

NOAA predicts colder, snowier winter for Ohio

Winter Safety Awareness Week set for Nov. 13-19

Last year, thanks to El Niño, Ohio and other Midwestern states had a pretty mild winter. But this year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center, La Niña will influence winter conditions, bringing wetter, cooler conditions to the northern United States. Forecasters say La Niña will

bring more snow across Ohio and all of the Great Lakes.

In preparation for winter this year, Gov. John R. Kasich and the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (OCSWA) are promoting Winter Safety Awareness Week, November 13-19. During this week, Gov. Kasich encourages households and businesses to update their safety plans, replenish their disaster supply kits, and prepare themselves,

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Merick panelist at NEMA Forum

NEMA just wrapped up its 2016 Annual Forum in Chicago with record attendance. Most states projected to be in the path of Hurricane Matthew were able to finish up business at the meeting before traveling back to prepare for the powerful storm.

All of the workshops, committee meetings and sessions at the Forum were compelling, but one of the most might've been the panel discussion on the changing role of emergency management in non-traditional disasters. The state emergency management directors from the states of California, Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania talked about their recent experiences with events like the Ebola and Zika Viruses, unaccompanied minors crossing borders, active shooter inci-



Panelists Mark Ghilarducci (CA), Nim Kidd (TX), Ohio's own Sima Merick and Richard Flinn (PA).

dents and National Special Security Events like the RNC and Papal visit. The panelists agreed that what is now considered a non-traditional event will soon become traditional. Emergency management's ability to coordinate among disciplines will require it to be involved. Panelists also discussed the fact that there are no longer single discipline/jurisdiction events – they all involve a multi-agency response, the public's perception of a declaration of emergency, and whether government should message differently so citizens better understand how this allows state and local governments to access funds and preposition resources .



What is the Ohio Silver Jackets Team?

The Ohio Silver Jackets Team is an interagency team dedicated to creating a collaborative environment to bring together Federal, State, local, and other stakeholders to develop and implement solutions to natural hazards and mitigation by combining available agency resources, which include funding, programs, and technical expertise. The Ohio Silver Jackets Team was the first state team in the Silver Jackets program.

The name Silver Jackets is symbolic and meant to symbolize unified State and Federal action. The national program provides a formal and consistent strategy for an interagency approach to planning and implementing measures to reduce the risks associated with flooding and other natural hazards. The intent of the Silver Jackets program is to bring agencies together to manage a state's flood risk throughout the life-cycle. Four project proposals from Ohio team were submitted for funding by the U.S. Army

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Training opportunities throughout Ohio

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.

L958 Operation Section Chief Course

December 5 – 9, 2016, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), 4747 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125

Course Description: This free 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 OSC on an All-Hazards Incident Management Team. These responsibilities fall into two categories: 1) responding to the incident and the command needs of the incident, and 2) effectively fulfilling the position responsibilities of an Operations Section Chief on an All-Hazards ICS Incident Management Team. Exercises, simulations, discussions, and a final exam enable students to process and apply their new knowledge.

MGT-347 Incident Command Systems Forms Review Course

February 7, 2017, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: This 4 ½-hour workshop provides a detailed introduction to emergency response supervisors and mid-to upper-level managers to the Incident Command System (ICS) forms used in the development of an Incident Action Plan (IAP). Participants will examine the primary forms used in an IAP, as well as supporting and other utility forms. In addition, participants will review the planning process and where, within that process, the forms are filled out and by whom. The workshop includes a practical

application designed to instruct participants in the development of Specific, Measurable, Action-oriented, Realistic, and Time-based (SMART) control and management objectives.

ICS-300 Intermediate Course (MGT-904)

February 7 – 9, 2017, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: During this 18-hour course you can enhance your Incident Command skills, with a special focus on new concepts of the Incident Command System (ICS). The training and resources provided in this course will assist personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. The course will also benefit any person who has a responsibility to function in a command post managing an expanding incident. Students will participate in group activities that introduce the development of the Incident Action Plan (IAP) and demonstrate the interactions between the Command and General Staff sections of the ICS. (Ohio EMA and County EMA staff will receive priority registration for this course prior to considering other potential students.)

L967 Logistics Section Chief (LSC) Course

February 6 – 10, 2017, Ohio Task Force One (OH-TF1), Training Center, 431 McFadden Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Course Description: This course is designed to provide local and state-level emergency responders with a robust understanding of the duties, responsibilities, and capabilities of an effective Logistics Section Chief (LSC) on an All-Hazards Incident Management team. These responsibilities fall into two categories: Logistics Section Chief Duties (1) responding to the incident; and (2) effectively fulfilling the position responsibilities of a Logistics Section Chief on an All-Hazards ICS Incident Management Team. Exercises, simulations, discussions, and a final exam enable students to process and apply their new knowledge.

