



STATE OF OHIO
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SITUATION REPORT

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TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Severe Weather and Tornadoes – June 5-6, 2010
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Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010.

In response to the “Severe Weather and Tornadoes – June 5-6, 2010” event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2010 and is at Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2. A CAS-2 briefing was conducted in the SEOC at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

OEMA staff have been dispatched to Fulton, Wood, Ottawa and Tuscarawas counties.

The next scheduled CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. tomorrow in the SEOC Operations Room.

GENERAL SITUATION

During the overnight and morning hours on June 5-6, severe weather and several confirmed tornadoes touched down in Wood, Ottawa, Lucas and Fulton counties in northwest Ohio. Homes and major businesses were severely damaged, with downed trees and power lines.

Wood County

There are five confirmed fatalities in Wood County. Officials reported today the reduction of fatalities associated with this incident from seven to five. This number has been confirmed by the Wood County Coroner. The most seriously affected areas are Lake Township and the Village of Millbury. The county declared on June 6th. Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers were requested for search and security missions in Millbury. The Lake Township Administration Building in Wood County was destroyed, which housed the Police Department and EMS services. Five Lake Township Police Department vehicles and one fire vehicle were destroyed. Six major industries in the county were impacted. The Wood County EOC is open.

Fulton County

Damage was reported at Maumee State Forest in Fulton County. Fulton County declared at 1:48 a.m. on June 6th. The Fulton County EOC is open.

Ottawa County

Ottawa County reported that eight homes were destroyed, three homes had major damage, and there was additional public infrastructure damage. Ottawa County declared at 1:12 p.m. on June 6th.

Lucas County

Lucas County reported damage to homes and damage at Maumee State Forest.

State of Michigan

The Fermi Power Plant in Michigan went to an unusual event due to the severe storms in that area over the weekend, and was elevated to an Alert level when a buildings housing safety equipment were damaged. The alert was later canceled.

DECLARATIONS

County / State

Fulton, Ottawa and Wood

WEATHER

Weather Forecast

Weather in Ohio will be dry today and tonight under partly cloudy skies. High temperatures will range from the upper-60s to low-70s across the state, and overnight lows will range from the mid-40s in the northeast to mid-50s elsewhere in the state. Widespread showers are expected Tuesday night, with up to three-quarters of an inch possible in southwest counties and a half-inch in central Ohio.

Warnings, Watches and Advisories

The National Weather Service flood warning issued by the Cleveland office continues for Killbuck Creek in Holmes and Wayne Counties until this evening. At 4:00 a.m. Monday, the river was at 15.4 feet and was falling slowly. Flood stage is 15.0 feet. Minor flooding is occurring and minor flooding is forecast. The river will continue to fall slowly and is expected to drop below flood stage late this afternoon. At 16.0 feet, flooding begins in low-lying areas west of Water Street in the village of Killbuck.

The National Weather Service flood warning issued by the North Webster office in Indiana has been extended for the Tiffin River near Stryker in Defiance, Fulton and Williams Counties until Wednesday evening. At 9:00 p.m. Sunday, the river was at 10.7 feet and rising. Minor flooding is forecast. Flood stage is 11.0 feet. The river will rise above flood stage very early Monday

morning and crest near 11.2 feet around 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 7th, and fall below flood stage around 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 8th. At 11.0 feet, flooding of lowland areas around Stryker can be expected.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has inspected infrastructure in Williams, Henry, Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca Counties and no major damage was found. Damage in Fulton County is primarily on County Roadways.

Lucas County reports a large tree down on SR-64 between SR-295 and SR-2. This portion of roadway will be closed today for debris removal. Lucas County also has some traffic signals out that will be repaired today.

In Wood County, SR-795 remains closed in the area of the storm damage. ODOT posted crews overnight to maintain detours and they expect to keep them posted to ensure the integrity of the detour routes. ODOT anticipates completion of repairs to SR-795 by this evening, and work on SR-64 may continue for two more days. ODOT will maintain staffing in the detour areas of SR-795 tonight.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR Forestry reported that approximately 200 acres of Maumee State Forest in Fulton County received significant damage from tree debris on the ground. All recreational ATV trails as well as horseback riding trails at the park have been closed. ODNR reports no other significant damages to Ohio State Parks. Tree debris on the ground is being addressed by park maintenance staff. State Parks remain open for business. ODNR is assessing repair costs at Ohio State Parks.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Citizen Corps/MRC coordinators have been asked to report their activity status. Ottawa County currently has twelve MRC/CERT volunteers assisting at a local service center. This is being done in coordination with Erie County volunteers.

