



# STATE OF OHIO

## Emergency Operations Center

### SITUATION REPORT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governor John Kasich  
**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
**SUBJECT:** Statewide Severe Weather and Flooding – June 2015  
**DATE:** June 18, 2015

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This is the Situation Report for Thursday, June 18, 2015. Information is current as of 5:30 p.m.

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Ohio has experienced consecutive days of rain and thunderstorms with locally-heavy rainfall. As a result, counties in the central, west central, and northwest regions of the state report saturated soils, elevated river levels, and multiple road closures due to flooding and high waters. Continued rainfall over these regions has resulted in river and areal (wide-area) flooding. Ohio also continues to monitor potential impacts from remnants of tropical storm Bill which may enhance rainfall in Ohio throughout the weekend.

### DECLARATIONS

The following counties have declared emergencies at the local level:

- Auglaize, Marion, Mercer, Van Wert

### CURRENT WEATHER

Flooding remains a problem in central/northwestern Ohio with both overland (areal) flooding and river flooding occurring. Rainfall rates with storms today and tonight may be heavy, exacerbating the flooding.

More showers/storms expected Friday especially in southern Ohio. The main threat will be isolated damaging wind gusts and locally heavy rainfall and flooding threats. Isolated to scattered severe thunderstorm potential area-wide this afternoon and evening, with damaging wind gusts as a main threat. Some large hail or an isolated tornado is also possible.

Remnants of Tropical Storm Bill will arrive Saturday afternoon and evening. Heavy rainfall is possible due to very high moisture content. Currently, southern Ohio has the highest threat for heavy rain with this system. Flooding and/or flash flooding may be possible.

Tropical remnants bring a low potential for brief tornadoes in the strong wind fields surrounding the decaying system that will cross southern Ohio on Saturday afternoon and evening.

More scattered showers and storms are expected on Sunday.

**FLOOD LEVELS**

The National Weather Service’s Ohio River Forecast Center is Forecasting Rivers to Crest at the Following Levels (information current as of 4:00 p.m.)

Stage	*Minor Flooding*	*Moderate Flooding*	*Major Flooding*	*Record Flooding*
NWS Definition:	- Minimal or no property damage, but possibly some public threat.	- Some inundation of structures and roads near stream. Some evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.	- Extensive inundation of structures and roads. Significant evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.	- Flooding which equals or exceeds the highest stage or discharge at a given site during the period of record keeping.
River and Gauge Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scioto River at Prospect</li> <li>• Blanchard River at Ottawa</li> <li>• Maumee River at Defiance, Napoleon, Waterville</li> <li>• Tiffin River at Stryker</li> <li>• St. Mary’s River at Rockford</li> <li>• Great Miami River at Sidney</li> <li>• Sandusky River at Tiffin, OH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auglaize River at Fort Jennings</li> <li>• Scioto River at Larue</li> <li>• Auglaize River near Defiance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

**Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories (as of 2:30 p.m.)**

The National Weather Service has extended a Flood Warning for the following counties in Ohio: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Delaware, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca, Shelby, Union, Williams, Wood and Van Wert.

A flood warning means that flooding is imminent or has been reported.

A severe thunderstorm watch is in effect for the vast majority of the state until late this evening.

## SHELTERS

American Red Cross shelters have been open throughout the event to support local residents.

- Allen County: The shelter located in Lima closed at 6:00 p.m. yesterday due to having no population.
- Logan County: The shelter located in Bellefontaine had an overnight (Wednesday) population of 3 occupants. The shelter will close today at 7:00 p.m. if no population is received.
- Marion County: The shelter located in Larue had an overnight population of 7 occupants. The shelter will close at 6:00 p.m. today if no population is received.
- Van Wert County: A shelter is on stand-by through the weekend.

## COUNTY IMPACTS

Auglaize County – The county EOC was open today during normal business hours. Damage assessments will be completed as flood waters recede. Preliminary estimates by the county EMA indicate that costs will be associated with infrastructure damage. The county utilized approximately 2500 sandbags as a protective measure around a Dayton Power and Light Electric Sub-station located near St. Mary's. No requests for assistance and no resources needed at this time.

