



# STATE OF OHIO

## Emergency Operations Center

### SITUATION REPORT

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#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Bob Taft, Governor

**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency

**SUBJECT:** Flooding in Eastern/Southeastern Ohio SITREP No. 11

**DATE:** September 22, 2004 – 8 p.m.

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**The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. September 23, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.**

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#### GENERAL SITUATION

Flood-related issues continue in eastern-southeastern Ohio counties. Township, county, and state roadways remain closed throughout the area due to high water, mudslides, or slips, leading to response effort delays.

Ohio River flooding has occurred over an area extending from Columbiana County in the north to Gallia in the south. The forecast for today is sunny with the high in the 80's and is expected to remain so through Thursday. There is a chance for scattered showers on Friday and Saturday, but no heavy precipitation is expected.



*Monroe County, Cameron*

#### STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

##### ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

###### *Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)*

The Lt. Governor and the Director of the Department of Commerce, Jennette Bradley, is scheduled to be in the State EOC tomorrow at 3:00 p.m..

OEMA field liaisons remain on duty assisting authorities in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, and Washington with response and recovery needs. A total of 153 missions are being worked through the State's Emergency Operations Center.

**Bob Taft, Governor**  
**Jennette Bradley, Lt. Governor**

**Kenneth L. Morckel, Director**  
**Department of Public Safety**

***Declarations***

Fifteen counties are under a federal declaration of emergency, eighteen counties are under a state proclamation of emergency, and two counties are under a county emergency only. FEMA has approved Governor Bob Taft’s request to roll the incident period back to August 27, 2004 for the current presidential declaration #1556, for Individual Assistance.

| <b>#</b> | <b>County</b> | <b>Jurisdiction</b> | <b>Declaration Level</b> | <b>Type</b> |
|----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1        | Belmont       | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 2        | Carroll       | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 3        | Columbiana    | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 4        | Guernsey      | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 5        | Harrison      | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 6        | Jefferson     | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 7        | Monroe        | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 8        | Morgan        | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 9        | Muskingum     | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 10       | Noble         | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 11       | Perry         | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 12       | Stark         | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 13       | Trumbull      | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 14       | Tuscarawas    | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 15       | Washington    | Countywide          | County/State/Federal     | Emergency   |
| 16       | Athens        | Countywide          | County/State             | Emergency   |
| 17       | Meigs         | Countywide          | County/State             | Emergency   |
| 18       | Vinton        | Countywide          | County/State             | Emergency   |
| 19       | Gallia        | Countywide          | County Only              | Emergency   |
| 20       | Mahoning      | Countywide          | County Only              | Emergency   |

**ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION**

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

There are still 20 state routes closed or restricted due to flooding and debris. Numerous county and township roads are closed due to mud slides, slips and washouts.

ODOT is assessing the need to repair Center Township Road 131 in Noble County, a township road in Belmont County, and a request for equipment in Meigs County. ODOT has workers with equipment in the declared counties continuing work on state routes, clearing mud slides and opening damaged routes.

**ESF 2 – Communications**

***Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)***

Ohio EMA reports that there are two additional MARCS EComm channels available for use. EComm # 7 is now available for law enforcement missions, EComm # 10 is available for debris missions and counties, as well as state agencies, have access to these channels. Ohio EMA reports that ONG has received 17 MARCS hand held radios and that it coordinated with ONG and ODJFS for video conferencing capability in the affected areas.

### **ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

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

ODNR's Division of Water reports that they will begin providing technical assistance to area flood plain managers on substantial damage determinations, tomorrow with the first meetings scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in Belmont County.

#### ***Ohio Department of Health (ODH)***

ODH received a request from Marietta City in Washington County for assistance with damage assessment in several mobile home parks. An ODH representative will be on-site tomorrow to provide assistance with the assessment.

#### ***Ohio National Guard (ONG)***

ONG reports that they have 117 engineers assisting with road restoration, water line restoration and debris removal in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, and Washington counties.

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

ODOT reports that in Powhatan Point, Belmont County, two trucks and a loader are cleaning the marina. After 4:00 PM, ODOT will dispatch 10 dump trucks to assist in the debris removal.

ODOT has 480 employees in Athens, Monroe, Guernsey, Jefferson, Noble, and Washington Counties. In Marietta, Waste Management from Parkersburg is currently removing debris staged at the county fairgrounds.

ODOT has concentrated on the state highway system, closing and opening roads, repairing slips, slides and washouts, and removing structures. Preliminary estimate of damage to the state highway system alone may exceed \$20 million and the anticipated contracts with the Federal Highway Administration will be on going for at least the next year.

#### ***Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC)***

ODRC reports that there are 40 inmates and 8 staff in Marietta working on debris removal and will have a crew in Athens tomorrow morning.

