



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Strong Winds & Severe Weather – October 2010

DATE: October 27, 2010

Information in this Situation Report is current as of 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

In response to the “Strong Winds & Severe Weather – October 2010” event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at Crisis Action Level 1 (CAS-1) at 11:45 a.m., Monday, October 26, 2010.

CAS-1 briefings were held at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. today.

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

The following is a list of reported tornadoes. The National Weather Service (NWS) continues to do surveys of damage in order to confirm the reports and determine appropriate classification.

County(ies)	Fujita Scale	NWS Survey Status	Jurisdictions affected
Auglaize	EF2	Confirmed	Cridersville
Fayette	EF0	Confirmed	Washington Courthouse
Franklin	EF0	Confirmed	Groveport
Licking	EF0	Confirmed	Near Pataskala
Paulding	EF1 & EF1	2 Tornadoes Confirmed	Blue Creek, Latty, Jackson and Brown
Pickaway	Straight-line winds	Surveyed	Near Five Points; Straight-line winds of 70 mph.
Pickaway	EF0	Confirmed	Near Commercial Point
Van Wert	EF0	Confirmed	Near Convoy

A very intense area of low pressure pushed east through the Great Lakes region, with a strong cold front moving through the Ohio Valley. This led to the development of a squall line, which

moved through Ohio during the mid-day and afternoon hours.

The squall line produced widespread wind gusts to 50-60 MPH, with some locations recording winds as high as 70-80 MPH. In addition, the strong wind shear associated with the weather system created a favorable environment for the development of tornadoes along the squall line.

Power outages statewide peaked between approximately 50,000-60,000 late afternoon on October 26th. By midmorning today (10/27) outages had been reduced to fewer than 3,000 with full restoration expected by 11:30 p.m. this evening (10/27). All state, U.S., and interstate routes are open. No fatalities or serious injuries have been reported.

The most severe impact has been in the Cridersville area in Auglaize County. Nancy Dragani, the Executive Director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, visited the Cridersville today (10/27) to survey the damage in person. Preliminary damage assessments have found 7 destroyed residences, 5 with major damage, 4 with minor damage, and 29 affected. Unsafe structures are being boarded up and secured. NWS has confirmed an EF2 tornado touchdown that caused the damage.

DECLARATIONS

None

WEATHER

Weather Forecast

It is cool and drying up today on the heels of yesterday's strong cold front and severe weather. Today will be much quieter and comfortable. Clouds continue to move out of Ohio, so expect some sunshine. Gusty conditions remain in northern and northwest Ohio where a high wind warning and wind advisories are still posted. While temperatures peak in the upper 60s and low 70s today, there will be a rather substantial drop in our afternoon high temperatures by tomorrow.

There is a high wind advisory in effect for the following counties until this evening: Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Marion, Medina, Mercer, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot. Expect to see winds increase to 25 to 35 mph with gusts up to 45 mph possible. Drivers in high profile vehicles should exercise caution.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT Districts are reporting mostly trees, signs and power lines were downed by the storm and all have been cleared from roadways as of this time. Short term high water closures were also reported but opened shortly after the main portion of the storm had passed.

The County Garage in Fayette County had major roof damage to several buildings on the site along with damage to the fuel pump island.

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

ESF 6 – Mass Care

American Red Cross (ARC)

A shelter was on standby in Auglaize County but closed due to no occupancy at 10:00 p.m. last night (10/26), and ARC mobile feeding was available. One family was provided assistance in Cridersville.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Disaster Recovery Branch personnel are available to provide technical assistance with preliminary damage assessments and debris removal issues.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Chief of Public Affairs Tamara McBride accompanied Ohio EMA Executive Director Nancy Dragani to Cridersville today. The NWS concluded that an EF-2 tornado touched down in Cridersville. Executive Director Dragani participated in one media interview.

The Public Affairs Office worked with the Ohio Dept. of Insurance to distribute a press release intended for Auglaize County residents on 'storm chasers' – fraudulent building contractors.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

There are no further briefings scheduled for this incident.

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