



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. 13
DATE: September 23, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. September 24, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.

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.

Ohio River flooding has occurred over an area extending from Columbiana County in the north to Gallia in the south. All rivers are now below flood stage. 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.

Marietta, Washington County



STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

OEMA field liaisons remain on duty assisting authorities in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, and Washington with response and recovery needs.

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

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current presidential declaration #1556, for Individual Assistance. Athens, Gallia, Meigs, Mahoning and Vinton counties are being considered for inclusion in the federal declaration.

#	County	Jurisdiction	Declaration Level	Type
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 17 state routes closed or restricted due to flooding and debris. Numerous county and township roads are closed due to mud slides, slips and washouts.

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. The ONG has requested an additional 100 MARCS hand held radios. Ohio EMA reports that ODNR is providing 20 MARCS hand held radios and ODRC is providing 54 for ONG use. The donations hotline is set up in Ohio EMA’s Room 104.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR’s Division of Water reports that they are in Washington and Belmont Counties providing technical assistance and training to area flood plain managers on substantial damage determinations.

ODNR’s Division of Mineral Resources Management is currently working slip/landslide issues in Belmont and Vinton Counties.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG has a total of 133 ONG personnel working in Belmont, Washington and Meigs counties on transportation and engineering missions and using 129 pieces of equipment.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is now working in the Village of Cameron, Monroe County, clearing debris and continues to work assigned missions in Athens, Noble, Vinton, and Washington Counties. ODOT reports that removal is going well and that they have requested two more Waste Management trucks to take debris from Marietta to the land fill. The Jefferson County debris removal mission will be done by Sunday.

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 Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), SE District Office staff continues their field presence in affected counties with emphasis on Washington, Belmont and Jefferson Counties. Most counties are in the process of removing flood debris generated from damaged households. There are still questions regarding the management and disposal of woody debris and structural damage debris in areas where flash flooding occurred.

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC)

ODRC reports that there are 40 inmates and 8 staff in Marietta and a crew in Hockingport, Athens County, working on debris removal.

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 mixed 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 assisting counties in evaluating staging areas for debris before it is sent on to landfills. The information sent to county EMA directors on Hazardous Household Waste is working well in affected counties. Agencies working debris will continue hauling over the weekend.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

Washington County: 20 special needs clients are sheltered in hotels/motels and will continue for an undetermined amount of time.

ARC reports that they have opened an additional 171 cases and have activated 60 additional staff. ARC reports that the one shelter in Washington County will close today. 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)

ODA reports that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) continues the process of locating people in Monroe County who were reported to need housing, especially in the Cameron area. AAA staff is going door to door and have contacted all their congregate and meal delivery sites.

Ohio Department of Education (ODE)

ODE collected data from area school districts and reports that 222 school buildings were impacted by flooding, with an estimated total of 90,277 students affected by school closures, delays and early dismissals. The impacted buildings are in Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Jefferson, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington Counties.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS is working with FEMA to locate mobile homes for possible use and they continue to canvass the mobile home industry to locate vendors willing to rent trailers/mobile homes. DAS reports that they have contacted several building supply companies on the availability of building materials and will assess the need for the materials in the affected area.

Belmont County's third truckload of water was delivered today. ARC reports that they are working with Belmont County on a request for clean-up kits. DAS is forwarding a report of possible price gouging in Meigs County to the Attorney General's Office. ONG is delivering supplies in Jefferson County on behalf of the Red Cross.

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 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. DAS reports that an effort on the part of Mount Vernon Academy to collect donations for flood victims was picked up by Columbus's Channel 6 resulting in unintended publicity and a large response by the public. The Donations Management Group is evaluating the need to activate the hot line and a warehouse to assist with this effort. DAS reports that the Donations hot line at 1-888-FloodOH will begin operating this afternoon and will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting tomorrow. The Telephone Pioneers are manning the lines.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH reports that they are assessing health issues related to mobile home parks in Belmont County, Marietta, and Belpre.

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – ODH reports that there were requests for an additional 200 units of tetanus vaccine from both Jefferson County and Meigs County. Both deliveries were made by OSHP. ODH reports that they are working with local health departments on how to best administer the vaccine throughout the affected area and that before receiving a vaccination, people need to visit their physician for evaluation.

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.

ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA reports that the USEPA has done an assessment of spills and containers in Belmont County area and will be leaving the county today. The USEPA indicates no need for a wide scale cleanup or collection activity. Any future reports of spills or drums, etc. will be handled by the OEPA district office as they are reported to the 800 hot line.

