



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Missouri Receives Emergency Declaration for January Storm

President Obama approved Governor Nixon's request for an emergency declaration for the January 26-29, 2009 winter storms that left more than 100,000 homes and businesses in Southeast and Southern Missouri without power. The emergency declaration allows federal assets and resources to assist the State of Missouri's emergency response. Examples of resources would be generators to operate water treatment plants or other critical facilities, or food and water to support mass care operations.

Joint Damage Assessments Will Start Tuesday, Feb 3

SEMA, FEMA and local officials will begin conducting damage assessments for 20 initial counties in Southern and Southeastern Missouri beginning on Tuesday, Feb 3. The initial 20 counties are: Barry, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Howell, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, Stoddard, Stone, Taney and Wayne. Joint Damage Assessments may be expanded to other counties as additional damage information is identified.

Nixon Signs Executive Order Allowing DNR Waivers for Yard Waste, Burning and Wastewater Discharge

Governor Jay Nixon signed Executive Order 09-07, which allows Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to suspend specific statutes and administrative rules as the result of the severe weather on January 26-29, 2009. These waivers shall be in effect until March 31, 2009 unless otherwise amended by subsequent notice. Please review the complete text of the DNR waiver covering these three topics at: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/waiverjan09icestorm.pdf>

The three topics in the waiver are for **Disposal of Yard Waste and Major Appliances, Burning of Woody Vegetation and Discharge of Water from Wastewater Systems.**

For more information or permits contact DNR's regional offices: Kansas City Regional Office at (816) 622-7000; Northeast Regional Office at (660) 385-8000; St. Louis Regional Office at (314) 416-2960; Southeast Regional Office (573) 840-9750; or Southwest Regional Office at (417) 891-4300.

John M. Britt Confirmed Director of Public Safety

On January 29, the Missouri Senate confirmed John M. Britt as the Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Britt, a 27-year veteran of the U.S. Secret Service and former global security director for Anheuser-Busch, will oversee numerous state programs and agencies, including the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri State Water Patrol, the Missouri Capitol Police, the Missouri National Guard and the State Emergency Management Agency.

Area Coordinator Meetings

Area A:	9:00 a.m.	March 11, 2009	EOC, Kansas City, MO
Area B:	6:30 p.m.	March 10, 2009	Dept of Conservation, Kirksville
Area E:	11:00 a.m.	February 20, 2009	China Buffet, Sikeston
Area F:	10:00 a.m.	February 11, 2009	Cooper Co EOC/911, Booneville

Area G:	11:30 a.m.	March 11, 2009	Hillbilly Junction Restaurant, Willow Springs
Area H:	1:30 p.m.	February 19, 2009	Livingston County Courthouse, Chillicothe

Notice to all State and Local Homeland Security Sub grantees...

DHS Office of the Inspector General Visit Set for Feb 9

By Thomas E. Mohr, MEPM, Homeland Security Grant Administration Branch

SEMA has been notified the DHS OIG Visit will be Feb. 9, 2009. The federal auditors will be in Missouri for 4-6 weeks. SEMA will contact selected sub-grantees concerning the date of the visit and what the team plans to inventory and any support documentation (to be determined by the team) that may be required (we have been told this is not a wall-to-wall inventory, only select items). Sub grantees that have the selected equipment at multiple locations will have to consolidate those items at one location for the Audit Teams review and be available to be interviewed by the team. Various SEMA grant program managers and/or SEMA Subject Matter Experts will accompany the team throughout the visit. We will contact the selected sub grantees when we get the field audit list from DHS OIG. If you have any questions please contact Tom Mohr, Homeland Security Grant Administration Branch Chief, 573-526-9245 or at tom.mohr@sema.dps.mo.gov.

Register On line for Spring State Emergency Preparedness Conference!

Participants and sponsors can now register on line for the Spring 2009 State Emergency Preparedness Conference March 24-27 in Branson. Go to <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm> then click on the link to the 2009 Spring Conference to complete the registration process.

SEMA Training Classes in February, March

SEMA's training schedule is posted online: <http://training.dps.mo.gov>. To apply for a SEMA course simply follow the directions on the home page. **SEMA will not reimburse meals or hotels for classes identified as "Local Offering."**

2/6/09	Active Shooter for Schools Training (Local Offering)	Mexico
2/6/09	Mayoral Institute Seminar for All Hazards Preparedness	Kirkwood
2/9/09	Senior Officials Workshop for all Hazards Preparedness	Chesterfield
2/10-11/09	Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment	Joplin
2/17/09	MERIS System Operator Training (Local Offering)	St Louis County
2/18-19/09	Developing & Managing Volunteers (Local Offering) (PDS)	St Louis County
2/18-19/09	EOC Management and Operations (APDS Required)	SEOC
2/19/09	MERIS System Operator Training (Local Offering)	Benton, MO
2/23-24/09	Hazardous Weather and Flood Preparedness (APDS Elect)	Warrensburg
2/24-26/09	Exercise Design and Evaluation	Hannibal
2/25/09	Rapid Assessment Workshop (APDS Required)	St Louis City
2/25/09	Damage Assessment	St Louis City
3/4/09	MERIS System Operator Training (Local Offering)	Savannah
3/6-7/09	Community Mass Care Management (Local Offering)	Hillsboro
3/7/09	Active Shooter for Schools Training (Local Offering)	Huntsville
3/7/09	MERIS System Operator Training (Local Offering)	Savannah
3/10-11/09	Leadership and Influence (PDS)	Kirksville
3/12/09	Decision Making and Problem Solving (PDS)	Kirksville
3/14/09	Active Shooter for Schools Training (Local Offering)	Salisbury
3/18/09	Damage Assessment	Sedalia
3/19/09	Active Shooter for Schools Training (Local Offering)	Lee's Summit
3/19/09	Rapid Assessment Workshop (APDS Required)	Warrensburg

