



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Flooding in Eastern/Southeastern Ohio SITREP No. 16

DATE: September 25, 2004 – 5:00 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. September 26, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.

GENERAL SITUATION

Conditions are improving in eastern and southeastern counties that experienced flooding. Recovery efforts are well underway. The forecast for the next 5-7 days is partly cloudy to sunny and dry with highs in the mid 70's. Hurricane Jeanne is not expected to impact Ohio.



General Wayt talks with Sheriff McCort, of Belmont County

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Active missions in the counties primarily focus on debris removal, mudslides and slips and housing needs.

Declarations

Fifteen counties are under a federal declaration of emergency and twenty counties are under a state proclamation of emergency. FEMA has approved Governor Bob Taft's request to roll the incident period back to August 27, 2004 for the current presidential declaration #1556, for Individual Assistance. Athens, Gallia, Mahoning, Meigs and Vinton counties are being considered for inclusion in the federal declaration.

Bob Taft, Governor
Jennette Bradley, Lt. Governor

Kenneth L. Morckel, Director
Department of Public Safety

#	County	Jurisdiction	Declaration Level	Type
1	Belmont	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
2	Carroll	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
3	Columbiana	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
4	Guernsey	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
5	Harrison	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
6	Jefferson	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
7	Monroe	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
8	Morgan	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
9	Muskingum	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
10	Noble	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
11	Perry	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
12	Stark	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
13	Trumbull	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
14	Tuscarawas	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
15	Washington	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
16	Athens	Countywide	County/State	Emergency
17	Gallia	Countywide	County/State	Emergency
18	Mahoning	Countywide	County/State	Emergency
19	Meigs	Countywide	County/State	Emergency
20	Vinton	Countywide	County/State	Emergency

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

There are still 14 state routes and 1 US route (US Rt. 40) closed or restricted due to flooding and debris. ODOT expects to continue road repairs through the weekend. ODOT is cleaning ditches in Athens County and cleaning streets in Washington and Meigs Counties. Repair work on a slip in Monroe County will resume on Monday. ODOT delivered 100 road closed signs, 50 high water signs, and 30 warning signs to Belmont County yesterday.

There are no significant impacts on state route bridges.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA continues to provide MARCS radio support to the ONG as needed. Ohio EMA is providing technical assistance to the donations hotline and donations warehouse.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR’s Division of Mineral Resources Management has received reports of 51 slips, landslides or sinkholes in Belmont County. They are being investigated and prioritized based on immediate threat to life or property.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG has a total of 134 ONG personnel and 122 pieces of equipment working on transportation and engineering missions in Belmont, Washington, Monroe and Meigs counties. ONG released 10 personnel and 6 pieces of equipment from Jefferson County.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is removing debris in Jefferson, Noble, Washington and Belmont Counties. ODOT completed removing debris in Guernsey County this morning and expects to complete the debris removal mission in Jefferson County by the end of today. ODOT expects to continue the debris removal mission for Belmont County for the next two weeks. Other than Belmont County, debris removal projects for all other counties are projected to be completed by Tuesday. ODOT is working with the Belmont County Engineer's Office to identify and prioritize debris removal projects from around several bridges located throughout the county. ODOT expects to continue debris removal for Belmont and Washington Counties tomorrow.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), SE District Office staff continues their field presence over the weekend in affected counties with emphasis on Washington, Belmont and Jefferson Counties.

Division of Drinking and Ground Water reports the number of boil alerts remains in flux. There are new pipe breaks occurring as things begin to dry out. Some areas are still so saturated there are new slips causing new line breaks and some pipe alignments are not matching up, which is causing repaired pipes to fail as they are re-pressurized.

OEPA advised Powhatan Point, Belmont County on how to deal with an odor problem caused by organic material in debris.

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC)

ODRC reports that there are 40 inmates and 8 staff in Washington County, 20 inmates and 6 staff in Belmont County, and 4 inmates and 2 staff in Athens County, working on debris removal. All crews are scheduled to work through the weekend.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

ARC is primarily addressing housing issues.

