



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: John R. Kasich, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Hurricane Sandy – October 30, 2012

DATE: October 31, 2012

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

- On Monday, October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy made landfall near Atlantic City, NJ, with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph. Sandy transitioned to a Post-Tropical Cyclone; however, the storm continues to produce significant wind, storm-surge, rainfall, snowfall, and inland-flooding hazards across the Northeast. High Wind Warnings, as well as Flood and Flash Flood Watches and Warnings for portions of Ohio, Indiana and Ohio.
- National Weather Service reported winds up to 80 miles per hour during the height of the storm system.
- In response to the “Hurricane Sandy – October 30, 2012” event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at Crisis Action Level 1 (CAS-1) on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. (partially activating Joint Information Center).
- CAS-1 briefings were held at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. today. The next CAS-1 briefing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 1 in the SEOC Assessment Room.
- This is the second Situation Report for this incident. Information in this Situation Report is current as of 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

DECLARATIONS

No counties or municipalities are declared at this time. There are no unmet needs requested at this time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT (EMAC)

Ohio EMA personnel are coordinating responses to mutual aid requests received via the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The personnel are evaluating the requests for assistance and coordinating with state and local emergency response partners.

Ohio has provided the following resources to requesting states:

- The Ohio Incident Management Team’s Advance Crew departed Ohio for Suffolk County, New York at 1530 hours, Tuesday, October 30, 2012. Those two team members will arrive in Suffolk County this afternoon. The remainder of the team departed this morning, Wednesday, October 31, 2012 and should arrive at approximately 2000 hours.

- The Butler County Incident Management Team has been asked to report to the local staging area at Shea Stadium in Brooklyn, New York, for further assignment to the field.

WEATHER & HYDROLOGY

Weather

- Tonight – Chance for a shower, especially early. High 37. West winds at 10-15 mph. Sunset 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday – Lingering clouds, slight chance for a shower. High 49. West winds at 5-10 mph.
- Friday – Brightening skies. Still very cool. High of 48.
- Weekend – Skies will begin clearing late Thursday and Friday, but it stays unseasonably cool into early next week. The chance for showers returns Sunday. Early next week will be dry and a little cooler than seasonable.

River Conditions

- Flood Warnings are in effect for (6 counties) today: Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lake, Lorain, and Trumbull. (NWS)

Damage to Warning Sirens Near Ohio's Nuclear Power Plants

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) reported sirens without AC power near the three nuclear power plants impacting Ohio due to the recent storms. The sirens are on back-up batteries and remain viable should they need to be used.

Perry Nuclear Power Plant

- Lake County 4 Sirens
- Geauga County 1 Siren
- Ashtabula County 1 Siren

TransCore, the siren maintenance contractor, will be replacing/charging siren batteries for all sirens that do not have AC power. This will ensure sirens that do not have AC power will remain in service during the storm restoration.

COUNTY IMPACTS

Ohio EMA field liaisons are deployed to support operations in Cuyahoga and Lorain counties.

Cuyahoga County

- Governor Kasich will be at the Cleveland EOC this evening for a press conference.
- Cuyahoga Heights High School was opened as a non-ARC shelter 10/30/12 with a population of 2 overnight. Shelter is now closed.

Lake County

- On Tuesday, October 30, 2012, direct emergency calls (sometimes referred to as “reverse 9-1-1) were made to 142 homes near the mouth of the Chagrin River that recommended they evacuate the area due to forecasted potential flooding. The water level has since dropped and according to local police the residents are returning at their own discretion.
- On Tuesday, October 30, 2012, direct emergency notification calls were made to 70 residents recommending they evacuate areas near the Grand River. Residents were been directed to the

Mentor shelter. The water level has since dropped and according to local police the residents are returning at their own discretion. (ESF-6 report below will have more information)

Lorain County

- Lorain will have an ARC shelter opened tonight (10/31/12) at 6:00 p.m. (Details in ESF-6)
- Power outages are clumped and the majority are in the northern part of the county. Areas with power are in close proximity to the areas without power.

STATE ASSISTANCE ACTIONS BY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION

ESF 1 – Transportation

Closures and Restrictions

- There are two flood-related road closures: Richland County on SR96 and Portage County on SR303.
- There is one restricted roadway with minor flooding on SR 44 in Lake County.

Mission Support

- There are no active support missions at this time.
- ODOT is in the planning phase to assist with an emergency generator transport from Union County to Lorain County (if needed).
- Districts are being surveyed to provide an assessment of available equipment and personnel should an EMAC request to assist the East Coast is received. Preliminary estimates should be available Thursday morning.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

No missions. ESF 6 is continuing to monitor needs especially those affecting vulnerable populations.

Shelter Status (As of 1320)

There are 4 shelters currently reported open.

