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## **Insurance Department, Natural Resources, ODOT and Ohio EMA Team Up For National Flood Safety Awareness Week**

*Campaign will prepare Ohioans for potential spring flooding*

*COLUMBUS* — March 14-18, 2011 has been designated National Flood Safety Awareness Week. The Ohio Department of Insurance, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Transportation and Ohio Emergency Management Agency are teaming up to inform Ohioans about the dangers that flood present to life and property.

During the week, the partnering agencies will provide valuable information to help Ohioans prepare their vehicles, homes and property for a flood, keep them safe during a flood, and help them recover should they experience a flood.

To help individuals better understand flood risks nationwide and precautions that can to protect lives and property, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have created an interactive “flood impact map” that features localized, searchable data about the scope and severity of flood events in recent years. The map is available at [www.floodsmart.gov/noaa](http://www.floodsmart.gov/noaa). The web page also contains tips on what to do before, during, and after a flood. It also encourages flood insurance protection among other safety measures.

The primary mission of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency is to coordinate activities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. This mission is carried out by closely interfacing with local, state and federal agencies in an effort to bring resources of recovery and support to Ohioans impacted by the disaster. In addition to disaster response and recovery, Ohio EMA agency activities include: education, training, planning and preparedness - strengthening Ohio's first responder capabilities and improving communication across the state

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR Web site at [ohiodnr.com](http://ohiodnr.com).

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) serves million of travelers each day by providing safe and efficient highways, assistance to transit, rail, airports, maritime ports and river terminals, and local governments who maintain multi-use paths. If faced with a disaster, ODOT has the resources and readiness to assist law enforcement in restoring Ohio's transportation system to one that is safe and open for business.

The mission of the Ohio Department of Insurance is to provide consumer protection through education and fair but vigilant regulation while promoting a stable and competitive environment for insurers. Consumers with insurance questions can call the Department's toll-free consumer hotline at **1-800-686-1526** or visit the Department's website, [www.insurance.ohio.gov](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov).

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