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Tama County Emergency Management Agency Blog:

<http://tamacountyema.blogspot.com/>

Where we put upcoming trainings and other valuable information.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

March 3- FEMA PER 280- at Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers (8a-5p)

March 10- EMS Haz Mat Ops at 9am at Toledo Fire Station

March 11- EMS Haz Mat Ops at 9am at Toledo Fire Station

March-12 Haz Mat Recertification at 6pm at Traer Fire Station

March-21 Haz Mat Recertification at 6pm at Vining Fire Station

March-23 CERT training 7p-9p at Toledo Fire Station

March-24 CERT 9a-5:30p at Toledo Fire Station

March-28 Haz Mat Recertification at 6pm at Garwin Fire Station

March-30 CERT training 7p-9p at Traer Fire Station

March-31 CERT training 9a-5:30p at Traer Fire Station

March 31- Quad County Fire School in Waterloo (9a-4p)

April 4- Iowa Statewide Tornado Drill at 10am

April 10- ICS402 at 1730 hours at the Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

April 12- Haz Mat Recertification at 6pm at Toledo Fire Station

April 21 – Search and Rescue Drill at Otter Creek Park at 9am, muster at Nature Center

May 14- Haz Mat Awareness at 1600 hours at the Tama County Emergency Management Agency office.

National Fire Academy Courses

Contact: Jim Kenkel, Special Programs Coordinator - kenkel@dps.state.ia.us

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I

April 12-13, 2012 (Ames)

Incident Command for High-Rise Operations

May 3-4, 2012 (Des Moines)

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II

May 17-18, 2012 (Ames)

Fire and Life Safety Plans Review

June 4-9, 2012 (Regional Delivery in Ames)

Narrowbanding

The Tama County E911 Board recently approved the bid of RC Systems for the County's 911 narrowbanding contract. Part of that bid includes the programming of the twelve municipalities' emergency response radios (Fire, EMS, and Law).

A representative from RC Systems should be contacting each city Fire Chief (who will serve as the primary City point of contact for them) in the very near future. They will set up a time to perform the programming.

It will be the responsibility of each agency to have their equipment on hand when the technicians are available. Only equipment present at the time of programming can be programmed and paid for by the County.

The narrowbanding conversion / programming is scheduled for July 2012. This should give all municipalities time to budget according to their equipment needs (as only programming will be covered by the county).

Note - Narrowbanding will only affect the perceived volume of radio signals. Agencies will still be able to communicate with non-narrowband agencies.

Elapsed Time Call-out Option

To aid in Responder Safety & accountability (and NFPA compliance) Tama County 911 has started offering a “time elapsed count” for structural fire calls.

Our have been trained for a 15 minute structure fire call out policy. This means dispatch can set a 15 minute timer and call out elapsed time every 15 minutes once the fire department is on scene until the IC declares interior attack operations complete.

This will begin only at IC request.

For this reason and the other obvious ones we will need to be sure to continue to keep common comm traffic off the Co paging frequency.

Also, as a reminder, please call in your arrival and clearing to dispatch so that accurate records and call times can be maintained.

2012 Grants

With narrowbanding rapidly approaching we have received several requests for grant options that may be available to local departments to aid in their compliance with the FCC's unfunded mandate; here are a few:

- * Alliant Energy Foundation Grants at: 608-458-4483
- *Dysart Community Grant at: 319-478-2148
- *Gladbrook Community Grant at: PO Box 373 Gladbrook, IA 50635
- *Traer Community Grant at: 319-478-2200
- *Tama County Community Grant at: 641-484-3108
- *John Deere Community Grant at: 309-765-4137
- *Casey's General Store Community Grant at: 515-965-6100
- *Alliant Energy Community Development Grant at: 319-786-7255
- *Black Hawk County Gaming Association Grant at: 319-433-1153
- *Community Grants Program at: 515-725-0431
- *Young Foundation Grant at: 319-235-5346
- *Hometown Challenge Grant at: www.alliantenergy.com/community
- *Pioneer Hi-Bred Community Foundation Grant at: local plant manager
- *Project MainStreet at: 888 – 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50309

Please contact the Tama County Emergency Management Agency if you know of a relevant grant that might be of use or if you have any questions.

