Welcome to the inaugural edition of the new Emergency Management e-newsletter, the All-Hazards Herald.

This publication is your publication - meaning, the newsletter will provide information and cover subjects that interest you.

It will contain information that you’ve been receiving: EMA grants and EMA training courses; and new information such as incidents occurring in the state; county and state EMA updates; county EMA highlights; upcoming safety campaigns; conducting of training exercises, and much more, including a new feature “Emergency Manager Minute” where you can learn something about an Emergency Management Professional, either state or local, in a quick read of one minute or less.

The All-Hazards Herald is not a one-sided publication. We welcome and encourage your story ideas, photos and articles.

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**Poster Contest Winners Announced**

Pictured with Ethan from left to right: Harrison Hove, NBC-4 Columbus; Russ Decker, Ohio EMA; Rhonda Meggitt, Ohio Citizen Corps; Amanda Sklavenitis, Ohio Insurance Institute; Julia Dian-Reed, National Weather Service; Robert Denhard, Ohio Dept. of Insurance; Jay Carey, Ohio EMA; Jeff McElroy, American Red Cross and Brad Gilbert, Emergency Management Association of Ohio.

Scioto County’s Kammer named overall winner

COLUMBUS – Ethan Kammer, a sixth grader in Scioto County during the 2014-2015 school year, was recognized August 8, at the Ohio State Fair as the overall state winner in a statewide poster contest. Ethan’s poster on thunder and lightning safety illustrates lightning and rain clouds, with safety tips bordering the poster’s message: *Keep Calm and Weather the Storm.*

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chose Ethan’s poster as the most informative, accurate and creative out of the many posters received during its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

As the overall state winner, Ethan received a variety of awards and prizes from the committee and its partners, to include a check to go toward a $100 U.S. Treasury Direct savings bond, a letter of congratulations from Governor John R. Kasich, a NOAA Weather Radio, a smoke detector, a personalized trophy, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) backpack and disaster supply kit, and a host of other prizes. Later in the fall, his school will receive an engraved “traveling” trophy.

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Ohio EMA Training Catalog Now Available

The 2015-2016 Training Plan and Catalog has now been completed and can be found on the Ohio EMA website at: http://ema.ohio.gov/documents/training/2015-2016TrainingPlanCatalog_20150716.pdf.

Within this document you will learn about the classes Ohio EMA offers, classroom and training policies and also resources for trainings through the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium and the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium.

Highlighted Courses

If you are interested in attending one of the following courses at Ohio EMA and you already have a user profile in the Public Safety Training Campus (PSTC), please send an email to Lisa Jones at ljones@dps.ohio.gov and she will register you for the course(s).

However, feel free to access the following link to request a New User Profile: https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm6/cm0682/pstc/pstc.html

L970 Supply Unit Leader (SPUL), August 25 - 28, 2015

This four-day course helps attendees establish the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the SPUL in an all-hazards incident. By requiring attendees to bring jurisdiction-specific information to the instruction, the course provides a realistic, hands-on approach to mastering the skills of a SPUL organized by the fundamental steps of the ordering process. Attendees identify information required for ordering, as well as complete required forms and documentation related to ordering, and anticipates ordering and supply needs for the incident. In addition to the ordering process, the course discussed mobilization, setting up and managing the Supply Unit, and demobilization.

MGT-324 Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery, September 1 - 2, 2015

This course provides participants with an understanding of and ability to navigate through the difficult aspects of dealing with campus emergencies involving natural or man-made events, including acts of violence. The course consists of small, problem-based, integrated group activities that require a coordinated, integrated approach to solve. Through tabletop scenarios, course participants observe a developing incident and respond in a manner consistent with currently established campus and jurisdictional emergency operations procedures.

L962 Planning Section Chief (PSC), October 19 - 22, 2015

This four-day course is designed to provide local and state-level emergency responders with a robust understanding of the duties, responsibilities, and capabilities of an effective PSC on an All-Hazards Incident Management Team. These responsibilities fall into two categories: PSC duties 1) managing the planning cycle and 2) tracking resources and incident status. Exercises, simulations, discussions, and a final exam enable students to process and apply their new knowledge.
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Progress in the stand-up of the new Regional Offices continues. Interviews have been conducted to fill the final two vacancies at the Findlay and Parma locations. It is expected that the new staff will be selected and on board before Labor Day.

