





***This Week in Ohio EMA***

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## September is National Preparedness Month

### Get Prepared. Get Involved.



National Preparedness Month is a nationwide coordinated effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sponsors National Preparedness Month 2006, which is focusing on family emergency preparedness.

The goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies, to include natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks, and to encourage individuals to take action to prepare themselves and their families. The month provides Americans with a variety of opportunities to learn more about emergency preparedness.

Throughout the year, DHS promotes individual emergency preparedness through the Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps as part of a broader national effort conducted by the department's Preparedness Directorate. Ready is a national public service advertising campaign produced by The Advertising Council that is designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Citizen Corps and the Department of Homeland Security's grassroots effort localizes preparedness messages and provides opportunities for citizens to get emergency response training; participate in community exercises; and volunteer to support local first responders.

Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for additional information on emergency preparedness.



*Wal-Mart stores throughout the state partnered with the Ohio Department of Public Safety to help promote National Preparedness Month by holding public awareness events on emergency preparedness.*

*Wal-Mart ensures the public that its stores have everything needed to organize emergency preparedness kits. Pictured from left to right are representatives of Ohio's National Preparedness Month Coalition: Paul Bender, Ohio Citizen Corps; Jeff Jordan, Montgomery County EMA director; Kevin Stover, Dayton Wal-Mart; and Nancy Dragani, Ohio EMA executive director.*

## [Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries \(dated September 18\)](#)

### **Nuclear Power Plant Updates:**

On Saturday, September 16, Ottawa County reported that a helicopter had gone into Lake Erie approximately 2,000 feet (one-half mile) north of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. The helicopter, flying very low, was conducting mapping of unexploded ordinances left under Lake Erie from Camp Perry training firings. The US Coast Guard, Carroll Township, Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ottawa sheriff responded to the scene. Carroll Township transported the two individuals from the helicopter to Magruder Hospital. Both were treated and released.

### **UASI TICP Exercise - Toledo**

Staff from Ohio EMA participated in Toledo's Urban Area Security Initiative Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan full-scale exercise on September 16. The citywide exercise was facilitated in three locations: a shopping mall and two area schools. The terrorism exercise afforded a good opportunity for first responders and emergency managers to work together. More than 200 people representing Ohio EMA, FBI, Department of Homeland Security, Lucas County EMA and local fire, EMS and law enforcement participated.

### **RISC Meeting in Chicago**

The Ohio EMA Plans Supervisor attended a FEMA, Region V Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) meeting in Chicago on Wednesday, September 13. The meeting focused on incorporating innovative ways for different federal transportation agencies to use available assets (lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina). The theme of the presentations was transportation/evacuation-based in response to a catastrophic event.



### **NOAA Weather Radio A National Public Alert System**

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from a nearby National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information such as environmental, natural and public safety announcements, 24 hours a day.

Known as the "Voice of NOAA's National Weather Service," NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), part of the Department of Commerce. NOAA Weather Radios require a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at the following seven frequencies:

162.400	162.425	162.450
162.475	162.500	162.525
162.550		

### **WANTED: EXERCISE SET-UP WORKERS**

**What:** Cincinnati Urban Area Security Initiative Full-Scale Terrorism Exercise  
Saturday, September 30, 2006

**Where:** Cincinnati Reds Stadium, Downtown Cincinnati.

**When:** Set-Up: Friday, Sept. 29, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
and Friday, Sept. 29, 1:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Tear-Down: Saturday, September 30,  
Noon until Finished.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and tear down 21 tent structures that are needed for the UASI exercise's alternate care centers.

Contact **Lisa Humble** at (513) 946-7851 or e-mail: [lisa.humble@health.hamilton-co.org](mailto:lisa.humble@health.hamilton-co.org)  
to volunteer or for additional exercise information.

**EMA UPDATES**

**Athens County Emergency Management**

**Mark Smith, Director**  
(last day in office: September 22)

**Portage County Emergency Management**

**Mark Griffiths, Director**  
(last day in office: September 29)  
**John Mason, Interim Director** (effective October 2)  
Office: 330-297-3607  
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**E-Mail: [jmason@portageco.com](mailto:jmason@portageco.com)**



*Mark Your Calendars!*  
**Winter Severe Weather Awareness Week is:**  
**November 12-18, 2006**

Stay tuned to the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site: [www.ocswa.ohio.gov](http://www.ocswa.ohio.gov) for winter weather safety and preparedness information.

The site contains links and information to help teach citizens how to plan, prepare for and respond to hazards that typically affect Ohio (floods, thunder and lightning storms, tornadoes, snow and ice storms, extreme heat, fire, etc.) Ohio emergency responders will receive electronic notification once the OCSWA Web site has been modified.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**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. 17): **6,016**

**Registration Deadline: September 30, 2006**

FEMA Individuals & Household Program:  
**3,850** applications approved for **\$8,738,045**

**Small Business Administration (SBA)**

Home/Personal Property Loans: **443**

Approved for **\$11,140,400**

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

Federal IA disaster assistance available for six designated counties.

**Registration Deadline: CLOSED**

Total registrations: **12,576**

FEMA Individuals & Household Program:  
**5,711** applications approved for **\$8,634,871**

**Small Business Administration (SBA)**

Home/Personal Property Loans: **720**

Approved for **\$15,221,100**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September 17</b>	<b>18</b> Medical TAC Ohio EMA	<b>19</b> HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	<b>20</b> Damage Assessment Ohio EMA Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	<b>21</b> Debris Management Ohio EMA Water TAC Ohio EMA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Autumn Begins</i>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Foreign Animal Disease Responder Course - AG 100.1 Logan County	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Cincinnati UASI FS Exercise (TICP Validation)
<b>October 1</b>	<b>2</b> Canine TAC ODOT-A	<b>3</b> CAMEO (LSU) - Ohio EMA (Oct. 3-5) ICS Train-the-Trainer - Ohio EMA (Oct. 3-6)	<b>4</b> Perry Nuclear Power Plant DRY RUN Communications TAC Ohio EMA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  COLUMBUS DAY	<b>10</b> URSB Meeting Ohio EMA - 1:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> TAC Chair ODOT-A Donations Mgmt Ohio EMA	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>

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