



**STATE OF OHIO**  
**Emergency Operations Center**  
**SITUATION REPORT**

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Ted Strickland, Governor  
**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
**SUBJECT:** Severe Weather and Tornadoes – June 5-6, 2010  
**DATE:** June 14, 2010

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Information in this Situation Report is current as of 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 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.

The SEOC Assessment Room will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until further notice to support county operations. There was a CAS-1 briefing at 10:00 a.m. this morning. The final CAS-1 briefing will be tomorrow, Tuesday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m.

**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 on 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 are attributed to this tornado. On Sunday, June 13, 2010, a sixth person would die from injuries sustained in the 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.

**Friday, June 11:** The SEOC conducted a CAS-1 briefing at 10:00 a.m. with state agencies actively involved in missions. The SEOC Assessment Room will remain open over the weekend from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13, 2010. The Ohio Fire Response System has been activated on behalf of Wood County to provide Advanced Life Support Vehicles (ambulance), Engines and Truck company support to back up the township's assets on station.

**Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13:** The SEOC Assessment Room was open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and was closed on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, June 14:** The SEOC conducted a CAS-1 briefing at 10:00 a.m. with state agencies actively involved in missions. There was a mission request for wood chippers in Wood County which was completed by ODOT. ESF lead agency representatives continue to monitor open missions.

The official death toll was increased to six, as victim, Ryan Walters, succumbed to injuries sustained in the tornado in Wood County. Walters' wife, Mary and son, Hayden were also killed in the storm. The Walters' daughter, Madison, survived the tornado.

## **DECLARATIONS**

County – Tuscarawas

County/State – Fulton, Ottawa and Wood

## **WEATHER**

### **Weather Forecast**

Most of Ohio has a chance for showers and thunderstorms today especially areas near Lake Erie. Highs today will be in the low to mid 80s. Lingering showers and thunderstorms are possible tonight especially south of I-70. Similar weather conditions are expected for Tuesday but clearing weather is forecast on Wednesday and through the weekend.

### **Warnings, Watches and Advisories**

The NWS flash flood watch continues for counties across southern Ohio (Adams, Athens, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Gallia, Hamilton, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, Warren, and Washington).

Through Wednesday morning a nearly stationary frontal boundary will remain near the area, allowing for multiple rounds of showers and thunderstorms to move through the region. Recent rainfall over the past few days has already saturated the ground. Additional rainfall may cause localized flash flooding issues.

## **STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS**

### **ESF 1 – Transportation**

#### **Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)**

State Route 795 East of I-280 is detoured in Wood County for storm clean-up. ODOT reports all other roadways are open.

### **ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works**

#### **Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)**

Five missions were assigned for this event; two of the missions have been completed and three are currently active. The three active missions are currently assigned to ODOT.

#### **Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)**

Three active debris missions remain, with two equipment issues addressed since the last briefing. An initial request for a clamshell bucket for a track hoe was made and satisfied by a local contractor this morning. Two additional chippers with operators have been requested for the Wood County, Millbury debris mission. They will be included with today's equipment response.

**Wood County:** ODOT is currently working the Millbury area with 7 Highway Technicians, 7 Dumps, 1 Front End Loader, and 2 Skid Steer (two chippers with operators were requested today). Friday a total of 7 loads of debris were hauled, bringing the total loads hauled to 102. There is an estimated two work days remaining to complete the mission.

**Ottawa County:** ODOT is currently working the Williston/Clay Center areas with 11 Highway Technicians, 8 dumps, 1 track hoe, 2 Backhoes, 1 Loader, 1 Trailer, 2 ODNR Dumps with Drivers, 1 Crane Creek Park Dump with driver. Friday a total of 30 loads of debris were hauled, bringing the total loads hauled to 120. There is an estimated three work days remaining to complete the mission.

**Fulton County –** ODOT is currently working the Swan Creek Township area with 10 Highway Technicians, 7 Dumps, 2 Loaders, 1 Backhoe, and 3 Pickups with chainsaws. ODNR will provide 2 dumps with drivers. Friday a total of 32 loads of debris were hauled, bringing the total loads hauled to 70. There is an estimated two work days remaining to complete the mission.

### **ESF 6 – Mass Care**

#### **Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)**

ESF 6 has completed three of four missions and is helping coordinate a mission regarding donated items to support Wood County local cleanup response. Roy Nelson from Adventist Community Services will be reporting to Wood County EMA to assess donation management needs.

Volunteer Reception Center is open in Wood County at the Fire Rec. Hall in Millbury and will remain open through Tuesday, June 15. More than 3,000 volunteers have been processed over 8 days to assist with cleanup. In the coming days OCSC will work with ESF 6 partners to secure accurate total volunteer numbers in Wood, Fulton, and Ottawa counties.

The VRC in Fulton County is closed and the VRC in Ottawa County will close today.

#### Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Last week the Ohio Responds System was activated and alerts were sent to registered potential volunteers in Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood Counties. One hundred and eight volunteers responded with availability to assist those affected by the recent tornado.

#### American Red Cross (ARC)

To date, the Red Cross has served 2,730 meals and 3,045 snacks. The feeding has been done via fixed feeding (three locations) and mobile feeding for emergency personnel and affected residents. Several hundred more meals and snacks have been provided by the Salvation Army in partnership with the Red Cross. After conversations with local government, police and fire departments, and community partners regarding their needs, fixed feeding operations will conclude at close of business on Wednesday.

ARC provided bulk distribution at three different sites in Ottawa and Wood Counties and through delivery in impacted neighborhoods, and participated in community-based, multi-agency resource centers.

