



## SAFEGUARD IOWA PARTNERSHIP

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Greetings Members and Partners,

As 2023 National preparedness month comes to a close, I hope you, your family, co-workers and organizations have taken some time to review and update your preparations for dealing with emergencies and disaster that may impact your lives. Our webpage has several tools that can help and you'll find links to a few of them later in this update.

I want to thank the almost 80 members and partners who attended our Annual Meeting and Training hosted by our Hy-Vee Enterprise Security Co-sponsors at the Hy-Vee Training and Education Center in Urbandale, IA. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of our sponsors (Iowa HSEMD, Hy-Vee, MidAmerican Energy, and Alliant Energy).

Safeguard Iowa has been on the road this month facilitating training and exercises across the great state of Iowa, so please check out some of the photos below.

As you read through the update, you'll see the newest member of our SIP Board of Directors, Cedar Rapids Fire Chief Greg Smith and get two new scenarios in our monthly "Take 5" for preparedness series to share with your partners. **Together. Helping Iowans.**

Jay Knox  
Executive Director

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## Safeguard Iowa Annual Meeting/Training



Polk County Emergency Management Coordinator and the 2023 Chair of the Safeguard Iowa Partnership Board of Directors, AJ Mumm, did a great job leading our annual meeting. Thanks to all of our presenters!



Iowa HSEMD Preparedness Branch Chief Jeremy Sroka presented on ESF-14 and the state's plan for our Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC).



Current Vice Chair and the 2024 Chair of the SIP Board of Directors, Lacey Hogan, Alliant Energy, closed today's meeting and training.



Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA) 1st VP Chris Showalter, 2nd VP Sean Snyder and President AJ Seely with Exec. Dir. Jay Knox supporting the

SIP Board of Directors Chair AJ Mumm presents outgoing Director and Iowa Emergency Management Association 1st Vice President, Butler County EM Coordinator Chris Showalter, a SIP certificate of appreciation for his service on the Board. Past Chair Curt Sullivan, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Renewables, was also recognized for his many contributions.



# SIP Training and Exercises



SIP had a great couple of days up in northern Iowa working with local businesses and other organizations from Floyd, Worth, Mitchell and Cerro Gordo Counties on business continuity planning. Thanks to their outstanding County Emergency Management Coordinators for their partnership and support!



Safeguard Iowa facilitated the 7th annual Community Preparedness Tabletop Exercise at the Meta Data Center campus in Altoona, IA. With almost 40 participants in two locations, we had great discussions and some good take aways. Together. Helping Iowans



## **2024 Board of Directors Election Results**



Director Pat Waymire



Director Joe Russell

On September 12, 2023, the Chair of the Safeguard Iowa Partnership Board of Directors, AJ Mumm, announced the results of the membership's elections for the 2024 SIP Board of Directors.

Greg Smith, Cedar Rapids Fire Department, was elected to fill the vacant Public Sector Director position on the Board for 2024 and by a majority vote of the BOD, will fill the remaining unexpired term through 31 DEC 2023. Greg has been the Cedar Rapids Fire Chief since April 2019.

Patrick Waymire, Iowa Department of Public Safety, was elected to serve a consecutive Public Sector Board term and will serve as the 2024 Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. Pat is currently the Assistant Director for the Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center for the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

Joe Russell, Summit Agriculture Group, was also elected to serve a consecutive Private Sector Board term and serve as the 2024 Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors. He is the IT Director at Summit Ag.

Thank you all for agreeing to serve, and welcome Chief Smith to our Partnership's Board of Directors! Director Smith's bio and photo are below. Those of all our Officers and Directors are on our website. [LINK HERE](#).

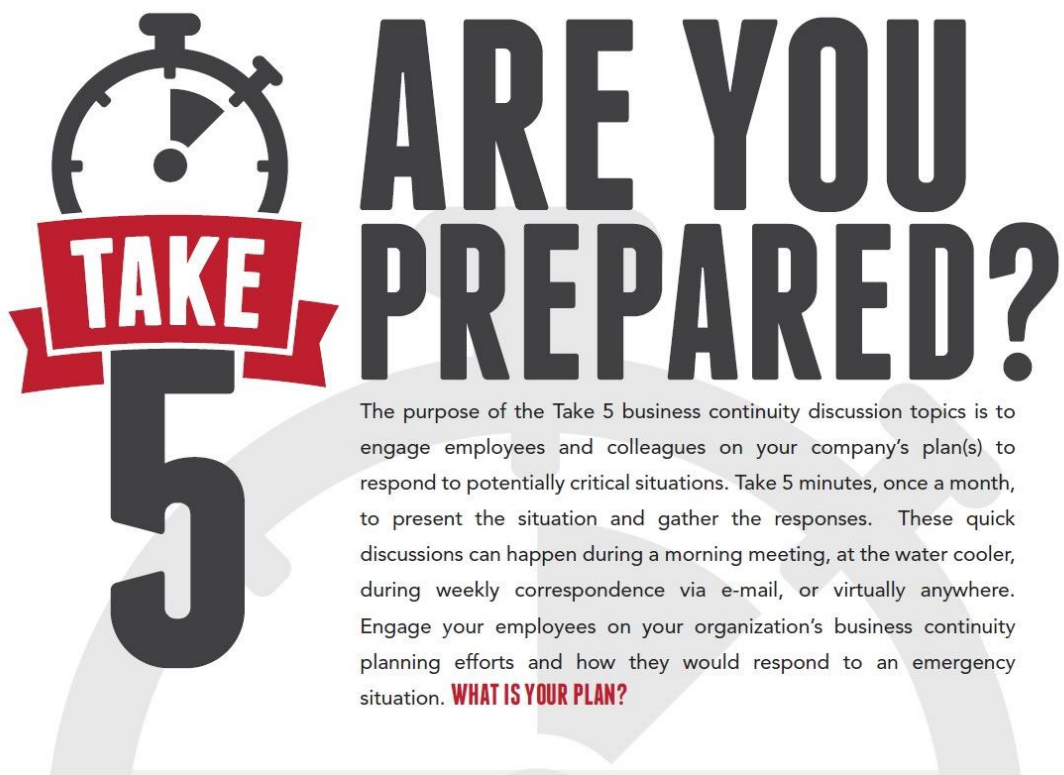
## **Safeguard Iowa Welcomes New Board Member**



