



**STATE OF OHIO**  
**Emergency Operations Center**  
**SITUATION REPORT**

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Ted Strickland, Governor  
**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
**SUBJECT:** Severe Weather and Tornadoes – June 5-6, 2010  
**DATE:** June 8, 2010

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Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

In response to the “Severe Weather and Tornadoes – June 5-6, 2010” event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2010 and is at Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2. A CAS-2 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Operations Room at 10:00 a.m. today.

A CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning in the SEOC Operations Room.

**INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

**Weekend of June 5-6:** A very warm, moist and unstable environment developed Friday into Saturday as a low pressure system moved northeast toward the region. A stationary front just south of Ohio became a warm front and lifted slowly north on Saturday. The warm front that eventually stalled over northern Ohio became the focus for the development of strong to severe thunderstorms Saturday and Saturday night.

Strong to severe thunderstorms started to develop by late morning and continued into the early afternoon hours on Saturday. The area that was impacted during the day the most was from about Mansfield (Richland County) southeast into Holmes and Stark counties in Ohio. Many areas along this axis also reported significant rainfall through the afternoon hours. The thunderstorm activity weakened and moved east by late afternoon.

A vigorous upper level disturbance moved east toward northwest Ohio Saturday evening. More thunderstorms developed over northern Indiana and moved east into northwest Ohio late Saturday evening. These thunderstorms developed along a stationary front and advancing cold front in the very moist and unstable air resulting in confirmed tornadoes affecting Fulton and Lucas counties, and Wood and Ottawa counties.

The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed an EF2 tornado that touched down in Fulton County, Ohio at 10:38 p.m. The tornado began on highway 109 just north of County Road A, continued to the northeast through Maumee State Forest, then entered Lucas County. The tornado had a path length of 7.5 miles and was half a mile wide at the widest point. Multiple houses and structures were damaged or destroyed, trees uprooted, stripped or damaged. The maximum wind speeds were estimated at 111 to 135 mph.

A team of National Weather Service Meteorologists performed an extensive survey of the tornado path in northeast Wood and western Ottawa counties. It was determined that a tornado with an intensity of EF4 with winds of approximately 170-175 MPH moved through the area.

The tornado first touched down near I-80 and Oregon Rd. (east of Perrysburg) at 11:20 p.m., moved across the south side of Moline, near Metcalf Airport, across the northwest side of Millbury, into Ottawa county following Trowbridge Rd., and finally lifting at 11:35 p.m. just west of Clay Center.

The most intense damage from this tornado occurred in two locations. The first location was at State Route 795 near Lake High School and then again on the northwest side of Millbury. The damage near Lake High School was rated a strong EF3. The damage on the northwest side of Millbury was rated in the EF4 category due to the extreme damage to structures. Five fatalities and numerous injuries were attributed to the tornado.

**Sunday, June 6:** The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2010. The initial Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. The CAS level was escalated to CAS-2 after the morning briefing. A CAS-2 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Operations Room at 3:00 p.m. Five deaths were initially confirmed in Wood County with an additional two added later in the evening for a total of seven. The official death toll would be reduced to five on Monday. A Governor's Declaration was declared for Wood and Fulton counties. Ottawa County was added to this emergency declaration on Monday. The Operations Centers (EOCs) in these counties were open to support local response operations. Ohio EMA staff was dispatched to Wood and Fulton counties to support local response operations. Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers responded to search and security missions in Millbury (Wood County).

**Monday, June 7:** The SEOC continued CAS-2 activities with two daily briefings. SEOC working group meetings were held relating to debris management, logistics support, and donations management. Wood County officials reported a reduction of fatalities associated with this incident from seven to five. This number was confirmed by the County Coroner. Ohio EMA personnel were dispatched to Ottawa and Tuscarawas counties.

**Tuesday, June 8:** The SEOC continued CAS-2 activities with one morning briefing. There were open missions for debris removal and donations technical assistance. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted with local, state, and federal teams in the affected areas.

## **DECLARATIONS**

### **County / State**

Fulton, Ottawa and Wood

## **WEATHER**

### **Weather Forecast**

There is a chance for showers and thunderstorms with below normal but comfortable temperatures in Ohio today. Western Ohio has a slight risk for severe weather this afternoon. Widespread wet weather is expected tonight into Wednesday and southeast Ohio will have a slight risk for severe weather on Wednesday as the storms progress eastward. Temperatures will continue to rise through the second half of the week.

### **Warnings, Watches and Advisories**

The NWS flood warning has been extended for the Tiffin River near Stryker in Williams, Fulton and Defiance Counties until Thursday morning. At 9 p.m. Monday the stage was 11.7 feet and rising. Minor flooding is occurring and minor flooding is forecast. Flood stage is 11.0 feet. The river will rise to a crest near 11.9 feet around 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, and fall below flood stage around 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 9. At 12.0 feet, portions of SR-66 flood north of Archbold.

## **STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS**

### **ESF 1 – Transportation**

#### Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT continues debris removal along SR-795 in Wood County and SR-64 in Lucas County. SR-795, between I-280 and I-75, reopened yesterday. SR-64 is now open to traffic with temporary closures needed as crews are working on trees. SR-795 remains closed east of I-280 where the downed power lines are located.

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

#### Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ESF-3 has received two missions dealing with debris removal. ODOT has teams rolling to Millbury and coordinating with local EMA and Ohio EPA representatives for debris removal.

#### Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has accepted and is responding to two debris missions. The first is in Wood County, Millbury, involving removal of debris from the Main Street right of way. The second is in Ottawa County and includes debris removal from right of way near the villages of Williston and Clay Center. ODOT District Two is coordinating directly with local EMA supervisors.

#### Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)

Ohio EPA is working with ODNR and ODOT to support the debris management/disposal missions received from Wood and Ottawa counties. An Ohio EPA inspector, Brent Goetz, is in Millbury working with the local officials directly. Ohio EPA Northwest District Office (NWDO) Chief Shannon Nabors participated in the 11:00 a.m. conference call with affected counties to

discuss debris management and disposal, along with Jeremy Scoles, of the Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM).

Dina Pierce of Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center is coordinating with the Division of Air Pollution Control, DSIWM, NWDO, and the Joint Information Center on a possible press release regarding debris management and the prohibition on open burning. EPA staff are also reaching out to Lake Twp. and Lake Local School District to provide technical assistance on demolition if there would happen to be any asbestos issues.

### **ESF 6 – Mass Care**

#### Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC is helping coordinate one mission regarding donated items to support Wood County local cleanup response.

#### Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Wood County MRC volunteers have been activated to assist with mass tetanus vaccination for victims and cleanup volunteers who are working in and around debris.

Lucas County MRC has been put on standby.

Volunteers are active in Fulton, Wood and Ottawa counties.

#### American Red Cross (Rep: Dennis Morgan)/Ohio VOAD

To date the Disaster Relief Operation has fed 675 snacks and 380 meals. Also, the Community-Based Resource Center at St. Peters United Church of Christ remains open to assist residents, and will remain open as long as the needed. Feeding operations and client outreach continues, including mental health assistance. These services will continue as long as the need is identified. The Red Cross continues to work closely with Goodwill, the Salvation Army and other VOAD and faith based organizations. Significant events of the day include monitoring the weather and the high school graduation ceremony this evening at Owens Community College.

#### VOAD

VOAD has been assisting with the open mission dealing with donated items to support clean-up efforts in Wood County. ESF-6 representatives are entering needed items onto the National Donations Management Network portal, which is located at [www.aidmatrix.org](http://www.aidmatrix.org).

#### Ohio Department of Insurance (Rep: Jarrett Dunbar)

Insurance is working on a bulletin to insurance companies for tomorrow that explains that an insurance company cannot cancel or deny renewal of policies for policy holders affected by this disaster that may be late with premium payments.

## **ESF 12 – Energy**

### Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

As of 9:00 a.m. on June 8, 2010, the Toledo Edison Electric Company reports that 20 customers remain without power due to this incident and that those customers are located primarily in Wood county. The company projects that all customers will be restored to service by late this afternoon.

## **ESF 13 – Law Enforcement**

### Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The Ohio State Highway Patrol continues to assist local law enforcement by providing two troopers in the Wood County area. The troopers are providing routine patrol in the SR-795 area for security and are available to assist with calls for service.

The Lake Twp. Police Department will be working on moving to the vacated Walbridge Post today for permanent operations.

The Highway Patrol is attempting to provide 4-5 salvage patrol cars to Lake Twp. Police Department to supplement their current fleet.

### Ohio Board of Regents (BOR)

BOR reports that the University of Toledo Police Department is providing personnel and equipment to assist Lake Twp. in Wood county.

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

### Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Recovery and Mitigation staff is participating in Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments for Individual Assistance in Fulton, Ottawa and Wood Counties. Ohio has also requested Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment for Public Assistance in Wood County. Joint PDA's are tentatively scheduled to be completed by Thursday, June 10, 2010.

## **ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs**

### Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

The SEOC Joint Information Center continues to coordinate media activities. WBNS 10TV conducted an interview with Tamara McBride, Public Affairs Chief, this afternoon – Ref: NOAA Weather Radios. The JIC received media calls from the following outlets: Toledo Blade and 13ABC-Toledo.

Press releases:

- Wood, Fulton, Ottawa County Residents Advised to Beware of “Storm Chasers” (June 8)
- Governor Strickland Asks for Federal Assistance to Conduct PDA (June 7)
- (ODOT) State Crews Respond to Widespread Damage in NW Ohio

The JIC is currently preparing press releases on: Ohio EPA Storm Cleanup; Disposing of Debris.

## **COUNTY IMPACTS**

Several counties other than Fulton, Wood, Lucas, and Ottawa experienced tornadic activity over the June 5-6 weekend. Richland (EF-0), Holmes (EF-1), Ashtabula (EF-1), and Union (EF-0) counties all experienced varying levels of damage and disruption. No requests for state assistance were received from these counties. For the purpose of this report, county-by-county details will focus on the most severely impacted areas involving state assistance.

The following county reports are current as of 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

### **Wood County**

Wood County reports 5 confirmed fatalities as a result of the incident (a reduction by 2 from previous reports) and 28 injuries of varying severity. Preliminary damage assessment from county officials reported 12 homes destroyed, 10 with major damage, 50 with minor damage, and several hundred affected. Debris removal, donations & volunteer management, and community outreach remain priorities for this operational period.

### **Fulton County**

Fulton County has reported no fatalities as a result of the incident. Preliminary damage assessments from county officials have reported 11 homes destroyed, 20 with major damage, 11 with minor damage, and 27 affected.

### **Ottawa County**

Ottawa County has reported no fatalities as a result of the incident. Preliminary damage assessments have reported 8 homes destroyed, 3 with major damage, 10 with minor damage, and 19 affected (all ARC PDA numbers). Ottawa County has requested the assistance of an Ohio EMA Field Liaison. Rich Lauffer, Field Liaison, will be returning to Columbus this evening from Fulton County and will re-deploy to Ottawa County Wednesday morning.

### **Lucas County**

Lucas County has reported no fatalities or injuries as a result of the incident. Preliminary damage assessments from county officials have reported 1 home destroyed and 3 with major damage, 7 minor, and 47 affected.

## **BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

A CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

SEOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the situation in Ohio as this incident transitions into the recovery phase.

All agencies should email their briefing reports by 2:00 p.m. to: [eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us).