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2009 National Citizen Corps Achievement Awards

The National Citizen Corps Achievement Awards - Celebrating Resilient Communities recognize innovative practices and achievements of Citizen Corps Councils across the nation that are making our communities safer, stronger and better prepared to manage any emergency situation.



Winning Citizen Corps Councils exemplify excellence in community emergency planning, foster successful public/private partnerships, prioritize collaboration, demonstrate creative and innovative local problem solving, and implement sound programs that can be modeled for use by other communities.

Deputy Administrator of FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate Timothy Manning; NEMA Incoming President David Maxwell; and IAEM President Russ Decker announced the award winners in each category at a ceremony during the 2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness which was held in Arlington, Virginia, August 9-12.

STORMS Converting to Solar Power (From Monthly Reports)

The Ohio EMA Communications Branch is in the process of converting 100 of the state's 250 STORMS precipitation gauges (State of Ohio Rain/Snow Monitoring System) to solar power for battery charging.

The solar panel is a cost savings measure which will greatly reduce the number of corrective maintenance trips made to STORMS gauges throughout the state, and eliminate trips to STORMS sites to reset AC circuit breakers.

The solar panels will also make gauge maintenance safer by eliminating the need for 120 volt AC power and increase the area of future gauge placements. EMA installed 10 panels during the month of July.



Solar-powered STORMS gauge at the State EOC/JDF.

National Preparedness Month



Ohio Emergency Management Agency

2855 West Dublin Granville Road

Columbus, Ohio 43235

Open House

Tuesday, September 29th

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Activities Will Include:

- Emergency Operations Center/Joint Dispatch Facility tours
- Red Cross, Ohio EMA and other Emergency Response Vehicles
- Demonstrations from COTA and its bomb-detection dog
- Preparedness Displays from Ohio NPM Partners
- Tornado Drills - Complete with Warning Sirens
- Building a Basic Emergency Supply Kit & Emergency Plan

Partners: American Red Cross • Central Ohio Transit Authority • Emergency Management Association of Ohio • FirstLink Ohio Community Service Council • Ohio Department of Education • Ohio Department of Health • Ohio Department of Public Safety • Ohio Department of Transportation • Ohio National Guard • Ohio Public Transit Association

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Adams County Student is Winner of Poster Contest

Sydney Michael, a fourth grader from Adams County during the 2008-09 school year was recognized as the overall state winner of the Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.



The annual awards ceremony took place at the Ohio State Fair on August 8. This year, a total of 49 students from 29 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades 1-6 from 33 schools.

All posters can be viewed from the OCSWA site: www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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Sean Zalesny, Supervisor
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 Obtained employment with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC).
 Last day at Ohio EMA: August 21

William Ommert, Director
 Huron County EMA
 255-B Shady Lane Drive
 Norwalk, Ohio 44857
 Retiring as director on August 31, after more than 18 years of dedicated service. Huron County EMA is having a retirement party/open house on Aug. 31, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. County Commissioners' Proclamation presented at 11 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 16	17	18 HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	19	20 Water TAC Ohio EMA	21	22
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