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September Severe Weather

Thousands of Hoosiers faced long cleanups of the homes and businesses after flooding and high winds from the remnants of Hurricane Ike ripped through Indiana.

Nearly 10 inches of rain fell in Northwest Indiana swamping thousands of homes. Downed power lines in Central and Southern Indiana left more than 500,000 homes and businesses without electricity.

Indiana State Police dive teams, Department of Natural Resources boat teams and other emergency workers assisted with recovery operations. Interstate 80/94 closed for a couple of days just west of the Illinois border in Lake County due to long stretches of the road being covered by high water.

Indiana National Guard and Indiana Department of Correction inmate trustees conducted sandbagging operations in several Northwestern Indiana towns.

Governor Mitch Daniels requested federal



assistance to Hoosiers in Lake, LaPorte and Porter counties affected by severe flooding. President George W. Bush approved the assistance on September 23 for homeowners, renters and businesses damaged by flooding. Three days later, Harrison, Jefferson and Jennings counties were approved for federal assistance. Ten additional counties, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Pike, Spencer and Switzerland were approved on October 3.

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From the Director's Chair



By: Joseph E. Wainscott Jr., Executive Director

Severe weather continues to hit Indiana hard in 2008. We had and still have staff working on flooding that occurred in June when we faced heavy wind and torrential rain in mid-September from the remnants of Hurricane Ike.

As much as 10 inches of rain fell and widespread flooding was reported across Northwest Indiana. Damage from straight line winds was reported in numerous counties across Central and Southern parts of the state. Reports of trees and power lines down were also

received. Downed power lines left approximately 500,000 customers without electricity.

In an effort to provide support to local agencies, the Indiana Department of Homeland



Security activated its Emergency Operations Center to a level 3. State agencies, the Indiana National Guard and not for profit partners focused efforts on requests

from the counties, which included debris removal, increased police presence, as well as providing drinking water and food to those in need.

Thousands of Hoosiers faced extensive cleanup and repair of their homes. Severe weather caused eight deaths and approximately 20 injuries in Indiana.

The response and recovery time can be frustrating for the average citizen, but it's important for everyone to stay patient. The magnitude of damage inflicted by Hurricane

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IDHS Recognizes Fire Prevention Week

Cooking and heating are among the leading causes of home fires in the United States according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). A pot holder too close to a lit burner, or a space heater left on overnight could be all it takes to start a home fire.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana State Fire Marshal are teaming up with NFPA from October 5-11 to urge Hoosiers to "Prevent Home Fires." The campaign this year focuses on preventing the leading causes of

home fires - cooking, heating and electrical equipment, and smoking materials. Additionally, fire safety educators will be teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in the event of a fire.

In 2007, approximately 100 people died in the nearly 4,300 home fires that Indiana fire departments responded to.

Any emergency can affect one's ability to think clearly, but during a fire, smoke and other physical factors can literally inhibit your ability to react. Preparing for the unexpected is difficult. But when it comes to home fires, minutes, even seconds, can mean the difference between life and death. That's why



having well-practiced fire escape plan is vital to your family's safety.

While the number of home fires is daunting, many are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire. Follow these simple steps to "Prevent Home Fires" year-round.

Cooking: Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you

leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.

Heating: Keep all things that

can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.

Electrical: Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords; use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.

Smoking: If you smoke, smoke outside; wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week, visit the IDHS website at: www.in.gov/dhs.

Day of Caring



The late May and early June storm disaster that struck Indiana left many homes and businesses damaged. Debris left from the storm blocked rivers and roadways causing problems for local responders. In Henry County, a large logjam occurred against a 150-year-old train trestle on a private piece of land. The trestle was out of service, meaning the railroad would no longer maintain the structure. In addition, the debris was on private land, meaning that both county and FEMA assistance is unavailable.

Because the pile posed a serious threat with the next rainfall, Ronald Huffman, Director of Henry County Emergency Management Agency, weighed the options and developed a solution. Every year the local United Way sponsors a "Day of Caring" where local businesses, government agencies and volunteers work on projects throughout the community. Huffman contacted the local representative, and the two were able to find the needed volunteers and equipment to remove the pile. In about four hours the pile and three other waterway restrictions were cleared.

