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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.

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:

*** June EdTrAC meeting canceled

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

One new HSEMD newsletters (May 13) has been posted at:

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

- Three highlights from the May 13, 2008 issue:

Iowa will participate in EMAP assessment

Iowa will participate in a baseline assessment of its emergency management and homeland security capabilities this summer. Under a new cooperative agreement between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), EMAP has agreed to fund a new round of baseline assessments against the EMAP standard. HSEMD Administrator David Miller has decided that Iowa will take advantage of the FEMA offer to pay for a baseline assessment.

As a recognized standard, EMAP provides Iowa with a baseline to measure itself against, and to see strengths and deficiencies that exist in the state's programs. HSEMD and partner organizations will be able to use the results of the assessment to formulate strategic direction, quality improvement and other tasks as we move into the future.

2007-2008 General Assembly Session Recap

The Iowa General Assembly adjourned on April 26. Several bills of interest to the homeland security and emergency management communities have been signed into law by Governor Culver.

HF 247 – This bill specifies that political subdivisions that operate a volunteer fire department are entitled to a voting membership on the Local E911 Service Board.

HF 2366 – This bill makes emergency communications equipment an essential county or city purpose thereby allowing this equipment to be funded by general obligation bonds.

HF 2564 – This bill deals with the state funded Disaster Individual Assistance Grant Program. It increases the income eligibility limit from 130 percent of federal poverty level to 200 percent and increase the maximum grant award to \$5,000. The income eligibility change makes an additional 351,000 Iowans eligible to participate.

HF 2660—This bill makes appropriations to the justice system, and includes HSEMD funding.

Nine counties receive Governor's disaster proclamations

The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) monitored flooding throughout the state and coordinated state and federal resources to counties affected by heavy rains and flooding beginning April 23. Governor's Disaster Proclamations were issued to Black Hawk, Bremer, Jones, and Louisa Counties, making state resources available to assist communities affected by the severe storms and flooding.

In addition, Governor's Disaster Proclamations were issued for Clayton, Fayette, Grundy, Humboldt, and Webster Counties, making residents eligible for the State Individual Disaster Assistance Program. Residents in Black Hawk, Bremer, Jones, and Louisa Counties are also eligible to apply for this disaster assistance program.

The individual disaster assistance program helps people with low incomes. Iowans with household incomes of up to 130 percent of federal poverty guidelines may apply for a grant of up to \$3,300 to help recover from flood damage. This is a reimbursement program, meaning that applicants must include receipts when applying for help. The grant application and step-by-step instructions can be found on the home page of the Department of Human Services Web site: <http://dhs.iowa.gov/>. Look for the words "Storm Help," or call toll-free 877-937-3663 for more information.

Upcoming events:

Evidence Preservation for Emergency Department Personnel

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 to prepare emergency department personnel who, in the course of their everyday duties with patients, might come into contact with evidence that could be linked to criminal acts. Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and operating room technicians are all considered emergency department personnel. This course aims to provide emergency room personnel with an overview of their collaborative role with law enforcement during forensic epidemiology investigations. More specifically, this course was designed to assist emergency room personnel in identifying, collecting, preserving, and delivering evidence that could be linked to criminal acts.

Here are a few comments regarding what pilot testers liked about this course: “great information in an organized format. I really learned a lot! Thank you for the opportunity;” “gives personnel a guideline on how to collect, package and preserve evidence for later testing;” “I like the fact that many of the forms talked about in this course were downloadable to the end user;” “it was easy to navigate;” etc.

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/

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.

Introduction: Protected Critical Infrastructure Information and ACAMS

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Date:

June 11 from 10:30am to 12:00pm

Cost:

Free. This session will be offered via webcast through Prepare Iowa's website: www.prepareiowa.com

The State of Iowa is now approved for participation in the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) Program. PCII is a federal program that protects sensitive security information from public disclosure. The program supports information sharing between the private sector and the government. The Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state and local analysts use PCII to: analyze and secure critical infrastructure and protected systems; identify vulnerabilities and develop risk assessments; and enhance recovery preparedness measures.

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

Iowa 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

Dealing with the Media: A Short Course for Rural Fire Responders

Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau

Date:

July 29 at the Fire Service Training Bureau in Ames, Iowa. Time TBA.

Cost:

Free.

Rail Car Incident Response

Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau

Date:

August 2 at the Fire Service Training Bureau in Ames, Iowa. Time TBA.

Cost:

Free.

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

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.

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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.firefightersnearthmiss.com

Prepare Iowa Learning Management System

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

