

Flood Awareness Month – PODCAST 3: Forecasting and Preparedness

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JEFF: Maybe, Stefanie, concerning the flood potential in the springtime, how does Iowa Homeland Security monitor the situation with regards to the flood potential? What kind of things does your agency do? I mean, some of the things that I know about–

STEFANIE: We call you.

JEFF: We come down, yeah – exactly – we come down and do webinars and we do briefings for your staff and the other state agencies.

STEFANIE: Right. I'm aware, also, of some conference calls that go on when there's inclement weather or an immediate need to talk about the forecast with not only our agency and the National Weather Service, but also all of the county emergency management coordinators–

JEFF: Right.

STEFANIE: – so they know what's going on, too. But you're right, we do bring in not only our staff but staff from other state agencies into the state emergency operations center, have you guys come in and kinda give us a rundown of what you're seeing and what you think you'll see in the future so we can kinda prepare for whatever might happen – like we did last year, a little bit, with Missouri River flooding.