Mental health and spiritual care volunteers from partner agencies were assigned with Red Cross outreach and bulk distribution teams in addition to fixed locations. Mental health volunteers are also reaching out to volunteers from partner agencies, non-first-responder volunteers at Lake Twp. FD and police department, and spontaneous volunteers when challenges are detected or on request. ARC is providing casework services and mental health access at St. Peter's Church, Millbury from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ARC is maintaining caseworker access through Red Cross chapters and branches in affected areas. ARC is supporting a secondary drop-off site in Walbridge at Main Street Church's "705 Campus" through close of business Wednesday to relieve pressure at St. Peter's Church/Resource Center. This secondary drop off site will close on Wednesday.

ARC is supporting United Way managed Volunteer Reception Centers to process spontaneous offers of help. Supplies are being provided for volunteers at VRC by Red Cross.

Through the course of this Disaster Relief Operation, the Red Cross has had a total of 63 staff. Of this number, 43 are affiliated and partner/company volunteers.

#### VOAD

Long term recovery committee meetings have been scheduled in Wood and Fulton counties this afternoon. A long term recovery committee has not yet been scheduled in Ottawa County. Lisa

Mora is the assigned case manager. Referrals of families who do not have insurance are being accepted at 740-732-6700.

Volunteer teams are available and assignments are given to volunteers through the Volunteer Reception Center in Walbridge, through each county EMA office, or through case management referrals. Volunteers will assist families without insurance. Volunteer Reception Center is still open at the Fire Dept. 1911 Ayers Rd., Millbury.

Adventist Community Services is coordinating donations management, using semi trailers in Millbury. Only identified needs will be accepted as donations.

Spiritual and emotional care continues to be provided through VOAD agencies in Wood County: Calvary Lutheran Church, St. Jerome Parish, and a local shop on Main St. in Millbury. A community wide prayer service is being scheduled.

VOAD will teleconference tonight at 6pm, 1-800-320-4330, 271187#

#### Ohio Department of Aging

Area Agency on Aging headquartered in Toledo had 37 Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers who worked to process volunteers during the aftermath of the tornado in NW Ohio.

#### **ESF 13 – Law Enforcement**

##### Attorney General's Office (AGO)

The Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Section concluded its work of having a physical presence in the three declared counties yesterday. They assisted local government officials with consumer protection issues and stand ready to assist further as questions or concerns arise. Materials were left in all three counties for further distribution.

#### **ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation**

##### 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 Governor's 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 HQ.

Recovery staff are providing technical assistance for issues such as disaster assistance and debris management to state agencies/departments, county EMA personnel, as well as, local officials in the impacted counties.

## **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.

Executive Director Nancy Dragani conducted a television interview with WTVG ABC13-Toledo Friday morning. She gave an update of the state's response to the NW Ohio tornadoes and provided information on volunteering and donating money, goods and services. The interview was broadcasted Sunday morning (June 13). Local media outlets covered the June 11 visits from Sen. Brown, Rep. Latta and Dir. Dragani. They toured tornado-damaged areas in Fulton and Wood counties.

### **County Impacts**

The following county reports are current as of 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 14, 2010.

#### **Wood County**

Saturday operations made significant process in most areas in the Village of Millbury and throughout Lake Township. The landfill agreed to be open until 1400 hrs so crews maximized utilizing the landfill open hours. A smaller volume of volunteers that were available began smaller clean up operations where the larger debris had been removed. Wood County Highway Garage, Township, Village, and Bowling Green crews have been working on debris removal.

The official death total is now six. A victim has succumbed to injuries sustained from the tornado.

#### **Fulton County**

Efforts are still underway addressing many residents with removal of wooded debris from their homes. Volunteers are cutting and dragging debris to the right of ways, while TWP, ODOT, County, Toledo Forestry, and other entities continue to remove the wooded debris. Many residents have been addressed while there are many still in need the issues are being addressed. Fulton County is working with Lucas County to address residents in the western portion of Lucas affected by the severe weather and have supported Fulton with volunteers as well as resources.

The Volunteer Reception Center has been closed but continues to filter volunteers and is being coordinated by the efforts of the Latter Day Saints and Township with continued support and resources from the Fulton County EMA office. Volunteers are being asked to call before reporting to make sure work groups are available.

The Fulton County EOC will not officially be open but will have one or two staff members in the office until 16:30.

#### **Ottawa County**

Debris clearance is continuing today. Nearly all tree debris that was in the public right of way has been removed. Large trees that were left standing, but severely damaged that need to be removed have been identified in the public right of way. The effort to remove these trees will continue

today. Debris is being taken by crews to the Hoffman Road Landfill (fees waived by the City of Toledo). Hoffman Road Landfill has extended hours of operation to receive material. Recyclables (metals, appliances) continue to be staged for disposal.

Over 300 volunteers were registered Sunday. The Volunteer Reception Center will be closing today. Residents needing volunteer help can still call the United Way at 211. The Ottawa County Transportation Agency is operating a one bus shuttle for volunteers from Genoa High School to the incident site through today. CERT members from Erie County continue to support the on scene outreach center for the County. Erie County CERT plans to operate at the site through Monday. The American Red Cross will continue operations through the June 17 at St. Peter's Church in Millbury. The Salvation Army will provide box lunches through local churches.

The Ottawa County Health Department will give shots as needed if contacted directly at 419-734-6800. Through Sunday 152 tetanus shots have been given.

A lost and found center has been established at Genoa High School for items from the tornado.

#### **BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

The final CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, in the SEOC Assessment Room.

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