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EMS, BUILDING INSPECTORS HELP KEEP PUBLIC SAFE

TWO INDIANA PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS WILL CELEBRATE RECOGNITION WEEKS IN MAY

Two Indiana public safety partners will celebrate recognition weeks in May. May 20-26 is EMS Week and May 13-19 is Building Safety Week. This year's theme for Building Safety is, "An International Celebration of Safe and Sensible Structures," sponsored by the International Code Council and Foundation. The dedication of these individuals has saved countless lives by implementing building and fire safety codes. "Building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, and all those in the construction industry, work year-round to ensure the places we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe," said Dean Illingworth of IDHS's Division of Fire and Building Safety. "Countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of building and fire safety codes by state and local code officials."

The Fire and Building Safety Division of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security has the responsibility of (continued on page 2)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WAINSCOTT

PRIVATE SECTOR KEY IN SOUTHERN INDIANA TORNADO AFTERMATH TO HELP SURVIVORS

Directly after the Southern Indiana tornadoes, a variety of private sector companies and organizations deployed mobile resources to affected areas to help tornado survivors. Private sector partners have great potential in a recovery's success. In the case of the severe weather in late February and early March, they worked quickly. More important, they worked in coordination with public sector agencies. Congratulations to all private sector partners who came to the aid of those in need.

Here are just a few examples of private sector participation in the aftermath of the Southern Indiana tornadoes.

CJ's Bus, a mobile disaster childcare unit, arrived in southern Indiana within a few days to support families with children. The program provides a safe facility loaded with games and toys for children. According to the website, the goal is to provide parents to take the time to deal with paperwork and other details, as well as the opportunity to have some down time.

Mobile units from Duracell Batteries, Sprint-Nextel and Verizon Wireless offered a variety of free services, including charging phones and laptops, use of cell phones, (continued on page 4)

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inspecting public structures, which include schools, child care centers, nursing homes, hospitals, restaurants and hotels.

EMS WEEK MAY 20-26

Recognition for Emergency Medical Service personnel is May 20-26. This year's theme is "EMS: More Than a Job: A Calling." IDHS provides training and credentials to all first responders throughout the state, training institutions and all emergency medical transports. Inspections are conducted to make sure all medical equipment is properly maintained and available.

Emergency care personnel engage in many hours of specialized training to improve their life-saving skills. These people are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for their communities. There is a wide array of careers in emergency care such as physicians, nurses, medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators and administrators.

"EMS week brings together local communities and medical personnel to promote safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's front line," said IDHS Chief of Staff Mike Garvey. ▪

DISTRICT RESPONSE TASK FORCES PARTICIPATE IN STATE EXERCISE

IDHS led District Response Task Forces in a state-level exercise from April 24-26. Full task forces from districts 2, 3, 4, and 6 participated in the realistic full-scale tornado exercise. Fire suppression, law enforcement, search and rescue, incident management and emergency public information response capabilities were exercised.

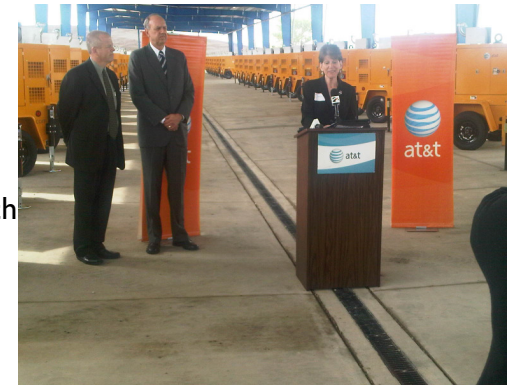
AT&T EARNS US DHS CERTIFICATION IN PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS

AT&T has invested more than $3 million in a facility located in South Bend, which will house equipment to restore and support network service in the instance of a disaster. The facility is part of the AT&T Network Disaster Recovery program. AT&T is the first company to earn certification from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the DHS Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Program. The South Bend facility will store, maintain and deploy emergency equipment, such as generators, to help restore cellular service at disaster sites.

