



This Week in Ohio EMA



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County EMAs Encouraged to Apply for the FY2007 Citizen Corps Program Grant

Applications due July 27



As part of the fiscal year 2007 (FY07) Homeland Security Grant Program, Ohio was awarded \$441,938 in FY07 Citizen Corps Program (CCP) Grant money. The Ohio EMA, as State Administrative Agency, intends to disperse 80 percent (or \$353,550) of the grant in direct funding to support local Citizen Corps projects.

FY07 CCP funds will support the Citizen Corps Councils' efforts to engage citizens in all-hazards prevention, protection, response and recovery. These efforts would include organizing and sustaining a Citizen Corps Council; implementing plans to achieve widespread citizen preparedness and participation; public education and outreach programs; developing training programs; exercises to include citizen participation; implementing volunteer programs to support emergency responders; during an incident, involving citizens in surge capacity roles that would be in alignment with Emergency Support Functions and annexes; and conducting evaluations of programs and activities.

Ohio Citizen Corps is a community-based initiative that engages citizens in hometown security through public education and training.

(For a copy of the Citizen Corps Program FY07 Application and Grant Guidance, contact Patrick Sheehan, Ohio EMA Plans Branch, at (614) 799-3693 or pcsheehan@dps.state.oh.us.)

Allen County EMA Director Appointed to FEMA National Advisory Council



Director Russell Decker,
Allen County Office of
Homeland Security and
Emergency Management

Russell Decker, director of the Allen County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and vice president of the International Association of Emergency Managers, was recently appointed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council. As a member of the council Decker will share representation of the viewpoint of the International Association of Emergency Managers.

The National Advisory Council (NAC) provides advice to the administrator of FEMA on all aspects of emergency management. Its mission is to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other man-made disasters by:

- Incorporating input from state, local and tribal governments, and public and private sectors; and
- Providing input into the development and revision of the National Preparedness Goal, National Preparedness System, National Incident Management System, National Response Plan, and other related plans and strategies.

Homeland Security Current Threat Level: ELEVATED - Significant risk of Terrorist Attack HIGH (or Orange) for Aviation Sector

ELEVATED



FEMA Disaster Assistance Strategy 2007-2

The June 1, 2007 FEMA Debris Removal Operations document addresses FEMA's strategy for providing debris removal assistance in support of a presidentially declared emergency or major disaster. This disaster assistance strategy is applicable to all states eligible to receive assistance under sections 403 (Essential Assistance) and 407 (Debris Removal) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

The sections of FEMA's strategy applicable to our state are the Overview (VII.A) and Pre-event Planning (VII.B) sections.

OVERVIEW

While local and state governments have principal responsibilities for managing debris removal operations, with eligible costs reimbursable under the Public Assistance (PA) program, FEMA may provide state-requested direct federal assistance (mission assignment) for debris removal operations.

Duration of mission assignments is limited to 60 days from the disaster declaration date, with a provision empowering the federal coordinating officer to approve extensions up to an additional 60 days. The cost-share for a mission assignment is subject to the cost-share authorized for emergency work and/or the prevailing rate for the particular disaster.

The congressionally authorized PA pilot program, available from June 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008, offers three debris-related opportunities. These opportunities would be available to applicants with a FEMA pre-approved debris plan for events declared within the time frame listed. Those opportunities include:

- an additional five percent federal cost share contribution;
- the retention of salvage value revenue from recyclable disaster debris; and
- reimbursement of regular-time salaries and benefits of the applicant's permanently employed staff performing eligible debris-related activities.

PRE-EVENT PREPARATION AND PLANNING

FEMA encourages local and state officials to plan for and manage debris removal operations following all events, including those qualifying for federal disaster assistance. FEMA encourages pre-qualification of debris removal contractors to assure immediate availability of private sector resources. To assist in this process, FEMA has established a Debris Contractor Registry, available at www.fema.gov/business/contractor.shtm.

As the lead for Emergency Support Function 3 (Public Works and Engineering), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the primary provider for Direct Federal Assistance (mission assignment). In order to ensure immediate availability of support, the USACE maintains seven debris removal planning and support teams and advance debris removal contracts.

SUMMARY

FEMA's strategy on debris removal is one of many informational tools available to local and state officials. Click on [Recovery Information](#) on the Ohio EMA Web site's Quick Links (www.ema.ohio.gov). Under Recovery Information, click on [Debris Information](#) in the Additional Resources box for items such as the Debris Fact Sheet for Local Officials and the FEMA Debris Removal Operations Strategy.





Save the Date: August 9
2007 LEPC State Emergency Response
Commission Conference

Local Emergency Planning Committee
2007 Annual Conference
 Thursday, August 9

Where: Department of Commerce
 Division of State Fire Marshal
 Ohio Fire Academy
 8895 East Main Street
 Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 (Franklin County)

Three conference sessions offered with seven courses from which to choose. Presenters represent county EMAs, Ohio EMA, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, local fire departments and local hazardous material teams and committees.

For registration information, contact Sandy McGrath, Ohio Fire Academy, at sandy.mcgrath@com.state.oh.us.

Summit County First Responders Travel to Southern Ohio to Participate in Pandemic Influenza Training



Cathy Deck, Ohio EMA training officer, assisted Annette Petranic, Summit County EMA director, in coordinating a Pandemic Influenza Planning and Preparedness Course for 35 of the county's emergency and first responders. The Alabama-based Center for Domestic Preparedness conducted the training in Mason, Ohio (just north of Cincinnati), June 26-28.

The Pandemic Influenza Planning and Preparedness course is a 24-hour course that provides the responder with an overview of pandemic influenza, its challenges, and the many facets of community planning that will enable a community to prepare and effectively respond to a pandemic influenza event. All students participate in an all-day exercise where a fictitious community is hit with a pandemic outbreak.



EMA Update

Chip Poland, Director Ashland County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management resigned as director on June 28.

Melissa Smith, Ohio EMA Grants Coordinator has accepted a grants position in the Virgin Islands. Her last day in the office is July 13.

Good luck and best wishes to both.

Clermont County Recognizes Building Safety Week (May 6-12, 2007)

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Building Safety Week is a national annual event designed to raise public awareness of building safety in promoting the use, enforcement and understanding of building safety and fire prevention codes.

The Clermont County Building Inspection Department actively participates in this safety promotion. To increase awareness about the role building safety officials play in protecting lives and property, the Clermont County commissioners proclaimed May 6-12 as Building Safety Week. This year's theme was "Building smarter for disasters and everyday life."

For additional information, contact the Clermont County Permit Central at (513) 732-7213 or Clermont County EMA at (513) 732-7661.



Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water - one gallon per person, per day for at least three days; use for drinking and sanitation
- Food - at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert; extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle - to signal for help
- Dust mask - to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags with ties for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps



Through its **Ready Campaign**, the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. Ready asks individuals to do three key things:

- Get an emergency supply kit
- Make a family emergency plan
- Be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses

Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days, if an emergency occurs. People should consider having at least two emergency supply kits: one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend a considerable amount of time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	URSB Meeting Ohio EMA					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Mitigation Progress Reports Due (2nd Qtr)	Medical TAC Ohio EMA	HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Incident Command System Train-the-Trainer (L-449) - Ohio EMA				
			Water TAC Ohio EMA			
29	30	31	August 1	2	3	4
	Canine TAC ODPS, 3rd Floor	Senior TAC ODOT Auditorium	 August 1-12, 2007 1st Day of State Fair			

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

7/15 - Mitigation Progress Reports Due (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Mitigation)

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee