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Ohio EMA Schedules Regional Meetings to Assist Counties with Homeland Security Grant



The Plans Branch of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency has scheduled a series of meetings throughout the month of January to assist Ohio regions with the development and submission of their fiscal year 2006 Homeland Security Grant applications.

Eight regional meetings throughout the state will be conducted to verify and validate county survey results based on 12 national and state capabilities and priorities, as identified in the National Preparedness Goal - Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8.

Three National Overarching Priorities:

- Implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and National Response Plan (NRP)
- Expanded Regional Collaboration
- Implement the Interim National Infrastructure Protection Plan

Four National Capability-Specific Priorities:

- Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
- Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities
- Strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities
- Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis (public health and healthcare entities)

Five State-Identified Capabilities:

- Strengthen Intelligence Analysis and Production
- Strengthen Law Enforcement Investigations and Operations
- Strengthen Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution
- Strengthen Citizen Protection: Evacuation and/or In-Place Protection
- Strengthen Mass Care - Sheltering, Feeding and Related Services

All regional meetings will convene from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows (by date):

January 11 - Henry County (Region 1)	January 12 - Muskingum County (Region 8)
January 13 - Clark County (Region 3)	January 18 - Vinton County (Region 7)
January 20 - Butler County (Region 6)	January 23 - Lake County (Region 2)
January 24 - Portage County (Region 5)	January 25 - Franklin County (Region 4)

Contact Ted Filer of the Ohio EMA Plans Branch, (614) 799-3688 for additional information.

Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED

Delaware County Delivers Its First EMPG



(January 11, 2006) The deputy director of the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Dave Hall, hand-delivers Delaware County's first approved Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) to Ohio EMA Executive Director Nancy Dragani. The Delaware County Commissioners unanimously approved the EMPG on January 9. This grant provides federal funding to the state of Ohio for emergency management operations, and is a 50/50 funding split that will assist the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in maintaining the planning, response, recovery and mitigation of large scale incidents or disasters.

FEMA Assistance (As of January 11, 2006)

Registrations for Federal Disaster Assistance:

Hurricane Wilma

Florida 580,036

Hurricane Rita

Louisiana 362,178

Texas 478,560

Hurricane Katrina

Alabama 114,351

Louisiana 1,071,005

Mississippi 513,764

FEMA NEWS:

Fire Management Assistance Grants - The Henryetta Fire that has burned property in McIntosh and Okmulgee counties in Oklahoma received a Fire Management Assistance Grant on January 9th. The fire has burned 2,000 rural acres and nearing Salem, Okla. Threat to life: 200. More than 50 homes are threatened. Biggest threat: oil and gas battery of wells and tanks.

Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (Jan. 10)

Mitigation

By the end of 2005, the Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch submitted 88 local hazard mitigation plans to FEMA, Region V. Ohio was Region V's most productive state in drafting and submitting plans.

According to the State of Ohio Enhanced Mitigation Plan, the Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch's goal is to reduce property damage and loss of life from all natural hazards. Its goal also includes having all local jurisdictions in the state covered by an approved all natural hazard mitigation plan.

By submitting 88 local hazard mitigation plans to FEMA, the branch is nearing the completion of its goal.

Disaster Assessment Training

The Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch is conducting damage assessment training for the Ohio Builders Officials Association on January 19. The training is part of an on-going effort to teach local building officials how to conduct damage assessment and substantial damage determinations.

Communications

The Ohio EMA Communications Branch completed repairs to State of Ohio Rain/Snow Monitoring System (STORMS) gauges in Lawrence, Scioto, Franklin, Delaware and Fairfield counties; completed repairs to the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) radio at the Perry County Emergency Operations Center; and worked with an electrical contractor to install electrical feed for the new NOAA Weather Radio in Chillicothe. The unit will provide continuous weather information and storm watches and warning for the city of Chillicothe and surrounding communities. The site will have operational testing in mid-February.

RIM&C

The Ohio EMA Radiological Instrument Maintenance and Calibration lab calibrated and repaired radiological instruments for Monroe County in North Carolina, Indiana Emergency Management Agency, The Ohio State University reactor lab, Arrow-Tech Corporation, Eastern Technology and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

TWO Positions Available:

Emergency Management Operations Officers

Location:

Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management
451 West Third Street, P.O. Box 972
Dayton, Ohio 45422-1326

Salary: \$32,398 - \$40,498 annually

Duties for Position 1: Manage emergency management grants, supervise testing and maintenance of emergency management equipment and assets; maintain databases of inventories and assets for Montgomery County and its jurisdictions; develop/maintain standard operating procedures for Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center.

Duties for Position 2: Responsible for emergency management planning program, to include revise Montgomery County Emergency Operations Plan; develop ancillary documents; assist other county departments and political subdivision with emergency planning.

Qualifications: Completion of core course work toward bachelor degree in emergency management, public administration or related field and 6 months experience in disaster services and emergency response operations or emergency management.

E-mail resume to: recruiter@mcoho.org or mail/fax resume to Montgomery County Human Resources
451 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422
Fax: 937-225-6496

Application Period for Assistance Program under the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001 Now Open

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Fire Administration

The 9/11 Heroes Stamp Act of 2001 (enacted Nov. 12, 2001), directed the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal stamp and distribute the proceeds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the families of emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled while serving in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.



A semipostal stamp is sold for a greater value than that of a regular first class stamp. Proceeds from the stamp sales went into a program established by FEMA. The Heroes semipostal stamp was available from June 2002 to December 2004.

The application period to apply for 9/11 benefits started December 2, 2005 and ends April 3, 2006. Applicants will be notified on a rolling basis whether they are eligible for funds. Based on FEMA's estimate of approximately 1,000 eligible claimants, FEMA anticipates grants in the amount of \$10,000 for each eligible claimant. All numbers are estimates. Final numbers will be determined after April 3.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 January  New Year's Day	9 Disaster Recovery Course - Ohio EMA	10	11	12 Exercise: WMD FE Athens County	13 Donations Mgmt. Ohio EMA	14
FEMA/EMI Advanced HAZUS-MH for Hurricane (E170) Emmitsburg, MD						
15	 Martin Luther King Holiday	16 FEMA/EMI Emergency Management Assistance Compact TTT - FY06 (E430 EMAC TTT) - Emmitsburg, MD (Jan. 16-19)	17	18 IMT TAC Ohio EMA, Rm 104	19 Water TAC Ohio EMA, Rm 104	20
21	FEMA/EMI Advanced HAZUS-MH for Earthquake (E174) - Emmitsburg, MD					22
22	CAMEO Course - Ohio EMA (Columbus)					23
23	WMD-FE Exercise Union County	24	25	26	27	28 CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: NE Office Cincinnati ARC
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