



This Week in Ohio EMA



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County EMAs Encouraged to Apply for 2007 Citizen Corps Program Grant



The Ohio Emergency Management Agency has contacted county EMA directors requesting that they complete a "Notice of Intent" form for the 2007 Citizen Corps Program Grant. A "Notice of Intent" form was e-mailed to County EMAs earlier this week. The forms will help determine how many intend to apply for fiscal year 2007

Citizen Corps Program Grant that is available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as well as how much funding will be requested. County EMAs are eligible to apply on behalf of county Citizen Corps Councils.

Citizen Corps, a vital component of the president's USA Freedom Corps, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to emergency situations. Citizen Corps provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters.

Citizen Corps programs include Neighborhood Watch Program, Community Emergency Response Teams, Volunteers in Police Service, Fire Corps, and the Medical Reserve Corps. County EMAs should consult with their local health departments, law enforcement, fire departments and other partner agencies and organizations involved in disaster preparedness, response and recovery in determining the county's intent to apply, the amount to be requested and the programs seeking support.

Intent to Apply forms should be faxed or mailed by May 23, 2007 to:
Ohio Emergency Management Agency
Attn: Citizen Corps
2855 West Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235
FAX: 614-799-3652



CERT volunteers use a blanket to transport a victim to a treatment area (FEMA CERT file photo).

If additional information is needed, inquiries may be sent to: ohiocitizencorps@dps.state.oh.us.

Springtime is Here. Promote Severe Weather Awareness and Preparedness.

Flooding is Ohio's number one natural disaster, with tornadoes placing second. The National Weather Service issued tornado warnings for seven counties Thursday evening, and most of Ohio's 88 counties were under severe thunderstorm watches and warnings.

Every household, school and business should have a NOAA Weather Radio and an emergency preparedness plan. Staying informed and staying alert means staying safe. For additional information on weather preparedness, log on to www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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

HIGH

Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (dated April 23, 2007)

Special Project Applications

FY2007 Special Project Applications were due at Ohio EMA by April 20. Butler, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Hardin, Highland and Scioto counties submitted EOC construction project applications. Ohio EMA personnel from the Technical Support and Operations divisions met with Miami County Board of Commissioners last week to discuss the FY2007 EOC construction project proposal, at the request of the Miami County EMA director.

Contact Ohio EMA Technical Support for additional information at (614) 889-7156.

Low-Level Radiological Shipments

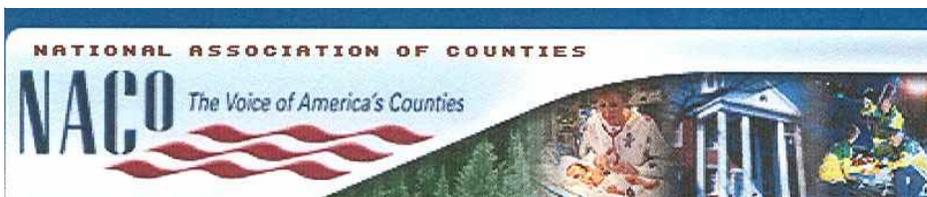
The New York West Valley Demonstration Project is in the process of shipping low-level radiological shipments by rail to the Nevada Test Site for disposal. Its shipment course crosses through Ohio as part of its normal commerce. West Valley will have approximately 140 shipments.

Contact Ohio EMA Radiological Branch for additional information at (614) 799-3822.

Pandemic Continuity of Operations

Ohio EMA is updating the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Pandemic Continuity of Operations Plan (PCOOP). Each division of Public Safety has an appointed point of contact for PCOOP planning. All revisions and edits are to be forwarded to coop@dps.state.oh.us.

Contact Ohio EMA Plans Branch for additional information at (614) 799-3693.



The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. Its membership totals more than 2,000 counties which represents more than 80 percent of the nation's population.

To assist counties in finding information about disasters and terrorism, NACo, under a cooperative agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, produced a toolkit that provides documents on the background and nature of various forms of terrorism; information for distribution to the public; a software-based decision-making tool for elected officials dealing with disasters; and a "Seven Signs of Terrorism" video that can be customized for Web streaming.

The toolkit is available "free-of-charge" to NACo member counties. Ohio currently has 50 counties that are members of NACo.

To request a toolkit, contact Rocky Lopes, NACo Homeland Security Manager at: rlopes@naco.org. For more information on the National Association of Counties, visit its Web site at: www.naco.org.



Get a Kit.

Make a Plan.

Be Informed.

Taking these simple steps can make a big difference in ensuring your and your family's safety.

The READY campaign is an initiative by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security designed to promote emergency preparedness.

www.ready.gov now offers special emergency preparedness information for older Americans, people with disabilities and other special needs, and for pet owners.

Get Ready Now.



National Crime Victims' Rights Week: *Every Victim. Every Time.*

Crime victims' advocate groups and organizations throughout Ohio hosted events and exhibits to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Activities including seminars, balloon launches, survivors and heroes luncheons, vigils and survivors'/family carnivals.

Since 1981, every April, the Office for Victims of Crime has lead communities throughout the country in their observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

President George W. Bush stated in his proclamation: "National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an opportunity to underscore our commitment to protecting the rights of crime victims and to recognize those who bring hope and healing to these individuals and their families. During this week, we especially remember and mourn the victims of the senseless acts of violence at Virginia Tech. A grieving nation honors the innocent lives lost in this tragedy and we pray for the families of the victims.

"During National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year, we remember and are grateful to our nation's victim service providers, volunteers, law enforcement and community organizations that support victims of crime through their commitment and compassion. To find out more information about victims' rights and volunteer opportunities, visit www.crimevictims.gov."

Ohio ended its week of recognition with its 2nd Annual Rally in Remembrance, held at the Statehouse Atrium, sponsored by Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann on April 27.

EMA Updates

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 (Last day with Ohio EMA - May 4.
 Congrats, Greg!)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23 Canine TAC ODOT	24	25 Water TAC Ohio EMA	26	27	28
29	30	May 1	2	3 School Incident Resp. TAC - ODOT	4	5
6	7	8 OCSWA State-Level Poster Contest Judging - Ohio EMA	9	10	11	12
Instructional Skills - CANCELED						
13  Mother's Day	14 Medical TAC Ohio EMA Emergency Planning - Ohio EMA	15 DBNPS Full-Scale Exercise HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	16 Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA	17	18	19  Komen-Columbus Race for the Cure
Homeland Security Planning - Ohio EMA						

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>
 TAC - Technical Advisory Committee; DBNPS - Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station