



# SPRING DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

APRIL 15-16, 2015



# Crown Plaza Columbus North

## 6500 Doubletree Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43229

**New This Year** – Ohio EMA will have an opportunity for conference attendees to meet with Ohio EMA staff from the following sections: Mitigation, Recovery, Training, Exercise, Radiological, Planning, Grants and Field Support. Our staff will be outside of the main conference room during the entire conference to assist with any questions you might have about the various programs.

There will also be a table for Ohio WARN as well as the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) and the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC).

### **Registration:**

Currently all County Directors are registered for the conference. Deputy Directors and other individuals that would like to register for the conference, please log in to the Ohio Department of Public Safety Training Campus (PSTC) and register. However, if you do not have an account, call the PSTC Help Desk at 614.752.6487. Once you have an account you can log in at:

<https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm6/cm0682/pstc/pstc.html>

To register, please search for “EMA-OH-200Spring” in the ODPS training campus.

### **Lodging:**

If you would like lodging, please contact the hotel to reserve your room under the Ohio EMA block. Ohio EMA will provide free lodging the night of April 15<sup>th</sup> for the County Director or assigned designee. Everyone will need to provide a credit card to the hotel for incidentals and “no-shows”. You will be responsible for cancelling your room if something comes up and you or your designee cannot attend the conference.

If you are a County Director and need lodging, please make a reservation with the hotel. Once you have completed your reservation, you must email David Nunley [dbnunley@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:dbnunley@dps.ohio.gov) the below information:

- County Director or Designee Name
- County EMA being represented
- Confirmation Number

If you do not send the above information to David Nunley, we will not have record of your having a room and will not be able to pay for your lodging. The cutoff date for rooms is March 31. Please make your reservation sooner than later, because once the room block is full we cannot provide additional lodging free of charge for another hotel.

### **How to make hotel lodging:**

Please see the link below to make reservations online. Guests may also call the hotel directly at 614-885-1885 and choose option #2. Please have them ask for the group rate with Ohio Emergency Management Agency or use the 3-letter code “EMR”.

Click link: [Ohio Emergency Management Agency](#)

Under **Make Reservation** fill out check in/out dates, number of rooms and how many adults/children then click **Rates & Availability**.

**Rooms & Rates** page will come up and then select the room type at the group rate.

# 2015 – DAY 1

## Emergency Management Association of Ohio

8:30 – 12:00 PM	Emergency Management Association of Ohio (EMAO) EMAO Keynote Speaker	Michelle Fitzgibbon, Executive Director, EMAO
-----------------	---	---

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch (on your own)

## General Session

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Registration	Ohio EMA Training Section Staff
1:00 – 1:15 PM	Welcome	Evan W. Schumann, Executive Director, Ohio EMA
	Presentation of Colors	Ohio National Guard
	Pledge of Allegiance	Evan W. Schumann, Executive Director, Ohio EMA
1:15 – 1:30 PM	Opening Comments	John Born, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety
1:30 – 2:00 PM	FEMA Updates	Andrew Velasquez III, Administrator FEMA Region V
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Open Discussion	Evan W. Schumann, Executive Director, Ohio EMA
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break	
2:45 – 3:00 PM	School Emergency Management Plans & the County EMA Director	Rick Amweg, Executive Director, of the Ohio Center for P-20 Safety & Security; Ohio Department of Education
3:00 – 3:30 PM	National Weather Service: Building a Weather Ready Nation	Julia Dian-Reed - NWS Wilmington, Fred McMullen – NWS Pittsburgh, Gary Garnet – NWS Cleveland
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Sharing Lessons Learned Panel Discussion on NE Ohio Communications & 9-1-1 Outage	Patrick Sheehan – Operations Administrator, Ohio EMA, and County Emergency Managers
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Shared Partner Response to Local Dam Emergencies	Keith Banachowski, Program Manager Dam Safety Program, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

# 2015 – DAY 2

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Boston Marathon Bombing	Kurt Schwartz: Undersecretary, Homeland Security & Emergency Management Director, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 – 11:45 AM	VOST – (Virtual Operations Support Team)	Cheryl Bledsoe Clackamas County, Oregon Technology Manager for 9-1-1 & Communications (CCOM)
11:45 – 1:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 – 1:30 PM	National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) Overview	Steven Williams, Associate Director National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT)
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) Overview	Jessica Melton, Homeland Security Training Programs Director and Nicolette Coontz Bailey, Homeland Security Training Delivery Coordinator
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Grant Changes, Updates & Competitive Process	Stacie Massey – Ohio EMA Administration Division Director
2:45 – 3:30 PM	Closing Remarks / Open Q & A	Evan W. Schumann, Executive Director, Ohio EMA



**OHIO DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
SAFETY • SERVICE • PROTECTION

# Presentation Descriptions:

## DAY 1

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Updates**

In 2014, FEMA rolled out its new 2014-2018 Strategic Plan. The four-year plan outlines five strategic priorities. These priorities are designed to enhance the delivery of services to disaster survivors; strengthen FEMA's ability to support our states and first responders; build capability and capacity to deal with catastrophic disasters; and reduce the nation's risk from natural and technological hazards.

