



This Week in Ohio EMA



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Federal Disaster Assistance Available to Six Flooded North-Central Ohio Counties



(Aug. 22) Flooded residential road. Photo by Findlay resident Tesia Ferrell.



(Aug. 22) Putnam County. Flood photo taken by Ottoville resident Joyce Honigford.

During the evening of Monday, August 20, northern and central Ohio was inundated with heavy rainfall and strong winds. Some areas received between 6 to 15 inches of rain within a 24-hour period. By Wednesday (Aug. 22), approximately 27 counties were affected by flooding and wind damage.

County and state emergency responders worked around the clock performing rescue and recovery missions and initiating preliminary damage assessments.

Governor Ted Strickland declared a state of emergency for nine counties: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland, Seneca, Van Wert and Wyandot. The governor's declaration ensured that state resources could be used to help affected Ohioans recover from the floods.

Gov. Strickland joined U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and FEMA Administrator David Paulison on August 23 to tour the flooded downtown area of Findlay (Hancock County). The governor, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown; U.S. Representatives Paul Gilmour, Marcy Kaptur and Jim Jordan; Ohio Senator Steve Buehrer; ODPS Director Henry Guzmán; Adjutant General Greg Wayt; and Ohio EMA Operations Division Director Mel House for an aerial tour of flooded areas in Crawford, Hancock and Wyandot counties

and met with residents and business owners in Findlay and Bucyrus.

By the evening of Monday, August 27, the governor announced that President George W. Bush granted a federal disaster declaration for Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Putnam, Richland and Wyandot counties, the worse-affected of the state's storm-damaged counties. Residents in these counties are now eligible to apply for federal individual assistance with FEMA. They are encouraged to register online at www.fema.gov or to call **1-800-621-FEMA** (3362), or **1-800-462-7585** (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free numbers are available daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



September is National Preparedness Month. Every American is encouraged to have an emergency preparedness plan and kit, and stay informed. A press conference kickoff event was held at the Ohio Statehouse on Friday morning (August 31).

During Week Two, Business Preparedness week of National Preparedness Month, Franklin County will host its kickoff event at the Statehouse West Plaza on September 11, Patriot's Day. During this time, Ohio citizens, businesses and organizations can network and connect and receive disaster preparedness information for individuals and businesses.

September 2007 marks the fourth annual National Preparedness Month by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. According to Governor Ted Strickland's proclamation for National Preparedness Month in Ohio,

- all Americans need to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies, to include getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, being informed about a range of natural and human-made threats to their communities; and
- all schools and businesses need to review their safety and security measures, enhance emergency response and recovery plans, provide staff training and practice emergency drills; and
- all Ohio schools, businesses, communities and families are encouraged to review the state's Ready campaign at the Web site: www.ready.ohio.gov.

The governor calls upon all Ohioans to recognize the importance of preparing for all potential disasters and emergencies by participating in September's scheduled preparedness programs and activities.



Ohio's scheduled activities for the month include:

- Week One:** Back to School and READY Kids - Kickoff events in Cuyahoga and Scioto counties
- Week Two:** Business Preparedness and READY Business - Kickoff event in Franklin County
- Week Three:** Multi-Cultural Awareness - Kickoff event in Lucas County
- Week Four:** Home and Family Preparedness and READY America - Kickoff event in Butler County

The ReadyOhio site now has a link to Ohio's Preparedness Month video, a promotional means for the month of September and emergency preparedness.

Partners of ReadyOhio include Ready.Gov; American Red Cross; Citizen Corps; and state agencies such as the Ohio Community Service Council/Ohio Citizen Corps; Ohio Department of Administrative Services; Ohio State Lottery and multiple divisions of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.



Perry Nuclear Power Plant Security Drill - Dry Run for the September 12 Exercise

In preparation for the September 12 security drill at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, more than 120 representatives from local, state and federal entities participated in a tabletop drill on August 22.

The purpose of both tabletop drills is test the plant's security measures and involves a terrorism component.

For the September drill, the Lake County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Perry Emergency Operations Facility and Joint Information Center will be fully activated; the state EOC will have partial participation.

Participating in the drill included: FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC); Nuclear Regulatory Commission; FBI; Ohio National Guard; Ohio Department of Health; Ohio EMA; U.S. Coast Guard; Lake County EMA; Lucas County EMA; Pennsylvania Bureau of Radiation Protection; Ottawa County; Lubrizol; Painesville Township Fire; Perry Fire; American Red Cross; Lake Hospital Systems; Lake County Health; Geauga County; North Perry Police; Lake County Sheriff; Ohio State Highway Patrol; Perry Village Police Department; Madison Township Police; and Geauga Sheriff's Office.



