

## Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division Newsletter

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Two new HSEMD newsletters (July 10, 2007 and June 26, 2007) have been posted at:  
[http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/news\\_room/newsletters.asp](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/asp/news_room/newsletters.asp).

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

## 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).

### Inside the HSEMD July 10 issue:

- SBA Offers Assistance to Eastern Iowa Tornado Victims
- Make Plans to Attend the Annual Homeland Security Conference
- Late Freeze Assistance
- SW Iowa Disaster Update
- Guard Assists Kansas
- CERT Class Well Attended
- FFY 2008 EMPG
- Continuing Education
- NPS Update
- LEPC Conference
- Personnel Notes

### Inside the HSEMD June 26 issue:

- May Storm Assistance
- Post-Disaster Plan Review
- Marshall County Exercise
- HSEEP Course
- Annual Conference
- Grant Deadlines
- HSEMD Spotlight
- Front Desk Changes

### 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

**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)

## **Governor's Conference on Public Health, Barn Raising VI: Celebrating Healthy Communities**

**August 2 – 3, 2007**  
**Drake University**

### **Conference Objectives**

- To share community health successes.
- To develop strategies for strengthening the public health system.
- To recognize and respond to new forces shaping healthy communities.

For more information on the conference, including an agenda, click on [http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/barn\\_raising.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/barn_raising.asp).

To register for the conference, click on <http://www.trainingresources.org/>.

For other questions, contact Training Resources Staff, by phone: 515-309-3315 or by e-mail: [admin@trainingresources.org](mailto:admin@trainingresources.org).

## **Live Fire Skills**

**Fire Service Training Bureau**  
**August 11 – 12, 2007**  
**Fire Service Training Grounds**

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.

Additional information about the purpose of the training and a registration form can be found at [www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/fstb/PDFs/2007/LiveFireSkills07.pdf](http://www.dps.state.ia.us/fm/fstb/PDFs/2007/LiveFireSkills07.pdf).

Questions can also be directed to Randy Novak at [novak@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:novak@dps.state.ia.us).

## **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).

## Fall 2007 Grand Rounds Series

University of Iowa, Upper Midwest Center for  
Public Health Preparedness  
September – November 2007

The Fall 2007 Grand Rounds Series includes the following educational opportunities.

- September 27, 2007 – Pandemic Influenza Planning: The White House Homeland Security Council (in conjunction with the Epi Seminar Series offered through the University of Iowa College of Public Health's Epidemiology Department)
- October 10, 2007 – Research and the Potential for Human Vaccine Development for Avian Influenza
- October 12, 2007 – Vaccine Development at PATH
- November 13, 2007 – Protecting Workers and Industry from Cross-Species Infectious Diseases

More information will be made available at [http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icphp/grand\\_rounds/current\\_session/](http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icphp/grand_rounds/current_session/)

## Incident Command System for Executives" Training Materials Available Online NEMA-CDC

The 2007 "Incident Command System for Executives" training material is now available to all NEMA members. The training curriculum and instructional materials were developed by NEMA and IEM, through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control. For the past three years, NEMA and IEM have been delivering ICS training to state interagency teams comprised of executive level state officials representing public health, emergency management, fire, law enforcement, governor's offices and other state agencies with roles and responsibilities for disaster and public health preparedness and response. The training consists of an overview of ICS and a bioterrorism focused tabletop exercise.

Click on the following link <http://www.nemaweb.org/?1100> to access the training manual and the PowerPoint presentation, or cut and paste the URL address into your Internet browser. Note some of the files are large and make take several minutes to download.

NEMA and the CDC encourage you to make the most of the materials to aid in your bioterrorism preparedness. Feel free to modify the exercise scenario and other training material to meet your agency's needs. If you have questions about the materials feel free to contact Beverly Bell, NEMA Sr. Policy Analyst, at [bbell@csg.org](mailto:bbell@csg.org).

## New Electronic Guidebook to Help First Responders Quickly and Safely Respond to HazMat Incidents

U.S. Department of Transportation Office of  
Public Affairs Washington, D.C.

Two federal agencies joined forces to give fire fighters and other emergency responders instant access to information that will help them – in the first critical moments of an incident – determine the best way to safely contain hazardous materials spills and battle chemical fires.

Emergency responders will for the first time have electronic access through laptops and personal digital assistants (PDAs) to the 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) under the new effort between the U.S. Departments of Transportation (DOT) and Health and Human Services (HHS). The guidebook is the go-to reference for first responders to help them quickly identify hazardous material classifications, determine the best response, and protect themselves and the general public immediately after an incident.

"This new digital tool will give our police, fire fighters, and other emergency responders first on the scene the information they need to make the rapid-fire decisions necessary to protect the public and themselves," said Ted Willke, PHMSA Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

The new electronic guidebook was made possible by a new agreement signed today between DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the HHS's National Library of Medicine.

The library developed special software to give emergency responders access to the guidebook through PDAs as well as Windows-based laptops and desktops. The software application, called the Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER), will be available later this year.

For more information on the ERG, visit <http://hazmat.dot.gov/pubs/erg/gydebook.htm/>. For information on WISER visit <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/>.

For additional questions, contact Patricia Klinger or Joe Delcambre at (202) 366-4831.

## 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>.

## **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/>