



# Ohio's Emergency Management News



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## National Preparedness Month | September 2009

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), a nationwide effort encouraging Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. This year marks the sixth NPM. On Friday, August 28, Ohio Department of Public Safety joined preparedness partners, including FEMA, the Central Ohio Transit Authority and the Ohio Community Service Council, to kick off the 2009 campaign.

NPM 2009 is focusing on changing perceptions about emergencies and helping Americans understand what it truly means to be *Ready*. Throughout the month of September, county emergency management agencies, Red Cross chapters, schools, churches and local businesses will host activities and events that highlight the importance of emergency preparedness.

"The state of Ohio is no stranger to disasters and weather emergencies. We can ensure that the state is able to adequately respond to and recover from whatever comes our way by making sure we are all Ready," said Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry Guzmán. "Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed. And get involved. Every Ohioan should take the necessary steps now to keep themselves and their families safe, prepared and ready."

A signed Governor's Proclamation declaring National Preparedness Month in Ohio was presented to Nancy Dragani, executive director of Ohio EMA.

Examples of *Ready* activities include first aid/CPR training; preparing emergency plans; participating in neighborhood watch meetings; practicing tornado and fire drills; and organizing emergency preparedness information at fairs, churches, schools and businesses. Visit [www.ready.ohio.gov](http://www.ready.ohio.gov) for additional preparedness information and resources.

*National Preparedness Month is an initiative of the federal Department of Homeland Security, sponsored by FEMA's Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps.*



Ohio EMA Executive Director Nancy Dragani introduces Jim Opoka, FEMA Region V's deputy federal preparedness coordinator during the NPM kickoff event.



The Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus Police Department and the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) present bomb detection demonstrations with specially trained dogs during the NPM kickoff event at the State EOC.

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### Ohio Events



#### Be Prepared Ohio 2.0: Hamilton County's Preparedness Conference

The first *Be Prepared Ohio* conference was held last year in September, just days after the remnants of Hurricane Ike left hundreds of thousands of people in the southwest region without power for days. The blackout made citizens and organizations realize how unprepared they were for emergencies.

*Be Prepared Ohio 2.0*, presented by the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and the Emergency Preparedness Collaborative, is September 22 at the Sheraton Cincinnati North Hotel. The day-long conference will pick up where the first event left off: What lessons were learned from the 2008 blackouts? What can people with functional needs, their caregivers and services that work with them do to prepare for emergencies such as extended power outages, severe storms and disease outbreaks?

*Be Prepared Ohio 2.0* will bring together emergency responders, public health and social service agencies, citizens with functional needs, and caregivers to share information and resources on how to prepare for emergency that may affect the southwest region.

The event is held in coordination with National Preparedness Month. Educational workshops are offered for emergency responders, social workers, medical professionals, and the general public. Admission is FREE for senior citizens, disabled individuals, families and caregivers.

For additional information, registration and the agenda, visit the Council on Aging Web site at: [www.help4seniors.org/event-detail.asp?ref=1006](http://www.help4seniors.org/event-detail.asp?ref=1006)



#### Delaware County Emergency Management NPM Open House - Sept. 12, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

10 Court Street, Delaware 43015

Office: 740-833-2180

#### Clermont County Proclaims September as National Preparedness Month

August 26, 2009 - The Clermont County Board of Commissioners presented the Citizen Corps Council of Clermont County a proclamation that the county recognizes September as National Preparedness Month.

Pictured from left to right: Dan Brewer, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) president; William Schroeder, CERT member; County Commissioner Robert Proud, holding Sherman the County Animal Response Team (CART) mascot; Sandy Wright, CART member; Bonnie Morrison, CART member; County Commission President Edward Humphrey, County; and County Commissioner Scott Crosswell.



**Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Promotes/Hosts Citizen Readiness Events for NPM 2009**

**September 9 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Citizen Corps Disaster Preparedness and Volunteer Response Public Meeting**

Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Avenue, Columbus

- Community preparedness
- H1N1 preparations
- City of Columbus Evacuation Plan
- How citizens can become involved as volunteers

**September 25 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**2009 Norfolk Southern/Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TRANSCAER) 'Whistle-Stop Tour'**

Norfolk Southern Bulkmatic Facility, 1875 Frebis Avenue, Columbus

Rail-transport safety training for emergency responders - a nationwide program that helps communities prepare for possible hazardous material transportation incidents.

**September 29 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Emergency Preparedness Assistance for Local Somali Community**

Somali Community Association of Ohio Community Center, 3422 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus

Franklin County EM&HS will present the SCAO with an emergency weather radio and instructional information about the county's emergency warning system.

**Starting September 1**

**Volunteers for 'Siren Watch' Program**

Franklin County EM&HS and FirstLink are recruiting volunteers for performance monitoring of Franklin County's outdoor warning sirens.

Contact FCEM&HS PIO at 614-794-0213 for more information.

**EMA Updates**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	<b>16</b> Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	<b>17</b> Water TAC Ohio EMA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Damage Assessment Ohio EMA	<b>23</b> Debris Management Ohio EMA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Cost Documentation Ohio EMA	<b>26</b>

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>

\* TAC - Technical Advisory Committee