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EMA Watch Office now 24-7-365

The Ohio EMA Watch Office began conducting 24-hour operations on July 3, 2016, providing around-the-clock support to emergency management in Ohio every day. Ohio EMA is excited about this step forward in providing its stakeholders and partners with a constant presence at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to receive incident reports, requests for assistance, and other general inquiries.

The Watch Office has provided more than 400 incident awareness reports to whole community partners since its launch seven months ago. Watch Officers will continue to monitor a myriad of resources for potential hazards or developing incidents and provide suitable awareness products in order to help coordinate a timely and informed response when needed. During State EOC activations Watch Officers will deliver notification of the

activation, prepare the facility for the reception of responding personnel, and provide initial assessment as members of ESF-5, Information and Planning. In order to make the move to 24-hour operations three Watch Officers have been added to the team, bringing the total staff up to

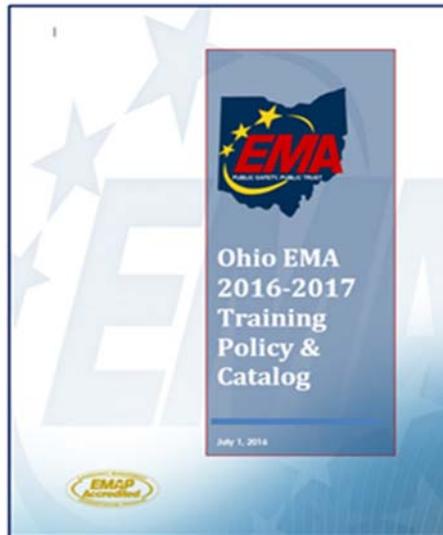
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EMA Training Catalog Released

The annual publication of the updated Training Policy and Catalog has been completed as of July 1, 2016. The current policy can be found on the Ohio EMA Training and Exercise website at: <http://ema.ohio.gov/Training.aspx>

This policy and catalog provides an updated list of courses that Ohio EMA offers around the state. It also includes all of the procedures for registration, expectations of students and classroom policies. We ask that all students and potential course hosts review this document prior to requesting to attend or host training.

If you have any questions please contact David Nunley the Training and Exercise Officer at dbnunley@dps.ohio.gov



Floodplain Management Conference Aug. 24-25

The Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference is an annual training event that focuses on various elements of floodplain management, such as regulations, insurance, mapping, engineering, and natural benefits.

The conference is intended to develop and expand the capabilities of floodplain management professionals throughout Ohio. Conference sessions are designed to provide local floodplain managers with information and skills necessary to implement effective floodplain management programs within their respective communities.

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Recovery Offers New Grants Management System

The Disaster Recovery Branch is pleased to announce the purchase of a grants management system to be used in future deliveries of FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program. It is a web-based system that will allow applicants to have visibility on their application, their Project Worksheets, pending payments, etc. and will allow them to submit electronically quarterly reports, changes in scope of work, closeout documentation, time extension requests and other

information related to their grant. County EMA Directors will also have access to the system in order to track their communities' grants. Once procedures are written and some historical disaster information is in the system, applicants with active PA grants from 2011 and 2013 disaster declarations will be given access to the system. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Adcock, Disaster Recovery Branch Chief, at 614-799-3667 or ladcock@dps.ohio.gov.

Training opportunities throughout Ohio

Please access the following link to create an account on the Department of Public Safety Training Campus (PSTC) and after you receive your log in information, you will be able to register for Ohio EMA sponsored courses: <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html>

MGT-323 Instructor Development Workshop

August 9 - 11, 2016, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: This free three-day course primarily serves to give instructors, most of whom already have years of instructional experience within their own organizations, insight into adult education principles as well as the opportunity to comment on and improve their instructional style. The course focuses on enhancing instructional skills that may be applied within DHS-certified courses, but it also discusses organization-specific policies, procedures and practices. The goal of this course is to ensure instructional excellence by providing a forum for experienced instructors to share their experiences with participants and learn together, both during discussions of instructional techniques and in commenting on each other's presentation skills during prepared teach-backs.

L197 Integrating Access and Functional Needs into EM Planning

August 23 - 24, 2016, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: This two-day course will provide participants who are responsible for providing or participating in Emergency Planning with the information necessary to utilize disability and access and functional needs-inclusive practices, as well as the additional updated skills and knowledge they will need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

AWR-345 Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Disaster Management

September 15, 2016, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: This free 8-hour classroom course will discuss the wide variety of uses of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in disaster response, recovery, preparedness, and mitigation. The course will also discuss the various types of UAS, as well as the current regulations on UAS use and what the steps are to become authorized to use UAS.

