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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Budget Hearing. On November 20, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD). Director Mark Schouten presented the Department's FY 2019 General Fund status quo budget request of \$2.1 million as summarized in an earlier [Fiscal Update Article](#). During the presentation, Director Schouten highlighted some of the activities of the HSEMD, including:

- Providing \$2.300 billion in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) support through public assistance and disaster mitigation since 2008. Work related to the 2008 flooding was completed in March 2017.
- Supporting State individual assistance, small business administration, and State contingency loans to Iowans affected by disasters.
- Avoiding future loss through mitigation programs that purchase houses in flood-vulnerable areas.
- Partnering with the Iowa Flood Mitigation Board, the Iowa Flood Center, and the Office of the Chief Information Officer.
- Assisting hurricane-affected areas.
- Completing the 911 Consolidation Study, which estimated that nearly \$11.0 million over five years could be saved through merging the wire line 911 network with the existing wireless network, and technologically consolidating call processing equipment (CPE) from Iowa's 113 public safety answering points (PSAPs) to two redundant CPE's shared by PSAPS throughout the State.
- Increasing capacity for the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for local and State deployment for search and rescue operations.

Department Request. In addition to the \$2.1 million General Fund request for FY 2019, the HSEMD is requesting \$400,000 from the Technology Reinvestment Fund to maintain Alert Iowa, the statewide mass notification and emergency messaging system, and \$250,000 from the 911 Wireless Surcharge Fund for administration of that fund.

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