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55 COUNTIES ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS

Fifty five counties in Indiana have been granted eligibility for U.S. Small Business Administration federal economic injury disaster loans for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes located in the designated counties as a result of drought that began June 19, 2012.

The SBA's disaster declaration includes the following counties: Adams, Allen, Blackford, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Davies, DeKalb, Delaware, Dubois, Elkhart, Fulton, Gibson, Grant,

Greene, Harrison, Howard, Huntington, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Knox, Kosciusko, LaGrange, La Porte, Lawrence, Madison, Marshall, Martin, Miami, Monroe, Noble, Orange, Owen, Perry, Pike, Posey, Pulaski, Spencer, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vanderburgh, Vigo, Wabash, Washington, Warrick, Wells, White and Whitley in Indiana.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this

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From the Director's Chair-Executive Director Joe Wainscott

IDHS District Response Task Forces and numerous state and local agency partners met in Indianapolis for a two-day exercise and training to learn about and test their interoperable communications equipment.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the communications resources and capabilities of the state and neighboring districts and counties, explore opportunities for interoperability among those resources, and refine their Tactical Interoperable Plans based on newly recognized capabilities.

The vision at IDHS is to be a resource so that effective interoperable communications can be stood up and operational in a timely manner. This "Communications Rodeo" was a benchmark stride toward meeting that goal.

It is hoped that those who attended this conference will take what they learned and share it with their agencies and local partners, and continue pursuing ways to enhance local and district capabilities to communicate with each other and the state in times of crisis.

One of my favorite movies is the film "Hoosiers" about the small-town Indiana high school basketball team that won the 1954 state championship. If you've ever seen the movie you'll remember Coach Norman Dale's unwavering commitment to the "fundamentals" of basketball. At the team's last practice just before the championship game, Coach Dale tells his overwhelmed [\(continued on page 3\)](#)



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disaster. With the exception of aquacultural enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers or ranchers. Nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 3 percent for private non-profit organizations of all sizes and 4 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-

659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than March 12, 2013.

Voluntary Water Shortage Warning issued to Significant Water Withdrawal Facilities

Under the state's Water Shortage Plan, notification letters are being sent to owners and operators of significant water withdrawal facilities calling on them to implement voluntary measures that will result in a reduction in water use by 10 to 15 percent.

The notification follows a previously issued warning on July 2 to significant water withdrawal facilities in 32 counties in northeast and southwest Indiana.

State law defines a significant water withdrawal facility (SWWF) as one capable of withdrawing 100,000 gallons of water per day from all sources—ground

water, surface water, or a combination of the two.

The objective of the Water Shortage Warning stage is to prepare a coordinated response to potential water supply problems and to initiate voluntary conservation measures in an effort to avoid or reduce shortages, relieve stressed water sources, and forestall the need for mandatory water use restrictions.

Public water supply systems are advised to immediately develop and update water shortage contingency plans for their respective systems if they don't already have one.

Although the Water Shortage Warning is directed at SWWFs, all Hoosiers are encouraged to conserve water and energy use. Conserving energy helps conserve water. Taking voluntary actions now will help later if conditions worsen.

DNR and DHS work with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Agriculture, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, and the National Weather Service to implement the Water Shortage Plan.

The state's Water Shortage Plan was developed in 1994 and updated in 2009. Recommended water conservation actions in the plan can be found at: www.in.gov/dnr/water/files/watshplan.pdf

INDIANAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT SETS GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

The Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) now holds the Guinness World Record for the largest Stop, Drop and Roll Demonstration. The Fire & Life Safety Division of IFD organized and participated in an attempt to break the previous record on October 13, 2011 at the 12th annual IFD Fire Safety Olympics at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. First and second grade students from 13 elementary schools in the community, along with teachers and volunteers, set the record at 1,719 participants. The Office of the State Fire Marshal, a division of the

Indiana Department of Homeland Security, was one of many community partners who also helped organize the event. "It's very vital that children learn the importance of Stop, Drop and Roll. They can get other family members involved, by bringing the information home to share with everyone else," said State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson.

The record was first attempted in 2005 at the Indianapolis Children's Museum, but failed; however

the vital fire safety skill was continued until proven successful. •



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team, “Forget about the crowds, the size of the school, their fancy uniforms, and remember what got you here. Focus on the fundamentals that we’ve gone over time and time again.”

His speech rings true outside the sports arena, as frequently what provides for success in emergency management in Indiana is the commitment to mastering the

fundamentals. While easily overlooked, high among these emergency management fundamentals is communication and the infrastructure it takes to facilitate that communication.

