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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
DATE: June 9, 2010

Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 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 Operations Room at 10:00 a.m. today.

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

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Weekend of June 5-6: Unstable weather developed Friday into Saturday as a low pressure system moved northeast toward the region and a stationary front just south of Ohio became a warm front and moved north on Saturday and stalled over northern Ohio. Strong-to-severe thunderstorms developed from this front by late morning and continued into the early afternoon hours on Saturday. The most-impacted area was from Mansfield (Richland County) southeast into Holmes and Stark counties in Ohio, where significant rainfall fell through the afternoon hours. The thunderstorm activity weakened and moved east by late afternoon.

An upper-level disturbance moved east toward northwest Ohio Saturday evening as thunderstorms developed over northern Indiana and moved east into northwest Ohio late Saturday evening. These thunderstorms developed into confirmed tornadoes that affected Fulton, Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties.

The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed that an EF-2 tornado touched down in Fulton County, Ohio at 10:38 p.m. The tornado began on highway 109 just north of County Road A, continued to the northeast through Maumee State Forest, then it entered Lucas County. The tornado had a path length of 7.5 miles and was a half-mile wide at its widest point. Multiple

houses and structures were damaged or destroyed, and trees were uprooted, stripped and/or damaged. Maximum wind speeds were estimated at 111-to-135 mph.

NWS Meteorologists performed an extensive survey of the path of a tornado that impacted northeast Wood and western Ottawa counties and determined that it was an EF-4 tornado with winds of approximately 170-175 MPH. The tornado first touched down near I-80 and Oregon Rd. (east of Perrysburg) at 11:20 p.m., moved across the south side of Moline, near Metcalf Airport, across the northwest side of Millbury, into Ottawa county following Trowbridge Rd., and finally lifting at 11:35 p.m. just west of Clay Center.

The most intense damage from this tornado occurred in two locations. The first location was at State Route 795 near Lake High School and on the northwest side of Millbury. The damage near Lake High School was rated as strong EF-3. The damage on the northwest side of Millbury was rated as EF-4 due to the extreme damage to structures seen there. Five fatalities and numerous injuries were attributed to this tornado.

Sunday, June 6: The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2010. An initial Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. The CAS level was escalated to CAS-2 after the morning briefing. A CAS-2 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Operations Room at 3:00 p.m.

Five deaths were initially confirmed in Wood County with an additional two added later in the evening, for a total of seven. The official death toll would be reduced to five on Monday. A Governor's Declaration was declared for Wood and Fulton counties. Ottawa County was added to this emergency declaration on Monday. Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) in these counties were opened to support local response operations. Ohio EMA staff members were dispatched to Wood and Fulton counties to support local response operations. Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers responded to search and security missions in Millbury (Wood County).

Monday, June 7: The SEOC continued operations at CAS-2 and two briefings were held. Debris management, logistics support, and donations management working group meetings were held in the SEOC. Wood County officials reported a reduction of fatalities associated with this incident from seven to five. This number was confirmed by the County Coroner. Ohio EMA personnel were dispatched to Ottawa and Tuscarawas counties.

Tuesday, June 8: The SEOC continued CAS-2 activities with one morning briefing. There were open missions for debris removal, acquisition of tarps, donations and technical assistance. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted with local, state, and federal teams in the affected areas.

Wednesday, June 9: The SEOC continued CAS-2 activities with a 10:00 a.m. briefing. There were open missions for debris removal and donations technical assistance. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted with local, state, and federal teams in the affected areas on Tuesday, June 8th.

DECLARATIONS

County – Tuscarawas

County/State – Fulton, Ottawa and Wood

WEATHER

Weather Forecast

Showers and thunderstorms are likely in Ohio today and some may be severe especially south of I-70. Today's high temperatures will be in the 70s and the lows tonight around 60. Thursday will be partly cloudy with warmer temperatures. Thunderstorms are possible over the weekend and temperatures are expected to increase reaching the 90s in the south and 80s further north.

Warnings, Watches and Advisories

The NWS flood warning has been extended for the Tiffin River near Stryker in Defiance, Fulton and Williams Counties until Monday afternoon. At 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, the stage was 11.8 feet and steady. Minor flooding is occurring and minor flooding is forecast to continue. The river will fall below the 11.0-foot flood stage around 12:00 p.m., Sunday, June 13th. At 12.0 feet, portions of SR-66 flood north of Archbold.

