



**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 11, 2010

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Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 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.

The SEOC Assessment Room will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13 to support county operations. There will be no CAS-1 briefings scheduled over the weekend.

The next CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. **Monday, June 14**, in the SEOC Assessment Room.

**INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

**Weekend of June 5-6:** Unstable weather developed Friday into Saturday as a low pressure system moved northeast toward the region and a stationary front just south of Ohio became a warm front and moved north on Saturday and stalled over northern Ohio. Strong-to-severe thunderstorms developed from this front by late morning and continued into the early afternoon hours on Saturday. The most-impacted area was from Mansfield (Richland County) southeast into Holmes and Stark counties in Ohio, where significant rainfall fell through the afternoon hours. The thunderstorm activity weakened and moved east by late afternoon.

An upper-level disturbance moved east toward northwest Ohio on Saturday evening as thunderstorms developed over northern Indiana and moved east into northwest Ohio late Saturday evening. These thunderstorms developed into confirmed tornadoes that affected Fulton, Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties.

The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed that an EF-2 tornado 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 it entered Lucas County. The tornado had a path length of 7.5 miles and was a half-mile wide at its widest point. Multiple houses and structures were damaged or destroyed, and trees were uprooted, stripped and/or damaged. Maximum wind speeds were estimated at 111-to-135 mph.

NWS Meteorologists performed an extensive survey of the path of a tornado that impacted northeast Wood and western Ottawa counties and determined that it was an EF-4 tornado with winds of approximately 170-175 MPH. 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 on the northwest side of Millbury. The damage near Lake High School was rated as strong EF-3. The damage on the northwest side of Millbury was rated as EF-4 due to the extreme damage to structures seen there. Five fatalities and numerous injuries were attributed to this tornado.

**Sunday, June 6:** The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2010. An initial CAS-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. Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) in these counties were opened to support local response operations. Ohio EMA staff members were 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 operations at CAS-2 and two briefings were held. Debris management, logistics support, and donations management working group meetings were held in the SEOC. 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 and Wednesday June 9:** The SEOC continued CAS-2 activities with morning briefings each day. There were missions for debris removal, acquisition of tarps and masks, donations and technical assistance. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted with local, state, and federal teams in the affected areas.

**Thursday, June 10:** Based on data from the Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment with local, state, and federal officials, Governor Ted Strickland sent a letter to President Obama requesting a major disaster declaration for Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood counties. The SEOC activation level was lowered to CAS-1 at 2:00 p.m. ESF lead agency representatives continue to monitor open missions.

**Friday, June 11:** The SEOC conducted a CAS-1 briefing at 10:00 a.m. with state agencies actively involved in missions. The SEOC Assessment Room will remain open over the weekend from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13, 2010. The Ohio Fire Response System has been activated on behalf of Wood County to provide Advanced Life Support Vehicles (ambulance), Engines and Truck company support to back up the township's assets on station.

## **DECLARATIONS**

County – Tuscarawas

County/State – Fulton, Ottawa and Wood

## **WEATHER**

### **Weather Forecast**

Expect warmer and more humid conditions in Ohio today with a slight chance for a shower or thunderstorm especially across western Ohio. Tonight will be warm and humid. Saturday will be hazy, warm and humid with showers or thunderstorms likely. The chance for precipitation decreases Saturday evening but remains in the forecast for Sunday. Cooler air returns again early next week.

### **Extended Hazardous Weather Outlook**

A front extending from a low-pressure center over southern Minnesota to the mid Atlantic coast will move very little by Saturday night and will serve as a focus for showers and thunderstorms from Saturday afternoon through Sunday. The air mass across the region will be very warm and humid through Sunday as Gulf moisture pushes tropical air northward from the Ohio Valley to the Atlantic coast. Several rounds of thunderstorms will move generally eastward along the front from Saturday afternoon through Sunday, presenting a possible flood threat as they encounter the tropical air mass across the region. The greatest potential will exist along and south of the frontal position, where 1-1.5 inches of rain can be expected. The frontal position will remain somewhat uncertain until Saturday morning. The Storm Prediction Center has also placed our region in a slight risk for severe thunderstorms on Saturday. The greatest threat will be from damaging straight line winds.

