



# This Week in Ohio EMA



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## FEMA Mitigation Teams Outreach to Flooded Residents at Local Hardware Stores, Fairs

(From FEMA DR-1720 news releases)

Mitigation outreach teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have been setting up shop in various locations of the eight federally declared Ohio counties for more than two weeks now, offering people information and advice on simple, low-cost repair and retrofitting solutions that could help reduce future damages and losses during a flood.

FEMA mitigation outreach teams have had information tables set up in local building supply stores (Home Depot and Lowe's), hardware stores, county fairs, and health and safety expositions in Findlay, Lima, Mansfield, Ottawa and the Wyandot County fair. Mitigation information was also available at all disaster recovery centers (DRCs). One DRC was stationed in every declared county (Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot).



Mansfield, OH (Sept. 8, 2007) - FEMA Mitigation Outreach representative Barbara Glynn (seated) speaks with a homeowner and his son, whose house was damaged from recent flooding in the community. FEMA Mitigation representatives use various locations to reach homeowners and provide information on flood repair and prevention techniques. (FEMA photo by John Ficara)

In all, approximately 1,600 people have stopped by FEMA displays to learn about mitigation measures they can take such as relocating electric switchboxes and outlets; elevating furnaces, water heaters and appliances; and installing special valves to prevent sewer backups.

There is advice for the “do-it-yourselfer,” and advice for hiring licensed and reliable contractors. Information on the National Flood Insurance Program is also available, as well as information on mitigation measures people can take to lower their flood insurance premiums.

FEMA is still encouraging all residents and business owners affected by the August 20-28 storms and floods to register for federal disaster assistance by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or going online to **[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)**.

## EMA Updates

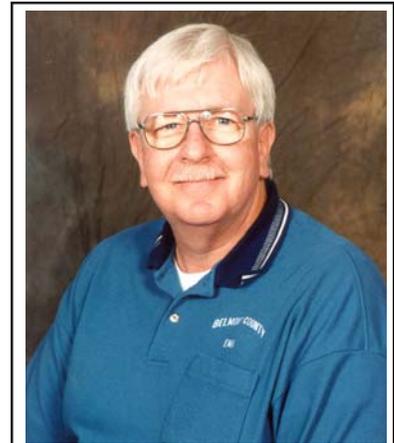
### **Belmont County EMA Director to Retire**

Belmont County Emergency Management Agency Director Richard “Dick” Quinlin is retiring on September 30, after nearly 23 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Belmont County.

The Belmont County commissioners praised Quinlin’s leadership during the floods of 2004 and 2005. In September 2004, Belmont County was one of 21 eastern Ohio counties under a federal declaration for flooding.

In February 2004, Belmont County was one of 59 Ohio counties that received a federal individual and/or public assistance due to severe winter storms, heavy rains and flooding that took place from December 22, 2004 through February 1, 2005.

In 1990, Quinlin received the Ohio Commendation Medal and a citation from the Adjutant General of Ohio, Richard C. Alexander, for his dedicated and tireless work as EMA director during the devastating Shadyside flood.



*Belmont County EMA Director  
Richard “Dick” Quinlin*

Dick Quinlin has been a resident of Belmont County all of his life. His service to his county includes being a member of the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department, serving 10 years as chief; worked eight years with the Belmont County Sheriff’s Office; two years as deputy state fire marshal; and worked as an arson investigator with the arson bureau. The Belmont County Commissioners appointed him as the Belmont County disaster services coordinator in 1985.

### **Perry Nuclear Power Plant Drill**



*Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Serial View*

The Perry Nuclear Power Plant conducted a security threat-based drill on September 12. The drill was not federally evaluated, but did provide opportunity for onsite and offsite organizations to evaluate their plans and procedures for adequacy to respond to a terrorist threat to a nuclear power plant. Representatives from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission observed the drill.

The scenario included a terrorist crashing a hijacked commercial airplane into the Perry plant that destroyed a portion of the switchyard and caused numerous fires. The Lake County Emergency Operations Center was fully operational. The plant activated its simulator control room, emergency operations facility, technical support center, operational support center, and joint public information center. The state of Ohio had partial participation and activated its assessment room, executive group and joint information center.

Revisions are being considered for the state plans and procedures that will provide flexibility to address terrorist threat scenarios.

Similar drills will be conducted for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in 2008 and the Beaver Valley Power Station in 2009.



## September is... National Preparedness Month

(From ODPS, Office of Criminal Justice Services news release, dated Sept. 18)

### Week 3: Multicultural Week - Ohio county kickoff event in Lucas County

COLUMBUS - As part of its outreach efforts for Multicultural Week during National Preparedness Month, the Ohio Department of Public Safety is highlighting training being offered for law enforcement and dispatchers to assist in working with Ohio's non-English speaking communities.

