



SAFEGUARD IOWA PARTNERSHIP

Strengthening the capacity of Iowa and Iowans to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters through public/private collaboration.

Greeting Members and Partners,
As December and the holidays come to a close, I want to wish all of you a happy, safe and joyful 2024. Safeguard Iowa has had another busy month, and we look forward to doing even more this year with our public and private sector partners across Iowa.

As always, we appreciate the tremendous support of our Sponsors and the **tax deductible** individual and corporate donations we received throughout the year. It's your contributions that allows us to continue our **mission** of strengthening the capacity of Iowa and Iowans to prevent, prepare for,

respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters through public/private collaboration.

In this update we thank our outgoing Past-Chair, Curt Sullivan, for his service and welcome our new slate of officers for 2024. Past-Chair AJ Mumm, Chair Lacey Hogan and Vice Chair Pat Waymire. Congratulations to Director John Neldeberg on his selection by the Board as their new interim Secretary/Treasurer.

Be sure to scroll down and see what SIP Operations and Training are coming up this month. As always, if your organization has unmet preparedness training needs, please reach out, SIP may be able to assist (sip@safeguardiowa.org).

This month's "Take 5" for Preparedness series focuses on **Protest/ Demonstration** and **Natural Disaster** scenarios for your teams to discuss to supplement and add to your training.

Congratulations to all of our partners now that we've recently achieved "**text to 911**" capability across **all 99 counties** in Iowa! This is a tremendous addition to our 911 communication system for those that are unable to talk during an emergency or may be hearing impaired. Thanks to Iowa HSEMD for sharing the graphic below.

Happy New Year and thanks for your continued support.

Together. Helping Iowans.

Jay E. Knox
Executive Director

**CAN I TEXT
911 IF I
CAN'T CALL?**

Always call if you can,
but text if you can't talk

All 99 Iowa counties are
text-to-911 capable

Text-to-911 can be used
by those who are deaf
or hard of hearing

**Thank You to Outgoing SIP
Past-Chair Curt Sullivan**



Curt Sullivan is the Director of Compliance and Security Operations at BHE Renewables, LLC, a Berkshire Hathaway Energy business.

He was formerly the Business Continuity and Security Investigations Manager for MidAmerican Energy Company where he coordinated the implementation of business continuity and security investigation programs across Iowa, Illinois and South Dakota.

Curt has been a member of Safeguard Iowa since 2020 and served as the Vice Chair, Chair and Past Chair. Thank you for your service to our organization.

SIP Board of Directors Officers for 2024



AJ Mumm
2024 SIP Past-Chair
Polk County EMA



Lacey Hogan
2024 SIP Chair
Alliant Energy



Patrick Waymire
2024 SIP Vice Chair
Iowa Depart. of Public Safety

John Neldeberg Elected by Board as Secretary/Treasurer

The SIP Board of Directors at their quarterly meeting in December elected Director John Neldeberg as the Board's Interim Secretary/Treasurer following Joe Russell's transition to a Honorary Partnership Member. Thanks to John for agreeing to serve our organization in this vital position.



John Neldeberg is currently Vice President, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Truist. He has been in the Emergency Management, Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning business since 1993 where he received his start working with the State of Iowa

Emergency Management Division at the peak of the floods of 1993. His duties entailed assisting the state recover from one of the largest natural disasters the mid-west has ever experienced. Throughout his career he has worked with private industry, federal, state, local governments, and private non-profit organizations assisting them in disaster planning and preparations. John is a Certified Business Continuity Professional, a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers, Disaster Recovery Institute, and past president of the Iowa Contingency Planners.

As many of us across Iowa experienced between Christmas and New Years, there are many "Sneaky" Winter Hazards that form when temperatures approach freezing. See the safety tips below from our partners at **NOAA**.



rain with a temperature near freezing

Ice can form on roads and lead to dangerous travel when the air temperature or road temperature drops below freezing.

safety tips

- Slow down
- Don't use cruise control
- Leave plenty of distance between you and other vehicles

"Sneaky" Winter Hazards

The winter season brings many weather events that can "sneak" up on you. These are weather hazards that cause big impacts and make travel difficult without making big news.

weather.gov 

Iowa 511 your go-to resource to make smarter travel decisions this winter.

Know Before You Go!

Visit www.511ia.org or download the free mobile app.



SIP Emergency and Disaster Support Operations

A collage of logos and text. On the left is the 'IOWA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION' logo. In the center is the 'IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' logo with the tagline 'LEADING IOWANS IN'. On the right is a blue banner that reads 'El Niño and Seasonal Forecasts for Iowa' with the date 'December 7, 2023' and 'Issued By: NWS Des Moines, IA'. Below the banner is the 'SAFEGUARD IOWA PARTNERSHIP' logo. At the bottom left is the 'IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & LAND STEWARDSHIP' logo. At the bottom right is the 'IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT' logo. The text 'Current Conditions and Drought Update' is also visible.

As **drought conditions** persist across the state going into 2024, the Safeguard Iowa Partnership will continue

to meet and collaborate with our Public and Private Sector partners to assist in the unified efforts to address local, regional and statewide impacts.

