



# This Week in Ohio EMA



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## *The National Response Framework: Essential Tool for Emergency Managers*

The National Response Framework (NRF), successor to the National Response Plan, was released by the Department of Homeland Security, January 22. The NRF is a guide that details how the nation conducts all-hazards response - from the smallest incident to the largest catastrophe. The document establishes a comprehensive national, all-hazards approach to domestic incident response. It identifies the key response principles, roles and structures that organize national response. The NRF also describes special circumstances where the federal government exercises a larger role, including incidents where federal interests are involved and catastrophic incidents where a state would require significant support. It lays the groundwork for first responders, decision-makers and supporting entities to provide a unified national response.

### Audiences

The NRF is written especially for government executives, private-sector business and nongovernmental leaders and emergency management practitioners. The NRF is written in a clear and simple style, making the serious work of incident management understandable for all.

- The NRF is addressed to senior elected and appointed leaders, such as federal department or agency heads, state governors, mayors, tribal leaders or city managers - those who have a responsibility to provide for effective emergency management.
- The NRF is an informative tool to emergency management practitioners. It explains the operating structures and tools used routinely by first responders and emergency managers at all levels of government.
- The **NRF Resource Center** ([www.fema.gov/NRF](http://www.fema.gov/NRF)) is an important on-line reference center that provides access to the National Response Framework and its supporting documents, the Emergency Support Function (ESF) annexes and support annexes. The annexes are a total of 23 documents designed to provide concept of operations, procedures and structures for achieving response directives for all partners in fulfilling their roles under the NRF.

The NRF retains the same core principles of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in which first responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work together more closely to effectively respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including acts of terrorism.

The NRF and annexes will go into effect 60 days after publication in the Federal Register. Visit [www.fema.gov/NRF](http://www.fema.gov/NRF) for additional information.

The NRF is built on the following five principles:

- Engaged partnerships
- Tiered response
- Scalable, flexible and adaptable operational capabilities
- Unity of effort through unified command
- Readiness to act

## **Butler County Receives Leadership Award**

The Butler County Chiefs of Police Association awarded Butler County Commission President Chuck Furmon with its 2007 Leadership Award for his efforts in making the new countywide public safety radio system a reality. The award was presented to him at the Association's Annual Dinner on January 12 at Miami University's Marcum Center in Oxford. Pictured are: (seated) Hamilton Police Chief Neil Ferdelman, Past President; Oxford Police Chief Stephan Schwein, Secretary; Miami University Chief John McCandless, Vice President; (standing) Special Agent in Charge Keith Bennett, FBI Cincinnati office; Director William Turner, Butler County EMA; Fairfield Police Chief Mike Dickey, President; Commissioner Furmon; Fairfield Township Police Chief Richard St. John, incoming president; Middletown Police Chief Greg Schwarber; and Ross Township Police Chief Carl Worley. (Photo provided by William Turner, Butler County EMA Director.)



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The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) recently posted two new independent study (IS) exercise courses on its Web site. The courses appeal to a diverse target audience, ranging from those that are new to developing and evaluating exercises to those who are more experienced and interested in becoming familiar with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) and other changes in terminology and processes. Ohio EMA exercise staff was involved in the development and evaluation of these courses.

The revised and improved IS-120 course, "An Introduction to Exercises," is consistent with the HSEEP and is a prerequisite for the HSEEP Training Course. The link to this course is available at: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS120A.asp>

The IS-130 course, "Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning," is a new course that updates the G-130 Exercise Evaluation Course, which was developed in 1992. This course introduces the basics of emergency management exercise evaluation and improvement planning. It also builds a foundation for exercise evaluation concepts as identified in the HSEEP. This course is a prerequisite for completing the Ohio EMA Exercise Evaluation Course. The link to this course is available at: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS130.asp>

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## **Decker Participates in Washington Press Conference for NRF**



As noted on the front page, the Department of Homeland Security released the National Response Framework on Tuesday in

Washington, D.C. The plan received final White House approval the previous week. Russ Decker, director of Allen County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and president-elect of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) participated in the document's roll out event.

"This framework is much improved over the draft document released last summer," said Decker. "I am particularly pleased at the willingness on the part of those in Washington to listen and address the concerns of local emergency management."

Decker is also a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council.

**Awards of Excellence Program**



USAonwatch.org through Neighborhood Watch empowers citizens in our communities with the opportunity to volunteer to work toward the safety of our homeland.

The National Sheriffs' Association, in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Department of Justice, is announcing that they are accepting nominations for the 5th Annual National Neighborhood Watch Awards of Excellence which will be presented during the general section of the 2008 National Sheriffs' Association Conference in Indianapolis.

All law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, organizations, and/or programs that have made a exceptional contribution to the Neighborhood Watch program in their communities are encouraged to submit nominations to the National Sheriffs' Association by March 31, 2008.



For complete information on eligibility, criteria and to find nomination forms, visit: [www.usaonwatch.org/AboutUS/AwardsProgram.php](http://www.usaonwatch.org/AboutUS/AwardsProgram.php).

**LSU Instructors Support Ohio's CAMEO Course**



Adjunct instructors from Louisiana State University instructed the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) course at the Ohio EMA, January 15-17. Ohio EMA staff are huge fans of Ohio State football and decorated the CAMEO classroom with OSU posters and accessories. Even though LSU beat OSU at the National Championship game, instructors Joseph Mastandrea (left) and Steven Veneziano (right) were good sports and posed with Brutus Buckeye.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	February 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Exercise Design - Ohio EMA				CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor Richland County
			Ash Wednesday			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor Richland County				Valentine's Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	 Presidents Day					

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