L110 National Emergency Management Basic Academy (TtT)

September 19 - 23, 2016, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognizes the need to tie training programs to an established set of emergency management competencies and to a career development program through a progressive training and education system that includes the foundational-level Basic Academy. The Basic Academy provides a structured and progressive framework for acquiring the knowledge, skills, and abilities to meet

the challenges of an ever-changing emergency management environment.

The Foundations Course Train-the-Trainer (L110) consists of 1 day of discussion about course objectives, how to set up and facilitate the class, time management, and other general topics. The last 2 days will consist of participant teach-backs that summarize a portion of the Foundations course subject matter and describe activities and exercises and time for critique and questions.

AWR-342 Maturing Public Private Partnerships (OP3)

November 15 - 17, 2016, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: The Maturing Public-Private Partnerships Workshop is a three-day, in-person instructional training program. Topics covered in this workshop include the historic foundations of public-private partnerships; what makes a successful partnership and typical problem areas; standardized methods to align interests and outcomes and leverage collaboration and communications; procedures to build strong pre-incident partnership teams and shared situational awareness during events; innovative models, legal considerations, and workshop tools. This workshop will require in-person dialogs among stakeholders to explore lessons learned and fully vet best practices. The workshop culminates in the presentation of personal partnership improvement plans that each participant will develop during the three days of training.

G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course, August 23, 2016 Paulding County EMA, 503 Fairground Dr., Paulding, Ohio 45879

This course is designed for personnel associated with On-Scene Incident Command, EOCs and Multiagency Coordination (MAC) System entities. The goal of the course is to provide state and local emergency management officials with the knowledge and skills they need to operate an Emergency Operating Center (EOC) and interface it with an Incident Command System (ICS) field operation. It enables the participants to begin developing an ICS/EOC interface for their community by applying Incident Command System (ICS) principles. The course reviews ICS and EOC responsibilities and functions and depends heavily on exercise and group discussions to formulate the interface. [This is a "Required" course in the Advanced Professional Series \(APS\) program and meets the minimum requirements set forth by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission for eight continuing education course hours.](#)

G393 Mitigation for Emergency Managers, September 13 - 15, 2016 (Change of Date**), Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235**

This free course is designed to enable the non-technical emergency worker to acquire skills in the use of Mitigation. The course provides training in how to perform Mitigation activities fundamental

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to reducing and eliminating long-term risk from hazards. It addresses the important roles of the Emergency Program Manager (or other local government representative) in Mitigation: Motivator, Coordinator, and Monitor in local implementation of the National Mitigation Strategy. [This is a "Required" course in the Advanced Professional Series \(APS\) program.](#)

G288 Local Volunteer & Donations Mgmt., September 26-27, 2016, Paulding County EMA, 503 Fairground Dr., Paulding, Ohio 45879

This free training event supports local governments and their emergency management

partners in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disaster events at the local level. The course is designed to strengthen the abilities of local jurisdictions to successfully prepare for and handle volunteer and donations management issues that may arise. The course content and activities may also serve as a template, thereby enhancing uniformity in addressing areas of donated unsolicited goods, unaffiliated volunteers, and undesignated cash. This training also provides information regarding the state's volunteer and donations management responsibilities, which are designed to help build relationships between government and non-governmental organizations. [This is an "Elective" course in the Advanced Professional Series \(APS\) program.](#)

G557 Rapid Needs Assessment Planning, September 27, 2016, Franklin County EMA&HS, 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

Columbus, Ohio 43230

This "free" course provides information and resources to enable participants to develop an effective Damage Assessment Program and conduct rapid and effective needs assessments. A good assessment allows community leaders to prioritize response actions ensuring the greatest life-saving and life sustaining benefits. Since resources are often limited in the first few hours of a disaster or emergency an effective rapid needs assessment allows for the efficient and effective use of those resources. Likewise, it allows local officials to evaluate their needs and request those resources that are not available in their jurisdiction to support life sustaining and life saving measures. [This is a "Required" course in the Advanced Professional Series \(APS\) program.](#)

