

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **i-SERV in Jasper County**

Jasper County is in need of volunteers to sign up with the Iowa Statewide Emergency Registry of Volunteers (i-SERV). The Iowa Department of Public Health's secure online registry for individuals wishing to volunteer in the event of a large scale disaster or public health emergency. As of October 1, 2016 there are 2,233 volunteers registered in iSERV. i-SERV is part of a federal effort to coordinate and assemble volunteers for all types of emergencies.

The i-SERV on-line registration includes questions about basic personal information and professional skills. Volunteers have the ability to decide travel distance and length of deployment. Based on the information provided, public health officials will identify and contact those individuals suited to fill the specific volunteer roles needed in an emergency.

#### **Who can volunteer?**

Anyone can volunteer. An emphasis is currently being placed on the recruitment of licensed medical and healthcare volunteers that will satisfy clinical needs and provide surge capacity for public health emergencies. However, volunteers who do not have any medical training are welcomed and are encouraged to register. There will be a need for volunteers with all types of skills and expertise, such as those who are skilled in: interpretation (languages and hearing impaired); administration; transportation training; provision of day care; security; computers; clerical work; data entry; and construction. All volunteers are valued, even if you have no specific qualifications other than the willingness to help.

If you would like to sign up, please visit the following website <https://iaserv.org/>

If you have additional questions, please contact Becky Pryor at Jasper County Health Department at (641)787-9224.