"When those [cellular] services go down, a community can be crippled," said District 2 Response Task Force All Hazard Incident Management team member, Jim Lopez. "AT&T is going to be able to help out a lot."

The equipment can be deployed to cities as far as Houston or Miami in less than 36 hours. Generators will be used nationally as well as locally in emergency incidents. So far, AT&T has 800 generators, which will allow communication between the company and its customers during and after emergencies.

"AT&T is now at our disposal if we need their support during disaster response or recovery efforts," said Director of Field Services for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Gerri Husband. ▪



IDHS Director of Field Services Gerri Husband speaks about AT&T's new Disaster Recovery Program in South Bend.

ANNUAL STATEWIDE EMA/DISTRICT SEMINAR DATES

District 2– June 7, 2012
Marshall County Sheriff's Dept.
Conference/Training Room 1400 Pioneer Dr. Plymouth, IN 46563
10 a.m.-12 p.m. District Audience (no DPC meeting)
12-1 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m. EMA

District 3– May 17, 2012-Public Safety Academy, 7602 Patriots Crossing, Ft. Wayne, 46816
9 –10 a.m. DPC/DPOC Meeting
10 a.m.-12 p.m. District audience
12-1 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
1 p.m.-EMA

District 7– June 13,2012-Maryland Community Church, 4700 S. State Rd. 46 Terre Haute
9:30-11:30 a.m. District audience (NO DPC meeting scheduled)
11:30 a.m.-1p.m. Lunch (on your own)
1-3 p.m.– EMA

District 8-June 14, 2012-Brown Co. EMS Bldg. 53 State Rd 46 Nashville, IN 37201
10 a.m.-12 p.m. District audience (NO DPC Meeting scheduled)
12-1 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
1 p.m.– EMA

District 10– May 15, 2012-Lynnville VFD, Community Bldg. 314 W. SR 68 Lynnville
9-11 a.m.– CST DPC Meeting
11 a.m.-1 p.m.-CST District audience
1-2 p.m.-Lunch (on your own)
2-5 p.m.– EMA

2012 IDHS Emergency Management & District Planning Seminar District Focused Discussion Topics:

- Disaster declaration process-local responsibilities//Recent Response-Recovery Efforts Southern Indiana
- DRTF/IMT/MSU Deployment
- Training & Exercise Guidance
- Up-Coming Exercise Events
- Testing and Certification Update
- National/State Homeland Security Strategy/Planning Priorities
- Building & Fire Codes
- Looking to the Future
- Q & A

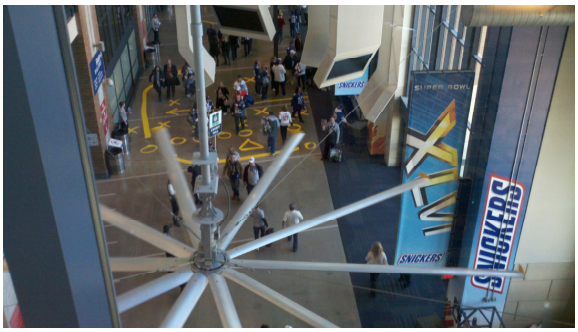
Emergency Management Agency Focused Discussion Topics:

- EMPG-Federal Requirements & State Assessment
- County Strategic Plan Template
- Requesting District Coordinator and Other State Support/Assets
- IDHS Watch Desk/State EOC Capabilities & Responsibilities Open Discussion ▪

MARSHAL'S OFFICE WORKS CLOSELY WITH CITY DURING SUPER BOWL

INSPECTIONS DURING THE SUPERBOWL ENSURE BUILDING COMPLIANCE

The City of Indianapolis Department of Code Enforcement (DCE), the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD), and the State Fire Marshal's Office, a division of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, worked jointly to inspect the myriad tents and other structures during the Super Bowl XLVI event period (January 2, 2012 through February 18, 2012).



