



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: John R. Kasich, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Hurricane Sandy – October 30, 2012

DATE: October 30, 2012

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

- On Monday, October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy made landfall near Atlantic City, NJ, with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph. Sandy transitioned to a Post-Tropical Cyclone; however, the storm continues to produce significant wind, storm-surge, rainfall, snowfall, and inland-flooding hazards across the Northeast. High Wind Warnings, as well as Flood and Flash Flood Watches and Warnings for portions of Ohio, Indiana and Ohio, most warnings and watches are expected to expire during the next 12 hours.
- National Weather Service reported winds up to 80 miles per hour during the height of the storm system.
- This is the first Situation Report for this incident. Information in this Situation Report is current as of 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2012.
- In response to the “Hurricane Sandy – October 30, 2012” event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at Crisis Action Level 1 (CAS-1) on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. (partially activating Joint Information Center).
- CAS-1 briefings were held at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. today. The next CAS-1 briefing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 31 in the SEOC Assessment Room.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT (EMAC)

Ohio EMA personnel are coordinating responses to mutual aid requests received via the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The personnel are evaluating the requests for assistance and coordinating with state and local emergency response partners.

Ohio has provided the following resources to requesting states:

- Three Ohio Emergency Management Agency personnel are working in New York’s State Emergency Operations Center helping to coordinate logistics and mission assignments.
- The State of Ohio Incident Management Team and the Butler County Ohio Incident Management Team are en route to county emergency operations centers in the State of New York to assist with the management of response and recovery.

Resource Call

Ohio EMA, through the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Emergency Response Plan/System is polling Ohio's local swift water rescue teams on interest and availability for deployment. Some teams have begun preparing estimates in response to a request for swift water rescue teams from the State of New York. Ohio EMA and the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association continue to work on the response to that EMAC request.

DECLARATIONS

No counties or municipalities are declared at this time.

WEATHER

- Tonight – Chance for a mix of rain and snow showers. Not much accumulation. Low of 36. Northwest winds at 15-25 mph. Sunset is 6:31 p.m.
- Wednesday – Rain and snow early, then more rain and breezy. High of 45. Northwest winds at 15-25 mph.
- Thursday – Mostly cloudy, still a chance for a shower.
- Special Information –Temperatures will be unseasonably cold with bitter wind chills for this time of year. There's another chance for rain and snow showers overnight, and then showers and continued cold tomorrow. There's a lesser chance for showers Thursday with sunshine returning for the end of the week. Temperatures moderate a little over the weekend, but will stay below average into early next week.

Damage to Warning Sirens Near Ohio's Nuclear Power Plants

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) reported sirens without AC power near the three nuclear power plants impacting Ohio due to the recent storms. The sirens are maintained by back-up batteries.

Perry Nuclear Power Plant

- Lake County 15 Sirens
- Geauga County 1 Siren
- Ashtabula County 1 Siren

Beaver Valley Power Station

- Beaver County Hanover 1 Siren

COUNTY IMPACTS

Ohio EMA field liaisons are deployed to support operations in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties.

Cuyahoga County

- This city of Cleveland EOC will be operational overnight.
- This morning 80 individuals with functional needs were evacuated to a shelter at Cleveland Heights High School. Services provided are feeding and sleeping accommodations. There are no current numbers on population at this time.
- Cleveland is evaluating 11 community centers as potential shelters that could open as early as tonight.

Lake County

- Residents in 142 homes near the mouth of the Chagrin River were evacuated.
- A shelter was open at the Mentor Community Center with a reported population of 50. The shelter is able to feed and house up to 572 people. Residents are being released as they are notified their homes are accessible.
- 70 residents were evacuated near the Grand River. Officials are identifying possible shelter locations in Painesville. Residents have been directed to the Mentor shelter at this time.

Lorain County

- No known flood damage reported at this time.
- A reception center reported open in Lorain with one family of nine.

STATE ASSISTANCE ACTIONS BY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION

ESF 1 – Transportation

- All lanes are open on I-90 EB between East 55th Street and East 72nd Street.
- Only the left two lanes are open on I-90 westbound. This leaves the right two lanes closed on I-90 westbound between Eddy Road and East 55th Street.

