



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor John Kasich
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Statewide Heavy Rainfall and Flooding – June 2015
DATE: June 27, 2015

This is the Situation Report for Saturday, June 27, 2015. Information is current as of 7:30PM.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

At approximately 3:15 PM the Ohio EMA Duty Officer began to receive reports from counties in northwest Ohio of flooding due to a stationary storm system producing heavy rainfall. The National Weather Service (NWS) estimates the storm system will dissipate or leave the area by 11 PM. Impacts were reported in Defiance, Henry, and Paulding Counties. Additionally, the excessive rainfall is forecast to have flooding impacts along rivers and streams in northern Ohio. The State Emergency Operations Center - Assessment Room was activated by 4:30PM to monitor this event and coordinate support to counties as needed.

FLOOD LEVEL SUMMARY

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"> • Mahoning River at Leavittsburg • Grand River at Painesville • Chagrin River at Willoughby • Black River at Elyria • Portage River at Woodville • Maumee River 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auglaize River at Fort Jennings • Maumee River at Napoleon • Eagle Creek above Findlay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuyahoga River at Independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Stage	*Minor Flooding*	*Moderate Flooding*	*Major Flooding*	*Record Flooding*
	at Waterville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maumee River at Defiance • Tiffen River at Stryker • St. Joseph River at Montpelier • Auglaize River near Defiance Power Dam • Blanchard River at Findlay • Scioto River at Larue 			

COUNTY IMPACTS

Defiance County: Director Rittenhouse of Defiance County EMA reported impacts in the Village of Hicksville. Operations were underway to sandbag at a hospital. Additionally, efforts were underway to pump water away from a nursing home. No impacts were anticipated to either facility. Several state and local routes were closed due to high water. The City of Defiance also has roads closed but no structures have been affected. There are no requests for state assistance. Director Rittenhouse provided sandbags to Paulding County to assist the flood-fighting efforts.

Henry County: Director Tracy Busch of Henry County EMA reported impacts in the Villages of Hamler, Holgate, and Deschler. Water impacts are largely due to heavy rainfall and poor drainage – not creek/stream/river flooding. Henry County is not yet requesting support from the state.

The county estimates 75 homes affected by the high water in Hamler with an additional 25-50 in Holgate. Nine people were reported to have been evacuated from the area and are staying with family and friends. Henry County EMA is working with American Red Cross (ARC) to house people in hotels if needed. Presently no housing assistance has been needed. ARC is also providing 100 flood cleanup kits to the impacted areas tomorrow.

The county director continues to coordinate with local officials to determine impacts. When water recedes, damage assessment efforts will commence in the impacted areas.

Paulding County: Director Ed Bohn in Paulding County has reported impacts ongoing and anticipated in two villages, Antwerp and Payne. As of this report, waters are receding in Antwerp and damage assessment may begin as early as this evening. The county requested sandbags to assist with a crest anticipated for Sunday mid-day in the village of Payne. Defiance County provided the requested resources. The increased water level expected may potentially impact 20 homes. The village is conducting sand bagging efforts to redirect the flood waters to lessen impacts.

STATE ACTIONS

ESF-5 – Information and Planning

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency continues to coordinate information related to this event. Ohio EMA staff coordinated mutual aid provision of sand bags from Defiance County to Paulding County.

The Ohio Highway State Patrol – HUB has provided additional information on the event to include social media review and on site photographs.

SITREP DATA/BRIEFING

This is the first Situation Report for this incident.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The State EOC Assessment Room is activated as of 4:30PM Saturday, June 27, 2015. Hours of operation are 24/7 until further notice.

Approved by: Andrew D. Elder, Preparedness Branch Chief