



This Week in Ohio EMA



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Ohio Department of Public Safety Holds First Community Information Sharing Day

Department works to meet and establish relationships with diverse communities



ODPS Director Henry Guzmán addresses participants during the forum of the Community Information Sharing Day at the Ohio Department of Public Safety. (Photo by Brian Kitay, OSHP Photographic Services Unit)

More than 150 representatives of central Ohio's diverse communities attended a community information sharing day, a forum as part of the Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) cultural competency initiative, on January 4.

Representatives from all ODPS divisions, including senior leadership and representatives from Governor Ted Strickland's office, Columbus City Council and U.S. Senator George Voinovich's office were in attendance. Nearly 50 community organizations from Central Ohio's diverse communities also participated, to include: Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, Arab American, African American, Somali, GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender), people with disabilities, youth, media representing these communities, and local government service providers. ODPS divisions and other participants set up exhibits representing their organization/population in an

effort to learn more about one another.

The goal (of Community Information Sharing Day) was to develop new relationships and create open dialogue so the department can work with the community to best serve the needs of all Ohioans," said ODPS Director Henry Guzmán.

To provide the best service to all of the state's residents and visitors, ODPS has instituted a Cultural Competency Initiative that will assist in implementing policies, procedures, training and relationship building that will help ODPS become more in sync with Ohio's communities. ODPS will continue to reach out to and learn about the state's growing diverse populations in an effort to become a more culturally competent service provider and ensure everyone in the state has access to vital safety services. In conjunction with learning about the state's diverse communities, ODPS will strive to more effectively educate these populations on state laws, policies and procedures that will assist them in becoming more knowledgeable and safe.

"Through the Cultural Competency Initiative, ODPS is taking a leadership role and partnering with local governments and diverse communities to ensure everyone has access to vital services, regardless of race, age, physical ability, class, language or socio-economic status," said Guzmán.

Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries

(From Ohio EMA's monthly report to ODPS, dated December 5, 2007 - January 8, 2008)

Small Crack Discovered at Davis-Besse Plant during Refueling Outage



Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station

The Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (Ottawa County) conducted a scheduled refueling outage on December 30. Davis-Besse was one of several plants instructed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to shut down in 2007 to inspect a number of welds that have experienced cracking on an industry-wide level.

On January 4, while attempting to complete a weld overlay, the plant discovered a small leak on one line of the decay heat removal system or decay heat suction line. A small leak of radioactive coolant water seeped out, but there was no danger or impact to public health and safety.

According to the NRC, the crack was described as the most common and easiest to type to fix. The crack measured 1.75 inches wide and was small enough to be welded. The plant is currently at zero percent power.

Ohio to be Assessed to Meet Emergency Management Accreditation Program Standards



The Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) is a voluntary review process for state and local

emergency management programs. Accreditation is a means of demonstrating, through self-assessment, documentation and peer review, that a program meets national standards for emergency management programs. The state of Ohio is preparing to have its emergency management program assessed to meet EMAP standards. The state's assessment period is May 19-24.

Accreditation is earned through an onsite assessment of compliance with a set of 63 standards in 19 programs, conducted by emergency management peers.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through FEMA, is paying for baseline EMAP assessments of emergency management programs in all 50 states. Ohio's estimated cost for EMAP, if independently pursued, would be approximately \$17,500, which includes the application fee, accreditation and costs incurred by the assessment team.

Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week: March 23-29, 2008

Statewide Tornado Drill: Wednesday, March 26
9:50 a.m.

EMA UPDATES

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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) - **CLOSED**

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

As of January 9, **296** Public Assistance projects have been approved for a total of **\$4,526,036**. FEMA has extended PA operations at the Findlay Processing Center until **February 6, 2008**.

As of January 7:

Indiv. & Household Program (IHP) 5,472 approved for \$18.0 million

SBA Home/Personal Property
SBA Business Loans \$23.88 million

Cumulative number of registrations for the eight (IA) declared counties: **8,579**.



The Standard for Lifelong Learning

International Association for Continuing Education & Training

The Ohio EMA training section of the Field Operations, Training & Exercise Branch is researching the possibility of providing continuing education and academic credit for emergency management courses. The proposal suggests that EMA partner with technical schools, community colleges and universities to host and deliver some emergency management courses and provide continuing education and academic credit for the courses.

The EMA training supervisor has talked with several schools about the proposal, and all expressed interest. A survey was sent to county EMA directors which resulted in a statewide interest.

EMA training submitted an application for accreditation to the International Association for Continuing Education & Training (IACET). Once accredited, Ohio EMA will be able to award continuing education credits recognized by IACET to its students.

Courses credited by IACET will have its logo on the EMA completion certificate.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<i>Amber Alert Awareness Day</i>	CAMEO - Ohio EMA					
		<i>Mitigation Progress Reports Due</i>	Animal Health TAC Ohio EMA	Water TAC Ohio EMA		
20	21  <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	22	23 Animal Health Resource Wkgrp - EMA	24 Bomb TAC Ohio Fire Academy	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	February 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Exercise Design - Ohio EMA						(Feb 9 & 10) CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor Richland County

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training> - TAC - Technical Advisory Committee
Mitigation Progress Reports Due: HMPG, Flood Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Mitigation