Two Volunteer Center Reception Centers have been opened: Fulton County – Wauseon, Fulton County Senior Center, and Wood County – Perrysburg, Grace United Methodist Church, 601 East Boundary Street. Contact: Mike George, (419) 345-2328.

American Red Cross

There were no shelters open last night. As of the close of business June 6, Red Cross fed 225 meals and provided 350 snacks. The ARC Preliminary Damage Assessment shows 30 homes

destroyed, 41 with major damage, 89 with minor damage, and 540 affected. The PDA is ongoing on in Fulton County.

ARC representatives spoke with their counterparts in Millbury (Wood County) about spiritual and mental health needs. Local pastors report that spiritual needs in the area are covered, however, volunteers interested in helping should check with representatives at the St. Peters ARC Center in Millbury (419) 836-3243.

The ARC continues to provide casework services and mental health access at the Red Cross Service Center at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Millbury, and is providing fixed and mobile feeding to workers and clients in Wood and Fulton Counties. The St. Peters United Church of Christ and will be open today and tomorrow from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ARC continues to support donated goods operations at All Saints' Church in Rossford and a secondary drop-off site in Millbury at Main Street Church's "705 Campus" to relieve pressure at St. Peter's Church Casework Center. Goodwill Industries continues to lead this effort.

Client casework staff are making outreach visits in Ottawa County & continuing caseworker access through Red Cross office in Fulton County.

Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (Ohio VOAD)

Chain Saw Teams and Debris Removal/Early Response Teams are available for deployment. For further information contact Mary Woodward, Ohio VOAD president at: (614) 799-6409 – or cell: (740) 509-1132. Ohio VOAD is able to accept financial donations to assist identified families in need – Ohio VOAD Treasurer, 1900 County Road 22A, Bloomingdale, OH 43910

Spiritual/Emotional Trained Volunteers are enroute to Wood County and are available for additional impacted areas as needed. Case Management referrals may be made for special needs and families without insurance to (740) 732-6700.

Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI)

ODI is beginning to mobilize their Consumer Services Representatives and will send them to any Disaster Recovery Centers that open to provide insurance claim filing assistance, as well as any other insurance related assistance.

Ohio Department of Aging (ODAge)

The Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio (AOoA) reported that they have checked with providers of home delivered meals in Ottawa, Fulton and Wood counties to account for the meal participants are delivering meals on wheels without interruption. The AOoA also has information on locations for obtaining household items, clothing, food and bottled water in Fulton and Wood counties.

The Fulton County Senior Center (FCSC) and United Way have organized a Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) at the FCSC, 240 Clinton Street in Wauseon (419-337-9299). Anyone wishing to volunteer to help those who have been affected by the tornado south of Delta should report to the FCSC to register to volunteer. Volunteers must bring a photo ID and fill out some forms before receiving an assignment.

United Way of Greater Toledo planned to open a VRC at noon today at Grace United Methodist Church, 601 East Boundary Street, Perrysburg (419-874-4365). The Retired Senior Volunteer Program through the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio is collaborating with United Way to staff the VRC with volunteers.

ESF-7 – Logistics and Resource Management

Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

As part of the Logistics Working Group, DAS was tasked with identifying potential resources for "Dura-Deck"-type portable roadways that First Energy might need when accessing downed power lines in areas where the ground is saturated and/or mud-covered. Several vendors (all shipping from out-of-state) were contacted. First Energy has indicated that they have resolved the access issue by using their own heavy equipment.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

The Ottawa County Health Commissioner requested an order for tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccine. The Ohio Department of Health Immunization Program will be sending up to 50 doses based on current protocol for distribution. The supply is expected to arrive on Wednesday.

