



This Week in Ohio EMA

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Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio

March 25-31, 2007

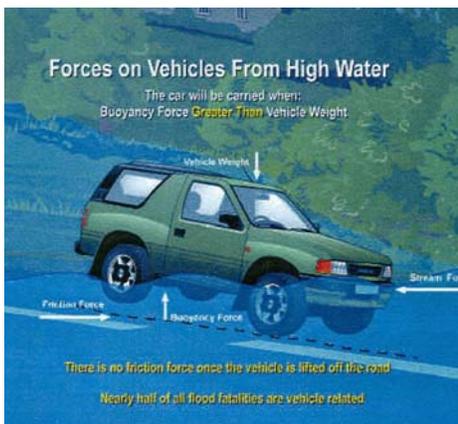
Statewide Tornado Drill: Wednesday, March 28th, 9:50 a.m.

National Flood Safety Week: March 18-24, 2007

Flooding is Ohio's number one natural disaster. Many communities will experience some sort of flooding after winter snow thaws, spring rains or heavy thunderstorms. Floods can be slow or fast-rising, but generally develop over a period of days. Flash floods usually result from intense storms producing large amounts of rain within a brief period. Flash floods can occur with little or no warning and can reach full peak in only a matter of minutes.

Most flood-related deaths occur either when a motorist misinterprets the depth of a flooded roadway and becomes trapped in his/her flooded vehicle, or when rushing waters knock a person from his feet. When approaching a flooded roadway or bridge, it is best to turn around and find an alternate route. Six inches of swiftly moving water can knock an adult off his or her feet. Two feet of moving water can float and carry away most vehicles, including sports utility vehicles (SUVs) and pickup trucks. Flooding and ice on a roadway can equal a deadly combination.

March 25-31 is Ohio's Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week. During this time, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages all citizens to update their disaster preparedness plans and practice the safety measures necessary to protect themselves and their property from tornadoes, floods and other severe weather hazards that affect Ohio.



A statewide tornado drill will be conducted on Wednesday, March 28. At 9:50 a.m., tornado warning sirens will sound and a test message will broadcast on the Emergency Alert System (EAS). All businesses, schools and homes are encouraged to practice their tornado safety procedures during this time.

For additional information on severe weather safety and preparedness, visit the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site at: **www.weathersafety.ohio.gov**.

Homeland Security Current Threat Level (Domestic & International Flights):

HIGH

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**Ohio Department of Public Safety
 Emergency Management Agency
 Spring Directors' Seminar**

March 27 and 28
 Holiday Inn Hotel/Fort Rapids
 4560 Hilton Corporate Drive
 Columbus, Ohio 43232
 Phone: (614) 868-1380
 Register to attend via the Ohio EMA Web
 site: www.ema.ohio.gov. Click on **Ohio
 EMA Training**, found under **Quick Links**.



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
**Emergency Management Operations
 Officer, Montgomery EMA**

Montgomery County Human Resources
 451 West Third Street
 Dayton, Ohio 45422

Apply on-line at www.mcoho.org (click Find a Job link), or fax
 detailed resume to (937) 225-6496 or e-mail
recruiter@mcoho.org.

Salary: \$33,363 - \$45,885 annually, depending on qualifications.

Duties: Operations officers are assigned duties from three
 primary areas of responsibilities:

1. Emergency Management Planning Program -
 includes revising the County Emergency Operations
 Plan, developing ancillary documents and assisting
 with emergency planning.
2. Resource Management - includes managing EMA
 grants, supervising testing and maintenance of
 emergency management equipment and assets,
 maintaining county data bases of emergency
 inventories and assets.
3. Training and Exercise - includes coordinating
 emergency responder training program, participating in
 exercise planning and coordination, and supervising
 the emergency management public education program.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	20 HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	21 EOC Management & Operations - Ohio EMA Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	22	23	24
25	26 Medical TAC Ohio EMA Canine TAC ODPS T3-5	27	28	March 1	2	3 CERT-100 CANCELED Montgomery County
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11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	12	13 Mitigation Planning for Local Gov't Ohio EMA	14	15 Animal Health Emergency TAC - ODPS Evacuation/Re-Entry Planning Ohio EMA	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor Pickaway County

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