



# STATE OF OHIO

## Emergency Operations Center

### SITUATION REPORT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governor John Kasich  
**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
**SUBJECT:** Statewide Severe Weather and Flooding – June 2015  
**DATE:** June 19, 2015

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This is the Situation Report for Friday, June 19, 2015. Information is current as of 5:30 p.m.

### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

Ohio has experienced consecutive days of rain and thunderstorms with locally-heavy rainfall. As a result, counties in the central, west central, and northwest regions of the state report saturated soils, elevated river levels, and multiple road closures due to flooding and high waters. Continued rainfall over these regions has resulted in river and areal (wide-area) flooding. Several cells of thunderstorms moved across Ohio on Thursday night, spawning one EF-1 tornado that caused minor damage in Stark County.

Ohio also continues to monitor potential impacts from remnants of Tropical Depression Bill which may enhance rainfall in Ohio throughout the weekend.

### **DECLARATIONS**

The following counties have declared emergencies at the local level:

- Auglaize, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Van Wert

### **CURRENT WEATHER**

While both the overland (areal) flooding and river flooding remains a problem in central/northwestern Ohio, the overall flood situation is slowly improving and will continue to improve as the forecast for the coming days shows no significant precipitation is expected across the currently flooding areas.

Remnants of Tropical Depression Bill will begin to move across southern Ohio later this evening and into Saturday. This weather system is expected to bring 1-3” of rain to parts of southern and southeast Ohio. Parts of southern Ohio could see localized flash floods.

While the remnants of Tropical Depression Bill will move on from southern Ohio by late afternoon on Saturday, a band of strong scattered thunderstorms are possible throughout the day on Sunday.

**FLOOD LEVELS**

The National Weather Service’s Ohio River Forecast Center is Forecasting the below rivers as currently cresting or as having crested. (Information is current as of 5:30 p.m.)

Stage	*Minor Flooding*	*Moderate Flooding*	*Major Flooding*	*Record Flooding*
NWS Definition:	- Minimal or no property damage, but possibly some public threat.	- Some inundation of structures and roads near stream. Some evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.	- Extensive inundation of structures and roads. Significant evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.	- Flooding which equals or exceeds the highest stage or discharge at a given site during the period of record keeping.
River and Gauge Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scioto River at Prospect, at LaRue</li> <li>• Blanchard River at Ottawa</li> <li>• Maumee River at Defiance, Napoleon, Waterville</li> <li>• Tiffin River at Stryker</li> <li>• St. Mary’s River at Rockford</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auglaize River at Fort Jennings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

**Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories (as of 4:30 p.m.)**

The National Weather Service has extended a Flood Warning for the following counties in Ohio: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Delaware, Defiance, Fulton, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Union, Williams, Wood, and Van Wert.

A Flood Warning means that flooding is imminent or has been reported.

The National Weather service has issued a Flash Flood Watch for the following counties in Ohio: Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fairfield, Fayette, Gallia, Hamilton, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, Warren, and Washington

A Flash Flood Watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding.

## SHELTERS

- All shelters have been closed for this event but many remain on standby to provide support with any additional sheltering if the need should arise.

## COUNTY IMPACTS

Allen County – No shelters are open. There is some infrastructure damage, but no emergency declaration. Sand bags are available and being distributed as needed. The county is utilizing social media to spread their message.

Auglaize County – The St Mary's river continues to recede. Current reports show that the St. Mary's River has receded approximately four feet. The county utilized approximately 5000 sandbags as a protective measure around a Dayton Power and Light Electric Sub-station located near St. Mary's. No requests for assistance and no resources needed at this time.

Defiance County- No shelters are open. All local roads impacted by flood waters will be open by the end of the day. The Tiffin River is predicted to rise another foot, but would need to rise two feet to impact homes.

Delaware County – No shelters are open and no declarations are anticipated. A handful of roads are closed due to high water. They are in a monitoring posture and available to help Marion County as needed.

Hancock County – County observed more flash flooding than river flooding and performed one rescue at a house. The American Red Cross assisted the family.

Hardin County – All roads closed Tuesday and Wednesday are now open.

Henry County – No declarations or evacuations. The county is using social media, newspaper and the 211 system for information sharing. They have one National Weather Service river gauge not reporting and are compensating with visual observations.

Logan County - All shelters in the county have closed. Crews have sandbagged the area around the Russell's Point Water Treatment plant. The American Red Cross has provided clean up kits to homes in the affected areas. Damage Assessment will likely take place on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. If the water levels reach the same height as they did in 2003, there is a good possibility that over 200 homes will have sustained some level of damage. Debris management will be an issue and county will likely need assistance from Ohio Department of Transportation. Logan County and the Village of Russells Point have made emergency declarations.

Marion County – No shelters are open, and the rivers are receding.