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) sponsors these courses several times a year in various locations around the state. The courses are free of charge to all law enforcement.

OCJS has offered a Basic Survival Spanish Course for law enforcement and dispatchers for about two years, building upon previous trainings as more law enforcement officers attend the workshops. Its current courses offer a review of basic terminology, phrases to obtain key information, and colloquial expressions to give commands and respond to immediate emergency situations.

Being able to communicate with law enforcement and safety officials can also help Ohio's diverse populations plan for emergency response before a disaster strikes. It's vital for multicultural communities to be aware of the services available to them and to know how they can work with local governments to plan an appropriate response for their community. To help bridge this gap, ODPS and its partners are focusing on establishing relationships with diverse communities to not only provide information, but to learn how to best incorporate them into the local disaster response and recovery plan.

Visit [www.ready.ohio.gov](http://www.ready.ohio.gov) for materials on making a plan and all other aspects of emergency preparedness. While more multicultural information will be added as it becomes available, the site already has Somali, Arabic and Spanish translated materials, as well as links to national and federal preparedness Web sites that contain information in as many as 14 different languages.

## EMA STATUS REPORT

### FEMA-1720-DR-OH

Incident Period: August 20-28, 2007

Individual Assistance for: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot counties (declared 08/27/07)

Public Assistance for: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland and Wyandot counties (declared 09/11/07)

Cumulative number of registrations for the eight (IA) declared counties: **7,614** (as of COB 09/20).

#### By county:

Allen	264
Crawford	1,503
Hancock	2,469
Hardin	108
Putnam	818
Richland	1,815
Seneca	107
Wyandot	530

#### **As of September 18:**

Housing Assistance	4,251 approved for \$12.8 million
Other Needs Assistance (ONA)	1,643 approved for \$2.4 million
SBA loans	\$5.6 million

#### **Disaster Recovery Centers**

DRC #1 (Hancock County) Findlay, OH  
3430 N. Main Street Closing date: TBD

DRC #2 - Wyandot County **CLOSED**

DRC #3 (Crawford County) Bucyrus, OH  
112 East Mansfield Closing date: TBD

DRC #4 (Richland County) Shelby, OH  
111 West Smiley Ave. Closing date: TBD

DRC #5 - Allen County **CLOSED**

DRC #6 (Putnam County) Ottawa, OH  
124 Putnam Parkway Closing date: TBD

DRC #7 - Hardin County **CLOSED**

DRC #8 - Seneca County **CLOSED**

DRC #9 -Richland County **CLOSED**  
(Mobile DRC in Mansfield)

**National Incident Management System (NIMS) Intrastate Mutual Aid Course**  
NOW ONLINE

The IS-706 NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid Web-based course provides state, local and tribal emergency response and coordination personnel an introduction to NIMS intrastate mutual aid. The course discusses the purpose and benefits of mutual aid and assistance, the emphasis that NIMS places on mutual aid and assistance, and explains how to understand mutual aid and assistance agreements and mutual aid operational plans.

The IS-706 course takes approximately 2.5 hours to complete.

The course is available at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is706.asp>. The final exam is also online.

The prerequisite for this course is IS-700: National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction.



**Saturday, November 3, 2007**

**Ohio Haz Mat Teams Conference**  
*8th Annual Haz Mat Technician/Specialist Refresher Training*

**NO COST TO ATTEND. NO REGISTRATION FEE.**

Solon Community Center (Cuyahoga County)  
35000 Portz Parkway  
Solon, Ohio (off State Route 91, one mile south of US 422)

**Conference Agenda Topics:**

Highway Cargo Tank Emergency Response  
Break-out Sessions Featuring:

- The National Nuclear Security Agency
- Intermodal Container Emergencies
- Rapid Risk Assessment Techniques
- Basic Chemistry for Emergency Response
- Hazardous Material Case Studies
- U.S. Coast Guard Strike Team Workshop
- PUCO Haz Mat Enforcement Workshop

*Sponsored by the Chagrin/SE Hazardous Materials Response Team, with support of the Cuyahoga County LEPC and HMEP Grant Funding. Register online at: [www.ohiohazmatconference.com](http://www.ohiohazmatconference.com)*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>September 23</b> <i>Week 4: Home and Family Preparedness</i>	<b>24</b> <i>&amp; Ready America</i>	<b>25</b> Principles of Emergency Management Ohio EMA	<b>26</b> Water TAC Conference Call	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Emergency Management Association of Ohio GOLF OUTING</i>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
		Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program Course (HSEEP) Ohio EMA				
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> URSB Meeting Ohio EMA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Medical TAC Ohio EMA	<b>16</b> HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	<b>17</b> Rapid Assessment Ohio EMA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
			Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA			

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