Asset / Resource Surveys

County wide asset surveys have been mailed out to each municipal and emergency response agency. If you did not get yours or have questions please contact the Tama County Emergency Management Agency as soon as possible. We would like to have all of the surveys in so we can redistribute the information back out to the rest of the county response agencies as soon as possible.

This information will only be transmitted to other emergency response agencies and can be greatly useful to neighboring agencies in the event of a major incident.

These surveys are being sent for Civil, Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement agencies.

NIMS Compliance for New Government Officials

In an effort to update our Homeland Security records please complete the previously sent NIMS compliance documentation. The NIMS training is a federal requirement that the county and each city need to keep record of. Please complete the NIMS compliance documentation and return to our office (we recommend making a copy for your records as well) as soon as possible. If you need a new copy of the NIMS compliance documentation please let us know.

Training details:

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is700a.asp>

IS-700.a NIMS An Introduction

Course Overview

This online course introduces and overviews the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

Primary Audience - Individuals with emergency management responsibilities including prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

Course Length - The overall length of the course will vary for each individual. IS 700.a takes approximately 3 hours.

Typical Questions about NIMS/ICS answered:

Q: Who should take NIMS and ICS training?

A: Everyone involved in emergency management (to include emergency operation center personnel in support of the field), regardless of discipline or level of government, should take the NIMS baseline curriculum courses (Independent Study-700 and ICS-100). Incident command occurs in the field; therefore, the NIC recommends that only individuals with a command and general staff role take advanced ICS courses. Fulfilling the training associated with this plan helps emergency management organizations, departments, and agencies to develop preparedness capabilities for effective and efficient incident management. As a result, trained emergency responders are available as mutual aid to support incident management in other jurisdictions, if requested. The NIMS Training Program should sustain a personnel qualification system that is coordinated, maintained, and meets the needs of the emergency management community.

Q: Which courses are recommended for Elected and appointed officials?

A: Elected and appointed officials should have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities for successful emergency management and incident response. To that end, it is vital that elected and appointed officials understand and receive NIMS training (Independent Study-700 and ICS-100, listed as above). Therefore, FEMA recommends the following training for senior elected and appointed officials:

- G-402 Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives/Senior Officials
- G-191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface
 - Additional training based on jurisdiction risk and/or specific interest

Tama County CERT

Recently the Tama County Emergency Management Agency took possession of several boxes of disaster response supplies that were paid for through a Homeland Security Grant. The funding has provided the Tama County Emergency Management Agency with several training manuals like the one pictured and several sets of CERT response gear for disaster use.

Recently Tama County received CERT assistance in the form of the Butler County CERT being sent to Clutier during the aftermath of the 11 July 2011 windstorm that ultimately resulted in a presidential disaster declaration.

The Tama County Emergency Management Agency will soon be hosting a training session for any interested Tama County citizens who may wish to join the Tama County CERT group:

March-23 CERT training 7p-9p at Toledo Fire Station

March-24 CERT 9a-5:30p at Toledo Fire Station

Or session two (same information, just different location)

March-30 CERT training 7p-9p at Traer Fire Station

March-31 CERT training 9a-5:30p at Traer Fire Station

CERT:

CERT members may be asked to provide a variety of services after a disaster. Some examples include: signing in volunteers, distributing supplies, performing salvage operations, performing search and rescue operations, performing triage or any specialized task an individual is trained to do.

The Requirements to join the Tama County CERT group are:

Attend CERT training, Attain certification in NIMS 700a and ICS 100 through FEMA (online), Pass a criminal history / background check, Sign a letter of understanding and waiver from Tama County, Be 18 years old or older



To Join the CERT Group Contact the Tama County Emergency Management Agency at: **(641) 484 – 6261**

Iowa Fire Bridge Information

The State Fire Marshal Office and ImageTrend have finalized the implementation process of the web based reporting system “Iowa Fire Bridge”. They are now online and ready to start setting up Iowa Fire Departments. There is **no cost** to Fire Departments to use the program and departments do have the option to continue with their current software program.

www.iowafirebridge.com

To get your department set up, you will need to designate at least one Fire Department Administrator from your department. (It is possible to have more than one Fire Department Administrator, but the FSTB would ask that you limit it to no more than 2-3 per department.)

