



Ohio EMA Field Journal

Supporting Local Programs through Grants, Training, Exercising, Planning and Field Support

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TRAINING UPDATE

A recently passed state law requires all schools to file comprehensive, all-hazards school safety plans with the Ohio Department of Education. School administrators must contact and include their county emergency management agency (EMA) officials as they prepare their plans. Ohio Homeland Security will evaluate all plans, when filed. If there are deficiencies in the plans, the evaluators will make recommendations to school officials. Some of those recommendations may include working more closely with the county EMA officials.

Another initiative is "Safer Schools Ohio" School Safety Plan Training. This program is a partnership between the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio EMA and The University of Findlay. To improve safety plans, The University of Findlay offers a two-day U.S. Department of Homeland Security approved course to schools. Area first responders and county emergency management officials are encouraged to attend as well. For more information and to register for this free comprehensive course, please visit <https://saferschools.ohio.gov> or contact Deborah Smothers, Education Analyst, Center for P-20 Safety and Security, 614-752-2058, Deborah.Smothers@education.ohio.gov.

If county EMAs think there is a need for additional school preparedness training they are encouraged to reach out to their local school districts regarding the possibility of scheduling this course.

WebEOC Training

Below is a schedule of upcoming basic WebEOC training sessions for all public, private and state agency partners. These trainings are open to all new and current WebEOC users, held in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) at Ohio EMA and last about 2 to 2.5 hours. All attendees will login and receive hands on training with the system, including basic navigation and working with position log, significant events, mission and status boards.

Please pass this information along to anyone in your agency that may need or be interested in the training.

WebEOC Training Schedule:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, February 11, 2015	9:00 - 11:30 AM	SEOC
Thursday, February 12, 2015	1:00 - 3:30 PM	SEOC
Wednesday, March 18, 2015	9:00 - 11:30 AM	SEOC
Thursday, March 19, 2015	1:00 - 3:30 PM	SEOC
Wednesday, April 8, 2015	1:00 - 3:30 PM	SEOC
Thursday, April 9, 2015	9:00 - 11:30 AM	SEOC

RSVP by emailing Jim Dwertman with your preferences – jwdwertman@dps.ohio.gov

Purpose: WebEOC Basic Training

WebEOC Incident Management System was implemented for the State of Ohio and key partners and is maintained by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency as a means to track and analyze disaster information for better decision making before, during and after incidents. WebEOC State Agency Training is an ongoing opportunity for state agency disaster response personnel to learn or refresh their skills on the basic functions and usage of WebEOC. By providing this training on a regular basis, Ohio EMA receives feedback used to make and implement new enhancements to the system and then deliver these updates through future trainings. As WebEOC continues to grow in Ohio, training needs will be assessed and new programs will be developed.

Specialized Training

If you feel your agency representatives could benefit from a specialized training session (e.g. processing mission records) just send an email or give Jim Dwertman a call and work out the details at jwdwertman@dps.ohio.gov or 614-799-3692



TRAINING UPDATE Cont.

Funding is Now Available for Training Applications

The training section has seen a significant increase in the amount of training applications it has received since the new application policy was launched more than a year ago. As a result, training funds were used to provide trainings in the majority of counties in Ohio.

FEMA has approved a budget modification that will provide some additional funding for training. County emergency management agencies are encouraged to assess training needs and reference the Training Plan and Catalog for available related trainings: <http://ema.ohio.gov/documents/training/2014-2015%20Training%20Catalog.pdf>.

Beginning February 9, 2015 county EMAs can submit training applications for trainings starting on May 1st or later. Please complete an application and email it to David Nunley dbnunley@dps.ohio.gov. The training application can be found at: http://ema.ohio.gov/Training_PolicyForRequestingTraining.aspx

If you have any questions please contact David Nunley at (614) 799-3677.

2015 Spring Directors' Conference

The 2015 Spring Directors' Conference is scheduled for April 15 and 16, 2015. The final details for the conference agenda and brochure are being finalized, and will be made available shortly on our website and will be sent to all county EMAs.

New This Year – Ohio EMA will have an opportunity to meet with Ohio EMA staff from the following sections: Mitigation, Recovery, Training, Exercise, Radiological, Planning, Grants and Field Support. Tables will be staffed outside the main conference room during the entire conference to assist with any questions you might have about the various programs.