A local health department meeting was held in Wood County this morning to review and implement necessary plans. At present, there are sufficient medical resources available in the region to address anticipated needs. The Wood County Health Commissioner and hospital coordinator reported that they are prepared for medically fragile should issues arise. At this time, requests for assistance have not been received.

ODH reported that local health jurisdictions in Fulton, Lucas, Ottawa, and Wood counties have been contacted to make them aware that ODH is available to provide assistance, as needed.

ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)

The Ohio EPA Northwest District Office has been on scene in Wood County both yesterday and today, responding to multiple petroleum releases, mainly in Lake Twp. U.S. EPA is also on scene providing assistance with cleanup and a contractor. The On-Scene Coordinator is also addressing other issues such as downed electrical transformers, working through County EMA.

Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM) personnel are in the field providing technical assistance on debris management and disposal in all affected counties. Generally, locals are being advised to segregate debris only where practical and easily accomplished. DSIWM is coordinating with the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) on possible press release on debris management and prohibition on open burning. This release will be coordinated through JIC. EPA will also reach out to provide assistance on any potential asbestos issues with Lake High School and Administration Building if needed.

ESF-11 – Food and Agriculture

USDA Farm Service Agency reports damage to corn, soybeans, and wheat crops in Wood County due to the tornado. Many standing crops have debris in them. They also report approximately 30 farm dwellings and service buildings damaged and 10 destroyed, along with damaged or destroyed fencing.

The Northwest Animal Rescue Group is currently filling a request from Wood County to assist with pet rescue.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

As of 3:00 p.m., Toledo Edison reports that 300 outages remain, mostly in Wood County. Toledo Edison projects that all outages will be restored later this evening.

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The Ohio State Highway Patrol continues to assist local law enforcement with three troopers in the Wood County area. Limited access for vehicular travel has been established on SR-795, and troopers are assisting at these established points. Troopers are also providing routine security patrols in damaged areas.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Recovery and Mitigation staff is coordinating a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment with FEMA Region V for Tuesday, June 8th. The teams will assess the private and public sector impact in Fulton, Ottawa and Wood counties.

Along with Ohio EPA, Recovery Branch staff is monitoring Debris Management issues in the three counties and providing technical assistance on this subject with deployed Ohio EMA Field Coordinators, County EMA staff and State EOC representatives.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

The SEOC Joint Information Center continues to coordinate media activities. Media calls were received from the following outlets: CBS Evening News, CBS Radio, CNN News Radio, USA Today, RFP Washington, Ohio Public Radio, WBNS 10TV, and WTOL-Toledo. The JIC also received a call from Sen. Buehrer's Office, requesting an update of state agencies' activities.

June 7th EOC Press Releases:

State Emergency Operations Center Activated in Response to NW Ohio Tornado

Currently preparing press releases on 1) Requesting FEMA to Assist with Preliminary Damage Assessment, and 2) Consumer Alert – Protection from Contractor Fraud

COUNTY IMPACTS

The following county reports are current as of 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 2010.

Wood County

Wood County now reports 5 fatalities as a result of the incident (a reduction by 2 from previous reports). Preliminary damage assessment from county officials reported 26 homes destroyed, 26 with major damage, 71 with minor damage, and 521 affected.

Fulton County

Fulton County has reported no fatalities as a result of the incident. Preliminary damage assessments have reported 4 homes destroyed, 5 with major damage and 6 with minor damage.

Ottawa County

Ottawa County has reported no fatalities as a result of the incident. Preliminary damage assessments have reported 8 homes destroyed, 3 with major damage, 10 with minor damage, and 19 affected.

Lucas County

Luca County has reported no fatalities as a result of the incident. Preliminary damage assessments have reported 1 home destroyed and 8 with major damage.

A joint FEMA/State/County preliminary damage assessment will be conducted beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8th. The Joint PDA will be staged out of the Lake Twp Fire Station #2. The PDA in Wood County will focus on Individual Assistance and Public Assistance. The Joint PDA in Fulton and Ottawa Counties will focus on Individual Assistance only.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

The next CAS 2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

The state EOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the recovery situation in Ohio until conditions improve.

All agencies should email their briefing reports by 2:00 p.m. to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us.