Past NFIRS Reports

The Fire Marshal office and ImageTrend are working on uploading past reports submitted by Fire Departments. They hope to have this process completed within the next few weeks. Their goal is to have all your past reports available in Fire Bridge to use for reports and stats.

NFIRS Training

To assist with the implementation of Iowa Fire Bridge, the Fire Service Training Bureau, along with community colleges, will be holding trainings/information sessions across the state to assist Iowa Fire Departments in becoming familiar with Fire Bridge software.

In order to hold a training session in your area, the FSTB is requesting that 3-4 fire departments in an area share a Fire Bridge Training session. Please contact Alicia Ver Huel (contact info below) with a list of interested departments and possible computers available.

Contact the FSTB with Questions

If you have any questions regarding filing NFIRS reports for your departments, viewing past submitted reports, or any other NFIRS related questions, please contact:

Alicia Ver Huel, Iowa NFIRS Program Manager

Fire Service Training Bureau

3100 Fire Service Rd

Ames, IA 50011-3100

888-469-2374 or 515-294-6817

verhuel@dps.state.ia.us

Dispatcher in the spotlight

Melissa Bergom

“I have been married for 17 years to my husband Kevin we have 3 kids Mitch who is 22, Kayla 17 and Cody 15. Out of 6 years of service, I have mostly worked the overnight shift, currently I am working dayshift. In my spare time I enjoy spending time camping with family and friends.”



Pictured above - Melissa at station 1 in the Tama County Communications Center.

LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL JUSTICE CALENDAR
PRESENTED BY IOWA DPS, TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BUREAU
TO SUBMIT ITEMS OF INTEREST SEND TO IFS1
OR FAX 515-725-6201

-----ANNOUNCEMENTS-----

DAVIS CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS FOR SALE - ONE STROBE TOP LIGHT AND SEVERAL ROTATER TOP LIGHTS. IF INTERESTED CONTACT SHERIFF DAVE DAVIS AT DAVIS CO SHERIFFS OFFICE 641-664-2385.

JEFFERSON COUNTY LAW CENTER HAS A FULL TIME OPENING FOR COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST STARTING PAY IS \$13.97-\$15.47. VARIOUS SHIFTS AND HOURS. FOR APPLICATION CALL 641-472-4146 DEADLINE IS JANUARY 23RD

THE LAMONI POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TWO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS. ILEA CERTIFIED OFFICERS ARE PREFERRED BUT IT IS NOT REQUIRED. ANYONE INTERESTED CAN GET AN APPLICATION ONLINE AT WWW.LAMONI-IOWA.COM OR CALL 641-784-6311.

THE GUTHRIE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE RESERVE DEPUTIES LOOKING FOR ANY AGENCY SELLING A CAGE, PLASTIC BACK SEAT, OR RADIO EQUIPMENT THAT WILL WORK FOR A 2000 CROWN VICTORIA, ALSO LOOKING FOR TASERS. IF ANY AGENCY IS SELLING ANY OF THESE ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT RESERVE OFFICER DEAN WETZEL AT 641-740-0465

PALO ALTO COUNTY IS LOOKING FOR A PART TIME DISPATCHER. THIS WOULD BE FOR EVERY OTHER WEEK END. ONE WEEK END YOU WOULD WORK SAT. 6A-6P AND SUN 6A-6P. THE OTHER WEEK END WOULD BE FRI 10P-6A SAT 6P-6A AND SUN 6P-10P. THERE ARE OTHER PART TIME DISPATCHERS THAT IF THEY CAN'T WORK ONE OF THEIR WEEK ENDS THEY CAN SWITCH. THEY MAY CALL 712-852-3535 AND ASK FOR BECKY

THE MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE AUDITORS OFFICE AT THE MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR ONLINE AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ATTENTION MARTHA DYKSTRA 211 NORTH GODFREY LANE KNOXVILLE, IA 50138. APPLICANTS MUST BE WILLING AND ABLE TO WORK ALL SHIFTS INCLUDING NIGHTS, WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. STARTING PAY IS \$13.85 ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MARTHA DYKSTRA AT 641-828-2220.