Greg Smith became the Cedar Rapids Fire Chief in April 2019. He has been a firefighter with the City of Cedar Rapids since July 1994. He has previously served as an Assistant Fire Chief - Operations Division (2011-2019), Battalion Chief (2009-2011), Fire Captain (1999-2009), and Firefighter (1994-1999).

As a Battalion Chief, he was the program manager for the Special Operations and Hazardous Materials Teams. During his career, Chief Smith served as the on-scene Incident Commander for a significant portion of the Flood of 2008 and two Sinclair property fires. He was a Planning Section Chief for the state team for the 2011 Missouri River Flood, RAGBRAI 2012 Cedar Rapids, and the 2016 National Governor's Association Conference. He was also a Co-Incident Commander for the 2016 Flood.

Chief Smith earned his Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety and Master of Public Administration from Iowa State University and achieved his Executive Fire Officer certification from the National Fire Academy. He is also a designated Chief Fire Officer through the Center for Public Safety Excellence and is a past member of the Iowa All-Hazards Incident Management Team.



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 11: Water Outage**

A neighboring company is constructing a new parking facility for its employees. While digging, the contractors have hit the main water line that enters your facility, resulting in the water being turned off to your building.

#### ***Discussion Questions:***

1. How would you react?
2. Is there any local, state or federal regulations that would require you to shut down your facility due to a water outage?
3. Do you have a relationship with the local water department?

4. Do you have agreements to obtain potable water, if needed?
5. How long can you continue operations without water?

## **Scenario 12: Risk Management**

Overall, risk management is the employee's responsibility. The impacts of outside threats, vulnerabilities and consequences have the ability to greatly impact business on a small to large scale. As you look at your work area, think of the following questions.

### ***Discussion Questions:***

1. What items are critical for you to complete your daily activities (electricity, water, IT, etc)
  2. Do you have protections in place to protect against intentional and accidental damage to those areas?
  3. How quickly can each of these areas be restored to normal function following a disruption?
  4. How would you work with managers and business owners to improve safety and security in the workplace?
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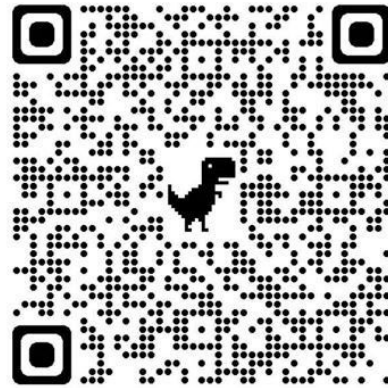
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# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



## Bundle Coordinator

**Lacey Hogan**

**Senior Emergency  
Preparedness &  
Response Specialist,  
Alliant Energy**



**Alliant Energy** has been a longtime **Bronze Sponsor** of the Safeguard Iowa Partnership and of our mission to help Iowa and Iowans prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. Over the years, many **current and former employees** of Alliant have played very active roles in helping SIP accomplish our critical role in promoting public and private sector collaboration during times of crisis. SIP is especially grateful to all of the Alliant Energy employee's who have served as officers and members of our SIP Board of Directors.

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- Communication & coordination

You can learn more about Alliant Energy on their website at:

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## **UPCOMING SIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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## **AVAILABLE SAFEGUARD IOWA TRAINING PROGRAMS**



## Available Safeguard Iowa Training Programs for 2024



- Business Continuity Planning and Assessment Workshop:
- Suspicious Mail Identification and Response Training/Mail room Security Workshop:
- Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) Liaison Training (Updated):
- Workplace Threat Assessment, De-escalation and Active Shooter Response
- Behavioral Indicators of Targeted Violence
- Situational Awareness with De-escalation Training
- Active Shooter Planning and Response
- Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Workshops with Assessment
- Cyber Awareness/Cyber Security Assessment Training Workshop:
- 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](mailto: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

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***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.

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

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