



STATE OF OHIO
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SITUATION REPORT

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: John R. Kasich, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Snow and Ice Storm – February 2011
DATE: February 3, 2011

Information in this Situation Report is current as of 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2011 unless otherwise noted.

In response to the “Snow and Ice Storm – February 2011” event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at Crisis Action Level 1 (CAS-1) on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. There have been no local requests for state-level assistance.

CAS-1 briefings were held at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. today.

This is the second Situation Report for this incident. The SEOC Assessment room will be staffed on a 24-hour basis until further notice.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A significant winter storm affected the Ohio Valley during the period with a mixture of snow, sleet and freezing rain for the period January 31-February 2, 2011. Significant ice accumulations were observed north of the Cincinnati Tri-State region, and into the Miami Valley regions, as well as central Ohio. Heavy snow and sleet affected parts of the northern Miami Valley and west-central Ohio. Northern Kentucky and south-central Ohio experienced relatively light wintry precipitation early in the event before temperatures warmed above freezing during the day January 31st.

Primary impacts were power outages and limited transportation. Energy providers are rapidly restoring power and major highways have reopened. There are no unmet needs and there have been no requests for state or federal assistance.

The State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center Assessment Room was activated and Crisis Action Level 1 briefings held beginning February 1, 2011. The Assessment Room has been on 24-hour operations since February 1.

DECLARATIONS

Stark County

WEATHER

High pressure will be in control of Ohio weather today providing for fair skies. It will be cold with highs in the upper teens north to upper 20s south. Tonight will be clear and frigid with lows between -5 and 10 degrees and on Friday expect partly cloudy skies with slightly warmer temperatures and highs between 30 and 40 degrees. Accumulating snow is expected in Ohio on Saturday.

No NWS warnings, watches or advisories are in effect for Ohio at this time.

Snow Emergency Levels

Level 1(Use Caution) - 14

Level 2 (Essential Travel Only) - 8

Level 3 (Non-Emergency Travel Prohibited) - None

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS BY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF)

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Roadways continue to improve statewide with mostly dry to wet conditions on our primary routes. ODOT currently has 825 plow crews working cleaning up secondary routes, berms etc. ODOT is currently showing two storm related closures. One in Guernsey on SR 146 for high water and the other in Clinton on SR 729 due to power lines.

The ODOT Delaware District Complex was still without power this morning. The Director's office advised non-operational personnel were permitted to go home pending the return of power.

Continue to monitor www.buckeyetraffic.org for the latest in traffic conditions.

ESF- 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) – ESF-6 Staff

ESF-6 staff will continue to monitor mass care activities throughout the day.

American Red Cross (ARC)

Shelter Name	County	Shelter Type (Overnight/Warming)	Shelter population
Canton Civic Center	Stark	Overnight	75
Hilliard United Methodist Church	Franklin	Overnight	1
Bethesda Temple	Montgomery	Overnight	30
The Vineyard Church	Greene	Overnight	27
Sulphur Grove UMC	Montgomery	Overnight	5
Floral Valley Center	Knox	Overnight	Closing as of 5:00 PM

Franklin County reports that all Recreation Centers (31) are open as warming stations.

Total population reported: 138
Total Shelters reported open: 6
Total Warming stations reported open: 31

Ohio Citizen Corps

Stark County MRC continuing to activate MRC medical volunteers to one shelter in Canton City through Friday (February 4) at 8:00 a.m. The request was to have two nurses for round-the-clock staffing. Stark County EOC activated on February 2 and is still active.

Columbus/Franklin County MRC has seventy-five volunteers on standby and will have four nurses working at the Hilliard Red Cross shelter today.

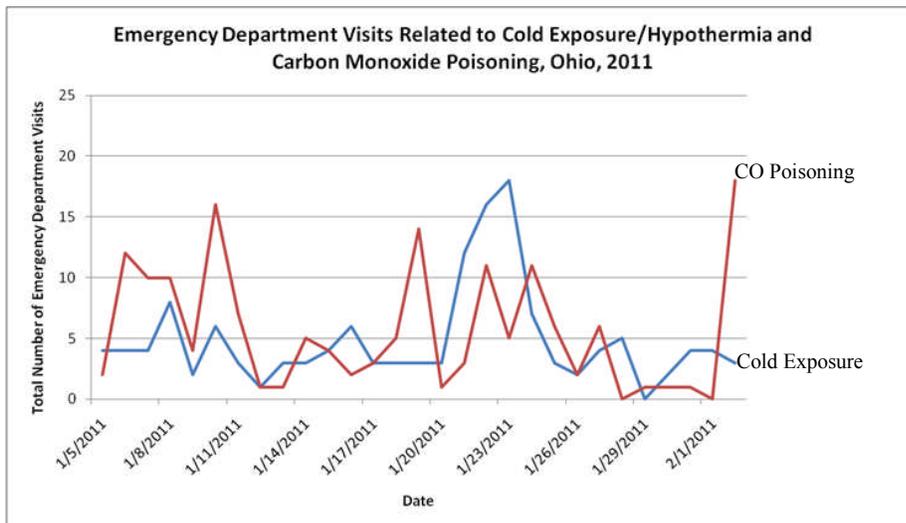
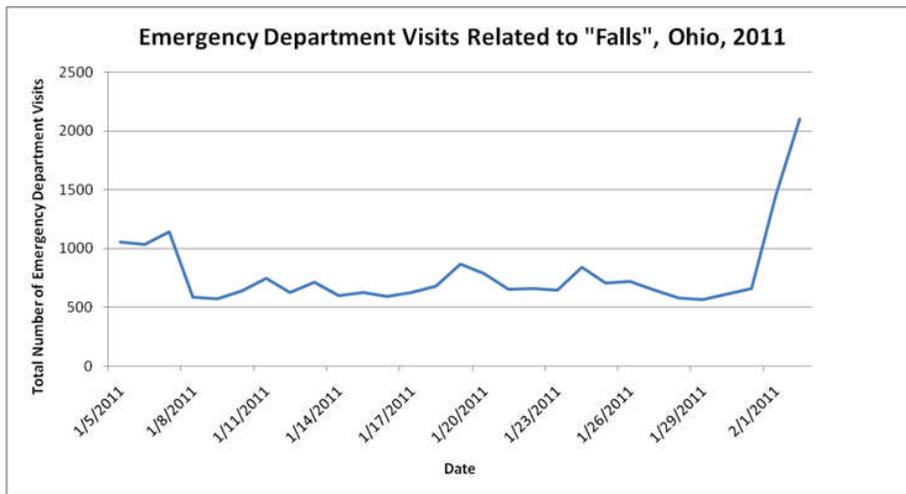
ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Currently, the Ohio Department of Health has no reports of licensed and/or certified entities (long term care, residential care or intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities) with significant adverse impacts associated with the winter weather event.

