



Tama County EMA/E911



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Upcoming Training Opportunities

[IS-230.a Fundamentals of Emergency Management](#) (Des Moines)

7/25/2012 - All communities are vulnerable to a variety of hazards. Emergency management provides a structure for anticipating and dealing with emergency incidents. Emergency management involves participants at all governmental levels and in the private sector

[G 366 Planning for the Needs of Children in Disaster](#) (Des Moines)

7/27/2012 - The purpose of this 5-hr workshop is to provide guidance for Emergency Managers and other agencies, organizations, and implementers of children's programs about meeting the unique needs that arise among children as a result of a disaster or emergency

[G 288 Donations Mgmt Workshop](#) (Des Moines)

8/8/2012 - The goal of this 1.5 day workshop is to learn the key requirements for managing masses of unsolicited donated goods and large members of unaffiliated or spontaneous volunteers.

[ICS 300](#) (Des Moines)

8/28/2012 - This **2-day course** will keep our emergency responders aware of the importance of ICS as well as keeping them up to speed on what to expect.

[ICS 400 - Advanced](#) (Des Moines)

8/30/2012 - Recommend that all command and general staff personnel should take ICS-400

[IS-235.a Emergency Planning](#) (Des Moines)

9/19/2012 - This course is designed for emergency management personnel who are involved in developing an effective emergency planning system. This course offers training in the fundamentals of the emergency planning process, including the rationale behind plan

[Exercise Design with HSEEP](#) (Des Moines)

10/9/2012 - This workshop provides participants an opportunity to review their Homeland Security Strategy and Multi-year Exercise Plan. The Exercise Planning Workshops (EPW) facilitate the evaluation of, and updates to, existing exercise strategies and

September 22 – 23 – CITA Fire school at Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids

November 3 – 4 – NATA Training Academy in Fort Dodge

Don't miss the opportunity to see the Haz Mat trailer in the Clutier parade Saturday August 4th 2012.

National Fire Academy Courses In Iowa

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

NOAA / NWS Storm Ready

The Tama County Emergency Management Agency has recently submitted an application with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration & the National Weather Service for their Storm Ready county classification.

One of the many steps in this process is a letter of support from each and every city in the county. The template for this letter was sent to each city, but if another is needed please contact the Tama County Emergency Management Agency.

We have already received one letter of support (Thank you City of Lincoln) and hope to have the rest whenever possible.

If you have any questions about Storm Ready you can check out the NWS web page on Storm Ready at:

<http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/>

Or contact the Tama County Emergency Management Agency.

Thank you for your support and for helping Tama County be Storm Ready.

Information from NOAA / NWS on Storm Ready:

“Americans live in the most severe weather-prone country on Earth. Each year, Americans cope with an average of 10,000 thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and an average of 2 landfalling deadly hurricanes. And this on top of winter storms, intense summer heat, high winds, wild fires and other deadly weather impacts. You can make sure your community is ready for the weather with the National Weather Service's **StormReady**® program.

Some 90% of all presidentially declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$14 billion in damage. StormReady, a program started in 1999 in Tulsa, OK, helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property--before and during the event. StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs.

StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education and awareness. No community is storm proof, but StormReady can help communities save lives.”

“Everyone Goes Home” Federal Life Safety Initiative for responders

The “Everyone Goes Home” campaign has 16 initiatives (below) and by going to www.everybodygoeshome.com free training and other resources can be accessed to help a department work towards any of the safety goals set forth by the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (but they can certainly apply to any emergency responders) in the “Everyone Goes Home” campaign.

- *Define and advocate the need for a cultural change within the fire service relating to safety; incorporating leadership, management, supervision, accountability and personal responsibility.**
- *Enhance the personal and organizational accountability for health and safety throughout the fire service.**
- *Focus greater attention on the integration of risk management with incident management at all levels, including strategic, tactical, and planning responsibilities.**
- *All firefighters must be empowered to stop unsafe practices.**
- *Develop and implement national standards for training, qualifications, and certification (including regular recertification) that are equally applicable to all firefighters based on the duties they are expected to perform.**
- *Develop and implement national medical and physical fitness standards that are equally applicable to all firefighters, based on the duties they are expected to perform.**
- *Create a national research agenda and data collection system that relates to the initiatives.**
- *Utilize available technology wherever it can produce higher levels of health and safety.**
- *Thoroughly investigate all firefighter fatalities, injuries, and near misses.**
- *Grant programs should support the implementation of safe practices and/or mandate safe practices as an eligibility requirement.**
- *National standards for emergency response policies and procedures should be developed and championed.**
- *National protocols for response to violent incidents should be developed and championed.**
- *Firefighters and their families must have access to counseling and psychological support.**
- *Public education must receive more resources and be championed as a critical fire and life safety program.**
- *Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes and the installation of home fire sprinklers.**
- *Safety must be a primary consideration in the design of apparatus and equipment.**

Learning Resource Center

The NETC/USFA library provides current information and resources on fire, emergency management and other All-Hazards subjects. With its collection of more than 180,000 books, reports, periodicals, and audiovisual materials, the library facilitates and supports student and faculty research and supplements classroom lectures and course materials. Users of this Web site may access the library's Online Public Access Catalog to perform their own literature searches. In addition to searching the collections cited above, the library's catalog is a **unique guide to periodical literature** with citations on fire, emergency response, natural disaster, and homeland security topics going back to the early 1970s. Library staff index nearly 5,000 newly published articles each year, from scores of professional journals, magazines and newsletters across the country and internationally. We routinely answer simple requests; e.g., an organization's telephone number and address. In response to more complex inquiries on specific subjects, the library will do literature searches, compile bibliographies, and, depending on length and copyright restrictions, provide documentation in the form of reports and articles.

