



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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TO: John R. Kasich, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Statewide Severe Weather – March 2, 2012

DATE: March 8, 2012

This is the sixth Situation Report for this incident. Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 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).

A CAS-1 briefing was held at 10:00 a.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. on Friday.

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

Rain showers are exiting Ohio this evening with clearing skies overnight. Colder air will usher into the state tonight with temperatures dropping back to near freezing by morning. Skies will be partly to mostly sunny Friday with temperatures holding in the upper 30s across northern Ohio with 40s in the south. A warming trend will begin over the weekend with sunshine on Saturday and with a chance for showers on Sunday and Monday. Temperatures next week will return to the 60s for highs.

A Solar Storm yesterday did not cause damage to electrical or telephone systems.

Rain in Clermont County slowed debris removal operations today 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

All Mission work was suspended today for weather. ODOT crews (Clermont and Hamilton) worked to remove roadway debris from system roads as weather permitted.

Mission #1 Moscow, Ohio

Nine Ohio Department of Transportation and nine Ohio National Guard personnel have worked in the village, hauling 42 loads of debris.

ODOT Equipment includes 1 - Track hoe, 4 - Dump Trucks, 4 – Pickups, and chainsaws. The National Guard has two dump trucks, a Humvee and one maintenance vehicle on site.

Mission #2 Franklin Township

Eight ODOT employees are working in Franklin Township, and removed 8 loads of debris. Equipment on site includes 1 Chipper, 1 Backhoe, 4 Dump Trucks and 3 pickups).

A narrow rural road (Beech Road ~8' width) has hampered operations in Franklin Township; it takes more time to get trucks in and out. An ODOT supervisor evaluated the operation today to determine if changes could be made to speed up the movement of vehicles.

Mission #3 Moscow (Will begin on Friday)

Five ODNR dump trucks and drivers will remove debris from the Construction and Demolition Debris Staging Area located at 30 Well St. in Moscow and transport it to a construction and demolition debris landfill in Newtown (Hamilton County). ODOT will supply one operator and trackhoe to load the trucks. ODNR crews and trucks will arrive on site at 0800 on Friday and will coordinate with ODOT and ONG crews already operating in the area.

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. Five people were assisted on 3/7/12.

Operating hours are as follows:

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:

3/8/12 - 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Ohio VOAD

The Clermont County EOC requested that Ohio VOAD transition to manage the donations center, the Volunteer Reception Center, to answer phone calls for the VRC and answer calls at a Family Urgent Needs Line in Clermont County. The Volunteer and Family Urgent Needs Line is 513-735-8521 and will be answered out of the Clermont County EOC by VOAD volunteers.

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 continue providing technical assistance relating to regulated woody debris in the Asian Longhorn Beetle (ALB) quarantine area.

A USDA Marshaling yard is available from 8:00 am -5:00 pm, 7 days a week until further notice, for tree debris disposal in Tate Township. ALB Program personnel continue to conduct outreach in the storm affected areas to promote awareness and compliance with the ALB Quarantine. ALB Program personnel are planning to work with a group of volunteers organized by the Bethel fire Department this Saturday, focusing on debris clean up in Tate Twp. Program personnel will be inspecting tree debris for sign of ALB, helping to educate volunteers and the public on the quarantine and assisting with clean up.

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)

On March 7, the Governor requested a federal disaster declaration for Individual Assistance. ESF 14 is monitoring the progress of this request and continues to monitor housing and debris issues.

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ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

State Agency PIO Conference Call –

The Ohio EMA Public Affairs Office conducted its second telephone conference call today at 1:00pm with state agency PIOs from Ohio Department of Transportation; Ohio Environmental

Protection Agency; Ohio Department of Agriculture; Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Ohio Department of Health; Ohio National Guard; Ohio State Highway Patrol; State Fire Marshal; Ohio Department of Public Safety. Each provided an update of their agency's activities. FEMA PIO Leo Skinner was invited to join the call.

Local Media Teams Up with ODOT Debris Crews

Fox19-Cincinnati reporter Jennifer Grove teamed up with an ODOT cleanup crew today, in Mt. Olive (Clermont County). ODOT continues debris removal. Fox19 will follow a dump truck to Moscow and video the debris dumping process.

EMA Public Affairs continues to coordinate activities with the PIOs in Clermont County, FEMA and state agencies.

Press Releases

March 7 – Kasich asks President Obama for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Clermont County

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., Friday, March 9.