



March 5, 2012 – Governor Kasich Deploys National Guard to Southern Ohio to Expedite Storm Clean-Up

Federal Inspectors Will See if Families Are Eligible for Aid

Columbus, Ohio – Today Governor John R. Kasich deployed Ohio National Guard units to southern Ohio to help expedite clean-up efforts after last Friday's tornados and severe storms. On Saturday the governor declared a State of Emergency for Clermont County and dispatched crews from the Ohio Department of Transportation to help local officials with debris removal efforts.

Additionally, after Clermont County officials' report this morning of 98 destroyed or severely damaged homes, the governor has asked federal inspectors to determine if affected families are eligible for federal relief programs or low-interest loans. Federal inspectors pledged to begin within 24 hours.

"The National Guard will be an important boost to ODOT crews and local efforts and allow us to speed-up debris removal so communities and families can begin getting their lives back together. Southern Ohio experienced intense damage that I saw firsthand on Saturday when I inspected the area and issued a State of Emergency. Hopefully we can get a quick answer from the federal inspectors on what additional resources might be available to help people begin recovering," said Kasich.

Families with storm damage needs seeking immediate assistance should call:

- Adams County Emergency Management Agency: 937-544-6123
- Brown County Emergency Management Agency: 937-378-5100
- Clermont County Emergency Management Agency: 513-732-7661
- Scioto County Emergency Management Agency: 740-355-8300