There are no active NWS warnings, watches or advisories in effect for Ohio at this time.

## **STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS**

### **ESF 1 – Transportation**

#### **Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)**

State Route 795 East of I-280 is detoured in Wood County for storm clean-up. ODOT reports all other roadways are open.

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

#### Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has three active ESF-3 debris missions, one each being handled by the District Two garages in Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood counties:

**Wood County:** ODOT is currently working the Millbury area with 10 dump trucks, 2 loaders, 1 street sweeper, 1 skid steer, 1 trailer, 1 backhoe, 3 pick-up trucks, 2 Bowling Green loaders, and 15 highway technicians. Yesterday a total of 39 loads of debris were hauled, bringing the total loads hauled to 95. There is an estimated three work days remaining to complete the mission.

**Ottawa County:** ODOT is currently working the Williston/Clay Center areas with 8 dump trucks, 1 track hoe, 1 loader, 2 backhoes, 1 trailer, and 8 highway technicians. ODNR is also working the area with 2 dump trucks. Yesterday a total of 40 loads of debris were hauled, bringing the total loads hauled to 90. There is an estimated four work days remaining to complete the mission.

**Fulton County** – ODOT is currently working the Swain Creek Township area with 7 dump trucks, 2 loaders, 1 trailer, 1 backhoe, 3 pick-up trucks and 10 highway technicians. ODNR is also working the area with 2 dump trucks. Yesterday a total of 33 loads of debris were hauled, bringing the total loads hauled to 38. There is an estimated three work days remaining to complete the mission.

ODOT and other support agencies will stand down over the weekend but remain available for emergency calls. The landfill will be closed for general debris during the same time period. This will allow volunteer agencies time to move the remaining debris to designated debris pick-up locations for an estimated completion of general debris hauling by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

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

ODNR has one open debris mission. ODNR, in coordination with local ODOT, is assessing the need to remove debris in the Crane Creek area (near Hollie Road in Lake Township). Local ODOT crews have assessed the area with Wood County EMA and determined that it was located on private property and the agency would be unable to respond. ODOT offered to assist with more resources in right-of-way debris removal to relieve county and local resources so they might be able to clear the debris in the creek. Currently, ODNR is coordinating with Ohio VOAD and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to identify what resources are available.

### **ESF 6 – Mass Care**

#### Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC is assisting with the mission to coordinate donated items to support Wood County local clean-up recovery efforts. Ohio VOAD representative Roy Nelson of the Adventist Community Services will assess the donation management needs in Wood County and provide a report through ESF-6.

The Volunteer Reception Center located at the Fireman's Recreation Hall in Millbury has processed 2,500 volunteers to assist with clean-up efforts within the past four days.

Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Lucas County MRC has 108 volunteers ready to assist, if needed.

American Red Cross (ARC)

As of close of business yesterday, the Red Cross Relief Operation had fed 1,780 snacks and 1,580 meals. The Red Cross continues to provide fixed and mobile feeding, client outreach, and services at the multi-agency resource center at St. Peters United Church of Christ.

The ARC expects that high temperatures this weekend will make hydration an issue for impacted community and volunteers assisting in the recovery operations.

Mental health support remains a major priority with staff working at fixed sites. They continue to provide outreach efforts to students groups and the community.

The Red Cross relief operation continues a major bulk distribution process using purchased and in-kind donations, to include ARC comfort and clean-up kits, vest, gloves, hard hats, hand sanitizers. The relief operation was also able provide a copier and fax machine to a local police department.

All of these services will continue through the weekend.