If you would like to register please create an account for the Ohio Department of Public Safety training campus by calling 614.752.6487. Once you have an account you can log in at: <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm6/cm0682/pstc/pstc.html> To register, please search for "OH-200 Spring Directors Conference" in the ODPS training campus.

GRANTS GALLERY

Maintenance

To summarize FEMA's guidance when purchasing a maintenance agreement, service contract, or extended warranty for systems or equipment, the period of coverage provided under such a plan may not extend beyond the period of performance of the grant with which the agreement, warranty, or contract is purchased. For example, a maintenance agreement purchased with FY 2013 grant funding may not provide maintenance or warranty coverage beyond the expiration of the period of performance for your FY 2013 grant.

The exception to the requirement is if a maintenance contract or extended warranty is purchased at the same time and under the same grant award as the original purchase of the system or equipment. Coverage may exceed the period of performance, as long as the purchase is consistent with what is typically provided for, or available through several types of agreements, warranties or contracts.

For example, you may purchase a new generator with a five year warranty regardless of the grant ending performance period.

The Biannual Strategy Implementation Report

The Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR) is now open for completion by all sub-grantees. This report will be due by all sub-grantees by **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**. Ohio EMA anticipates hosting a training in the State EOC for those who would like help with completion. If anyone would like to host a regional BSIR Report Training, please let Kathleen Nelson know and she will schedule a date. You can reach Ms. Nelson at (614) 799-3836 or KNelson@dps.ohio.gov.

For FY 2014, there are a number of changes to the BSIR from previous award years and reporting periods. In preparation for those changes, The Grant Reporting Tool (GRT) is divided into multiple modules that facilitate various grant management activities. The "Funding" module is used to complete the BSIR and it has 8 sections or "tabs" that must be completed in sequence. Please refer to the current version of the User's Guide - GRT for reference. Additionally, there are several other documents including Frequently Asked Questions – Grants Reporting Tool, and What's New in GRT – Grants Reporting Tool.

Joe Haller and Kathleen Nelson will help assist with this new process. When sub-grantees are ready to begin, they should contact Joe Haller (614) 799-3690, jdhaller@dps.ohio.gov or Kathleen Nelson to assist with unlocking accounts. All passwords expire after three months.



FIELD SUPPORT – Adjustments to Timeline

The transition / reorganization of the Regional Operations Branch continues, though some milestones have moved back. The February 28th target date to be operational is no longer in place and a new date is yet to be determined.

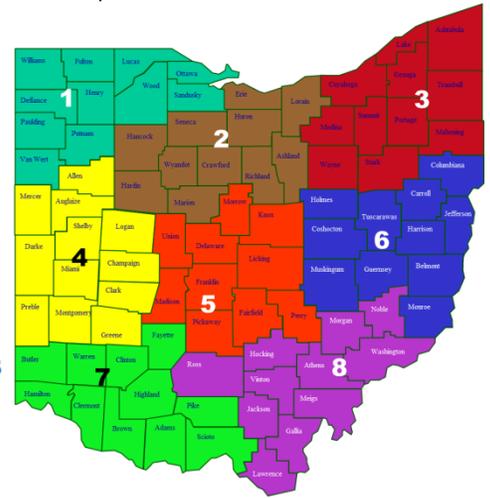
The arrival of Executive Director Evan Schumann on January 26th and the appointment of Russ Decker as Deputy Director, effective February 9th, presents Ohio EMA an opportunity to relook the regionalization concept to ensure it's as efficient as possible.

While the concept is being finalized and the target date to be operational is reset your currently assigned Field Support Personnel (FSP) (formerly Field Liaisons) will remain assigned to you. Their regions will remain unchanged for the moment as well.

If there are any questions as to which FSP covers your county, please call Ted Filer (614) 799-3688 or Rick Warren (614) 799-7169 to check.

Scott King's last day with Ohio EMA is February 6th. (Scott accepted a position with ODNR). Rick Warren will cover Scott's counties until the regionalization concept is operational.

