



This Week in Ohio EMA

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NIMS Compliance: ICS 300 and 400 courses are being conducted throughout the state

The Incident Command System (ICS) 300 and 400 courses are the latest two of six courses that are required in order for an organization to be considered National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant through fiscal year 2007.

Unlike the ICS-100 and 200 and IS-700 and 800 courses which were available on-line through independent study, the ICS-300 and 400 courses are offered in a classroom setting only. State and county EMAs in Ohio started offering ICS-300 and 400 in November 2006. To date, 22 ICS-300 courses and 15 ICS-400 have been instructed by county and state EMAs.

Last week, personnel from the Ohio EMA Field Operations, Training and Exercise Branch conducted the ICS-300 in Crawford County. This week, the ICS-300 and 400 courses were conducted in Fairfield County.



FEMA's National Emergency Training Center is conducting an Incident Command Course (FEMA file photo, March 2003).

ICS-300

All mid-level management federal/state/local/tribal/private sector and non-governmental personnel should take ICS-300 training, to include persons serving as command staff, section chiefs, strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors, and multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center staff. Training at the ICS-300 level must include, at a minimum, the following topical areas:

- ICS staffing and organization to include reporting and working relationships and information flow
- Transfer of command
- Unified command functions in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency incident
- ICS forms
- Resource management
- Interagency mission planning and procurement

ICS-400

All federal/state/local/tribal/private sector and non-governmental personnel should take ICS-400 training, to include persons who will serve as command or general staff in an ICS organization, select department heads with multi-agency coordination system responsibilities, area commanders, emergency managers and multi-agency coordination system/EOC managers.

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Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries (April 10, 2007)

Special Populations Workshop

Meeting the Needs of Special Populations
Through Community Organizations
April 5 and 6, 2007



An Ohio EMA planner gave a presentation entitled “Using a Functional Needs Framework to Address Special Needs” at a workshop sponsored by The Ohio State University’s Office of Workforce Development, College of Public Health.

The workshop, Meeting the Needs of Special Populations Through Community Organizations took place in Columbus on April 5 and 6. Lessons learned from major catastrophes such as the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in the Santa Cruz

Mountains near San Francisco, and Hurricane Katrina (2005) suggest that some of the notable failures in response were in part due to failures in addressing the needs of special populations. To address this gap, experts recommend the creation of community networks which can be activated during a crisis.

Workshop participants were introduced to various aspects of defining, locating and reaching special populations. A tabletop exercise that addressed the functional needs of special populations after a hurricane was also conducted.

Special needs populations include people who are physically disabled; elderly; non-English speakers; abandoned children; hospitalized individuals; incarcerated; mentally ill; morbidly obese; living in nursing homes, hospice or institutionalized; homeless; and pregnant women.

Three representatives from the Ohio Department of Health also gave presentations at the workshop. For additional information, contact Prabu David of OSU Office of Workforce Development, phone: (614) 292-7438 or e-mail: david.15@osu.edu.

Davis-Besse Event Notification

The Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Ottawa County had an event notification on April 9. According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s Web site, at 7:30 a.m., the plant discovered that the key switch for the Seismic Monitoring System was in the “off” position, rendering it unavailable. It had been in the off position since March 29, during calibration checks.

The unavailability of this system could have affected the ability of the plant to declare an Alert or Site Area Emergency via their procedures for a seismic event. As of April 10, the problem has been corrected.

Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station



Dry Run: April 17
Federally Graded Exercise:
May 15
*Involving Ottawa and Lucas
Counties, State Agencies*

ICS-400 (from page 1)

ICS-400 training must include, at a minimum, the following topical areas:

- Command and general staff
- Deputies and assistants
- Unified command
- Organizational relationships between area command, unified command, multi-entity coordination systems, and EOCs.

Specific objectives for ICS-300 and 400 training are listed in the National Standard Curriculum Training Development Guidance, dated March 2007.

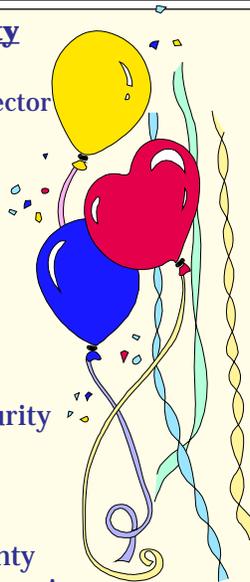
All federal, state and local emergency personnel should decide who, within their organizations, should take the ICS-300 and 400 training.

Open House / Farewell Party

For **Donna Monell**, Deputy Director Franklin County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, after 19 years of dedicated service.

Celebrations begin Monday, April 23, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd. Columbus, Ohio

Her last day with Franklin County is April 27. Congratulations, Donna!



May 18, 2007

Ohio Department of Public Safety

1980 West Broad Street
ODOT - Auditorium
Columbus, Ohio

2007 ANNUAL OPIO TRAINING SEMINAR

Topics of Discussion Include:

Incident Command - C.J. Couch, Chief of Public Affairs, Ohio EMA

Public Records Law Update by the Ohio Attorney General's Office

Times of Crisis: The West Virginia Coal Mine Disaster - Tom Hunter, Communications Director, ODPS

Conference for Behavioral Health Providers, First Responders and Volunteer Networks



Joining Forces 2007 Conference

Columbus Marriott North
6500 Doubletree Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43229
May 30 - 31, 2007

Sponsored by the Ohio Community Service Council, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Southeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Additional information available at: www.garrisonevents.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Easter Sunday	9 URSB Meeting Ohio EMA ICS-400 Course ~ Cuyahoga County	10 Basic Public Information Course ~ Ohio EMA	11	12 Sr. Advisory TAC ODOT	13	14
15 Mitigation Progress Reports Due (1st Qtr)	16 Medical TAC Ohio EMA	17 DBNPS Dry Run Damage Assessment Ohio EMA HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	18 Debris Management (4/18 through 4/19, noon) Ohio EMA Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA	19 Cost Documentation (afternoon of 4/19)	20	21 Fayette & Highland Counties - Tabletop Exercise
22	23 Canine TAC ODOT	24	25 Water TAC Ohio EMA	26	27	28
29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
			School Incident Resp. TAC - ODOT			

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