



# 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. 17  
**DATE:** September 26, 2004 – 4:00 p.m.

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**The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. September 27, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.**

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#### GENERAL SITUATION

Conditions are improving in eastern and southeastern counties that experienced flooding. Recovery efforts are well underway. The forecast for the next 5 days is sunny and dry. A cooling trend is developing with highs in the 60's expected by Friday. Hurricane Jeanne is not expected to impact Ohio.



*Crews Open a Road in Steinersville, 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. State agencies are working 32 missions through the state's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

###### *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. The request to add Athens, Gallia, Mahoning, Meigs and Vinton counties to the federal declaration was forwarded from the DFO to FEMA Region 5 this morning.

#	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.

There are no significant impacts on state route bridges.

**ESF 2 – Communications**

***Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)***

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 129 ONG personnel and 109 pieces of equipment working on engineering missions in Belmont, Washington, Monroe and Meigs counties. ONG released 10 personnel and 6 pieces of equipment from Jefferson County yesterday.

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

ODOT is removing debris in Jefferson, Noble, Washington and Belmont Counties. 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.

***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.

***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 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 100 calls. Because of the USA Today article, several of the calls have originated from several other states. The Donations Management Group has 4 collection/distribution sites identified in Belmont, Guernsey, Jackson and Meigs counties for selected items and is looking for donation collection sites in northeast and southwest Ohio. Two truckloads of goods were sent from the United Methodist Belmont County distribution center to the field and 4 volunteer groups are distributing the supplies. The hotline staff is encouraging callers to make monetary donations. Monetary donations can be made at any National City Bank to the Southeast Ohio Disaster Relief Network (SEODRN) or Checks can be made out to the SEODRN and sent to:

SEODRN  
c/o National City Bank  
222 E. Main Ave.  
Byesville, Ohio 43723

**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 12 – ENERGY**

***Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)***

A report was received of a telephone outage in Glencoe, Belmont County, from the junction of SR 149 and CR 5 going east 5 miles and involving 150 to 200 people. The reported information was forwarded to the PUCO.

**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 and the mission there is expected to be completed tomorrow. ONG released 30 personnel and 10 pieces of equipment from Belmont County yesterday.

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

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE: Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in Belmont County, Columbiana County, and Washington County are closed today and will reopen tomorrow. DRC hours of operations will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the week. Ohio EMA will continue to work with

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FEMA and the other affected counties to identify DRC sites for a roving DRC. At DRCs, people can obtain information on available assistance and return paperwork.

As of close of business yesterday 3,818 people registered for Individual Assistance (IA) through the 800-621-FEMA hot line and 1,156 have been approved for assistance totaling 1.67 million dollars. The Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued 2,105 application packets for assistance. 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 have a 4 p.m. conference call today to begin to develop a housing strategy to be widely distributed when complete.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Public Affairs is providing daily updates on agency activities as well as issuing press releases. Public Affairs contacted the Central Ohio media outlets to emphasize the importance of publicizing donations management efforts, which resulted in some very positive coverage. Public Affairs will continue providing information on this hotline, as well as on FEMA's hotline for the registration for Individual Assistance (IA).

A legislative briefing will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday morning (9/28) in the State EOC. Mr. Shipley, Ohio EMA's Executive Director, requested that state agencies have a representative present to brief the legislators on each agency's activities during this event.

**BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

All agencies should email their reports to: [eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us)

Conference call number: 614-387-3141

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