



Iowa Department of Education

School Emergency Response Planning Webinar

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Welcome and Opening Remarks



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Webinar Agenda

- ◆ Identify the goal of the project
- ◆ Define the scope of work
- ◆ Provide the timeline
- ◆ Discuss the strategy
- ◆ Planning workshops



Goal

- ◆ All Iowa school districts and non-public schools are provided the opportunity for training and technical assistance for the development of high-quality emergency operations plans.
 - ◆ Development of new plans
 - ◆ Update existing plans



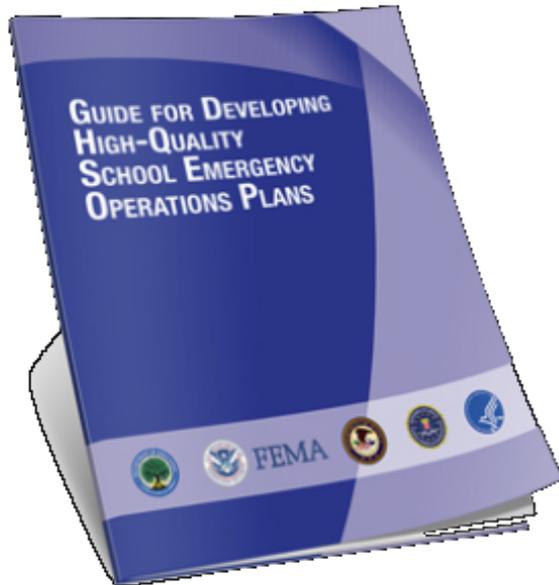
Five Preparedness Missions



Planning Principles



Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans



- Released in 2013
- First joint product of:
 - DHS
 - DOJ
 - ED
 - HHS



What are “high-quality” plans?

Based upon the Guide for Developing High Quality School Emergency Operations Plans

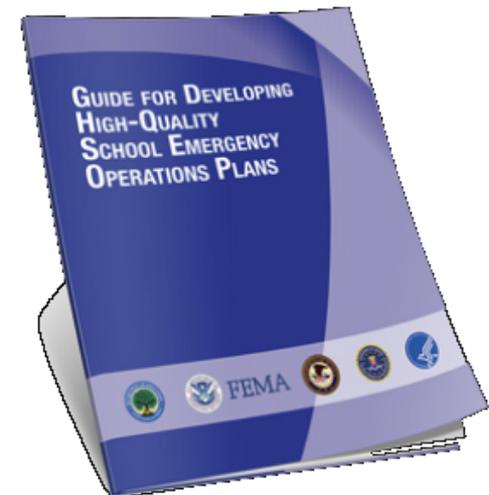
- ◆ Collaborative
- ◆ Comprehensive
- ◆ Accurately reflects community resources
- ◆ Provides for the whole school community
- ◆ Integrates with district, community, regional, and state plans
- ◆ Seamless integration of all responders



Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans

- ◆ The Guide can be found on the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center (REMS TA) website:

www.rems.ed.gov



REMS – TA

www.rems.ed.gov

- ◆ In addition to the Guide, the site also contains
 - ◆ Access to EOP Assist – a web-based software application
 - ◆ List of available online and in-person training
 - ◆ Publications relevant to school emergency management
 - ◆ State safety and security mandates
 - ◆ Grantee Corner
 - ◆ Community of Practice
 - ◆ Listing of federal field offices
 - ◆ News and Highlights



Scope of Work

- ◆ 12 month effort
- ◆ 18 Workshops (2 per AEA region, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016)
 - ◆ Provide training
 - ◆ Foster collaboration with community partners
 - ◆ Establish a network of participants
 - ◆ Develop high-quality school emergency operations plans
- ◆ Technical support
- ◆ Build a support network for sustainability of planning efforts



School Assessment – April 2015

A total of 249 of the state's 369 school districts completed the assessment. (67%)

- ◆ 50% indicated collaborating with community partners to at least a moderate degree.
- ◆ 79.5 % indicated their plan aligns with county, local or regional plans
- ◆ 49% indicate use of the incident command system