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SIP Training and Exercises

For our Healthcare Facility and First Responder Partners in Keokuk County, Safeguard Iowa in partnership with Keokuk County Emergency Management and Public Health is bringing an Active Threat/Active Shooter Training Workshop to Sigourney, IA on JAN 25th.



See the details below and
REGISTER NOW!

Any Questions call SIP **515-650-0424**
or email at
sip@safeguardiowa.org

Active Threat/Active Shooter Training Workshop

for Healthcare Facilities
and Local Responders

**THURSDAY
JAN 25, 2024**

Active Threat/Active Shooter Training

On-line via ZOOM or In-Person @ EOC
10 AM - 11 AM

Active Threat/Active Shooter Response Table-top Exercise (TTX)

for Healthcare Facilities and Local Responders

In-Person @ EOC
1 PM - 4 PM

REGISTER TODAY AT:

<https://safeguardiowa.wildapricot.org/event-5489108>



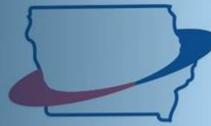
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Training Location:
Keokuk County EOC
1303 200th Avenue
Sigourney IA 52591

**AVAILABLE SAFEGUARD IOWA
TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Available Safeguard Iowa Training Programs for 2024



- Business Continuity Planning and Assessment Workshop
- Suspicious Mail Identification and Response Training
- Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) Liaison Training
- Situational Awareness, De-escalation, and Active Shooter (Threat) Response Training
- Threat Assessment, Behavioral Indicators of Targeted Violence
- Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Workshops
- Cyber Awareness/Cyber Security Assessment Training Exercise
- Design/Tabletop Exercises (Active Shooter, BEOC, etc.)

Safeguard Iowa is able to facilitate training and exercises for our partners and others to help Iowa's private sector businesses and non-profits with their unmet training needs and objectives.

Contact me at jknox@safeguardiowa.org or **515-650-0424** to discuss the options for bringing these or other SIP offered training to your business or community.

Jay Knox
Executive Director

SUSPICIOUS MAIL IDENTIFICATION & RESPONSE TRAINING



Thanks to our Partners who recently invested in their organization's preparedness

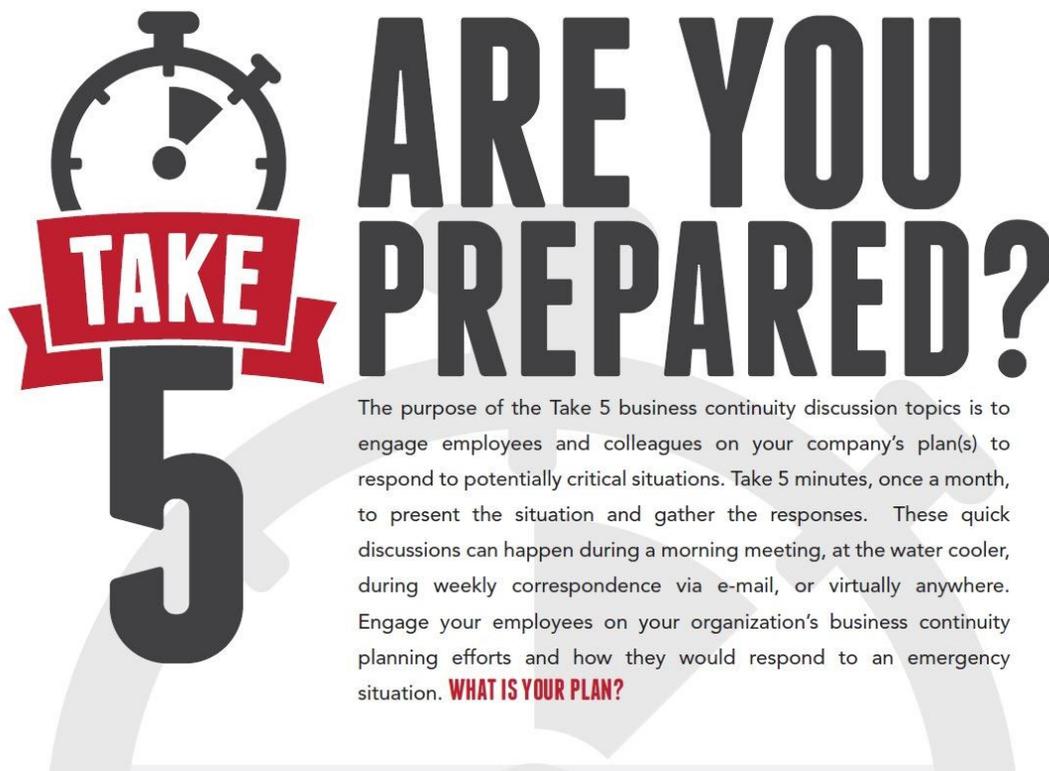


and for your support of our critical training mission!

