



This Week in Ohio EMA



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FEMA Records Show Low Percentage of Flood Residents Were Prepared for Floods

(From FEMA news releases dated September 28)

Flooding is not only the number one natural disaster in the United States, it's the number one natural disaster in Ohio. Everyone is at risk - not only from local weather systems, but from increased runoff from developments or large regional events like snowmelt or mudflows. More than one-fourth of properties, on average, suffer flood-related losses during the life of a 30-year mortgage. That compares to a nine percent chance of fire-related losses.

One month after the devastating floods of August 20-28, in all of the eight counties that received a federal declaration, only 522 (or 6.6 percent) of the 7,869 renters, homeowners and businesses who registered, said they had flood insurance.



Lima, Ohio - Clean up efforts begin after the flooding storms of August 20. Eight northwest Ohio counties were granted a federal emergency declaration on August 27. (Lima News slideshow photo)

In Ohio, it is not a matter of *if* it will flood, but *when* it will flood. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, encourages all Ohio citizens to invest in flood insurance.

Most homeowners' insurance does not cover flood damage. Flood insurance must be bought separately and can cover up to \$250,000 for the structure and \$100,000 for its contents. Renters can buy flood insurance for their personal property. Non-residential property can be covered for up to \$500,000 for the structure and \$500,000 for the contents.

The federal government underwrites the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to ensure that flood insurance is obtainable by nearly everyone. Property owners, renters and businesses can purchase flood insurance if their communities are among the more than 21,000 communities participating in the NFIP program.

Visit www.FloodSmart.gov to learn of an area's flood risk.

COUNTY	# with Flood Insurance (09/26)
Allen	5 out of 275 residents
Crawford	16 out of 1,570 residents
Hancock	334 out of 2,519 residents
Hardin	0 out of 113 residents
Putnam	101 out of 847 residents
Richland	37 out of 1,884 residents
Seneca	3 out of 111 residents
Wyandot	26 out of 550 residents

The Ohio Statehouse Launches New Web Site

(From Ohio Statehouse news release dated October 3, 2007)

The Ohio Statehouse launched its new Web site: www.ohiostatehouse.org, on October 3. The new site features a 30-second public service announcement, "Come On Into the People's House," and enjoy everything that the building (and site) has to offer, to include free guided tours, self-guided audio tours and legislative sessions. It also provides quick and easy access to Capitol Square information, its programs and services, and Ohio Statehouse history.



The interactive site provides valuable information to legislators, educators, children, event planners, history buffs, media ... and anyone interested in Ohio and Statehouse history. It features an attractive, new design, a virtual tour, and easy-to-use navigation.

In addition, visitors to the site can enter to win an Ohio-themed gift basket from the Statehouse Museum Shop, valued at more than \$200. A 16-question quiz is featured on the front page. All answers can be found throughout the content of the new Web site. Web site visitors can print off the quiz, answer the questions, then fax or mail their answers to the Ohio Statehouse by October 29. All correctly answered sheets will be entered into a drawing which will take place on Friday, November 2.

Visit www.ohiostatehouse.org. The Ohio Statehouse. It's more than a monument to our past - it's where history happens!

EMA UPDATE

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Emergency Management Program Specialist

Full time permanent position

FEMA, Region 8 - Response & Recovery Div.
Lakewood, Colorado

Salary: \$67,572 - \$104,464 per year

Closes: October 10, 2007

Duties include: managing various public assistance and fire management assistance components of the organization required for rapid federal response to presidentially declared major disasters and emergencies under the provisions of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (Public law 93-288 as amended).

Go to <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/ftva.asp?seeker=1&JobID=62913870>



It's time for the Great American Fire Drill!

Sound the alarm! **October 7-13** is Fire Prevention Week. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requests all families/households across the country to practice their home fire escape plans.

"Practice Your Escape Plan" is this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week. According to the NFPA, it's not enough to have a home fire escape plan, families have to practice the plan to ensure that everyone knows what to do and how to escape the home if it were to catch fire. If families make a plan and never practice, they aren't really safe.

During October 7-13, fire safety advocates will be spreading the word that when it comes to escape plans, practice is key.

Additional information is available at www.nfpa.org.



FEMA Course

E-210 Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role

Dates: October 22-25, 2007
August 11-14, 2008

Location: National Emergency Training Center,
Emergency Management Institute, Emmitsburg, MD

The goal of the Recovery from Disaster course is to discuss the recovery process roles and responsibilities at the local government level to facilitate the development of a disaster recovery plan.

The course is intended for teams of emergency management staff and allied professionals who normally are involved in local recovery operations. Allied professionals include: elected officials, public works directors, building inspectors, housing officials, community planners, public information staff and recovery personnel from state and local government.

To apply, complete a FEMA Form 75-5, General Admissions Application with the signatures of the student and supervisor or sponsoring agency official. Applications are to be submitted through the state emergency management training office, that will fax to NETC at (301) 447-1658. For additional information, refer to the EMI Web site at: www.NETC-Admissions@dhs.gov.

EMA STATUS REPORT

FEMA-1720-DR-OH

Incident Period: August 20-28, 2007

Individual Assistance for: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot counties (declared 08/27/07)

Deadline to Apply for FEMA IA: October 26

Public Assistance for: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland and Wyandot counties (declared 09/11/07)

Cumulative number of registrations for the eight (IA) declared counties: **7,998** (as of COB 10/01).

By county:

Allen	289
Crawford	1,608
Hancock	2,540
Hardin	116
Putnam	855
Richland	1,918
Seneca	115
Wyandot	557

As of October 1:

Housing Assistance	4,595 approved for \$13.4 million
Other Needs Assistance (ONA)	1,833 approved for \$2.7 million
SBA >270 loans	\$10.7 million

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 7	8 	9 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 5 Univ. of Akron URSB Meeting Ohio EMA	10	11 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 2 Lakeland Comm. College	12 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 8 Belmont Tech College	13
14	15 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 1 Owens State Community Medical TAC Ohio EMA	16 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 7 Ohio University HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	17 Rapid Assessment Ohio EMA Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA	18	19 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 3 Sinclair Comm. College	20
21	22	23	24 Water TAC Ohio EMA Senior TAC ODOT Auditorium	25	26 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 4 Ohio State University	27
28	29 Canine TAC ODOT Lower Level-A	30	31	November 1	2	3

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