



This Week in Ohio EMA



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FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program

Ohio Receives \$46,320,809 in FY07 Allocations

(From the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training 2007 HSGP fact sheet)

The 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) will award more than \$1.6 billion to enhance the ability of states, territories and urban areas to prepare for, prevent and respond to terrorist attacks and other major disasters. HSGP funds can be used for preparedness planning, equipment acquisition, training, exercises, management and administration, in order to obtain resources that are critical to building and sustaining capabilities that are aligned with the Interim National Preparedness Goal and respective State and Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies.

Ohio received notification of its fiscal year 2007 allocations on July 18. It was an overall 12 percent increase from 2006.

Total: **\$46,320,809**

State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP): \$16,830,000 - 33 percent increase

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP): \$12,020,000 - 30.9 percent increase

Urban Area Security Initiative Allocations (UASI) - 12.9 percent increase:

- Cincinnati: \$5,240,000
- Cleveland: \$5,520,000
- Columbus: \$4,720,000

Other Grants Programs: \$1,990,809

(Metropolitan Medical Response System [MMRS]- \$1,548,871)

(Citizen Corps Grant Program [CCP] - \$441,938)

The State Homeland Security Grant Program supports the implementation of the state homeland security strategies to address the identified planning, equipment, training and exercise needs for acts of terrorism. The SHSP supports the implementation of the National Preparedness Goal, National Incident Management System (NIMS), and the National Response Plan (NRP).

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program focuses on the prevention of terrorist attacks and provides law enforcement and public safety communities with funds to support intelligence gathering and information sharing through enhancing/establishing fusion centers; interoperable communications; and collaboration with non-law enforcement partners, other government agencies and the private sector.

(See 'FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program,' page 2)

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

ELEVATED

FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program - Continued

The Urban Area Security Initiative program funds address the unique planning, equipment, training and exercise needs of high threat, high density urban areas, and assist them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism.

Metropolitan Medical Response System funds support MMRS jurisdictions to further enhance and sustain an integrated, systematic mass casualty incident preparedness program that enables an effective response during the first crucial hours of an incident. The program prepares jurisdictions for response to the range of mass casualty incidents, including CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive), agricultural and epidemic outbreaks, natural disasters and large-scale hazardous materials incidents.

The Citizen Corps Program mission is to actively involve all citizens in hometown security through personal preparedness, training, exercises and volunteer service. CCP funds support Citizen Corps Council efforts to engage citizens in all-hazards prevention, protection, response and recovery.

For the complete report, visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/grants_hsgp.htm.

Ohio EMA Bi-Weekly Report Entries (dated June 26 - July 10)



Ohio EMA legal counsel and planners participated in the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) facilitated meeting of the Ohio Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) committee on June 27. The purpose of the meeting was to listen to presentations from representatives of North Carolina and Illinois, relative to their respective medical response teams and discuss the possibility of creating similar teams in Ohio, spearheaded by OHA.

The North Carolina State Medical Assistance Team response system is built around trauma centers in each of its eight regions, with teams typed based on capability. The Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team responds to and assists with emergency medical treatment at mass casualty incidents.

The ESAR-VHP is comprised of representatives from the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio EMA and Ohio Medical Reserve Corps.

Multi-Agency Radio Communications System

The Ohio EMA Communications Branch provided technical support to the MARCS Office in upgrading the MARCS data tower to have voice capability. This upgrade will allow the National Weather Service in Indiana to have usage and communicate with the local MARCS users in northeast Ohio.

Weapons of Mass Destruction Threat & Risk Assessment, Local Jurisdiction
Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University System

Crawford County is hosting a WMD Threat and Risk Assessment course **August 14-16** at the Crawford County Justice Center.

The course provides an opportunity for participants to learn the necessary actions to protect public safety and infrastructure from the threat of a terrorism incident.

Contact Crawford County EMA at (419) 562-6009 or ccema@crawford-co.org for additional information.