UPCOMING SIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FOR OTHER TRAINING, CHECK OUT "EVENTS" ON OUR WEBPAGE AT

www.safeguardiowa.org/events



The purpose of the Take 5 business continuity discussion topics is to engage employees and colleagues on your company's plan(s) to respond to potentially critical situations. Take 5 minutes, once a month, to present the situation and gather the responses. These quick discussions can happen during a morning meeting, at the water cooler, during weekly correspondence via e-mail, or virtually anywhere. Engage your employees on your organization's business continuity planning efforts and how they would respond to an emergency situation. **WHAT IS YOUR PLAN?**

Safeguard Iowa Partnership encourages businesses of all sizes to create a business continuity plan. Business continuity plans are not just for disasters. Having a plan can often ensure what you can't insure - that your organization can continue to function when the unexpected hits. Sometimes you have to think the unthinkable, expect the unexpected to succeed.

Preparation is key, so Safeguard Iowa is bringing back our business continuity "Take 5" scenarios to help you train your employees with two scenario options each month.

These quick scenarios are not intended to replace ongoing training but to supplement and add additional preparation for your teams all year long.

Scenario 17: Protest/Demonstration

A large group of individuals have started to gather outside your building and demonstrate due to a recent negative news story. The crowd is growing, have signs and are starting to chant.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you react?
2. What outside agencies do you contact/work with for assistance?
3. How do you notify employees regarding the situation?
4. Do you lockdown your facility or take other actions?
5. What do you let key suppliers/customers know regarding the situation?

Scenario 18: Natural Disaster

A severe thunderstorm warning has been issued and is heading towards your location. The outdoor warning sirens have been activated. An EF-2 tornado hits a building on the outside perimeter of your facility.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you react at each stage (Warning, Siren Activation, Tornado)?
 2. How and whom do you notify (employees, customers, suppliers, others)?
 3. Do you have updated employee and key customer information?
 4. Do you have alternate site to resume or continue operations?
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***We need and appreciate your
Tax Deductible Support!***

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation that began as a voluntary coalition of the state's business and government leaders, who shared a commitment to strengthen the capacity of the state to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters through the collaboration of private sector business and public sector agencies.

Created in 2007, the Partnership's over 800 members across the state of Iowa, empowers businesses to integrate resources, expertise, and plans with those of government during all stages of disaster management to share the private sector's wealth of knowledge and assets, that may be needed during an emergency, with their fellow Iowans.

Public-Private Partnerships (P3) help to establish relationships prior to incidents when familiarity with each other's capabilities and response procedures are critical. These partnerships enable the public and private sector to develop all-hazard plans to pool resources/information, coordinate response/recovery efforts and share training/exercise opportunities.

Safeguard Iowa Partnership is dependent upon the generous financial support we get from our members, like-minded individuals/organizations, and grant funding. **Without your support**, we could not continue to provide the training and educational opportunities, information sharing and resource coordination that help make disaster preparedness, response and recovery more efficient and effective in Iowa.

To provide financial support for this year, please Click [HERE](#).

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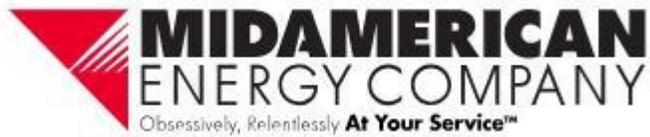
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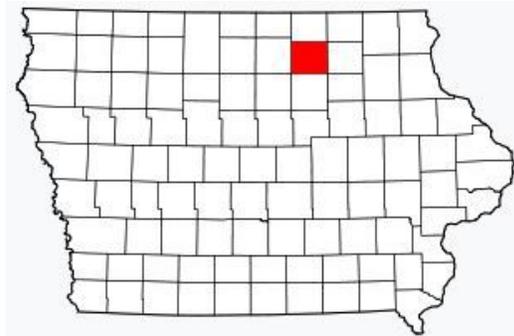
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Management Coordinator**

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<https://www.floydcoia.org/200/Emergency-Management>

The Floyd County Emergency Management Agency's Coordinator, Jason Webster, maintains and administers the county-wide Emergency Management Office, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and prepares detailed responses and plans for a wide variety of catastrophic scenarios. On a day-to-day basis their primary function is to implement programs that prepare the county for major emergencies using the 5 phases of emergency management: Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. FCEMA serves as the link between the local jurisdictions and other entities - regional, State, federal, non-profit, and private sector partners - for emergency planning and operations. FCEMA is a great public sector partner with Safeguard Iowa. Together. Helping Iowans.

Floyd County Emergency Management is located on the Ground Floor of the Floyd County Courthouse and is governed by Chapter 29C State Code of Iowa and enforced by the Floyd County Emergency Management Commission.

Commission Members:

Floyd County Sheriff: Jeff Crooks

Community Mayors:

Charles City: Dean Andrews

Colwell: Jeff Wright

Floyd: Trevis O'Connell

Marble Rock: Jerry Engelhardt

Nora Springs: Randy Hassman

Rockford: Scott Johnson

Rudd: Jeff Buland

Board of Supervisors Representative: Jim Jorgensen

You can learn more about Floyd County EMA on their website at:

<https://www.floydcoia.org/200/Emergency-Management>

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<https://www.facebook.com/SafeguardIowa/>

<https://twitter.com/safeguardiowa>

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