



# STATE OF OHIO

## Emergency Operations Center

### SITUATION REPORT

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**TO:** John R. Kasich, Governor

**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency

**SUBJECT:** Statewide Severe Weather – March 2, 2012

**DATE:** March 9, 2012

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This is the seventh Situation Report for this incident. Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2012.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012 to monitor the “Statewide Severe Weather – March 2, 2012” event. On Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. the SEOC moved to Crisis Action Level 1 (CAS-1).

A CAS-1 briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. today. The SEOC Assessment Room will close at 5:00 p.m. today; hours Saturday and Sunday will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CAS-1 briefings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

#### **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

Severe weather, including seven tornados moved through Adams, Brown, Clermont, Pike and Scioto during the evening hours on March 2, 2012. National Weather Service preliminary estimates were that an eF3 tornado impacted Clermont County near Moscow, Ohio; an eF1 tornado impacted Adams County near Seaman, Ohio; an eF0 tornado impacted Adams County southwest of West Union, Ohio; an eF2 tornado impacted Adams County northeast of West Union, Ohio; and an eF0 tornado impacted Scioto County near Otway, Ohio. On March 6, another eF0 was confirmed by the NWS that touched down one half mile inside Scioto County near SR 772 at the Pike County line and moved into Pike County. On March 7, another eF0 tornado was confirmed by NWS that touched down southwest of Piketon in Pike County.

Clermont County, especially the Village of Moscow, suffered the most extensive damage of all the areas affected. On Saturday, March 3, Governor Kasich enacted a state declaration of emergency for Clermont County. The Governor also authorized implementation of the Ohio State Disaster Relief Program (OSDRP) for assistance to Clermont County in two categories: 1. Emergency Protective Measures, and 2. Debris. In addition, the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds, administered by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, are available to eligible low-income families with children in Clermont County.

A Joint FEMA/State Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment (Joint IA PDA) surveyed the impacted areas in Clermont County. The Joint IA PDA determined there were 19 residences destroyed, 23 with major damage, 25 with minor damage, and 78 affected. Approximately 42% of these residences have homeowner's insurance coverage.

### **FATALITIES**

The storms resulted in three (3) fatalities in Clermont County: James Prater, 54 and Bill Adkins, 58, both of Bethel; and Carol Forste, 64, Village of Moscow Councilwoman. No additional storm-related fatalities are anticipated in Ohio.

### **DECLARATIONS**

State: Governor Kasich issued a declaration for Clermont County on Saturday, March 3.

County: Clermont County

### **OHIO EMA FIELD OPERATIONS**

Two Ohio EMA Field Liaisons are in Clermont County. The Clermont County EOC will close at 6:00 p.m. and reopen at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. The Clermont County EOC hours of operation through the weekend will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **WEATHER**

Sunny with highs in the low-to-mid 50s on Saturday (except northern Ohio with mid-to-upper 40s); low to mid 60s on Sunday. There is a chance of rain Sunday night with rain showers likely for the first half of Monday.

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

**ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works**

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT),  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and  
Ohio National Guard (ONG)

***Clermont County Debris Management Support***

No debris was hauled from mission sites yesterday due to heavy rain. Missions continue today as indicated below:

**Mission #1 Moscow, Ohio**

If more debris does not show up, this mission should be completed today. The mission may resume once debris is taken out to the right-of-way. Equipment includes one track hoe, two tandem dump trucks, 2 pickups, chainsaws, and ONG assets. There are seven ODOT personnel working the mission.

**Mission #2 Franklin Township**

Beech Rd is a narrow dead end road, but crews are making it work. Any woody debris which is on the border of Franklin and Tate townships is hauled to the USDA site. Crews are staying in touch with USDA. Estimated completion of the mission is from one-and-a-half to two days. Equipment includes one loader, one chipper, one backhoe, two tandem dump trucks, three single-axle trucks, three pickups, and chainsaws. There are 12 personnel working the mission.

**Mission #3 Moscow Debris Pile**

Equipment on site has included one loader with one operator. ODNR trucks are hauling debris to Newtown landfill. ODOT is adding four additional dual axle dump trucks to the debris hauling mission from Moscow to the Newtown landfill. ODOT has also requested support from the two ONG dump trucks to support the existing six ODNR dump trucks assigned to this mission. ODOT has added a loader and operator to support the ONG unit over the weekend. They will report direct to Major St. Clair, ONG, for mission support.