Thanks to these local volunteers and organizations because what could have later resulted in a serious problem was easily rendered. This assistance to show the sense of volunteerism was felt by many Hoosiers in this time of need.

Employee Spotlight - Kathy Compton



Kathy Compton is the Accounts Receivable Manager in the IDHS Support and Services division. She has been in her current position for 11 months. Compton's job duties include ensuring payment (cash, checks and credit cards) are posted and deposited within 24 hours, research and reconcile payments and special checks are posted and deposited. She also runs quarterly overdues for the Boiler and Pressure

Vessel section of the IDHS Fire & Building Services division. Compton says her favorite thing about her job is the people she works with and the responsibility of the position.

In her spare time, Compton likes to bowl. Her favorite food is tacos and she enjoys spending time with her 3 children and 7 grandchildren.



EMA Spotlight



Shelby County

Shelby County is located in District 5, south east of Indianapolis, and is home of the new Indiana Live Casino and Indiana Downs Race Track. Mike Schantz assumed the duties as full time Shelby County EMA Director, on January 2, 2008.

Schantz comes to Shelby County EMA with a background in Law Enforcement, Fire Service and EMS and is a retired firefighter with the former Washington Township (Indianapolis) Fire Department. He progressed through the ranks to become Division Chief of Operations prior to retirement. Schantz also served 5 years as a merit Deputy Sheriff with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Charlotte County, Florida Sheriff's Office.

With a diverse background in the fire service, EMS, rescue, swift water rescue, law enforcement training, and as a dive master, Schantz thought that emergency management seemed like a good fit. The key to success in emergency management is to "surround yourself with good people from all of the agencies

in your county, and good things will happen."

The largest project for Shelby County EMA in 2008-2009 is the construction of three additional Hoosier Safe -T Radio Antenna sites in the county and implementation of the Hoosier Safe-T Radio System. With the addition of the three sites and the current site, Shelby County first responders will have 95% in building coverage.

Along with the responsibility of EMA duties, Shelby County has the following goals for 2008-2009:

- Implementation of the Hoosier Safe-T Radio system and 800 MHz radios in Shelby County.
- Implementation of a Citizens Corp with Medical Reserve Corp and CERT Teams
- Annual program to install 1 - 2 new emergency warning sirens in



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communities without sirens, until all of the communities in the county have a siren.

- Establish a permanent EOC
- Complete the PEM Basic Certification
- Complete Updated Multi Hazard Disaster Mitigation Plan in 2008-2009

Fountain County

Joe Whitaker became the EMA Director of Fountain County in March of 2001. Whitaker and his wife of 38 years, Sandra, have 4 children and 6 grandchildren and are members of the First Church of Christ in Covington. Whitaker served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971 and was in Vietnam with the 114th Assault Helicopter Company April 1969 through April 1970. As a member of the Covington Volunteer Fire Department, Whitaker has served with distinction for 25 years, including the last 10 years as Assistant Chief.

Accomplishments

- Worked with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) and also received an award, FEMA Award for Superior Service, from FEMA and DHS.

- Coordinated Fountain County volunteers to establish a County Storm Spotters Response Group.
- In 2007, assisted in planning a full scale exercise for Fountain County that was evaluated by FEMA. This exercise had participation from Covington School Corporation and emergency departments from Fountain, Warren, Tippecanoe, and Vermilion counties.
- Established an 800 MHz radio system for Fountain County.
- Through IDHS grants, was able to purchase and install a state-of-the-art security system for the county courthouse.



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- Was involved in designing the template for identification cards used to credential first responders in District 4.

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EASY Program

The State of Indiana offers telephone counseling, crisis assistance, legal and financial referrals and care resources 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need support in identifying and resolving problems, such as: relationship and family concerns, child and elder care needs, alcohol and drug issues, support in times of loss or grief, assistance with depression and anxiety, financial and legal concerns and stress management, you may want to consider joining Anthem's Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

EAP is a confidential information, support, and referral service offering tools and resources designed to help maximize productivity and meet the challenges of modern life. As an employer-sponsored program, EAP services are available to employees and their household members at no additional cost to them.



From the Director's Chair



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Ike as it moved through the Midwest strained resources, especially of the power companies.