The Debris Removal Management Group (DRMG) reports that OEPA is working with West Virginia's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to coordinate the movement of debris from Washington and Monroe Counties to a West Virginia landfill. OEPA is evaluating a request from Belmont County for permission to have controlled burns of debris in northern and southern sections of the county. OEPA is working to identify staging areas for debris before it is sent on to landfills and is looking at the availability of contractors to perform hauling duties. The DRMG reports that the U.S. Corps of Engineers will deploy personnel to Belmont and Jefferson Counties to provide technical assistance on the removal of structural debris.

### **ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING**

#### ***State Fire Marshal (SFM)***

No report.

## **ESF 6 – MASS CARE**

### ***American Red Cross (ARC)***

Washington County: 35 special needs clients are sheltered in hotels/motels and will continue for an undetermined amount of time.

ARC will continue their feeding efforts, damage assessment, and casework assistance for affected families in the various counties. Families needing assistance should contact the local chapter of the Red Cross. There are Service Delivery Sites open in Jefferson, Meigs, and Washington counties.

### ***Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)***

The Marietta office is in its building and is taking calls. They are triaging calls for assistance from another location. Case managers are out again in the community. The Department of Aging is working with Monroe County to identify individuals age 60 or over who need housing assistance.

### ***Ohio Department of Education (ODE)***

The Department of Education is currently using school finance area coordinators, educational service centers and home-office data processing and staff support to gather information on flood-related school building closures. ODE is currently developing a listing of affected school buildings, the duration and dates of closures, the number of students affected and the reasons for closure (building flooding, transportation issues or both). Data has been collected for Athens, Washington, Gallia, Guernsey, Monroe, Belmont, Stark, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Noble, Harrison and Jefferson Counties.

## **ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT**

### ***Department of Administrative Services (DAS)***

DAS reports that they are working with FEMA to locate mobile homes for possible use. A dealer in Columbus has been found and negotiations are in progress for 80-90 mobile homes.

Clean-Up Kits – ARC reports that 1500 clean up kits were delivered to Washington County today, 500 of these were then delivered to Meigs County.

Donations Management - VOAD opened donations management sites to distribute supplies in the following communities, Belmont (Bridgeport), Guernsey (Byesville), Meigs (Pomeroy), Washington (Marietta) and Jackson (Jackson) counties. DAS reports that three truckloads of cleaning supplies and other assorted supplies are enroute from the United Methodist Mid-West Missions Distribution Center in Illinois to the VOAD facilities in Ohio. Case Western Univ. students have a truckload of furniture to deliver to the VOAD center in Byesville this weekend.

## **ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL**

### ***Ohio Department of Health (ODH)***

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – ODH received requests for 150 doses of tetanus vaccine from the Meigs County HD, 200 doses of tetanus vaccine from the Monroe County HD, 150 doses of tetanus vaccine from the Noble County HD, 500 doses of tetanus vaccine from the Washington County HD. All requests were scheduled to be delivered by close of business today.

Private Well Testing – ODH continues to assist the affected counties regarding requests for private well water testing. ODH is providing technical assistance, sampling bottles, and potentially, will waive lab fees, if necessary.

***Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)***

ODMH reports that Behavioral Health Boards are applying for crisis counseling grants and that several counties have deployed teams to meet local needs.

**ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE**

***Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)***

No new or working missions.

**ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS**

***Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)***

OEPA wants to emphasize that all Spills, tank, drums etc, need to be reported to the EPA spill hotline (800-282-9378) so they can be documented and addressed. Affected area residents are urged to use the OEPA hot line when reporting oil sheen/fuel/chemical spills, displaced heating oil tanks/drums, drinking water plant and waste water treatment plant issues. OEPA has completed an informational fact sheet on home heating oil spill cleanup procedures and also one on the handling of household hazardous waste. Both fact sheets will be posted on the Ohio EPA web site at [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us).

OEPA reports that 9 drinking water systems have lifted their boil advisories. They include Marietta, Tupper plains, Gallia County Rural Water, Bellaire, Belmont county sanitary district 1 & 3, Bridgeport, Martins Ferry, and Shadyside. That leaves advisories in just 3 counties, Meigs, Gallia, and Belmont. OEPA wants to point out that these are system wide advisories and that there can still be localized advisories, within the systems, due to small line breaks.

OEPA reports that in Belmont County, at the Powhatan Point sewage plant, there is an issue with a sink hole impacting part of the plant which could affect their operations. This is a high priority issue that our district office staff is working with FEMA on.

**ESF 12 – ENERGY**

***Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)***

**PUCO Energy Status Chart**

| <b>Name of Company</b> | <b>County</b> | <b>Location</b> | <b>Customers</b> | <b>Estimated Restoration</b> |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Columbia Gas           | Belmont       | Neffs           | 17               |                              |
| Columbia Gas           | Jefferson     | Brilliant       | 41               |                              |
| Dominion Gas           | Washington    | Marietta        | 119              |                              |

PUCO reports ten GTE North customers in the Seneca Lake area have no phone service. The company is working in the area but has yet to report their restoration status.

## **ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### ***Ohio National Guard (ONG)***

ONG military police personnel are working on 12-hour shifts to support local law enforcement agencies with security issues. There are 30 MPs working in Belmont County and 35 in Monroe County.

