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### **FEMA Helps Floridians Recover from Devastating Tornadoes**

*(From FEMA News Release dated February 4 and 6, 2007)*



*Lake County, FL (Feb. 3, 2007) - Tornadoes cut a swath through central Florida early Friday morning. FEMA has begun its initial response to the disaster. FEMA Photo by Mark Wolfe.*



*Lady Lake, FL (Feb. 3, 2007) - A volunteer works to clean up a tree felled by the tornadoes that hit central Florida last week. FEMA Photo by Mark Wolfe.*

(ATLANTA, Ga.) - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is on the ground in Florida, helping the state and its affected communities recover from tornadoes that struck Thursday night and Friday morning. President George Bush issued a disaster declaration on Saturday, February 3.

"The president and FEMA are bringing all available resources to assist the state's citizens recover from this disaster," said Jesse Munoz, federal coordinating officer. "FEMA is here to support all of Florida's recovery needs. Dozens of trucks with supplies already are in the state."

FEMA trucks arrived in Florida with 50 generators, 5,000 tarps, nearly 50,000 liters of water, 1,100 rolls of plastic sheeting, and more than 400,000 meals ready-to-eat. The supplies were sent to a state logistics warehouse near Orlando to supplement existing state resources that are being distributed.

More than 200 FEMA personnel have already been assigned to this disaster. Community relations teams are in affected communities, sharing disaster recovery information with disaster survivors. Ten Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers (MDRCs) were dispatched to Florida. MDRCs can be positioned and ready to go faster than setting up disaster recovery centers in a fixed building or facility. The mobile centers are equipped with computers and satellite linkage that allow information to stream as

quickly as in any office. One MDRC can effectively visit as many as three different communities in one week.

To read additional FEMA news releases pertaining to the Florida tornadoes and to view additional FEMA photos, visit the FEMA Web site: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

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

**HIGH**

## Ohio EMA's Training Section Attends an Executive Training Course in New Mexico

Ohio EMA's Training and Exercise Supervisor Phil Johnson and Training Officer Cathy Deck participated in an executive training course at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, January 29 - February 2. The New Mexico Tech/Energetic Materials Research Training Center hosted the event.

New Mexico Tech purchased a small, abandoned town called Playas, and converted it to an anti-terrorism training center for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to conduct training for the nation's emergency responders who will be first on the scene of

terrorist attacks. Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) teams from across the nation also participate in training exercises at the facility. The site provides training such as the *Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents* and *Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings* first responder courses.

The Delaware County SWAT team from Ohio was at the training facility during the same week as the Executive Training Course. The SWAT team participated in an exercise for all Playas attendees to observe. The scenario: Terrorists were hiding out in a house. The SWAT team had to breach the home's door using a live explosive to enter; detain the terrorists and locate a secondary improvised explosive device that was planted in the house.

Other training participants from Ohio included: Michael Passarelli from Summit County, James Zimomra from Trumbull County and John McMinn from Lake County.



Ohio EMA Training Officer Cathy Deck (center) pictured with members of the Delaware County SWAT team, at the Playas Training and Research Center, New Mexico.

### **Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (dated February 6)**

#### **RIM&C Update**

The Radiological Instrument Maintenance and Calibration (RIM&C) facility calibrated and repaired radiological instruments for the following: North Carolina's Chatham County, Harnett County, Ashville County, Union County, city of Williamston and city of Badin; Alaron Corporation, Pennsylvania; Indiana Emergency Management Agency; and Monroe County, New York.

#### **Communications Update**

Communications technicians performed preventive maintenance in Marietta and corrective maintenance at the Miamisburg and Chesterland National Weather Service transmitter sites.

#### **EOC Course in Seneca County**

A total of 45 emergency responders participated in two training sessions of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) course conducted at the Seneca County EMA. Participants included county representatives from local fire departments, EMS, board of county commissioners, Red Cross, Tiffin University, county sewer, RACES, township trustees and EMA volunteers. All will assist the writing and updating of the Seneca County EOC standard operating procedure.

**EMA Updates**

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**(scheduled to retire: March 31, 2007)**

**Larry Hatton, Director**  
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Promotion:  
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**JOB OPPORTUNITY**


**Director, Knox County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management**  
**Mt. Vernon, Ohio**

The Knox County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications for the full-time director of Homeland Security/EMA. The director is responsible for the administrative operation of the agency and its various functions, including countywide 9-1-1 dispatch and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The director will formulate and lead the county's response to natural disasters, hazardous materials spills and catastrophic events.

Applicants must have strong leadership, management and communication skills, as well as a comprehensive knowledge of emergency management, emergency response, public administration and public relations. A Bachelor's degree in Emergency Management or equivalent is preferred. Must be willing to become a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM). Salary begins in mid-\$30,000s.

Contact Emily Marth at [epmarth@ecr.net](mailto:epmarth@ecr.net) for additional information and application. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2007.

*\* Dates for the TAC meetings may not be accurate. After February, Ohio EMA will not post TAC meetings until the Ohio Homeland Security's Response System TAC Schedule site is updated.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8 Rescue TAC Ohio EMA	9	10
		CAMEO Course - Ohio EMA (Feb. 6-9)				
11	12 Medical TAC Ohio EMA	13	14	15 Water TAC Ohio EMA	16	17
18	19  Presidents' Day	20 HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	21 Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	22 EOC Management & Operations - Ohio EMA	23	24
25	26 Canine TAC ODPS T-3-5	27	28	March 1	2	3 CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor Montgomery County
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Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>  
 TAC: Technical Advisory Committee