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Ohio EMA Web Site Offers Links to Citizen Corps Programs



The Ohio EMA Web site has added a new page to its site, linking users to the Ohio Citizen Corps Program Grant. The page provides links to a variety of Citizen Corps programs, grants and documents available in Ohio, to include:

- * Citizen Corps in Ohio
- * Ohio Citizen Corps Grant Forms
- * Grant and Administrative References
- * Financial Management Guides
- * Citizen Corps Program Documents
- * Ohio Citizen Corps Program Grant Forms
- * Federal Forms, Assurances and Disclosures
- * Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars
- * Federal References and Laws

The Citizen Corps mission is to bring community and government leaders together to coordinate the involvement of community members in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery.

Ohio EMA collaborates with the Ohio Community Service Council as a member of the Ohio Citizen Corps Council in delivering Citizen Corps programs to the state.

The new Web page is available at www.ema.ohio.gov/citizencorps.asp or go to the Ohio EMA site's [Operations Division](#) (located in the blue menu box on the left), and from the cascade menu, click on [Citizen Corps Program](#), found at the bottom of the list.

Monroe County Deals with Annual Ice Jams and Road Closures



According to the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency, every winter they experience a hard freeze that causes huge ice jams along Sunfish Creek. This photo was taken last week.

As the ice travels down the creek, it ends up depositing on a Salem Township road. Bulldozers are used to break up the ice and to try to clear the road.

About five residences are affected by the ice jams and road closure. When this happens, the residents use an alternate route through a muddy field. (Monroe County EMA photo).

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

HIGH

Public Safety Network Provides Connection to Homeland Security Digital Library



The Ohio Department of Public Safety network (including Ohio EMA) has a direct connection to the Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL). Its Web address is www.hSDL.org.

The Homeland Security Digital Library is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security. The HSDL is the nation's premier collection of homeland security policy and strategy-related documents.

The HSDL contains special features to include:

- SeekOnce - a meta-search engine that enables searching across more than 50 article databases;
- A quick link reference page to the most popular homeland security documents (federal reports, federal policy documents, major legislation, presidential directives and executive orders, national strategy documents, etc.);
- Homeland Security related theses and research reports; and
- News releases, breaking news stories and calendar of upcoming homeland security-related events.

2007 Water TAC Update Seminar and Swift Water Rescue Awareness Course *March 13th, 9 a.m.*

Ohio Fire Academy (Auditorium)
8895 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Agenda Items Include:

- History of the Technical Advisory Committee
- Mission and Goals of the TAC
- Swift Water Rescue Curriculum Under Development
- How the TAC Affects Local Water Rescue Teams

Speakers Include:

- Mel House, Ohio EMA Operations Director
- Paul Moledor, Water TAC Chair
- Eric Reed, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Scott Walker, Ohio Fire Academy
- Cathy Collins-Taylor, Ohio Homeland Security Domestic Security Branch

The Swift Water Rescue Awareness Course will be presented in the afternoon by Fred Jackson of the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department.

Register at www.ohiofireacademy.com

For additional information, contact:

Scott Walker, Ohio Fire Academy (614) 752-8818
Steve Treinish, Columbus Fire (740) 808-4113
Deb Pearson, Fairfield County EMA (614) 571-0304

CERT-100 Community Emergency Response Team Train-the-Instructor Course

March 24-25, 2007

City of Circleville Fire Department
586 North Court Street
Circleville, Ohio (Pickaway County)

Course Description: This two-day course prepares students to organize and teach the basic CERT Course (FEMA Course G317) by demonstrating instructional methods and familiarizing students with the eight instructional modules of that course the course also covers basic considerations for developing and implementing a CERT program.

Prerequisites: Participants should have a working knowledge of the CERT program and curriculum. Previous experience providing and facilitating instruction for adults is desirable, but not required. Visit www.citizencorps.gov/cert/index.shtml for additional information on the CERT program and related training material.

Enroll via the Ohio EMA Training Web site. Go to www.ema.ohio.gov, then click on **Ohio EMA Training**, on the right-hand side, under **Quick Links**.

Contact Ohio EMA Planner Rudi Blaser for additional information at (614) 799-3825
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OCSWA Gears Up for Annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest



The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (OCSWA) is gearing up for its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest. OCSWA is encouraging all county EMA directors to invite their community schools in participating.

During, or around, Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week (March 25-31) the committee would like grade schools to focus their instruction on severe weather and emergency preparedness. Students in first through fifth grade and individualized instruction classes can create posters that illustrate how to prepare for and protect oneself from severe weather that typically affects the state of Ohio (tornadoes, thunder & lightning storms, flooding, excessive heat and winter storms). All regional winners will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony at the Ohio State Fair in August.

Visit the OCSWA Web page at www.weathersafety.ohio.gov, scroll to the bottom of the menu box on the left, then click on 2007 Contest Rules.



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
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
CERT-100 CANCELED Montgomery County		Incident Command System (ICS-300) Cuyahoga County		Ohio Emergency Response Plan Exer.		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 Daylight Savings Time Begins		Water TAC Seminar & Awareness Course Ohio Fire Academy		Animal Health Emergency TAC - ODPS		
		Mitigation Planning for Local Gov't Ohio EMA		Evacuation/Re-Entry Planning Ohio EMA		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Medical TAC Ohio EMA	HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA			CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor Pickaway County
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week ~ Statewide Tornado Drill Wednesday, March 28th, 9:50 a.m.						
CERT-100 T-T-I Pickaway County		Spring Directors' Seminar Fort Rapids-Holiday Inn, Columbus		USAR TAC Ohio EMA		

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>
TAC - Technical Advisory Committee