



STATE OF OHIO
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SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Severe Weather and Tornadoes – June 5-6, 2010
DATE: June 10, 2010

Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 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.

A Crisis Action System Level 2 (CAS-2) briefing was conducted in the SEOC Operations Room at 10:00 a.m. today. The State EOC activation level was lowered to Crisis Action Level 1 (CAS-1; Situational Awareness and Monitoring) at 2:00 p.m. today and will remain at CAS-1 until further notice.

A CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning in the SEOC Assessment 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 CAS-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 and Wednesday June 9: The SEOC continued CAS-2 activities with morning briefings each day. There were missions for debris removal, acquisition of tarps and masks, donations and technical assistance. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments were conducted with local, state, and federal teams in the affected areas.

Thursday, June 10: Based on data from the Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment with local, state, and federal officials, Governor Ted Strickland sent a letter to President Obama requesting a major disaster declaration for Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood counties. The SEOC activation level was lowered to CAS-1 at 2:00 p.m. ESF lead agency representatives continue to monitor open missions.

DECLARATIONS

County – Tuscarawas

County/State – Fulton, Ottawa and Wood

WEATHER

Weather Forecast

Expect fair weather across Ohio with sunny skies and temperatures in the mid 80s. Tonight will be clear and comfortable. On Friday expect partly cloudy skies along with higher humidity and warmer conditions. Pop-up thunderstorms will be a possibility today especially in southwest Ohio. Isolated thunderstorms are forecast across Ohio this weekend along with warmer and muggy conditions.

In Northwest Ohio, Friday through Saturday night will be mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms through the period with highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s. Chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms is 50 percent on Sunday decreasing to 40 percent overnight. Monday will be partly sunny with highs around 80 and a slight chance of precipitation Monday night.

Warnings, Watches and Advisories

The Cleveland NWS office issued a flood warning at 4:30 a.m. today for Killbuck Creek near Killbuck in Holmes and Wayne Counties until late tonight. At 4 a.m. Thursday the stage was 15.0 feet and slowly rising. Flood stage is 15.0 feet. Minor flooding is forecast. The river is expected to crest near 15.1 feet late this morning and then go back below flood stage this evening. At 16.0 feet, flooding begins in low lying areas west of Water Street in the village of Killbuck.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has completed a mission to transport 1,600 surgical masks to the Wood County Health Department from the Columbus area. All roadways remain open other than a section of State Route 795 East of I-280 in Wood County blocked by high tension wires.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has three pending ESF-3 debris missions, one each in Fulton, Wood and Ottawa counties:

Wood County: Currently working the Millbury area with 7 dump trucks, 2 loaders, 1 backhoe, 1 skidsteer, along with 10 Highway Technicians. ODNR is supporting with 2 dump trucks and the City of Bowling Green is providing 2 loaders today. Yesterday a total of 56 loads of debris were hauled and there are an estimated seven work days remaining to complete the mission.

Ottawa County: Working Williston area with 10 dump trucks, 2 loaders, 2 backhoes, 1 trailer and 14 Highway Technicians. ODNR is supporting with 2 dump trucks today. Yesterday a total of 50 loads of debris were hauled and there are an estimated seven work days remaining to complete the mission.

Fulton County: Working Swain Creek Twp area with 5 Dump Trucks, 2 Loaders, 2 Pick Up Trucks and 9 Highway Technicians. This activity is supported by ODNR with 2 Dump Trucks. Yesterday a total of 5 loads of debris were hauled and there are an estimated ten work days remaining to complete the mission.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC is helping coordinate missions regarding donated items to support Wood County local cleanup response. Yesterday, ESF-6 coordinated with volunteer Cheryl Murphy from Lucas County Health Department to assist with tarp pickup and delivery to the Ottawa County drop location.

The Ohio Department of Administrative Services has located two, possibly three, standard POD storage trailers which are intended be used for staging and storing donations. They are in Millbury and the company is willing to deliver to the Fire Station. Lake Shore Utility Trucking of Millbury has donated up to three 53-foot trailers for storage of donated goods. The first trailer will be delivered tonight by 7:00 p.m. The other two trailers are available upon request.

Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

The Erie County MRC/CERT team has been deployed to Ottawa County as of last Sunday afternoon. They are manning the Resource Center on-scene at Rieman and Trowbridge Roads from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily. They are distributing goods, food, and supplies to 46 affected homes in a 4 square mile area; assisting with traffic control at the request of the Ottawa County Sheriff; and assisting with volunteer reception and donations on scene. They are providing first aid services at the Resource Center. They anticipate serving there through Monday.

