





*This Week in Ohio EMA*

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## State Looks to Strengthen Homeland Security Programs at Two-Day Conference

*Ohio Homeland Security*



*Brad Shull, an emergency responder with Ohio Task Force-1, prepares a slide presentation at the Ohio Homeland Security Symposium of the task force's work in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.*

Law enforcement, first responders, emergency medical personnel and homeland security officials from across the state met at the Columbus Convention Center on May 10 and 11 to focus on ways to strengthen Ohio's homeland security programs. The two-day conference was part of the 2006 Ohio Homeland Security Symposium and Intergovernmental Technology Conference.

As part of the conference, an international panel comprised of representatives from the British Embassy and Turkish National Police participated in a panel discussion entitled: "Global Lessons Learned." The panel shared their experience in preventing, responding to and recovering from terrorist acts. Ohio Senator Steve Stivers served as moderator of the discussion.

"The high turnout for this conference illustrates Ohio's strong commitment to homeland security and protecting the citizens of our state," said Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Ken Morckel. "Whether it's preparing for an avian flu pandemic, strengthening our school emergency plans or improving interoperable communications for law enforcement, the wide variety of educational opportunities offered by the conference will help to strengthen and advance homeland security programs throughout the state."

Other topics covered during the conference included:

- \* Avian Flu Pandemic
- \* Behavioral Health Preparedness
- \* Evacuation Planning
- \* Dealing with Limited English Proficiency Populations
- \* Interoperable Communications
- \* Improving Relations with Arab and Muslim Americans
- \* IT Risk Management
- \* Ohio Response System
- \* Communications for Leaders
- \* Maritime Security
- \* Preparing for Medical Surge
- \* School Emergency Plans
- \* Wireless Information Sharing for Emergency Responders (WISER)

**Homeland Security Threat Level:**

**ELEVATED**



**Technical Support Update**

Communications Branch technicians completed repairs and updates to the Buckeye Sheriffs' Association Interoperable Communications Vehicles located in Geauga and Hancock counties.



The Radiological Instrumentation, Maintenance and Calibration facility calibrated and repaired radiological instruments for Harnett and Chatham counties, North Carolina; Adams County Ohio; Badin Logistics Support Center, North Carolina; Maple Grove, Minnesota; Oakland County, Michigan; Alaron Corporation, Pennsylvania; Ohio Department of Health Radiation Safety; and Dayton Power and Light.

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**Nuclear Power Plant Update**

The Perry Nuclear Power Plant experienced a reactor shutdown due to a hydraulic fluid leak that impacted the reactor circulation system that controls reactor power. The leak was approximately one gallon per minute and started at 4 a.m. on May 8. The plant made up the lost hydraulic fluid leak and worked to repair the leak.



The Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and the Beaver Valley Power Station are operating at 100 percent power.

The Ohio EMA Radiological Branch continues preparations for the Beaver Valley Power Station full participation ingestion exercise on June 27 and 28. A dry run will be conducted June 6 and 7. The exercise will include a FEMA evaluation of the new Columbiana County Emergency Operations Center.

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**Small Earthquake Shakes Lima**

According to the Ohio Seismic Network, a small earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 2.8 was centered about eight miles west of Lima, Ohio at 9:51 p.m., May 11.

The quake happened in the Anna Seismic Zone, named for the town of Anna in Shelby County. There were no reports of injuries.

A total of seven earthquakes have been recorded in northeast Ohio this year, two with the magnitude of 3.0.

Lima is approximately 70 miles southwest of Toledo.



**Hazardous Weather & Flood Preparedness Course**

*Developed by NWS & FEMA*

**Dates:** May 16-18, 2006

**Location:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235

The three-day course will show participants how the basic elements of weather can combine to create potential hazards in their areas; teach what information is available and how it can be obtained; and show how to determine when actions need to be initiated to meet developing threats.

## Farewell Party

**After 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years of dedicated service as  
Fairfield County EMA Director,  
Thomas Moe is retiring.**

**Please join Fairfield County in bidding him "Adieu."**

**When: Friday, May 26th**  
**Time: 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Where: Fairfield County Courthouse  
 Commissioners Hearing Room  
 210 East Main Street (3rd Floor)  
 Lancaster, Ohio 43130**

**RSVP: Matthew Keefe at [mkeefe@co.fairfield.oh.us](mailto:mkeefe@co.fairfield.oh.us)  
 or (740) 654-4357 by May 18, 2006**



Pardon Our Dust!

Ohio EMA will undergo a Week of Spring Cleaning next week (May 15-18). We're going to be dusting, sweeping, filing, shredding and moving.

So, if you're visiting our agency next week, pardon our dust.

### EMA Updates

Harrison County EMA  
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**Diane Juhola** transferring from Ohio EMA Technical Support Office Assistant to Disaster Recovery Branch Secretary

**Nancy Boyd** promoted from Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch Secretary to Fiscal Branch Accountant Examiner 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	Emergency Planning - Ohio EMA		Homeland Security Symposium Greater Columbus Convention Center			
		State-level judging of Severe Weather Awareness posters; OCSWA meeting	Communications TAC Teleconference - 9 am			
		Homeland Security Planning - Ohio EMA				
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Mothers Day</i>	Hazardous Weather & Flood Preparedness - Ohio EMA					
	Medical TAC Ohio EMA	HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	Incident Mgmt Ohio EMA	Water TAC Ohio EMA		
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
	L449 Incident Command System Train-the-Trainer - Ohio EMA (Columbus)					
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	 Memorial Day					

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