



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 7, 2012

This is the fifth Situation Report for this incident. Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 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; hours tomorrow will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Severe weather, including seven 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. On March 7, another eF0 tornado was confirmed by NWS that touched down southwest of Piketon in Pike County.

Clermont County, especially the Village of Moscow, suffered the most extensive damage of all the areas affected. On Saturday, March 3, Governor Kasich enacted a state declaration of emergency for Clermont County. The Governor also 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 available to eligible low-income families with children in Clermont County.

Yesterday, March 6, two teams of a Joint FEMA/State Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment (Joint IA PDA) surveyed the impacted areas in Clermont County. The Joint IA PDA determined there were 19 residences destroyed, 23 with major damage, 25 with minor damage, and 78 affected. Approximately 42% of these residences have homeowner's insurance coverage.

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. and reopen at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

WEATHER

A Wind Advisory is in effect for the northwest quadrant of Ohio for Wednesday. Wind gusts up to 50 mph will be possible. It will be breezy around the state with a strong southerly wind push in warmer air through the day. Wednesday will be warm. Afternoon highs should top out in the 60s statewide with mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies. The cloud cover will ramp up Wednesday night as the next storm system approaches. Scattered rain showers will move in Thursday morning. This front will drop temperatures a few degrees for Friday and Saturday.

Rain is expected on Clermont County on Thursday and may hinder some debris removal operations due to safety concerns.

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

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Four electronic message boards remain deployed in the Moscow area for public and traffic control. All roadways in the area remain open.

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)

There are currently two missions open for debris removal in Clermont County. One mission is in the Village of Moscow and the other is in Franklin Township. ONG has reported yesterday they hauled 17 loads and 9 of those loads were carried by a 5-ton dump truck. Estimated tonnage hauled is 165 tons. ESF-3 continues to monitor debris missions.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Ohio National Guard (ONG)

Debris Mission #1 Moscow, Ohio

Twenty-seven loads were removed yesterday, and 18 loads of debris hauled so far today. Crews are working on stump removal along the right-of-way at this time.

Debris Mission #2 Franklin Twp. Beech Road near SR 133

Twelve loads of construction debris hauled so far. Multiple other agencies are on scene as well. Loads from this area are being taken to the USDA marshaling yard as a precaution against Asian Longhorned Beetle infestation due to the close proximity to Tate Twp.

Both missions will be concluding at 4:30 PM Today

On-scene supervisors are estimating the majority of the debris in Moscow will be removed by Friday of this week. They also report it is doubtful any full-scale debris removal will be needed over the weekend. They anticipate volunteers bringing the final debris to the right of way during the weekend with a final removal early next week. There is a chance debris removal will be halted if they experience heavy rains tomorrow for safety reasons.

ESF 4 – Fire

State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM)

Nothing new to report.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

American Red Cross

One shelter was opened in Clermont County at 5:00 p.m. today (March 7) at the St. Peter Catholic Church, 1192 Bethel-New Richmond Rd, New Richmond. No population at this shelter as of this report.

American Red Cross Service Center is open at the Washington Twp. Hall, 2238 State Route 756, Moscow, Ohio. Operating hours are as follows:

3/7/12 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

3/8/12 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

3/9/12 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Donations

A Donations Center has been established at the Clermont County Fairgrounds located at 1000 Locust St., Owensville, Ohio 45160. Operating hours are as follows:

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)

Nothing new to report.

ESF-10 – Hazardous Materials

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

Nothing new to report.

ESF 11 – Agriculture

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

The USDA and Ohio Department of Agriculture will continue to provide technical assistance relating to regulated woody debris in the Asian Longhorned Beetle quarantine area.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

Nothing new to report.

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The OSHP is no longer staffing permanent positions that restrict access to the Moscow area. The Patrol continues its efforts with 24/7 patrols of the impacted areas and is assisting the Clermont County Sheriff's Office with their needs as requested.

ESF 14 – Recovery

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

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Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR)

Standard letters describing how to join the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) were sent to non-participating-community villages in Brown, Adams, and Scioto counties.

Clermont County Flood Plain Administrator, Carl Lamping, filed an updated damage report in the unincorporated county and Village of Moscow indicating 21 Destroyed, and 20 Damaged for only non-accessory structures. Based on rough cost estimates included (and without indicating presence of Special Flood Hazard Area), there are about 29 possible substantially damaged structures (23 stick-built, 5 manufactured homes, and 1 commercial). A Standard Letter was sent to the President of Clermont County Commissioners supporting ongoing recovery efforts.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

State Agency Public Information Officer (PIO) Conference Call – The Ohio EMA Public Affairs Office conducted a telephone conference call today at 1:00 p.m. with state agency PIOs whose offices have representatives either in the Assessment Room or on the daily conference calls for the CAS-1 Tornado/Severe Storms Event in Southern Ohio. Communication Directors/PIOs from the following participated on the call: Ohio Dept. of Transportation; Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Ohio Dept. of Agriculture; Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources; Ohio Dept. of Health; Ohio National Guard; Ohio State Highway Patrol; State Fire Marshal; Ohio Dept. of Public Safety. Each provided an update of their agency's activities.

EMA Public Affairs continues to coordinate activities with the PIOs Clermont County. EMA offered to forward state agencies' releases and information to Clermont County and FEMA PIOs. EMA will extend an invitation to FEMA (Leo Skinner, PIO) to participate in tomorrow's call at 1:00 p.m.

Press Releases

March 7 – (The Governor's Communication Department is currently drafting a press release)

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 8.