



This Week in Ohio EMA

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Mock Disaster Exercise Tests First Responders at the Great American Ball Park

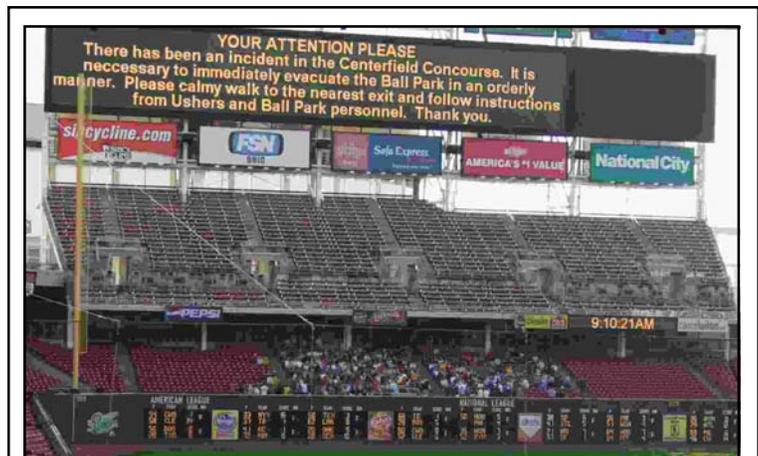
Last Saturday, September 30, first responders from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana conducted a full-scale disaster exercise on Cincinnati's central riverfront. The exercise simulated a terrorist attack at the Great American Ball Park.

Through the combined efforts of local, state and federal agencies and organizations throughout the tri-state region, the full-scale exercise gave emergency management and response personnel an opportunity to practice disaster plans and evaluate their response to a large-scale incident.

The exercise was the culmination of several years of planning by local officials representing jurisdictions covering a geographic area that spans 12 counties in Southwest Ohio, Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky (SOSINK).

During the exercise, officials used artificial smoke and loud noises to simulate the elements of an actual disaster. Also, 200 people were decontaminated, 2,500 people were evacuated from the stadium, 500 "victims" and 32 emergency medical vehicles transported injured "victims" to the local hospitals.

Since 2003, the SOSINK urban area has received more than \$40 million in federal homeland security grant dollars. The primary reason for the exercise was to validate the Cincinnati region's tactical interoperability communications plan.



The scoreboard at the Great American Ball Park instructs fans on how to evacuate.



The American Red Cross assists with individuals who need assistance after going through decontamination units.

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

HIGH

Wednesday's Severe Storms Bring Flooding, Tornadoes and Hail to Central and Southern Ohio

Severe weather brought tornadoes, flash floods and hailstorms to Central and Southern Ohio, Wednesday evening. By Thursday morning, Ross and Pike counties declared local emergencies due to flooding. Nine counties were impacted by the storms. No injuries were reported.

Pike County evacuated 60 families, and the Red Cross opened a shelter for 14 families. Lake White in Pike County sustained damage at its dam. Ross County reported flooding due to heavy rain. Residences and businesses are conducting damage assessment.

Franklin County reported approximately 25 homes damaged by wind and hail - some as large as golf balls.



Hail (photo search on Google)

Court Security and Emergency Preparedness

The Ohio Supreme Court has organized an advisory committee on court security and emergency preparedness. This committee consists of four subcommittees:

- Continuity of Operations
- Training for Court Personnel
- Incident Reporting
- Legislation

County EMA directors may have particular interest in the Continuity of Operations subcommittee. The goal of this committee is to have every municipal and county court develop continuity of operations plans and integrate them into the appropriate jurisdictions.

The COOP has noted that many of the courts do not participate in local preparedness activities. The subcommittee encourages courts to become more actively involved or finds solutions to involve participation.

Lake and Wood counties have representatives from municipal and county courts on the county advisory team. Department of Homeland Security grants provided funding for court security in Wood County.

The committee anticipates getting the municipal and county judiciaries involved with advisory teams in every county.

For additional information, contact Jim Dwertman of Ohio EMA Readiness & Response Branch, at (614) 799-3692.



Ohio Task Force 1 National Urban Search and Rescue Response System

Search Management and Planning Course

The Search Management and Planning course will teach a logical methodology - based on current land search and detection research conducted by the Department of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard, NASA and others in the past several years - for the response to searches from the first notice to a multi-day, multi-team extended search.

The intended student for this course is the individual search coordinator, planner or manager for his/her municipality, county or state agency. Student should have some experience in managing and coordinating land searches for his/her agency.

When: **October 23-27 (Monday - Friday)**
Arrive Sunday (October 22). Informal "ice breaker" at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Wyndham Hotel, Playhouse Square
1260 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
(216) 615-7500

Contact Darrel Wilt or Erla Wilson at
(937) 512-2030 for additional course
information.

EMA Updates

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Fairfield County Fair: October 8-14, 2006



Come visit the last scheduled county fair in Ohio. Come to the Fairfield County Fair in Lancaster, Sunday, October 8 through Saturday, October 14.

Make sure you pay a visit to the Fairfield County EMA trailer while you're there!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STATUS UPDATE

FEMA DR-1656 - Declared: August 1, 2006

Federal Individual Assistance for three counties.
 Registrations for IA (as of Sept. 26): **6,268**
Registration Deadline: CLOSED

FEMA Individuals & Household Program:
3,944 applications approved for **\$8,954,291**

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Home/Personal Property Loans: **511**
 Approved for **\$12,503,400**

FEMA DR-1651 - Declared: July 2, 2006

Federal IA disaster assistance available for six designated counties.

Registration Deadline: CLOSED

Total registrations: **12,606**
 FEMA Individuals & Household Program:
5,749 applications approved for **\$8,694,457**

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Home/Personal Property Loans: **778**
 Approved for **\$15,580,000**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		CAMEO (LSU)	Perry Nuclear Power Plant DRY RUN	OH EMA (Oct. 3-5)		
		ICS Train-the-Trainer - Ohio EMA (Oct. 3-6)				
	Canine TAC ODOT-A		Communications TAC Ohio EMA			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	 COLUMBUS DAY	URSB Meeting Ohio EMA - 1:30		TAC Chair ODOT-A		
				Donations Mgmt Ohio EMA		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Medical TAC Ohio EMA	HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	Water TAC Ohio EMA		
	School Roundtable ODOT-B					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Perry Nuclear Power Plant DRY RUN				
29	30	31	November 1	2	3	4
	Instructional Skills - Ohio EMA (Oct. 30 - Nov. 2)					
<i>Daylight Savings. Set clocks BACK one hour.</i>		 Halloween	Communications TAC Ohio EMA			

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