It takes commitment from dedicated communications professionals, like the ones who attended this two-day event, to ensure that first responders and

emergency managers in their own agency can communicate with each other and their partners. IDHS resolves to support these efforts whenever possible, and looks forward to providing more communications education and drills like the “Communications Rodeo” in the future.



District 8– Jackson County Mobile Command Center



District 2 Elkhart County – Gail Karas and Connie McCloughen



Operations inside of a Mobile Command Center



Participants from around the state of Indiana



District 1-Inside the Mobile Command Center



District 10 Vanderburgh County/Evansville

D-4 CONDUCTS MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FAMILIARIZATION

Carroll and Tippecanoe counties’ emergency management agencies coordinated to introduce local responders and political leaders to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security’s District 4 Mobile Communications Center. The demonstration was attended by county council members and commissioners, news media, police, fire and communications personnel.

Dave McDowell, Carroll County EMA, was grateful to test the backup VHF radio system and radio interoperability unit.

“It led us to discover that the new narrow-band VHF portables need



different patch cords than their predecessors; All lessons I’m glad we learned on a training day, instead of a tornado day,” said McDowell.

Carroll County E911 Director, Vicki Bluemke, has been working since

January to improve E911’s ability to respond to large events. This would include the area of Delphi, in Carroll County, which could be subject to HAZMAT emergencies involving local highways and the railroad. McDowell also has coordinated an exercise with the Carroll County Health Department and the Carroll County Local Emergency Planning Committee on June 14th with players from Norfolk & Southern, Purdue University, the West Central Indiana Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), and all local emergency responders. ●

ANNUAL DRILL IN WESTVILLE MEASURES LOCALS RESPONSE

The District I Mobile Command Center was utilized during an exercise in Westville at the Westville Correctional Facility. The annual drill is a practice for law enforcement and emergency management officials to measure how prison staff responds in a crisis and how well other agencies react.



The Mobile Command Center is housed in Valparaiso with the Porter County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and was used outside of the prison's main perimeter near a building for minimum-security inmates. Agencies involved were LaPorte County 911, LaPorte County Sheriff, Indiana State Police, Westville Police Department, Westville Fire Department, LaPorte County EMA along with the District I Mobile Command Unit. •



EMA SPOTLIGHT– KRISTY CLAWSON, STEUBEN COUNTY

On June 7th 2012, Kristy Clawson took over as Steuben County's Emergency Management Agency director. Her main goal is to educate the community on how to become better prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Before becoming the director, she was a stay at home mom and also worked part-time as an Advanced EMT for Steuben County EMS. She graduated from Trine University with

a bachelor's degree in emergency management. Clawson says the most rewarding part of the position is the opportunity to support emergency responders.

"In Steuben County, we have very talented, professional groups of emergency services, i.e., police department, sheriff's department, fire department, EMS. I am so thankful for this opportunity to work with them." •

Clawson also plans to update the county's current disaster plans.

"One of the challenges I face is trying to navigate through projects that have already been started. I have to pick up where they left off and try to complete the job," Clawson said. "I have had a lot of support locally and also from other EMA Directors and I am very grateful for their willingness to share their expertise with me." •

PEDIATRIC PULSE OXIMETRY AVAILABLE TO EMS AGENCIES

The Indiana Emergency Services for Children (I-EMSC) 2010 Indiana EMS Provider Survey revealed that some Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers did not have the Pediatric Pulse Oximetry capability. A Pediatric Oximeter monitors blood oxygen saturation, pulse rate and spo2 levels. All ALS providers without the pediatric pulse oximetry capability are eligible to

work with I-EMSC and the charitable organizations to receive the oximeters. The Indiana Emergency Services for Children Program is a federally funded program under the Health Resources and Services Administration that focuses on the improvements of emergency care for children by reducing the pediatric morbidity and mortality as

a result of severe injury and illness. Contact Stephanie Fahner, RN BSN at sastout@iupui.edu or call 317-630-7399 if your agency doesn't have this capability and you are interested in receiving the free piece of equipment. Visit www.indianaemsc.org for more information. •

DISTRICT 10 EARTHQUAKE EXERCISE

FEDERAL FUNDING PROVIDES RESCUE AGENCIES WITH PREPAREDNESS COURSE



With Evansville Indiana in proximity to the New Madrid and Wabash Valley earthquake fault lines, 20

members of various rescue agencies in the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's District 10 completed structural collapse training on June 8, 2012.

Advanced Rescue Solutions, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) task force system that responds to national disasters, provided six instructors for training. The completion marked the third year for the course, which was at first based on interest, but now is an attempt to fill specific needs with backgrounds such as engineering, construction, architecture and heavy equipment operation.