(Aug. 22, 2007) Larry Greene (center), Lake County EMA director, details his agency's actions during the Perry Nuclear Power Plant tabletop security drill. Also pictured: Rudy Sacchet (left, seated), Ohio EMA Radiological Analyst; Jim Beavers (far left), Perry Nuclear Power Plant; Steve Helmer (center, seated), Ohio Department of Health; and Rick Smith (far right), PNPP emergency preparedness manager.

Nuclear power plants across the country are conducting similar security drills. Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station will conduct its security drill in November 2008; Beaver Valley, in the spring of 2009.

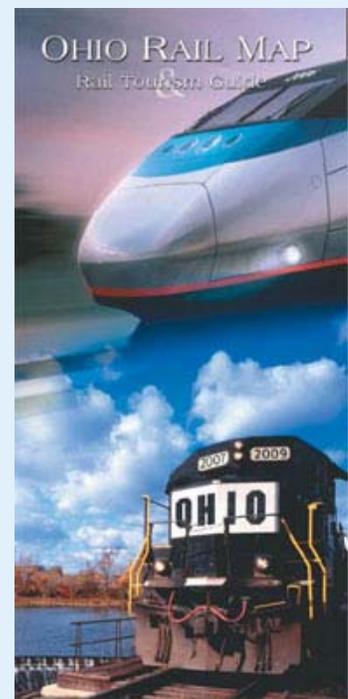
Ohio Rail Map Now Available Online

The 2007-2009 edition of the Ohio Rail Map is available from the Ohio Rail Development Commission's Web site: www.dot.state.oh.us/ohiorail/. The map's availability online is a direct result of the high requests for rail maps from local emergency management agencies, and police and fire departments.

More than 3,000 maps of the previous edition were distributed in 2005. The commission still has printed maps available, but supplies are limited. The online version can be printed in a high-resolution format, or whatever format is most suitable.

The main value of the Ohio Rail Map is to aid first responders when there is an incident involving a railroad. The map lists the owners and operators of railroads and also shows Ohio's major highways, airports and water ports, which can also be useful in determining what other modes of transportation could be affected by an event.

Contact Stu Nicholson, Ohio Rail Development Commission PIO at 614-644-0513 for additional information.



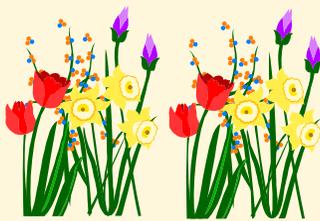
Ohio EMA Updates

Charles (C.J.) Couch, Chief of Public Affairs
 Obtained employment with the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C.
 Last day in office: September 4

Eddie Edwards, Radiological Analyst
 Retiring after 13 years of state service
 Last day in office: August 31

Joni Palumbo, Field Liaison
 Retiring after 31 years of state service
 Last day in office: August 31

Renee Young, Field Liaison
 Retiring after 30 years of state service
 Last day in office: August 31



Congratulations to all of you and good luck with your future endeavors. You will truly be missed.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

Carroll Township Trustee Meeting
 11080 West Toussaint East Road
 Oak Harbor (Ottawa County)

Wednesday, September 5
 7:30 p.m.

Topics of Discussion:

- Radiological Monitoring Equipment for Public Officials and Chiefs
- Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station Comprehensive Review

Representatives from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) will be in attendance.



September 3, 2007
Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day Weekend.



September is... National Preparedness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Labor Day 	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Week 1: Back to School & Ready Kids</i>		Damage Assessment NW OH - Canceled	Debris Management (1.5 Days) NW Ohio - CANCELED		Cost Documenta- tion - CANCELED	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Week 2: Business Preparedness & Ready Business</i>		<i>National Patriot's Day</i>	Perry Nuclear Power Plant Security Drill PNPP	<i>Fall Directors Seminar</i> <i>Ohio Fire Academy</i> <i>Reynoldsburg, Ohio</i>	ICS 700 & 800 ODNR, Athens OH	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<i>Week 3: Multi-Cultural Awareness</i>	Medical TAC Ohio EMA	HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<i>Week 4: Home and Family Preparedness</i>	<i>& Ready America</i>	Principles of Emergency Management Ohio EMA				
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Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training> - TAC - Technical Advisory Committee