County	Location	Type	Overnight Population	Current Population
Cuyahoga	Thurgood Marshall Rec Center	Overnight	9	125
Cuyahoga	Garfield Middle School	Overnight	0	75
Cuyahoga	Brooklyn Senior Center	Overnight	Opening	Opening
Lake	Mentor Senior Center	Overnight	1	30
		TOTAL	10	230

American Red Cross Updates

- The Lakeshore Tier of the Northeast Ohio Red Cross Region (primarily Lorain, Lake, and Cuyahoga counties within that tier) has felt the brunt of the hurricane. ARC opened 2 shelters.
- The Lorain Chapter operated a Red Cross reception Center in Elyria until 6 pm last night.
- Throughout the yesterday, ARC supported several Community Reception Centers with cots, meals, and hydration.
- Over 140,000 people in Cuyahoga County remain without power; ARC is making staffing plans for additional shelters if needed should power outages continue.

Ohio Department of Aging

- The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) confirmed that the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging's power was restored and they are up and operating. The area agencies on aging and regional long-term ombudsman programs that serve the impacted counties continue to check in with providers, long-term care facilities, and at risk consumers.
- ODA made calls to the city of Cleveland Department of Aging and the Cuyahoga County Office of Senior and Adult Services and offered assistance. The city of Cleveland Office on Aging reports the following activities:
 - Distributed 38,000 WARN (Wide Area Rapid Notification) calls with an alert to Cleveland seniors 65+ years of age on Monday.
 - Sent Eastside and Westside Teams to personally check on the well-being of seniors who called to indicate they had no power or heat.
 - Contacted all the senior buildings in the city and checked to see if they had power. Reported to EOC on those seniors without service.
 - Continue to follow up on issues left from the 100+ storm related calls from yesterday and report that more calls are coming in today.
- Briefed representatives of the federal Administration on Aging on response efforts in Ohio.
- Provided SEOC information on Hypothermia and noted that older adults can get Hypothermia earlier and at higher temperatures than the general population.

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services

- ODJFS has received no requests for assistance from local agencies and continues to proactively send guidance to county partners on disaster assistance guidelines and procedures.

Salvation Army

- The Salvation Army's Cleveland West Park Corps facility, located at 12645 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland served as a warming station on Tuesday. Port Clinton Service Center has been providing emergency food assistance through the mobile canteen to affected individuals in Ottawa County, as well as serving out of the office located at 1854 East Perry Street, Port Clinton Ohio.
- SA received a request to help the Red Cross with feeding hot meals at the Mentor Senior Center Shelter and the Helen Brown Senior Center in East Cleveland. The Red Cross provided meals Tuesday night, and The Salvation Army's Painesville, Ohio Corps and Cleveland Harbor Light Shelter will provide meals at the locations today.
- The Salvation Army in Ohio has mobile canteens and supplies on standby to deploy to the Eastern United States. The Eastern Territorial Headquarters is communicating with local units regarding response efforts in Atlantic states. Deployment of local units is a potential.

ESF 7 – Logistics and Resource Support

- A statewide list of diesel fuel vendors from Department of Administrative was disseminated to Ohio's northern county EMAs in case additional fuel is needed.
- ESF-7 located a generator in Union County that could be moved to Lorain County in the event it is requested by Mercy Regional Medical Center.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

- As of this afternoon's status check there are four Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities still on generator power. University Hospital (UH) Conneaut Medical Center in Ashtabula County is off generator power and has had normal power restored.

- ODH and the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) will continue daily checks on all Ohio hospitals, dialysis and long-term care facilities regarding their power status, generator usage and generator fuel status (if in use).
- There are no Ohio hospitals on generator power.

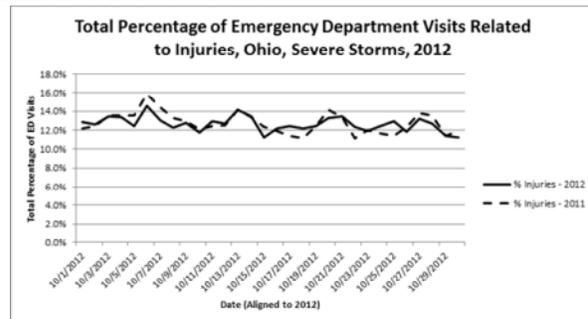
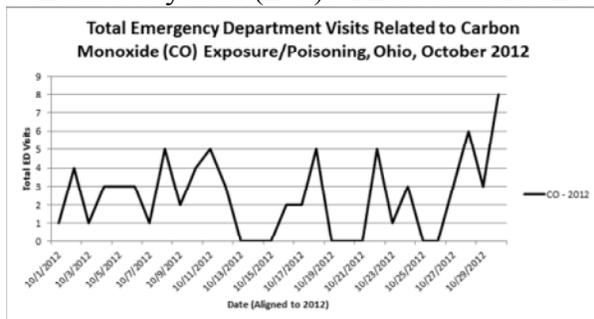
Long-term care:

Name	Location	County	Generator - Full/Partial	Comments
Broadview Multi Care Center	Parma	Cuyahoga	Yes-Full	12-15 hours - Refuel available
Cityview Nursing and Rehab	Cleveland	Cuyahoga	Yes -Partial	Refuel ordered for 11/1
Parma Care Center	Parma	Cuyahoga	Yes	Phone system down. Using generator power. Obtaining info on fuel status.
Suburban Pavilion	Cleveland	Cuyahoga	Yes -Partial	Main boilers not functional. Resident rooms have heating units. Currently 72-76 degrees. Fuel delivery 10/31.

