
SIP MONTHLY UPDATE

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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 arrives and we've had our first measurable snow across much of Iowa, I'm sharing a couple more reminders from our partners at NOAA (weather.gov) and FEMA (ready.gov) on winter driving and recommended actions if you find yourself stranded. Remember to "know before you go" and stay informed of the latest winter driving conditions.

Safeguard Iowa has had another busy month. We worked with our public and private sector partners to support water emergencies in Hardin and Buena Vista Counties. SIP conducted Active Threat/Active Shooter training for partners in Iowa City, Urbandale and Ankeny, IA. Our Business Continuity Workshop in Clinton, IA was very well attended and we supported a corporate partner in Johnston, IA with our Suspicious Mail Identification and Response training. We appreciate the donations we received following the training which allows us to continue our mission in support of Iowa and Iowans.

Check out some of the event photos and details below. If your organization has unmet training needs, please reach out, SIP may be able to assist (sip@safeguardiowa.org).

As conflict continues in various parts of the world, tensions remain high and protests continue across the US, please be aware of your surroundings and alert to any suspicious or potentially dangerous activity. If you "See Something, Say Something!". Call 911 to report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

This month's "Take 5" for Preparedness series focuses on Suspicious Package and Cybersecurity scenarios for your teams to discuss.

Thanks for your continued support.

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Jay Knox

Executive Director



**Trucks
& SUVs**
*can lose traction
in ice and snow*

Even four-wheel drive vehicles can lose traction in bad weather.

All vehicles are susceptible to ice and snow. Know your limits.



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WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET STRANDED IN YOUR VEHICLE:

STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE WHERE RESCUERS ARE MOST LIKELY TO FIND YOU.

RUN THE HEAT 10 MINUTES EACH HOUR TO SAVE GAS & KEEP WARM.

KEEP SNOW CLEAR FROM THE EXHAUST PIPE TO PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.



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

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SIP Emergency and Disaster Support Operations



Safeguard Iowa and our longtime private-sector partner, **Hy-Vee**, once again responded to Iowans in need following a water main break in Ackley, IA on November 1, 2023 that left the town's residents without potable water. In coordination with **Hardin County Emergency Management, Ackley Fire Department** and community volunteers, **Hy-Vee Disaster Relief** was on-scene within eight hours with an emergency supply of bottled water to help the town get through this local disaster. Job well done!



SIP Training and Exercises



Free Business Continuity Workshop

IS YOUR BUSINESS PREPARED FOR AN UNEXPECTED EMERGENCY OR DISASTER?

DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN OR WISH YOU HAD A "BETTER" PLAN?

Nearly **1 out of 3** businesses are impacted by a disaster during their existence

- **40% FAIL TO REOPEN AFTER A DISASTER**
- **ANOTHER 25% FAIL WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR**

BETWEEN 75% AND 85% OF BUSINESSES DON'T HAVE A DISASTER PLAN

WOULD YOUR BUSINESS SURVIVE?