ESF 2 – Communications

- The building that the Cleveland Communications Center (CECOMS) sustained possible structural damage to the building.
 - CECOMS initiated their disaster recovery plan and switched all their Telco trunks and lines to the Cleveland Dispatch Center and they are going to co-locate in the Cleveland center.
 - CECOMS hopes to get back into their facility this evening if the building is cleared for habitation.
- The following T1 Outages occurred: (1) Killbuck (Coshocton County) – data site, (2) Fremont (Sandusky County) – voice site, and (3) East Sparta (Stark County) – data site.
- The following Commercial Power Outage (Sites running on generator) occurred: (1) Willow Island (Washington County), and (2) Newport (Washington County).

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Public Water Supply

EPA reports four PWS facilities that were on auxiliary power today due to outages related to this storm: Lake County West, Aqua Mentor, Painesville were all on backup diesel power, and Lake County East was on an auxiliary feed from the electric grid. Executive Director Dragani asked about outages affecting booster stations, which she recalled as a problem during the June 2012 Derecho event. It was noted that, other than the four facilities being on auxiliary power, no significant impacts were reported by field staff; however, a commitment was made to double check with field staff and report back on this issue during the next briefing (1000 hours on 10/31/2012).

Waste Water

Ohio EPA has received at least a dozen reports of facilities experiencing sewage overflows caused by flow in the collection system exceeding capacity due to the approximately 2” of rainfall related to this event; however, no other operational issues have been reported thus far.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Cuyahoga County

- One shelter reported on standby at Cuyahoga Hts. High School, Cuyahoga County.
- There are no mission requests at this time. ESF-6 is continuing to monitor needs especially those affecting vulnerable populations.
- Cleveland ARC is performing damage assessments.

Lake County

- American Red Cross reports that feeding and sheltering operations are on standby and ready to respond as needed.

American Red Cross

ARC in Ohio is on National Priority 1, which means they are ready to support efforts in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. ARC is preparing to deploy personnel to White Plains, New York.

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services

ODJFS has been in contact with local agencies to determine impact and current needs. No needs currently identified. Agency personnel are monitoring power outage numbers to assist with analyzing the impacted areas and potential needs.

Ohio Department of Mental Health

ODMH reports that Adult Care Facilities have been provided emergency checklist information. No reports have any needs have been received at this current time.

Ohio Department of Aging

Ohio Department of Aging contacted the three area agencies on aging that serve northeast Ohio to determine the extent to which they and their clients are being impacted by the power outages and flooding.

- The Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging that serves Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Lorain and Medina counties is the most impacted. They report that they have closed their offices due to no power and that many providers in the region are without power as well. They have activated their emergency plan which includes case managers checking on the safety and welfare of their most vulnerable clients (e.g., PASSPORT).
- Area Agency on Aging 11 based in Youngtown is taking WRAAA’s Pre-Admission Review (PAR) calls.
- The Regional Long-term Care Ombudsman Programs that serve northeast Ohio are checking on the status of long-term care facilities, with special focus on Residential and Adult Care

Facilities that may not have back-up generators. They are also checking on the safety of their Home Choice clients.

- ODA has passed information on river flooding in the region so the AAAs can target their outreach efforts.

ESF 7 – Logistics and Resource Support

- ESF-7 has no response activities to report at this time.
- ESF-7 staff has been in contact with personnel who supported logistics efforts during the Derecho incident in June to include: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Administrative Services, and Adventist Community Services.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Four Ohio hospitals and one long-term care center operating on generator power.

Hospitals:

1. (1) Mercy Regional Medical Center,
2. (2) UH Conneaut,
3. (3) Aristocrat Berea, and
4. (4) St John Medical Center (power restored at 0930)

Long-term care:

1. Broadview Multi-Care Center in Parma. (on full generator power with 12-15 hours of fuel).
- ODH and the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) continue to check with all Ohio hospitals, dialysis and long-term care facilities regarding their power and if necessary fuel status.
 - There are reported power outages and/or generator power being used for ancillary clinics as well as several family health clinics. Scattered flooding issues are being taken care of. Many hospitals have reported water leakage.