IDHS, FEMA, SBA and local EMA personnel Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment teams surveyed damage in both Northwestern Indiana and Southern Indiana. Because of the severity of damage in those areas, Governor Daniels sent a letter to President Bush to formally request federal individual assistance for Hoosiers in those counties affected by flooding. President George W. Bush approved the assistance on September 23 for homeowners, renters and businesses damaged by flooding. Three days later, Harrison, Jefferson and Jennings counties were approved for federal assistance. Ten more counties, counties, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Pike, Spencer and Switzerland were approved on October 3.

Governor Daniels indicated that further damage may be identified and reserved the right to request the public assistance program when damage to the public infrastructure is better understood. He also mentioned that additional counties may be added as part of the major disaster determination as the damage assessments are completed in Southern Indiana.

The severe weather reinforced the importance of personal preparedness and having a plan. I encourage all citizens to review their emergency plans, make sure they know what to do in an emergency and where to go for help. It is imperative for all of us first responders to always be prepared and encourage others to prepare.

Keep up the good work!

IDHS is Going Green

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is playing a major role in the state's effort to provide alternative energy. IDHS Fire and Building is overseeing the construction of the "Fowler Ridge Wind Farm" in Benton County. On August 12, 2008 Fire and Building Safety Code Official, Richard Pope led a group of state and local building officials on a tour of the site.

The project, which is still in its first phase, will offer an alternative means of electricity to local residents and will lead the way in Indiana's commitment to new sources of alternative energy. By the end of 2008, the first phase of building will be complete and the project will be able to generate enough energy to power more than 200,000 homes. Fowler Ridge Wind Farm will also provide multiple employment



IDHS employees stand with members of the Pulaski, Newton, Benton, White and Jasper County LBO's in front of the base of one of the propellers.

opportunities, and provide services and revenue to land owners.

IDHS is working hard to ensure that this new advancement happens quick and safely as Indiana opens the doors to new possibilities.

Employee Spotlight - Mary Moran

Mary Moran is a program director in the IDHS Response and Recovery division. She has been in her current position for 8 years and is responsible for managing programs that assist individuals and communities in recovering from disasters. She says her favorite thing about her job is assisting disaster victims with the recovery process.

Moran considers herself a voracious reader and enjoys quilting and bicycle riding. She also says her favorite food is watermelon.



Moran has been married to husband Michael for 22 years and is the proud mother of two great daughters, Miriam and Patty.

Employee Spotlight - Amy Lindsey



Amy Lindsey has been the State Training Officer and the Assistant Training and Exercise Branch Chief for six years. She is responsible for supervising the Tier 2 training team which consists of search and rescue, emergency medical,

emergency management, radiological, and incident command training. She approves all requests for emergency management, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and terrorism training being brought into Indiana. Lindsey also approves all requests for out-of-state training to FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI), the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), Texas Extension (TEEX), Louisiana State University (LSU), Nevada Bomb School, and New Mexico Tech WMD training.

Lindsey says her favorite thing about her job is the great team within the training

division. She states that they are very supportive and "we're like an extended family." She also enjoys working with the county EMA's to help them understand the process of intricacies of Emergency Management.

Landscape Photography is a hobby of Lindsey's. She loves Colorado and any place with mountains. Chocolate milk, berries, and Italian food are things she likes to eat, and says, "anything but vegetables."

Lindsey's dog, 4 year old Topher is a Beagle/Jack Russell mix. He was a flood rescue from the Hazelton flood in January of 2005.

Smoke Detectors for Families in Need

The Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers presented a \$10,000 donation to the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) at its annual conference earlier this month. The donation will be used to purchase smoke detectors to be distributed to needy families across the state during the month of October.

According to the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) Indiana has a fire death rate of 14.2 deaths per million, which is higher than the national average. USFA states that many of these deaths could have been avoided if the homes had a working smoke detector.



Employee Spotlight - Tony Bradshaw



Tony Bradshaw has been a Senior Code Official in the Plan Review section of the IDHS Fire & Building Safety Division for over 3 years. His favorite thing about his job is working with people.

Bradshaw's hobbies include family, sports and working with computers.

