

Argo cargo removed from sunken barge

*Coast Guard,
Ohio EPA, EMA
remove crude*

In 1937, the tanker barge Argo was caught in a Lake Erie storm and sank with an estimated 200,000 gallons of crude products in what was believed to be Canadian waters. In August of 2015, the barge wreckage was rediscovered, sitting in 44-feet of US waters, about eight miles east of Kelley's Island.

The discovery, along with the apparent seepage of crude products into the lake environment, kicked off quite a storm of its own, as federal, state and local agencies collaborated in a difficult, large-scale underwater, lightering operation to remove this environmental threat to Ohio's great lake.



As part of the lightering process, workers set up hoses on the barge in preparation to pumping crude from the sunken barge to tanks on a floating barge.



Crews continue operations for the Lake Erie sunken tanker barge Argo as Unified Command responders took advantage of a favorable weather window, on Nov. 29, 2015. As weather allowed, responders continued salvage operations hot-tapping and pumping the barges tanks. (U.S. Coast Guard photos courtesy of Kurt Kollar, Ohio EPA)

With the U.S. Coast Guard and Ohio EPA as lead agencies, a Unified Command Post was set up in the Lucas County EMA. Tammy Feehan, Ohio EMA Northwest Regional Supervisor, served as a deputy unified commander, while Phil Clayton, Ohio EMA Southwest Regional Supervisor, filled in as well.

“They provided coordination with Secondary State Agencies and Local County Emergency Agencies by updates and information dissemination. They helped coordinated the accusation of State of Ohio Resources, provided input to daily briefing, and provided guidance on the



A T&T Salvage Inc. diver, wearing a positive pressure dive suit, secures from dive operations during the Argo Response in Lake Erie, Nov. 21, 2015. Divers conducting operations during the Argo Response were required to wear specialized dive suits designed for the utmost safety to the diver while ensuring flexibility, ease of decontamination, and chemical resistance.

OH-230 Introduction to Emergency Management Course Provided by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency Field Operations and Training and Exercise Branches February 22 - 25, 2016

Course Description:

This 3.5-day course provides new emergency managers and staff with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to develop an effective emergency management program in the state of Ohio. The course provides information on basic emergency management concepts and functions and how they are applied in Ohio. It includes modules on mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, laws and authorities, and funding and grants.

Understanding the fundamental principles and practices of emergency management provides a framework for the future professional growth of every emergency manager and responder. This course is designed to provide a basic framework and understanding of emergency management and homeland security in Ohio.

Course Dates: February 22 - 25, 2016

Application Deadline: February 8, 2016

Time of Course: Registration: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM on 22 February
Course time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM on 22 February
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM on 23-25 February

Training Location: Doubletree Columbus - Worthington
175 Hutchinson Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio 43235



Required Prerequisites:

Students attending this course must complete the FEMA's Independent Study Online Course - IS-230.D: Fundamentals of Emergency Management. Click on the link below to access the course and take the exam (student must bring their certificate of completion to class to get credit for the course). <http://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-230.d>

*** Independent Study Exams now require a FEMA Student Identification (SID) Number. If you do not yet have a SID, register for one today: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>.

Target Audience (Priority Registration):

County Emergency Managers that have not completed a previous version of the OH-230 Introduction to Emergency Management course and are working on accomplishing their Ohio Revised Code (ORC) training requirement will receive course approval. Likewise, county emergency management personnel that have been in their position for less than four years, and have not completed a previous classroom version of OH-230 Introduction to Emergency Management course. In addition, Ohio EMA will give State Emergency Management personnel priority registration (Priority Registration will be as follows, County EMA Directors, Assistant and Deputy EMA Directors, County EMA Staff, Ohio EMA Staff, etc.)

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2016 Safe Room Rebate Program Accepting Applications

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Emergency Management Agency announced the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program is once again accepting applications, beginning today. The program provides a rebate for the purchase and construction/installation of tornado safe rooms for Ohio homeowners.

“The entire state of Ohio is at risk of an EF5 tornado, which produces 250 mile per hour winds capable of destroying most structures,” said Steve Ferryman, Ohio EMA mitigation branch chief. “A safe room is built to withstand these winds and resulting airborne debris and provides near absolute protection for occupants.”

A safe room is an extreme-wind shelter or space that provides protection to people during a tornado. It can be constructed/installed in one of several places in the home: in the basement, beneath a concrete slab-on-grade foundation or garage floor, or in an interior room on the first floor. A safe room may also be

buried in the yard or be a stand-alone structure near your home. Residents selected for the program are eligible for a rebate up to 75 percent of the cost to install or construct a safe room – up to a maximum of \$5,250. To apply for the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program, homeowners have until 5 p.m. February 10, 2016, to register on the Ohio EMA website: <https://ohiosharpp.ema.state.oh.us/SafeRoom2016/>.

The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program will use a computerized random selection process to select applicants. A priority list of applicants will be created from the selected applicants. Chosen homeowners will be notified by e-mail of their position on the priority list on or after February 15, 2016. Ohio EMA anticipates grant funding will become available this year and having a list of participants that meet program requirements will expedite the rebate process. To date, the rebate program has funded 127 safe rooms in

Ohio.

Funding for the rebate program is through a partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program. Ohio homeowners would be responsible for 25 percent of the construction costs and any additional costs over the 75 percent maximum rebate of \$5,250.