The city and state were able to provide safety for requesting and receiving inspections of structures such as bars, restaurants, hotels and other venues used during the Super Bowl both in the downtown area and surrounding area in Marion County. Event planning began in November and continued until the end of the event, while daily inspections began after Christmas up until February 5th. Fifteen inspectors from the Office of the State Fire Marshal coordinated with the City of Indianapolis Department of Code Enforcement and the Indianapolis Fire Department. ▪

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Wi-Fi, computers to access email and the Internet and TVs for diversion and relaxation.

Tide dispatched a "Loads of Hope" vehicle, to provide survivors a free way to do laundry.

Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (INVOAD) sent and organized volunteers and began long-term recovery strategies. Recovery work focused on debris removal and other vital services to assist survivors.

American Red Cross assisted in the southern Indiana recovery by supplying shelter, bulk items, meals, snacks, mental health consultations and health services.

Salvation Army fed meals to volunteers, provided caseworkers, brought in mobile kitchens capable of serving up to 2,000 meals a day, and also raised more than $350,000 in just three days.

2-1-1-handled a high volume of calls to request assistance or to ask recovery questions such as where to donate, what to donate, and whether volunteers were needed in assistance areas. 2-1-1 is continuing to provide volunteer coordination support for ongoing recovery efforts.

To assist customers in processing claims, American Family Insurance, State Farm, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance and Shelter Mutual Insurance Company all deployed mobile customer service units to the affected areas.

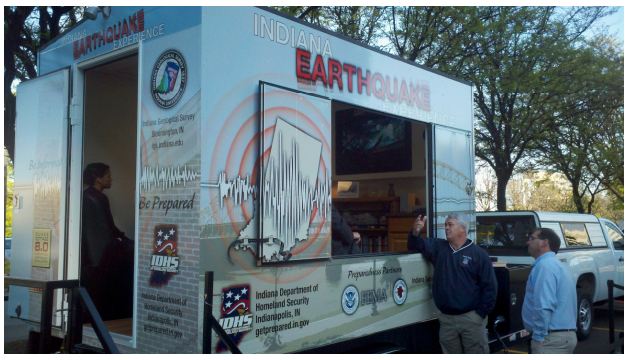
The Indiana Bar Association offered free legal services, including insurance claims, home repair contracts, landlord issues and replacing legal documents.

Numerous local businesses, volunteers and non-profit organizations also offered, and are continuing to provide, a host of free recovery resources.

As the public-private partnership continues, I strongly encourage all public safety agencies to persist in the exploration of opportunities for coordination with strong and motivated private sector partners. Together, we can accomplish more than one agency, business or organization can on its own. ▪

IGS UNVEILS SIMULATOR TO EDUCATE KIDS ABOUT EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

The Indiana Geological Survey has purchased an earthquake simulator, called a Quake Cottage, which can produce the shaking equivalent of a 5.5 to 8.0 seismic event. The simulator is 22 feet long, 8 feet wide and 14 feet high and is mounted on a dual-axle trailer and completely portable. Demonstrations took place on April 24th to the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy, presented by the Indiana Department of Education, and took place at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing. A two-year grant



funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, made the simulation possible.

"The simulator provides Hoosiers with an opportunity to experience shaking similar to that of a moderate to strong earthquake," said Walt Gray, education outreach coordinator for the Indiana Geological Survey. "It also shows how inexpensive preparedness efforts can protect lives and property."

The simulator will travel to different areas of the state to help inform citizens on earthquake safety. The cottage being used in Indiana is one of three being used in the United States. The simulator can encourage public officials and individuals to be better prepared for earthquakes and educate on what can be done to lessen an earthquake's effects. ▪

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE HELD DOWNTOWN

More than 20,000 fire and industry members attended the Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis April 16-21. Some events included the Firefighter Combat Challenge, 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, the Fifth Annual Courage and Valor Fun Run, Paul Comb's signing, Stop, Drop, Rock & Roll concert, and the National Honor Guard Competition.