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

ODMH is in Belle Valley in Noble County, Trimble and Glouster in Athens County and Derwent in Guernsey County assessing the needs of citizens. These areas have been impacted by flash flooding several times in the past 10 years and residents may face mental health issues due to the recent floods. Department of Mental Health will follow up with VOAD and mental health workers in the field to identify individuals who need services.

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS)

All state-declared counties have been allocated \$200,000 to \$400,000 each in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) grants for disaster assistance to low income, children and the elderly. Counties must document additional needs as they arise.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS continues to canvas the mobile home industry to locate vendors willing to rent trailers/mobile homes.

The Donations Management Group activated the hotline and a warehouse. DAS reports that the Donations hotline at 1-888-FloodOH will operate daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. including Saturday and Sunday. The Telephone Pioneers, DAS and Ohio EMA are manning the lines and have handled over 50 calls. The Donations Management Group has 4 collection sites identified in Belmont, Guernsey, Jackson and Meigs counties for selected items and is looking for donation collection sites in northeast and southwest Ohio. Monetary donations can be made at any National City Bank to the Southeast Ohio Disaster Relief Network (SEODRN).

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH personnel will be on stand-by over the weekend to address any new missions and will resume work on tetanus vaccine and the testing of private wells on Monday.

ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

No report.

ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG military police personnel are working on 12-hour shifts to support local law enforcement agencies with security issues. There are 36 MPs in Monroe County. ONG released 30 personnel and 10 pieces of equipment from Belmont County today.

RECOVERY

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: FEMA and Ohio EMA have completed Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) in Carroll, Harrison, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, and Perry counties. PDAs for Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble and Washington counties are scheduled to begin on Monday, with completion by Wednesday of next week.

There will be a state agency briefing concerning the Public Assistance program on Monday at 9:00 a.m. at Ohio EMA's offices. Assistance on pre-applications for cost recovery by state agencies will be provided at that time. State agencies must track and document overtime, labor, equipment and material for reimbursement under a federal declaration. This includes overtime incurred at the EOC.

Estimates for Public Assistance (9/24/04) FEMA DR-1556

<i>County Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Carroll	\$275,000
Harrison	\$1,130,200
Mahoning	\$253,000
Perry	\$533,500
Tuscarawas	\$222,700
<i>Totals:</i>	\$2,414,400

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INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE: Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in Belmont County, Columbiana County, and Washington County are open and there were a total of 130 clients have been served. Ohio EMA will continue to work with FEMA and the other affected counties to identify DRC sites for a mobile DRC. At DRCs, people can obtain information on available assistance and return paperwork.

As of close of business yesterday 3,525 people registered for Individual Assistance (IA) through the 800-621-FEMA hot line and 1123 have been approved for assistance totaling over 1 million dollars. For IA only, this disaster's (#1556) start date has been adjusted back to August 27, 2004. The key message is that to be considered for the IA program, individuals and businesses must call and register at 1-800-621-FEMA.

A Disaster Housing Focus Group is being formed to discuss housing needs. Getting people into safe and sanitary housing is the first priority of the group with long term housing a continuing concern. The initial group will include the Ohio Department of Aging, the American Red Cross, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, the Appalachian Regional Council, the Ohio Department of Development, and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. FEMA is using all rental knowledge available from US Housing and Urban Development (HUD), local rentals and manufactured homes to assist in this effort. The Group will develop a housing strategy that will be widely distributed when complete.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Affairs is providing daily updates on agency activities as well as issuing press releases. There has been a good media response concerning the Donations Management hotline and Public Affairs will continue providing information on this hotline, as well as on FEMA's hotline for the registration for Individual Assistance (IA). Press releases have been issued covering the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) and the Donations Management Program. USA Today covered the donations management hotline and printed the number: 1-800-FLOOD-OH. Public Affairs will contact the Central Ohio media outlets to emphasize the importance of publicizing this information.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

All agencies should email their reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us

Conference call number: 614-387-3141

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