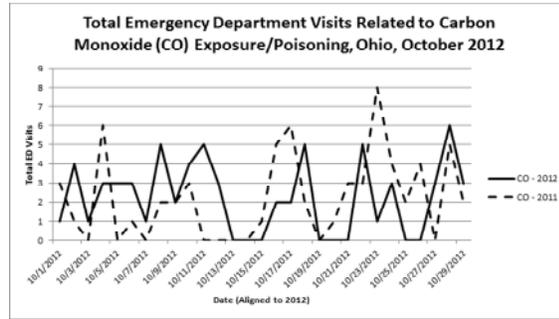
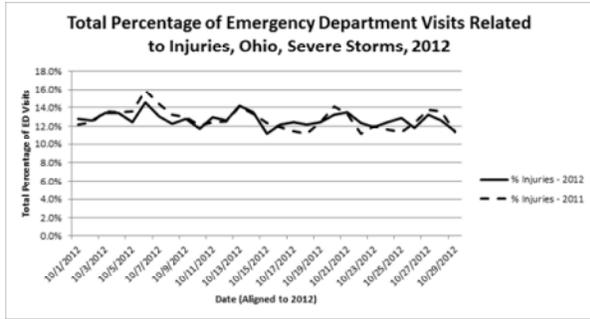
Ohio's Preparedness Posture in the Event of New York Patient Evacuation

- In response to the question regarding potential hospital patient evacuation from New York to Ohio; if this were to occur, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) has standing contracts for 300 ambulances for patient transportation per FEMA region, and associated existing contracts with hospitals for patient intake. A request from NDMS to move patients to Ohio would be routed to Steve Wagner at ODH.

Potentially significant trends and events of public health importance

Ohio observed the following disease trends and anomalies in the past 24 hours:

- Superstorm Sandy brought gusty winds and snow to Ohio overnight. A review of emergency department data overnight shows no related increases in injuries, carbon monoxide poisonings, or falls. However, there were several observations (n=5) from Northeast Ohio (Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, and Summit Counties) visiting the ED for an oxygen source due to power outages at their residences. These data are shown in the charts below.



ESF 12 – Energy

Significant Power Outages

- AEP – Lawrence County/1,113
- First Energy – Cuyahoga County/161,275 – Lorain County/13,033 – Lake County/23,881 – Ashtabula County/10,796 – Erie/1,854 – Summit/2,272
- CEI – 222,000 outages – Cleveland/Bay Village/Euclid/Westlake - Additional resources secured: (1) 50 linemen from Missouri and Illinois today, (2) 10 linemen from TE today, and (3) ~65 linemen from Colorado, Idaho, and Montana on Wednesday.
- Ohio Edison – 24,000 outages – Lake Erie area/Bay/Avon district will be restored by midnight Wednesday – others will be restored by midnight tonight.

Utility	Outages
First Energy	214,174
AEP	1113
Dayton Power and Light	7
Duke	1834
Rural Electric Cooperatives	959
TOTAL	218, 087

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

The Ohio State Highway Patrol assisted with road closures and minor too reports related to minor crashes due to the high wind rain and snow conditions.

ESF 14 – Mitigation and Recovery

Ohio EMA reached out to the Ohio Building Officials Association (OBOA). OBOA confirmed that they are on stand-by and available to respond to in-state or out-of-state requests for substantial damage and building inspections.

The Ohio EMA Mitigation and Recovery Branch continue to monitor and assess the impacts from the storm.

The ODNR Floodplain Management Program collected information from local Floodplain Administrator’s (FPA), and provided the information to the State EOC and Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Press Release Issued:

1. State Emergency Operations Center Activation, can be found on the home page of our website
2. Shane Cartmill, Public Information Officer, Division of State Fire Marshal will drafting a release promoting the IMAT teams deployment and we will support getting this completed
3. Generator Safety and food safety releases are currently in the process of being approved.

Interviews and Media Request:

1. Media interviews include: CNN, NPR, AP, CBS news & ABC 6
2. Lynne Bratka from the ODH/IMAT team conducted one interview today regarding the deployment

Digital Media/Social Media:

All press releases generated by the SEOC can be found on our website
We have issued 9 tweets

Local Communication:

We will reach out to Cleveland/Cuyahoga JIC

Hours of Operation: The JIC will continue to operate in a virtual capacity and closing at 6:00pm

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

All agencies should email their briefing reports for the daily Situation Report by 2:30 p.m. to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us.

A CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2012.