### ***Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)***

The Marietta Post is operational and the Patrol's mobile command post vehicle has been redeployed. OSHP reports that the delivery of tetanus vaccine to Steubenville was completed and that they are working on increasing security and road patrols in the affected areas.

## **RECOVERY**

### ***Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)***

FEMA and Ohio EMA have started Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) and anticipate finishing them on Thursday. The PDA briefing schedule for the counties is being finalized and will be distributed upon completion. The Belmont County DRC opened at 1:00 p.m. and the Columbiana County DRC at 3:00 p.m.. Three additional DRCs have been identified. The DRC in Minerva will service both Stark and Carroll counties. DRCs have been identified for both Monroe and Perry counties. Ohio EMA will provide dates and times of their openings, when they become available. Ohio EMA will continue to work with the other affected counties to identify potential DRC sites.

Recovery reports that in the presidentially declared counties, the Individual Assistance (IA) program is being implemented. For IA only, this disaster's (#1556) start date has been adjusted back to August 27, 2004. The key message is that to be considered for the IA program, individuals and businesses must call and register at 1-800-621-FEMA.

State agencies must track and document overtime, labor, equipment and material for reimbursement under a federal declaration. This includes overtime incurred at the EOC.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Public Affairs is providing daily updates on agency activities as well as issuing press releases.

## **BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

All agencies should email their reports to: [eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us)

Conference call number: 614-387-3141

Assessment Room fax number: 614-764-2742

# DECLARATION

## SUMMARY

STATE: Ohio

NUMBER: FEMA-1556-DR

INCIDENT: Severe Storms and Flooding

INCIDENT PERIOD: September 8, 2004, and continuing

DATE REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR: September 17, 2004

DATE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT: September 19, 2004

FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER: Lee Champagne  
National FCO Program

### DESIGNATIONS AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

#### INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE(Assistance to individuals and households):

Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Washington Counties.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities):

None.

#### HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (Assistance to State and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards):

All counties in the State of Ohio are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date after further evaluation.

STATE OF OHIO  
**Executive Department**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, beginning on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 and continuing, remnants of Hurricane Frances in the form of strong storms moved across the southern, central and southeastern parts of the State of Ohio. These storms produced high winds, extremely heavy rain, and flooding, creating dangerous conditions and damages which have affected the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Tuscarawas and Trumbull Counties; and

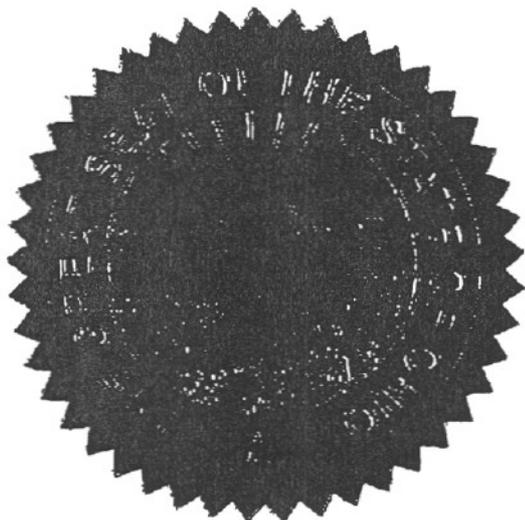
WHEREAS, these heavy rains on top of already saturated ground resulted in significant flooding. These circumstances have caused and continue to cause significant damage to homes, businesses and public infrastructure in Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Tuscarawas and Trumbull Counties forcing the disruption of transportation, and threatening the health and safety of the citizens of these counties; and

WHEREAS, the local government and the citizens of these counties require assistance in recovering from the effects of the storm. Resources and services of the State, its agencies and departments, are needed to recover from the effects of the storm and to prevent further damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Taft, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists for Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Tuscarawas and Trumbull Counties and order into service such personnel of the state departments/agencies as necessary, in accordance with Section 5502.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, to assist in protecting the lives, safety, health, and property of the citizens of these counties and other affected areas. I also order into state active duty such personnel and units of the Ohio National Guard as designated by the Adjutant General, pursuant to Section 5923.21 of the Ohio Revised Code. Those units and personnel will act pursuant to orders issued on my behalf by the Adjutant General and through him, the commanding officers of the units of the Ohio National Guard to take whatever actions are necessary to assist local authorities in the protection of the lives, safety, health and property of the citizens of the affected areas.

I hereby further authorize the Department of Administrative Services and other departments and agencies of the State to suspend purchasing and contracting requirements contained in Sections 125.02 to 125.111 and Chapter 153 of the Ohio Revised Code, pursuant to Section 125.023 of the Ohio Revised Code, during the period of the emergency.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency, who will coordinate state response efforts and terminate the emergency upon the recommendation of appropriate officials of the other responding state department/ agencies.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed in my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, Ohio, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

*Bob Taft*

BOB TAFT, Governor

ATTESTED:

*Janet Blackwell*  
Secretary of State