At this time there are no requests for volunteers for any missions except for a few Red Cross volunteers.

Ohio continues to observe spikes in emergency department visits related to the recent poor weather conditions, including spikes in falls, cold exposures/hypothermia, and carbon monoxide poisonings. Yesterday, a 2.2-fold increase was observed in visits related to falls. Visit levels increased another 44% yesterday, bringing the total visits to a nearly 3-fold or 200% increase in falls as compared to the previous 17-day average. Emergency Department visits for carbon monoxide poisonings also showed a spike yesterday; however, the trends for cold exposures/hypothermia are more variable and commonly occurring during the winter season. These findings are displayed on the charts below.



Situational Monitoring & Event Detection staff identified two clusters of carbon monoxide poisoning yesterday in Delaware and Cuyahoga Counties, respectively.

ESF-11 – Food and Agriculture

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

No additional information or requests have been received from dairy farmers in Wayne & Stark counties. Included below is a website on how to keep food safe during a power outage. Yesterday, several newspapers throughout the State ran this information as an article to inform the public and in Columbus. Channel 10 TV had an Ohio Department of Agriculture food safety inspector informing the public on this same issue. http://www.agri.ohio.gov/public_docs/news/2011/2-01-11%20Fact%20Sheet%20Emergency%20Preparedness%20and%20Food%20Safety.pdf

ESF-12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

The number of statewide power outages continued to improved over the past 24 hours, dropping from approximately 271,000 customers yesterday (February 2) to a reported 116,000 customers early this morning (February 3).

As of 2:00 p.m. today, the state-wide customer outage numbers had declined to a total of approximately 70,322 outages, which includes 3,265 outages for the Rural Electric Cooperatives statewide.

- AEP reports 39,082 remaining outages;
- Duke has declined to 72 remaining outages;
- First Energy has 770 left; and
- DP&L is down to approximately 27,000 customer outages primarily in Montgomery and Greene counties.

The bulk of restorations will be completed by midnight tonight and tomorrow, and the last remaining by the end of the weekend.

In a related matter, today the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Transportation Department has granted regulatory relief for the hours-of-service requirements for the intrastate transport of heating oil and motor fuels. The regulatory relief granted by the PUCO is effective immediately and expires at 12:01 a.m., February 11, 2011.

ESF-13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

Since 12:01 a.m. on January 31, 2011 the Highway Patrol has investigated 1,410 total crashes and assisted 4,183 motorists.

The fatal traffic crash that occurred in the City of Ashland on US-250 at Cleveland Avenue earlier this week was determined to be weather related.

Colonel John Born regrets to announce the passing of Trooper Tim Hall and his wife Molly of the Lebanon Post. Trooper Hall and Molly were found dead in the garage of their home this morning of what appears to be carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator that was running in the garage. Trooper Hall had been without power in his home for several days. The Patrol family mourns the loss of Trooper and Molly Hall and extends thoughts and prayers to his family, friends and coworkers.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA distributed the Debris Fact Sheet for Local Officials via email to all County EMA offices. This Fact Sheet provides Local Officials with Debris Management information for reduction, disposal, environmental compliance, etc. of event related debris. The fact sheet can be accessed at http://www.ema.ohio.gov/Documents/DRB/debris_fact_sheet.pdf.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Public messaging has continued throughout the day with ABC News and local media concerning number of power outages and shelters/warming centers.

EMA Executive Director and Public Affairs Officer will travel with Governor Kasich, the Lieutenant Governor and his staff to Stark County this evening. The city of Canton has a high population of citizens without power. More than 200 people were sheltered overnight.

EMA Public Affairs is coordinating activities with Stark County EMA in preparation of the governor's visit.

COUNTY-LEVEL REPORTS

The Emergency Operations Centers in the following counties will be open beyond normal working hours today:

- Montgomery (Closing at 8:30 p.m.)
- Franklin (Closing between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., TBD)
- Stark (7:00 p.m.)

FEDERAL PARTNER REPORTS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reports 20 generators of a 54-generator support package arrived at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. There is an additional 54-generator support package expected to arrive at Wright Patterson AFB within the next 48 hours. These federal assets are deployed to support the states in FEMA Region 5 (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio). Access to these federal assets is predicated upon a declaration of emergency or disaster within a state and a request for federal assistance.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

The next CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 4, 2011. Please send Situation Report information to eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us.