About the Library

Comprehensive all-hazards collections - 199,000 titles in all formats

Indexing to over 110,000 journal articles; updated weekly

Online catalog available to students, first responders, public 24/7

Over 26,000 downloadable documents

Numerous subject bibliographies & pathfinders

Most extensive collection of fire service literature in the United States

Or Contact the Learning Resource Center at:

National Emergency Training Center

(800) 638-1821

Library (LRC)

(301) 447-1030

16825 South Seton Avenue

Fax: (301) 447-3217

Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Email: netclrc@dhs.gov

NIMS Compliance for 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

New Dispatcher

Tama County 911 Services is please to introduce our newest on-call dispatcher, Jamie Youngbear. Many responders around the county will already know Jamie; he is a former full time dispatcher for Tama County and a current Tama Police Reserve and Tama EMS member. Jamie is already trained and certified as a dispatcher, so you may have already heard him on the phone or radio.



Here is a brief bio by Jamie:

“I worked for Tama County Communications from 2002-2005 previously. I am Reserve Police Officer for the City of Tama since 1997 and recently was on the Tama Fire Department since 1996. I also volunteer for the Tama Ambulance service as a driver. I enjoy working in the public service field as I like to help people with their problems that occur. I am single and have no children however I have 3 nephews and a niece that keep me busy. In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends, family and going fishing. ”

National Fire Department Census

The National Fire Department Census Database provides an online address listing of U.S. fire departments registered with USFA as well as some basic information about each fire department. The purpose of the census, which is ongoing, is to create a national database for use by USFA to conduct special studies that will guide program decision-making and to improve direct communication with individual fire departments. Our colleagues in the fire protection and prevention communities, allied professions and the general public will be able to use the database for similar purposes.

The National Fire Department Census is a voluntary program and does not include all fire departments in the United States or its territories. As of January 2012, there were 26,482 fire departments registered with the census. This is about 88 percent of the departments estimated to be in the United States. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimated there were 30,125 fire departments in the United States in 2010.

Iowa currently has 731 registered fire departments.

To register or to check to see if your department is registered go to:

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/census/register.cfm>

To verify registration:

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/census/verify.cfm>

Critical Infrastructure Protection and Awareness

"Critical infrastructure" is defined by federal law as "systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters." The Department has identified 18 critical infrastructure sectors, as diverse as food and agriculture, **emergency services**, transportation and information technology.

Tips from FEMA on digital Critical Infrastructure Protection and Awareness:

- *Have up-to-date virus protection
- *Have an up-to-date firewall
- *Always protect devices and systems with passwords
- *Utilize random passwords
- *Change passwords periodically
- *Restrict outside access to networks
- *Conduct a system vulnerability analysis
- *Have procedures in place for software installation
- *Have procedures or software in place that restrict or scan e-mail attachments

Sector-Specific Agency (SSA): The SSA is the primary Federal entity responsible for coordinating the unified effort to protect against and mitigate the effects of natural or manmade events on critical infrastructure within a specific sector. In accordance with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7, SSAs also are responsible for collaborating with private-sector partners and encouraging the development of appropriate voluntary information sharing and analysis mechanisms within the sector.

The Department of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure Protection, serves as the SSA for the Emergency Services Sector. To contact the SSA for this sector, e-mail ESSTeam@hq.dhs.gov.

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI), located at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD, offers a broad range of training. For more information on EMI, please visit www.training.fema.gov.

Search and Rescue Drill Results

We had an excellent turnout for the Search and Rescue Drill at Otter Creek. The Tama County Mobile Command Trailer was set-up and used for the communications at the event. All our Boy Scout volunteer victims were found and rescued and a safe learning environment was preserved allowing the representative of the 14 departments present a great chance to perfect their Search and Rescue skills.

Here are some of the questions and a summary of the answers from the participant evaluations:

1 -How satisfied were you with the overall format of this drill?

Total Very Satisfied (1)- 14 (48%)
Total Satisfied (2)- 12 (41%)
Total Neutral (3)- 3 (10%)
Total Dissatisfied (4)- None
Total Very Dissatisfied (5)- None
Total Not Applicable (NA)- None

2-I felt I have a better understanding of what it would take to evacuate my facility because of participation in this drill?