FEMA Region V Administrator Andrew Velasquez III will address these priorities and discuss the efforts underway at the Regional level, in partnership with our state, tribal and local government partners and the private sector to enhance preparedness and resiliency.

### **School Emergency Management Plans and the County EMA Director**

Rick Amweg, Executive Director of the Ohio Center for P-20 Safety and Security will describe the new laws governing school emergency management plans. The new law that went into effect earlier this year requires school administrators to involve the county EMA director when developing the plan. Director Amweg will provide a brief perspective on Ohio's school safety initiative, including how to access school safety plans.

### **Building a Weather Ready Nation**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Weather-Ready Nation initiative is about building community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather and water events. As part of the Weather-Ready Nation initiative, the goal is to partner with Emergency Managers and other community officials to motivate individuals and communities to take actions that will prepare them in the event of a weather disaster and to share their preparedness steps with others. These actions can save lives anywhere - at home, in schools, and in the workplace before tornadoes, hurricanes, and other extreme types of weather strike.

Representatives from National Weather Service (NWS) offices in Wilmington, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, North Webster and Charleston will be on hand to discuss NWS weather support for large outdoor events, tools for the emergency manager for weather situational awareness, and some services we offer which may be unknown to you!

### **Sharing Lessons Learned: Panel Discussion on NE Ohio Communications and 9-1-1 Outage**

On January 13, 2015 internet, telephone, mobile phone, 9-1-1, MARCS and dispatching facilities were impacted by an AT&T Akron Central Office incident. For more than 12 hours dispatcher and dispatch managers, county and state emergency management, amateur radio volunteers, public health and hospital personnel worked to ensure that safety services and communications between organizations was maintained and information was shared.

Representatives on this panel includes county emergency managers, Ohio EMA personnel and others sharing their observations on how this event was managed, the challenges faced and how they were overcome and lessons for all of us to take away when the next wide-spread communications failure occurs.

### **Shared Partner Response to Local Dam Emergencies**

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources owns and manages over 150 dams. In recent years, the department has improved its emergency preparedness by developing and exercising emergency action plans as well as repairing several dams. This presentation will provide a summary of the ODNR's 2014 dam safety efforts, including updated alert status level descriptions, external notification procedures, and review of the incident and emergency response at Lake White Dam in Pike County.

**Continue to DAY 2.....**

## DAY 2

### **Boston Marathon Bombing**

Director Kurt Schwartz will be discussing the Boston Marathon Bombing that took place on April 15, 2013, at 2:49 pm. He will be discussing the response as well as the recovery to the event. This attack included two improvised explosive devices (IED) detonated near the finish line of the Boston Marathon. The twin explosions that ripped through the crowd near the finish line of the Boston Marathon triggered a massive manhunt that paralyzed a city. Three people died, and more than 260 others needed hospital care, many having lost limbs or suffered horrific wounds.

### **VOST Presentation Summary**

This informative presentation will cover the importance of social media monitoring, what can be gleaned from the internet, how agencies should develop the capabilities to filter, curate and engage with residents of their communities in dynamic ways and what initial steps can better prepare your emergency management agencies to prepare, respond, and recover from crisis.

Cheryl Bledsoe is the Technology Manager for the Clackamas County, Oregon Department of 9-1-1 Communications (CCOM). She first became familiar with social media at the Emergency Management Division of the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) in Clark County, Washington.

Cheryl has been responsible for implementing local, regional and state social media footprints that have included policy development, website redesign and managing blogs, Facebook Fan page and Twitter communications. She served on the Department of Homeland Security's Virtual Social Media Working Group for 3 years.

Cheryl speaks regularly at conferences, consults with government agencies on social media implementation and provides training to diverse audiences. Cheryl has used social media in all phases of emergency management, most notably for preparedness through her *30 Days, 30 Ways game* that she created in 2010. Cheryl also administrates a popular website for emergency management practitioners at [www.sm4em.org](http://www.sm4em.org).

### **National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) *Preparing the Nation through Training***

Representatives from the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) will discuss the unique training opportunities offered by its seven member organizations, which specialize in the areas of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive, medical, critical infrastructure, and incident management. The NDPC's training is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA National Preparedness Directorate and is a valuable no cost resource for first responders and receivers at the local, state, tribal and territory level. Attendees will learn about the NDPC's mission and why the training is so unique and the presentation will include an overview of each member's areas of expertise and provide resources to find and schedule training.

### **Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC)**

RDPC Presenters will provide an overview of the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium's (RDPC) current and future courses, and explain how to request and receive local course deliveries. The nation's rural emergency responders face unique challenges when compared to their urban counterparts. In recognizing the need for consistent, quality training that addresses those challenges, Congress and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium to develop and deliver relevant all-hazards training in support of rural homeland security requirements. All training delivered by the RDPC is certified by DHS and is offered tuition-free.

### **Grant Changes, Updates & Competitive Process**

Stacie Massey will lead this discussion and focus on updates, and the new requirements for the preparedness grant programs including quarterly reports, inventory certification, and new purchasing documentation requirements. In addition, common compliance issues will be addressed particularly those identified during the 2010-2012 Homeland Security Grant Program Office of Inspector General Audit. Any updates or changes known at the time of the presentation as a result of the new Omni-Circular or the 2015 preparedness grant awards will also be presented.