2009 Spring SAVE Coalition Training Classes Set

State Emergency Management Agency's (SEMA) Earthquake Program Manager Steve Besemer announced 2009 training classes for current and prospective members of the Structural Assessment and Visual Evaluation, or SAVE, Coalition. The dates and locations of those classes are:

- February 12, 2009 (SEMO) Lincoln Hall Ft. Leonard Wood
- April 10, 2009 (NWMO) General Services Admin. Kansas City

All SAVE Training Classes are free of charge and will be held from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. The primary audience for this class is architects, professional engineers, construction contractors, building inspectors, and other qualified volunteers. SAVE was established under Revised Missouri Statute 44.023 to assist SEMA by making qualified volunteers available to assist the State to conduct emergency assessments of buildings following catastrophic events. For information on these, other SAVE Training Classes, or to register, contact SEMA Earthquake Program Manager Steve Besemer at (573) 526-9232 or at steve.besemer@sema.dps.mo.gov

Earthquake Awareness Month (Feb) 2009 Activities Scheduled Campaign Posted to SEMA Homepage

By Steve Besemer, Earthquake Program Manager

The 09 Earthquake Awareness Campaign has been posted to SEMA's homepage. The 09 Earthquake Awareness campaign is focusing on safety and home mitigation activities citizens can do to protect their homes. For preparedness, there is information on emergency food and water, 3-day survival pack and drop, cover & hold. For mitigation, there is information on mitigation strategies, and how-to instructions for securing water, gas lines, computers, pictures and mirrors, bookcases etc. The 09 EQAM link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/EQ09/EQ09Awareness.htm>

NWS Focuses Driving Awareness with "Turn Around Don't Drown"

By Kelsey Angle, NWS Springfield

The NWS developed a web page with information on the Flash Flood Risk Analysis Project (FFRAP). Here is a link to this page: http://www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf/?n=ffrap_symposium

Flood Awareness Week is scheduled for March 16-20, 2009. The National Weather Service is working on an educational, safety and preparedness campaign. Additional details will be provided via email along with a webpage which will include flood safety power point presentations, brochures and a child safety video campaign dealing with flooding for use in your organization and community. Contacts at the NWS Springfield office are: Kelsey Angle kelsey.angle@noaa.gov Andy Foster andy.foster@noaa.gov or Steve Runnels steve.runnels@noaa.gov or call (417) 863-8028 ext 0

Center for Homeland Defense and Security Masters Program Applications due May 1, 2009

By Thomas E. Mohr, MEPM, Homeland Security Grant Administration Branch

The Center for Homeland Defense and Security, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security offer the premier master's degree program in homeland security through the Naval Postgraduate School. The 18-month master's degree program is offered at no cost to eligible senior and fast-rising local, state, tribal, and federal officials with significant responsibilities in homeland security and related disciplines. The next deadline for application to the master's degree program for the fall 2009 cohorts is May 1, 2009. You can apply online at www.chds.us.

This is a hybrid online and in-residence program is designed to accommodate busy leaders. It requires participants to be in-residence only 2 weeks each quarter (for a total of 12 weeks). All travel and tuition expenses are paid for eligible participants. The remainder of the coursework is delivered via cutting edge

distance learning technologies. The curriculum and research are focused on current policy, strategy and organizational design challenges. Participants complete research papers and a thesis on actual policy development issues confronting their city, state, or sponsoring organization.

If you have already completed an application to the MA program, you will automatically be considered for subsequent cohorts. You do not need to complete a new application but are welcome to update your current application materials online.

FEMA EMI Independent Study Update

By Debbie Cheshire, SEMA Training

The EMI Independent Study Program launched of the revised and updated course, IS-700.a NIMS: An Introduction. This course replaces the existing IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction. If you have previously started the IS-700 course and need to take the final exam, you must complete the exam and obtain a passing score before **February 13, 2009**. After February 13, 2009, the IS-700 exam will no longer be available.

You may complete your exam online by going to the IS-700.a course page (<http://training.fema.gov/emweb/is/is700a.asp>) and choosing the IS-700 exam from the box at the bottom right of the screen. If you are completing your final exam for IS-700 via OpScan bubble sheets, they must be postmarked no later than **Friday, February 13, 2009**. At this time there are no downloadable materials for IS 700.a. The IS700.a materials are forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact the Independent Study Office via email at Independent.Study@dhs.gov or by phone at (301) 447-1200.

Volunteer Disaster Case Manager Training Offered February 7, 2009

With the number of both declared and undeclared disasters, Local Long Term Recovery Committees are searching for volunteer case managers to help with local recovery efforts. The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in partnership with the Missouri United Methodist Conference will be offering a free 8 hour volunteer Disaster Case Manager class at 8 a.m., February 7, at the Vineyard Church of Rolla, 708 North Main. To register on-line go to www.sema.dps.mo.gov Click on the Training/Exercise link in the blue sidebar. The class registration is listed in the training schedule. If you have trouble registering on line, please call SEMA Training at 573-526-9126 between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

McCarthy Resigns from Clinton County

Art McCarthy has resigned as the EMD for Clinton County. He recently started a job at Fort Leavenworth.

Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's 2-day Multi-hazard Emergency Planning for Schools Course will be offered by the State Emergency Management Agency in Independence, Missouri, June 24-25, 2009. Class time each day is 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Apply on line at <http://training.dps.mo.gov>.