



Ohio's Emergency Management News

Aftermath of September 16, 2010 Tornadoes – Meigs County



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Spring and Summer Storms Take a Toll on Ohio

Spring in Ohio this year has proven to be one of the wettest, stormiest seasons on record. According to the National Weather Service in Wilmington, parts of Ohio have exceeded record rainfall for the entire year. Wilmington's region, as of June 22, received nearly 40 inches of rain. The normal annual rainfall is 37 inches.

Ohio has been hit with heavy rains, hailstorms, straight line winds, tornadoes, floods and flash floods—and it's only been seven months into the year.

Jackson and Lawrence counties were granted an SBA-only disaster declaration on June 3 as a result of severe storms and flash flooding that occurred May 10-11. The SBA disaster declaration includes the contiguous counties of Gallia, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton. The flash flooding resulted in one fatality in Scioto county and caused significant damage to residences and businesses.

As a result of this declaration, the State Individual Assistance Program was made available to all counties impacted by the storms and floods. The State IA grant program is intended for uninsured homeowners and renters with eligible real property damages, personal property damages and funeral expenses who do not qualify for SBA low interest loans. Affected individuals have until August 1, 2011 to apply for a SBA loan.



(May 12, 2011) People were rescued from boats in Jackson county after heavy rains and flash floods / WBNS 10TV News Photo.

President Signs Federal Disaster Declaration for 21 Ohio Counties

Late Wednesday (July 13), President Barack Obama granted a federal disaster declaration for the state of Ohio. Gov. John R. Kasich requested a federal declaration for public assistance on June 15 for 21 counties as a result of flooding, flash flooding and severe storms that inundated the state in April and May.

Federal funding is available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms and flooding in Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton and Washington counties.

In early June, local, state and federal survey teams performed preliminary damage assessments in the storm-damaged counties and found the most severe impacts were to the public sector/infrastructure.

The PDA survey found nearly \$43.4 million in damaged infrastructure and response costs incurred. The PA program also encourages protection of the damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

All Ohio counties are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Beginning July 19, Ohio EMA's Disaster Recovery Branch will conduct Public Assistance Applicant briefings with the declared counties. Ohio EMA will disburse the federal funds upon receipt and processing of all required documents.



June 21, 2011—A creek in Olive Branch (near Batavia, OH) floods a bridge after nearly an hour-and-a-half of heavy rain. *Photo by Clermont County resident Kenny Dunn. Submitted photo to WKRC-Cincinnati*



The Perry County Emergency Management Agency provided photos to Ohio EMA as part of its damage assessment in April. This Perry County home sustained significant damage from straight-line winds/tornado.

Collaborative Leadership in Homeland Security

University of Connecticut-MGT-362

*Funded by a grant provided by DHS/
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The goal of the Collaborative Leadership in Homeland Security course is to equip homeland security leaders with requisite critical thinking skills and collaborative leadership abilities.

The course is a combination of an engaging online simulation, face-to-face interaction and follow-up online discussions.

5-week program: 4 weeks online;
1 week face-to-face

July 11-22, 2011
Online Crisis Simulation

July 25-29, 2011
Face-to-Face Seminar
Ohio Emergency Management Agency
2855 West Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio

August 1-11, 2011
Online facilitated discussion and reflection

After a successful completion of the program, participants earn a certificate conferred by the University of Connecticut and FEMA.

For additional information, go to: http://continuingstudies.uconn.edu/professional/homeland_security/leadership



Join an Ohio Citizen Corps Program

Get Prepared

- Have a household preparedness plan and disaster supply kit
- Prepare to take care of the seniors, children and pets in a disaster
- Participate in crime prevention and reporting

Get Trained

- Learn about home health and safety practices, including how to safely store household hazardous materials, safely shutoff home utilities, and use fire extinguishers
- Participate in CPR and first aid classes
- Take part in emergency preparedness courses

Get Involved

- Join groups that already support your local first responders – fire, police and rescue services
- Get involved with existing disaster relief and community safety organization
- Help educate your neighbors, coworkers, friends and family on how they can be better prepared

Join thousands of Ohio citizens who are already making a difference in preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters.

Ohio Citizen Corps Programs

- ⇒ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- ⇒ Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- ⇒ Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)
- ⇒ Fire Corps
- ⇒ Radiation Response Volunteer Corps (RRVC)
- ⇒ USAonWatch.org – Neighborhood Watch

Ohio Responds is an Ohio Citizen Corps volunteer opportunity website shared by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. For additional information on Ohio Citizen Corps, including volunteer services, go to:

<http://ohioresponds.gov/>





September is National Preparedness Month. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The nation’s theme for 2011 is “A time to remember. A time to prepare.” NPM is held every September and is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. Become a NPM Coalition Member. By joining the coalition, you agree to promote emergency preparedness during the month of September. Visit www.ready.gov. National Preparedness Month is sponsored by the Ready Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps.

Lucas County Emergency Management’s Ready-U Series—Available to the Public

MAKE A PLAN. GET A KIT. BE INFORMED.

READY

SAVING YOUR BACON
FINANCIAL READINESS
7/25/2011, 7-8 p.m.
 Wildwood Manor House
 Wildwood Preserve Management
 5100 W. Central Avenue, Toledo

In the aftermath of every emergency, questions arise on how affected households will be able to survive financially. Will you be able to rebuild if necessary? What happens if you cannot work? Will my insurance cover my losses? Will normal banking services be disrupted? Can I qualify for or even afford a disaster loan? Financial experts will advise you on the steps that you should begin to take today to prepare for the crisis that may lie in your future. Will your Piggy Bank save your bacon?