ICS-400 Advanced Course (MGT-905)

March 7 – 8, 2017, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: Enhance your Incident Command skills, with a special focus on new concepts of the Incident Command System (ICS). The training and resources provided in this course will assist personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. The course

FEMA adjusts Consumer Price Index, per capita indicators

FEMA has adjusted the following based on the FY 2017 Consumer Price Index (CPI): statewide per capita indicator, the countywide per capita indicator, the maximum amount for small project grants, the minimum amount for project worksheets, and the maximum amount of assistance under the Individuals and Households Program. These adjustments will impact all disasters declared on or after October 1, 2016.

- Statewide Per Capita Impact Indicator: used to evaluate impact of disaster at state level -- \$1.43
- Countywide Per Capita Indicator: Used to evaluate impact of disaster at county level -- \$3.61
- Maximum amount for small project grants: Maximum grant made under Public Assistance Simplified Procedures -- \$123,100

- Minimum amount for Project Worksheets: Minimum amount that will be approved for any Project Worksheet under the Public Assistance Program -- \$3,100
- Maximum amount of assistance under the Individuals and Households Program: Maximum amount of financial assistance provided to an individual or household under the Individuals and Households Program -- \$33,300

For additional information about these adjustments, you can review the notices on the Federal Register at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/search?conditions%5B%5D=federal-emergency-management-agency&conditions%5Bterm%5D=consumer+price+index#>.

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Silver Jackets

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Corps of Engineers. Following is a brief description of each project:

Ice Jam Awareness – Silver Jackets partners will conduct multiple training sessions in Great Lake communities to raise awareness of ice jam flooding and risk. Efforts will be

made to formalize an ice jam monitoring program.

Levee Inventory - ODNR will work with the USACE to conduct a complete inventory of levees in 3 counties in Ohio. These three counties will serve as a pilot to gauge the level of effort required to conduct a levee inventory statewide. The Silver Jackets team members will meet with local officials to discuss the results of the inventory and recommend mitigation actions.

Flood Awareness Campaign – The goal of

this effort is to create an education campaign that focuses solely on flooding. The state's severe weather weeks focus on multiple hazards. Given the flood risk in the state, the team felt that a separate campaign was warranted.

GIS Website - USACE will develop a website with GIS capability to display flood risk data and information for the public.

For more information about the Ohio Silver Jackets Team go to: <http://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/State-Teams/Ohio>

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will also benefit any person who has a responsibility to function in a command post managing an expanding incident. This course builds upon information covered in the ICS-100, 200, and 300 courses and explains the roles and responsibilities of local, county, state, and federal agencies involved in managing an expanding incident. Enhance your command and decision-making skills by participating in-group activities that introduce the use of an Incident Complex and Area Command, and the interactions between Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) entities. (Ohio EMA and County EMA staff

will receive priority registration for this course prior to considering other students.)

L449 ICS Train the Trainer Course (MGT-906)

May 2 – 5, 2017, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: L-449 Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula Train the Trainer (MGT906) prepares participants to deliver EMI's ICS curricula. Enhance your instructional skills and prepare to deliver FEMA's ICS curriculum. While ICS-100 and ICS-200 courses are addressed, the major emphasis is on ICS-300 and ICS-400. Students will learn from training professionals how to use adult-learning techniques to get the best out of the classes you teach. Students will develop and deliver a training module.

L950 Incident Commander Course

June 19 – 23, 2017, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, 2855 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235

Course Description: This five-day course provides local- and state-level emergency responders with a robust understanding of the duties, responsibilities, and capabilities of an effective Incident Commander (IC) on an All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT). These responsibilities fall into two categories: 1) responding to the incident and command needs of the incident, and 2) effectively fulfilling the position responsibilities of an IC on an All-Hazards ICS IMT. Exercises, simulations, discussions, and a final exam enable participants to process and apply their new knowledge.

Ohio Emergency Response/ Recovery Exercise for the Water & Wastewater Sector



December 14th, 2016 • Department of Public Utilities,
Division of Sewerage and Drainage Headquarters • Columbus, Ohio

The cities of Columbus, Dayton and Ottawa, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), Montgomery County, Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (OHWARN), the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) and Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and the U.S. EPA are co-sponsoring the *Ohio Emergency Response/Recovery Exercise for the Water and Wastewater Sector*, an emergency preparedness tabletop exercise supporting the water sector in Ohio. This is a one-day exercise that will enhance the ability of drinking water and wastewater utilities, response partners and other interdependent sectors (e.g., energy, emergency services, public health and other large water users) to prepare for, respond to and manage the consequences associated with a major disaster.

— Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 • 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM —

The exercise will be held at the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Directions and additional information will be provided for all registrants.
There is NO registration fee to attend the exercise.

Exercise Goals and Objectives

- Increase awareness of interdependencies between the water sector and other sectors, including energy, emergency services, public health services and the private sector in general.
- Identify gaps in available resources that would be needed during response/recovery of a large scale event and how resource typing can be incorporated into existing procedures to improve resource sharing.
- Identify trigger points and overall processes for requesting aid and responding to requests between the levels of government from the local up to the federal level.
- Increase awareness of OHWARN and walk through how its operational plan is coordinated with other response partners.



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HOURS WILL BE
PROVIDED

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Exercise Format, Audience, and Scenario

This tabletop exercise will be presented in a no-fault environment allowing for a roundtable discussion. No field activities will occur. The scenario and associated questions and topics will be provided in advance to all participants. Participating organizations may include area water and wastewater utilities; water sector associations; private sector industries; county, state, and federal departments and agencies; and others interested in water issues. The scenario examines the impact of a supercell outbreak on the drinking water and wastewater utility infrastructure across a wide geographical area of Ohio.

SPACE IS
LIMITED!

To Register and for More Information

To register for this event, please visit the registration website at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/ohio-emergency-response-exercise-for-the-water-and-wastewater-sector-tickets-27048625166>. Space is limited! For additional information, please contact Sarah Moore (City of Columbus) at 614-645-2413 / slmoore@columbus.gov, David Riley (Ohio EPA) at 614-644-3497 / david.riley@epa.ohio.gov or Kevin Tingley (EPA) at 202-564-4619 / tingley.kevin@epa.gov.

Ohio EMA's Clouse graduates from Advanced Academy

Emmitsburg, MD — Keven Clouse graduated from FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland, July 15, 2016, after he completed the full curriculum that provides the strategic level training and education and the essential skills needed for emergency management professionals to manage dynamic and resilient emergency management programs.



Ohio EMA's Keven Clouse

Clouse completed the four one-week resident courses in the Advanced Academy including: A Survey of Advanced Concepts in Emergency Management, Assessment and

Management Organization and Advanced Concepts and Issues in the Emergency Management Community and Profession.

FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy reinforces the qualities needed to manage emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and

concepts, and utilizes appropriate case studies. Advanced Academy participants work within a collaborative environment on projects and establish a network of their peers. The Academy is designed for Emergency Management mid-level managers wanting to advance their skillset. Students learn skills critical to performing emergency management responsibilities, such as: program management and oversight, effective communication at all levels, integrated collaboration, and strategic thinking, along with completing a Research Project one month prior to attending the final course. The Advanced Academy provides students the opportunity to demonstrate their critical thinking ability through a guided research project. Students apply the key learning concepts from the Advanced Academy curriculum relative to their own skillsets and abilities within their organizations, and their own performance environments.

For more information on FEMA's training classes through the Basic, Advanced, and Executive Academies, or other emergency management courses, go to: <http://training.fema.gov/empp/>.



Application of Professional Style in Emergency Management, Advanced Concepts and Issues in the Emergency

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their vehicles and their property for winter-related incidents.

"Winter Safety Week is the perfect time to start winterizing your homes and vehicles — to prepare before snow storms hit," said Ohio EMA Executive Director Sima Merick. "If you don't have an emergency supply kit, now is a good time to start one. You may find that you already have a lot of items on hand. Check the batteries in your flashlights and weather radios. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and conduct fire drills."

If snowy or icy conditions exist, traveling can

get pretty hectic. Before getting on the road, it's best to know before you go. Pay attention to weather forecasts and traffic reports. Listen for reports of school and business closings, snow emergencies, traffic delays or road closures. Plan your travel time accordingly.

To help prepare for winter, OCSWA recommends the following:

Prepare your home for winter. Cut and remove low-hanging and dead tree branches. Ice, snow and strong winds can cause tree limbs to break and fall. Have your gutters cleaned. Snow and ice can build up quickly if gutters are clogged with debris. Have auxiliary heaters, furnaces and fireplaces checked or serviced before using. If using a portable generator, read instructions

thoroughly to guard against carbon monoxide poisoning. Review your homeowner's insurance policy; talk with your insurance agent about the financial risks that winter can bring. Consider purchasing flood insurance.

Prepare winter disaster kits for the home and vehicle. Refresh stored nonperishable foods and bottled water. Change the batteries in your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and radios. Winter emergency kits should include warm clothing, blankets, flashlights, new batteries, coats, hats, gloves, a battery-operated or hand-cranked radio, first aid kit, and enough nonperishable food and water (one gallon per person, per day) to sustain every family member for several days. Have stored food, bottled water and supplies for your pets, as well.