Logan County: The County has one shelter open with no population at this time. The shelter will close tonight at 7:00 pm if still at zero population. The county EMA is securing sandbags for homeowners that have requested them for protective measures. The county is sandbagging around the water plant to prevent impacts.

Mercer County: The county reports the EOC will close at 4:00 p.m. today.

Paulding County: The Auglaize River has crested and the water is receding. Roads are reopening in the county. The county is working with volunteer groups to obtain cleaning kits. There is no identified impact to homes. Some impacted roadways should be reopened by 6:00 p.m. today.

Putnam County: The County is currently conducting damage assessment in Kalida. The Mayor of Fort Jennings reported that flooding is limited to park areas, shelter houses, roads (closures), and limited impacts to basements.

Union County: The Union County EMA conducted damage assessment to about 50 homes and 3 businesses in the village of Richwood this morning. At the time of report, several structures were identified with minor damages and one structure had significant damage. The Red Cross is working with that homeowner for possible short term lodging. The county EMA has also reached out to Ohio VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) about any assistance they could provide the homeowners. County EMA staff is monitoring the flood levels to determine if any sand bagging operations are needed.

The Red Cross has dropped off clean up kits at the Village of Richwood offices. These kits are free to anyone needing them and may be picked up during business hours.

Van Wert County: The Van Wert County EMA is in communication with the Salvation Army (SA) to serve meals to 50-70 sandbagging volunteers this evening. The Salvation Army team will provide food supplies to serve continental breakfast, lunch and dinner meals on Friday and Saturday. The Saturday food arrangement will be dependent on demand and need for this service.

## **STATE ACTIONS**

### **ESF-1 – Transportation**

The Ohio Department of Transportation reports the following road closures throughout the state due to flooding or high flood waters.

- Auglaize County: SR-197
- Coshocton County: SR- 715
- Delaware County : SR-257
- Knox County: SR-715
- Logan County: SR-235, SR-274, SR-720
- Marion County: SR-203, SR-37, SR-746, SR-95
- Mercer County: SR-117, SR-118, SR-49, US-127
- Morrow County: SR-229
- Paulding County: SR-66
- Putnam County: SR-114, SR-115, SR-189, SR-190, SR-634
- Union County: SR-37
- Van Wert County: SR-47, SR-49, SR-81, US-33

### **ESF-3 – Engineering and Public Works**

#### **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)**

OEPA reported that the Shawnee II Wastewater Treatment Facility in Allen County is now back online with limited operations. Ohio EPA is also assisting with the Russells Point facility in Logan County. The facility is sandbagging to maintain operations.

#### **Ohio Department of Natural Resources**

The floodplain management program of ODNR will be reaching out to local floodplain managers to gather information and provide technical assistance.

### **ESF-5 – Information and Planning**

Ohio EMA conducted a state of Ohio weather briefing and coordination call at 3:00 p.m. today.

A call with impacted counties will be held at 9:00a.m. Friday morning.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Hub, Intel Unit, has created an incident in the Safer Ohio Repository - "20150617 - Mercer/Marion/Auglaize Counties – Flooding" – which can be accessed by <https://services.dps.ohio.gov/SaferOhioRep/>

## **ESF-6 – Mass Care**

### Ohio Department of Job & Family Services

Agency staff has issued guidelines to the affected JFS county offices in the impacted counties for Food Assistance replacement.

### American Red Cross

The American Red Cross continues to provide assistance to counties impacted by the event. In Van Wert the ARC is providing canteen and feeding services to support local volunteers. The Red Cross is also providing cleanup kits as necessary.

### The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is supporting feeding operations in support of sand bagging efforts in Van Wert County.

## **ESF-13 – Law Enforcement**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol indicated that there were no reports of stranded motorists requiring assistance. The OSHP stands ready to assist as needed.

## **ESF-14– Mitigation and Recovery**

Ohio EMA continues to monitor the event for issues related to mitigation efforts and recovery actions.

## **ESF-15 - Public Information**

Ohio EMA stands ready to support the local public information needs and activate the Joint Information Center as needed.

## **SITREP DATA/BRIEFING**

This is the third Situation Report for this incident.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

The SEOC Assessment Room will remain open on a 24-hour basis to monitor, collect information, and coordinate any necessary response to this event.