-----IOWA/NCIC CERTIFICATION-----

IOWA/NCIC Q&A SESSIONS FOLLOWED BY IOWA/NCIC EXAMINATION FOR NEXT 3 MONTHS NO FEE, TO REGISTER SEND MESSAGE TO IFS1 OR CALL 800-362-2297/515-725-6220

****ON THE FOLLOWING DATES,TIMES AND LOCATIONS****

JAN 18TH 1000-LOGAN, IA, 111 SOUTH 1ST AVE

JAN 18TH 1400-DENISON,IA 1119 1ST AVE N

FEB 2ND 1030-MT. PLEASANT-DISTRICT 13

FEB 9TH 0900-DES MOINES, DPS BUILDING, 215 E 7TH ST

FEB 22ND 1330-LEMARS,IA 451 14TH AVE NE

MAR 1ST 1030-COUNCIL BLUFFS-DISTRICT 3

MAR 8TH 0900-DES MOINES, DPS BUILDING, 215 E 7TH ST

-----TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING-----

MARCH 1, 2012 9-5 8 HOUR TELECOMMUNICATOR IN-SERVICE ON MARSHALLTOWN LIBRARY
105 BOONE ST ACTIVE SHOOTER, PREPARING, PROCEDURES, SCENARIOS REGISTER
ONLINE AT ILEATRaining.ORG IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS EMAIL NANCY.BRADY@IOWA.GOV

-----REGIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES-----

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE / ANOKA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER
ALONG WITH PATC - PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL ARE HOSTING: COURT SECURITY
CRITICAL INCIDENT AND EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR COURTS COURSE DATE: MARCH 6-8,
2012, 0800 TO 1700 HOURS LOCATION: ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 13301 HANSON
BOULEVARD NW ANDOVER, MN 55304 TO REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE PLEASE GO ON-LINE TO
WWW.PATC.COM - YELLOW LINK UPPER LEFT CORNER. COURSE COST: \$295 (INCLUDES
HAND-OUTS, COURT SECURITY MANUAL, AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.

ALGONA POLICE DEPARTMENT HOSTING OWI/IMPLIED CONSENT/SFST TRAINING
THURSDAY MARCH 8, 2012. AT THE ALGONA EMS TRAINING ROOM KOSSUTH REGIONAL
HEALTH CENTER 1515 HIGHWAY 169 S. CERTIFIED OFFICERS CAN REGISTER BY VISTING
THE ILEA WEBSITE. ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO KENDALL PALS AT 515-295-3515

THE LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL BE CO-SPONSORING THE WZ SEMINAR ON
D.O.A. DEATH INVESTIGATIONS MARCH 21-23,2012 AT THE LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE AT 575 S 10TH ST, LINCOLN, NE, FROM 0800 TO 1600 HOURS.
THIS 3 DAY CLASS OFFERS THE LATEST INFORMATION & TECHNIQUES IN DEATH
INVESTIGATIONS AND IS AN IDEAL PROGRAM FOR HOMICIDE DETECTIVES,
INVESTIGATORS,PROSECUTORS, MAJOR CRIME TASK FORCE MEMBERS, EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS
AND FIRST RESPONSE TEAMS. THE CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED SO WE ENCOURAGE EARLY
ENROLLMENT. THE SEMINAR FEE IS \$495.00 PER ATTENDEE. ORGANIZATIONS OR
DEPARTMENT WHO REGISTER 2-4 PEOPLE QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNTED SEMINAR FEE OF
\$475.00 PER ATTENDEE OR IF 5 OR MORE, \$445.00 PER ATTENDEE.
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT PLEASE CALL
1-800-222-7789 OR VISIT WWW.W-Z.COM.