OEPA reports that three systems remain on boil alerts. Two systems are in Belmont County, which are the Belmont County Sanitary District #3 and the York Twp. Water system (due to the break at Captina creek) and the third system is in Matamoras, in Washington County. OEPA wants to point out that these are system wide advisories and that there can still be localized advisories, within other systems, due to small line breaks. OEPA reports that in Columbiana County the village of Wellsville is reporting that an 8-inch drinking water line which had been fixed, broke again. They hope to have it repaired this today. The 30-40 residences impacted will be under a boil advisory once it is repaired, raising the total number of advisories to 4.

OEPA has compiled a comprehensive list of infrastructure that was damaged to make sure that all necessary locations are visited for assessment. Approximately 15 sewage facilities are reporting damages, ranging from minor pump and line damage in their collection systems, to fairly substantial damage.

OEPA reports that they continue to work in Belmont County, at the Powhatan Point sewage plant, where there is an issue with a sink hole impacting part of the plant which could affect their operations. OEPA reports that FEMA and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are assisting with this mission and that this is a high priority issue.

OEPA reports that Washington County advised that the county solid waste management personnel are reporting many drums along SR 821 and SR 26. This has been reported to Ohio EPA Emergency response staff for follow-up.

ESF 12 – ENERGY

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

PUCO has no reportable electric, natural gas or telephone service outages.

ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The Marietta Post is operational and the Patrol's mobile command post vehicle has been redeployed. OSHP reports that they continue to coordinate with ONG to fulfill the mission for increased security and road patrols in Belmont and Monroe Counties.

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 36 MPs in Monroe County for a total of 69 personnel, including 3 administrative staff. Belmont County's continuing need for MPs is being reassessed.

RECOVERY

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

FEMA and Ohio EMA have worked Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) in Carroll, Harrison, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, and Perry counties and are scheduled to be finished today. PDAs for Jefferson, Guernsey, Belmont, Noble, and Athens counties are scheduled to begin on Monday, with completion by Wednesday of next week. The PDA briefing schedule for the counties is being finalized and will be distributed upon completion.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in Belmont County and Columbiana County opened yesterday and as of close of business yesterday, there were a total of 35 clients served. A third DRC is scheduled to open in Washington County on Friday and information on times and location will be distributed when available. Ohio EMA will continue to work with FEMA and the other affected counties to identify DRC sites that will open in a series of staggered dates with DRC staff traveling along the circuit. Ohio EMA will provide dates and times of their openings, when they become available. At DRCs, people can obtain information on available assistance and return paperwork.

As of close of business yesterday, 2232 people registered for Individual Assistance (IA) and the 800-621-FEMA hot line remains very active today. 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.

There will be a state agency briefing concerning the Public Assistance program on Monday at 9:00 a.m. at Ohio EMA's offices. Assistance on pre-applications for cost recovery by state agencies will be provided at that time. State agencies must track and document overtime, labor, equipment and material for reimbursement under a federal declaration. This includes overtime incurred at the EOC.

Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA and ODNR's Division of Water report that they are coordinating with the affected counties and providing information on the National Flood Insurance Program. The focus at this point will be continuing our development of strong local capability to enforce the NFIP requirements as part of the recovery and repair for the communities impacted.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Affairs is providing daily updates on agency activities as well as issuing press releases. The Departments of Aging and Ohio EMA's joint press release went out to media in all the affected counties. The public affairs staff is working on a media release concerning price gouging.

Senator DeWine will visit the affected area on September 25th.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

All agencies should email their reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us

Conference call number: 614-387-3141

Assessment Room fax number: 614-764-2742

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus***AMENDED PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, beginning on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 and continuing, remnants of recent hurricanes 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 Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington 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 Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington 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.

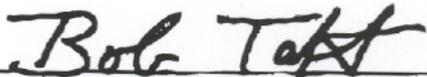
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Taft, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists for Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington Counties and order 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.

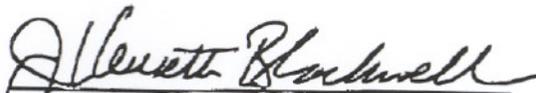
This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect until the emergency no longer exists, such time to be determined by the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency, who will coordinate state response efforts and terminate the emergency upon the recommendation 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 22nd day of September, 2004.


BOB TAFT, Governor

ATTESTED:


Secretary of State