The NWS office in Charlestown, WV, has issued a flash flood watch for Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Vinton and Washington Counties through this evening, with showers and thunderstorms common today. The storm system will be relatively fast-moving, however, there is the possibility of repetitive showers or thunderstorms prolonging the downpours over the same stream basin. If that occurs, rains of more than two inches could cause flash flooding along small streams and creeks along with urban streets and areas with poor drainage.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

All roadways other than SR-795 east of IS-280 are now open to traffic in the affected areas.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR reports that there are three active debris missions in Ottawa, Wood and Fulton County. These missions have been assigned to and are being completed by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). ODNR is also sending assets to the areas to assist ODOT. ODNR also reports that storm damage to the Maumee State Forest in Fulton/Lucas counties has been estimated at \$105,000.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Wood County - Village of Millbury - ODOT crews met at the Ayres Rd fire station at 8:00 a.m. for a briefing and are now deployed to the Main Street area of Millbury for debris removal, working 7 dump trucks with 2 loaders and 9 personnel.

Ottawa County - ODOT has 10 personnel working with 6 dump trucks, 2 loaders, 2 backhoes and a trailer on debris missions in the Williston/Clay Center/Trowbridge Road area.

Fulton County - Swain Creek Area - ODOT District Two is working with Fulton County officials on debris-hauling logistics. ODOT plans to begin working on Fulton County debris missions tomorrow morning.

ODNR will be providing additional support at hauling sites.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

3 Missions: 1 Complete and 2 Open

OCSC is helping coordinate various missions regarding donated items to support Wood County local cleanup response and to coordinate volunteer response from Lucas County to assist with tarp pickup and delivery to Ottawa drop location. Volunteer was Cheryl Murphy from Lucas County Health Department. In total, 200 tarps were purchased and an additional 52 tarps were donated from various sources to fill the need in Wood and Ottawa Counties.

Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Wood County MRC volunteers have been activated to assist with mass tetanus vaccination from the tornadoes that went through the county.

The Lucas County MRC has been put on standby and have provided volunteers. 685 volunteers (including CERT volunteers) have been deployed from the Volunteer Reception Center in Wood County.

American Red Cross (ARC)

As of the close of business on Tuesday, the Red Cross Relief Operation had fed 795 meals and 1,110 snacks in Wood County. Client outreach will continue as necessary, with the focus of the relief operation moving to feeding and bulk distribution. Mental health staff and spiritual care staff from Lutheran Disaster Services are working closely with ARC staff that are providing direct services.

Red Cross Bulk Distribution had 100 tarps available for distribution as of 6:00 p.m. last night. Bulk distribution will also continue to provide a variety of products, such as trash bags, snacks,

sun screen, and hand sanitizer. The response of spontaneous volunteers and businesses and corporations has been tremendous.

Ohio VOAD

Spiritual and Emotional Care is available daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until further notice at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1930 Bradnor Road, Northwood, 419-836-8986. VOAD and the State Donations Management Team opened the National Donations Management Network (Aid Matrix database) to manage the receipt and distribution of donations. VOAD is working with local faith-based organizations to plan long-term recovery committees to assist any families who do not have insurance or other resources.

A new VOAD member agency has been introduced to the Wood County and Ottawa County EMA offices, the Tzu Chi Foundation. They are delivering sunscreen and items listed as needs last evening to Wood and Ottawa counties today. They are also providing gift cards to families with unmet needs as identified by County EMA offices.

Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI)

ODI is filling a mission to support Wood County EMA at the Fire Association Hall in Millbury to answer questions and to provide assistance to disaster survivors. Dates requested are Wednesday, June 9 through Saturday, June 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Other agencies that have been requested include the Ohio Department of Health, United Way, and a rep with the Volunteer Reception Center. Guides and brochures, including storm chaser information, is also being provided.

ESF 7 – Resource Support and Logistics

Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS was assigned a mission on June 8th to locate and purchase 100 tarps for use by residents with property damage in Wood and Ottawa Counties. The tarps were located and purchased from the Home Depot in Bowling Green, Ohio, and were delivered by Home Depot to the Lake Township Fire Department.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Wood County Health Department requested 1600 surgical masks. The masks will be used for respiratory protection for workers clearing debris. ESF 1 Transportation is providing shipment of the packages. Estimated time of shipment delivery is projected to be at 8:00 am on Thursday to Wood County Health Department.

