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Homeland Security's Ready Campaign: Soon to Launch Ready Kids

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Ready is a national public service advertising campaign designed to educate and empower American citizens to prepare for and respond to potential terrorist attacks and other emergencies. The goal of the campaign is to get citizens involved and ultimately to increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation.

Ready asks citizens to do three key things:

1. Prepare an emergency supply kit
2. Make a family emergency plan
3. Be informed about the different types of emergencies/natural disasters that could occur and their appropriate responses.



The Ready campaign's messages have been distributed through traditional public service campaign vehicles to include television, radio, public service advertisements, brochures, its Web site: www.Ready.gov and a toll-free phone line: 1-800-BE-READY.

Next month, the Department of Homeland Security plans to launch **Ready Kids**, a campaign that parents and school teachers can use to teach their fourth through eighth graders how to prepare for man-made and natural disasters.

The Ready campaign is directed at raising American's awareness about the importance of preparedness. The campaign works in tandem with the department's Citizen Corps Councils and other community-based organizations.

The Ready campaign is a national public service advertising campaign produced by the Ad Council, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Ready is designed to educate and empower American citizens to prepare for and respond to potential terrorist attacks and other emergencies. Visit www.Ready.gov for additional information.

Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED

Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (from January 17, 2006)

Grants and Training Conference held in Houston, Texas

Personnel from the Ohio EMA Plans and Grants branches attended the Central Region Office of Disaster Preparedness Grants and Training Conference, January 10-12, in Houston. The conference offered seven tracks: Prevention; Health and Medical; National Preparedness Goal; Citizen Preparedness; Transit Security; Port Security; and Program and Grant Management.

One topic of discussion was the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and how urban areas are expected to leverage UASI funds to support citizen preparedness initiatives.

Radiological Updates

A Canadian shipment of approximately 500,000 curies of radioactive Cobalt 60 was transported safely to the Sterigenics Irradiator Facility in Groveport, Ohio on January 16. The shipment was inspected at the Pennsylvania/Ohio border by the Public Utility Commission of Ohio. Sheriff departments and Ohio State Highway Patrol posts along the route received law enforcement messages that provided advanced notification of the shipment. Besides a delay in New York, no other problems occurred.

The Radiological Instrument Maintenance and Calibration (RIM&C) facility calibrated and repaired radiological instruments from Bladen City, North Carolina; Annaco Corporation; Eastern Technologies; University of Cincinnati; Allison Radiation Oncology of Columbus; Monroe County, Indiana; Williamston, North Carolina; and the Alaron Corporation of Pennsylvania.

Communications Update

Ohio EMA Communications personnel recently spoke at the Cleveland Area Interoperability Workshop. EMA's presentation centered on the capability, response and activation of the Buckeye State Sheriff Association (BSSA) Interoperability Van, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Special Response Unit and the Ohio EMA Communication Vehicle. The Geauga County Sheriff's Office provided BSSA Unit 2 for the presentation.

Donations Management Workshop

The EMA Plans Branch conducted the Donations Management Workshop last week at the Ohio EMA. Workshop participants learned how to coordinate donations management and manage unaffiliated spontaneous volunteers during times of disaster. Participants also learned the importance of prior planning for donations management before it has to be implemented.

Participants included representatives of county emergency management offices, Columbus Division of Police, American Red Cross, Korea Highway Corporation and Ohio EMA.

FEMA Assistance (As of January 18, 2006)				
<u>Registrations for Federal Disaster Assistance:</u>				
Hurricane Wilma				
Florida	583,187			
Hurricane Rita				
Louisiana	362,537			
Texas	478,749			
Hurricane Katrina				
Alabama	114,434			
Louisiana	1,071,937			
Mississippi	514,165			
WILDFIRE POTENTIAL <i>Oklahoma & North Texas Area</i> <i>January 18 - 22, 2006</i>				
Wed. 01/18	Thurs. 01/19	Friday 01/20	Saturday 01/21	Sunday 01/22
Red Flag Warning		Slight Chance of Rain/ Snow		
Very High to Extreme	Very High	Very High	Moderate	Moderate

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

TWO Positions Available:

Emergency Management Operations Officers

Location:

Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management
451 West Third Street, P.O. Box 972
Dayton, Ohio 45422-1326

Salary: \$32,398 - \$40,498 annually

Duties for Position 1: Manage emergency management grants, supervise testing and maintenance of emergency management equipment and assets; maintain databases of inventories and assets for Montgomery County and its jurisdictions; develop/maintain standard operating procedures for Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center.

Duties for Position 2: Responsible for emergency management planning program, to include revise Montgomery County Emergency Operations Plan; develop ancillary documents; assist other county departments and political subdivision with emergency planning.

Qualifications: Completion of core course work toward bachelor degree in emergency management, public administration or related field and 6 months experience in disaster services and emergency response operations or emergency management.

E-mail resume to: recruiter@mcoho.org or mail/fax resume to Montgomery County Human Resources
451 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422
Fax: 937-225-6496



Spring 2006 Severe Weather Awareness Week:

March 26 - April 1

Statewide Tornado Drill: Wednesday, March 29 at 9:50 a.m.

Whether practicing a tornado drill or sheltering during a tornado or thunderstorm warning, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness not only encourages Ohioans to **DUCK**, but to practice other severe weather safety tips.

- D** - Go **DOWN** to the lowest level
- U** - Get **UNDER** something
- C** - **COVER** your head
- K** - **KEEP** in shelter until the storm has passed

- Take responsibility for your household's safety and be prepared before a storm watch or warning is issued. Meet with all household members to develop a family emergency plan for all incidents that can affect the home.
- Organize disaster preparedness kits for the home and vehicle. Stock the kits with ample bottled water, nonperishable food, first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, clothing, emergency contact numbers, etc.
- Tune in to one of the following for weather information: NOAA Weather Radio; local or cable television (Ohio News Network, The Weather Channel); or local radio station.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 <i>January</i>	16 Martin Luther King Holiday	17	18	19	20	21
	FEMA/EMI Emergency Management Assistance Compact TTT - FY06			Exercise/Design Course - Ohio EMA (Columbus)		
			IMT TAC Ohio EMA, Rm 104	Water TAC Ohio EMA, Rm 104		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	FEMA/EMI Advanced HAZUS-MH for Earthquake (E174) - Emmitsburg, MD			CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: NE Office Cincinnati ARC		
		WMD-FE Exercise Union County	CAMEO Course - Ohio EMA (Columbus)			
29	30	31	<i>February</i>			
CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: NE Office Cincinnati ARC		Tactical TAC Shipley Bldg, 4th Fl.	EWFE Exercise Richland County			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	FEMA/EMI Intro ArcGIS for HAZUS-MH Users (E190) Emmitsburg, MD			Exercise Design & Evaluation - Ohio EMA (Columbus)		