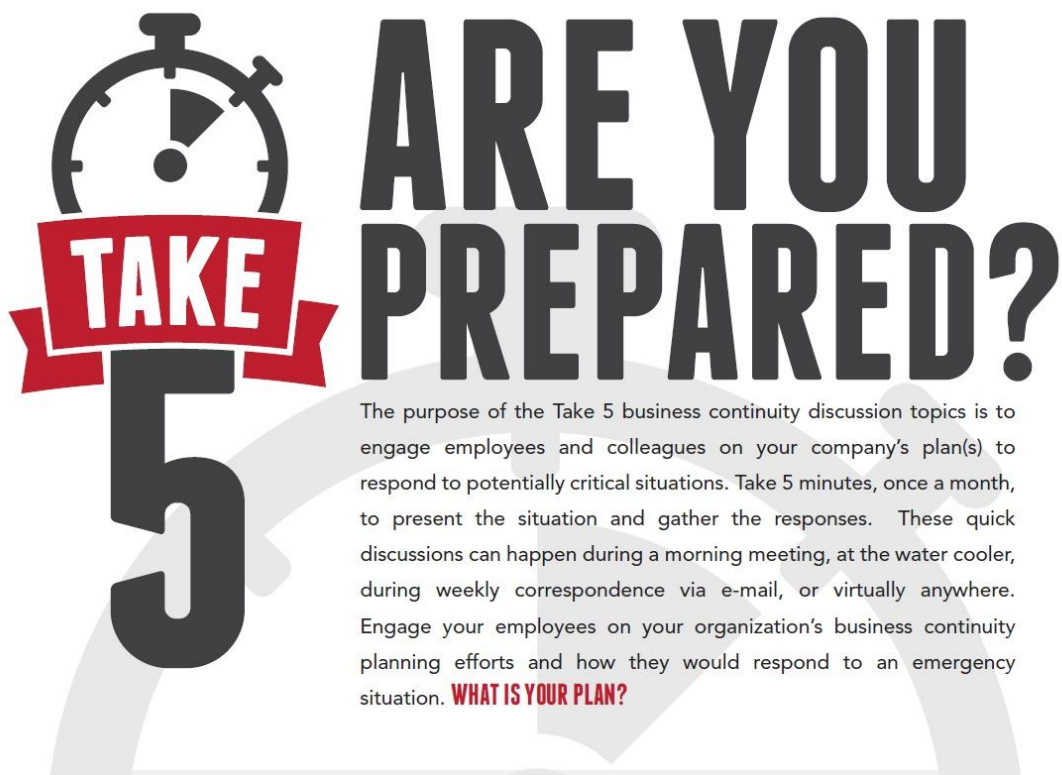
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Thanks to our partners with Clinton County Emergency Management and Grow Clinton for hosting a great day of Business Continuity Training on Nov. 17th in Clinton, IA. We had awesome engagement and discussion from a diverse cross-section of local private-sector organizations who "invested" a few hours to be better prepare for emergencies or disasters.



November has been a busy month for Safeguard Iowa, conducting numerous Active Threat Response Trainings for our Public and Private Sector Partners across Iowa including the future officers of AFROTC Detachment 255 at the University of Iowa.





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 15: Suspicious Package

A package addressed to the "CEO" has arrived in your office and an employee has said it appears to be suspicious. It has an excessive amount of tape holding it together. There is way too much postage (stamps) on the box and some type of white powder is leaking from the corner of the package.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you react?
2. Have you trained on suspicious mail and packages?

3. Do you have a "central" mail site for screening?
4. Can you limit access and exposure?
5. Who would you call to coordinate response and recovery?

Scenario 16: Cybersecurity

John, an employee, receives an e-mail with a link to click on regarding his benefits options. However, once John clicks on the link, his computer screen goes blank, and a screen shows requesting BITCOINS to unlock the system and regain control of your network.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you react?
 2. Do you know what a BITCOIN is?
 3. Do you report cyberattacks? Do you have a procedure to respond?
 4. Do you receive information on attacks or cyber trends
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UPCOMING SIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

www.safeguardiowa.org/events

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.)



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SUSPICIOUS MAIL IDENTIFICATION & RESPONSE TRAINING



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.

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



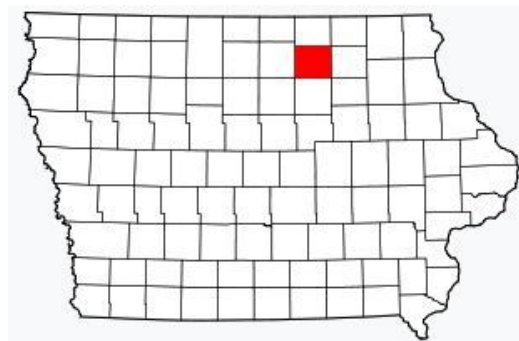
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The Floyd County Emergency Management Agency's Coordinator, Jason Webster, maintains and administers the county-wide Emergency Management Office, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and prepares detailed responses and plans for a wide variety of catastrophic 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:

We need and appreciate your continued 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. ***Together. Helping Iowans.***

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