



# This Week in Ohio EMA

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## New Emergency Management Logo is Unveiled

(From the National Emergency Management Association news release dated Nov. 30. Visit [www.nemaweb.org](http://www.nemaweb.org).)



Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Homeland Security Preparedness Directorate, and state and local emergency managers unveiled a new icon for emergency management.

The icon replaces the old civil defense symbol which was used in public service campaigns for the same reason the new symbol is being introduced: to inspire people to become more involved in their own protection and preparedness.



Its three stars represent the three levels of government response and the bottom-up approach, in which local agencies turn to state and federal assistance only after their capabilities and resources are overwhelmed.

The new icon is to be used by local, state and federal agencies to draw attention to information that is vital to Americans' preparedness.

## DHS Announces Application Period for FY06 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced last week the application period and posted the guidance document for the *Assistance to Firefighters Grant Programs* and *Fire Prevention and Safety Grants* (FP&S). The FP&S grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards.

The application period began Monday, December 4. The DHS Office of Grants and Training will accept applications for the FP&S grants until 5 p.m., January 12, 2007.

The FP&S grant guidance is available at: [www.firegrantsupport.com/docs/2006FPSguidance.pdf](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/docs/2006FPSguidance.pdf). The guidance document is designed to help users prepare and submit competitive applications and provide an overview of the programs funding priorities and evaluation criteria.

Applicants with questions about the FP&S grant program can call the help desk at 1-866-274-0960 or visit the following grants site: [www.firegrants@dhs.gov](http://www.firegrants@dhs.gov).



Homeland Security Current Threat Level (Domestic & International Flights):

HIGH

**Nuclear Power Plant Update**



The Perry Nuclear Power Plant Comprehensive Review was conducted on November 28 and 29, with an out-briefing conducted on November 30. The comprehensive review discussion was led by the Department of Homeland Security. First-Energy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) presented a non-classified overview of security at the Perry Plant. FEMA, Region V was the facilitator for state and local support agencies. A final report will be provided to the Perry site.

The Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and Units 1 and 2 of the Beaver Valley Power Station are all operating at 100 percent.

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**RIM&C Update**

The Radiological Instrument Maintenance and Calibration facility calibrated and repaired equipment for companies in Cincinnati, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The shop also repaired and exchanged instruments with Portage and Summit counties.

**Corrections to Dec. 1st newsletter:**

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**Governor-elect attends Ohio Homeland Security Briefing at State EOC Facility**

State agencies and associations invited to brief the governor-elect included: Ohio EMA, **Ohio Homeland Security**, Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Attorney General, Ohio National Guard, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association and MARCS program office.

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**SBA Disaster Loans Available Following Ohio's Agricultural Flood Damage**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced on November 30 that federal disaster loans are available to small, non-farm businesses located in the Ohio counties of Ashtabula, Geauga, Hancock, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Muskingum, Ottawa, Wood and Wyandot as a result of damages and losses to crops caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred May 10 and continuing. The contiguous counties of Allen, Ashland, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Guernsey, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Licking, Lucas, Marion, Morgan, Noble, Perry, Portage, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Summit, Trumbull and Wayne are also eligible for disaster loans.

Under this declaration, SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to farm-related and non-farm-related small business concerns and small agricultural cooperatives that suffered economic injury as a direct result of this disaster. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible to apply to SBA.

Eligible small businesses may qualify for loans up to \$1.5 million. These loans are available at a four percent interest rate with loan terms up to 30 years. SBA determines eligibility for the program based on the size and type of business and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based upon each applicant's financial condition. Under this disaster declaration, SBA cannot provide loans to agricultural producers.

Interested business owners can call SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired). Business loan applications are also available on SBA's Web site at: [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).

Mail completed applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than July 9, 2007.



**EMA Updates**

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*If it's been a while since you've visited the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness' Web site, the committee invites you to take a look and see what's new:*



- *Media page - contains OCSWA news releases, points of contact for interviews and public service announcements for download*
- *Additional flood information and severe weather terms*
- *Checklists to organize emergency preparedness kits for the home, Ohioans with special needs, vehicles and pets.*

Visit [www.ocswa.ohio.gov](http://www.ocswa.ohio.gov).

**2006 National Grants and Training Conference**

Staff from Ohio EMA's Grants and Field Operations, Training and Exercise branches attended the 2006 National Grants and Training Conference that was conducted in Washington, D.C., November 28-30. Keynote speakers included: Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff; Under-Secretary for Preparedness George W. Foresman; Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Charles Allen; and General John Abrams (Retired).

A variety of topics were presented during the conference including presentations on grants, training, exercises, technical assistance, citizen preparedness, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), project management and national priorities.

Additionally, Ohio EMA Training Officer Cathy Deck was a speaker for a session on *Training to Secure Vulnerable Infrastructure* and Ohio EMA Exercise Program Manager Darren Price was a speaker for *Exercise Program Management and Lessons Learned*, as well as for a session on *Implementing Capabilities-Based Planning through Preparedness Programs*.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December 3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
			Communications TAC Ohio EMA			
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	Ohio EMA Week of Training (Ohio EMA & ODPS employees)					 Hanukah Begins
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
	Medical TAC Ohio EMA	HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	Water TAC Ohio EMA	Winter Begins	Hanukah Ends
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Christmas Eve	 Christmas					
<b>31</b>						
New Year's Eve						

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>

UASI: Urban Area Security Initiative - T1CP: Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan - FS: Full Scale Exercise

TAC: Technical Advisory Committee