Total Very Satisfied (1)- 12 (41.3%)
Total Satisfied (2)- 11 (37.9%)
Total Neutral (3)- 3 (10%)
Total Dissatisfied (4)- None
Total Very Dissatisfied (5)- None
Total Not Applicable (NA)- 3 (10%)

3-I would recommend using a format like this again.

Total Very Satisfied (1)- 15 (51.7%)
Total Satisfied (2)- 12 (41.3%)
Total Neutral (3)- 2 (6.8%)
Total Dissatisfied (4)- None
Total Very Dissatisfied (5)- None
Total Not Applicable (NA)- None

State DPS Calendar

SOCIAL NETWORKING:EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE RIGHTS HOSTED BY MARSHALLTOWN PD ON AUG.10, 2012 FROM 8AM-4PM. TOPICS INCLUDE FIRST AMENDMENT LANDMARK CASES, COURTROOM TESTIMONY IMPEACHMENT, MEDIA IMPACT,OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES AND PRIVACY SETTING. REG PRIOR TO AUG 3, \$135 FIRST REG, \$115 EACH ADDITIONAL. AFTER AUG 4, \$155 FIRST REG, \$135 EACH ADDITIONAL. VAN METER & ASSOCIATES, INC. WWW.VMANET.COM OR 1800-331-8025

OCTOBER 22, 23 AND 24TH...FALL 2012 IOWA APCO/NENA JOINT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE RAMADA TROPICS RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER ON MERLE HAY ROAD IN DES MOINES. THE NENA PORTION OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE 22ND AND 23RD, AND THE APCO PORTION WILL BE THE 24TH. CHECK OUT WWW.IOWAAPCO.ORG AND WWW.IOWANENA.ORG THIS SUMMER FOR EXCITING NEWS AND UPDATES ON THIS FALLS CONFERENCE.

THE CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS A REAR SUV K9 INSERT MADE BY KUSTOM KRATES. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR PICTURES PLEASE CONTACT SHERIFF DARBY MCLAREN - 712-243-2204 OR EMAIL DMCLAREN@CASSCOIA.US

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER HAS FOR SALE: (2) WATSON DISPATCHING WORKSTATION WITH HYDRAULIC LIFT,THREE YRS OLD IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. CAN E-MAIL PICTURES CALL JACKIE 712-623-5107

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.

2012 National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month

The message for National Preparedness Month is a simple one that affects each emergency service by minimizing the impact of large events, making all of our response jobs easier. Please help spread the word on these simple steps:

- * **Be informed.** Know the hazards and risks in your area.
- * **Make a family emergency plan**, so you know how you would communicate with and find your loved ones if a disaster hits.
- * **Build an emergency supply kit** – both at home and in the car – that includes water, food and first aid supplies to help you survive if you lose power or get stranded in your car.
This is especially important for dealing with icy roads and snowstorms this winter.
- * **Get Involved** - Be an advocate and educator for safety and emergency preparedness within your community (Specifically Tama County CERT).

Free preparedness resources, such as a Family Emergency Plan template and an Emergency Supply Kit Checklist are just a click away at and can be found on Ready.gov or .Listo.gov. The *Ready* Web site also has a special section for kids, ages 8-12, (*Ready Kids*) and for owner –operators of small- to medium-sized businesses (*Ready Business*).

The Tama County Emergency Management Agency and the Tama County 911 Service are hosting several community open house / education sessions in celebration of National Preparedness Month. These sessions will cover topics including:

- *Tama County Emergency Management Agency
- *Tama County E-911
- *How and when to call 911
- *What information 911 dispatchers will need when you call
- *How to be prepared in your own home or business
- *Tama County's CodeRED system
- *How to register for CodeRED
- *Information on how to volunteer with the county or with your local fire / ems
- *Information on Tama County CERT
- *Information on how to join Tama County CERT

The First Session will be at the Traer Fire Station on 5 September 2012 from 4:00pm till 8:00pm.

The Second Session will be at the Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers on 6 September 2012 from 4:00pm till 7:00pm.

The Third Session will be at the Gladbrook Movie Theater on 12 September 2012 from 6:00pm till 8:00pm.

The Fourth Session will be at the Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers on 13 September 2012 from 11:00am till 1:00pm.

The Fifth Session will be at the Garwin Fire Station on 19 September 2012 from 4:00pm till 8:00pm.

The Sixth Session will be at the Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers on 20 September 2012 from 8:00am till 10:00am.

Beverages will be available.

All sessions will cover the same information; the only difference will be the location/time.

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Each Friday in September at 6:00pm please plan on doing the appropriate week's natural hazard drill in your home or office, followed by a family discussion on the Emergency Preparedness topics of the week (assemble kits if appropriate).

National Preparedness Month is designed to encourage Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies throughout the year.

September Fridays:

7 – Tornado drill & Create or Update Family Emergency Plan

14 – Fire drill & Get or Make an Emergency Kit

**21 – Flood drill & Create or Update School and Workplace
Emergency Plan**

28 – Severe Winter Weather drill & Get or Make Automobile Safety Kit

**29 - Special Bonus – Earthquake drill & Create or Update Your family
Animals in Disasters Plan**

Lets all have a safe and informative September!