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Editor's Note: Chip Poland, former director of Ashland County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, notified *This Week in Ohio EMA* that he did not resign from his position at Ashland County; according to Mr. Poland, he is "no longer associated with the Ashland County Office of EM and HS."

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Deputy Director (EMA/911)

Stark County Emergency Management Agency
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(Send resume by 3 p.m., August 3, 2007)

Salary:

Responsibilities: Under administrative direction of the EMA director, the deputy director assists in providing coordination of the county's emergency management agency, Homeland Security program, 9-1-1 call center, hazardous materials emergency response team, and all other duties as required. This position will be required to be on-call, as scheduled by the EMA director, and be available by pager at all times.

Basic Qualifications: Preferred completion of post secondary education in emergency management or other related area, with at least two years experience working with public safety dispatching personnel and completion of the FEMA Professional Development Course.

Should have knowledge of the county's EMA; Homeland Security program; 9-1-1 system; Local Emergency Planning Committee; Hazmat; emergency response team; and familiarity with urban, suburban and rural areas of the county; have ability to interact with city and local officials who are involved with public safety and emergency planning of their prospective districts.

From the Ohio Attorney General's Office - www.ag.state.oh.us

HOW TO RESPOND IF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED

A breach of security - especially involving encoded data - does not necessarily mean that your identity has been stolen, but it does increase the potential that your information could be misused. You can take the following precautions against identity theft:

- Place a 90-day fraud alert on your credit report. These alerts are renewable every 90 days and should notify you if there are any attempts to open new accounts using your personal information. Contact one of the three national credit reporting agencies to place an alert:
 - * TransUnion www.transunion.com (1-800-680-7289)
 - * Equifax www.equifax.com (1-800-525-6285)
 - * Experian www.experian.com (1-888-397-3742)
- Request a free credit report by calling 1-877-322-8228 or visit www.annualcreditreport.com. Examine your credit report carefully to look for any unauthorized accounts, as well as numerous requests for your information from prospective creditors, which may indicate that someone is attempting to open accounts using your information. If you notice discrepancies, contact your local law enforcement.



September is... National Preparedness Month

Every Business Should Have a Plan.

How quickly your company can get back to business after a terrorist attack or tornado, a fire or flood, often depends on emergency planning done today. While the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is working hard to prevent terrorist attacks, the regular occurrence of natural disasters demonstrates the importance of being prepared for any emergency.

While recognizing that each situation is unique, your organization can be better prepared if it plans carefully, puts emergency procedures in place, and practices for all kinds of emergencies. A commitment to planning today will help support employees, customers, the community, the local economy, and even the country. It also protects your business investment and gives your company a better chance for survival.

Continuity Planning: Risk assessment can be a sophisticated area of expertise that ranges from self-assessment to extensive engineering study. Your organization's risk needs will vary according to the specific industry, size, scope and location of your company. Start by reviewing your business process flow chart, if one exists, to identify operations critical to survival and recovery. Carefully assess your internal and external functions to determine which staff, materials, procedures and equipment are absolutely necessary to keep the business operating. You should also establish procedures for succession of management.

Plan what you will do if your building, plant or store is not accessible. Talk with your staff or co-workers and frequently review and practice what you intend to do during and after an emergency. Just as your business changes over time, so do your preparedness needs. Review and update your plans at least annually and inform your employees of the changes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>July</i> 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Incident Command System Train-the-Trainer (L-449) - Ohio EMA				
			Water TAC CANCELED			
29	30	31	<i>August</i> 1	2	3	4
	Canine TAC ODPS, 3rd Floor	Senior TAC ODOT Auditorium	 <i>1st Day of State Fair</i>			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				LEPC Annual Conf. Ohio Fire Academy		 OCSWA Poster Contest Ceremony - State Fair
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Last Day of Ohio State Fair</i>		WMD Threat & Risk Assessment Course Crawford County EMA				
			Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA			

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>
TAC - Technical Advisory Committee