



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: John R. Kasich, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Statewide Severe Weather – March 2, 2012

DATE: March 6, 2012

This is the fourth Situation Report for this incident. Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012 to monitor the “Statewide Severe Weather – March 2, 2012” event. On Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. the SEOC moved to Crisis Action Level 1 (CAS-1).

CAS-1 briefings were held at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. today. The SEOC Assessment Room will close at 5:00 p.m. today and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7.

The next CAS-1 briefing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Severe weather, including six tornados moved through Adams, Brown, Clermont, Pike and Scioto during the evening hours on March 2, 2012. National Weather Service preliminary estimates were that an eF3 tornado impacted Clermont County near Moscow, Ohio; an eF1 tornado impacted Adams County near Seaman, Ohio; an eF0 tornado impacted Adams County southwest of West Union, Ohio; an eF2 tornado impacted Adams County northeast of West Union, Ohio; and an eF0 tornado impacted Scioto County near Otway, Ohio. On March 6, another eF0 was confirmed by the NWS that touched down one half mile inside Scioto County near SR 772 at the Pike County Line and moved into Pike County.

The Village of Moscow in Clermont County suffered the most extensive damage of all the areas affected. A number of gas leaks were reported Friday night into Saturday and residents left the area; residents were allowed to return at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. A curfew in place from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. since Sunday night continues to be enforced. Recovery priorities now involve debris cleanup and volunteer management.

Today, two teams of a Joint FEMA/State Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment (Joint IA PDA) are surveying the impacted areas in Clermont County. This Joint IA PDA will help the state determine whether the impact and magnitude of this event warrants a request for a Major Disaster Declaration under the Stafford Act.

Governor Kasich has authorized implementation of the Ohio State Disaster Relief Program (OSDRP) for assistance to Clermont County in two categories: 1. Emergency Protective Measures, and 2. Debris. In addition, the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds, administered by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, are being made available to eligible low-income families with children in Clermont County.

FATALITIES

The storms resulted in three (3) fatalities in Clermont County: James Prater, 54 and Bill Adkins, 58, both of Bethel; and Carol Forste, 64, Village of Moscow Councilwoman. No additional storm-related fatalities are anticipated in Ohio.

DECLARATIONS

State: Governor Kasich issued a declaration for Clermont County on Saturday, March 3.

County: Clermont County

OHIO EMA FIELD OPERATIONS

An Ohio EMA Field Liaison is in Clermont County to assist with EOC operations. The Clermont County EOC will close at 6:00 p.m. today and reopen at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

WEATHER

A Flood Warning is in effect until Wednesday morning for Defiance, Fulton, and Williams counties in far northwest Ohio due to minor flooding on the Tiffin River. Temperatures will hover in the low 20s statewide today. Sunshine will return today, with afternoon highs in the 50s. High pressure will hold in the forecast for tomorrow as well. It will be even warmer as many communities hit highs over 60 with sunny skies. Rain is forecasted on Thursday.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS BY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF)

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

All roadways in the area remain open other than temporary closures for debris removal equipment. A new mission for two portable message signs has been received and is in progress at this time. Anticipated delivery to the Moscow incident command post is close of business today.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

Nothing new to report.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Clermont County Debris Management Support

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ESF 3 is working two on-going debris missions with ODOT and Ohio National Guard (ONG) in Clermont County.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT started work this morning forming a task force for debris removal in the Moscow area. ODOT provided 10 workers with a track hoe, 4 dump trucks and 3 pick-up trucks. ODOT had 5 personnel working with chainsaws assisting with right of way area debris removal.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG provided 8 personnel with 2 dump trucks, a Humvee and a mechanic truck. So far 10 dump loads of debris have been taken to the drop site.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA continues to monitor and coordinate with Clermont County on ongoing debris management and disposal issues.

ODOT supervisors reported that the area is jammed with volunteers/outside agencies along with vehicles hauling debris. This is causing some delays at the dump site. Crews are managing this issue do not require further assistance at this time.

ESF 4 – Fire

State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM)

Nothing new to report.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Volunteers

The Clermont County Volunteer Reception Center remains open at the Thomas Wildey School, 2040 US Hwy. 50, Batavia. Volunteers are asked to call 513-641-6082 to inquire about volunteering in the area.

American Red Cross

- Shelters are closed.
- A bulk distribution site is open at the River of Life Assembly Church in Moscow.
- An ARC Service Center is being established at the Washington Township Hall, 2238 State Route 756, Moscow, Ohio.
- Mobile feeding and bulk distribution continues in Clermont County.
- An overview of ARC activities are outlined below:

Clermont County

13 overnight stays at 1 shelter
1237 meals and 2542 snacks served
215 clean up kits and 122 comfort kits distributed

Adams County

2 meals and 2 snacks served

VOAD

Ohio VOAD remains available to provide any assistance that may be requested, particularly with Debris Removal, Spiritual Care and Donations Management.

Donations

A Donations Center remains open at the Clermont County Fairgrounds, 1000 Locust St., Owensville. Operating hours are as follows:

3/6/12 - 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
3/7/12 - 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
3/8/12 - 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
3/9/12 - 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Nothing new to report.

ESF 9 – Search & Rescue

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR contacted the Region Six Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force in Hamilton County to learn more of their response on Friday, March 2. An advanced team was at the Incident Command

Post within 30 minutes and established a Staging Area within 45 minutes. Three crews were working the scene within one hour. They integrated well with other area resources for transportation of crews on blocked roadways. The USAR Task Force assembled 62 persons for the response within 2.5 hours. The team was involved in removing the female victim from the house that was destroyed. The Task Force also conducted systematic search of each structure in the affected area. An estimated 75 structures were severely damaged.

ESF-10 – Hazardous Materials

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA continues to monitor and coordinate with Clermont County, and will provide assistance with any hazardous materials releases as needed (24-hour spill reporting hotline: 800-282-9378).

ESF 11 – Agriculture

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

The USDA and Ohio Department of Agriculture are coordinating with Clermont County EMA to secure a second debris Marshalling Yard. The alternate site will be used to either grind green debris or work with Ohio EPA to obtain a burn permit for future use. ODA will coordinate with Ohio EMA Public Affairs to draft a press release clarifying green debris for disposal.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

Nothing new to report.

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

OSHP have demobilized personnel that have been stationed in Moscow and at certain access points to the affected area.

ESF 14 – Recovery

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

ESF 14 is coordinating the Joint Federal/State/Local Preliminary Individual Damage Assessment being performed in Clermont County today. The Joint PDA should be completed by close of business March 6 with results available by the morning of March 7.

Today ESF 14 participated in a housing conference call and is gathering information on available resources with or without a presidential disaster declaration. ESF 14 members are also researching the number of available housing units in Clermont County. A summary will be provided to Director Dragani at the close of business today.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

Press Releases:

March 6 – (Governor’s Press Release) *Kasich announces State Disaster Relief for Southern OH families and local governments impact by last week’s tornadoes and storms*

EMA Public Affairs continues to support external affairs activities with the Governor’s Communication Department, the Ohio EMA Executive Director, and state agency public affairs offices.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

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

The next CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 7.