Russ Decker now oversees all regional operations as Evan Schumann has left Ohio EMA to return to Ohio Task Force One.

Also, the new Chevrolet Equinoxes are in and replacement of the Nitros is underway! The new vehicles are black with OEMA logo on the door, matching the scheme on our regional response vehicles previously assigned to the regions.

These vehicle additions complete the allocation of regional response capabilities and provide Ohio EMA a uniform and professional look to our support of local communities.

SOUTHEAST

Southeast Regional Office staff assisted Gallia and Jackson County EMAs with EOC staffing and damage assessments from the flash flooding that occurred on July 13-14, 2015 in southeast Ohio. Regional staff also be participated in a two-day Recovery Tabletop Exercise on July 28-29, 2015, validating the State of Ohio’s Housing Recovery and Infrastructure Recovery Strategies.

If you have upcoming events or meetings (e.g., LEPC meetings, Oil and Gas meetings, Commissioner meetings, exercise planning meetings, exercises, county fairs, festivals) that you would like for the Regional Staff to attend and/or assist with, please contact Darren Price, Southeast Regional Supervisor, at deprice@dps.ohio.gov or at (614) 296-3474.

SOUTHWEST

The Southwest Region has been bustling with severe weather monitoring and flooding issues. From Mercer and Auglaize County to the Northwest spanning to Brown County to the Southeast. County Directors and staff have been extremely busy with response coordination and recovery efforts.

Director Mindy Saylor and Operations Manager Josh Haney in Darke County coordinated damage assessment teams in and around Greenville as a result of severe storms with flash flooding on July 13th and July 14th.

Brown County Director Beth Nevel and Operations Manager Tom Peterson continue to forge ahead in the wake of catastrophic fatal flooding in Ripley where three individuals sadly lost their lives as a result of flash flooding early July 19. Long term recovery efforts are being coordinated with regional COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) in conjunction with Brown County EMA.

Butler County Emergency Management Agency Director Jeff Galloway announced he has accepted the position of Fire Chief in Morgan Township, Butler County. His last day in office was Friday July 31, 2015. Deputy Director Matt Haverkos was appointed interim agency director by the County EMA Executive Board. Final appointment will be made in September.

NORTHWEST

Van Wert County EMA Director, Rick McCoy hits the big screen in Sharknado 3. His voice appears in the film during the first 10 minutes as the radio announcer who instructs instruct people to seek shelter due to the impending tornado. Rick is also listed in the film credits. He is hoping to make a cameo appearance in the next film.

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Mullins new Ohio EMA Grants Branch Chief


Jerry has been with Ohio EMA since June 15th. Before moving to Columbus, he was the Grants Branch Manager with the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management, where he served for 10 years.

As the Preparedness Grants Branch Chief, Jerry supervises a staff of eight, who work with the counties, providing grant guidance, or monitoring how counties are complying with grant guidance.

When asked if there was any comparison between the two jobs, he said, “It’s a different perspective. At the county level, we worked with the state. I knew Kathleen Nelson and Joe Haller before coming here. And now that I’m at Ohio EMA, we work with all of the counties and also the federal government.”

In his position as grants branch chief, Jerry looks to build good relationships with sub-grantees throughout the state and ensure grant dollars are spent effectively and efficiently.

“No far, it’s been a learning experience here. Everyone has been very helpful – I’m glad to be here,” he said.

He has a Bachelor’s degree in English from The Ohio State University, and a Master’s in Law from Cleveland State University.

Ohio Floodplain Management Conference set for August 26-27 in Worthington

The conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Columbus/Worthington on August 26-27. (Overnight rooms are being held through August 15, 2015.)

The Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference is an annual training event developed to educate attendees on floodplain management. Conference sessions are designed to provide local floodplain managers with information and skills necessary to implement effective floodplain management programs within their respective communities.

The training event includes intensive workshops as well as sessions on regulations, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), floodplain mapping, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), engineering, hydrology and hydraulics, etc.

The 2015 conference theme, “Advocating for Floodplain Management” focuses on community efforts to reduce local flood risk. This is the 16th annual Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference. The Conference provides continuing education necessary to for Certified Floodplain Managers, Certified Building Officials, registered Professional Engineers and Registered Professional Surveyors to maintain professional certifications.