Safe rooms must meet FEMA requirements in FEMA publications 320 and 361, and cannot be constructed/installed prior to the rebate drawing and notification from Ohio EMA to proceed with construction. Ohio EMA’s plans to offer this rebate program on an annual basis. When and if HMA funding becomes available, the amount of funding will determine the number of rebates. For additional information on safe rooms or to view and download the FEMA publications, visit the FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/residential-safe-rooms>.

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Enrollment

Students must enroll via the Ohio EMA Training website: <http://ema.ohio.gov/Training.aspx> . Students experiencing difficulty enrolling should call Ohio EMA Training at (614)799-3666 for assistance with registration.

Updated Lodging Policy

Ohio EMA will pay for your lodging (**for the nights of 22, 23 & 24 February, 2016 only**) if you are an Ohio resident (non-federal and non-private business employee) contingent upon your completion of the course; however, you must contact the hotel NO LATER THAN **9 FEBRUARY, 2016** to make your reservations.

Student’s that request lodging and withdraw from a course must contact the hotel to cancel their lodging; failure to cancel reserved lodging for those that withdraw from a course will result in a charge to the student individually.

If you work for a the federal government, a private business, or you are from a state other than Ohio, all travel expenses associated with attending Ohio EMA delivered or sponsored training, including any overnight lodging, will be at your or your agency’s expense.

Ohio EMA Funding for the rooms is contingent upon your completion of the course; therefore, if you do not complete the course the cost of lodging is your or your agency’s responsibility. Meals, Per Diem, and all other travel expenses are the responsibility of the student or the parent organization.

State Point of Contact:

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UPCOMING TRAINING

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| 1 | ICS-400 Advanced ICS | January 7 – 8, 2015 | Sandusky County |
| 2 | L964 Situation Unit Leader | January 11-15, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 3 | ICS-400 Advanced ICS | January 19 – 20, 2016 | Fairfield County |
| 4 | ICS-300 Intermediate ICS | January 26 – 28, 2016 | Richland County |
| 5 | L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program | January 26 - 28, 2016 | Hamilton County |
| 6 | ICS-400 Advanced ICS | January 28 – 29, 2016 | Richland County |
| 7 | MGT-347 ICS Forms Review Course | February 2, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 8 | Basic Radiological Concepts & Survey Meters | February 2, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 9 | G775 EOC Management and Operations | February 2-3, 2016 | Richland County |
| 10 | ICS-300 Intermediate ICS (MGT-904) | February 2 – 4, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 11 | G557 Rapid Needs Assessment Planning | February 4, 2016 | Medina County |
| 12 | ICS-300 Intermediate ICS | February 8-10, 2016 | Stark County |
| 13 | ICS-400 Advanced ICS | February 10-11, 2016 | Stark County |
| 14 | G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course | February 16, 2016 | Cuyahoga County |
| 15 | ICS-300 Intermediate ICS | February 16-18, 2016 | Allen County |
| 16 | ICS-400 Advanced ICS | February 18-19, 2016 | Allen County |
| 17 | Prevention and Response To Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRSBI) | February 17, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 18 | Incident Response To Terrorist Bombings (IRTB) | February 17, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 19 | Initial Law Enforcement Response to Suicide Bombing Attacks (IRLSBA) | February 18, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 20 | Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents | February 18, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 21 | OH-230 Introduction to Emergency Management in Ohio | February 22 – 25, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 22 | G775 EOC Management and Operations | February 23-24, 2016 | Seneca County |
| 23 | G775 EOC Management and Operations | February 25-26, 2016 | Cuyahoga County |
| 24 | G775 EOC Management and Operations | February 25-26, 2016 | Franklin County |
| 25 | ICS-400 Advanced ICS (MGT-905) | March 1 – 2, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 26 | OH-305 Radiation Ingestion | March 4, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 27 | G205 Recovery From Disaster | March 9-10, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 28 | L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program | March 9 – 11, 2016 | Medina County |
| 29 | G235 Emergency Planning Course | March 22, 2016 | Franklin County |
| 30 | G366 Planning for Special of Children | March 30, 2016 | Delaware County |
| 31 | ICS-300 Intermediate ICS | March30-April 1, 2016 | Hamilton County |
| 32 | G288 Local Volunteer and Donations Management | April 12-13, 2016 | Delaware County |
| 33 | L388 Advanced Public Information Officer (APIO) | April 18-22, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 34 | OH-200 Spring Directors' Conference | April 26, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 35 | G290 & G291 Basic PIO Series | May 3-5, 2016 | Summit County |
| 36 | L449 ICS Curricula Train the Trainer Course | May 3 – 6, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 37 | L146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program | May 10 – 12, 2016 | Ohio EMA |
| 38 | ICS-400 Advanced ICS | May 12 – 13, 2016 | Hamilton County |
| 39 | G366 Planning for Special of Children | May 12, 2016 | Hamilton County |
| 40 | G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course | May 18, 2016 | Hamilton County |
| 41 | G402 ICS For Executives | May 19, 2016 | Medina County |
| 42 | L969 Communications Unit Leader (COML) | June 21 – 23, 2016 | Hamilton County |
| 43 | G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course | August 4, 2016 | Franklin County |

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potential incident impacts to State resources and assets,” said Jerald Gerber, Emergency Response Coordinator for

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, who served as part of the Unified Command, calling their input “invaluable.”

A total of 33,475 gallons of cargo and water mixture were removed from the vessel.

“A total of 13 federal, state, local and

Canadian agencies and salvage organizations worked together to remove the product from the 104 year old vessel,” according to Unified Command. “All agencies displayed exceptional teamwork which greatly contributed to a safe and highly successful incident response.”