The number of haul trucks will be increased on Monday. Expected equipment for Monday (3/12) includes 17 tandem trucks from Hamilton County ODOT, Clermont County ODOT, and ODNR, and two large tandem trucks from ONG.

**Ohio Department of Environmental Protection (OEPA)**

An OEPA Solid Waste subject-matter expert was on site at the Debris Staging Area (30 Wells St., Moscow, OH) again today to provide technical assistance, regulatory oversight and support.

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

The USDA and Ohio Department of Agriculture continue providing technical assistance relating to regulated woody debris in the Asian Longhorn Beetle (ALB) quarantine area.

A USDA Marshaling yard is available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7 days/week until further notice, for tree debris disposal in Tate Township. ALB Program personnel continue to conduct outreach in the storm affected areas to promote awareness and compliance with the ALB Quarantine. ALB Program personnel are planning to work with a group of volunteers organized by the Bethel fire Department this Saturday (3/10), focusing on debris clean up in Tate Twp. Program personnel will be inspecting tree debris for sign of ALB, helping to educate volunteers and the public on the quarantine and assisting with clean up.

**ESF 6 – Mass Care**

American Red Cross

One shelter is open at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1192 Bethel-New Richmond Rd, New Richmond. No population at this shelter as of this report. This shelter will close tomorrow (3/10).

American Red Cross Service Center is open at the Washington Twp. Hall, 2238 State Route 756, Moscow, Ohio. Transportation to the center is provided for those who need it. The ARC Service Center hours of operation are as follows:

3/9/12 – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
3/10/12 – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
3/11/12 – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
3/12/12 – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Donations

A Donations Center has been established at the Clermont County Fairgrounds located at 1000 Locust St., Owensville, Ohio 45160. Operating hours are as follows:

3/9/12 – 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
3/10/12 – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
3/11/12 – 12:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Ohio VOAD

Ohio VOAD is currently managing the donations center, the Volunteer Reception Center, and is staffing phones for the Volunteer and Family Urgent Needs Line in Clermont County. The Volunteer and Family Urgent Needs Line is 513-735-8521 and will be answered out of the Clermont County EOC by VOAD volunteers.

Volunteers are currently being directed to the Zimmer Power Plant, Gate 4, if they wish to assist with debris related missions. All other volunteers are being directed to the Clermont County Fairgrounds to assist with donations.

## ESF 14 – Recovery

### Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Christopher Thoms (ODNR Floodplain Management) and Steve Ferryman (Ohio EMA Mitigation) spoke with Moscow, Ohio Mayor Tim Suter regarding an inquiry through Senator Portman's office on suspending enforcement of local flood hazard area development regulations. Thoms and Ferryman explained the multitude of short- and long-term ramifications for not enforcing substantial damage requirements during the recovery period. Mayor Suter explained that an aide from Senator Portman's office was researching the answer to the question from a resident so that he could accurately respond. The Mayor stated clearly and repeatedly that the village fully supports efforts to enforce local flood hazard development regulations. ODNR and Ohio EMA offered continued support for this effort.

## ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information & External Affairs

### Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

**State Agency PIO Conference Call** – The Ohio EMA Public Affairs Office conducted its second telephone conference call today at 11 am with state agency PIOs. Ohio EPA, ODOT, ODA and Commerce/SFM were on the call.

ODOT PIO reported that yesterday's coverage by Fox19-Cincinnati on ODOT and debris removal went extremely well. WCPO-Channel 9 was there, but had to be called back.

The Cincinnati Bengals has 30 people in Moscow today assisting with debris cleanup. Public Relations Director Jack Brennan said that all four Cincinnati media outlets were covering the event (WLWT-Channel 5; WXIX-Fox19; WKRC-Channel 12; WCPO-Channel 9).

### **Press Releases**

**March 9** – (ODA) *Options for Disposal of Debris from Trees & Plants inside the ALB Quarantine Area of Tate Township*

(Please note that Melissa Ayers, ODOT PIO, will cover ESF-15 functions over the weekend.)

### **BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

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

The next CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2012.