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## 'See Something, Say Something' Campaign Encourages Public to Call Law Enforcement

Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Ken Morckel unveiled a new anti-terrorism information-sharing center to the media, Tuesday, advancing Ohio Homeland Security's mission to protect Ohioans from terrorism. The Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) is located at the State Emergency Operations Center/Joint Dispatch Facility in North Columbus.

Director Morckel also launched Ohio Homeland Security's new public awareness campaign called "See Something, Say Something." The campaign aims to educate Ohioans on the possible signs of terrorism and encourages the public to report suspicious activity to local law enforcement or to call the Ohio Terrorism Tipline: **1-877-OHS-INTEL**. Campaign posters and other marketing materials will soon be distributed to remind people to always be alert and aware of surroundings, and to report things that may seem out of the ordinary such as:

- Unattended or abandoned bags in public places
- Suspicious or unusual behavior such as someone tampering with security equipment, videotaping or casing a government building, or wearing a bulky winter coat on a hot day

"The Strategic Analysis and Information Center and new campaign highlight our ongoing commitment to fighting terrorism and protecting the safety and well-being of Ohioans," said Morckel.

The Ohio SAIC serves as a secure "one-stop shop" that collects, filters, analyzes and disseminates terrorism-related information to the appropriate authorities. Federal and state agencies, law enforcement, fire departments represented in the center include:

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| Columbus Fire                                 | Ohio Department of Public Safety                  |
| Columbus Police                               | Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections |
| Cleveland Police                              | Ohio Department of Transportation                 |
| Federal Bureau of Investigation               | Ohio Emergency Management Agency                  |
| Franklin County Sheriff's Department          | Ohio Emergency Medical Services                   |
| Hamilton County Terrorism Early Warning Group | Ohio Environmental Protection Agency              |
| Jefferson Township Fire                       | Ohio Fire Chiefs Association                      |
| Mifflin Township Fire                         | Ohio Homeland Security                            |
| Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police          | Ohio National Guard                               |
| Ohio Attorney General's Office - BCI&I        | Ohio State Highway Patrol                         |
| Ohio Department of Agriculture                | U.S. Attorney's Office                            |
| State Fire Marshal                            | U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms      |
| Ohio Department of Health                     | U.S. Department of Defense                        |
| Ohio Department of Natural Resources          | U.S. Department of Homeland Security              |



Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED



## Ohio EMA Weekly Entries (for January 24, 2006)

### Program & Capability Review Regional Meetings

The last of the Program and Capability Review Regional meetings were held this week. The meetings' purpose is to gather information that will assist with the development and submission of the fiscal year 2006 Homeland Security Grant.

### Retail Food Preparedness Guide

Ohio EMA's public information officer attended a press conference on January 23 at the Hilltop Market Place on the west side of Columbus. The conference was the kickoff of the Retail Food Preparedness Guide, which was developed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio EMA, Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Department of Health. The guide will be distributed to Ohio grocers.

### Communications Update

Radio technicians performed corrective maintenance on the NOAA Weather Radio transmitter located at High Hill (Zanesville, Ohio). Radio technicians also installed a new NOAA weather radio transmitter in Chillicothe. This radio still requires an antenna and telephone line installation before it can be put on the air for operational testing. Its radio testing is expected by mid- to late February.

Technicians also programmed eight mobile MARCS radios for the Ohio National Guard.

### Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant

*(From U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission news release dated January 20, 2006)*

Three former Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station employees were indicted by a federal grand jury on January 19 for making false statements to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding the reactor head degradation in 2001.

In addition, the First Energy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office related to FENOC's communication with the NRC during the 2001 degraded head incident. Under the agreement, the Department of Justice will refrain from seeking an indictment or otherwise initiating criminal prosecution of FENOC, if FENOC agrees to pay \$28 million in fines, restitution and community service projects.

## FEMA Assistance (As of January 24, 2006)

### Registrations for Federal Disaster Assistance:

#### Hurricane Wilma

Florida 585,984

#### Hurricane Rita

Louisiana 362,872

Texas 478,885

#### Hurricane Katrina

Alabama 114,481

Louisiana 1,072,631

Mississippi 514,483

As of January 24, more than 2.5 million people (2,542,723) registered for Federal Individual Assistance for hurricanes Katrina and Rita. FEMA has approved more than \$5.9 billion in disaster assistance to individual applicants from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas.

In Ohio, there are 4,122 evacuee households that have registered for FEMA assistance.

## **NIMS Alert**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its National Incident Management System (NIMS) Integration Center recently added a number of NIMS-related resources to their on-line training site: [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims). The courses and their highlights are as follows:

#### **\* Integrating NIMS into State EOPs & SOPs**

Outlines ways state and local incident managers can modify Emergency Operations Plans and Standard Operating Procedures to align with NIMS concepts and terminology.

#### **\* Training Guidelines for ICS Instructors, Jan. 2006**

Provides direction on training needed by ICS instructors and for agencies that offer ICS training programs.

#### **\* FY06 NIMS Training Requirements**

Details required components of NIMS-compliant ICS training.

#### **\* Summary of FY06 NIMS Training Requirements**

Outlines NIMS, NRP and ICS training that responders at various levels need to complete during FY 2006.

#### **\* FY 2006 NIMS Compliance Package**

Outlines activities that states, tribal and local jurisdictions must complete by September 30, 2006.

#### **\* National Standard Curriculum: Training Development Guidance, October 2005**

The center's guidelines document for NIMS-compliant ICS training is updated and posted on Web site, as have several new training-related fact sheets.

## BIRD FLU AND YOU

### Four Simple Things You Can Do to Protect Yourself and Others:

(From U.S. Department of Defense and the National  
Defense University)

#### Cover Your Cough and Sneeze!

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue
- Put your tissue in the trash can
- If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands

#### Wash Your Hands!

- Wash hands with warm, soapy water for at least 10-15 seconds OR use a hand sanitizer after:
  - \* Coughing or sneezing
  - \* Using the bathroom
  - \* Caring for a sick person
  - \* Handling garbage

#### Keep Living & Work Areas Clean!

- Clean areas with household detergents
- Sanitize surfaces with bleach or alcohol mix (3/4 cup bleach to 1 gallon water)

#### Keep Your Distance!

- Avoid crowds
- Limit your travel
- Travel to and from work during off-peak hours, if possible
- Work from home, if possible

## Retirement Congratulations to Dr. David Hoover - The University of Akron



Professor Emeritus: Fire Protection  
Technology and Emergency Management

After 25 years of dedicated service and outstanding performance as Professor of Fire Protection Technology and Emergency Management; Co-Director of the Center for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Policy Research; and Director of the Training Center for Fire and Hazardous Materials, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency wishes to congratulate Dr. Hoover on his retirement.

Hoover's initiative led to the establishment of the Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy Research in 2002. He was also instrumental in making The University of Akron one of the first in the nation that provides a four-year program in emergency management, and the first university to have its emergency management program accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

Ohio EMA says, "Thank you, Dr. Hoover, for your hard work and dedication in the field of emergency management."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>22</b> <i>January</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	FEMA/EMI Advanced HAZUS-MH for Earthquake (E174) - Emmitsburg, MD					CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: NE Office Cincinnati ARC
		CAMEO Course - Ohio EMA (Columbus)				
		WMD-FE Exercise Union County				
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <i>February</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: NE Office Cincinnati ARC		Tactical TAC Shipley Bldg, 4th Fl.	EWFE Exercise Richland County			
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	FEMA/EMI Intro ArcGIS for HAZUS-MH Users (E190) Emmitsburg, MD					
		Exercise Design & Evaluation - Ohio EMA (Columbus)				
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
		 Valentine's Day	EWFE Exercise Ottawa County			CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Mahoning County (Feb. 18-19)
		Basic Public Information Officer Course - Ohio EMA (Columbus)				
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Mahoning County (Feb. 18-19)	 Presidents' Day	HazMat TAC ----- Med TAC (Both at Ohio EMA)				
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				