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SCOTT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY RECOGNIZES NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Campaign Highlights the Professionals Who Help Communities Prepare for, Respond to, Recover from, and Mitigate Disasters

August 4, 2026 (Davenport, IA) — The Scott County Emergency Management Agency is proud to recognize **National Emergency Management Awareness Month** throughout August. The campaign is designed to increase public awareness of the emergency management profession and recognize the dedicated professionals who work every day to help communities, businesses, schools, healthcare organizations, and government agencies prepare for emergencies and disasters.

"Emergency managers are the professionals who help communities and organizations prepare for the unexpected long before disaster strikes," said **Josh Morton, MPA, CEM, SCCEM, president of the IAEM-USA Council**. "National Emergency Management Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize their contributions and increase understanding of the vital work they perform every day."

"Emergency management is about building relationships before disasters occur," said **Brian Payne, Director, Scott County Emergency Management Agency**. "Whether we're planning with schools, healthcare providers, businesses, or first responders, our goal is to help our community be better prepared for whatever comes next."

Emergency managers coordinate planning, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation across every sector of society. Their work helps reduce disaster impacts, strengthen resilience, and ensure essential services continue during emergencies.

The public is encouraged to learn more about emergency management and the professionals working year-round to keep their communities safe and resilient.

To learn more about National Emergency Management Awareness Month, visit www.iaem.org/KnowYourEM.

For more information about local emergency management, please visit <https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/ema>. You can find additional information about Scott County Emergency Management Agency on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ScottCoIAEMA>

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