



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: September 2008 Statewide High Winds
DATE: September 24, 2008

This is the Situation Report for Wednesday, September 24, 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. Thursday, September 25 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, raising the total deaths possibly attributed to the storm to seven (7). 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 5:30 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.

September 23: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at CAS Level 1. The most significant outage numbers were reported by Dayton Power and Light with 23,000 total. AEP and Duke both reported just over 800 outages each. Ohio EMA Public Assistance specialists continued to work with county EMA offices and state agencies to compile damage assessment figures for the public sector.

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

Very pleasant weather will continue today with another warm and sunny afternoon in store for Ohio. On Thursday it will be sunny again, but clouds will increase late in the day as an east coast storm moves west toward Ohio. Showers are possible in southeast Ohio late tomorrow and on Friday expect a few light rain showers in most of Ohio.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

The ODOT operational response phase to the wind event has ended. There are no pending missions and those remaining three for District's 6, 7 and 8 have been assigned and scheduled to finish this week. Since the last briefing ODOT has closed the following missions open SEOC missions:

Franklin Co. Debris Hauling for Worthington – final loads are expected to be complete September 25.

Greene Co. Debris Hauling for Shawnee Village, Jasper and Silvercreek townships will be complete by the end of today.

Montgomery Co. Debris, City of Dayton – two clamshell loaders are finalizing work with city crews. Districts 7 & 8 will monitor to completion.

Any additional missions to be considered must be Priority #2 or higher, having impact on public safety, infrastructure or traffic flow. ODOT will now focus efforts on state maintained roadways for debris removal, sign/signals repair, etc.

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

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC staff will continue to monitor mass care activity throughout the day.

American Red Cross (ARC)

Three Fixed Feeding Sites are located at in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties:

1. Crossroads Church of God
6213 Miller Lane
Dayton, Ohio 45414 (Montgomery County)

About 24 meals a day being served, as well as donated meals. ARC anticipates offering breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wednesday, and only lunch and dinner on Thursday if there is demand enough to keep the Feeding Site open.

Outreach is primarily through ARC's presence at the County EOC and ice and water deliveries to various townships within county, as well as regular contact with media outlets telling of our locations and services for example, food and shelter, showers and electrical connectivity for oxygen converters.

2. Beavercreek Senior Citizens Center
3868 Dayton Xenia Rd
Beavercreek, OH 45432 (Greene County)

Beavercreek Police Chief has requested the provision of food through Thursday night at which time he says DP&L expects virtually full restoration of power. This site was opened Monday and served lunch and dinner to a total of 42 people. Twenty-one lunches were served. The site will serve lunch and dinner tomorrow.

ARC provided 120 cases of water and 60 bags of ice to Beavercreek FD for distribution to those still without power.

3. Eaton Church of the Brethren
1407 N Barron St
Eaton OH 45320 (Preble County)

Last night the site served 37 people. Dinner for Thursday has been donated. ARC will reevaluate the need to continue feeding after dinner tomorrow night. Outreach has been conducted primarily through the relationship with the Local Emergency Planning Commission and personal communications within this rural community as well as regular contact with media outlets telling of our locations and services.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus is continuing its services the same as every day this week. There has been a very large response for grocery gift cards. By next week, the Salvation Army will be able to restock the food pantries, allowing for a regular food pantry visit instead of the gift card. Preparations are in progress for double the usual traffic in the food pantries next week. The gift card program will end this Friday.

Ohio VOAD

The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Disaster Relief Chain Saw Team was activated September 23 with a team of 13 setting up base camp at Urbancrest Baptist Church in Lebanon, Ohio (Warren County). The team was activated through the combined efforts of Ohio VOAD and Warren County EMA. Support is being provided by the County EMA and Urbancrest Baptist Church. Efforts are underway to work with Clermont County EMA (adjoining county) as well.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

ODJFS continues to identify and reallocate resources from counties who have seen little to no impact to those counties requesting additional funds.

Ohio Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers from the Greene County Ohio MRC Unit provided nursing support to a local shelter and assisted residents with disposal of spoiled food due to power outages.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

As of 7:00 a.m. this morning, Dayton Power and Light reported 8,000 customers remaining without power across its territory, but concentrated primarily in Montgomery and Greene counties. Over 1,000 crews will continue restoration work on individual pockets of outages through the weekend.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

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. Damage Assessment information has been requested by Friday, September 26 from the EMA office of affected counties. There are currently 24 counties that have met FEMA's countywide per capita threshold. The Statewide total is \$30.221 million.

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 and business owners for any disaster-related costs they have incurred due to the power outage and clean up.

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 Thursday, September 25, 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.