



This Week in Ohio **EMA**





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Prepare for Winter Weather and Extreme Cold

Most parts of the Midwest, to include Ohio, are already dealing with cold temperatures, snow and ice. Dangers from winter weather varies - especially in Ohio. The Buckeye State has had severe snow and ice storms one week, then extremely warm temperatures the next, causing quick thaws and flash flooding. With winter, you have to be prepared for snow, subfreezing temperatures, strong winds, ice or heavy rain storms.

ReadyOhio and the Ready.Gov campaigns suggest the following to prepare for winter weather:

Step 1: Get a Kit

- Prepare an emergency supply kit. A checklist is available at: www.ready.gov/america/_downloads/checklist.pdf
- Thoroughly check and update your family's emergency supply kit before winter sets in and have the following available for your home and vehicles:
 - Rock salt to melt ice on walkways and steps
 - Sand to improve traction
 - Snow shovels and/or other snow removal equipment
 - Winter clothing, outer wear and blankets to keep you warm

Step 2: Make a Plan

- Plan to stay inside, at least for a period of time. During a severe winter storm it could be hours or days before emergency personnel are able to get to you.
- Make sure your home is well insulated. Install weather stripping around the doors and window sills to keep the warm air inside.
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand and ensure that everyone at home knows how to use them.
- Plan ahead of time to check on elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Winterize your vehicles and try to maintain at least a half tank of fuel to avoid fuel line freeze up.

Step 3: Be Informed

- Familiarize yourself and family members with winter weather terms. Know the definitions for winter weather advisories, winter storm watches and warnings.
- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or local television or radio station to stay informed of severe weather.

For additional information on weather safety, visit www.ready.ohio.gov or www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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

February 9-10, 2008

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2008

Jefferson Township/Belleville Fire Department
Bellville, Ohio (Richland 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.

The course is designed for CERT trainers and programs managers for the county, local or department level. Participants in the Train-the-Instructor course are typically from first responder organizations, emergency management, volunteer organizations involved in disasters or existing CERT teams wanting to expand a local program.

To register, go to the Ohio EMA Training Web site at <http://emaweb.ema.state.oh.us/training/>. Visit www.citizencorps.gov/cert/index.shtm for additional information on the CERT program.

The CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with neighborhood emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

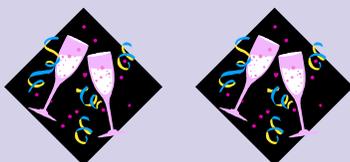


CERT using the blanket carry to transport victim to treatment area

EMA UPDATES

Ohio EMA Field Operations Supervisor **Linda Fields-Schultz** is retiring December 31 after 16 years of dedicated state service. Congratulations, Linda!

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FEMA NIMS Alert

The FEMA NIMS Alert dated December 3 announced that the requirement to complete the ICS-400 course: Advanced Incident Command System during fiscal year 2008 is now a fiscal year 2009 requirement. (The ICS-300: Intermediate ICS remains a FY08 requirement.)

FEMA's Incident Management Systems Division (IMSD) also decided to eliminate the use of "tiering" in future NIMS compliance requirements, based on input/feedback from stakeholders of the *NIMS Point of Contact Workshop* that was held in October.

The Ohio EMA Plans Branch forwarded this information to appropriate stakeholders and personnel.

EMA STATUS REPORT

FEMA-1720-DR-OH

Incident Period: August 20-28, 2007

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

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

As of December 27, **258** Public Assistance projects have been approved for a total of **\$3,654,081**. FEMA has extended PA operations at the Findlay Processing Center until **February 6, 2008**.

As of December 16:

Indiv. & Household Program (IHP) 5,462 approved for \$17.91 million

SBA Home/Personal Property
SBA Business Loans \$23.14 million

Cumulative number of registrations for the eight (IA) declared counties: **8,579**.



S.A.I.C.
Strategic Analysis & Information Center
Ohio Homeland Security

The Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) of ODPS Ohio Homeland Security is hosting a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) training on January 9, free of charge. Preregistration is required.

The CBRNE course was developed to identify the associated threat from a CBRNE-related incident, from an intelligence and analysis perspective. The course is recommended for professionals working within the CBRNE environment.

When: Wednesday, January 9, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Ohio Dept. of Transportation, Auditorium
1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43223

Agenda Items:

- * Intro to the Office of Intelligence & Analysis
- * The Biological Threat
- * The Chemical Threat
- * Radiological and Nuclear Threats
- * Wrap-up/Questions & Answers

Contact SAICCBRNE@dps.state.oh.us for registration information.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 | 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> | January 1  <i>New Year's Day</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">URSB Meeting Ohio EMA</div> | 8 | 9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">SAIC - OHS CBRNE Training ODOT Auditorium</div> | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 <i>Amber Alert Awareness Day</i> | 14 | 15 | CAMEO - Ohio EMA | | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21  <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> | 22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Mitigation Progress Reports Due</div> | 23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Animal Health TAC Ohio EMA</div> | 24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Water TAC Ohio EMA</div> | 25 | 26 |
| | | | 23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Animal Health Resource Wkgrp - EMA</div> | 24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Bomb TAC ODOT</div> | | |

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training> - TAC - Technical Advisory Committee
Mitigation Progress Reports Due: HMPG, Flood Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Mitigation