



This Week in Ohio EMA

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Flash Floods, Heavy Rains, Tornadoes and Strong Winds Continue to Batter Ohio

Ohio has seen its fair share of severe weather during the past three weeks. The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed that at least two tornadoes touched down in the southwestern portion of the state. An F-1 tornado (with winds up to 80 mph) hit Warren County, Tuesday evening, causing damaged to at least 43 structures.

The NWS issued tornado warnings that same evening for Clermont, Clinton, Montgomery and Warren counties. Strong winds tore roofs from homes and buildings, toppled signs and shredded fences. None of these counties declared a state of emergency; there were no requests for state assistance.



Damage left from a tornado that ripped through the Dayton Mall, Tuesday evening (Photo by Dayton resident Nathan Gross).

Heavy rains, flash floods and strong winds continued to pummel North-central Ohio. Ashland and Knox counties declared this week after being inundated with heavy rain and floods. A Richland County woman drowned Wednesday while attempting to save her daughter who fell into a swollen stream.

County, state and federal emergency management staff continue assessment and recovery efforts in Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lucas, Sandusky and Stark counties. President Bush granted these counties a federal disaster declaration on July 2 for damages received from severe storms that occurred June 21-23. Residents and business owners from these declared counties have until August 31 to apply for federal assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or registering on-line at www.fema.gov.

Because summer and severe weather practically go hand-in-hand, emergency management offices at all levels need to promote public safety and preparedness.

“With all of the flooding and severe storms we’ve been through recently, I cannot stress enough the importance of being prepared,” said Ohio EMA’s Executive Director Nancy J. Dragani. “Every home, business and school should have a NOAA Weather Radio to stay aware of local storm watches and warnings.”

Visit www.ema.ohio.gov for disaster preparedness information and www.ocswa.ohio.gov for severe weather preparedness information.

Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED



Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (from July 11, 2006 reports)

[Assisting the Disabled and Aged in Disasters](#)

An Ohio EMA planner attended a workshop/conference in Washington D.C. that addressed assisting individuals who are elderly or have disabilities during times of disaster. The conference was sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

One of the main focuses was how to best provide for the disabled and the elderly needs during evacuation orders and sheltering situations.

Ohio EMA held a follow-up meeting on July 14 to review information gathered at the conference and to develop plans for the care of Ohio's special needs population during evacuation and sheltering operations.

[RIM&C Calibration Update](#)

The Radiological Instrumentation Maintenance and Calibration facility calibrated and repaired radiological equipment for Minnesota Law Enforcement; Monroe County, New York; Badin Logistics, North Carolina; St. Paul Minnesota Fire Department; North Carolina EMA; Greensboro, North Carolina; Ohio Department of Health-Radiological Safety; Lake County (Ohio) Health Department; and a consulting company.

2006 Fall Emergency Management Directors Seminar (G200)

September 14, 2006 - Thursday

Clarion Hotel - Dublin

600 Metro Place, North

(614) 764-2200

Register at: <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>



FLOODSMART.GOV

An official site of the National Flood Insurance Program

Fast Facts on Floods

- Floods and flash floods happen in all 50 states.
- Everyone lives in a flood zone.
- Most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage.
- If you live in a Special Flood Hazard Area or high risk area, your mortgage lender requires you to have flood insurance.
- Just an inch of flood water can cause costly damage to your property.
- Flash floods can often bring walls of water 10 to 20 feet high.
- A vehicle can easily be carried away by just two feet of floodwater.
- New land development can increase flood risk, especially if the construction changes natural runoff paths.
- Federal disaster assistance is usually a loan that must be paid back with interest. For a \$50,000 loan at 4 percent interest, your monthly payment would be around \$240 a month (\$2,880 per year) for 30 years. Compare that to a \$100,000 flood insurance premium, which is about \$500 a year (\$33 per month).
- If you live in a low to moderate risk area and are eligible for the Preferred Risk Policy, your flood insurance premium may be as low as \$112 per year, including coverage for your property's contents.
- You are eligible to purchase flood insurance as long as your community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- It takes 30 days after purchase for a flood policy to take effect, so it's important to buy insurance before the floodwaters start to rise.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

FEMA DR-1651 - Declared: July 2, 2006

Federal Individual Assistance (IA) disaster assistance available for Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lucas, Sandusky and Stark counties.

Disaster Recovery Centers located in **Toledo** (Lucas County); **Norwalk** (serving Huron, Sandusky and Erie counties); **Valleyview** (Cuyahoga County); and **Brewster** (Stark County).

Total IA registrations: **5,124** (as of July 10)

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Mitigation Briefings Schedule:**

- July 17, 9 a.m. - Cuyahoga County
(Independence Community Center)
- July 18, 1 p.m. - Huron County EMA
- July 19, 9 a.m. - Erie County Service Ctr.
- July 21, 10 a.m. - Lucas County EMA
- July 28, 10 a.m. - Stark County EMA

EMA Updates

Robert Crocket, Public Info Specialist
Franklin County Emergency Management

Susan Benton, Office Assistant
Ohio Emergency Management Agency



Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Toolkit

The US Department of Homeland Security recently announced the public release of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Toolkit, a project management tool and comprehensive tutorial for the design, development, conduct, and evaluation of exercises. This web-based application provides exercise planners the appropriate templates and guidance for developing master task lists, time lines, planning teams, and exercise documentation.

After extensive beta testing and feedback from local, State, and Federal partners, the tool is ready for release and will be moved from its temporary home on the ESPortal to the HSEEP Homepage, www.hseep.dhs.gov. Anyone with ESPortal permissions has been granted access to the HSEEP Toolkit.

The HSEEP Homepage provides for a single sign-on to the HSEEP Toolkit, the new HSEEP Volume IV Library, the soon to be released National Exercise Schedule (NEXS) and scheduling tool, as well as other HSEEP systems and tools currently in development.

For more information, contact Darren Price, Exercise Program Manager, at (614) 799-3660 or deprice@dps.state.oh.us

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 9	10	11	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Ohio Fire Chiefs Association - DRILL</div>	13	14	15
16	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Medical TAC Ohio EMA</div>	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">HazMat TAC Ohio EMA</div>	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA</div>	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Water TAC Ohio EMA</div>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	August 1	2 <div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Communications TAC Ohio EMA</div></div>	3	4	5

UASI - Urban Area Security Initiative
TICP - Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan
 Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>