"FDIC is one of the greatest training and networking opportunities," said John Buckman, State Fire Training Director, "The conference is attended by fire and industry members to learn the latest techniques and experience some of the newest technology." ▪

IDHS ASSISTS IN THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security was asked by Clark County to help aid in the establishment of a Joint Information Center (JIC) with Thunder Over Louisville on April 21-22. Officials wanted information on how IDHS runs a JIC. Thunder Over Louisville is an annual fireworks show and military air show that draws more than a million people. About 250,000 watch from the Indiana side of the Ohio River

Basically, IDHS runs a simplified model of the FEMA JIC and a simpler version of the day-to-day functions of JIC operations. IDHS supplied the Clark County operation with templates, sample guidelines and information on how to provide information in the midst of a disaster. The JIC was fully staffed around the clock to ensure safety. Clark County EMA Deputy Director Amir Mousavi hopes to work more with the JIC for future events, specifically Thunder Over Louisville 2013. ▪

AGENCIES & VOLUNTEERS UNITE TO AID IN RELIEF OF DISASTER SURVIVORS

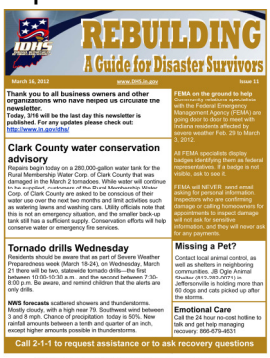
M2R | March 2 Recovery

The Official Long Term Recovery Effort from the March 2nd Tornado's

Groups of local agencies have united to focus on long-term recovery in March's five tornado stricken counties. The group, called March2Recovery, is comprised of people from more than two dozen governmental agencies, aid organizations and faith based groups. March2Recovery is recruiting case managers, both paid and volunteers, to help find assistance for those who are recovering from losses. For more information on how to help or for assistance, visit http://march2recovery.org ▪

FEMA RECOGNIZES IDHS NEWSLETTER, ONE STOP SHOPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) has recognized the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's Disaster newsletter. FEMA also recognized Indiana's One Stop Shops. Both have been noted as best practices. After the March tornadoes in southern Indiana, a daily newsletter was prepared by the Indiana Joint Information Center, and circulated to reach survivors with limited means to information.


REBUILDING
A Guide for Disaster Survivors
March 16, 2012 www.IDHS.in.gov Issue 11
Thank you to all business owners and other organizations who have helped us circulate the newsletter.
Today, 3/16 will be the last day this newsletter is published. For any updates please check out:
http://www.in.gov/idhs/
Clark County water conservation advisory
Missing a Pet?
Tornado drills Wednesday
Emotional Care
Call 2-1-1 to request assistance or to ask recovery questions
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The newsletter was printed and hand-delivered each day by volunteers. Initially about 200 were printed, but that number rose to around 1,500. The newsletter was faxed and emailed to local businesses, libraries, faith based and other community organizations around the area. The first issue was released on March 5 and ran daily until March 16.

One Stop Shops were established for disaster victims around the area. These "shops" put state agencies and related services in one location to provide services and referrals for items and services such as driver's licenses, housing information, and insurance assistance.

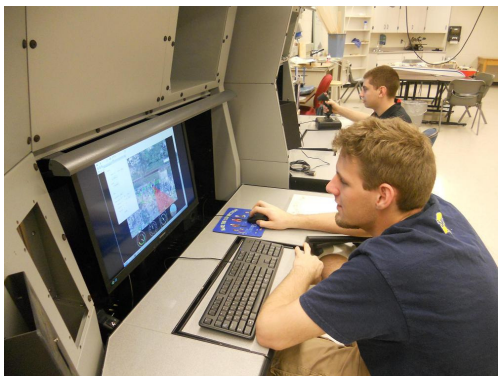
The first One Stop Shop was initially developed in 2008 after the floods impacted central and southern Indiana. A shop was opened in Sellersburg within 5 days of the March 2 tornadoes and two single-day One Stop Shops were opened in two outlying disaster areas of Holton and Pekin. Various private organizations supported the shops by offering free transportation for individuals wishing to visit. ▪

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ADAPTS UNMANNED SYSTEM

ISU PARTNERS WITH CORSAIR ENGINEERING TO CREATE UMANNED SIMULATOR FOR STUDENTS

Indiana State University partnered with an engineering company, Corsair Engineering, to create the very first unmanned systems simulator to train college students. The system was specifically created to teach students the basics of operating unmanned vehicles, particularly unmanned aircrafts.