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

OSHP continues to support assist local law enforcement with two troopers in Wood County, providing routine patrols in the SR-795 area for security. There were no reported security incidents during the overnight hours. OSHP is outfitting four salvage patrol cars for the Lake Township Police Department to increase their fleet of patrol cars. The cars should be ready for service Friday. There are no open missions for ESF-13 at this time.

Attorney General’s Office (AGO)

Representatives from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section are scheduled to visit Fulton County (at the Shiloh Christian Union Church), Ottawa County (at the Command Center), and Wood County (at the Lake Township Fire Department) to distribute materials on consumer fraud and contractor issues to impacted residents. No contractor fraud issues have been reported at this time. The Section representatives will also take calls and assist with potential or real mortgage fraud issues.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

Floodplain Management Program (FMP) staff continue to contact and offer assistance to local floodplain administrators of Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood Counties. The FMP is preparing standard correspondence to all affected jurisdictions to review and offer support for post-event local floodplain management responsibilities.

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Recovery and Mitigation staff are participating in Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Individual Assistance in Fulton, Ottawa and Wood Counties. Ohio has also requested Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment for Public Assistance in Wood County. Joint PDA’s are tentatively scheduled to be completed by Thursday, June 10, 2010.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

The SEOC Joint Information Center (JIC) continues to coordinate media activities, including returning calls received by the Governor’s Press Office. Telephone interviews were conducted with the following media outlets: Toledo Blade, Sentinel Tribune, News Herald, WJW-Cleveland.

The JIC is working with Ohio VOAD and the SEOC to make available to affected counties a “blanket press release” announcing the use of Aidmatrix, Ohio – an online tool that is available through the Ohio VOAD site, to coordinate donation management activities.

The following press release is being drafted:

- Governor commends Ohio's volunteer response to NW Ohio tornado victims

ODOT Director Jolene Molitoris will be in Millbury, tomorrow, June 10th for media availability. ODOT PIO Scott Varner is working on their draft press release.

COUNTY IMPACTS

The following county reports are current as of 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9th.

Wood County

Wood County reports 5 confirmed fatalities as a result of the incident (a reduction by 2 from previous reports) and 28 injuries of varying severity. Preliminary damage assessment from county officials reported 12 homes destroyed, 10 with major damage, 50 with minor damage, and several hundred affected. Debris removal, donations & volunteer management, and community outreach remain priorities for this operational period.

Currently, there are two debris management teams operating in Wood County. One team is comprised of ODOT, Lake Township Trustees, and private donated assets. The main priority of this team is township, village and county roads within Lake Township, Wood County. The second team is comprised of a demolition crew from Toledo, and is dedicated to the heaviest hit area of Main Street in Millbury.

It is anticipated that 90% of the debris removal will be completed by the close of business on Friday, at 8:00 p.m. The remaining debris will be picked up in a final sweep of the area on next Monday and Tuesday. The township and county assets may continue operations without state involvement after that time. Debris is being transported to Hoffman Landfill.

The County EOC is open until 6:00 p.m. until further notice.

Fulton County

Fulton County has reported no fatalities as a result of the incident. Preliminary damage assessments from county officials have reported 11 homes destroyed, 20 with major damage, 11 with minor damage, and 27 affected. The County EOC is open until 6:00 p.m. until further notice.

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 (all ARC PDA numbers). Rich Lauffer, OEMA Field Liaison, returned to Columbus yesterday from Fulton County and re-deployed to Ottawa County this morning. The County EOC is open until 6:00 p.m. until further notice.

Lucas County

Lucas County EMA Director reported debris on a road that is contiguous to Fulton County. Because the debris is on private residential property, the Director was referred to Ohio VOAD for possible debris clearing assistance. At this time there are no life safety issues in the County and there have been no other requests for state-level assistance. The County EOC is closed.

Tuscarawas County

Tuscarawas County declared on June 7th due to damage that resulted from the storms that moved through the State on June 5th. The County EOC is closed.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

A CAS-2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010.

SEOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the situation in Ohio as this incident transitions into the recovery phase.

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