



GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING – HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On November 28, 2016, Governor Terry Branstad held a budget hearing in conjunction with the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD). The Director of HSEMD, Mark Schouten, presented the Department's FY 2018 funding requests for \$2.2 million from the General Fund and \$400,000 from the Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF). This represents a status quo budget. Director Schouten pointed out that there is a 62:1 ratio of federal to state dollars for HSEMD funding.

During his presentation, Director Schouten touched on the 2016 presidential disaster declarations for 27 counties in Iowa, 19 of which were for flooding experienced in September and October 2016. The total public assistance available for those 27 disaster declarations is \$26.6 million, with an additional \$5.3 million for mitigation projects. Hazard mitigation efforts after previous disasters resulted in an estimated \$118.7 million of cost avoidance during the 2016 floods. A large part of that was the buyout of 2,054 houses that would have been flooded in the 2016 floods if they had still been in existence.

Director Schouten also discussed the E911 Program and the consolidation study currently being done as required by the General Assembly. A recommendation from that study will be a consolidation to six locations for the equipment and technology for answering E911 calls.

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