Mercer County - Overall situation is improving and river continues to recede. Two rescues were conducted in the county. One rescue involved a camper surrounded by water and the second rescue involved a vehicle driving into the water. No injuries were reported with the rescues. 5800 sandbags have been used to date. To date, damages to infrastructure are limited to a bridge losing pavement and minor roadway damage. Most damages to homes involve basement flooding. No shelters are opened and Mercer County EMA is operating under normal business hours.

Paulding County - State Route 66 is closed in Oakwood and a handful of county roads are closed due to flooding and high water. Five homes have been impacted in Oakwood and three homes have been impacted in Payne. Damage assessment efforts will begin on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Putnam County - Approximately 30 roads and two bridges are closed. Eight homes were impacted by flash flooding in Columbus Grove. The Village of Kalida was isolated and inundated, but the water has receded and damage assessment has been completed. 100 homes were affected with lots of basement flooding and limited first floor impacts. 5000 sandbags have been used to protect homes. Local fire departments conducted a rescue of a backhoe driver that attempted to cross a high water area.

Shelby County – No shelters are open or declarations are anticipated. Five roads and Lake Loramie Park remain closed. The river is receding rapidly.

Stark County - The NWS has determined that Stark County had an EF-1 tornado estimated to be 100 yards wide at 105 mph. The tornado touched down in Uniontown and traveled East-SE along an intermittent path for approximately 9 miles. Most of the damage was to trees being uprooted or snapped half way up. A newly constructed dairy barn in Marlboro Township in the area of Route 44 and Peters Church road had significant roof damage. Minor roof and siding damage to homes was observed along the path.

Union County - The Village of Richwood has 15 homes impacted. Magnetic Springs has three homes impacted. Overall status of county is good.

The Red Cross has dropped off clean up kits at the Village of Richwood offices. These kits are free to anyone needing them and may be picked up during business hours.

Van Wert County - The river has crested and is slowly receding. Delphos area is impacted, mainly with basement flooding. The Village of Wilshire currently has 21,000 sandbags in place. Only access to Village of Wilshire is through Mercer County or Indiana. American Red Cross is providing feeding for sand bagging volunteers. A shelter has been identified but is not activated at this time. Salvation Army brought a canteen for feeding operations last night.

## **STATE ACTIONS**

### **ESF-1 – Transportation**

The Ohio Department of Transportation reports the following road closures throughout the state due to flooding or high flood waters.

- Auglaize County: SR-197
- Coshocton County: SR- 715
- Delaware County : SR-257
- Knox County: SR-715
- Logan County: SR-235, SR-274, SR-720
- Marion County: SR-203, SR-37, SR-746, SR-95
- Mercer County: SR-117, SR-118, SR-49, US-127
- Morrow County: SR-229
- Putnam County: SR-114, SR-189, SR-190, SR-634

### **ESF-3 – Engineering and Public Works**

#### **Ohio Department of Natural Resources**

ODNR reported that the following State Parks are closed for the weekend due to high water levels

- Delaware State Park
- Mt Gilead – Lake View Trail
- Lake Loramie – Campground is closed through Sunday
- Independence
- Mary Jane Thurston – Campground and boat ramp closed through the weekend
- Indian Lake – Select campsites only are closed
- Muskingum River – All locks on the Muskingum River are closed

### **ESF-5 – Information and Planning**

Counties report diminished impacts, decreasing river levels, and roads gradually opening as flood waters recede.

### **ESF-6 – Mass Care**

#### **American Red Cross**

All shelters have been closed for this event but many remain on standby to provide support with any additional sheltering if the need should arise.

#### **The Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army was planning to support a feeding event in Van Wert County this afternoon, but was called off. The Salvation Army remains standing by to assist.

#### **Ohio Department of Aging**

Area Agencies on Aging across Ohio have not reported any new impacts since mid-week. Ohio Department of Aging continues to stand by to assist as needed.

### **ESF-8 – Health and Medical**

The Ohio Department of Health reached out to Local Health Departments, long-term care facilities and Hospital liaisons. There are no local unmet needs or issues reported at this time.

An information/communication folder has been established and shared with the local public health to provide food, water, and flood safety information to local public health departments.

Local Health Departments were encouraged to coordinate with the local EMA on any local response efforts and to coordinate public health needs within their county.

The ODH website has been updated to share flood safety information with the general public.

### **ESF-13 – Law Enforcement**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol indicated that there were no reports of stranded motorists requiring assistance. The OSHP stands ready to assist as needed.

### **ESF-14– Mitigation and Recovery**

Ohio EMA Recovery staff continues to work with county EMAs to provide technical assistance on damage assessment.

### **ESF-15 - Public Information**

Ohio EMA continues to work on social media messaging and is standing by to support any issues.

### **SITREP DATA/BRIEFING**

This is the fourth Situation Report for this incident.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

The State EOC Assessment Room will remain open on a 24-hour basis to monitor, collect information, and coordinate any necessary response to this event.

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