



STATE OF OHIO
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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: September 2008 Statewide High Winds
DATE: September 23, 2008

This is the Situation Report for Tuesday, September 23, 2008. This information is current as of 3:00 p.m. today.

The next scheduled CAS Level 1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 24 in the SEOC Assessment Room.

The next conference call for declared counties to discuss recovery activities is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 24 in the SEOC Assessment Room.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

September 14: Remnants of Hurricane Ike moved through Ohio with Tropical Storm force winds, causing widespread downing of trees and power lines. At the height of the emergency, over 1.9 million customers throughout Ohio were without electricity.

September 15: In response to this event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 6:30 a.m. A Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Assessment Room at 11:00 a.m. Due to an escalation of the event, a CAS Level 2 briefing was held in the SEOC Operations Room at 3:00 p.m. Six persons are confirmed to have died as a result of the storm. A boater was reported missing on Lake Milton, with search operations underway. Governor Strickland declared a State of Emergency. Over 450 school districts throughout Ohio were closed due to the emergency.

September 16: The SEOC Operations Room escalated activation to CAS Level 3 at 11:57 a.m. Twenty-four counties declared county-level emergencies due to high winds.

September 17: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 3. Two additional counties issued declarations bringing the total to 26 counties declared. Power restoration continued with fewer than one million customers reported as being without power. ODOT reopened all but two state routes. The body of the missing boater in Mahoning County was found, and the Mahoning County Coroner confirmed the death. An official cause of death was not yet issued.

September 18: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 3 until 3:31 p.m., when de-escalation to CAS-2 occurred due to reduced demand for state assistance. Three additional counties issued declarations bringing the total to 29 counties declared. Power continued to be restored with approximately 588,786 customers reported as being without power.

September 19: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 2 until 3:30 p.m., when de-escalation to CAS-1 occurred due to reduced demand for state assistance. Power continued to be restored with approximately 332,631 customers reported as being without power.

September 20: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at CAS Level 1. Power continued to be restored with approximately 225,418 customers reported as being without power as of 10:00 a.m.

September 21: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at CAS Level 1. Power continued to be restored with approximately 126,725 customers reported as being without power as of 10:00 a.m.

September 22: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at CAS Level 1. Significant power restoration continued with approximately 49,635 customers reported as being without power as of 10:00 a.m.

DECLARATIONS

State Declaration of Emergency

County: (29) Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Perry, Preble, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Tuscarawas and Warren.

WEATHER

General Forecast

Today and tomorrow will bring sunny skies with highs in the upper 70s for the north and low 80s in central and southern Ohio; low temperatures will be in the 50s and upper 40s. High pressure will dominate weather through the end of the week with relatively warm and dry conditions. Over the weekend, there is the possibility that a storm system on the east coast could influence weather in Ohio, perhaps introducing atmospheric instability that could cause scattered precipitation.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

All state roadways closed by windstorm debris and downed power lines have reopened. District 8 reports that (2) signals remain out on US 27 in Hamilton County.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has four open debris assistance missions in the counties listed below:

Franklin County – The debris mission in Worthington is utilizing (5) tandem dumps, and is expected to end by Thursday, September 25. ODOT was advised by Ohio EMA that Franklin County might request additional debris missions later today.

Greene County – The debris mission for Jamestown and New Jasper Twp is utilizing (7) Highway Technicians, (5) dump trucks, and (1) backhoe. The estimated 70 loads total in Jamestown should be complete today (Tuesday, September 23). New Jasper has 50 loads and should be completed by Wednesday afternoon, September 24.

Montgomery County –The debris mission is utilizing (2) clamshell loaders. ODOT continues to remove trees and debris from the City of Dayton.

Warren County – ODOT District 8 has scheduled a meeting with Warren County to discuss possible additional missions.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

OEPA continues to monitor and provide technical assistance to water systems affected by power outages. Nineteen public water systems in thirteen counties have active boil advisories in place. Three systems in three counties are using generator power to run equipment.

ESF 5 – Planning and Information

A CAS-1 briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. this morning. The Assessment Room of the State EOC continues to monitor the situation.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

American Red Cross (ARC)

Montgomery County has one shelter currently open at Crosswoods Church of God, 6213 Miller, Dayton, Ohio. The overnight population was seven.

In Beaver Creek Twp (Greene County), the ARC was asked to open a feeding site. It has opened, but the demand is expected to be low.