"In Southwestern Indiana, dealing with tornado damage and being prepared for seismic activity along

the Wabash-New Madrid fault line is always a concern for all Public Safety agencies," said Cliff Weaver, Indiana District Response Task Force 10.

Federal funding through District 10 is provided by a hazard mitigation grant. This program gives money for Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) response, structural collapse response, incident management teams and logistic planning groups to handle disasters. The Evansville Fire Department was involved in the course and is the center for the district that houses more than \$500,000 worth of equipment. •

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE AIDS IN MULTIPLE INVESTIGATIONS

The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office has assisted in the arrests of two Indiana men and is helping aid in the investigation of a Shelby County fire.

The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office is a division of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

On May 8th in Attica Indiana, an arson resulting in the death of Ronnie Shoaf, 64, led to a joint investigation by local law enforcement, fire departments and the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office. Multiple allegations including murder, arson resulting in bodily injury and burglary resulting in bodily injury were charged against David Purcell and Raymond L.S. Brown from Fountain County. On

June 15th both men were arrested and are being held in jail with no bond.

Another arson investigation on May 19, at the Shelby County Fairgrounds is still ongoing as of press date.

The Shelbyville Fire Department and Shelby County Sheriff's Department along with the Indiana State Fire Marshal are still seeking information in the fire that destroyed the historic grandstand. The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office is offering a \$5,000 reward for anyone with information that leads to an arrest. Shelbyville Crime Stoppers is also offering a reward of \$1,000 and those with information are encouraged call I-

800-222-TIPS.

On June 26, a joint investigation between the Vincennes City Fire Department and the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office led to the investigation and determination of arson at a home that has been vacant for some time and was in the process of being demolished by the owners.

Anyone with information on any of the above mentioned fires is encouraged to call the Indiana Fire Marshal's Arson Hotline at 1-800-382-4628. •

WORKSHOPS

- **EMA**— contact: Ashlee Grisel, agrisel@dhs.in.gov
August 8-9: Debris Management
August 17-18: Flood Fight Operations
August 28-30: Instructor Presentation Skills

- **WMD**— contact: Marie Carroll, mcarroll@dhs.in.gov
August 27-28: Medican Management of CBRNE Events

- **TASK FORCE**— contact: Jenna Rossio,

jrossio@dhs.in.gov
Train-the-Trainer
August 6-10: AHIMT (FULL)
August 13-16: All Hazards Communications Unit Leader
August 16-17: DRTF Mobile Deployment
August 20-22: AH Finance

Section Chief
August 28-29: Ambulance Strike Team Leader

- **SAR**— contact: Lillian Hardy, lhardy@dhs.in.gov
Search II

August 4: SAR100-Crime Scene Ops-Blood Borne Pathogens
August 11-12: SAR250-Search and Rescue Man

- **CONFERENCE CALLS**
August 13: District Initiatives
August 29: EMA Monthly Call

- **ADVANCED PIO WORKSHOPS**

Contact: pio@dhs.in.gov
August 23: District 9 12:30-4:30
August 27: District 1 12:30-4:30

Consortium/Online Trainings

Improvised IED Response to Mass Transit:
<http://www.hsp.wvu.edu/courses>

WMD and Cyber Security Courses (TEEX):
<http://www.teexwmdcampus.com/main.k2>

Counter Terrorism Trainings:
<http://www.ncbrt.lsu.edu/eLearn/>

IS-271.a Anticipating hazardous Weather (FEMA)
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is271a.asp>

Crisis Communication Courses:
<http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CentersandInstitutes/ACCT/Registration.aspx>

Questions can be directed to Amy Lindsey at:
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ITEMS SALVAGED FROM FLOODED HOMES IN VIGO COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RE-SELLS FURNISHINGS TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

In 2008, the Wabash Valley experienced severe flooding which caused many families to move and leave behind their homes.

After four years, the first of many homes are in the process of demolition. Before the homes are torn down, FEMA allowed Habitat for Humanity to take doors, windows and kitchen cabinets to re-sell and use the money to put back into Habitat for Humanity.

The furnishings will be sold to low-income families through Habitat for Humanity's ReStore operation, which allows families to purchase gently-used materials for a fraction of the retail price.

"This is a win-win situation for our community. Instead of items that are reusable going into landfills, they get a second chance at being reused and recycled for low-income families," said Terry Jones, Economic

Development Planner for the West Central Indiana Economic Development District.