Attention WebEOC Users

The WebEOC Incident Management Support (WIMS) Branch wants all WebEOC users to know that training is available to them at their convenience.

This training can take the form of technical assistance during an exercise, a typical WebEOC introductory course, specialized training according to your needs, or simply a one on one for you to gain a better working knowledge of the system and how your organization/jurisdiction can use it.

We are even willing to meet with you and help you design a special board if it will encourage the use of WebEOC in your organization or county. To discuss your WebEOC needs contact: Jim Dwertman, 614-799-3692 or email jwdwertman@dps.ohio.gov.
Severe Weather Poster Contest Award Winners Announced

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to showcase for the remainder of the school year. In an effort to promote severe weather preparedness, the committee will feature Ethan’s poster throughout the year.

Six students, one from first through sixth grades, were announced as state-level winners and received prizes and awards, including checks to go toward $50 savings bonds, NOAA Weather Radios, smoke detectors and letters of congratulations from Gov. Kasich. They are: 1st Grader Ethan Owens of Clark County; 2nd Grader Tessa Bott of Franklin County; 3rd Grade, Grace Draeger of Sandusky County; 4th Grader Nate Narischen of Hamilton County; 5th Grader Mallory Logan of Scioto County; and 6th Grader Jaden Smith of Adams County.

This year, a total of 36 students from 21 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades 1-6 from 22 schools. As regional winners, every student artist received a certificate from the National Weather Service and sling backpacks full of prizes from the offices and their partners that make up the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.

Since 1978, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has conducted its annual poster contest. Since its inception, students have designed informative posters on severe weather safety and preparedness. The efforts of these students have helped the committee meet its overall goal – to educate Ohioans about the actions they can take to protect themselves and others before, during and after severe weather occurs.

Instructors, students and members of the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Emergency Response Team pictured with MedFlight and the Central Ohio Trauma Team (COTS) after completing an exercise as part of their training curriculum.
Get Ready, Ohio!
September is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month. This year, FEMA and the Ready Campaign are asking citizens to take action now. Make an emergency plan with your family, your job, your neighborhood, and for your pets. Plan how to be safe, where to meet, and who to communicate with during disasters or incidents that can impact your community. Sign up to participate in America’s PrepareAthon! and the National Day of Action, which culminates NPM on September 30th.

Ohio EMA will feature weekly themes for NPM on Facebook and Twitter using the hashtag #Three4Me. Snap and share a picture of items in your emergency supply kit to sustain you, your family, your pets for three days.

Week 1: NPM Kickoff (Share photos of items in your family emergency supply kit)
Week 2: Digital Preparedness/Digital Engagement (Share photos of communication planning of how to reconnect with family after a disaster by use of text, e-mail, social media and cell phone)
Week 3: Pet Preparedness (Share photos of supply items for your pets)
Week 4: Preparedness for Ohioans with Functional Needs (Share photos of supply kit items for babies or older adults or for family members with medical or special needs)
Week 5: Lead up to National PrepareAthon! Day, September 30th (Share photos of emergency preparedness activities)

Hashtags for National Preparedness Month and America’s PrepareAthon: #Three4Me #NatlPrep #PrepareAthon

Beyond Response: Joining Forces to Serve in Disasters

Beyond Response: Joining Forces to Serve in Disasters is a free event designed to foster communication between agencies, enhance collaboration during disaster response and recovery, and identify appropriate roles for each agency that provides critical services to those impacted by a disaster.

The event will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17 at The Chapel, 4444 Galloway Road, Sandusky.

Continental breakfast will be provided each morning and participants can register for free for Friday, Saturday, or both days, by going to www.disaster coalition.com, where they will find the agenda, session descriptions, and speaker bios.

The Disaster Volunteer Coalition is a collaboration between emergency management and disaster volunteer organizations in Erie, Huron, and Ottawa counties.

The coalition’s stated goal is to support, sustain, and enhance the capabilities of disaster volunteer organizations through collaboration on planning, recruiting, and training. Core coalition partners include: ARES, American Red Cross, CERT, MRC, The Salvation Army, and The Chapel.
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