



# Tama County EMA/E911 Newsletter Summer 2013 Issue 11



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**If you have an item or topic you would like researched for a future issue of the EMA / 911 Newsletter please let us know, we will be happy to include it in the next edition.**

The State of Iowa will receive FEMA disaster funding under the *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program* (HMGP) as part of Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4135-IA (August 1, 2013) as a result of severe storms, tornados and flooding that occurred in our State this spring.

### **Project Types**

The State is making available HMGP funds for those eligible hazard mitigation project types that will reduce or eliminate losses from future natural disasters, including but not limited to:

- Construction of tornado safe rooms (Multi-functional community or school safe room projects are highly encouraged)
- Acquisition, structural relocation or elevation of buildings located in a special flood hazard area
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing public buildings, facilities, or utilities to protect against wind, ice, or flood hazards
- Minor structural hazard control or protection projects such as storm water management (e.g., culverts, floodgates, retention basins)
- Localized flood control projects, such as floodwall systems, that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities and do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system
- Development of multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans and plan updates

### **Eligible Applicant**

Potentially eligible applicants include:

- State agencies and local governments
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments, including State-recognized Indian tribes, and authorized tribal organizations
- Private nonprofit (PNP) organizations or institutions that operate a PNP facility as defined in the 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 206.221(e).

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires a FEMA approved local hazard mitigation plan prior to FEMA awarding HMGP project funds. **Funding will be limited to sub-applicants with an approved local hazard mitigation plan at time of award.**

Applicants with proposed projects located in a FEMA-identified Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) are eligible for funding only if the jurisdiction in which the project is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). There is no NFIP participation requirement for projects located outside of the SFHA.

### **Funding & Cost Share**

This is a cost share grant program which means that awarded grants will be funded as follows:

- Federal (FEMA) share of total eligible costs – 75% maximum
- Non Federal share of total eligible costs – 25%
  - State of Iowa – 10% (typical )
  - Local – 15%

Iowa Code 455B.262A [effective 6-30-2011]; State participation in funding financial assistance (10% State cost share) for a flood related disaster requires participation in the NFIP for a city or county with an effective FEMA

published flood insurance map that identifies a SFHA. To determine NFIP participation please visit:  
<http://www.fema.gov/fema/csb.shtm>

### **Notice of Interest (NOI) & Application Process**

Applicants must complete and email the appropriate (project specific) NOI form using the format provided to [hsemd.mitigation@iowa.gov](mailto:hsemd.mitigation@iowa.gov). The NOI forms can be found using the following link:  
<http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/grants/HMA.html>. **Deadline to submit an NOI is September 30, 2013.**

The State hazard mitigation staff will review NOIs using basic eligibility criteria for HMGP projects outlined in 44 CFR 206.434 (c), project type and level of interest in relation to acceptance of a greater local cost share. **NOI's will not be accepted for funding requests exceeding \$1,000,000.** Invitations to complete a full HMGP project application will be sent to qualifying sub-applicants. Invitation letters will identify a State Mitigation Project Officer who will work directly with the applicant. This Project Officer will contact the applicant to discuss the proposed project, the application requirements, and be available to provide technical assistance during the application development process if needed.

Current projects in development with the HMGP will be evaluated using the same criteria as NOI submittals.

For additional information or questions, feel free to contact a lead State Mitigation Project Officer:

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FEMA has announced the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program for FY 2013, which includes Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM). The HMA grant program will provide funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, and communities for hazard mitigation planning and mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding amounts are based on Congressional appropriation.

Projects submitted for consideration must be consistent with the goals and objectives identified in Iowa's State Hazard Mitigation Plan and local mitigation plan for the jurisdiction in which the activity is located. The PDM grant provides an excellent opportunity for communities to initiate mitigation projects that provide protection against natural hazards. Eligible mitigation project activities include (but not limited to):

- Construction of tornado safe rooms (Multi-functional community or school safe room projects are highly encouraged)
- Acquisition, structural relocation or elevation of buildings located in a special flood hazard area
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing public buildings, facilities, or utilities to protect against wind, ice, or flood hazards
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The HMA FY 2013 Hazard Mitigation Assistance program guidance provides critical information about eligibility, the National Evaluation Process, and other key aspects of each program. FEMA has changed program guidance. The guidance can be found at: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>

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FEMA has established the application deadline for States to submit their application by **October 18, 2013**. In order to meet FEMA's deadline, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) must receive local sub-applications by **October 1, 2013**. HSEMD is required to review, provide comments on, and to rank each local application that it submits to FEMA.

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## CodeRED Test

September is National Preparedness Month, as part of National Preparedness Month Tama County will be launching a County-Wide CodeRED test message on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2013.

All citizens that have a number correctly registered with the CodeRED system will receive a test message that day.

Any citizen wishing to register for the system or who does not receive the test and needs to update their registration can do so at:

[www.tamacounty.org](http://www.tamacounty.org) then click on the CodeRED link

For those without computer access registration may be completed by giving you information to the Tama County Dispatch at: (641) 484 - 3760

As a reminder, citizens living within the city limits of the City of Tama are ineligible to register for CodeRED as the Tama City government has elected not to participate in the CodeRED system.