Current Erie County MRC/CERT Volunteer Report:

Sunday: 2 volunteers from 3 pm – 11 pm and 14 others for 2 hours

Monday: 9 volunteers for 82 hours of work

Tuesday: 9 volunteers for 92 hours of work

American Red Cross (ARC)

ARC continues to open new client cases and continues outreach efforts. The outreach staff have made contact with all families whose homes suffered major damage or were destroyed. Fixed and mobile feeding continues, focusing this weekend on expected spontaneous volunteers.

The Red Cross Relief Operation will participate in the transition meeting taking place later today.

Ohio VOAD

Ohio VOAD has contacted a local responding group (St. Jerome Catholic Church – 419-666-2857) in order to address some of the specific donations needs. The Toledo Catholic Diocese is currently requesting a \$10,000 grant from Catholic Charities USA to help purchase items on the Wood County EMA donations needs list and provide for unmet needs of families/homes during the recovery period.

Ohio VOAD's long-term recovery committee (LTRC) chair will be attending an organizing meeting in Wood County. He will be offering our assistance in forming the committee and letting the committee know how the Ohio VOAD network can support their recovery efforts. The EMA director (or his representative) plans to participate in that meeting. Ohio VOAD will continue to share the donations list requests with our network and provide updates to the membership as they become available.

Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI)

ODI has fulfilled the Wood County EMA request that ODI representatives be available at the Fire Association Hall in Millbury to answer questions and provide possible assistance to disaster survivors.

ODI continues to support local efforts and provide technical assistance as needed.

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

ODMH has been monitoring and working with Wood County ADAMHS board regarding tornado damage, behavioral health response and need. Larry Mershman, Executive Board Director, has been leading the mental health response and implementing the local board emergency response plan working with mental health provider agencies, Red Cross, clinicians, county EMAs and first responders.

The Board has advised the availability of 14 mental health provider agency clinicians who are providing local support to mental health response. Behavioral Health Connection and Children Resource Center staff attended the graduation ceremony at Owens Community College and had clinicians available to talk with persons in distress or needing related behavioral health assistance.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

The 1,600 surgical masks requested by the Wood County Health Department for respiratory protection for workers clearing debris were delivered early this morning. ESF-1 Transportation assisted with shipment of the packages.

Ottawa County Health Department confirmed delivery of 50 doses of Tetanus vaccine. The product was received late yesterday morning (June 9).

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

AGO Consumer Protection Section members visited Fulton, Wood and Ottawa counties today to provide information about care in hiring contractors and the contractor registration program. They are setting up a service booth at the Millbury Fireman Recreation Hall, 28410 Oak Street. Hours of operation: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday (Saturday hours to be determined). The Section continues to work with the other impacted counties as well.

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)

The Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) of Fulton, Ottawa and Wood counties with FEMA/Small Business Administration was completed on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. The

Governors' letter to the President requesting a Federal Disaster Declaration for the three counties was drafted, signed and forwarded to FEMA Region V for processing. The Request is in process with FEMA as of the morning of Thursday, June 10, 2010.

Recovery and Mitigation are undertaking contingency planning to fulfill their administrative roles should federal disaster assistance become available in accordance with the Governor's request.

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. Telephone interviews were conducted with the following media outlets: Toledo Blade, WBNS-Columbus.

Press Releases

- Gov Strickland Requests Federal Disaster assistance for impacted communities. Governor's letter to the President is available on the Ohio EMA website: www.ema.ohio.gov.
- State Transportation Director Pledges Continued Help in NW Ohio. Media coverage by WTVG-ABC13 Toledo, WTOL-11 Toledo, and the Toledo Blade.

Executive Director Nancy Dragani will conduct a television interview with ABC13-Toledo tomorrow (June 11) to give an update the state's response to the NW Ohio tornadoes. Director Dragani will also tour tornado-stricken areas with Senator Sherrod Brown.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

Effective June 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) reduced the activation level from CAS-2 to CAS-1 for the *Severe Weather & Tornadoes June 2010* incident.

At CAS-1 the role of the State Emergency Operations Center is primarily monitoring and assessment. The Operations Room will close, however, the Assessment Room and Joint Information Center will remain open during normal business hours until further notice.

Agencies responsible for key information or resources necessary for efficient and effective response will continue to participate in State Emergency Operations Center operations – including completion of outstanding missions, information exchange, briefing participation, and development of daily situation reports. Briefing information will be provided prior to each briefing.

A CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2010 in the SEOC Assessment Room.

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