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1	L214 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assist: PI & PC	July 28 - 29, 2016	Ohio EMA
2	G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course	August 4, 2016	Franklin County
3	MGT-323 Instructor Development Workshop	August 9 - 11, 2016	Ohio EMA
4	G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course	August 23, 2016	Paulding County
5	L197 Integrating Access and Functional Needs into EM Planning	August 23 - 24, 2016	Ohio EMA
6	OH-910 Modular Emergency response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRT)	August 23 - 24, 2016	Ohio EMA
7	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	August 29 - 31, 2016	Union County
8	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	August 31 - Sept. 1, 2016	Union County
9	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	September 13 - 15, 2016	Franklin County
10	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	Sept. 13, 14 & 15, 2016	Hamilton County
11	AWR-345 Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Disaster Management	September 15, 2016	Ohio EMA
12	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	September 15 - 16, 2016	Franklin County
13	G393 Mitigation for Emergency Managers	September 13 - 15, 2016	Ohio EMA
14	L110 National Emergency Management Basic Academy (Tt)	September 19 - 23, 2016	Ohio EMA
15	G288 Local Volunteer & Donations Mgmt	September 26 - 27, 2016	Paulding County
16	G557 Rapid Needs Assessment Planning	September 27, 2016	Franklin County
17	G272 Warning Coordination Course	October 6 - 7, 2016	Wayne County
18	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	October 12 - 13, 2016	Hamilton County
19	G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course	October 19, 2016	Butler County
20	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	October 25 - 27, 2016	Summit County
21	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	November 2 - 3, 2016	Summit County
22	AWR-342 Maturing Public Private Partnerships (OP3)	November 15 - 17, 2016	Ohio EMA
23	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	January 7 - 8, 2017	Ottawa County
24	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	January 14 - 15, 2017	Ottawa County

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G272 Warning Coordination, October 6-7, 2016, Wayne County EMA EOC, 201 West North Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691

Severe weather is on the way ... how do you effectively work with the National Weather Service and your local media to develop and discriminate effective warnings your community? This 2 day course is the latest in the hazardous weather series of courses produced in partnership with the National Weather Service (NWS).

Every year, the United States experiences more severe weather than any other country in the world. In order to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses, Emergency Managers must work closely with the NWS and the news media to provide effective warnings that can be received and understood by people at risk. This course is intended to help that process. Course topics include: The Social Dimensions of Warning Response; Developing Effective Warning Messages; Developing an Effective Community Warning Process; and Working with the News Media to Create a Weather Warning Partnership.

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The Ohio Statewide Floodplain Management Conference is a cooperative effort between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and the Ohio Floodplain Management Association (OFMA).

This year's conference will include: Floodplain Manager Bootcamp; three Concurrent Presentation Tracks; Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Exam (8/23 & 8/25); Approximate A Zone Workshop and a Golf Outing (8/26).

All conference information will be available here:

<http://www.ofma.org/training-education/2016-ohio-statewide-floodplain-management-conference>



Ohio EMA Executive Director Sima Merrick, second from left in blue jacket, participated in the Senior Safety Day in Athens County.

Senior Safety Day in Athens County

This past May was National Older Americans Month. Athens County celebrated their aging population by hosting the annual Athens County Senior Safety Day on May 19, at the Athens County Fairgrounds. Numerous groups from Athens County worked months to plan fun and informative activities for the attendees. Planned activities focused on helping empower seniors to take charge of their health as well as encouraged them to do what they could to be healthier, keep chronic conditions in check to maintain a healthy life and live "Well Beyond 60!"



Athens County EMA Director Fred Davis with a 102-year-old constituent.

WATCH OFFICE

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Eight: six watch officers and two watch chiefs.

New Faces at the Watch Office

John Wysocki is a graduate of the Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Pre-MBA. John served with the Navy Reserves where he attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer as an intelligence analyst at the Joint Reserve Intelligence Center. He currently lives in Newark with his wife and three girls. John owns and operates CrossFit Newark, and serves as a coach with the Licking County Special Olympics. Tristan Morath joins Ohio EMA from Make

Better Consulting, where he held the position of an Emergency Management Consultant. He earned a Master's degree in Disaster Resilience Leadership from Tulane University and has a Bachelor's degree in Meteorology from Iowa State University. Tristan moved to Columbus with his dog, Storm, from Louisiana for this position. He enjoys storm chasing and all things meteorology.

Micah Gaudet earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Middle Tennessee State University and is currently working on a Master's in Public Management from John Hopkins. He brings a rich Geospatial Information Systems background to the team, experience he gained while serving with the U.S. Army's 101 Airborne Division as a Targeting and Fusion Intelligence Analyst. Micah moved to Ohio from Tennessee with his wife and young son in order to work in Ohio.