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More Than 140 Attend the Fall Seminar on Emergency Management and Homeland Security

County emergency management agency and homeland security directors and staff, first responders, elected officials from across Ohio attended a seminar of emergency management and homeland security, hosted by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Topics for discussion included Incident Command, Exercises and Training, National Incident Management System, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Initiatives and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness.

Participants also received updates from agency directors or personnel with the Ohio Departments of Agriculture, Emergency Management, Health, and Homeland Security.



Columbus, OH - Steve Wagner, Ohio Department of Health address state and local emergency management and homeland security directors and staff on pandemic influenza preparedness at the biannual emergency management and homeland security seminar. (Ohio EMA photo - 09/14/06)

September is ... National Preparedness Month

Ready Business - Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

Emergency Planning for Employees

Employees and co-workers are a business's most important and valuable asset. Every business should have a disaster preparedness plan. Ensure to include what people will need to recover after a disaster. Staff will need time to ensure the well-being of their families, but getting back to work is also important to the personal recovery of people who have experienced disasters.

1. Two-way communication is central before, during and after a disaster. Include emergency preparedness information in newsletters, on company intranet, periodic employee e-mails, and other internal communications tools.
2. Talk to co-workers with disabilities. Ask what additional assistance is needed in an emergency.
3. Frequently review and practice your plans with drills and exercises.

Homeland Security Current Threat Level (Domestic & International Flights):

HIGH

Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries

(dated Sept. 11, 2006)

Correction to last week's entry on MARCS:

First paragraph - Ohio EMA Executive Director, Technical Support Division Director, and MARCS Program Director met with six county EMA directors who represented the Emergency Management Association of Ohio ... *(not representatives of only NE Ohio).*

Communications Update

The Communications Branch completed radio programming changes and updates on mobile and portable radios in the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association interoperable communications vehicle located in Lucas County, to support Toledo's Urban Area Security Initiative exercise on September 16.

Nuclear Power Plant Update

The Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and Beaver Valley Power Station units are operating at 100 percent power. The Perry Nuclear Power Plant is currently at 80 percent power, due to indication of an overheated thrust bearing.

Citizen Corps Update

The Plans Branch, with support from the Fiscal and Grants branches, completed the application review process, prepared and forwarded Fiscal Year 2006 Citizen Corps program grant notices of award packages last week. Fifty-nine applications were submitted for a total request of \$1,150,000. A total of \$465,657 will be awarded to county Citizen Corps projects through county emergency management agencies.

Animal Health TAC Meeting

Ohio EMA's Operations Division attended the first Animal Health Emergency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, September 7. The intent of the Animal Health TAC is to include entities involved in the protection, treatment and rescue of animals, as well as those involved with animal disaster control measures. The Ohio Department of Agriculture briefed on the role and activities involved with the Ohio Veterinary Emergency Responders (OVER). OVER has more than 700 members of veterinarian, animal health technicians and other animal professionals and volunteers. OVER will be used as the state-level coordination point for animal issues and concerns.

HSEEP Training Course

Ohio EMA will be hosting the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Training Course from October 24-26, 2006. This three-day course is for individuals involved in exercise programs and/or exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning. The HSEEP Training Course is a newly developed, advanced-level training course that incorporates exercise guidance and best practices from the HSEEP Volumes. Throughout the course, participants will learn about topics including exercise program management, design and development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning.

The HSEEP Training Course is an interactive course that allows participants to share personal lessons learned and best practices while gaining practical experience. In addition to the instructor led course presentations, the course includes small group activities, videos, group discussions, and introductions to HSEEP and related initiatives such as technology (e.g., HSEEP Toolkit) and capabilities-based planning (e.g., TCL and UTL). This blended approach will give participants hands-on experience that readily translates to real-world exercise responsibilities. Activities include creating exercise documentation, conducting exercise planning conferences and briefings, and practicing exercise evaluation.

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

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 Sept. 7): **6,016**
Registration Deadline: September 30, 2006
FEMA Individuals & Household Program:
3,766 applications approved for **\$8,536,027**

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Home/Personal Property Loans: **375**
Approved for **\$9,325,300**

FEMA DR-1651 - Declared: July 2, 2006
Federal IA disaster assistance available for six designated counties. **Registration Deadline: CLOSED**

FEMA Individuals & Household Program:
5,682 applications approved for **\$8,595,417**

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Home/Personal Property Loans: **663**
Approved for **\$13,802,600**

Ohio Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Madison, Ohio closes Friday, September 15.

