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FEMA Obligates Federal Funds to Ohio Communities for September Storm Damage Repair From FEMA news releases

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) public assistance program is helping numerous state and local governments and certain private non-profit organizations recover from the severe wind storm that ripped through the state on September 14. The storm left behind tons of debris, damaged public buildings, left millions without power and shut down or damaged electric cooperatives.

As of December 19, federal officials have obligated the following in public assistance reimbursement funds:

\$110,413	Knox County Engineer
\$123,215	Springboro
\$303,657	Westerville
\$155,095	Miami Township
\$191,387	Deerfield Township
\$ 19,723	Cambridge
\$180,810	Worthington
\$ 9,510	Richwood Village
\$ 54,560	Clark County Engineer
\$ 34,399	Brown County Engineer
\$ 22,644	Harrison County Engineer
\$ 29,949	Plain City
\$ 13,779	Cardington Village
\$ 65,404	Sidney



(09/15/2008) - A large tree toppled over two cars on a residential street north of The Ohio State University. (NWS-Wilmington photo by James Delewese)

FEMA's public assistance program pays 75 percent of eligible costs and applicants are responsible for the remaining 25 percent. Federal funds will be disbursed by the state of Ohio after all required documentations have been received and processed.

Teams of federal project specialists are working with officials representing 784 affected local governments, state agencies and certain non-profit organizations to examine disaster-related damages and associated costs, and to help applicants complete the necessary paperwork.

Thirty-three Ohio counties were eligible for federal public assistance: Ashland, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Summit, Tuscarawas, Union, and Warren.



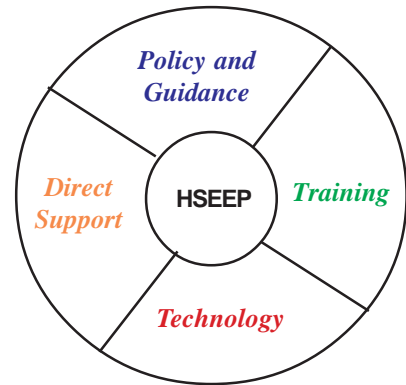
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Homeland Security
Exercise and Evaluation Program

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) training course is a three-day capabilities and performance-based exercise program that provides a standardized methodology and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation and improvement planning.

The HSEEP training course is an interactive course that allows participants to share personal lessons learned and best practices, while gaining practical experience. In addition to the instructor-led course presentations, the course includes small group activities, videos, group discussions, and instructions to HSEEP and related initiatives such as technology and capabilities-based planning. This blended approach gives participants hands-on experience that readily translates to real world exercise responsibilities. Activities include creating exercise documentation, conducting exercise planning conferences and briefings, and practicing exercise evaluation.

Course Date: January 13-15, 2009
Application Deadline: December 26, 2008
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Community Information Sharing Day

Hosted by the Ohio Department of Public Safety

The Ohio Department of Public Safety is hosting its second Community Information Sharing Day which is designated as an information exchange day between Central Ohio's diverse populations and public safety agencies.

The event will be held on Thursday, January 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation Auditorium (lower level), 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus.

During the Information Sharing Day:

- Find out about the responsibilities and laws of each of the ODPS divisions: Administration, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Ohio EMA, Emergency Medical Services, Ohio Investigative Unit, Office of Criminal Justice Services, Ohio State Highway Patrol, and Ohio Homeland Security.
- Meet officials and learn more about central Ohio's public safety offices
- Meet diverse community leaders and learn more about the people they serve
- Obtain public safety literature to share with your community.



For additional information, contact Gretchen Lopez-Martinez at 614-466-3275 or GLopez-Martinez@dps.state.oh.us



University of Toledo Conducts Campus Safety Exercise




(December 10, 2008) The University of Toledo conducted a campus safety tabletop exercise, which was the final exercise under the Ohio EMA and Ohio Board of Regents' 2008 Campus Safety Initiative.

Approximately 60 university, local, state and federal representatives participated in the exercise that focused on the roles and responsibilities of the university in response to a terrorism incident on campus.

The exercise was the sixth in a series of campus safety tabletop exercises conducted in 2008. The other five universities that hosted exercises this year were: Ohio University, Cleveland State University, The Ohio State University, Wright State University, and Central State University.



For additional information concerning the campus safety initiative, contact Darren Price, Ohio EMA exercise program manager, at (614) 799-3660 or e-mail: deprice@dps.state.oh.us.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 14	15 Basic OpsCenter Ohio EMA- Ops Room	16 HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	17	18 Water TAC Ohio EMA	19	20
21 <i>Winter Begins</i>	22 	23	24	25  <i>Christmas</i>	26	27
28	29	30	31	January 1  <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3
4	5 URSB Meeting Ohio EMA	6	7	8 Ohio AMBER Steering Committee Meeting - Ohio EMA	9	10
11	12	13	14 G242 Effective Communications - Ohio EMA	15 L-146 HSEEP Training Course - Ohio EMA	16	17 Mitigation Progress Reports Due

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TAC - Technical Advisory Committee, URSB - Utility Radiological Safety Board, HSEEP - Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation
Mitigation Progress Reports Due: HMGP, FMA and PDM