As of September 22, 2008, the American Red Cross provided the following statistics for sheltering, feeding and comfort operations in Ohio:

Shelters Opened	25	Other Response Vehicles	51
Overnight Stays	287	Service Delivery Sites Opened	19
Meals Served	19,495	Emergency Aid Stations	1
Snacks Served	6,801	Comfort Kits Distributed	170
Fixed Feeding Sites Opened	58	Mental Health Contacts Initiated	43
Mobile Feeding Units	26	Health Services Contacts	167
Kitchens Opened	5	Total Red Cross Workers	912
ERVs Activated	17	(of which 690 were volunteers)	

Ohio Department of Mental Health

ODMH surveyed local mental health boards to determine if demand for behavioral health services had increased due to the September 2008 Wind Storm. The survey had a 70 percent response rate, and asked, "Are there any increased activity or requests for behavioral health services being reported in your board areas or calls to hotlines since the windstorm hit across the state?"

Only three county board areas (Knox, Licking and Ross) indicated an increase in calls to hotlines or need for service due to the windstorm. These were all managed with existing county resources. There have been no other issues identified.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

ODJFS reports approximately 864 families (over \$200,000 total) and 403 elderly or disabled (over \$50,000 total) have been approved for TANF and Non-TANF Disaster Assistance. Thirty-three counties have reported approval numbers and expenditures; however, this does not include many of the larger metro counties (Franklin, Cuyahoga, Hamilton, and Montgomery). Five counties have requested additional funds. Later today, ODJFS will begin allocating resources from counties who have seen little to no impact to those counties requesting additional funds. Counties that have reported receiving a significant amount of applications for TANF/non-TANF Disaster Assistance include Columbiana, Fairfield, Franklin, Guernsey, Hamilton, Montgomery, Muskingum and Stark.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus will continue its gift card program through Friday. Families receive a trip to the Salvation Army food pantry and a \$40 Kroger gift card; however, the Salvation Army is unable to accommodate the surge in demand. The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus' four locations have distributed a total of approximately 200 gift cards per day. Hundreds of people line up at each location, hours before opening. On Monday, the Salvation Army turned away about 1,000 people, and today the demand was greater. For additional details see www.salvationarmycolumbus.org or call FirstLink at 614-221-2255. This service is only for those people who do not receive food stamps.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

The following reports were valid as of 8:30 a.m. this morning.

Dayton Power and Light

Dayton Power and Light has 23,000 customers concentrated primarily in the Dayton area remaining without power across its territory as they continue their restoration efforts.

All primary branch lines will be restored by Wednesday, September 24. Dayton Power and Light will concentrate on restoration of individual services Wednesday through Friday of this week. The utility has a team of nearly 1,700 people, including crews from ten states, working to restore power. Dayton Power and Light reports 500 poles needing to be set. Complete restoration for residential customers is unknown at this time.

Dayton Power and Light Outages

Montgomery	18,400
Greene	3,000
Clinton	300
Preble	n/a
Darke	10
Miami	80
Fayette	250
Champaign	n/a
Logan	40
Warren	280
Union	n/a

Duke

Duke Energy Ohio continues to experience approximately 850 customers without power across the following five counties: Brown (30), Butler (180), Clermont (120), Clinton (300), and Warren (280). These outages result from approximately 550 reported cases of trouble. Work packets for all outages related to the storm have been assigned to crews to be worked today. Duke anticipates completing storm restoration activities today. Approximately 700 contract crews continue to work on restoration efforts, but they have begun releasing some contractors as restoration efforts wind down. They have negotiated to keep about 115 Carolina contract crews through Saturday to help with clean-up activities.

AEP

AEP continues to experience 832 customers without service in the following four counties: Delaware (city of Delaware - 150), Columbiana (East Liverpool - 180), Coshocton (city of Coshocton - 155), and Franklin (Columbus - 347). AEP anticipates 100% restoration by tonight at midnight.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

Current County EMA and State Agency reported data totals approximately \$30 million in actual or estimated expenditures state-wide for debris removal, emergency response actions, and damage to buildings and utility systems.

Pending a formal request to FEMA, the Ohio EMA and FEMA will be conducting a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (Joint PDA) with local officials the week of October 6, 2008, to ascertain the impact from the September 14 windstorm. The Joint PDA will consist of meetings with officials of impacted local governments, schools, and certain private-non-profits (such as Rural Electric Cooperatives). The Joint PDA meetings will be held on a county-by-county basis. The number of counties to be surveyed is to be determined based on current, updated or new damage assessments received from the County EMA offices.

Should the results of the Joint PDA justify such action, the Governor may request of the President a Major Disaster Declaration, making the Public Assistance Program available to state agencies, local governments, and limited types of private-non-profit organizations.

Such a federal declaration WOULD NOT provide loans and grants to homeowners, renters, farmers or business owners for any disaster-related costs incurred due to the power outage and clean up.

COUNTY IMPACTS

Franklin, Greene, and Montgomery counties have ongoing missions for debris removal. Greene County has an additional mission request for two water trucks.

BRIEFING AND SITUATION REPORT DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 Briefing: The next CAS 1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2008. The State EOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the situation in Ohio until conditions improve.

All agencies should email their briefing reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us by 2:00 p.m. daily.