

## **Ohio EMA – Spot Report – January 7, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Power Restoration**

All major power outages have been restored. There are some individual and small pockets of outages and those are being restored quickly.

### **Natural Gas**

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio reports that Lorain County's natural gas restoration is not likely to be completed by midnight tonight. The utility mustered a crew of 60 today to open valves and relight pilots in the affected structures; as of this report, approximately 500-600 homes or businesses have had their service fully restored. The company is working to enlarge the number of crews to 90 for tomorrow. A broken regulator contributed to the outage.

### **Water Main Break – Columbus**

Franklin County EMA & HS and the Columbus Department of Public Utilities reports that the 24-inch water main break at Gay and 4<sup>th</sup> has been repaired. All buildings in the area now have water pressure. A boil advisory will be in place for at least the next 24 hours.

### ***Water Main Breaks***

In extremely cold weather and in the thaws that follow, water main breaks and leaks are a common occurrence. There are verbal reports from county EMAs that local utility providers are scanning their systems for leaks, which are identified by a drop in pressure or volume. There are no reported complications from these relatively minor incidents at this time.

### **ESF-6 – Sheltering**

The following counties are reporting on the National Shelter System database that as of 2:00 p.m. today they have an operating shelter (number of shelters/total population): Allen (1/0), Clark (1/12), Cuyahoga (3/5), Delaware (1/0), Lorain (2/3), Lucas (3/11), Richland (1/2), Stark (1/5).

There are scores of warming centers open across the state available. Numerous communities have opened public buildings to provide a place for Ohioans to warm themselves during the bitter chill.

All shelters and warming centers that have reported populations have noted very small numbers.

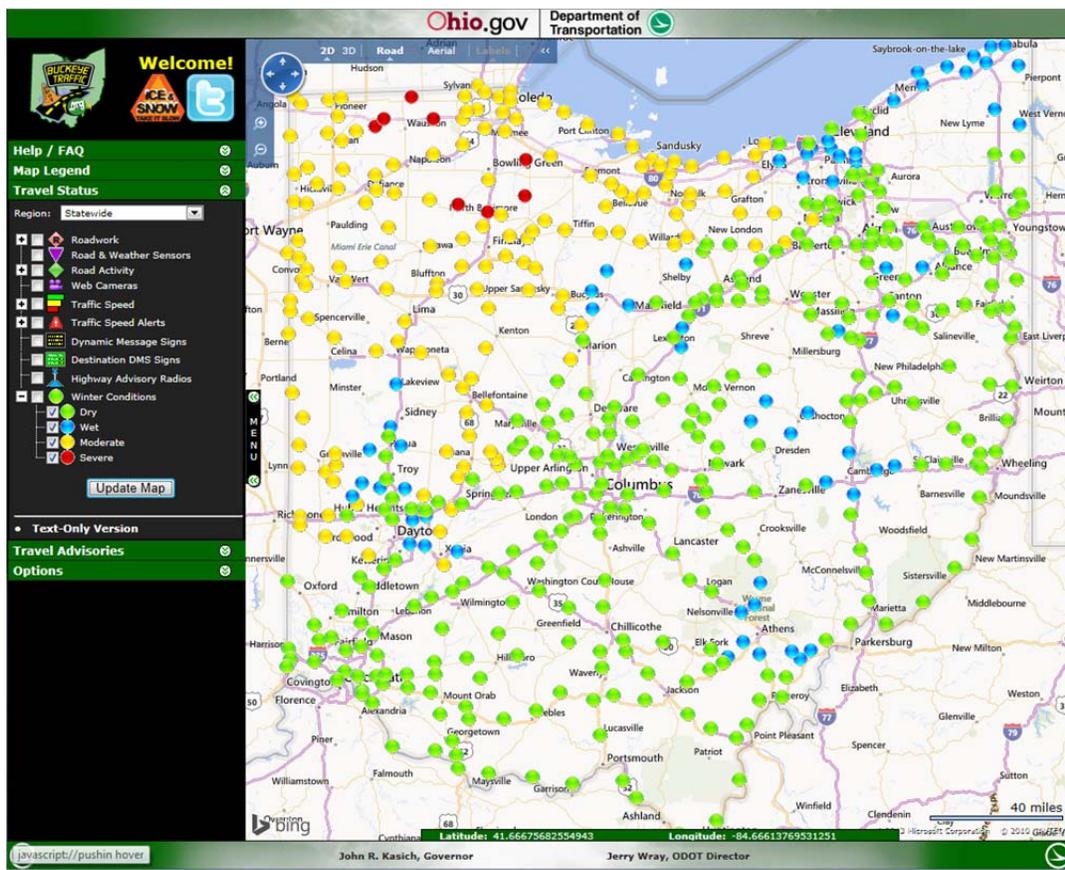
### **Winter Weather and Wind Chill**

The National Weather Service in Cleveland, Ohio reported today, that:

- Blowing and drifting snow mainly in Northwest Ohio will begin to lessen through the day.
- Wind Chill Advisories are in place for much of Ohio tonight.
- Property Damage due to prolonged cold may increase today. This includes burst water lines, potential building fires and automobile damage. Structural and property issues historically increase on the second day of a cold wave.

## ESF-1 – Transportation

- ODOT is currently working 12-hour shifts to manage degraded road conditions due to blowing and drifting snow mainly in the northern portion of the state. Most severe drifting is in Putnam, Fulton, and Wood counties.
- The Ironton-Russell Bridge is open again to traffic. The bridge was closed due to subzero temperatures and required an inspection prior to reopening. While the bridge was closed, motorists were detoured via U.S. Route 52 and the Ashland, Kentucky, bridge at Coal Grove.
- U.S. 23 in Pike County is closed in Waverly, between S.R. 104 and Clough Street due to icing that resulted from fire fighting operations. The closure also includes S.R. 220 (Market Street) at its junction with U.S. 23 via Market.



## Snow Level Emergency Status

Snow Level Emergency status reports for the following counties today: Crawford County – Level 2, Defiance County – Level 3, Fulton County – Level 3, Hancock County – Level 2, Sandusky County – Level 3, Seneca County – Level 3, Wood County – Level 3.

## Communications

This afternoon the MARCS office reported that 4 sites were on generator power and some data sites were intermittently having T-1 lines bounce which caused some towers to go into site trunking for limited periods of time.