



# Region 5/6 Homeland Security newsletter

## CEEP Course Held in Fremont

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Region 5/6 hosted a Critical Employee Emergency Planning (CEEP) awareness level course on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Fremont at Midland University. There were over 80 people in attendance. Gulf States Regional Center for Public Safety Innovations (GSRCP) provided the curriculum materials and instructor through a Homeland Security Grant. The grant and course were written out of anger; heroes should not have to worry about their families while putting their lives on the line. It was also written out of love for those families who sacrifice this security daily, largely unacknowledged. The course was designed to be taken back to attendees' agencies to help prepare responders to be mentally and physically there when they are needed. It is hoped that agencies, staff and families are never faced with a large scale disaster such as Katrina. However, if such a disaster does occur, the implementation of CEEP will alleviate or at least minimize the long term effects of these events for any agency, its

employees and their families. Attendees were glad they came and are planning to return to their career field to implement policy, plans and training for their agency, employees and their family members. The class hosted attendees from law, fire, power plants, school, banking, medical, nursing homes, public health, industry, transportation, emergency management, the American Red Cross, local, state and federal government. The diversity of the attendees created a great atmosphere for discussion.

If you missed the course, Region 5/6 will be able to supply some resources to share with your agency employees or volunteers. Please contact Emily at Region 5/6 EMA to request a resource disk.

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*Jeff Wesley, an instructor with GSRCP, leads participants through the material during the Critical Employee Emergency Planning course in Fremont.*

# 2011 Storm Spotter Training

A multi-media presentation about storm spotting will be given by representatives from the National Weather Service, Valley, NE.

- Attend One Session or All Three
  - No Reservations Needed
    - Refreshments Served
      - Door Prize Drawings
        - Photo ID Spotter Cards
          - Children are Welcome



## Dodge County

March 22, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Mohr Auditorium - Scribner  
650 Co. Road 13 Blvd

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## Washington County

March 29, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Blair City Council Chambers  
218 S. 16th Street

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## Burt County

April 5, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Decatur Fire Station  
1012 S. Broadway Street

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## Backup Weather Sites are a Necessity

In today's world, disaster preparedness and response involves utilizing the internet to obtain information before and during an event. The number one disaster threat to individuals in the Region 5/6 area is weather. Dave Theophilus, a retiree from the National Weather Service (NWS), says backup weather sites are a necessity if the NWS web site is inaccessible during a weather event. This actually happened in early February when the last "big" storm hit the area; equipment problems, coupled with roughly 20 million hits per hour, crippled the NWS web site. Dave is quick to say, however, that the NWS web site is the one he prefers to use. The "Web Sites of Interest" bubble at the bottom of this page references some alternative weather web sites that Dave has used as a backup. Please note that these are not the only alternative weather web sites available. Pay special attention to the time stamps on any weather site to ensure that you are looking at the most current data.

### Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/oax>

National Weather Service - Valley, NE

<http://weather.cod.edu/analysis/analysis.radar.html>

College of DuPage (Illinois)

<http://www.rap.ucar.edu/weather/>

National Center for Atmospheric Research  
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## What Would You Take?

Flood waters begin lapping over the banks 30 feet from the front of your river cabin. Warning sirens announce the impending arrival of a tsunami wave that will sweep away everything you own. A tornado spins through and devastates the nuclear power plant in close proximity to your home. What would you take with you if you decided to leave your home?

It's not that far-fetched to think that similar scenarios could happen right here...close to home. Every year the Platte River is a threat to flood because of ice jamming or high precipitation. A tsunami would not be very likely in our region, but an earthquake certainly would not be out of the question. On November 18, 2010, a 3.3 magnitude earthquake hit at 7:02 a.m. with an epicenter near Schuyler, Nebraska. This quake caused noticeable damage to the foundation of a house in Schuyler. On December 16, 2009 a 3.5 magnitude earthquake hit at 8:54 p.m. with an epicenter 2 miles north/northeast of Auburn, Nebraska in the southeast corner of the state. And we have all seen the aftermath of tornadoes going through our communities. What would you take with you if you had enough time to think? What would you take with you if you had adequate warning? What would you take if you had no time to react at all? At some point it becomes merely a matter of survival; food, water and clean air to breath. How easy it is to lose sight of that fact.

For suggestions of what you should consider taking with you, go to the Region 5/6 Emergency Management web site ([www.region5-6.org](http://www.region5-6.org)) and click on the link "FEMA Emergency Preparedness Checklist" on the left of the home page.

## A True Story?



## Brain Teaser

Four of us are in your field  
But our differences keep us at yield

First, a one that is no fool  
Though he resembles a gardener's tool

Next, one difficult to split in two  
And a girl once had one as big as her shoe

Then, to the mind, one's a lovely bonder  
And truancy makes it grow fonder

Last, a stem connecting dots of three  
Knowing all this, what are we?

## Answer:

Visit the Region 5/6 web site at:  
[www.region5-6.org](http://www.region5-6.org)

Click on the "Current Events" box on the left side of the home page to view the answer to this riddle. Don't cheat! Try to figure out the riddle before you look up the answer! Good Luck!

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