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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DES MOINES IA  
800 AM CDT THU APR 9 2009

...THIS IS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN IOWA...

GOVERNOR CHET CULVER...THE IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT DIVISION...AND THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAVE  
DESIGNATED THE WEEK OF APRIL 6 TO APRIL 10 AS SEVERE WEATHER  
AWARENESS WEEK IN IOWA. EACH MORNING THIS WEEK...THE NATIONAL  
WEATHER SERVICE IN DES MOINES WILL ISSUE A PUBLIC INFORMATION  
STATEMENT FOCUSING ON A DIFFERENT ITEM EACH DAY. TOPICS THIS  
YEAR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING...

MONDAY...FLOODING  
TUESDAY...SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS  
WEDNESDAY...TORNADOES  
THURSDAY... NOAA ALL HAZARDS WEATHER RADIO  
FRIDAY...FAMILY PREPAREDNESS

ATTENTION MEDIA...IN ORDER FOR SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK TO  
BE EFFECTIVE...MEDIA COVERAGE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE USE THE  
INFORMATION IN THE PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS IN YOUR NEWS  
PROGRAMS TO HELP PROMOTE SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY. WE ALSO  
ENCOURAGE MEDIA INTERVIEWS. PLEASE CONTACT JEFF JOHNSON IF YOU  
ARE INTERESTED.

TODAY/S TOPIC IS NOAA ALL HAZARDS WEATHER RADIO...

NOAA ALL HAZARDS WEATHER RADIO COVERS NEARLY ALL OF IOWA BY MORE  
THAN 20 TRANSMITTERS SPREAD ACROSS THE STATE. THE MAJORITY OF  
THE TRANSMITTERS WERE INSTALLED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS DURING THE  
NOAA ALL HAZARDS WEATHER RADIO EXPANSION PROJECT. THE JOINT  
PROJECT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE...IOWA HOMELAND  
SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND NUMEROUS PRIVATE PARTNERS  
INCREASES NOAA WEATHER ALL HAZARDS RADIO COVERAGE FROM 43 PERCENT  
TO NEAR 100 PERCENT. THE LAST TRANSMITTER WAS INSTALLED IN EARLY  
2006.

NOAA ALL HAZARDS WEATHER RADIO (NWR) IS A NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF  
RADIO STATIONS BROADCASTING CONTINUOUS WEATHER INFORMATION DIRECT  
FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE. NWR  
BROADCASTS NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WARNINGS... WATCHES...FORECASTS  
AND OTHER HAZARD INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY.

WORKING WITH THE IOWA EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)...NWR IS AN "ALL  
HAZARDS" RADIO NETWORK...MAKING IT A PRIMARY SOURCE FOR

COMPREHENSIVE WEATHER AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION. NWR BROADCASTS WARNING AND POST EVENT INFORMATION FOR ALL TYPES HAZARDS...BOTH NATURAL AND MAN-MADE ENVIRONMENTAL.

SEVERE WEATHER AND MAN MADE HAZARDS TRANSMITTED OVER NWR WITH THE 1050 MHZ TONE AND SENT TO THE EAS IN IOWA...

TORNADO WATCH AND WARNINGS  
SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH AND WARNINGS  
FLASH FLOOD WATCHES (UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES)  
FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS  
BLIZZARD WARNINGS  
WINTER STORM WARNINGS  
HIGH WIND WARNINGS  
CIVIL EMERGENCY MESSAGES  
911 OUTAGES  
CIVIL DANGER WARNINGS  
NUCLEAR ACCIDENT MESSAGES

CHILD ABDUCTION OR AMBER ALERTS ARE ISSUED WITH SAME EAS CODES BUT NOT THE 1050 HHZ TONE.

KNOWN AS THE VOICE OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE...NWR IS PROVIDED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA). NWR REQUIRES A SPECIAL RADIO RECEIVER OR SCANNER CAPABLE OF PICKING UP THE SIGNAL. BROADCASTS ARE FOUND IN THE PUBLIC BAND AT THESE SEVEN FREQUENCIES (MHZ)... 162.400...162.425...162.450...162.475...162.500...162.525...162.550.

NOAA/S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF WEATHER...WATER AND CLIMATE INFORMATION. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OPERATES THE MOST ADVANCED WEATHER AND FLOOD WARNING AND FORECAST SYSTEM IN THE WORLD HELPING TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY AND ENHANCE THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

FOR MORE SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION ON-LINE...GO TO THE DES MOINES NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WEB SITE AT [WWW.WEATHER.GOV/DESMOINES](http://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/DESMOINES). FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR TO REGISTER TO WIN A FREE NOAA WEATHER RADIO... VISIT [WWW.BEREADYIOWA.ORG](http://WWW.BEREADYIOWA.ORG).

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