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- 4 Liaison: Leslie Bricker, 799-3830
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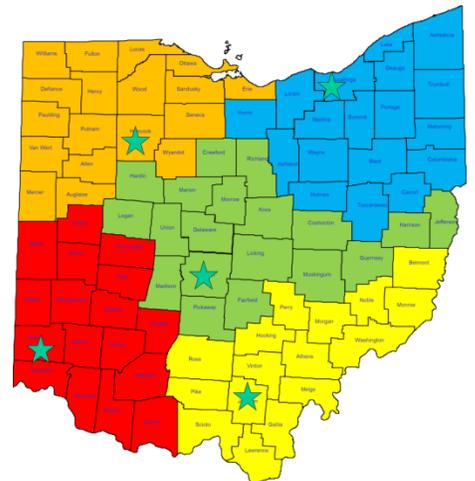


PLANNING POST

Ohio EMA Planner Assignments

As part of the regional realignment of the agency, the Ohio EMA Planners have been assigned new regions. The regions and the assigned planners are:

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These planners are all headquartered at the Ohio EMA office in Columbus. If they haven't already, you can expect them to be contacting you soon to introduce themselves, and to begin working with you. If you need any planning assistance, or if you have any planning questions please give your assigned planner a call or email. You can also contact Phil Johnson, the planning supervisor at 614-799-3680 or prjohnson@dps.ohio.gov.



UPCOMING TRAINING

1	ICS-300 Intermediate Course	Feb. 2 – 4, 2015	Cuyahoga County
2	MGT-347 ICS Forms Review Course (TEEX Instructors)	Feb. 3, 2015	Ohio EMA
3	ICS-300 Intermediate Course (TEEX Instructors)	Feb. 3 – 5, 2015	Ohio EMA
4	G-366 Planning for Special Needs of Children	Feb. 4, 2015	Hamilton County
5	PER-320 Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events Course	Feb. 4, 2015 (1 Day Course)	Ohio EMA
6	PER-320 Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events Course	Feb. 5, 2015 (1 Day Course)	Ohio EMA
7	ICS-400 Advanced Course	Feb. 10 – 11, 2015	Cuyahoga County
8	G358 Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning	Feb. 10 – 11, 2015	Ohio EMA
9	PER-304 Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery	Feb. 19, 2015	Ohio EMA
10	G191 ICS / EOC Interface	Feb. 20, 2015	Cuyahoga County
11	G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	Feb. 23-25, 2015	Jackson County
12	OH-230 Introduction to Emergency Management in Ohio	Feb. 23-26, 2015	Franklin County – Double Tree
13	G-289 Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course	Feb. 26, 2015	Medina County
14	ICS-400 Advanced Course (TEEX Instructors)	March 3 -4, 2015	Ohio EMA
15	L962 Planning Section Chief Course	March 9 – 12, 2015	Cuyahoga County
16	G108 & G366 Mass Care & Special Needs of Children	March 10-12, 2015	Ohio EMA
17	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	March 11 – 12, 2015	Geauga County
18	G108 Community Mass Care	March 12-13, 2015	Medina County
19	G-270.4 Recovery From Disaster	March 17-18, 2015	Washington County
20	OH-386a Family Assistance Center (FAC)/Victim Identif. Program (VIP)	March 24 – 25, 2015	Van Wert County
21	G775 EOC Management and Operations	March 24 – 25, 2015	Ohio EMA
22	MGT-317 Disaster Management for Public Services	March 24 – 25, 2015	Delaware County
23	ICS-300 Intermediate Course	March 26 – 27, 2015	Miami County
24	G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	April 7-9, 2015	Ohio EMA
25	OH-200 Spring Directors' Conference	April 15 - 16, 2015	Ohio EMA - Crown Plaza
26	G775 EOC Management and Operations	April 23-24, 2015	Cuyahoga county
27	MGT906-Incident Command System (ICS) TtT (L-449)	May 5 - 8, 2015	Ohio EMA
28	L956 Liaison Officer Course	May 12 – 13, 2015	Cuyahoga County
29	PER-304 Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery	May 14, 2015	Ohio EMA
30	G-289 Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course	May 15, 2015	Ashtabula County
31	G-557 Rapid Needs Assessment Course	June 9, 2015	Ohio EMA
32	G361 Flood Fight Operations	June 10-12, 2015	Hamilton County
33	Tornado Awareness Course	June 16, 2015	Ohio EMA
34	AWR-319 Leveraging Tools for Conducting Damage Assessments	June 18, 2015	Ohio EMA



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