



# This Week in Ohio EMA



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## FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Now Available

Ohio EMA recently announced to county EMA the availability of the FFY08 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program. The program focuses on planned, pre-identified and cost-effective mitigation projects that will lessen the impact of hazards on people and property. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures while reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations.

Local governments and public colleges/universities are eligible to apply through Ohio EMA for federal funding up to \$3 million per project and or \$1 million per plan (plan updates are capped at \$500,000).

Aspects of the PDM to consider:

- The program is based on a nationally competitive process. Only the most cost-effective projects, nationwide, can expect to be considered and approved for funding.
- Only communities in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program or those not yet mapped are eligible applicants.
- The program requires a 25 percent non-federal match. Few exceptions may apply.
- Applicants must have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan or a plan that Ohio EMA has reviewed and anticipates will be approved.

## OHIO PANDEMIC FLU [www.ohiopandemicflu.gov](http://www.ohiopandemicflu.gov)

*Provided by the Ohio Department of Health, Office of Public Affairs*

### **Free Pandemic Flu DVDs Provided to County EMA Directors by Ohio Dept. of Health**

Pandemic flu is one of the many threats Ohioans should be prepared for. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Office of Public Affairs has created a 12-minute DVD to instruct Ohio residents on steps needed to protect themselves and their families if an influenza pandemic were to occur.

Quantities of the DVD and planning booklet kit are limited, but ODH is making them available to all county emergency management agencies. In the next few days, ODH will send county EMAs a small box containing 30 DVDs and booklets to display in EMA lobbies or distribute to staff or residents.

A form will also be included to order additional free material on pandemic flu preparedness. Available material includes:

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| * tri-fold brochures (1,000/box)       | * 2007-08 coloring calendars (100/box)           |
| * activity cards (500/box)             | * poster on hand-washing (25/packet)             |
| * static clings (50/packet)            | * stand-alone planning booklets (375 or 500/box) |
| * DVDs with planning booklets (30/box) |  |

Contact Ann Kapple, ODH Office of Public Affairs, at (614) 644-8562 for additional information.

**Homeland Security Current Threat Level: ELEVATED - Significant risk of Terrorist Attack**  
**HIGH (or Orange) for Aviation Sector**

**ELEVATED**

## Walter Duzzny Retiring as Mahoning County EMA Director



Walter Duzzny, Director  
Mahoning County EMA

Walter Duzzny, director of Mahoning County Emergency Management Agency, recently announced his retirement from the director's position after 25 years of dedicated service. The Mahoning County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution approving his retirement, November 15. Duzzny's last day as the county's emergency management and communications director will be November 30.

"People remember when Mahoning County EMA was nothing more than a small office space in an attic," said Linda Fields-Schultz, Ohio EMA field liaison supervisor. "Walter's brought the agency a long way. He will be missed by many."

As the county EMA director, Duzzny oversaw Mahoning County establish 911 as its emergency call number, formed a hazardous material spill response team, upgraded the county's emergency warning sirens, opened the county's emergency operations center, and acquired regional emergency response vehicles and equipment using federal homeland security funds.

Walter Duzzny is also a retired colonel of the Ohio Army National Guard.

### Take Time Now to Prepare for Winter

Ohio's Winter Safety Awareness Week  
Ends Tomorrow



Even though Winter Safety Awareness Week is coming to a close, it is not too late for homes and businesses to prepare now for winter weather. The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness recommends the following in preparing for the upcoming cold, winter months:

**Modify your disaster preparedness plan.** Every home, school and business should have written plans for the different types of disasters that can occur in Ohio. Everyone should know what to do in the event of a snow or ice storm, a prolonged power outage, winter flood or fire. Prepare and practice drills that require sheltering in place and evacuation/escape routes. Note in your plans to check on your neighbors. Invest in a NOAA Weather Radio to stay updated on severe weather watches and warnings.

**Prepare winter disaster kits for the home and vehicle.** Winter emergency kits should include warm clothing, blankets, flashlights, batteries, coats, hats, gloves, a battery-operated radio, first aid kit, and enough non-perishable food and water to sustain every household member for at least three days. Ensure that vehicles have tune ups/maintenance checks and ensure that they keep at least a half tank of fuel to reduce the chance of fuel-line freeze up.

Visit [www.weathersafety.ohio.gov](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov) for more information.

### EMA STATUS REPORT

#### FEMA-1720-DR-OH

Incident Period: August 20-28, 2007

Individual Assistance for: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Richland, Putnam, Seneca and Wyandot counties (declared 08/27/07)  
Deadline to Apply for FEMA IA: **CLOSED**

Public Assistance for: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland and Wyandot counties (declared 09/11/07)

As of November 15, **145** Public Assistance projects have been approved for a total of **\$1,395,818**.

Cumulative number of registrations for the eight (IA) declared counties: **8,574** (as of COB 11/12).

#### By county:

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Allen    | 333   |
| Crawford | 1,748 |
| Hancock  | 2,742 |
| Hardin   | 127   |
| Putnam   | 898   |
| Richland | 1,993 |
| Seneca   | 127   |
| Wyandot  | 602   |

#### As of November 12:

|                                   |                |                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Indiv. & Households Program (IHP) | 5,439 approved | \$17.64 million |
| SBA Home/Personal Property        |                |                 |
| SBA Business Loans                |                | \$20.74 million |

**EMA Updates**

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**Walter Duzzny, Director**  
 Retiring November 30, after 25 years of  
 dedicated service as director of  
**Mahoning County Emergency  
 Management Agency**



**FEMA Course**

**E-901 All Hazards Recovery and  
 Mitigation, November 26-30, 2007**

The Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland is conducting the Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) All Hazards Recovery and Mitigation, with an emphasis on recovery and mitigation activities. This course places public officials and other key community leaders in a simulation that begins after a disaster has affected a community.

An outcome of this IEMC is to provide participants with the ability to carry out their respective functions related to disaster recovery, both short-term and long-term. The exercise scenario will focus on recovery from severe weather and related flooding. Mitigation activities to prevent or reduce the future impact of similar disasters will also be identified during the exercise.

To apply, complete a FEMA Form 75-5 General Admissions Application. Additional information is available at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/iemc> or contact William Tschumy at 301-447-1095.



| Sunday             | Monday                            | Tuesday                           | Wednesday   | Thursday                | Friday    | Saturday          |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>November 18</b> | <b>19</b>                         | <b>20</b>                         | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b>               | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>         |
|                    | Medical TAC<br>Ohio EMA           | HazMat TAC<br>Ohio EMA            |   | <br>Thanksgiving Day    |           |                   |
| <b>25</b>          | <b>26</b>                         | <b>27</b>                         | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>               | <b>30</b> | <b>December 1</b> |
|                    |                                   |                                   | Intermediate & Advanced ICS 300 and 400 Training<br>Hardin County -Ohio Northern University |                         |           |                   |
|                    |                                   |                                   | Water TAC<br>Ohio EMA   | Bomb TAC<br>ODOT Room B |           |                   |
| <b>2</b>           | <b>3</b>                          | <b>4</b>                          | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>          |
|                    | Canine TAC<br>ODOT Room B         |                                   | G-191 ICS/EOC<br>Interface - Ohio EMA   |                         |           |                   |
| <b>9</b>           | <b>10</b>                         | <b>11</b>                         | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>               | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>         |
|                    | Intermediate ICS-300<br>Coshocton | Intermediate ICS-300<br>Coshocton |   |                         |           |                   |

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training> - TAC - Technical Advisory Committee



**Go Bucks! Beat Michigan!**

