



This Week in Ohio EMA



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Ohio's Missing Children's Day Poster Contest Winner Receives State Recognition



From left to right: Mark Patchen, Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee chair; Kelly Stevenson (mother); Rachel Stevenson (poster winner); Governor Ted Strickland; and Rachel's grandmother, Shirley.

This year was the first year that the state of Ohio participated in the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. And, this year, fifth grader Rachel Stevenson of Elyria is the first place winner for Ohio and is the national winner of the poster contest. She, her family and teacher, will travel to Washington, D.C. next weekend for the National Missing Children's Day Ceremony sponsored and hosted by the U.S. Department of Justice. Rachel's poster will represent child safety for the Department of Justice for the coming year.

The goal of the annual contest is for America's fifth-grade students to develop artwork that will represent the nation's united goal to bring missing children home safely.

Rachel, her mother and grandmother met with Governor Ted Strickland on Thursday,

then toured the Statehouse as part of her state recognition of her accomplishments. Her poster illustrates missing children around the world. Footsteps border the top and bottom and have the year's theme in each print: "Bring our missing children home." The hearts that border the sides list children's names and the dates they became missing.

"My mom always says that our future depends on our children. I was thinking if we can save our children, we can save our future," said Rachel, now age 11.

Mark Patchen, the Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee chairperson, and the attorney general will visit Rachel's school, Saint Mary's Elyria, next week for a presentation. The state's second and third place poster contest winners, Cheyenne Rogers of Vandalia and Hannah Retz of Covington. Awards will be presented at their schools on May 22.



September is... National Preparedness Month

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

HIGH



Ohio NIMS Implementation Guidance for FFY2007 is now available

The Ohio National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation Guidance for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 is now accessible at www.ema.ohio.gov/nims.asp through the Ohio EMA Web site. Critical implementation activities (Tier 1 items) are clearly marked in the first section of the document. These activities must be complete and/or fully integrated into NIMS implementation plans by September 30, 2007 to preserve eligibility for federal preparedness funding in the following fiscal years.

The Ohio guidance includes information applicable to both state and local NIMS stakeholders and follows the federal NIMS compliance package made available through the NIMS Integration Center in October 2006 at www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/compliance/2007.shtm.

Local jurisdictions share many implementation activities and responsibilities with the state. Given that incidents are managed locally, it is imperative that state agency field offices and local jurisdictions implement NIMS throughout their communities, emergency management departments and response agencies. County emergency management offices and state agencies have been asked to disseminate NIMS information to appropriate local departments and agencies and/or community-based groups. Successful implementation also depends on outreach to nongovernmental and private sector organizations that actively prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from an incident.

Reporting on NIMS implementation progress and compliance will be accomplished through the National Incident Management System Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST). NIMSCAST contains the same administrator and user accounts used for FFY 2005 and FFY 2006. NIMSCAST also incorporates the compliance metrics (CM) survey for this fiscal year. Answers to the compliance metrics and any updates to the original 75-question baseline must be provided through on-line submission for roll-up by August 31, 2007.

The Ohio NIMS Help Desk remains operational. Assistance is available by phone at (614) 799-7160 or by e-mail at NIMS@dps.state.oh.us.

Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant Full-Scale Exercise



Tuesday, May 15

Participation from the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Erie, Lucas and Ottawa counties, and the state of Ohio.

The Department of Homeland Security/FEMA will host a review meeting on Friday, May 8 at 10 a.m. at the Ottawa County Emergency Operations Center, 315 Madison Street, Port Clinton.

Tri-County HazMat Exercise tests water rescue, decon and more



Dellroy, OH - First responders decontaminate rescuers during a hazmat/chemical exercise in Carroll County. First responders from Carroll, Holmes and Tuscarawas counties participated in the May 5 exercise.

CAMEO Chemicals: NOAA's New Online Tool for Hazmat Responders

From NOAA Magazine



A new online tool for first responders to hazardous chemical accidents was released by the NOAA Office of Response and Restoration.

The new Web site, <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov>, is the latest component of NOAA's popular CAMEO (Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations) software suite, and the first to be available for use online.

For more than 20 years, the CAMEO suite has brought first responders from an era in which they gleaned emergency response information from maps and reference books spread out on the hoods of their trucks to a time when up-to-date, comprehensive information on chemical plumes, toxicity risks and susceptibility of chemical mixtures to burn or explode can be displayed with a few strokes on a computer keyboard.

Key features include:

- Extensive Chemical Database - response recommendations for more than 6,000 chemicals.
- Critical Response Information - search engine for finding chemicals.
- Chemical Reactivity - tool to predict what hazards could arise if chemicals were to mix.

JOB OPPORTUNITY





Fairfield County EMA Director

Annual Salary: \$44,000 - \$52,000, depending on emergency management experience.

Position responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating emergency management activities for Fairfield County. Also, prepares and maintains the agency's fiscal and operational records.

Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in business administration and/or work in emergency management with three to five years experience in emergency management programs.

Go to www.myworknet.com for position details and application process. No phone calls, please.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 6	7	8 OCSWA State-Level Poster Contest Judging - Ohio EMA	9	10	11	12
13  Mother's Day	14 Medical TAC Ohio EMA	15 DBNPS Full-Scale Exercise HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	16 Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA	17 Homeland Security Planning - Ohio EMA	18	19  Komen-Columbus Race for the Cure
20	21 Emergency Planning - Ohio EMA	22	23 Water TAC Ohio EMA	24 Animal Health Emerg. TAC - ODOT	25	26
27	28	29	30  Conference - May 30-31 Columbus Marriott North	31  Mahoning County Full-Scale Exercise	June 1	2
Hazardous Weather & Flood Preparedness - Ohio EMA						

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

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee; DBNPS - Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station