Indiana Code Corner

IC 10-14-4-5

State disaster relief fund

Sec. 5. (a) the state disaster relief fund is established to provide financial assistance to:

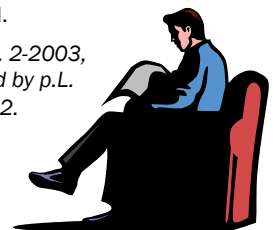
- (1) assist eligible entities in paying for:
 - (A) the costs of repairing, replacing, or restoring public facilities or individual residential real or personal property damaged or destroyed by a disaster; or
 - (B) response costs incurred by an eligible entity during a disaster; and
- (2) allow the agency to pay for response costs incurred by the state or local unit of government at the direction of the agency.

The agency may provide financial assistance in response to a disaster only from the balance in the fund that is unobligated on the date the disaster occurs.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) Money appropriated by the general assembly.
- (2) Money deposited under IC 22-11-14-12(c)(2)
- (c) The agency shall administer the fund. Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund. The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.
- (d) Money in the fund at the end of the state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

As added by P.L. 2-2003, SEC.5. Amended by p.L. 241-2008, SEC.2.



2008 Crim/Epi Workshop



The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) presented the Indianapolis Regional Criminal and Epidemiology Workshop on September 8th and 9th. Mike Garvey, Chief of Staff at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security provided opening

remarks, along with several other agency leaders.

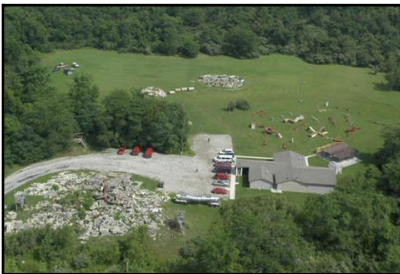
The purpose of the training was to allow law enforcement and health officials to better understand capabilities and expertise in response to a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) event. Key topics that were discussed during this two-day workshop included the need for information sharing and collaboration among diverse entities that have a role in a WMD response as well as understanding the methods and tools used by public health and law



enforcement when conducting joint investigations.

A table top exercise was conducted during part of the workshop and demonstrated the law enforcement/public health methods used through past case studies.

National Search Dog Alliance Conference



The National Search Dog Alliance (NSDA) Inaugural Canine Conference was held at the Mari Hulman George Search and Rescue Training Center at Camp Atterbury.

Participants had access to special training buildings, a C-130 aircraft, specially built villages and more. The disaster class had access to a K-9 agility field, rubble piles, FEMA trailers and other disaster related training materials. This unique training facility provided handlers and canines the opportunity to stretch their knowledge and search strategy while advancing their training. The agenda included both classroom and field sessions geared to help handlers and canines better hone their skills and thought processes. Handlers were challenged to reach beyond their typical training sessions while strengthening their canines' abilities in the field.

Instruction Seminars Modified for Training

Instruction Designer Tracy Thomas (right, Chicago) works with Brenda Kendrick, Fire and Building Code Training Manager for the State of Indiana, to update International Codes curriculum with Indiana amendments. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security contracted 40 days of Code Council training for 2,000 participants in several Indiana cities. The Instructional Design team modified four fundamentals seminars and six special topic seminars with Indiana

amendments for this training contract that runs through March 2009.



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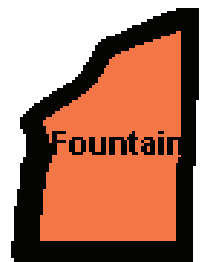
- Participated in evaluating FEMA exercises across the country, including Bluegrass, KY; Anniston, AL; Umatilla, OR; and Salt Lake City, UT.
- While participating with CSEPP, Whitaker was able to establish, train, and equip 8 hazardous materials decontamination teams in 4 counties.

With CSEPP funding coming to a close this year and the uncertainty of the county's decision to fund the EMA department, the District 4 Field Coordinator, Administrative Coordinator,

along with Whitaker, demonstrated the need for the positions to be re-evaluated. The Fountain County Emergency Management Agency will

continue to run with a full-time position.

Whitaker credits his success to the generous support of his wife and family.



Is Your Cell Phone Safe?

If you are in the habit of letting your cell phone on your desk or in your car unattended, you may want to think again. A new electronic capture device now places your personal information at risk. Developed primarily for law enforcement, surveillance, and intelligence operations the Cellular Seizure Investigation Stick (CSI Stick) is now available to the public.