## September is National Preparedness Month!

The message for National Preparedness Month is a simple one that affects each citizen by minimizing the impact of large events. 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 hit.
- \* **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](http://Ready.gov) or [.Listo.gov](http://.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

### Tama County EMA and 911 will host several open house / informational sessions:

- \*The First Session will be at the Traer Fire Station on 16 September 2013 from 6:00pm till 8:00pm.
- \*The Second Session will be at the Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers on 17 September 2013 from 4:00pm till 7:00pm.
- \*The Third Session will be at the Gladbrook Movie Theater on 18 September 2013 from 6:00pm till 8:00pm.
- \*The Fourth Session will be at the Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers on 20 September 2013 from 11:00am till 1:00pm.

\*The Fifth Session will be at the Chelsea Fire Station on 20 September 2013 from 4:00pm till 8:00pm.

\*The Sixth Session will be at the Tama County Board of Supervisors Chambers on 24 September 2013 from 8:00am till 10:00am.

\*The Seventh Session will be at the Clutier Fire Station on 25 September 2013 from 6:00pm till 8:00pm

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:**

**6 – Tornado drill & Create or Update Family Emergency Plan**

**13 – Fire drill & Get or Make an Emergency Kit**

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

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

## Mutual Aid change

### **Minimum Interoperable Radio Channels & Nomenclature**

#### **Effective Date: Jan. 1, 2014**

All Public Safety Radios should be programmed to include these channels (as applicable to your frequency band and as channel capacity allows) by the effective date of January 1, 2014.

This statewide minimum interoperability channel plan will improve multi-agency interoperability for communication by Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems at times of a major incident and/or need.

IF YOU HAVE

# **VHF**

YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM BASELINE CAPABILITIES

VCALL10

VTAC11

VTAC12

VTAC13

VTAC14

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC

VFIRE21

VLAW31

VMED28

IF YOU HAVE

# **UHF**

YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM BASELINE CAPABILITIES

UCALL40

UCALL40D

UTAC41

UTAC41D

UTAC42

UTAC42D

UTAC43

UTAC43D

IF YOU HAVE

# **700<sub>MHZ</sub>**

YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM BASELINE CAPABILITIES

7CALL50

7CALL50D

7TAC51

7TAC51D

7TAC52

7TAC52D

7TAC53

7TAC53D

7TAC54

7TAC54D

7TAC55

7TAC55D

IF YOU HAVE

# **800<sub>MHZ</sub>**

YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM BASELINE CAPABILITIES

8CALL90

8CALL90D

8TAC91

8TAC91D

8TAC92

8TAC92D

8TAC93

8TAC93D

8TAC94

8TAC94D

## Law Ops Changes

Many of you have heard of the changes on Law Ops that are currently in the works. RC Systems is due to reprogram law enforcement radios in the near future to add in the new Law Ops channel leaving us with two completely separate law enforcement operations channels, one of which is on a repeater like the current Sheriff's Repeater channel for added reception.

## Upcoming FREE Haz Mat Classes through NIRG

The following FREE Trainings will be available through the Waterloo Haz Mat Team:

**Clandestine Laboratories Awareness –**

Dysart Fire Station on Thursday 23 January 2014 at 1800 hours.

**Hazardous Materials Operations Level Recertification –**

Garwin Community Building on Wednesday January 22, 2014 at 1800 hours.

**Hazardous Materials Operations Level Recertification –**

Clutier Fire Station on Wednesday 15 January 2014 at 1800 hours.

**Hazardous Materials Operations Level Recertification –**

Toledo Fire Station on Thursday 30 January 2014 at 1800 hours.

**Hazardous Materials Operations Level Recertification –**

Traer Fire Station on Monday 10 February 2014 at 1800 hours.

**Hazardous Materials Operations Level Recertification for EMS –**

Elberon Community Center on Saturday 9 November 2013 at 0900 hours.

**Confined Space Awareness –**

Gladbrook Fire Station on Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 1800 hours.

**Entry level Incident Command** – still available to any department that can host with 12 students.

**Hazardous Materials Operations Initial Class** – still available to any department that can host with 12 students.

**Hazardous Materials Operations for EMS Initial Class** – still available to any department that can host with 12 students.

# Responder Skills Month – February 2014

Once again the Tama County Emergency Management Agency will be hosting several trainings designed to help any emergency responders achieve their yearly training requirements / goals.

This coming year will include the following:

## **Saturday February 1:**

Hybrid Auto Rescue at the Elberon Fire Station at 0900 hours. **With EMS CEHs.**

## **Saturday February 15:**

PRI Rapid Intervention (RIT) Training at the Garwin Community Building at 0900 hours. **With EMS CEHs.**

## **Saturday February 22:**

New Century FS Ammonia Safety Presentation at the Clutier Fire Station at 0900 hours.

## **Simultaneously:**

Annual State Fire School in Ames

## **Class Descriptions:**

### **Rapid Intervention Training**

This class is designed for firefighters with “moderate” level experience in rapid intervention techniques and firefighter survival. The goal is to update the student on issues and techniques related to rapid intervention. The first day is designed to provide the student with some “street-smart” theories and techniques on rapid intervention and to prepare the students for day two. The second day is dedicated entirely to rapid intervention scenarios of increasing difficulty. These are designed to challenge the student’s mind, teamwork, and skills.

