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## **SBA Loans and State Individual Assistance Program Available to Flooded Southern Ohio**

The Small Business Administration (SBA) approved Governor Bob Taft's request for Pike County to be granted an SBA declaration on October 26. With this declaration, residents and business owners of Pike and its contiguous counties of Adams, Highland, Jackson, Ross and Scioto who sustained flood damage caused by the October 4 storms are eligible to apply for the SBA Disaster Loan Program.

In addition to the SBA loan program, the governor authorized the implementation of the State Individual Assistance (IA) Program. The State IA Program is designed to provide grants for disaster-related unmet needs to individuals and families who have uninsured essential private property damages or losses.



*October 5, 2006 - A road in Pike County is converted to a rushing stream after severe storms and floods damaged numerous homes, bridges and roadways on October 4.*

The State IA Program was developed at Ohio EMA in 2000 and revealed publicly by Governor Taft in January 2001 as part of his 2002-03 budget request to the Ohio General Assembly. The program does not duplicate disaster assistance from any other available sources, but fills a gap for those who have serious and essential unmet needs or losses not addressed by the Small Business Administration, insurance, voluntary agencies or other state agencies.

To be eligible to apply for State IA Program assistance, applicants must first apply for a home/personal property disaster loan from the SBA and be denied or determined ineligible for a loan. The current maximum grant amount is \$16,800.

Since its availability in July 2001, the State IA Program has provided 264 grants totaling \$1,779,213 (average grant total: \$6,769) to individuals and families affected by five gubernatorial and SBA-declared disasters in Ohio.

For additional information on the State IA Program, contact the Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch at (614) 889-7171.

**Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries**  
(from October 31 report to ODPS director)



**Winter Safety Awareness Week is November 12-18**

**Cross-Border Conference**

Assistant Attorney General and Ohio EMA's Legal Counsel Tammy Little participated in the Cross-Border Public Health Preparedness Conference in Pittsburgh, on October 25. The conference was presented by the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Public Health Preparedness.

The audience was comprised of local public health officials from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Ms. Little presented an introduction of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and participated in a panel of EMA officials from the three represented states.

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**Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact**

The Plans Branch facilitated a meeting last week to discuss incorporating Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) procedures into the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Response System. Issues of discussion included reimbursement procedures and the transference from fire or law enforcement response plans to IMAC.

With temperatures dipping down to the 30s already, Ohioans have had to pull out the heavy jackets and blankets to keep warm. The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness recommends the following as people prepare for the cold, winter months:

Invest in a NOAA Weather Radio or Public Alert Radio. Every home, school and business should have a public alert radio. Weather and public alert radios are designed to signal for various alerts to include weather emergencies, child abductions and acts of terrorism.

Make a disaster preparedness plan. Every home, school and business should have a written plan for any possible emergency, and know what to do, where to meet, and where to go in the event of power outages, ice storms, flooding, fires or tornadoes.

**Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Training Course**



Ohio EMA Exercise staff, in partnership with L-3 Titan and Bridgeborn Government Solutions, conducted the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Training Course in Columbus, October 24-26. The course was attended by 41 students, representing cities and counties across Ohio, as well as state agencies, U.S. Coast Guard and Illinois.

The HSEEP Training Course is a newly developed, intermediate-level training course that incorporates exercise guidance and best practices from the HSEEP volumes. Throughout the course, participants received instruction on topics such as exercise program management, design and development, conduct, evaluation, improvement planning and the HSEEP toolkit.

A pilot course was conducted here in October 2005 and was one of only four pilots offered nationally. The HSEEP Training Course was subsequently submitted and approved as a Department of Homeland Security-approved course in early 2006. The course conducted in Ohio this past week is the first offering of this course that has been conducted in the United States since the course received DHS approval. An additional course is tentatively scheduled to be conducted by late summer or early fall, 2007.

For additional information, contact Darren Price, MEP, Exercise Program Manager, at (614) 799-3660 or via e-mail at [deprice@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:deprice@dps.state.oh.us).

**EMA Updates**

Ross County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Ross County Safety and Ross County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - New Location:

**Ross County Service Center**  
**475 Western Avenue**  
**Chillicothe, Ohio 45601**

Mailing Address (remains the same):  
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 Chillicothe, Ohio 45601  
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**Leaving Ohio EMA:**

**Doreen Dawkins**, Intermittent Planner 2  
 (Last day in office: November 9th. Starting Ohio Jobs and Family Services, Nov. 13.)  
*Best Wishes, Doreen!*



*Tuesday, November 7th*  
*Remember to Vote!*

**Including People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning**

The workshop "Including People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning" is intended for individuals planning prior to an incident, first responders, shelter staff and people with disabilities.

**December 7, 2006:** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
 Presentation by Hilary Styron, director for the National Organization on Disability's Emergency Preparedness Initiative.

**December 7, 2006:** 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
 Tabletop exercise that involves first responders and people with functional needs.

Fee: No charge, but pre-registration is required. Call 614-287-5997. Visit [www.olrs.ohio.gov/ASP/CSCCEM.asp](http://www.olrs.ohio.gov/ASP/CSCCEM.asp) for more information.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 29</b> <i>Daylight Savings.</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Halloween</i>	<b>November 1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Election Day</i>	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Holiday Observed</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Veterans Day</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness - Winter Safety Awareness Week</b>						
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</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