



This Week in Ohio

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Statewide Flood Watches and Warnings Continue - Expect Minor Flooding in Areas

(From March 4 Spot Report and National Weather Service Forecast)



(3/19/08) Flood at Milford, Ohio, Little Miami. Photo submitted to Cincinnati.com by resident Larry Conover.



(3/19/08) Rescue workers help a woman and her dog from her partially submerged car in Loveland, Ohio. Photo submitted to Cincinnati.com by Tiffanie Hills.

Ohio currently has 11 counties with local declarations as a result of the heavy rain and flooding that started on March 19: Belmont, Butler, Carroll, Erie, Guernsey, Hamilton, Huron, Meigs, Morgan, Tuscarawas and Warren.

Ohio EMA's Field Operations staff maintains contact with counties that remain impacted by high water. There currently are no requests for state assistance and no reported major issues.

Scattered rain showers continued through the day, with heavy rain occurring in southern Ohio earlier today.

As of 3:20 p.m., the National Weather Service has issued flood **warnings** for areas in Adams, Coshocton, Defiance, Fulton, Tuscarawas and Williams counties.

Short term forecasts (flood watches) have been issued for areas in Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Licking, Madison, Meigs, Miami, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto, Union, Vinton, Warren and Washington counties.

For up-to-date information on Ohio road closures, go to www.buckeyetraffic.org.

For current NWS watches, warnings and advisories in Ohio, go to www.weather.gov/alerts/oh.html.

Ohio EMA/ODPS Spring Directors' Seminar on Emergency Management and Homeland Security

The biannual Emergency Management and Homeland Security directors' seminar was well attended, with 85 county emergency management agencies represented. The seminar took place at the Holiday Inn, East Columbus, on April 1 and 2.

Day One consisted of the following presentations and discussions:

- Identifying Needs of Ohio's Diverse Population - facilitated by Ohio EMA Planner Brad Schwartz. Speakers included Director Henry Guzmán, ODPS; Associate Vice President J.R. Thomas, Domestic Emergencies Unit, Save the Children; Director Barbara Riley, Ohio Dept. of Aging; Deputy Director Michael Rench, Ohio Dept. of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; Omar Alamari, Ohio Homeland Security; and Ezra Escudero, Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs.
- State Preparedness Report - Ohio EMA Plans Branch Chief Ted Filer
- Ohio EMA Divisions - Division Directors Mel House, Operations; Sima Merick, Mitigation, Recovery and Preparedness Grants; and Mark Patchen, Technical Support
- Ohio National Guard - Maj. Joe Gabriel, Military Support Officer
- National Weather Service - Gary Garnet, NWS-Cleveland
- Collaboration Opportunities with Public Health for Planning and Exercising - Adriana Pust, Ohio Dept. of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness
- Minnesota Bridge Collapse Response - Col. Mike Chesney, FEMA Region V
- Regional and National Advisory Council - Allen County EMA Director Russ Decker and Licking County EMA Director Jeff Walker
- National Infrastructure Protection Plan - Deputy Director Earl Mack, Jr., Ohio Homeland Security

Day Two consisted of a presentation of the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant program by Ohio EMA Interim Planner Supervisor Andrew Elder and two breakout sessions: Effective Communications and EMA Updates.

Guest speakers for Effective Communications included Cheryl Jenkins, Senior Emergency Preparedness Specialist of FirstEnergy; Tom Hunter, ODPS Communications Director; and Russ Decker, Allen County EMA Director.

EMA Updates consisted of presentations on National Incident Management System (NIMS); Distilling the Target Capabilities List; Dam Safety (Keith Banachowski, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources); and Grants Training.



Ohio EMA Plans Branch Chief Ted Filer provides a presentation and information on the State Preparedness Report, a requirement in the 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program guidance.



County and state EMA staff participate in the vendor show of first response/emergency response equipment during breaks of the directors' seminar.



National Exercise Schedule (NEXS)

Ohio Exercises

Contact Darren Price at deprice@dps.state.oh.us for additional information

04/08 Tabletop Exercise - Campus Shooting
Cleveland State University
Cleveland, OH (tabletop)
POC: Carol Mintz, c.mintz@csuohio.edu

04/10 Tabletop Exercise - Pandemic Influenza, COOP
Exercise Conduct (TTX, ODH, COOP)
Columbus, OH (tabletop)
POC: Jeff Jones, Jeff.Jones@odh.ohio.gov

04/18 - Northeast Ohio Pan Flu 08
05/16 Exercise Conduct - Pandemic Influenza
Parma, OH (functional)
POC: Ken Folsom, ken@gcdes.com

04/18 Operation Evacuation 2008
Exercise Conduct - Hospital Evacuation
Columbus, OH (tabletop)
POC: Barb Lyon, blyon@goodhealthcolumbus.org

05/16 Northeast Ohio Command Pan Flu
Exercise Conduct - Pandemic Influenza
Cleveland, OH (tabletop)
POC: Ken Folsom, ken@gcdes.com

05/29 Chicken Little's Calamity
Exercise Conduct - Pandemic Influenza
Cincinnati, OH (functional)
POC: Jerome Lautz, Jerry.Lautz@cincinnati-oh.gov

05/06 Summit County Epidemiology
Exercise Conduct - Food Contamination
Akron, OH (functional)
POC: not available

05/28 Ohio State University Campus Security
Exercise Conduct - Explosives
Columbus, OH (tabletop)
POC: not available

05/29 Wyandot County Health Department
Pandemic Flu Tabletop Exercise
Upper Sandusky, OH (tabletop)
Jeremiah Aigler, jaigler@co.wyandot.oh.us

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Introduction to Emergency Management in Ohio Ohio EMA					
	URSB Meeting Ohio EMA			Ohio AMBER Steering Committee Ohio EMA		CERT Train-the- Instructor Fairfield County
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CERT Train-the- Instructor Fairfield County		Mitigation Progress Reports Due	Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	Water TAC Ohio EMA		Passover begins at sundown
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3

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