Hosted by 13abc's
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Jeff Traudt
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 State Farm Insurance Agency

Also Presented by
Timothy R. Croak
 President,
 Creative Financial Partners

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Ohio’s Scheduled Events National Preparedness Month

Observance of 9/11 at the Statehouse, Columbus, Friday, September 9 11:30 a.m.

“*Field of Flags*” Visual Memorial ~ Statehouse Lawn, September 9-12

“*OhioRemembers911*” ~ YouTube video for National Preparedness Month. Ohioans are encouraged to upload 3mm videos to tell of their experiences responding to 9/11 and how that day changed their lives.

Ohio Public Transit Association is working with the Ohio NPM planning committee in creating placards for buses promoting Ohio’s observance of National Preparedness Month.



2011 NIMSCAST and Ohio NIMS Implementation Guidance

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliance Assistance Support Tool, known as NIMSCAST, is a FEMA online system that tracks responses to the metrics for each federal fiscal year's NIMS objectives. NIMSCAST has features to assist in developing and monitoring corrective action plans for those metrics a jurisdiction or department has not yet met.

The purpose of NIMSCAST is to report the progress of NIMS implementation by the jurisdiction (or agency, in the case of state agencies). A jurisdiction should consider all applicable departments and disciplines (i.e., having a role in emergency and/or disaster response and recovery) in answering the NIMS metrics questions. Commentary relating to specific metrics is included to assist local and state agency NIMSCAST administrators in answering the metrics questions accurately.

Reporting FFY 2011 compliance will be done through the NIMSCAST online system NIMSCAST has carried over FFY 2010 responses to the FFY 2011 NIMSCAST. The FFY 2011 NIMSCAST rollup is due by September 14, 2011.

Every jurisdiction in Ohio with a population exceeding 5,000 already has an account in NIMSCAST, with permissions set up for a NIMSCAST administrator or multiple administrators for each account. In addition, the six major Ohio cities have established subaccounts specifically for the disciplines of law enforcement, fire and public health.

An updated version of the Ohio NIMS Implementation Guidance for FFY 2011 is available on the Ohio EMA website: <http://ema.ohio.gov/NimsGuidance.aspx>.

Ohio EMA Provides Communications Support During Summer Music Festival



Telecommunications and radiological personnel

From Ohio EMA provided interoperability

communications support during the ALIVE-11 Christian music festival held at the Atwood Lake Park, located in Carroll and Tuscarawas counties. The EMA personnel staffed the Ohio EMA Communications Vehicle at the event which ran June 22-25. The festival was hosted by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) and supported by the Carroll County EMA, Tuscarawas County EMA, and Staley Communications of New Philadelphia.

The comm van was used as the dispatching hub. EMA staff provided around-the-clock communications support to the Alive-11 event staff, Tuscarawas and Carroll county sheriffs, ODNR Watercraft Division, local fire departments, and EMS companies.

The MWCD and Alive-11 management commented that the quality of communications and support provided by Ohio EMA exceeded the configurations they had used in previous festivals. Alive-11 was their 24th annual Christian music festival. Their 25th event is scheduled for June 20-23, 2012.



Calendar of Events

July 11-August 11

Collaborative Leadership in Homeland Security:

July 11-22, online

July 25-29, Ohio EMA, Columbus

August 1-11, Online discussion

July 27-August 7

Ohio State Fair

August 6 (12 pm-1 pm)

OCSWA Severe Weather Awareness

Poster Contest Awards Ceremony

Ohio State Fair- Columbus

DiSalle Creative Arts Center

August 9

EOC/ICS Interface Course

Ohio EMA, Columbus

August 16-17

Community Mass Care Management

Ohio EMA

August 23

NIMS Resource Management

Ohio EMA, Columbus

September 8

Fall Directors Seminar, 9 am-1 pm

Ohio Fire Academy

8895 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg

September 13-14

Mass Fatality Incident Response

Hamilton County EMA, Cincinnati

September 27-29

Basic Public Information Officer Series

Ohio EMA, Columbus

November 1-2

Mitigation Planning Workshop

Ohio EMA, Columbus

Erie County EMA Director William Walker, Retiring

After more than 21 years of dedicated service, the director of Erie County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is retiring.



Serving as director of Erie County EMA since June 1990, Bill coordinated the implementation of the first countywide enhanced 911 phone system and developed the first Erie County Hazardous Materials team.

Also during his tenure, Bill served as president of the North Central Ohio Emergency Management Association and president of the Emergency Management Association of Ohio.

After 22 years of service, Bill Walker retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1990 as Master Sergeant. He and his wife of 40 years, Jeri, plan to enjoy their retirement in Middleburg, Florida.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Director, Erie County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 2900 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio

Posting/Application Period: July 18-29, 2011

REQUIREMENTS: Must possess a Bachelor's Degree in business administration, emergency management or related field. Previous experience in an emergency management agency preferred. Successful applicant must pursue EMA Professional Development Training and complete the four required courses within three years of appointment. The successful applicant must also complete the required National Incident Management System (NIMS) training, up to and including NIMS-400.

Erie County residency preferred. Completed applications must be received by 4:30 pm, July 29. The complete position description and application are available at www.eriecounty.oh.gov.