



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 [rlynch@sppg.com](mailto:rlynch@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, 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 (June 6, 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.

**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.

**BCA Workshop**  
**Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division**  
**June 20-21, 2007**  
**Joint Forces Headquarters in Johnston**

On June 20-21, HSEMD will host a FEMA-sponsored and funded benefit cost analysis (BCA) workshop at the Joint Forces Headquarters in Johnston. The target audience for this course is local planners or project officers who develop project applications for any of the hazard mitigation grant programs: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre Disaster Mitigation, and Flood Mitigation Assistance.

The workshop is important because HSEMD anticipates making project grants available under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from the late February ice storm (Presidential Disaster 1688) within the next month. All mitigation project applications require a FEMA-approved BCA as part of the application. Project selection for funding is determined, to a large extent, on the validity of the benefit cost analysis.

Participants will receive instruction and conduct practical exercises on completing the BCA process for projects that are typical in Iowa. Participants will also receive the most recent mitigation BCA toolkit and software.

For course technical information, contact John Wageman at 515-725-3225. For enrollment information, contact Kathy Karn at 515-725-3216.

## **Safety Workshop**

**Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities**

**IAMU Training & Office Complex**

**June 21-22, 2007**

**Cost information:**

**IAMU Members           \$175 per person**

**Non-IAMU Members    \$225 per person**

\*includes supporting materials, breaks and lunches\*

If you want to learn more about safety and changing your facility's attitude toward safety, this workshop is for you.

The IAMU Safety Workshop can help you develop a safety program. It is designed for workers, administrators, managers, supervisors and safety coordinators. Safety is ALL inclusive.

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

## **Security Planning for Special Events: A Practical Training Course for Event Planners, Security Managers, and Public Safety Officials**

**Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

**Venue: The University of Iowa**

**June 21, 2007**

Training Agenda:

- Special Events Security Planning Concepts
- Protocols for Responding to Suspicious Powders, Packages & Bomb Threats
- Using Iowa's Special Events Security Planning Template
- Planning Tips – Managing Security Personnel and Large Crowds
- Certification Course (IS-15) – Special Events Contingency Planning

Participation Options:

- Room 5236 Westlawn Bldg. Iowa City, IA
- ICN (Des Moines & Sioux City)
- Webcast (requires Realplayer and high-speed internet connection)

Registration for this event is provided by the Prepare Iowa Learning Management System. To sign-up for this event, visit <http://www.prepareiowa.com>

For more information, contact Jeff McKinney at [Jeffrey.mckinney@iowa.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.mckinney@iowa.gov) or 515-323-4312.

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**American Red Cross Central Iowa Chapter**

### **Dates Offered:**

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)

## **5<sup>th</sup> International Bird Flu Summit**

### **New-Fields Exhibitions**

**September 25-26, 2007**

**Las Vegas, NV**

Paramedics, firefighters, police officers, and other emergency first responders will have a chance to learn first hand the best practices and model protocols they need to effectively respond to a pandemic, when they attend the 5<sup>th</sup> International Bird Flu Summit this September 25-26 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nine breakout sessions specifically designed for these different emergency management service (EMS) providers were recently added to the agenda of the two-day event.

Officers of fire departments, for instance, will learn when and how to effectively transition into All-Hazards Management Responders, and how to enforce quarantines and undertake mass vaccinations.

EMS Providers from public works departments will learn how to control traffic, evacuation and mass transportation during a pandemic, ensure the minimum delivery of clean water and sanitation services, and overcome an expected surge in the telecommunications network as more employees choose to work from home.

They will also have the unique opportunity to meet directly with, and gain lessons from counterparts who have had to deal with huge emergencies, such as the officers of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

The breakout sessions will also involve discussions on urgent pandemic issues such as how to:

- Effectively stockpile vaccines, ensure the delivery of diagnostic kits, mask, gloves and other needed materials
- Manage hospital admissions
- Secure hospitals from possible riots and civil disturbances
- Protect first responders from falling ill or being hurt in civil disturbances

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)

## **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

LLIS would like to announce the launch of a new LLIS.gov resource page, **Emergency Planning for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs**. A true one-stop resource shop for planners at all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and private sector entities, the resource page provides more than 250 documents, including lessons learned, plans, procedures, policies, and guidance, on how to include citizens with disabilities and other special needs in all phases of the emergency management cycle.

To access the resource page, please log onto [LLIS.gov](http://www.llis.gov) and click on **Emergency Planning for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs** under **FEATURED TOPICS**. Thoughts, questions, or suggestions are welcomed at [specialneeds@llis.dhs.gov](mailto:specialneeds@llis.dhs.gov). LLIS also encourages you to submit your own plans, reports, or other documents related to emergency planning for persons with disabilities and special needs.

Additionally, DHS recently announced the extension of the application period for the 2007 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) awards. CEDAP strengthens regional response, mutual aid, and interoperable

communications capabilities across the nation by providing local homeland security partners essential equipment and equipment training that they may not otherwise be able to afford. Eligibility for CEDAP is limited to law enforcement agencies, fire, and other emergency responder organizations with specific financial and capability needs. Equipment and equipment training awards are offered in five categories: personal protective equipment; thermal imaging, night vision, and video surveillance tools; chemical and biological detection tools; information technology and risk management tools; and interoperable communications equipment. The program application is available through the Responder Knowledge Base at [www.rkb.mipt.org](http://www.rkb.mipt.org). **Applications may be submitted until 11:59PM EDT on June 29, 2007.** For more information on CEDAP and other DHS grant programs please visit [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.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, 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/>

### **National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System**

[www.firefightersnearmiss.com](http://www.firefightersnearmiss.com)

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

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