



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 11, 2012

This is the ninth Situation Report for this incident. Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 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 Monday will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The next CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday.

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.

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

Two Ohio EMA Field Liaisons are in Clermont County. The Clermont County EOC will close at 6:00 p.m. and reopen at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. The Clermont County EOC hours of operation through the weekend will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WEATHER

The forecast today is sunny with a high near 66 and south wind between 5 and 11 mph. This afternoon there is a chance of showers, mainly after 4am. For tonight, clouds will be increasing with a low around 46 and a south wind between 3 and 6 mph. The chance of precipitation is 30% with new rainfall amounts of less than half an inch possible.

On Monday there will be showers and possibly a thunderstorm before 2pm with a high near 61 and south wind between 7 and 14 mph. The chance of precipitation is 100% with new rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

It will be cloudy with a low around 57 Monday night with a chance of showers mainly after 5am and the winds will be from the South around 10 mph. The chance of precipitation is 30% with a new rainfall amount of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

On Tuesday, it will be partly sunny with a high near 72 and a slight chance of showers before 10am. There will be a West wind between 8 and 11 mph. The chance of precipitation is 20%.

For Tuesday night, it will be mostly clear with a low around 48.

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

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT),
Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and
Ohio National Guard (ONG)

Clermont County Debris Management Support

ODOT provided a loader and track hoe yesterday to support the ONG at Moscow. ONG did not request this support for today.

ODOT will provide a coordinator at the Moscow debris staging area on Monday along with a track hoe, loader and 12 tandem dump trucks. We will be supported by 2 ONG dumps, 5 ODNR dumps and 3 leased semi-dump trucks. ODOT is coordinating with EMA and OSP to provide traffic control and resource tracking for this mission.

ODOT will also continue with the Franklin Twp. mission providing equipment and resources as needed.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

American Red Cross

American Red Cross Service Center is open at the Washington Twp. Hall, 2238 State Route 756, Moscow, Ohio. Transportation to the center is provided for those who need it. The ARC Service Center hours of operation are as follows:

3/11/12 – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
3/12/12 – 10:00 AM – 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:

3/11/12 – 12:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Ohio VOAD

Ohio VOAD is currently managing the donations center, the Volunteer Reception Center, and is staffing phones for the Volunteer and 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.

Volunteers are currently being directed to the Zimmer Power Plant, Gate 4, if they wish to assist with debris related missions. All other volunteers are being directed to the Clermont County Fairgrounds to assist with donations.

ESF 14 – Recovery

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

ESF 14 has been in contact with the Small Business Administration (SBA) on the process to request an SBA Agency-only declaration. The Governor will have to certify in his written request to SBA that he will not appeal the President's denial of a federal declaration and will need to send a copy of the denial letter. If he chooses to request an SBA declaration, he can announce now that he as requested and follow up on Monday with a formal request.

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. on Monday, March 12, 2012.