



This Week in Ohio EMA

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Ohio EMA, State Agencies Plan Transportation Resources of Strategic National Stockpile



The Ohio EMA Plans Branch facilitated a meeting last week with staff from the Ohio Department of Health; Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections; Ohio Department of Transportation and Ohio State Highway Patrol on Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Transportation Resource Planning.

In 1999, Congress charged the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with the establishment of the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile. The mission was to provide a resupply of large quantities of essential medical material to states and communities during an emergency within 12 hours of the federal decision to deploy.

The SNS is a national repository of antibiotics, chemical antidotes, antitoxins, life-support medications, IV administration, airway maintenance supplies and medical/surgical items. The SNS is designed to supplement and re-supply state and local public health agencies in the event of a national emergency anywhere and at anytime within the U.S. or its territories. Every state has plans to receive and distribute SNS medicine and medical supplies to local communities as quickly as possible.

During a national emergency, state, local and private stocks of medical material will be depleted quickly. State and local first responders and health officials can use the SNS to bolster their response to a national emergency with a 12-hour Push Package, Vendor-Managed Inventory (VMI), or a combination of both, depending on the situation. Strategic National Stockpile is not a first response tool.

During EMA's meeting with state agencies, participants developed a scalable plan on transporting SNS supplies. A second meeting will be held on Nov. 20 to finalize transportation plan elements.

For additional information, contact the Ohio EMA Plans Branch at (614) 799-3688.



Allen County EMA Director Named 'Emergency Manager of the Year'

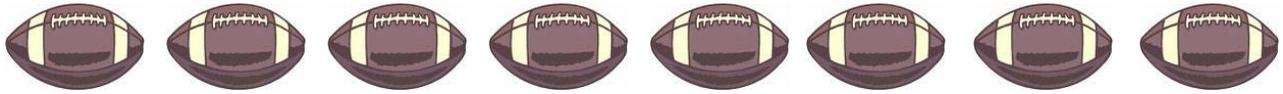
Russ Decker, director of the Allen County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management was awarded the prestigious Clayton R. Christopher Award as the nation's "Emergency Manager of the Year." The award was presented this week during the 54th Annual Conference of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) held in Orlando, FL. The IAEM also elected Mr. Decker as its president-elect for 2008-2009.

He will serve as vice president for IAEM for the next two years.

Decker was nominated by the Board of Allen County Commissioners, and is the 30th emergency manager to receive the honor. Decker has served as the Allen County EMA director since 1998.

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

HIGH



Winter Safety Awareness Week: November 12-18, 2006



Emergency preparedness kits are designed to be the basis for some of the supplies needed to have available when a disaster happens. Preparedness kits should be customized to meet your personal needs. The American Red Cross suggests the following basic supplies:

- At least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Hats and gloves
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Extra cash, credit cards, traveler's checks
- Manual can opener
- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- Basic tools (pliers, screwdrivers, hammer)
- Toilet paper/towelettes
- Disinfectant
- Plastic garbage bags
- Household bleach
- Hand sanitizer
- One gallon of water per person per day, to last at least three days
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables
- Canned or bottled juices
- High energy foods
- Medications (prescription & non-prescription)
- Important family documents/papers
- Extra eyeglasses
- Supplies for persons with special needs
- Cell phone, extra battery and charger

Important Dates to Remember:

National Flood Safety Week:
March 18-24, 2007

Ohio Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week: March 25-31, 2007

Statewide Tornado Drill: Wednesday, March 28th, at 9:50 a.m.

National Lightning Safety Awareness Week:
June 24-30, 2007

Ohio Winter Safety Awareness Week:
November 11-17, 2007

Union County EMA Honored during 'Salute to Leaders' Awards Banquet



Chris Schmenk (left), president of the Board of Trustees, Union County Chamber of Commerce presents the Salute to Leaders Award for Safety and Justice to Union County EMA Director Randy Riffle (center) and EMA Chief of Operations Marvin Gilbert.

NCR Evacuation Planning Meeting

The Ohio EMA Operations Division Director, Plans Branch Supervisor and the Ohio Department of Public Safety Director met with emergency managers from Kentucky Office, Pennsylvania and West Virginia last week to review evacuation planning efforts from the National Capitol Region in Washington, D.C.

The meeting's stakeholders agreed that traffic flow from the Washington, D.C. area must continue westward. Also, first responders must be able to communicate to each other using 800 megahertz radio systems for coordination purposes.

It was recommended that planning be conducted among states to coordinate evacuation routes, traffic control, shelter, emergency medical care, emergency refueling and route clearance.

Each state agreed to host future quarterly planning meetings.

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is looking to change its Web site domain from www.ocswa.ohio.org to something more "verbally friendly," like: www.ohiosevereweather.com. If you have any suggestions, e-mail them to ohioema@dps.state.oh.us.

Emergency Management Updates

Gary Radabaugh, Director
Jackson County EMA
resigning from position, Nov. 24

Dave Ford, Chief
Ohio EMA - Communications Branch
Technical Support Division

Ramona Hauenstein, Secretary
Ohio EMA - Transferred from Grants Division
to Operations Division, Radiological Branch

Todd Koah, Disaster Services Coord. 2
Ohio EMA - Transferred from Disaster
Recovery Branch to Mitigation Branch

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Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Week of Training: December 11-15, 2006

Condolences expressed to the family and friends of Joseph Bartlomain, former Trumbull County EMA director. Mr. Bartlomain passed away at home on November 9.

Emergency Management Incident Status Update

The Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Assistance Center that was located in Waverly, Ohio (Pike County), closed November 9 at 4 p.m.

The Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch also accepted State Individual Assistance (IA) Program applications at the center through the close of business Nov. 9. The State IA Program received 28 applications and approved 13, for a total of **\$83,623** (which includes two maximum grant approvals of **\$16,800** each). Applications will continue to be accepted through December 26.

The SBA disaster loan applications are still in process; a report from SBA will soon be available.

FEMA DR-1656 (Disaster Period: July 24 - Aug. 4)
Federal Individual Assistance (IA) for Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake counties

Total IHP Registrations: **6,293**

Registrations Approved: **3,999**

Total Amount: **\$9,175,272**

SBA Home/Personal Property Loans:
603 approved for **\$13,255,900**



Go Bucks! Beat Michigan!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness - Winter Safety Awareness Week</i>						
			Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	Water TAC Ohio EMA		
19	Medical TAC Ohio EMA Canine TAC Ohio EMA	21	22	 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	December 1	2
			Behavioral Health TAC - Ohio EMA			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Communications TAC Ohio EMA			

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

TAC: Technical Advisory Committee