Potentially significant trends and events of public health importance:

Ohio observed the following disease trends and anomalies in the past 24 hours.

- Follow-up on related events, resulting from Superstorm Sandy: A review of Emergency Department (ED) data overnight continues to show no related increases in injuries; however, there was an observed spike in ED visits related to carbon monoxide poisonings, almost entirely from Stark County. Local health departments will be notified to investigate if these were related to the use of generators. Three more ED visits requesting oxygen due to power outages were observed from NE Ohio (Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, and Summit Counties), adding to the two-day total (n=8). These data are shown in the charts below.



Local Health Districts

- Thirty-eight (38) local health jurisdictions (where either weather advisories were issued, or where known power outages occurred) were contacted, including those in NE Ohio. Local jurisdictions are dealing with the situation, but no requests for assistance have been made to ODH at this time.

ESF 12 – Energy

Total Power Outages: 152,705

Ohio Edison

- Total outages: 4,532 as of 3:00 p.m.
- Total Line Workers: 902 as of 1:00 p.m.
 - Majority of customers within Lake District will be restored by noon on Friday, November 2.
 - Majority of customers within Bay / Medina Districts will be restored by midnight on Thursday, November 1.
 - Majority of all others will be restored by the evening on Wednesday, October 31.

CEI

- Total outages: 148,173 as of 3:00 p.m.
- Total line Workers: 1270 as of 1:00 p.m.
 - Preliminary estimated restoration time (ETR) is majority of customers to be restored by midnight on Tuesday, November 6.
 - ETRs are subject to modification once the damage assessment is completed, as these results are critical to the ETR process.
- CEI reported they have had trucks working in Bay Village since the beginning of the storm, but may not always be located where they are readily visible to the public.
 - CEI does not have estimated restoration times available yet for Bay Village.

ESF 14 – Mitigation and Recovery

- Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga counties have reported damage assessments are being conducted. It is not anticipated that these counties will meet criteria for Federal Individual Assistance or Public Assistance declarations due to much of the damage being covered by insurance.
- ESF-14 will continue to monitor and provide technical assistance.
- The Ohio EMA Field Liaisons deployed to assist county EOCs are assisting with damage assessments; Ohio EMA will share the results of the damage assessments.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Press Release Issued:

1. Statement from the Ohio Department of Aging regarding safety for seniors, and a fact sheet.
2. A press release regarding continued activation and safety warnings is being drafted.

Interviews and Media Request:

- Media interviews have decreased significantly since yesterday.
- WKAR Morning talk show call-in interview@ 9:35am regarding safety tips.
- Teresa Weaver of WDTN inquired about the teams that were deployed.
- The director of Aging taped an interview with WEOL in Lorain County and has a live interview scheduled with WELW in Lake County tomorrow morning.
- The Ohio Department of Health is conducted an interview with NPR to discuss food safety, CO poisoning.

Digital Media/Social Media:

- The ema.ohio.gov website home page has been revised to focus on Superstorm Sandy. It will be home to our state partner updates and releases and tips and information.
- Check on your neighbor fact sheet has been updated and posted to the EMA web site and the ODH website.

Local Communication:

- The JIC has talked to Erica Creech from the Cuyahoga/Cleveland JIC and plan to use materials from ema.ohio.gov website and modify to promote stronger preparedness messaging for their areas. They did not indicate any issues at this time.
- Ken Gotner from Lake County is also going to capitalize on the press releases and materials available on the website and reissue for the local outlets. He did not indicate any issues at this time.

Needs: The JIC has no needs at this time.

Messaging for tomorrow:

- Power restoration for the northeast-potential recovery
- Continued Generator & Food Safety
- Insurance Tips as families begin to recover.

Hours of Operation: The JIC is operating virtually and will close at the close of business today.

FEDERAL PARTNERS

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- FEMA Region V contacted Cuyahoga County Port Authority to discuss the availability of 3-4 acres for a possible staging area in support of its response to Hurricane Sandy. The area may be used as a staging area to support the FEMA mission outside of Ohio. FEMA may stage federal vehicles at the area over the next few days in preparation of moving forward. There is no declaration for the state of Ohio and FEMA does not plan to have a mission within the state.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

All agencies should email their briefing reports for the daily Situation Report by 2:30 p.m. to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us.

A CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 1, 2012.