The ISU aviation technology department members began collaborating with Corsair to create the Integrated Multi-Mission, Multi Platform UAS Trainer (IM3PUT). The IM3PUT allows multiple unmanned aircrafts to recreate scenarios which demonstrate different terrains and times of day. This process helps students learn how to use varieties of equipment, objects and terrain.



Unmanned systems are generally thought to include drones and military equipment; however, other opportunities for non-military use exist such as construction and agriculture.

The field has been growing popularity due to its multi-disciplinary approach, which incorporates other areas such as aviation, computer science, criminology, environmental sciences and psychology. ▪

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SURVIVORS OF SEVERE WEATHER

The Wayne Township Fire Dept., along with other public safety agencies from central Indiana, will host a benefit concert for the survivors of the southern Indiana severe weather on June 16th.

Ten bands will be playing at the Ben Davis Football Stadium from 11:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Admission is $10 and proceeds will go to the survivors of the tornadoes in Southern Indiana. ▪

Remember these Fair & Festival Safety tips this June & July:

- **Read all posted rules and listen to instructions given by the ride's operator.**
- **Don't board a ride if you see broken parts, signs of improper maintenance, or an inattentive operator.**
- **Always use the safety equipment provided .**
- **Remain in the ride until it comes to a complete stop at the unloading point. If a ride stops temporarily due to mechanical failure or other reasons, stay seated and wait for an operator to give you further instructions.**

For more info go to getprepared.in.gov

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD GATHERS BOOKS FOR DISASTER STRICKEN LIBRARY IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

Following the Southern Indiana tornado disaster, an 11-year-old girl from Columbus decided to host a book rally for the Henryville Library. Elizabeth Dwyer collected books for grades kindergarten through 6th grade from April 1st through the 30th at the Southside Elementary School library.

She created a slogan, posted flyers and read a motivational announcement each week to remind fellow students of the book rally. Elizabeth filled 22 file boxes full of new and nicely used books, which were delivered May 9th to the Clark County School Superintendent's office. ▪

IDHS SEEKS ALL AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE HOLDERS

The IDHS Communications Department is seeking to find out how many individuals have their Amateur Radio License. The Indiana Disaster Communications Plan is being rewritten later in the year and it would be valuable to have a roster of who has an Amateur Radio License. To be included in the roster, provide your name, call sign, and basic contact information.

To submit information, contact Ben Esterline at besterline@dhs.in.gov. ▪

LARGEST ATTENDENCE TO DATE FOR GREENE COUNTY COURSE

The Annual Tornado Spotters Course for Greene County on April 25, brought in the largest attendance to date. More than 40 people came and filled up the conference room at the Greene County Fairgrounds. Bryan Husband, EMA Director from

Clay County, helped with the tornado disaster in southern Indiana and gave a presentation during the conference. Mike Ryan from the National Weather Service advised on weather conditions and school safety procedures. ▪

RESCUE DEMONSTRATES VALUE OF DISTRICT CONCEPT

The District 2 Regional Tactical Rescue Team, along with other emergency personnel, rescued a 25-year-old man from a large hole located in Elkhart on Friday night. Twenty-nine District 2 Regional tactical Rescue Team members responded from Clay, Mishawaka, Notre Dame, Niles (MI), Pen Twp and Warsaw counties.

"This incident proves the District Response concept works, not only for large out of district responses but for the in district responses that not every agency has the training or equipment to mitigate safely," said Brian Kazmierzak, Executive Fire Operator.

The man had been digging in his back yard for three days before becoming entrenched in mud and water. Firefighters arrived at the scene around 6:30 p.m. and found an eight-foot deep hole, which became a tunnel towards the bottom. A vacuum truck was used to suck out water, and plywood to hold up side walls. Around 8:30 p.m. rescuers pulled the man up on a ladder. A backhoe was later used to fill the hole. ▪

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