



# Ohio EMA Field Journal for Grants, Training and Exercise

October 2015

## Fall Emergency Management Directors' Conference

Ohio EMA coordinated the Fall 2015 EMA Directors' Conference on September 23 in the Leadership Annex of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy.

ODPS Dir. John Born opened the conference, sharing his vision for collaboration across all levels of government and a faster to response to Ohioans in need.

Other segments of the conference included presentations on search and rescue assets, updates on grants and funding opportunities, the Auditor of State's ShareOhio mutual aid platform, and the availability of Ohio's DPS personnel to assist during disasters through the Emergency Resource Team. The conference was scheduled to complement the annual Local Emergency Planning Committee conference, which was held on September 22.



If you attended this conference, please complete the online survey so that we can continue to meet your needs and make the conference more valuable. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D3TDXGX>

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### Highlighted Courses

1. **L-962 Planning Section Chief (PSC), October 19-22, 2015, hosted at Ohio EMA**

This 4-day course is designed to provide local and state-level emergency responders with a robust understanding of the duties, responsibilities and capabilities of an effective PSC on an All-Hazards Incident Management Team. These responsibilities fall into two categories. PSC duties (1) managing the planning cycle, and (2) tracking resources and incident status. Exercises, simulations, discussions and a final exam enable students to process and apply their new knowledge.

2. **L-964 Situation Unit Leader (SITL), November 2-6, 2015, hosted by Cuyahoga County EMA**

This course helps emergency management and response personnel establish the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the SITL during an all-hazards incident. This course addresses all responsibilities appropriate to a SITL operating in a local- or state-level AHIMT. These responsibilities include processing information, intelligence, and developing displays. The course is an instructor-led training that supports learning through discussion, lecture and active participation in multiple exercises (this is a two-page course announcement).

3. **ICS Courses hosted at Ohio EMA**

- MGT-347 Incident Command Systems Forms Review, **February 2, 2016** (morning, only)
- ICS-300 Intermediate for Expanding Incidents, **February 2-4, 2016** (starts in the afternoon)
- ICS-400 Advanced ICS Course (MGT-905), **March 1-2, 2016**
- T-906 Incident Command System (ICS) Train-the-Trainer (L-449) May 3-6, 2016



## GRANTS GALLERY

There have been many questions concerning procurement in recent months regarding requesting quotes or bids for brand items from vendors. We require that you document that you've tried to receive three quotes for those items less than the bid threshold. We also continue to find requests where costs are charged based off of an expired contract. To request funds from a federal grant, you must have a current contract within the grant period for service and contractor costs. Costs cannot be procured before the grant performance period and cannot extend beyond the performance period end date.

Per [2 CFR 200.318](#), you cannot specify a "brand name" instead of allowing for equal product consideration. This rule is applicable for any purchase, large or small. An open competitive bid or quote is defined within the statute as follows:

"Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;
- (2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;
- (3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;
- (4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;
- (5) Organizational conflicts of interest;
- (6) Specifying only a "brand name" product instead of allowing "an equal" product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and
- (7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process."

Please note, all FY14 federal awards still follow 44 CFR; however, all awards from FY15 and beyond follow 2 CFR 200.

### Deadlines

September 30 – Sub-grantees final cash requests due for Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) unless an extension has been requested.

October 2 – Biannual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR) is due.

October 30 – all quarterly reports are due.

Please feel free to contact our Grant Specialists should you have any questions.

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### **Beyond Response: Joining Forces to Serve in Disasters**

Disaster volunteer organizations, first responders, local government, and community agencies all provide critical support to their communities during disasters and emergencies. *Beyond Response: Joining Forces to Serve in Disasters* is a free event designed to foster communication between agencies, enhance collaboration during disaster response and recovery, and identify appropriate roles for each agency that provides critical services to those impacted by a disaster.

**When:** Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17, 2015 8:30am – 12:30pm  
**Where:** The Chapel, 4444 Galloway Road, Sandusky, OH  
**Cost:** FREE!



