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Governor Taft Announces Approval of Public Assistance for Three Ohio Counties

Governor Bob Taft announced Tuesday that President George Bush approved the request for three northeast Ohio counties to receive federal public assistance. With the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program, qualified local and state governments and private non-profit organizations are able to apply for reimbursement for emergency debris removal, emergency protective measures and repairs to roads, bridges, water control facilities, public buildings and public utilities.

“Preliminary damage assessments for Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake counties totaled more than \$13 million in damage to public property and infrastructure,” said Taft.

On August 10, joint assessment teams, consisting of county, state and federal emergency managers completed their surveys of damaged infrastructure and response costs incurred in the federally declared counties. Findings of the teams were as follows:

County	Public Damage Cost
Ashtabula	\$ 1,895,754
Gauga	\$ 590,335
Lake	\$11,122,482
Total	\$13,733,453

Representatives from Ohio EMA and FEMA will soon meet with local officials to further explain the public assistance application process.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

FEMA DR-1656 - Declared: August 1, 2006

Federal Individual Assistance for Ashtabula, Geauga and Lake counties.

Incident period: July 27 - August 4, 2006

Registrations for IA (as of August 14): **4,620**

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2006

FEMA Individuals & Household Program:
2,741 applications approved for **\$6,339,666**

Disaster Recovery Centers

The two DRCs in Lake County and the Mobile DRC in Ashtabula County **CLOSED** 6 p.m., on Thursday, August 17.

FEMA DR-1651 - Declared: July 2, 2006

Federal IA disaster assistance available for Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lucas, Sandusky and Stark counties.

Registration Deadline: August 30

FEMA Individuals & Household Program:
5,161 applications approved for **\$7,735,597**

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Briefings

August 21, 1 p.m.
 Lake County EMA
 8505 Garfield Road - Mentor, OH

August 24, 9:30 a.m.
 Ashtabula County EOC
 25 West Jefferson Street - Jefferson, OH

August 24, 1 p.m.
 Geauga County EMA
 12518 Merrit Road - Chardon, OH

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Helping Communities Take Action Today to Reduce the Impacts of Natural Hazards Tomorrow

(From FEMA Publication L-169/September 2005)

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) was created in November 1988 by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended (to include the Hazard Mitigation and relocation Assistance Act of 1993 and the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000). The HMGP assists states, tribes and local communities in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration.



Federal funding under the HMGP is available following a major disaster declaration. HMGP funds are based on 7.5 percent of the estimated federal funds to be spent on the Public and Individual Assistance programs (minus administrative expenses) for each disaster.

The HMGP is administered by the state. The mitigation planning and application development process begins at the local level. States prioritize local applications and select projects for funding.

COMMUNITY ROLE:

- Develop local mitigation plans
- Coordinate with and develop mitigation projects for residents and businesses at risk
- Submit project applications to the state
- Manage the implementation of the projects
- Maintain records and accounting information on projects

STATE ROLE:

- Manage the overall program within the state
- Develop state mitigation plans
- Encourage and support communities in the development of local mitigation plans
- Review and provide feedback on local mitigation plans before forwarding them to FEMA for formal review and approval
- Establish state mitigation priorities
- Conduct the preliminary eligibility review of local applications and select projects based on state priorities and available funds
- Forward selected projects to FEMA
- Ensure communities adhere to all program and administrative requirements
- Act as grantee, receiving and dispersing funds
- Monitor progress of projects; evaluate effectiveness of projects as implemented

FEMA ROLE:

- Provide programmatic oversight of the program
- Keep states apprised of available HMGP funds
- Review and approve state and local mitigation plans
- Conduct final eligibility review of projects selected and forwarded by the state
- Provide technical assistance to states and communities
- Release HMGP funds to the states

For additional information on the HMGP, visit www.fema.gov/fima/hmgp.

Lima, Ohio Awaken by Small Earthquake

Early on Tuesday morning, residents of Lima, Ohio (Allen County) were awakened by a small earthquake. The 2:09 a.m. tremor had a magnitude of 2.5. The quake caused no major damages or injuries.

**Emergency Management's
Annual Golf Outing
Deadline to Sign Up:
Friday, August 18th**

Date: Friday, August 25, 2006
Registration: 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.



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!)

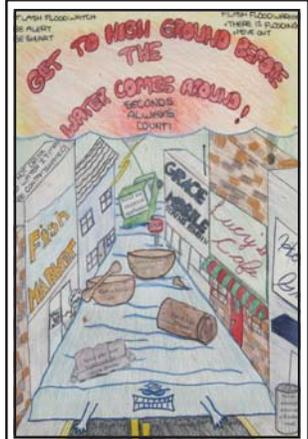
Individual or Team Registration Form
Names: _____

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

Mail forms and checks to:
Dan Winningham, Golf Outing Coordinator
2475 Dunswoth Drive (work #: 614-889-7164)
Columbus, Ohio 43235
(or deliver to Ohio EMA, 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Rd.)

Students Honored at Annual Ohio State Fair Poster Contest Awards Ceremony

Gabriela Torres, a fifth grader during the 2005-06 school year at Salt Creek Elementary (Pickaway County) was recognized on August 12 as the overall state winner of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest. Gabriela's poster was chosen as "the most informative" out of the many posters received by the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness as part of its annual poster contest. This is her second time receiving this award. She was chosen as the overall state winner in 2004, when she was in third grade.



A total of 58 students from 33 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades first through sixth and individualized instruction classes.

Photos of state-level posters and regional winners are visible at: www.ocswa.ohio.gov.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 13 <i>Last day of Ohio State Fair</i>	14	15	16 Ohio Fire Chiefs Association DRILL	17	18	19
20	21 Medical TAC Ohio EMA	22 HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	23	24 Water TAC Ohio EMA	25	26 Cleveland UASI/ ODHR - FS (TICP Validation)
27	28	29	30	31 Ohio Dept of Rehab & Corrections FS Exercise	September 1	2
3	4 Labor Day 	5 Foreign Animal Disease Responder Course - AG 100.3 Delaware County	6 Communications TAC Ohio EMA	7	8	9

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>

UASI: Urban Area Security Initiative - TICP: Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan - FS: Full Scale Exercise