



## *This Week in Ohio EMA*

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### **FEMA Web Site Records 50 Years of Ohio's Disaster History**

Go to the FEMA Web site: [www.fema.gov/](http://www.fema.gov/), click on "Declaration Archives," then click on "Ohio," you will find a listing of all of the state's federally declared disasters dated from 2006 back to 1956. According to FEMA's records, the state of Ohio has had 42 Major Disaster Declarations, four Emergency Declarations (the 2005 Hurricane Katrina Evacuation; the January 2005 Snow Emergency; the 2003 Power Outage; and the 1978 Blizzard), and no Fire Management Assistance Declarations.

The most federal declarations Ohio has had during a given calendar year is three. This has happened four times:

- 1974** April 4 - Tornadoes; May 31 - Severe Storms, Flooding; July 11 - Heavy Rains, Flooding
- 2000** March 7 - Severe Storms, Flooding; August 21 - Severe Storms, Flooding; September 26 - Tornado, Severe Storms
- 2003** March 14 - Severe Winter Storm; July 15 - Severe Storms, Flooding; August 1 - Tornadoes, Flooding, Severe Storms, High Winds
- 2004** January 26 - Severe Storms, Flooding, Mudslides, Landslides; June 3 - Severe Storms, Flooding; September 19 - Severe Storms, Flooding



*(July 31, 2006) - Joint PDA teams talk with Painesville flood victims outside of their destroyed condominiums. (FEMA photo/Gene Romano)*

Ohio has two federal disasters for 2006. Both remain active. To date for DR-1651, more than 12,000 individuals and business owners from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lucas, Sandusky and Stark counties have applied for disaster assistance; FEMA has approved more than \$17 million in grants and low-interest SBA loans. People from the six declared counties have until August 31 to apply for disaster assistance.

For DR-1656, more than 5,100 individuals and business owners from Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake counties have applied for disaster assistance; FEMA has approved more than \$9.1 million in grants and low-interest loans. People from the three declared counties have until September 30 to apply.

## Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (dated 08/ 21)

### **NIMCAST Deadline: TODAY, August 25**

Ohio state agencies, counties and local jurisdictions have until close of business today, August 25 to submit their input of the National Incident Management Capability Assessment Tool (NIMCAST) for federal fiscal year 2006.

NIMCAST is a web-based self-assessment tool that is designed to aid state, local and tribal organizations and jurisdictions in determining their capabilities and compliance against the requirements established in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMCAST allows incident and resource managers to assess the current status/level of their respective jurisdiction or organization's incident preparedness against the requirements outlined in NIMS.

The Ohio EMA Plans Branch will follow up with any delinquent submissions in September. The Plans Branch continues to provide general NIMS implementation technical assistance to counties and local entities on a routine basis.

### **Standards Engineering Society Conference**



An Ohio EMA Plans Branch representative gave a presentation on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1600: Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business

Continuity Programs at the Standards Engineering Society (SES) annual conference in Cleveland, on August 15. The NFPA 1600 provides those with the responsibility for disaster and emergency management and business continuity programs the criteria to assess current programs or to develop, implement and maintain a program to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters and emergencies.

SES is a non-profit, technical association dedicated to furthering the knowledge and use of standards and standardization. SES provides a neutral forum where standards users and developers can come together to address mutual issues, opportunities and interest in ways that work to the benefit of everyone involved with, or affected by standards.

### **Sentinel Executive Committee Provides Input on EPA's Homeland Security Initiative**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Security Division established a Sentinel Executive Committee that will provide stakeholder input on EPA's Homeland Security Initiative. Under this programs, EPA is developing a contamination warning system for drinking water utilities that will provide timely detection and appropriate response to contamination threats and incidents, as required. The Sentinel Program will be implemented in three phases:

**Phase I** - Develop the conceptual design of a system for timely detection and appropriate response to drinking water contamination incidents to minimize public health and economic impact.

**Phase II** - Test and demonstrate a contamination warning system through pilots at drinking water utilities and municipalities, and make refinements to the design as needed, based upon the pilots' results.

**Phase III** - Expand the approach through outreach, training and practical guidance to promote and support voluntary national adoption of an effective and sustainable contamination warning system.

*Contact the Readiness & Response at 614-799-3688 for additional information.*

### **Application Briefings for Federal Public Assistance (DR-1656) Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake Counties**

#### **Tuesday, August 29 - 9 a.m.**

Ashtabula County EMA  
25 West Jefferson Street  
Jefferson, OH 44047

Geauga County EMA  
12518 Merritt Road  
Chardon, OH 44024

#### **Tuesday, August 29 - 1 p.m.**

Willoughby Hills Community Center (Lake County)  
35400 Chardon Road  
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

### FEMA DR-1656 - Declared: August 1, 2006

Federal Individual Assistance for Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake counties.

**Incident period: July 27 - August 4, 2006**

Registrations for IA (as of August 17): **5,109**

**Registration Deadline: September 30, 2006**

FEMA Individuals & Household Program:

**3,045** applications approved for **\$7,019,206**

### SBA Disaster Loan Assistance Centers

- \* Northwest Ambulance District (**Geneva**)
  - \* Lakeland Community College East (**Madison**)
  - \* First Congregational United Church of Christ (**Painesville**)
  - \* Mentor Senior Center (**Mentor**)
  - \* Eastlake City Hall Building (**Eastlake**)
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### FEMA DR-1651 - Declared: July 2, 2006

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

**Registration Deadline: August 30**

FEMA Individuals & Household Program:

**5,5,235** applications approved for **\$7,864,613**

## EMA Updates

### New to Ohio EMA

**Doreen Dawkins**, Intermittent Planner 3  
Readiness and Response Branch  
Operations Division

**Carla Marable**, Intermittent Planner 3  
Plans Branch  
Operations Division

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### Leaving Ohio EMA

**Deb Pearson**, Plans Branch - transferring and promoted to Deputy Director, Fairfield County EMA

**Charles (Rick) Ponder**, Communications Branch - promoted and transferring to Ohio State Highway Patrol.

**Darryl Walden**, Radiological Branch Supervisor - retired after 27 years of state service, July 31.

**Rita Steele**, Fiscal Branch Chief - retiring after 27 years of state service (four years with Ohio EMA), August 31.

\* Corrected August 2006 calendar is posted on the Ohio EMA Web page.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August 20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> ODRC - FS Exercise FADRC - AG 100 Ross County	<b>September 1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>5</b> FADRC - AG 100.3 Delaware County Tactical TAC ODOT-A	<b>6</b> Behavioral Health TAC Ohio EMA Communications TAC Ohio EMA	<b>7</b> Animal Health Emergency TAC ODOT-A	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> EMA Directors' Seminar Clarion Hotel, Dublin	<b>15</b> Foreign Animal Disease Responder Course - AG 100.4 Butler County	<b>16</b> Toledo UASI/FS Exercise (TICP Validation)

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>

UASI: Urban Area Security Initiative - TICP: Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan - FS: Full Scale Exercise