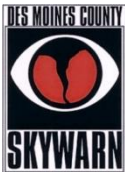


Des Moines County Emergency Management



2013 Volunteer Award Celebration

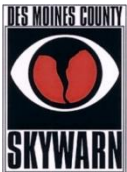


Des Moines County Emergency Management
2013 Volunteer Award Celebration



SKYWARN Groups

Why are we extraordinary?



Des Moines County Emergency Management 2013
Volunteer Award Celebration



SKYWARN Groups

What are we
extraordinary?

In the Davenport NWS
warning area (36
counties):

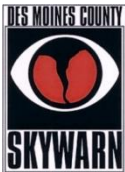
- ☐ Only **3** SKYWARN organizations (outside of HAM radio)
- ☐ Only **7** (approx.) when including fairly active HAM groups.



SKYWARN Membership

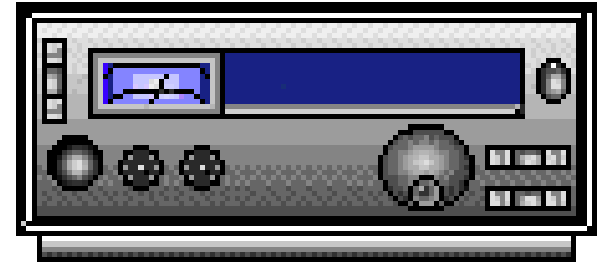


- Currently membership stands at **52**
- **29** have been members from the inception in March of 2005
- **19** of these are HAM radio operators



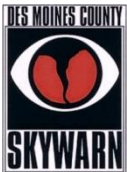
SKYWARN Accomplishments

- **Weekly** radio checks
 - Every Wednesday evening at 5:50 PM
- **Monthly** siren tests
 - First Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM



SKYWARN Accomplishments

- **Activations**
 - Started in April
 - Ended in June
 - **7** activations in the year (compared to **7** activations last year)
 - Plus monitoring



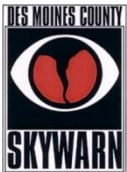
SKYWARN Accomplishments

- Monthly training/meetings (seasonal)
 - 4 actual meetings
 - Review of monthly activations
 - Skills enhanced by providing training on reading radar and microbursts
 - Sharing of resources such as smart phone applications
 - Review world events
- Weather spotter class
 - Held annually - 32 members attended



SKYWARN Accomplishments

- Additional meetings
 - Net Controllers meetings
 - Interviews of potential weather spotters
 - Training session for new Weather Ops volunteers



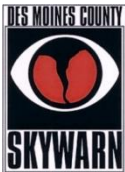
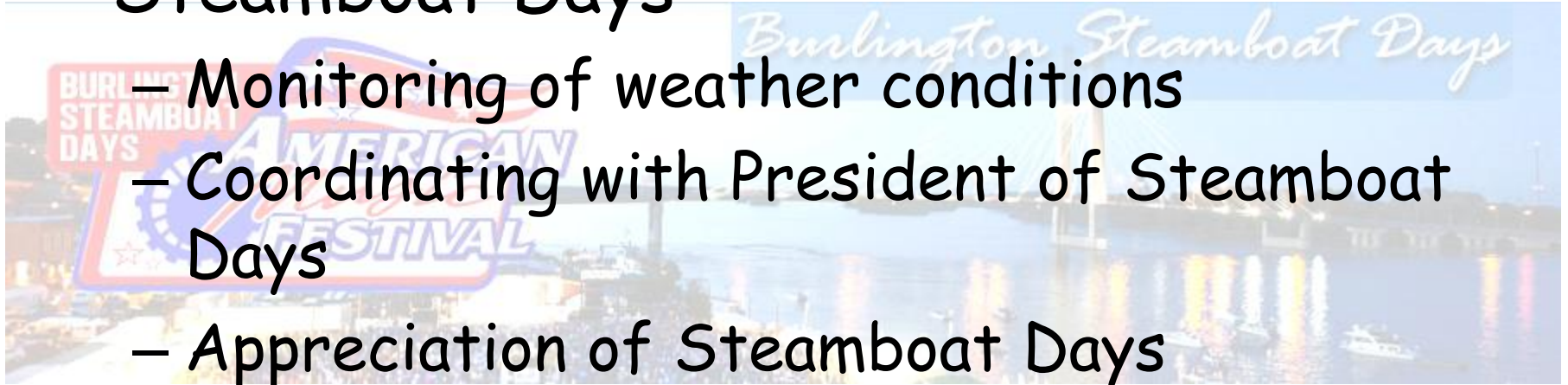
SKYWARN Accomplishments

- Steamboat Days

- Monitoring of weather conditions

- Coordinating with President of Steamboat Days

- Appreciation of Steamboat Days Committee



SKYWARN Accomplishments

- Procedures Reviewed
- Establishing Spotter locations on grounds at the IAAAP
- Review and update of all spotter locations



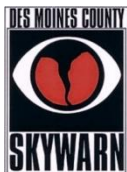
SKYWARN Accomplishments



Initial recognition 2006
Renewal in 2012
Recognized until 2015



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SKYWARN Accomplishments

- StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education and awareness.
- No community is storm proof, but StormReady can help communities save lives.



