



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.

FLOODING IMPACTING IOWA & IOWANS

FLOOD WARNING

A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is **happening** or will happen soon. Some roads will be **flooded**.

Move to higher ground.
Never drive through flooded roads.

take action.

FLOOD WATCH

A Flood Watch is issued when flooding is possible.

Stay tuned to radio/TV, follow **weather.gov** and be ready to seek higher ground.

Learn more at **weather.gov/flood**.

be prepared.



Greetings Members and Partners,

This update finds many of our partners along the Mississippi currently engaged in the 2023 Spring Flooding fight with the assistance of many others partners from across the state of Iowa. As I continue to monitor the situation and read the latest updates from local Emergency Management officials and IA HLSEMD in WebEOC, I am again reminded of the power of preparedness and collaboration, especially between the private sector and our outstanding public sector partners at all levels (local, county, state and federal). Know that all of Iowa wishes you success in your continued mitigation efforts and that Safeguard Iowa will continue to be ready to assist if needed. **Together. Helping Iowans.**

[Mississippi River Flooding Iowa Governor Disaster Proc 4.25.23.pdf](#)

UPDATED IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN
PRIVATE SECTOR COORDINATION
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 14 (ESF-14)

IA Homeland Security and Emergency Management has updated the Emergency Response Plan for Private Sector Coordination, Emergency Support Function 14 (ESF-14). Safeguard Iowa has been designated in the plan, with the IA Department of Administrative Services, as one of the two **Support Agencies** for this ESF.

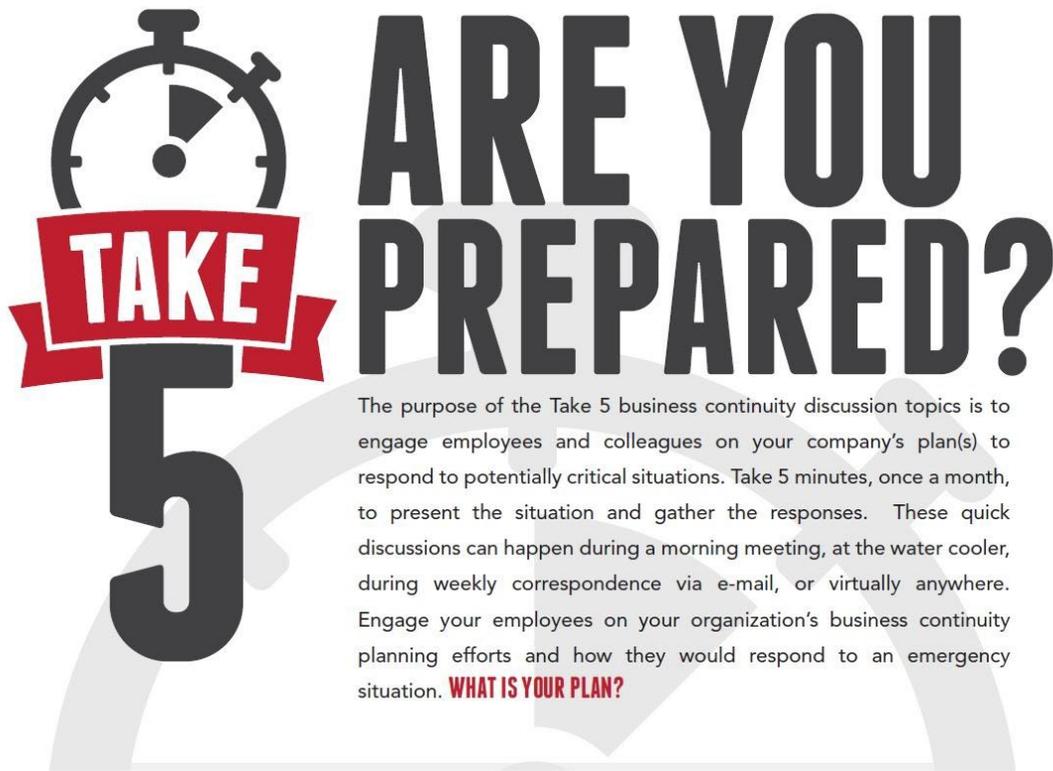
Key points of the updated plan are that during a State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) activation, ESF-14 will coordinate all private sector resource requests and will establish a **Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC)** to facilitate the sharing of disaster response information and coordination between the public and private sectors.

To facilitate this, HSEMD will provide a dedicated **private sector board in WebEOC** which will be used by ESF-14 partners for situational awareness and will make communication between the public and private sector faster and more efficient.

During SEOC activation, Safeguard Iowa will, like always, be available to assist in reaching out to private sector partners concerning assets and requests. During steady state times, Safeguard will continue to provide training to private sector partners on Incident Command, **Business EOC** operations, public sector terminology, WebEOC, and how to better prepare for **disaster response** and **business continuity**. SIP will also provide **on-site assessments** of private sector entities focused on **physical security and prevention/response/recovery training**.

Next Month, I will provide an update on the concept and plans for our State of Iowa - Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) and discuss its proposed activities and functions as we begin to put together a **BEOC Liaison Training Course**.

If you already know that your organization would like to be a part of the BEOC, please let us know at sip@safeguardiowa.org and begin to identify personnel you would like to receive BEOC Liaison Training when it becomes available.



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 1: Loss of Power

The workday has started at 8:00 AM and all employees have reported to work to begin their daily activities. Across the street, there is a new corporate facility being built with lots of activity due to construction crews coming and going. At 9:15 AM, your facility goes dark and everything within your facility comes to a halt.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you react?
2. Who do you need to report this information to?
3. Do you have relationships built with the local power company?
4. Do you have relationships or contact information for your neighboring businesses?
5. Is there anything within your facility that would need urgent attention?
6. Is there anything critical to your mission/job duties that would be impacted due to the loss of power?

Scenario 2: Access Restriction

A chemical explosion at a neighboring business has resulted in all access routes to your facility being closed or blocked. Your employees are turned away by law enforcement as they attempt to get to work. The telephone lines are becoming overwhelmed due to these customers and employees calling in to inquire about next steps.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you react?
2. Does your company have an emergency contact list for all employees or a way to provide your employees with emergency notifications?
3. Have you identified critical employees? Do critical employees have a way to work from alternate locations?
4. Have you identified redundant facilities to continue your companies core operations?

AVAILABLE SAFEGUARD IOWA TRAINING PROGRAMS

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.

Our current offerings include the following:

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

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

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



You can see the various Sectors represented in our Board which includes a cross section of many different Community Lifelines and Emergency Support Functions. Our Directors include an Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Bureau Chief, two current County Emergency Management Coordinators (both with Fire Service backgrounds), both State and Local level Law Enforcement/Public Safety Officers and representatives from the Energy, Agriculture and Financial sectors. We also have Directors with backgrounds in National Guard Domestic Response, Public works, Engineering, Information Technology and Communications.

If you are a current member and are interested in being considered to fill a future Public or Private Sector Vacancy on the Safeguard Iowa Board of Directors, please send an email to sip@safeguardiowa.org

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.

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