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Tornado Season for Ohio: April through July



Although tornadoes can occur during any time and any month, in Ohio, the peak months that tornadoes can develop are April through July.

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages everyone to know where to go and what to do if they hear the warning sirens sound or receive Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages about inclement weather, such as tornadoes.

The best defense when faced with tornado warnings or any severe weather event is preparedness. Know the weather situation. Have a disaster plan. Practice the plan. Make a supply kit. Be prepared.

A **tornado watch** is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) when conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area.

A **tornado warning** is issued by the NWS when a tornado has been detected by Doppler radar or sighted by storm spotters.

Whether practicing a tornado drill or sheltering during a tornado warning, the OCSWA encourages everyone to **DUCK**.

D - Go **DOWN** to the lowest level

U - Get **UNDER** something

C - **COVER** your head

K - **KEEP** in shelter until the storm has passed.

To download the new brochure Tornado Safety and Preparedness in Ohio Schools, go to the OCSWA site: www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

FEMA

National Exercise Simulation Center

(From the March 26, 2009 Washington Regional Threat and Analysis Center's Daily Open Source Brief newsletter)

The National Exercise Simulation Center (NESC) is a congressionally mandated, state-of-the-art training and exercise facility within FEMA Headquarters, and serves as a key element within the Federal Coordination Center (FCC). The NESC is designed to be a scalable, flexible simulation center to accommodate a wide range of services, including but not limited to, executive briefings, unique training events, tabletop exercises and exercise master control cell and national simulation cell functions.

The NESC supports the all-hazards preparedness and response mission through:

- Employing a mix of live, virtual and constructive simulations
- Providing standardized and sustained exercise and training support
- Pooling resources to maximizing efficiency.

The NESC is an important tool for elected officials and emergency support providers at all levels of government. The NESC supports National Exercise Program (NEP) events involving partners from federal, state and local government, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector.

For additional information on the NESC, go to: www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=47280.

Licking County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to Host the National Response Framework Integrated Emergency Management Course in FY2010

The Licking County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management was recently informed that its application for a community-specific Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC) has been accepted for conduct by FEMA's Emergency Management Institute for fiscal year 2010.

The Integrated Emergency Management Course places public officials and emergency personnel in a realistic crisis situation within a structured learning environment. Early in the course, an emergency scenario begins to unfold in sequence with classroom-style lectures, discussions and small-group workshops.

As the course progresses, scenario-related events of increasing complexity, threat and pressure occur. Course participants develop emergency policies, plans and procedures to ensure an effective response.

The course culminates in a emergency exercise designed to test participants' knowledge, awareness, flexibility, leadership, decision-making and interpersonal skills under extreme pressure in the emergency operations center environment.

The goal of the IEMC is to provide the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for state-level emergency management professionals to effectively conduct all-hazards emergency response.

Licking County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will soon confirm dates to facilitate and host the IEMC. Course dates will be one of the following:

- November 30 - December 4, 2009
- August 16-20, 2010
- September 13-17, 2010



For additional information, contact Director Jeff Walker at 740-670-5577.



CERT in Action!

CERT teams share emergency response stories



Sacramento, CA CERT volunteers practice watercraft rescue (Photo from January 2009 CERT National Newsletter)

CERT in Action! features articles submitted by Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) who are using their training, assisting in disasters and emergencies or participating in other community service projects.

CERT in Action! captures how teams make a difference in their community. Their shared stories enable all CERT programs to benefit from the experiences of individual programs. CERT in Action! articles highlight CERTs in real emergencies in communities throughout the country, assisting neighbors who have lost their homes; directing traffic during power outages; documenting/assisting evacuees from building fires, and much more.

To read quarterly CERT in Action! stories, visit the Web site www.citizencorps.gov/cert/certinaction.shtm

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Director, Knox County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Posted: March 25, 2009 **Closes:** April 15, 2009

The director is responsible for the administrative operation of the Knox County agency and its various functions, including countywide 911 Dispatch and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The director will formulate and lead the county's response to natural disasters, hazardous materials spills and catastrophic events.

Must have strong leadership, management and communication skills and a comprehensive knowledge of emergency management, emergency response, public administration and public relations.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in relevant field or experience in public safety (fire, EMS, law enforcement)
- Valid Ohio driver's license and acceptable driving record
- Ability to become a Certified Emergency Manager within two years of date of hire

Send notarized applications and resumes to Emily Marth, HR/ Safety and Loss Control, 117 East High Street, Suite 223, Mount Vernon, OH 43050

For complete job description and application, go to <http://co.knox.oh.us/jobs/ema.asp>

EMA Updates

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 Job was advertised March 20-24, 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 29	30	31	April 1	2	3	4
		<i>(HSEEP) Homeland Security Exer & Evaluation Program Highland County Health Department</i>				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	URSB Meeting Ohio EMA			<i>Intro to Emergency Management - Ohio EMA</i>	<i>Passover Begins</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 <i>Easter Sunday</i>		DBNPS Partial Participation Dry Run	<i>Directors Seminar University Plaza - Columbus</i>	Ohio AMBER Steering Comm. Mtg. Ohio EMA		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		HazMat TAC Ohio EMA		WaterTAC Ohio EMA		

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

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee, URSB - Utility Radiological Safety Board, DBNPS - Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station