Volunteer Reception Centers (VRCs)

The following VRCs will be open this weekend to process volunteers assisting in clean-up efforts:

1. Wood County VRC: Fireman's Recreation Hall, 28410 Oak Street in Millbury, will be open throughout the weekend from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
2. Fulton County VRC: Swan Creek Township Building, 5565 County Road "D" in Delta, will be open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, if necessary. (VRC also serving Lucas County)
3. Ottawa County VRC: Located at the northwest corner of Trowbridge and Reiman roads in Millbury. The VRC will be open the weekend from approximately 8:00 to 6:00 p.m. each day, and later if necessary.

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

### Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) of Fulton, Ottawa and Wood counties with FEMA/Small Business Administration was completed on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. The Governor's letter to the President requesting a Federal Disaster Declaration for the three counties was drafted, signed and forwarded to FEMA Region V for processing. The Request is in process with FEMA HQ as of this morning (Friday, June 11).

Recovery staff are providing technical assistance for issues such as disaster assistance and debris management to state agencies/departments, county EMA personnel, as well as, local officials in the impacted counties.

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

### Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

The SEOC Joint Information Center (JIC) continues to coordinate media activities. Ohio EMA Executive Director Nancy Dragani conducted a television interview with WTVG ABC13-Toledo earlier this morning. She provided an update on the state's response to the northwest Ohio tornadoes, and information on volunteering and donating money, goods and services. Director Dragani also toured tornado-stricken areas in Wood County with Senator Sherrod Brown this afternoon.

## **County Impacts**

The following county reports are current as of 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 11, 2010.

### **Wood County**

Wood County reports that the majority of Main Street in the village of Millbury has been cleared of heavy debris. Light debris removal work will continue in this area through the weekend. The primary drainage basin for the village of Millbury, Crane Creek, has substantial amounts of debris that could cause problems if heavy rain falls in the basin. Wood County may conduct debris removal this weekend using local equipment and volunteers; it may take considerable time to clear the debris.

The Volunteer Reception Center located at the Millbury Fireman's Recreation Hall, 28410 Oak Street, will be open throughout the weekend with hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

### **Fulton County**

Wood debris clean-up continues by the County Engineer and ODOT. A majority of the residential wood debris has been removed to the roadside by volunteers. It is estimated that all residential wood debris clean-up should be completed by Saturday, June 12. This estimate includes the 50 homes that were affected in Lucas County.

The Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) operation is switching from its current location to the Swan Creek Township Building in Delta tomorrow, Saturday, June 12. Hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, if necessary. All requests for assistance and volunteer efforts are still being directed to the 211 call center. The 211 Call Center in Lucas and Henry counties are coordinating efforts and sending information to the VRC.

On Saturday and Sunday, Resource Management will move from the EOC to the VRC. EMA directors from Fulton and Henry counties will continue to coordinate Resource Management.

Jim Ditzler, representing the Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, contacted the county EOC today and is coordinating a Long-Term Recovery Committee meeting on Monday, June 14.

The Open Door of Delta continues to distribute donated items to affected home residents. Red Cross provided assistance to a family yesterday (6/10). The regional office in Toledo will coordinate with the local Red Cross chapter to deliver 50 clean-up kits for residents impacted by the disaster.

Congressman Bob Latta is completing his tour of the disaster area with local officials.

### **Lucas County**

The county continues to coordinate and provide mutual aid assistance as requested to Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood counties as part of the recovery efforts. Several residents in Lucas County are in need of wooded/organic debris removal from their property. The county is coordinating with United Way/211 and Fulton County to share volunteer resources from a joint Volunteer Reception Center at the Swan Creek Township Building in Delta (Fulton County).

### **Ottawa County**

The county EMA will continue to coordinate volunteer clean-up efforts at its Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) throughout the weekend from approximately 8:00 to 6:00 p.m. each day, and later if necessary. The VRC is located at the northwest corner of Trowbridge and Reiman Roads in Millbury. The county EOC will be closed.

### **BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

The next scheduled CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 14, in the SEOC Assessment Room.

SEOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the situation in Ohio over the weekend 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).