Project Timeline

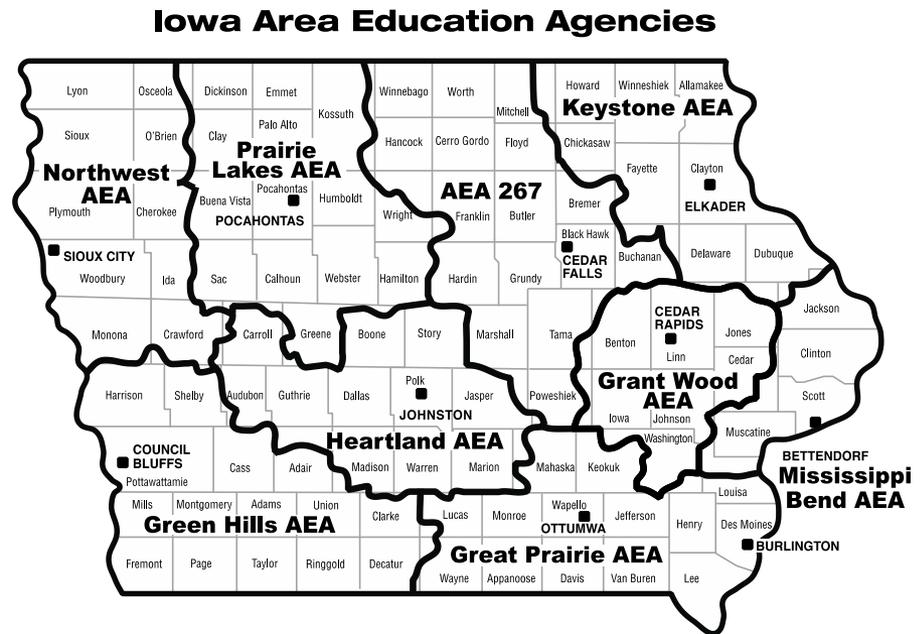
Introductory Webinar	Training	Workshop 1 (AEA regions)	Plan Development Technical Support Training	Workshop 2 (AEA regions)	Plan/Annex Development Technical Support	Final Report Project Evaluation
September	October	November	December - February	March	April - May	June
	<i>Developing Emergency Operations Plans K-12 Train the Educator</i>	Developing EOPs Faciliated Multi-agency training/ planning	Webinars, Training by Request, and Online Courses. Technical support for districts	Facilitated Multi-agency training/ planning session Q&A, plan assessment.	Facilitated planning including site visits	



Strategy - Planning Workshop 1

October - December 2015

Location	Date
Keystone AEA	October 29
AEA 267	October 30
Northwest AEA	November 4
Prairie Lakes AEA	November 5
Great Prairie AEA	November 10
Mississippi AEA	November 12
Grant Wood AEA	November 17
Green Hills AEA	November 20
Heartland AEA	December 3



Strategy - Planning Workshop 1

October - December 2015

The 6 Step Planning Process



Plan Development

December 2015 – February 2016

- ◆ A sample “regional” plan will be provided
- ◆ School Districts are encouraged to work with community partners to complete high quality emergency operations plans.
- ◆ The Department of Education will provide:
 - ◆ Draft plan
 - ◆ Technical support
 - ◆ Training
 - ◆ On-site support when needed



Planning Workshop 2

February – March 2016



Technical Support

April – June 2016

The Iowa Department of Education will continue to provide:

- ◆ Technical support
- ◆ Plan review
- ◆ Mentoring and coaching
- ◆ Sample language for plan development



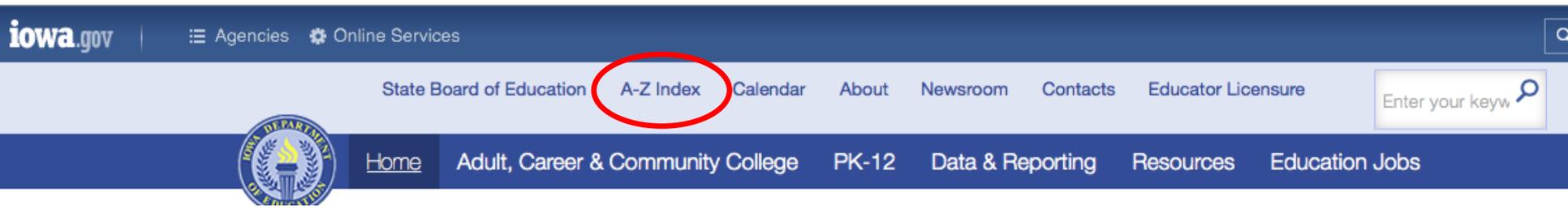
Sustainability

- ◆ Planning teams remain intact upon the completion of this project
- ◆ Districts and responders utilize the Community of Practice on REMS TA for the ongoing sharing of ideas and materials
- ◆ Schools continue to work with the response experts in their community and establish an ongoing process of improving response capabilities
- ◆ All participants continue collaboration efforts that improve communication and understanding



Workshop Registration

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Plus additional information on:

- Training
- Workshops
- Online Courses
- School Safety Resources



Anticipated Outcomes

- ◆ All Iowa school districts will have the opportunity to receive training and assistance and to the degree possible, work with their community of responders to develop high-quality emergency operations plans.
- ◆ All Iowa school districts will be provided with the opportunity to participate in a network of community responders, mentors, and coaches in an effort to sustain long-term planning practices.



Questions?

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