



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 21, 2015

This is the Situation Report for Sunday, June 21, 2015. Information is current as of 5:00 p.m.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Ohio has experienced consecutive days of rain and thunderstorms with locally-heavy rainfall including the remnants of Tropical Storm Bill. As a result, counties across 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. Several cells of thunderstorms moved across Ohio on Thursday night, spawning one EF-1 tornado that caused minor damage in Stark County. On Saturday an EF-0 tornado caused minor damage in Washington County.

Ohio also continues to monitor potential impacts from remnants of Tropical Depression Bill which brought additional rainfall in Ohio through Sunday morning.

DECLARATIONS

The following counties have declared emergencies at the local level:

- Auglaize, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Van Wert

The following municipalities have declared emergencies at the local level:

- Village of Russells Point (Logan County)

CURRENT WEATHER

While both the overland (areal) flooding and river flooding remains a concern in central and northwestern Ohio, the overall flood situation is improving and is forecast to continue improving in the coming days.

A cold front entered the region today bringing the chance for thunderstorms. Over the next 24 hours there is a chance of hazardous weather in the West Central, Central, Southwest, Southern, and Miami Valley regions. Isolated strong to severe thunderstorms, with damaging winds and possibly hail, are possible Sunday afternoon and are expected to end by early evening. Localized heavy rain from any storm on saturated soils may lead to localized flooding.

Over the next 48 hours the temperature across the state will range from highs in the mid to upper 80's with lows in the mid 60's to lower 70's. There is a chance of rain Sunday night ranging from 20% in North, West and Central Ohio to 30% in the South and 50 % in the East. This will remain steady through Tuesday evening in the West, Central and Southern parts of the state. The chance of precipitation in the Eastern part of the state decreases to 0% while the North it will increase to 50 % by Tuesday night. The average precipitation forecast over the next 48 hours is .25".

FLOOD LEVELS

The National Weather Service's Ohio River Forecast Center is Forecasting the below rivers as currently cresting or as having crested. (Information is current as of 5:00 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"> • Scioto River at Prospect • Maumee River at Defiance • Big Darby Creek at Darbyville • Scioto River at Circleville & Piketon • Muskingum River below Coshocton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories (as of 5:00 p.m.)

The National Weather Service has extended a Flood Warning for the following counties in Ohio: Coshocton, Delaware, Defiance, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Madison, Marion, Paulding, Pickaway, Van Wert and Warren.

A Flood Warning means that flooding is imminent or has been reported.

SHELTERS

- All shelters have been closed for this event but many remain on standby to provide support with any additional sheltering if the need should arise.

- In Marion County three families, 14 occupants are currently being sheltered by the American Red Cross, at a local hotel in the Village of Green Camp.

COUNTY IMPACTS

Ashland County – The County is actively working a search and rescue / recovery operation at the Pleasant Hill Dam along the Mohican River outside Perrysville. Three teens were involved in the original incident on Friday night at 6:00 pm. One was rescued and is recovering in a local hospital, one is deceased and the remains were recovered. The third teen remains missing with search and rescue / recovery operations on-going. The county submitted a Mission Request for a specialized under ledge / under dam swift water search and recovery capability. The Ohio Fire Chief's Association Emergency Response System's Swift Water Team subject matter expert (SME) is supporting the Incident Commander with technical assistance and there is no plan to deploy additional assets at this time. The teens and several friends were playing in the dam spillway.

Mercer County – St. Mary's River is below flood stage and is going down. The last two township roads should open tomorrow.

Marion County – Three families, 14 occupants, are currently being sheltered at a local hotel in the Village of Green Camp. No problems at this time and no requests for state resources.

Putnam County – As per the Sherriff's Office the situation is improving and only three local roads remain closed.

Washington County – The National Weather service confirmed an EF-0 tornado near Bartlett. Minor damages were done to a roof and porch. The tornado only lasted a minute.

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.

- Coshocton County: SR- 715, SR-60, SR-206
- Delaware County : SR-257
- Guernsey County-SR-146, SR-658
- Knox County: SR-715, SR-13
- Logan County: SR-235, SR-720
- Marion County: SR-203, SR-37, SR-746, SR-95
- Meigs County – SR-143
- Morrow County – SR-229
- Pickaway County – SR-762

ESF-3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

ODNR reported that the following State Parks are closed for the weekend due to high water levels

- Delaware State Park – Marina, Boat Ramp and Beach
- Mt Gilead – Lake View Trail
- Lake Loramie – Campground is closed through Sunday
- Independence Dam
- Mary Jane Thurston – Campground and boat ramp closed through the weekend
- Indian Lake – Select campsites only are closed
- Muskingum River – All locks on the Muskingum River are closed

ESF-5 – Information and Planning

Counties report diminished impacts, decreasing river levels, and roads gradually opening as flood waters recede.

Assessment Room monitoring for additional impacts from severe weather & flooding and assisting with resource requests.

ESF-6 – Mass Care

American Red Cross

All shelters have been closed for this event but many remain on standby to provide support with any additional sheltering if the need should arise. Three families, 14 occupants, are currently being sheltered at a local hotel in the Village of Green Camp in Marion County.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army remain on standby to provide support with any sheltering assistance or feeding if the need should arise.

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 Recovery staff continues to work with county EMAs to provide technical assistance on damage assessment.

ESF-15 - Public Information

Ohio EMA continues to work on social media messaging and is standing by to support any issues.

SITREP DATA/BRIEFING

This is the sixth Situation Report for this incident.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The State EOC Assessment Room will remain open through this evening to monitor, collect information, and coordinate any necessary response to this event.

Approved By: Patrick C Sheehan, Operations Administrator