dates:

June 20-21 at FSTB training grounds (3100 Fire Service Road, Ames, Iowa)

Cost:

One day registration before June 9: \$60; after June 9: \$65. Two day registration: \$85; after June 9: \$95. To register go online at: <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/fstb/index.shtml> click on 'training opportunities' and then follow the directions.

As emergency service professionals, you must have knowledge, skills, and equipment to perform your duties. The courses you attend at Summer Fire School are offered by some of the best instructors in Iowa, and the nation, and are designed to enhance your skills and knowledge in your profession. In addition, the Fire School Exhibits offer you the opportunity to check out the latest cutting-edge equipment and to have your questions answered by dealers and representatives of private and government agencies.

Classes will be offered in the traditional 3 Hour, 1 Day, and 2 Day format for this year's Iowa Summer Fire School. The variety of subjects and length of classes will assure a quality educational experience to all participants. Please pay special attention to the course descriptions for information on length of class, what day(s) it will be offered, protective equipment requirements, and prerequisites.

Leadership & Influence

Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

Dates:

July 15 and 16 at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa

Cost:

Free. Contact David Hempen at 515-725-3281 or Beth Gathercole 515-725-3231

This course is designed to improve your leadership and influence skills

Decision Making and Problem Solving

Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

Dates:

September 4 at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa

Cost:

Free. Contact David Hempen at 515-725-3281 or Beth Gathercole 515-725-3231

This course is designed to improve your decision making skills.

Advanced 24 Hour Telecommunicator Classes

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

November 4-6 in Carroll, Iowa

This training session will cover topics to include: liability issues, policies and procedures, in-depth analysis of calls for service and the features and future of 911.

To register call Carolyn at 515-242-5357

Communications Training Officer Class

Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

Date:

November 18-20

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Resources on Interoperable Communications

Interoperable Communications:

For years, achieving communications interoperability has been a top priority for federal, state, and local jurisdictions across the country. To assist this effort, *LLIS.gov* has developed the [Interoperable Communications Resource page](#) to serve as a one-stop resource for federal, state, and local interoperable communications guidance, research, and plans. The page highlights documents in key areas in interoperable communications such as tactical planning, strategic planning, technology solutions, and the use of common language.

Resources on Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan Exercises

This resource page highlights the lessons learned from last year's Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan (TICP)

exercises conducted by more than 76 urban and metropolitan areas. The [TICP Exercises Resource page](#) features TICP exercise after-action reports from urban areas across the country, and *LLIS.gov*'s original research highlighting widely applicable TICP exercise lessons learned in areas such as communications protocols, incident command/unified command, and exercise design.

To access these resource pages, please log onto *LLIS.gov* (www.llis.gov) and click on the links provided under FEATURED TOPICS. Additionally, we encourage you to submit your own plans, reports, or other documents related to interoperable communications at IOComms@llis.dhs.gov. As always, we welcome your thoughts, questions, and suggestions.

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 (HHS) 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 issue recommendations for planners in specific areas. The guide also discusses ethical and legal considerations related to MCE planning in hospital, acute-care, alternative-care sites and pre-hospital.

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.

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, Division of State Fire Marshal, Fire Service Training Bureau

<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/>

National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System

www.firefightersnearmiss.com

Prepare Iowa Learning Management System

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