





*This Week in Ohio EMA*

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## Ohio to Receive \$41.3 Million in 2006 Homeland Security Grants

On Wednesday, Governor Bob Taft announced that Ohio has been awarded \$41.3 million in homeland security funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

“These funds are critical to Ohio’s ability to prevent, respond to and recover from potential acts of terrorism or catastrophic natural disasters,” Taft said. “Ohio pledges to use the 2006 Homeland Security funds wisely and effectively to meet the critical needs and priorities of state and local agencies.”

Earlier this year, state and local officials gathered at regional meetings to identify key priorities for 2006 funding. The priorities identified included: Interoperable Communications; Law Enforcement, Intelligence and Information Sharing; Chemical-Biological-Radioactive-Nuclear-Explosive Response; Security of Critical Infrastructure and Key Assets; Statewide Regional Collaboration; Exercises; Mass Care and Citizen Protection; Medical Metropolitan Response; and Citizen Corps.

The award to Ohio will be divided into four primary grant programs and four urban area funding allocations. The four primary grants and award amounts are:

<b>State Homeland Security Program</b>	<b>\$12.6 million</b>
<b>Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program</b>	<b>\$9.18 million</b>
<b>Metropolitan Medical Response System</b>	<b>\$1.39 million</b>
<b>Citizen Corps</b>	<b>\$583,359</b>

Four Ohio urban areas will also receive homeland security funding allocations:

<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>\$4.66 million</b>
<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>\$4.7 million</b>
<b>Columbus</b>	<b>\$4.3 million</b>
<b>Toledo</b>	<b>\$3.85 million</b>

Since September 11, 2001, Ohio has received the following grant funding from DHS:

<b>FY2005</b>	<b>\$101.37 million</b>
<b>FY2004</b>	<b>\$121.55 million</b>
<b>FY2003</b>	<b>\$117.9 million</b>
<b>FY2002</b>	<b>\$28.95 million</b>
<b>FY 2002 – 2005 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$369.8 million</b>

Officials with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency will now begin the process of allocating monies to Ohio’s 88 counties and state agencies. Eighty percent of the total grant allocated to Ohio will be distributed to local governments.

**Homeland Security Threat Level:**

**ELEVATED** 

## National Response Plan Notice of Change

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the executive agent for the National Response Plan (NRP) management and maintenance. DHS will periodically update the NRP, as required, to incorporate new presidential directives, legislative changes and procedural changes based on lessons learned from exercises and real world incidents.

The NRP changes were designed to incorporate critical changes prior to the 2006 hurricane season.

Eleven critical modifications were made to the NRP on May 9, 2006. Subject changes are as follows:

- Multiple Joint Field Offices
- Principal Federal Official and Federal Coordinating Officer roles and responsibilities
- Department of Defense Joint Task Force (JTF) Commander and JTF Headquarters
- Structure of the Joint Field Office Sections
- Domestic Readiness Group
- Catastrophic Incident Annex
- Quick Reference Guide
- Interagency Incident Management Group and
- Homeland Security Operations Center
- Incident of National Significance
- ESF #13 (Public Safety and Security) Coordinator
- Mitigation

Questions regarding this Notice of Change should be directed to the following points of contact at the DHS Headquarters:

Department of Homeland Security  
Under Secretary for Preparedness  
**Attn:** Office of Infrastructure Protection,  
Contingency Preparedness & Support Division  
(202) 282-9810

Department of Homeland Security  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
**Attn:** Operations Division  
(202) 646-3590

## Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Division of Solid & Infectious Waste Management  
Presents:

### Landfill Fire Conference 2006



This one-day conference, offered in three Ohio locations, is designed to identify human health and environmental threats presented by landfill fires, how to plan for a fire event, and what to do if a fire occurs.

Personnel experienced in fire response and suppression will discuss what should be included in a fire plan, communication strategies, different types of fires, unique challenges posed by landfill fires, and current techniques for fighting fires.

State and federal agency representatives will be available to talk about fire assistance resources available to landfill operators, fire departments, first responders and health departments.

#### Landfill Fire Conference Availability:

- June 10 - North Canton, Ohio
- June 11 - Bowling Green, Ohio
- June 12 - Hamilton, Ohio

#### Conference Fees:

- \$25 for Fire Responders, Local, State or Federal Employees
- \$65 for Waste Industry and Non-Government Employees

Send payment payable (by June 5th) to:

#### **Treasurer, State of Ohio**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Div. of Solid & Infections Waste Mgmt.  
P.O. Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

## Emergency Management's Annual Golf Outing

Friday, August 25, 2006

Oakhaven Golf Course  
2871 U.S. Route 23  
Delaware, Ohio 43015



Cost: \$50. Price includes 18 holes, golf cart, unlimited use of driving range, and dinner at the end of play. (What a great deal!)

### Individual or Team Registration Form

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Amount enclosed (\$50/person): \_\_\_\_\_  
 POC & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail forms and checks to:  
 Dan Winningham, Golf Outing Coordinator  
 2475 Dunswoth Drive  
 Columbus, Ohio 43235  
 (or deliver to Ohio EMA, 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Rd.)

## EMA Updates

### Leaving Emergency Management:

**Jill Harris, Director**  
Athens County Emergency Management

**Thomas Moe, Director**  
Fairfield County Emergency Management

### National Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 18-24, 2006

Summertime is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena: lightning. According to the National Weather Service, an average of 67 people are killed by lightning each year in the United States.

For Lightning Safety Awareness, Education is Key. Use the 30-30 rule when there is good visibility and nothing is obstructing your view of the thunderstorm. When you see lightning, count the time until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within six miles and is dangerous. Seek shelter immediately. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder before leaving shelter.

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### Beaver Valley Power Station Plume / Ingestion Zone

Dry Run: **June 6 & 7, 2006**

Full-Scale FEMA Evaluated Exercise: **June 27 & 28**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 28</b>	 <b>29</b> Memorial Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Incident Mgmt Ohio EMA	<b>8</b> Communications TAC Teleconference - 10 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Beaver Valley Power Station DRY RUN (Plume Phase 06/06) Ingestion Phase 06/07		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> HazMat TAC Ohio EMA  Flag Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
 <b>18</b> Father's Day	<b>19</b> Medical TAC Ohio EMA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Water TAC Ohio EMA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
National Weather Service's NATIONAL LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK (June 18-24)						

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