SKYWARN Accomplishments



Out of 99 Iowa counties there are
only **15** counties who are
StormReady (2012)



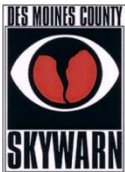
SKYWARN Accomplishments

- In 2012 in Iowa, hazardous weather
 - 3 fatalities
 - 44 injuries
 - \$21.36 million property damage
 - \$2,774.95 million in crop damage
- Two Presidential disaster declarations - one from the May event



SKYWARN Accomplishments

- Hours donated
 - Including weekly radio checks and monthly siren checks = **382 hours**
 - Does not include monitoring the weather, meeting and spotter training attendance, and special meetings/training, nor activations
 - Include these items = **700 hours**
 - **Value of these hours = \$12,285**



SKYWARN

2014 Projects



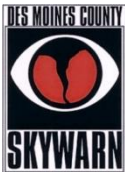
- Update recordkeeping system to track events and radio and siren checks
- Set up accounting system to track hours of events, meetings, etc.
- Review weather operations center staffing
- Hand over more day-to-day operations to volunteer staff



SKYWARN Accomplishments

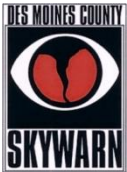
Thank you for all you do!

Special thank you to the spouses and family members!



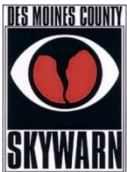
CERT Background

- CERT is a year round volunteer organization.
- All members receive 20 hours of standardized approved training.
- Members choose level of participation
- Depending upon participation level, equipment is issued



CERT Background

- Monthly meetings held on 1st Tuesday.
- Monthly training reinforces core requirements.
- New training is frequently incorporated to enhance skills and maintain interest.
 - Examples include
 - Land navigation and use of a compass
 - Vehicular and pedestrian traffic management
 - Radio communication
 - Hazardous materials and hazard awareness
 - Animals in disaster
 - Real world deployment experience sharing



Iowa CERT Teams

- 40 teams state-wide, each unique to their communities.
- Only 12 teams "active"
- Des Moines County CERT is one of the originals



CERT Membership



- Currently membership stands at **55**
- **29** hold dual CERT/SKYWARN Memberships
- **11** have been members from it's inception in 2006
- **15** of these are HAM radio operators



CERT Accomplishments

From October 2013 to present...

What has CERT been involved in ?

Quite a lot!



CERT Accomplishments



13 Community Events:

- 3 Races, (BEASTER, and Geode Triathlon, Burlington Road Race)
- 7 Parades, (WB 4th of July (3), WBHS Homecoming, Pink Heals, Trick or Treat, Downtown Holiday)
- 2 Public educational events, (Day of the Child and National Preparedness Month)
- 1 Security - Des Moines County Fair



CERT Accomplishments

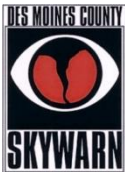
- 5 Exercises participated in:
- 2 National Tabletops, (Formidable Footprint exercises featuring and Solar Storms & Flooding)
 - 2 Full Scale Exercises one involving multiple agencies of an airplane crash scenario and one search exercise at Girl Scout camp
 - 1 "Victims" (hostage negotiation)



CERT Accomplishments

4 Office Support Requests:

- Box and pack medical supplies for CERT members
- Establish special committees regarding policies/procedures, IRS status (501.C3) and organizational structure.
- Research/Scanning Project
- NOAA Weather Radio programming



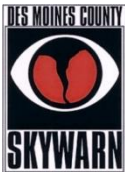
CERT Accomplishments

- 3 Trainings above and beyond regular meetings:
- Train the Trainer - First Aid/CPR (3 individuals)
 - Chainsaw Safety
 - Mentally Preparing for Deployment



CERT Impact to the Community

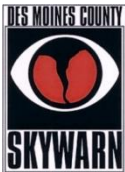
- Hours donated
 - **13** Community Events = 412 hrs
 - **5** Exercises = 88 hrs
 - **4** Office Support Requests = 32 hrs
 - Misc. Training (CPR, Wx Spotter, IS, etc.) = 62 hrs
 - Total Hours 594 x \$17.55/hour
 - Value of these hours = **\$10,425**



CERT Impact to the Community

Hours donated

- *This years CERT Class = 160*
- *Monthly meeting avg 40hrs/mtg x 12 mtgs = 480*
- *Total Hours 640 x \$17.55/hour = \$11,232*
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- *Total hours 11,234 x \$17.55 = \$21,657!*



Previous Awards/Recognition

- Governor's Volunteer Award
 - 5 year length of service
- Des Moines County Proclamation





Plans/Projects

Training

- Continue with quality training to enhance skills and proficiencies
- Establish a yearly training calendar
- Solicit suggestions from members

Exercises

- Continue with FFP participation
- Involve CERT in outside organizations exercise programs
- Continue exercises specifically designed for CERT skill improvement





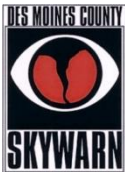
Plans/Projects

Expand CERT Program

- Recruit and retain quality volunteers
- Conduct 1 class for additional Level III and IV volunteers

Establish Organizational Structure

- Improve policies and procedures
- File application for 501(c)3 non-profit status



Future Plans/Projects

Expand CERT Program

- Reach out to Faith based for own CERT program
- Establish a Teen Cert



Together, this last year both organizations have given over 1934 hours , the equivalent of \$33,942 of volunteer time!



We could not do it without you!

There is no "I" in Team
but there is a "u" in volunteer!
And
we are so glad there is "u" in our volunteers!

