



# 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 20, 2015

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This is the Situation Report for Saturday, June 20, 2015. Information is current as of 5:00 p.m.

### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

Ohio has experienced consecutive days of rain and thunderstorms with locally-heavy rainfall. As a result, counties across 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

The following municipalities have declared emergencies at the local level:

- Village of Russells Point (Logan County)

### **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.

Tropical Storm Bill remnants have overspread all but NW Ohio with a higher potential for flooding rains and potential for tornadoes. This weather system is expected to bring 1-3” of rain to parts of central, southern, southeast and northeast Ohio. Parts of central, southern and northeast Ohio could see localized flash floods.

As remnants of Tropical Depression Bill move from southern to northeast Ohio, 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 5:00 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>• Auglaize River at Fort Jennings</li> <li>• Scioto River at Prospect, and at LaRue</li> <li>• Maumee River at Defiance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</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 5:00 p.m.)**

**River and Area Flood Warnings:** The National Weather Service has extended a Flood Warning for the following counties in Ohio:

Allen, Auglaize, Delaware, Defiance, Fulton, Guernsey, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Union, Williams, Van Wert and Warren.

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

**Flash Flood Warnings:** The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Warning for the following counties in Ohio: Athens, Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Greene, Guernsey, Harrison, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, Vinton and Washington.

A Flash Flood Warning means that flash flood is imminent or has been reported.

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

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

**Flood Advisory:** The National Weather Services has issued a Flood Advisory for the following counties in Ohio: Clark, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Madison, Montgomery, Licking and Union.

A Flood Advisory means that flooding is possible.

### **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. Three families, 14 occupants, are currently being sheltered at a local hotel in the Village of Green Camp in Marion County.

### **COUNTY IMPACTS**

Allen County – Waters are receding. No rain in the last 24 hours.

Auglaize County – Director Anderson says the situation is quiet. They have ceased response activities and will begin damage assessment tomorrow (Sunday) or Monday.

Defiance County - Director Rittenhouse states waters are slowly receding and clean-up is beginning. No need for state assistance.

Delaware County – No shelters are open and no declarations are anticipated. A handful of roads are closed due to high water. Delaware County 9-1-1 has no other flood related issues to report. They are in a monitoring posture and available to help Marion County as needed.

Guernsey County – SR83 is flooded in areas. Power outages were reported in Old Washington, Ohio. Crews are on site for repairs.

Hancock County – Water has receded.

Hardin County – No unmet needs. Will contact state if assistance is needed.

Harrison County – No impacts at this time.

Henry County – River is still above flood state. EMA staff continues to monitor the situation.

Logan County – Tammy Feehan, Ohio EMA Northwest Region Supervisor, reported in from Logan County. She assisted Director Norris by providing “just in time training” for damage assessment staff. Ms. Feehan and Director Norris toured the affected areas of the county and the county appears to be in relatively good shape aside from a few road closures. The water in Russell's Point appears to be receding. Director Norris will be compiling the damage assessment data and will be submitting it on Monday. Damage Assessment teams report damage appears to qualify as "Affected".

Marion County – Three families, 14 occupants, are currently being sheltered at a local hotel in the Village of Green Camp. No problems at this time and no requests for state resources.

Mercer County – Director Robbins reports water is receding and most roads are back open.

Monroe County – Director Keevert reports no impacts, no need for assistance.

Muskingum County – Director Keck reports minor high water with no known large impacts at this time.

Paulding County - Director Bohn states the water is slowly receding. They have clean up kits on hand, which will be announced when the weekly paper is distributed on Monday. So far it only appears to have affected six homes. Damage assessment will be submitted early next week. All roads have re-opened.

Perry County – Director Spicer reports damage due to straight line winds: four houses with slate roofs have been damaged, one sustained major damage and is taking on water, several trees down. Four apartments taking on water due to a plugged storm drain. Some roads closed. No requests for state assistance at this time.

Putnam County – Spoke with Putnam County EMA Director. No appreciable rain within the last 24 hours. River level is dropping and things have returned to normal except for clean-up activities.

Shelby County – The Great Miami River has receded below flood stage this morning.

Stark County – No update available.

Union County - Director Gilbert states no current issues in Union County. EMA staff continues to monitor situation.

Van Wert County - The St. Mary's River has crested and holding steady. The sandbagging has been completed in the Village of Wilshire. Only access to Village of Wilshire is through Mercer County or Indiana. A shelter has been identified but is not activated at this time.

## **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.

- Coshocton County: SR- 715
- Delaware County : SR-257
- Knox County: SR-715
- Logan County: SR-235, SR-720
- Marion County: SR-203, SR-37, SR-746, SR-95
- Putnam County: SR-189

### **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.

Assessment Room monitoring for additional impacts as Tropical Storm Bill moves across the state.

### **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 remain on standby to provide support with any sheltering assistance or feeding if the need should arise.

### **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 fifth 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.

Approved By: Patrick C Sheehan, Operations Administrator