



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 10, 2012

This is the eighth Situation Report for this incident. Information in this Situation Report is current as of 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 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 Sunday will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CAS-1 briefings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 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 6:00 p.m.

WEATHER

Sunshine and warmer weather is on the way today. Temperatures will rebound back into the mid to upper 40's north with 50's expected south today with most of the state in the 60's tomorrow as high pressure is in control of our weather for the next couple of days. The next chance for rain is expected Monday and Tuesday with warm weather sticking around through most of next week.

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

Currently two ONG dumps are working debris mission from the Moscow pile to the landfill supported by two ODOT operators. They will move up and work Tate Township in the afternoon once the landfill closes. They will also work Tate Township Sunday.

Clermont County requested another track hoe to work the debris pile for Monday. This mission is assigned to ODOT and will be processed by Sunday.

Three 30 foot semi-truck dumps are contracted for Monday and Tuesday to haul from the pile.

ODOT is expanding their tandems to 17 and ODNR will have four tandems and one single on-scene Monday.

ODOT will coordinate staging on-site with local representatives and monitor the weather locally for hazards.

Ohio Department of Environmental Protection (OEPA)

Ohio EPA solid waste/debris subject matter expert was in Moscow on Friday assisting Clermont Co. representatives on debris management and disposal operations and issues. He will return next week as necessary and is available earlier upon inquiry. Ohio EPA ER will continue to monitor SEOC operations through the weekend.

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Today 03/10, the USDA and Ohio Department of Agriculture have 13 staff members working in quarantined areas of Tate Township impacted by the storm. These employees are meeting with impacted property owners conducting one on one outreach on proper disposal of woody debris inside the quarantine area. We will continue to work with commercial maintenance contractors to ensure they are properly trained and under compliance agreement to work in the regulated area. On Friday March 9, our Marshalling Yard received 49 loads of woody debris totaling 412.6 cubic yards. To date we have received a total of 876.09 cubic yards of woody debris from the quarantined area of Tate Township. Our Marshalling Yard is located at 2896 State Route 232 Bethel, OH and will be open daily from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM until further notice.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

American Red Cross

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:

3/10/12 – 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:

3/10/12 – 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)

ESF 14 has been in contact with the Small Business Administration (SBA) on the process to request an SBA Agency-only declaration. The Governor will have to certify in his written request to SBA that he will not appeal the President's denial of a federal declaration and will need to send a copy of the denial letter. If he chooses to request an SBA declaration, he can announce now that he has requested and follow up on Monday with a formal request.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

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

The next CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, 2012.