



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Severe Weather and Tornadoes – September 2010

DATE: September 21, 2010

Information in this Situation Report is current as of 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2010.

In response to the “Severe Weather and Tornadoes – September 2010” event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 7:45 p.m., Thursday, September 16, 2010.

This is the final Situation Report for this incident. There are no further briefings scheduled. The SEOC Assessment room will close at 5:00 p.m. today.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

During the early evening of September 16, 2010, a line of severe weather moved across the state. Multiple counties were affected by high winds and tornadoes primarily in central, southeast and northeast Ohio.

The National Weather Service has confirmed eleven tornadoes in the following areas:

County(ies)	Fujita Scale	Additional Information
Athens	EF2	The Plains, Nelsonville, Athens
Delaware	EF0	Three miles southwest of Galena
Fairfield	EF0	Rushville
Hocking	EF1	Far northeast corner of Hocking Co. (began near Tarlton)
Holmes	EF1	Clark Township
Meigs	EF3	Reedsville
Perry	EF2	Bearfield and Harrison
Perry	EF1	Crooksville
Pickaway/Fairfield	EF1	Tarlton
Tuscarawas	EF1	New Philadelphia
Wayne	EF2	Wooster and also affected the local OSU Campus

Thursday, September 16: The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 7:45 p.m., Thursday, September 16, 2010 at a Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 in response to severe weather storms throughout the state.

Friday, September 17: CAS Level 1 briefings were held in the Assessment Room at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Governor Strickland, ODPS Director Thomas Stickrath, Assistant Director George Maier, and Ohio EMA staff toured areas damaged by severe weather in Athens and Meigs counties. Ohio EMA Field Operations staff were dispatched to Athens and Wayne counties and assisted with damage assessment. At 8:00 a.m., there were more than 40,000 homes without power across the state. By 1:30 p.m. 18,405 customers across the state were still without power due to the storms.

Saturday, September 18: The Assessment Room opened from 8:00 a.m. until noon to monitor storm-related activities. The Governor toured damaged areas in Wayne County.

Monday, September 20: The Assessment Room continued CAS-1 activities with a 10:00 a.m. briefing. All significant power outages have been restored. Ohio EMA Recovery, Mitigation, and Field Operations staff were dispatched to Athens, Perry, and Wayne counties to assist with Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA).

Tuesday, September 21: The final CAS-1 briefing for this incident was held at 10:00 a.m. today. The incident is transitioning from response to recovery and assessment will close today at 5:00 p.m.

DECLARATIONS

County – Athens, Meigs, Perry, Wayne

WEATHER

Weather Forecast

Warm weather expected across Ohio today with highs in the 90s in central and southern counties and 80s further north. Temperatures tonight will be in the 60s under partly cloudy skies. Showers and thunderstorms are possible on Wednesday. A chance for rain remains in the forecast through Friday.

There are no 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)

All on-system debris clearance work is complete and all state roadways are open.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (Ohio VOAD)

Ohio VOAD Activities in Meigs County –

Formation of Long-Term Recovery Committee (LTRC): Bob Davis is assisting in the formation of the LTRC through Meigs Cooperative Parish.

Donations Management: Monetary donations can be made at Farmers Bank, 42120 State Route 7, Tupper Plains, OH 45783. All donations should be marked “Reedsville Tornado Victims.” The bank may be reached at 667-3161. Storage for in-kind donations of building supplies and furniture etc. (not clothing) is available at Meigs Cooperative Parish (the former school building in Pomeroy). The Latter Day Saints are delivering a semi-truck of supplies to Meigs Co.

Volunteer Management: A volunteer manager will be identified by the LTRC at today's meeting.

Spiritual & Emotional Care: American Red Cross is providing a robust emotional care program with their Outreach coordinators. Spiritual needs will be addressed by the LTRC and VOAD member agencies.

The Salvation Army is providing feeding units in Reedsville, Meigs Co.

Ohio VOAD Activities in Athens County –

Formation of LTRC: Jim Rodgers, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Bennett Luckiesh, Adventist Community Services (ACS), will coordinate an organizational meeting of Athens Co Long Term Recovery at 1:00pm Wednesday (9/22/10) at The Plains United Methodist Church.

Donations Management: Ohio VOAD is able to receive monetary donations for Athens County, forward Donations to Ohio VOAD, treasurer Roy Nelson, 1900 County Road 22A, Bloomingdale, Ohio 43910. In-kind donations may be received at Lutheran Social Services Disaster Warehouse, phone 740-596-5555, 31860 Claypool Hollow Road, McArthur, Ohio, hours of operation 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Mary Woodward at 740-509-1132 for more information.

Volunteer Management: The Volunteer Reception Center is open at the Work Station, 70 North Plains Road #C, The Plains, Ohio. Point of Contact is Susan Rauber at 740-385-6168. Debris removal, tarping, and construction estimating teams are needed.

Spiritual & Emotional Care: Bennett Luckiesh, ACS is taking the lead to schedule a prayer service at the Athens High School.

American Red Cross (ARC)

The Athens County American Red Cross Service Center remains open. An ARC Mobile Feeding Site is available in areas near The Plains in Athens County. ARC has distributed 932 cases of water and 5,000 meals.

ARC is conducting case work and providing financial assistance, and mental and physical health services to families impacted from the storms. ARC is acquiring bulk distribution items to include tarps. Tarps will be distributed later today or early tomorrow.

ESF 13 - Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

OSHP will continue to provide one unit for security patrols of the OSU Wooster campus during the night hours. This request is being evaluated daily as clean-up efforts are completed.

All assistance requests in Athens and Meigs counties have been completed.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Disaster Recovery Branch personnel continue performing private sector Damage Assessment in Athens County. This work is expected to be completed by close of business today (9/21/10). Assessment of event-related impacts in the affected counties is expected to be completed by the end of this week.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Public Affairs continues to respond to media inquiries for this event.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

There are no further briefings scheduled for this incident.

The SEOC Assessment Room will close at 5:00 p.m. today.