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# Ohio EMA Field Journal

Supporting Local Programs through Grants, Training, Exercising & Field Support

## Grants Gallery

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Ohio EMA will be sending out a new quarterly template to all sub-grantees who receive FY 13 Homeland Security Grant Funds and future awards. This will allow Ohio EMA to properly report progress to FEMA, track sub-recipient progress, provide technical assistance, and be aware earlier in the grant cycle if there are obstacles or milestones which are not being met and why. Quarterly reports will be due April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15 to include one final closing report 30 days from closeout of the sub-recipient award, sent to your grant specialist. The first quarterly report will be due January 15.

Please remember the baseline EMPG Work plans must include a goal based on the self-capability assessment to update progress on each quarterly submission and should list any equipment to be purchased. Some equipment requires Environmental, Historical, Preservation (EHP) review and approval from FEMA before procurement. Please contact your grants specialist if you have any questions. As a reminder, please review the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) for eligible equipment under each grant program. It is beneficial to check the interactive version for finding the item quickly, but you will need to also check the PDF version for any specifications or limitations.

## Training Update

### FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

**OFFERED BY:** Defense Nuclear Weapons School

**LOCATION:** Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

**DATE & TIME:** 1-2 November 2014 [0800hrs to 1600hrs]

**COURSE GOALS:** This two-day course is an awareness-level course developed to increase confidence and skill in responding to and mitigating the consequences of radiological accidents and terrorist WMD events. The course is especially beneficial to all responders including DOD CBRN Enterprise Forces, and military & civilian Emergency Managers. Focus is on providing Command and Control (C2) expertise and life saving measures.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** The target audience for this course includes all personnel who are expected to perform in a support capacity during an incident or event. This includes individuals who may serve as Incident Commanders, members of the Command or General Staff, Area Command, or multi-agency coordination entity/Emergency Operations Center (EOC) management, and all military personnel. Target audience from the Emergency Management Community includes, but is not be limited to: Law Enforcement, Fire Service, HazMat 1st Responders, Public Health, Public Works, Emergency Managers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Government Administration, and Non-Governmental Organizations.

**COST:** There is no cost for attendance and course materials are provided.

**REGISTRATION:** For questions regarding the course, contact MSgt Jared Ray at [jared.ray@dtra.mil](mailto:jared.ray@dtra.mil) or (505) 846-6313. For questions regarding the location of this course, please contact Major David Foster (Ohio National Guard) [david.r.foster.mil@mail.mil](mailto:david.r.foster.mil@mail.mil) at 614-336-6827. To register send an email or create a roster with the following info for each student and email it to MSgt Ray: Full name, SSN, Organization, Email and Phone #. The Registrar's office number for the DNWS is (505)846-5666.

**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:** A notice of acceptance and additional information on the course will be e-mailed to applicants prior to the course start.

## Training Update cont.

### PIPELINE TRAINING

The National Association of State Fire Marshals is pleased to announce the 2nd Edition of the Pipeline Emergencies curriculum program is now available in an interactive, on-line, and free training portal.

Simply go to <http://nasfm-training.org/pipeline> to register. There you can access the program in one of three courses. Awareness level, Operations Level or Technician Level classes are all available.

When the student completes each one, they will receive a certificate of completion. This certificate will show the average hours it takes to complete the program, and in several states will help many individuals with continuing education credits.

This program has been provided with assistance of the American Petroleum Institute, and the Association of Oil Pipelines, and is also available by linking through the International Association of Fire Chiefs on-line HAZMAT fusion center. We would also like to thank Shell Pipeline, LP for their assistance.

This on-line program has been developed to provide the best possible learning experience for the user and combines that with the "Best in Class" training curriculum Pipeline Emergencies 2nd Edition. While on-line training certainly isn't new or unique, this program is designed with the user in mind and to be interactive and engaging.

Given the incidents of this type which have occurred in the past, and will likely happen in the future, all responders can benefit from this learning which covers all manner of pipeline related incidents. From the small residential gas leak, to the large crude oil pipeline and highly volatile liquids incidents all types are covered, along with the strategies and tactics to deal with these high risk low frequency events, safely and effectively.

Written by responders for responders and now free for responders to take on line, we invite you to go to <http://nasfm-training.org/pipeline> and see for yourself. You can also go to <http://nasfm-training.org> for additional free classes on other topics as well.

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## Field Report

As summer comes into full swing another season is just beginning, Harmful Algal Blooms. Greater Toledo experienced the extent of the problem on August 2nd when a, "Do Not Drink" order was issued to over 400,000 city water customers due to blue-green algae toxin. In response the external operation unit of Ohio EMA deployed 3 staff members to support Lucas, Wood and Fulton counties as local, state & federal government rallied to the emergency.

Over the course of the next three days truckloads of bottled water were dispatched, staged and distributed to the affected population. The logistics of coordinating this effort required close collaboration between all levels of government. Operations Division staff both in the field and in the State EOC worked to maintain open communications to adapt to the quickly changing environment. One major challenge was the various methodologies and time requirements necessary for testing of drinking water.

The event highlights the importance of critical infrastructure in our planning efforts and program development. With the height of the bloom season coming in September and October, Ohio EMA operations staff is poised to respond as needed to support the efforts of local communities as disasters emerge.



August 2014 Images courtesy of NASA:  
<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/NaturalHazards/view.php?id>





## Contact Corner

The office locations for each of the five regions are finalized. The central Ohio office, as stated before, will be located at the State of Ohio EOC/JDF. Staffing of these locations is yet to be determined.

The other offices will be located at the following addresses:

**Northwest Ohio will be located in Findlay (Hancock County)**

8210 County Road (CR) 140  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

**Northeast Ohio will be located in Parma (Cuyahoga County)**

12000 Snow Road  
Parma, Ohio 44130

**Southeast Ohio will be located in Jackson (Jackson County)**

502 Mc Carty Lane  
Jackson, Ohio 45640

**Southwest Ohio will be located in West Chester (Butler County)**

2950 East Crescentville Road  
West Chester, Ohio 45069



For more information on Ohio EMA Training and Exercises please visit:

<http://ema.ohio.gov/Training.aspx>



To log in to the Ohio Department of Public Safety Training Campus visit:

<https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm6/cm0682/pstc/pstc.html>