Ohio EMA Updates

Marc Burdiss, Field Liaison for the following counties: Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby.
Ohio EMA Field Operations, Training & Exercise Branch
Phone: 614-799-3684

Rebecca Perkins, Radiological Secretary (last day is September 21)

County EMA Updates

Belmont County Emergency Management
E-Mail: **belmontcoema@aol.com**

Darke County Emergency Management
E-Mail: **june@darkecountyema.org**

No Pager

Deputy Director: **Mindy Saylor**

Defiance County Emergency Management
Mark Hopper, Director (last day is September 21)
Julie Fowler, Director (effective September 22)

Fairport Harbor (Lake County) is no longer sanctioned because it is now a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) community. Fairport Harbor residents who have received storm damage during DR-1656 incident period can apply for federal disaster assistance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 10	11	12	13 <i>EMAO Meeting Clarion Hotel, Dublin</i>	14 <i>EMA Directors' Seminar Clarion Hotel, Dublin</i>	15 Foreign Animal Disease Responder Course - AG 100.4 Butler County	16 Toledo UASI/FS Exercise (TICP Validation)
17	18 Medical TAC Ohio EMA	19 HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	20 Damage Assessment Ohio EMA Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	21 Debris Management Ohio EMA Water TAC Ohio EMA	22	23 <i>Autumn Begins</i>
24	25	26 Foreign Animal Disease Responder Course - AG 100.1 Logan County	27	28	29	30 Cincinnati UASI FS Exercise (TICP Validation)
October 1	2 Canine TAC ODOT-A	3 CAMEO (LSU) - Ohio EMA (Oct. 3-5) ICS Train-the-Trainer - Ohio EMA (Oct. 3-6) Perry Nuclear Power Plant DRY RUN	4 Communications TAC Ohio EMA	5	6	7

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

OHIO EMA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Radiological Instrument Services Manager

Step 1 Salary: \$23.71 - \$30.96

Date Posted: September 12, 2006

Application Due: September 22, 2006

Under the supervision of the Disaster Service Administrator, manages the Radiological Systems Maintenance Program; directs and supervises the State Radiological Maintenance & Calibration Facility.

Minimum Qualifications: Completion of associate core program in electronics, electronics engineering or electrical engineering; 12 months experience in electronics with included at least six months experience using radiation detection instruments, practicing radiation safety; calibration, repair and maintenance of radiological detection and monitoring instruments.

Plans and Field Operations, Training & Exercise Branches Secretary

Step 1 Salary: \$14.58 hourly - \$17.14

Date Posted: September 12, 2006

Application Due: September 22, 2006

Job Duties: Under general supervision and direction from branch chiefs of Field Operations, Training & Exercise and Plans; provides secretarial assistance through routine administrative tasks.

Minimum Qualifications: One year training or experience in secretarial science, including operation of typewriter or word processing equipment.

Radiological Branch Secretary

Step 1 Salary: \$14.58 hourly - \$17.14

Date Posted: September 12, 2006

Application Due: September 22, 2006

Job Duties: Under general supervision and direction from the Radiological branch chief, and direction from the Operations Division Director, provides secretarial assistance through routine administrative tasks.

Minimum Qualifications: One year training or experience in secretarial science, including operation of typewriter or word processing equipment.

Telecommunications Technician Coordinator (2 positions available)

Salary: \$19.43 - \$24.53 hourly

Date Posted: June 13, 2006

Date Expires: Open until filled

Job Duties: Under the general supervision of the Telecommunications Technician Supervisor, assist in the planning, engineering, installation, removal, inspection, repair, test and maintains telecommunication equipment (e.g. agency telecommunications, mobile radio, radio control stations, consoles, in-premise data and voice wiring systems, satellite, MARCS, STORMS, EOC/JDF telephone switching). **Minimum**

Qualifications: Completion of associate core program in electronics, electronic engineering or computer science; 24 months experience in installation, repair and maintenance of telecommunications and/or electronic data processing equipment/devices.

Telecommunications Technician Manager

Salary: \$26.08 - \$34.15 hourly

Date Posted: September 5, 2006

Date Expires: September 15, 2006

Job Duties: Under the direction of the Division Director for Technical Support, recommends and enforces telecommunication policy for Ohio EMA; develops and establishes emergency management telecommunications and warning capability (i.e., STORMS, NOAA Weather Radio system, EAS, MARCS, Transportable Communications System). **Minimum Qualifications:** Completion of associate core program in electronics, electronic engineering or computer science; 24 months experience in installation, repair and maintenance of telecommunications and/or electronic data processing equipment/devices.

Visit www.ema.ohio.gov (then click on EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES) for additional job information.