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April 19-25, 2009 is National Volunteer Week
"Celebrating People in Action"

(From 04/03/09 Ohio Citizen Corps press release and Points of Life Web site)

National Volunteer Month is recognized annually in April and is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the great work volunteers do every day. Volunteers inspire by example and make our communities better and safer places to live and work.

April 19-25 is **National Volunteer Week**. This year's theme is "Celebrating People in Action." The theme captures the meaning behind National Volunteer Week - honoring the individuals who are dedicated to take actions and solve problems within their communities.

In recognition of the week, Governor Ted Strickland proclaimed April 19-25 as National Volunteer Week in Ohio and encourages Ohioans to volunteer and "light the way" in their communities.

According to the proclamation, "The entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action, no matter how big or small. Volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations like Volunteer Centers, or learn more about volunteer opportunities through statewide agencies like the Ohio Community Service Council.

Other state volunteer organizations include: Ohio Citizen Corps, Ohio Responds, Ohio Medical Reserve Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Fire Corps, Neighborhood Watch Program and Volunteers in Police Service.

For additional information on these organizations, go to www.serveohio.org.

National Volunteer Week 2009 "Celebrating People in Action" presents an opportunity for individuals, families, nonprofit organizations and government entities to celebrate the ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things through service.



Ohio EMA Monthly Report Excerpts - March 3 through April 7

Van Wert County Receives Sandbags - Ohio EMA Facilities Branch delivered 27,000 sandbags to Van Wert County, which were replacement bags for the ones used during the floods in Findlay and Ottawa counties. The bags were purchased by the U.S. Corps of Engineers and are stored in Van Wert County by the Army Corps.



FEMA Private Sector Division



What's Your Role in Emergency Management?

Impacted Organizations/Infrastructure

Private-sector organizations may be impacted by direct or indirect consequences of an incident. These include privately owned critical infrastructure, key resources and other private-sector entities that are significant to local, regional and national economic recovery from an incident. Examples of privately owned infrastructure include transportation, telecommunications, private utilities, financial institutions and hospitals.

Regulated and Responsible Parties in Disasters

Owners/operators of certain regulated facilities or hazardous operations may be legally responsible for preparing for and preventing incidents from occurring, and responding to an incident once it occurs. For example, federal regulation require owners/operators of nuclear power plants to maintain emergency plans and facilities and to perform assessments, prompt notifications and training for a response to an incident.

Response Resource

Private-sector entities provide response resources (donated or compensated) during an incident - including specialized teams, essential service providers, equipment and advanced technologies - through local public private emergency plans or mutual aid and assistance agreements, or in response to requests from government and nongovernment-volunteer initiatives. The National Resource Typing Initiative identifies crucial resources needed to aid communities recovering from disasters.

Partner with State/Local Emergency Organizations

Private-sector entities may serve as partners in local and state emergency preparedness and response organizations and activities.

Components of the Nation's Economy

As the key element of the national economy, private-sector resilience and continuity of operations planning, as well as recovery and restoration from an incident, represent essential homeland security activities.

FEMA does not endorse any private or non-profit entities, but provides this data on its Web site for informational purposes, only. www.fema.gov/privatesector/

NEMA President Meets with White House Reps to Discuss Homeland Security Issues

During the week of March 9, White House representatives met with NEMA President Nancy Dragani and D.C. Emergency Management Director Darrell Darnell to discuss homeland security issues. The discussion focused on the difference between domestic terrorism and counter-terrorism.

Other topics of discussion included whether there is a need for a liaison for homeland security and/or emergency management at the White House.

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FEMA EMS Training Officer Hands-On Approach to Response Role

(From FEMA CDP News Release - <http://cdp.dhs.gov>)

Emergency responders at all levels may experience tragic events involving mass casualties at some point in their career. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) workers are often on the front lines with other response personnel, and understanding the potential threats they all face could determine a successful outcome to the emergency response.

The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) features a three-day EMS course that addresses the effects of chemical and biological agents - including radiation and explosives injuries.

The Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) EMS course is one of several healthcare-related classes preparing the response community for accidental or man-made emergency events. The diverse group of response providers who participate in this course includes emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency room nurses, medical emergency planners and law enforcement officers.

The EMS course places the students in an unusual environment. According to EMS course manager John Skinner, healthcare responders across America may someday be forced to face a catastrophic, stressful event. Responders who participate in the EMS training gain a new appreciation for a variety of hazardous and dangerous situations.

“This course isn’t designed to refresh blood pressure procedures,” said Skinner. “It starts them thinking out of the box in reference to treatment of mass casualties in a contaminated environment.”

Another goal of EMS is awareness. Medical response personnel should approach a disaster scene with an index of suspicion and be able to identify other potential hazards without becoming victims - and prevent the loss of other responders’ lives, Skinner said.

The Center for Domestic Preparedness is located in Anniston, AL, and offers 39 courses designed for all emergency response disciplines. CDP training for state, local and tribal responders is fully funded by FEMA, a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Round-trip air and ground transportation, lodging and meals are provided at no cost to responders or their agencies or jurisdictions.

To learn more about the Center for Domestic Preparedness, visit the Web site <http://cdp.dhs.gov> or call 866-213-9553. For additional information on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, visit <http://www.cdc.gov>.



WMD EMS class participants receive hands-on training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL.



Directors' Seminar on Emergency Management and Homeland Security - April 15 and 16, 2009

The Directors' Seminar on Emergency Management and Homeland Security is for county emergency managers, elected officials and other state and local officials. It provides an update on federal, state and local emergency management and homeland security priorities, goals and programs, and provides an opportunity for participants to get the latest updates on a broad range of timely and relevant subjects.

This spring's conference theme is "Back to the Basics," a topic that encourages emergency managers to review the foundation and principles of emergency management.

Agenda topics include:

- Ohio EMA Division Updates
- Federal Response Teams Brief
- Ohio Task Force One
- All Hazard Incident Management
- Mobile Morgue
- OpsCenter Software
- Mitigation and Disaster Recovery

Breakout Session topics include:

- Ohio National Guard Liaison Update
- Individual Assistance and PDA
- Long-term Recovery
- Mitigation Project Development
- Animal Incident Guidance Package
- Clermont County Project Impact Mitigation Success Story
- Public Assistance and PDA
- Debris Planning
- Mitigation Planning
- What's New at FEMA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 12  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
		DBNPS Partial Participation Dry Run	Directors Seminar University Plaza - Columbus Mitigation Progress Reports Due to EMA	Ohio AMBER Steering Comm. Mtg. Ohio EMA		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		HazMat TAC Ohio EMA		Water TAC Ohio EMA		
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Intermediate ICS-300 Ohio EMA		Advanced ICS-400 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