



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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SUBJECT: Statewide Severe Weather – March 2, 2012

DATE: March 13, 2012

Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

A Crisis Action Level 1 (CAS-1) briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. today. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room will close at 5:00 p.m. today. There are no additional CAS-1 briefings scheduled for this event. Additional incident coordination will be conducted by Ohio EMA and agencies with missions.

This is the eleventh Situation Report for this event. There may be one additional Situation Report before the incident is closed.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Friday, March 2

- Severe weather, including seven tornadoes, damaged Adams, Brown, Clermont, Pike, and Scioto counties during the evening hours.
- The storms resulted in three (3) fatalities in Clermont County.
- Clermont County, especially the village of Moscow, suffered the most extensive damage of all the areas affected.
- The SEOC Assessment Room was activated at 4:00 p.m. to monitor the event. Ohio EMA deployed a field liaison to the Clermont County EOC to assist with incident coordination.

Saturday, March 3

- The State Emergency Operations Center elevated to a CAS-1 at 10:00 a.m.
- Governor Kasich visited the village of Moscow and New Richmond High School (shelter/press conference site). Governor Kasich enacted a state declaration of emergency for Clermont County.

- The Governor 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.
- The Ohio State Highway Patrol provided assistance in traffic control and security patrols in Clermont County.

Tuesday, March 6

- Two Joint FEMA/State Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment (Joint IA PDA) teams surveyed the impacted areas in Clermont County.
- Emergency Support Function 3 (ESF 3) agencies accepted three missions for debris removal in Clermont County; two missions in the Village of Moscow and another in Franklin Township.

Friday, March 9

- President Obama denied Governor Kasich's request for a federal declaration in Clermont County.

Monday, March 12

- The State of Ohio has requested a Small Business Administration declaration for emergency assistance. Ohio EMA is preparing for the implementation of the State Individual Assistance Program.

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.

A fourth death reported yesterday was not solely attributable to injuries from the storm.

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 remains in Clermont County to support the county EOC. One Ohio EMA liaison representing EOC Logistics is on-site at the debris staging area to track resources deployed.

WEATHER

A line of showers and thunderstorms is moving through northeast Ohio early. Expect skies to gradually clear throughout the day with temperature highs into the 60s and 70s by this afternoon. Wednesday should bring blue skies and unseasonably warm weather. Thursday and Friday brings a chance for thunderstorms around the state, but temperatures will remain well above average.

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

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Clermont County Debris Management Support

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Ohio National Guard (ONG) and Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

Mission #1 Moscow, Ohio

This mission will resume later in the week to take debris directly from the right of way to landfills. ESF-3 plans to take the debris directly to landfills to increase the efficiency of this operation.

Mission #2 Franklin Township

Crews are making excellent progress today. Anticipated date of completion is Wednesday, March 14.

Mission #3 Moscow Debris Pile

ODOT reports the operation is moving forward and should have the debris pile cleared out as by Thursday (or no later than Friday).

Clermont County is working on the solid waste pile and indicates they may have it cleaned-up by Friday.

ODOT estimates the Moscow mission will be completed by Friday.

ESF 14 – Recovery

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

The State of Ohio has requested a Small Business Administration (SBA) declaration for emergency assistance. Ohio EMA is preparing for the implementation of the State Individual Assistance Program.

As of this report, no decision has been made on the request for an SBA declaration. Planning activities for SBA Declaration and implementation of State Individual Assistance Program are ongoing. The Disaster Recovery Branch (DRB) staff coordinated with Clermont County EMA to identify an SBA Center location.

If declared, the designated SBA Center will be located at the Washington Township Building, 2238 State Route 756, Moscow.

Projected dates and hours of operation for the center are:

Friday, March 16 – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 17 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 18 – CLOSED

Monday, March 19 - Thursday, March 22 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

DRB is coordinating state staff to conduct registrations and field inspections. DRB staff will also work with the local Long-Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) once State IA is implemented to coordinate referrals. The Ohio Department of Development is coordinating assistance directly with the local development offices and local LTRC.

The Controlling Board hearing for spending authority for State IA and State Disaster Relief Program (SDRP) will be March 26 and payments can be processed a few days after hearing.

DRB has reached out to Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for coordination with Washington and Franklin Townships regarding stream clearance. NRCS may have funding available. Projects would require a local sponsor and possibly 25% local match.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

This is the final scheduled Situation Report for this incident. There are no additional scheduled briefings for the “Statewide Severe Weather – March 2, 2012” event.