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TRAINING UPDATE

The Ohio EMA Spring Directors' conference is right around the corner on April 15-16. This conference is open to all county EMA agencies as well as public health, schools, law enforcement, fire, hazmat, etc. If you have a role in keeping the community safe, please consider attending.

This year we have an excellent line up of presenters and will cover topics including: Boston Marathon Bombing response, School Emergency Plans, National Weather Service update, FEMA updates, Virtual Social Media monitoring to prepare and respond to emergencies and much more.

For complete conference information including how to register please visit:

http://ema.ohio.gov/Documents/DirectorsConference/2015_Spring/2015SpringDirectorsConferenceAgenda.pdf

Ohio EMA looks forward to seeing you all in April!

Please be advised that the U.S. DHS Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) Counter-IED and Risk Mitigation Training has courses that are available at no charge to our County EMA partners. If your agency is interested in hosting one of the following courses, contact Jessica Gray, Bombing Prevention Coordinator at jessica.gray@associates.hq.dhs.gov or (703) 235-9399. Also, for more information about the courses, feel free to access the following OBP Website link: <http://www.dhs.gov/bombing-prevention-training-courses>.

OBP Training Courses

1. Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP) Training
2. Bomb Threat Management Workshop
3. IED Counterterrorism Workshop
4. IED Search Procedures Workshop
5. Protective Measures Course
6. Surveillance Detection Course for Law Enforcement & Security Professionals
7. Vehicle-Borne IED Detection Course

EXERCISE UPDATE

Mall Safety Exercise

With recent mall shootings in Kenya, Florida and Pittsburgh, the reality is that we need to be prepared for such an event here in Ohio. On February 19, 2015 Ohio EMA participated in a table top exercise with Polaris Fashion Place. The exercise was attended by approximately 50 representatives from the private sector and numerous local and state agencies.

The exercise scenario/discussion was focused primarily at the policy level and involved a notional attack on the mall by a lone wolf radicalized perpetrator. Excellent discussion occurred throughout the exercise with several strengths noted, as well as areas for improvement. Numerous positive comments on the design and conduct of the exercise were received. An after action report/improvement plan (AAR/IP) is in the process of being developed.

As a result of this initial exercise, templates are being developed that can be provided to other malls for similar planning exercises in the future. More information on this will be provided to county EMA agencies in the coming months.





GRANTS GALLERY

Ohio EMA is excited to announce the hiring of a new Grants Specialist in Preparedness Grants, Dan Green. He has begun helping local partners walk through completing the BSIR Reports. Please feel free to contact him with a big welcome and be patient as he learns all the aspects of grants.

For county EMA agencies, the BSIR Report is due March 13 for FY2009 through FY2014. Please review your closed grants to ensure they are updated. In reviewing previous years several agencies have stated in the project description that they would update when projects were developed, however the project description should be updated to provide some brief information on the specific projects.

As most of you are aware, the U.S. DHS budget was finally approved. However, Ohio EMA does not have a timeline to provide for FY2015 EMPG and SHSP Grants as many have been asking. Once Ohio EMA receives federal funding announcements for SHSP or EMPG, that information will be shared. All FY2015 grant awards must be sent out to Grantees (Ohio EMA) by September 30. This may cause tighter deadlines with local applicants to meet pass-through deadline requirements where applicable.

Deadlines

- March 13 – BSIR Report submitted to Ohio EMA from the website
- March 15 – Cash Requests should be submitted for Fiscal Shutdown to re-open on April 1
- April 15 – Preparedness Grants Quarterly Reports Due



UPCOMING TRAINING

1	ICS-400 Advanced Course (TEEX Instructors)	March 3 -4, 2015	Ohio EMA
2	L962 Planning Section Chief Course	March 9 – 12, 2015	Cuyahoga County
3	G108 & G366 Mass Care & Special Needs of Children	March 10-12, 2015	Ohio EMA
4	ICS-400 Advanced Course	March 11 – 12, 2015	Geauga County
5	G108 Community Mass Care (CANCELLED)	March 12-13, 2015	Medina County
6	G-270.4 Recovery From Disaster	March 17-18, 2015	Washington County
7	OH-212 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements Workshop	March 17-18, 2015	Ohio EMA
8	ICS-300 Intermediate Course	March 21 – 22, 2015	Civil Air Patrol/Mansfield
9	OH-386a Family Assistance Center (FAC) Operations / Victim Identification Program (VIP)	March 24 – 25, 2015	Van Wert County
10	G775 EOC Management and Operations	March 24 – 25, 2015	Ohio EMA
11	MGT-317 Disaster Management for Public Services	March 24 – 25, 2015	Delaware County
12	OH-278 Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) Workshop	March 25 – 26, 2015	Ohio EMA
13	ICS-300 Intermediate Course	March 26 - 27, 2015	Miami County
14	G386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response	March 30 – 31, 2015	Summit County
15	G290 & G291 Basic Public Information Officer Series	April 7-9, 2015	Ohio EMA
16	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	April 11-12 & 18, 2015	Darke County
17	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	April 14 – 16, 2015	Franklin County
18	OH-200 Spring Directors' Conference	April 15 - 16, 2015	Ohio EMA - Crown Plaza
19	ICS-400 Advanced Course	April 16 – 17, 2015	Franklin County
20	ICS-400 Advanced Course	April 18 – 19, 2015	Darke County
21	G775 EOC Management and Operations	April 23-24, 2015	Cuyahoga County
22	G271 Hazardous Weather & Flood Preparedness	May 5 - 7, 2015	Ohio EMA
23	MGT906-Incident Command System (ICS) TtT (L-449)	May 5 - 8, 2015	Ohio EMA
24	ICS-300 Intermediate Course	May 9, 10 & 16, 2015	Wayne County
25	L956 Liaison Officer Course	May 12 – 13, 2015	Cuyahoga County
26	PER-304 Social Media for Natural Disaster Response & Recovery	May 14, 2015	Ohio EMA
27	G-289 Public Information Officer (PIO) Awareness Course	May 15, 2015	Ashtabula County
28	ICS-400 Advanced Course	May 16 - 17, 2015	Wayne County
29	ICS-400 Advanced Course	May 21 - 22, 2015	Jackson County
30	G-557 Rapid Needs Assessment Course	June 9, 2015	Ohio EMA
31	G361 Flood Fight Operations	June 10-12, 2015	Hamilton County
32	Tornado Awareness Course	June 16, 2015	Ohio EMA
33	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	June 16 - 18, 2015	Medina County
34	AWR-319 Leveraging Tools for Conducting Damage Assessments	June 18, 2015	Ohio EMA
35	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	June 18 - 19, 2015	Medina County
36	ICS-300 Intermediate ICS	July 18, 19 & 25, 2015	Medina County
37	ICS-400 Advanced ICS	July 25 - 26, 2015	Medina County
38	G108 Community Mass Care	Sept. 17-18, 2015	Cuyahoga County



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