The CSI Stick is manufactured by Paraben, is about the size of a jump drive, and works with the same

principle. The Stick can be plugged into a cell phone and within a matter of minutes copy all the information inside, from contact lists to spread sheets, confidential e-mails and other private information including deleted files. Such capture devices were initially meant to be a weapon for crime investigation, however since they are now available to the public may lead to more crime.

Should you have, or become aware of, information described in this advisory please contact the Indiana Department



of Homeland Security Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center Indianapolis (866) 400-IIFC.

Also, please visit the CONTACTS link on the "KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE" website (<http://www.keepingourcommunitiessafe.us/index.htm>) for other Agencies that may have an interest and/or jurisdiction.

Information Sharing is "Key" for Success

The exchange and "sharing of intelligence" among the law enforcement community at the local, state and federal agency level allows for the continued effort of closing the gap in providing real-time support and analysis in relation to criminal investigations associated with major crime, narcotics, and terrorism within the state of Indiana and across the country.

In recent weeks, the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (IIFC), the Fort Wayne Police Department and multiple other Fusion Centers from across the country (Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas) have successfully exchanged and shared real-time information and analysis. The

information-sharing network recently assisted in the long awaited arrest of a nationwide criminal associated with theft, credit card and identification fraud in more than half the states along the eastern coast. A related story is available at: www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/28578964.html

The nationwide arrest was successful for two main reasons: 1) A quick response with information sharing – the exchange of criminal activity through quick dissemination methods to surrounding states to identify similar cases related to theft at health and fitness clubs, and identification and credit card fraud at local retail outlets 2) The utilization of local and state resources – such as the



statewide liaison program and watch officer program, and information exchange and "sharing of intelligence" – the networking among all agencies to construct a common picture, to match trends, and to document suspected habits of criminals.

For more information regarding the Liaison Program or the Watch Officer Program, contact the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center at 1-866-400-4432.



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"We appreciate the quick turnaround to our request and the ongoing cooperation we've received from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) since last summer's record flooding in other

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areas of the state to partner with us to help Hoosiers," said Daniels.

In addition, the state partnered with the FEMA and the American Red Cross to open three one-stop disaster assistance centers in northwest Indiana to help residents impacted by the severe weather. The one-stop assistance centers had computers and phones available for flood victims to complete FEMA applications.

FEMA assistance includes grants for

temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Additional counties may also be added as part of the major disaster determination as damage assessments are completed.

IDHS New Employees



Emergency Response

Cynthia Hughes, Radio Operator
Dale Brewer, Radio Operator
Douglas Cooke, Logistics Chief
Mark Livingston, EOC Manager
Amanda Thayer, Office Manager

Fire & Building Safety

Robert Cooley, Code Official
Major Jester, Code Official
Eric Hartley, Elevator/Amusement Inspector

Training

Shannan Hinton, District 8 Coordinator

Planning

Timothy Hayes, State Emergency Planning Manager
Kyle McFatrige, Special Projects Coordinator



Mark Your Calendar!

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October

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1- Counter-Terrorism & Security Council
IGCS - Conference Room 1&2
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

7- Citizens' Advisory Commission
Vermillion County Emergency Response
259 Vine Street Clinton, IN 47842
5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

7- Fire Prevention and Building Safety
Commission
IGCS - Conference Center Room B
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

8- Indiana Electrical Code Review
Committee of the Fire Prevention and
Building Safety Commission
IGCS - Conference Room 2
9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m.

8-9- Higher Education Advisory Board
Annual Conference
Sheraton Hotel on Keystone in Indianapolis
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

10- Indiana Elevator Code Review Committee
of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety
Commission Meeting
IGCS - Teleconference Media Center
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

15- Chemical Stockpile Emergency
Preparedness Program Financial and
Performance Reports
8:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.

15- Indiana Homeland Security Foundation
IGCS - Conference Room 32
10:30 a.m. - 4:00p.m.

22- District 4 Full Scale Earthquake Exercise
Muscatatuck
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

27- Board of Firefighting Personnel
Standards and Education
Public Safety Academy of NE Indiana
7602 Patriot Crossing, Fort Wayne, 46803
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

29- EMA Conference Call
Call Originates at the IDHS Planning
Division, Indianapolis
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

31- Indiana Elevator Code Review Committee
of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety
IGCS - Teleconference Media Center
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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