The Vigo County commissioners plan to demolish the houses this summer. "This is our first time to do this, so it's a learning process for other flooded homes in the future," said Jones. •

COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MARCH TORNADO SURVIVORS FEMA GRANTS GO TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE SOUTHERN INDIANA TORNADOES

Counseling services are available to Southern Indiana survivors from the 2012 March tornadoes. FEMA has granted \$160,000 interim services for counseling costs incurred to help those affected by the tornadoes. Officials have also applied for a regular services grant of \$500,000, which should provide funding through the first anniversary of the storms. The grants would go to help those in Clark, Jefferson, Ripley, Scott,

Warrick and Washington counties.

“The partnership with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is unlike most partnerships between responding agencies and mental health agencies,” said Andrew Klatte, assistant deputy director of the Office of Disaster Response and Preparedness in the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction. “They really do embrace us. They ask us to come out. We all

know each other and we all work together.”

Indiana has mental health response teams in each of 10 districts, totaling about 350 people statewide. The grants help to reimburse a state for the costs of providing counseling services, including travel to the disaster area and for the counselors. •

MARION COUNTY OFFERS BASIC CERT TRAINING IN SPANISH

The Community Emergency Response Team Program (CERT) in Indianapolis now offers basic training in Spanish. CERT is a program designed to engage Americans in making their communities safer, more prepared and more resilient when incidents occur.

The CERT publications will allow an effective delivery of the basic training course to the Latino

population in Indianapolis and Marion County.

Over a four day course, 25 Spanish-speaking Indianapolis residents participated in the first Spanish CERT training at the Cross Roads Bible College.

Participants learned about the risks and hazards faced by all residents in Marion County face, as well as disaster preparedness, search and rescue, disaster psychology, fire

suppression, medical triage and first aid, hazardous materials and terrorism.

After the lecture, students dressed out in helmets, reflective vests, goggles, masks and gloves for the hands-on training.

Elia James, Communications and Strategic Initiatives Manager for the Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security, led the Spanish CERT class. •

BOAT RACE ATTRACTS NEARLY 100,000 SPECTATORS TO DISTRICT 9

The Madison Regatta, also known as the Indiana Governor’s Cup, is an international event that draws a crowd of nearly 100,000 spectators each year. The Regatta is a hydroplane boat race that takes place in Madison, Indiana on the Ohio River along the border of Indiana and Kentucky. With the large number of crowds coming into District 9, Dave Bell the Jefferson County EMA, was called to fill the duty of risk manager for the event.

“The first thing was to get the safety and rescue people in place,” said Bell.

Safety and Rescue requirements included certification and NIMS compliance. The City of Madison, Jefferson County Sheriff, Indiana State Police, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Coast Guard were all involved in the safety measures Bell helped organize.

Other duties included planning with the governing body of the race boats (H-1), and discussing what safety precautions were in effect and what they could expect as well as what emergency responders could expect.

“I feel as the risk manager, we have covered all of the plans in place and we have an agreement with other counties to help if needed,” said Bell.

The Regatta took place on July 6-8, 2012 and celebrated its 62nd year of hosting sanctioned boat races and more than 100 years of boat racing history.

“This has been a long process, but everyone knows their jobs and I feel that this should be the best layout the Regatta has ever had in place,” said Bell. •



Becky Blagrove, IDHS District Services Specialist/EMS Field Coordinator South, retired after 25 years of service. Executive Director Joe Wainscott presented her with a 25-year plaque.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security will be at the Indiana State Fair August 3-12 with the Quake Cottage, an earthquake simulator that emits seismic shaking equivalent to 5.5 to 7.0. Safety tips in the event of an earthquake and other preparedness materials will also be located at the IDHS booth across from the covered bridge. •

THREE INDIANA LOCATIONS ARE STORMREADY

Posey County and the Evansville Regional Airport on May 29 attained Storm Ready certification, a National Weather Service (NWS) program that promotes severe weather preparedness.

“We sought the StormReady certification to have an outside agency verify that we were doing everything we can to protect the public in case of severe weather,” said Larry Robb, Posey County EMA Director. “It also served as an educational tool to help the public understand what steps they need to

take to better protect themselves during severe weather.”

To achieve certification, a site must meet specific criteria such as instituting an emergency operations center, develop a formal hazardous weather plan and promote public readiness through seminars through the community.

Evansville Regional Airport is only the seventh in the U.S. to obtain Storm Ready certification, and Posey County is the 24th Storm Ready county in the region covered by

the National Weather Service’s Paducah, KY office, which includes 58 counties in four states.

On June 20, Jefferson County was also recognized as StormReady by NWS Louisville.

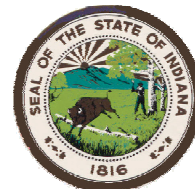
“My role was to drive the District 9 EMA directors to take this program on within their counties and I continued to provide guidance and assistance throughout the year,” said Douglas Cooke, IDHS District 9 Coordinator. •



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