#### Objectives:

This course will challenge the student with advanced RIT scenarios requiring excellent teamwork and ingenuity. We will review skills for “specific” scenarios such as:

- History of & Need for RIT
- RIT-Related Equipment
- Basic RIT deployment skills (locating the downed FF)
- Basic Skills for Moving the Downed Firefighter
- Basic SCBA problem resolution skills
- FF thru / stuck in the floor.
- Removing FF out an upper floor via windows.
- Limited space evolutions.
- Multiple downed FF’s.

### **Hybrid Auto Class**

Throughout the training program, the Instructor will dispel some of the commonly held myths surrounding hybrid vehicle extrications. Emergency personnel will be educated on the unique dangers surrounding these vehicles and how to minimize the risk to both themselves and victims. From an in-depth look at the technology in hybrids to response procedures, this training covers everything needed to operate safely and effectively around these vehicles. This training program is tailored to the department’s hours and will include a PowerPoint presentation, a quick-reference sheet on current hybrid models will be distributed to the students.

#### Class Topics:

Introduction to Hybrid Vehicles	Submerged Vehicle
Identification Methods: Formal/Informal	Vehicle Fires
Hybrid Vehicle Systems	Vehicle Accidents and Extrications
Gasoline Engine	Safety and Response Procedures
Electric Motor & Generator System	Standard Gas Engine Hazards
High Voltage Batteries	SRS Hazards

# Upcoming Summer / Fall 2013 Training Opportunities

The Tama County Emergency Management Agency is pleased to bring the following classes to Tama County:

\*Toledo Fire Station on Aug 17 at 0900 hours for **Forcible Entry Training**. (8 hours)

\*Gladbrook Fire Station on 21 – 22 September at 0900 hours for **High Angle Rope Rescue Training**. (16 hours)

The technical rescue classes will be instructed by PRI and will be funded so that they are **FREE** to any emergency responder who attends.

All of the above PRI classes will have **EMS CEHs** from Iowa Valley for any in attendance who need OE CEHs.

Class descriptions from PRI are below:

## **Forcible Entry**

How does a firefighter gain entry into a secured building? Getting inside to stop a potential fire or to rescue a potential victim can be time consuming, hazardous, and difficult. The instructor conducting forcible entry training must teach the various methods employed to gain entry into a building through doors, windows, walls, and by forcing locks. This training must emphasize safety, speed, and the need to minimize property damage. The difference between success or failure during a fire suppression operation or rescue may depend on the ability of the firefighter to breach a barrier quickly, efficiently, and safely. This course will provide the students the opportunity to practice with realistic props for hands-on practice.

### **Equipment Requirements:**

Full Turnout Clothing including SCBA , Fire Helmet, Safety Glasses, Boots, Leather gloves

### **Objectives:**

- Shall correctly identify various types of doors and their construction materials.
- Shall correctly demonstrate the proper steps necessary to correctly force entry through each type of door.
- Shall correctly identify the hazards and safety procedures associated with forcing entry through various doors.
- Shall correctly identify and demonstrate the characteristics of each door type.
- Shall correctly describe and demonstrate the techniques for safely and correctly forcing each type of door.

## **Technical Rope Rescue: Technical Level**

This two-day course meets the requirements for the Technical Level for the NFPA 1670 Standard for Technical Rope Incidents. This course has two days of field operations. Students will advance from basic over-the-bank rescues to progressively more vertical scenarios. Students are trained in pre-planning and size-up of rope rescue operations; knots, hitches and anchor systems; belay operations; ascending and descending; raising and lowering systems; and patient packaging and litter attending. This course will also cover advanced problem solving. Advanced skills in; team management, rope rescue physics, load factors, critical angles, constructing multi-point anchor systems, passing knots in systems, negotiating obstacles, offsets, constructing artificial high directional anchors, constructing high line rope systems and attendant litter systems will be explored and intensely practiced. Safety of the rescuer, rescue team, patient and bystanders will be stressed at all times.

### **Equipment Requirements:**

Lightweight Climbing or Fire Helmet, Safety Glasses, Sit harness (class II), Boots, Coveralls, Leather gloves

## National Fire Academy Courses In Iowa

**Contact:** Jim Kenkel, Special Programs Coordinator - [kenkel@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:kenkel@dps.state.ia.us)

### Wide Area Search (PER 213)

**When:** Aug. 20-22

8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Where:** Marshall County Sheriff

2369 Jessup Ave.

Marshalltown

This course is applicable to those who would need to conduct wide area searches due to a natural disaster or terrorist incident. Participants will learn practical search methods and skills in order to perform systematic searches. The course concludes with a table top exercise. The curriculum of this course is based on lessons learned from search operations in support of the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery, hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Dolly, Ike, and other wide-area search incidents.

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\*CITA Fire School – Cedar Rapids – September 29-29, 2013

\*NATA Fire School – Fort Dodge – November 2-3, 2013