Participants can register for Friday, Saturday, or both days. Continental breakfast will be provided each morning. To register or view the agenda, session descriptions, and speaker bios, visit: [www.disastercoalition.com](http://www.disastercoalition.com).

### **About the Disaster Volunteer Coalition**

The Disaster Volunteer Coalition is a collaboration between emergency management and disaster volunteer organizations in Erie, Huron and Ottawa counties. The coalition's goal is to support, sustain, and enhance the capabilities of disaster volunteer organizations through collaboration on planning, recruiting and training. Core coalition partners include: ARES, American Red Cross, CERT, MRC, The Salvation Army, and The Chapel.



UPCOMING TRAINING

1	L205 (G270.4) Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role	September 9 – 11, 2015	Ohio EMA
2	ICS-300 Intermediate	September 12 - 13, 2015	Columbiana Co.
3	G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course	September 15, 2015	Stark County
4	G288 Local Volunteer & Donations Mgmt & G489 Mgmt of Spontaneous Volunteers	Sept. 16-18, 2015	Ashtabula County
5	G108 Community Mass Care	Sept. 17-18, 2015	Cuyahoga County
6	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 17 & 24, October 1 & 8, 2015	Logan County
7	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 19-20, 2015	Stark County
8	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 21 - 23, 2015	Franklin County
9	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 21 – 23, 2015	Washington Co.
10	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 22 – 24, 2015	Hamilton County
11	OH-200 Fall Directors' Conference	September 23, 2015	Columbus, Ohio
12	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 23 – 24, 2015	Franklin County
13	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 28 - 29, 2015	Washington Co.
14	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 28 – 30, 2015	Fairfield County
15	G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course	September 30, 2015	Cuyahoga Co.
16	G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	October 13 -15, 2015	Fulton County
17	L962 Planning Section Chief (PSC)	October 19 - 22, 2015	Ohio EMA
18	G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	October 21 - 23, 2015	Fairfield County
19	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 22 – 23, 2015	Hamilton County
20	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 24 – 25, 2015	Columbiana Co.
21	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 27 - 29, 2015	Summit County
22	L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program	October 27 - 29, 2015	Jackson County
23	L-964 Situation Unit Leader Course (Position Specific)	November 2 – 6, 2015	Cuyahoga County
24	G272 Warning Coordination	November 4 – 5, 2015	Hamilton County
25	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	November 4 – 5, 2015	Summit County
26	AWR-317 REP Core Concepts Course (RCCC)	November 16-17, 2015	Ohio EMA
27	MGT- 445, REP Program and Plan Review Course (RPPR)	November 17-19, 2015	Ohio EMA
28	G393 Mitigation for Emergency Managers	November 17-19, 2015	Ohio EMA
29	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	November 17-19, 2015	Jefferson Co.
30	AWR-327 REP Exercise Controller (RECC)	November 20, 2015	Ohio EMA
31	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	December 8 – 9, 2015	Jefferson Co.
32	G251 Workshop in Emergency Management Amateur Radio Resources	December 19, 2015	Ashtabula County
33	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	January 18 – 19, 2016	Fairfield County
34	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	January 26 – 28, 2016	Richland County
35	L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program	January 26 - 28, 2016	Hamilton County
36	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	January 28 – 29, 2016	Richland County
37	MGT-347 ICS Forms Review Course	February 2, 2016	Ohio EMA
38	G775 EOC Management and Operations	February 2 – 3, 2016	Richland County
39	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS (MGT-904)	February 2 – 4, 2016	Ohio EMA
40	OH-230 Introduction to Emergency Management Course	February 22-25, 2016	Franklin County
41	ICS-400 Advanced ICS (MGT-905)	March 1 – 2, 2016	Ohio EMA
42	OH-200 Spring Directors' Conference	April 26-27, 2016	Columbus
43	L449 ICS Curricula Train the Trainer Course (MGT-906)	May 3 – 6, 2016	Ohio EMA



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