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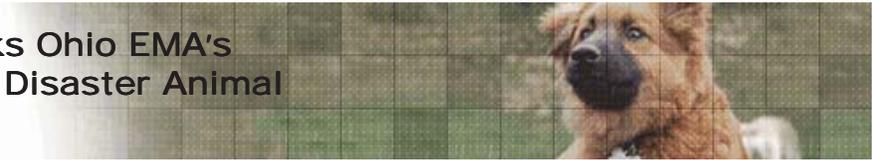
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Animal service group seeks Ohio EMA's endorsement to support a Disaster Animal Response Team



The Lebanon, Ohio office of the Avian Education, Rescue and Adoption Services (AERAS) has been in contact with the Ohio EMA Plans Branch expressing its interest in having an endorsement from Ohio EMA. AERAS would like to support an Ohio Disaster Animal Response Team (DART).

On May 3 -5, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is presenting a Disaster Animal Response Team workshop in Dayton. The training is an intensive three-day course designed to familiarize participants with situations and background information necessary to become an effective responder to assist in the animal relief effort in a disaster.

During the course of the DART workshop, the following topics will be addressed and exercised:

- Introduction to animals in disaster and preparedness
- Incident Command System (ICS)
- Legal issues
- Communications
- Teamwork
- Community animal needs/damage assessment
- Team response and procedures
- Animal care and handling
- Emergency animal shelters
- Equipment
- Responder health and safety

The HSUS National Disaster Animal Response Team consists of animal care and control professionals, emergency services and rescue professionals, and other qualified volunteers. Team members are trained in community disaster response and preparedness as well as specialized response techniques for rescuing animals affected by disasters.

For course information and registration, visit: www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/disaster_training_dates_2006.html.

Homeland Security Threat Level:

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Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (Jan. 31, 2006)

CERT Training

A Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Instructor course was held last weekend at the American Red Cross-Northeast Cincinnati Chapter (Blue Ash, Ohio). The Ohio EMA sponsors CERT training throughout the state with the support of county EMA offices and local Citizen Corps Council representatives.

Additional CERT instructor courses are scheduled for February 18-19 in Mahoning County and February 25-26 in southeast Ohio. The purpose of the courses is to establish a strong core of lead instructors in existing and new programs that can bring the standard Federal Emergency Management Agency CERT course to citizens' communities.

Contact the Plans Branch at 614-799-3688 for additional course information.

EARN Workshop

The Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch will conduct a presentation at the Employee Assistance Resource (EARN) Workshop on February 16. The presentation focus will be on disaster recovery efforts in Ohio, to include the branch's actions and responsibilities performed as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

Contact the Disaster Recovery Branch at 614-889-7176 for additional information.

RIM&C Update

The Radiological Instrument Maintenance and Calibration facility calibrated and repaired radiological instruments for the following: Ohio Department of Health - Radiological Safety; Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division; St. Cloud, Minnesota and Hanover County, North Carolina.



Personnel from the Ohio EMA Operations Division instructed a three-day Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) course last week in the State Emergency Operations Center. Fifteen students from local emergency management agencies, local emergency planning committees, fire and hazardous material teams participated.

CAMEO is a system of software applications used to plan for and respond to chemical emergencies. CAMEO was developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office and the NOAA Office of Response and Restoration to assist front-line chemical emergency planners and responders. CAMEO is used to access, store and evaluate information critical for developing emergency plans.

The CAMEO system integrates a chemical database and a method to manage the data, an air dispersion model and a mapping capability.

For additional information and free CAMEO program downloads, visit: www.epa.gov/ceppo/cameo/

FEMA Assistance

[Registrations for Federal Disaster Assistance:](#)

[Hurricane Wilma \(as of Jan. 31\)](#)

Florida 587,153

[Hurricane Rita \(as of Feb. 1\)](#)

Louisiana 363,262
Texas 479,063

[Hurricane Katrina \(as of Feb. 1\)](#)

Alabama 114,565
Louisiana 1,073,611
Mississippi 514,913

January 31 was the deadline for individuals affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to register with FEMA to apply for federal disaster assistance.



**Presidents' Day
Monday, February 20th**

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Manager, Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Send applications to:

Delaware County Human Resources Dept.
10 Court Street, 2nd Floor
Delaware, Ohio 43015

www.co.delaware.oh.us

Phone: 740-833-2120

Beginning Compensation: \$49,000 - \$55,000 DOQ

Deadline for submitting application is Friday, 10 February, 2006.

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is accepting applications for Departmental Manager. This department provides resources, programs and disseminates information throughout Delaware County in preparation of disastrous situations.

Qualifications: Bachelors degree or six (6) years of related work experience; completion of the Ohio State Professional Qualification Series (IAW Ohio Administrative Code Section 4501) or the ability to complete within three years; supervisory experience; trained in Haz-Mat awareness; excellent verbal and written communication skills; superior organizational and time management skills; and ability to perform in extremely critical situations.

Responsibilities: developing disaster mitigation efforts with an all-hazards approach; coordinating response efforts and organizing a rapid recovery to ensure local government and business continuity for a successful resolution to any disaster; developing training and exercise initiatives tat meet all Federal Homeland Security National Incident Management system requirements; direct a logistical and resources program that collects, maintains and secures resource and facilities capabilities and vulnerabilities; and assume the role of the Department Director in the event that the Director is absent.

Severe Weather Awareness Preparedness Weeks



The purpose of severe weather awareness weeks is to promote safety and preparedness tips to people - young and old - so they know what actions to take to protect themselves, their family, pets and property from the hazards of severe weather.

State and national weather safety weeks worth noting for Ohioans are as follows:

National Flood Safety Week:
March 20-24, 2006

Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week:
March 26 - April 1, 2006
Statewide Tornado Drill: March 29 at 9:50 a.m.

National Lightning Safety Awareness Week:
June 18-24, 2006

Ohio Winter Safety Awareness Week:
November 12-18, 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29 January	30	31	1 February	2	3	4	
CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: NE Office Cincinnati ARC		Tactical TAC Shipley Bldg, 4th Fl.	EWFE Exercise Richland County				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	FEMA/EMI Intro ArcGIS for HAZUS-MH Users (E190) Emmitsburg, MD			Exercise Design & Evaluation - Ohio EMA (Columbus)			
12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	
			EWFE Exercise Ottawa County	Basic Public Information Officer Course Ohio EMA (Columbus)			CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Mahoning County (Feb. 18-19)
19	20  Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25	
CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Mahoning County (Feb. 18-19)		HazMat TAC Med TAC (Both at Ohio EMA)					
26	27	28					