



This Week in Ohio EMA



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Ohio EMA Director Elected as NEMA Vice President

Nancy J. Dragani, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, has been elected as the 2007/2008 vice president of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA). The NEMA vice president is a member of the board of directors and assumes the office of president for the following year.

As vice president, Ms. Dragani will assist the president as needed and serve on the NEMA legislative committee in order to become knowledgeable about NEMA's positions on legislative issues. She will also serve as liaison to the NEMA private sector committee. A direct relationship between the private sector, NEMA and emergency management professionals, in general, is important for disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

Ms. Dragani's 2008/2009 term as NEMA president will coincide with the 35th anniversary of NEMA. The 2009 annual conference will be held in Ohio and will conclude Ms. Dragani's term as NEMA president.

As Ohio EMA executive director, Ms. Dragani leads the state's coordinated response to all hazards, administers the State Homeland Security Grant Program, oversees the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center, disaster response, recovery, mitigation, radiological safety and preparedness efforts. Ms. Dragani was initially appointed to the position on January 9, 2005 and was reappointed by Governor Ted Strickland on January 8, 2007.



*Nancy Dragani, Ohio
EMA executive director*

FEMA

Only Two Weeks Left to Register for Federal Disaster Assistance

The deadline for residents and business owners to apply for federal individual assistance with FEMA, and to submit a SBA loan application is October 26 - only two weeks away.

As of October 11:

- 107 requests for public assistance have been filed
- > 8,000 people in the eight designated counties have registered for FEMA assistance
- > \$29 million in grants have been approved through FEMA's Individual and Household Program
- > \$12 million in SBA loans have been approved for homeowners, business owners and renters
- > 6,900 home inspections have been conducted to help determine the extent of flood damages

State and local entities had until Thursday, October 11 to apply for federal public assistance.

Gallia County Declares Water Shortage State of Emergency

Gallia County Board of Commissioners declared a county state of emergency on October 11, due to a water shortage. Gallia County EMA Director Mike Null and Guyan Township Trustee Roger Watson reported that the county was having problems with its five sources of water (wells). Guyan Township's water table is five to six feet below normal.

All of the wells are residential or agricultural wells. Gallia County reports that at least 320 residences are dry. Most residences have cisterns or holding tanks to store potable water for use during peak demand times because the geology of the area has low water yields. All residents have, or have access to, potable water; the county is in need of non-potable water.

Guyan Township and Gallia County are asking for assistance with refilling residences' cisterns/holding tanks with non-potable water.

Ohio's drought situation is expected to worsen throughout the winter because this winter is predicted to be mild and dry, therefore, limiting the recharging of the water table. There is a possibility that wells will begin to dry up in other areas of the state. This problem could last throughout the winter months.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Ohio Department of Agriculture are assisting Gallia County with monitoring, water conservation, agricultural feed/water issues and public information.

Ohio EMA's recommendations/actions to conserve:

1. Prepared for possible well water shortages by identifying available resources to assist with moving non-potable water.
2. Take a proactive approach and implement monitoring and conservation programs, including public information campaigns to ensure water shortage awareness and to ensure residents are taking appropriate actions.

A joint task force meeting of the Public and Private Water Supply Task Force and the Agriculture Task Force has been scheduled.

EMA STATUS REPORT

FEMA-1720-DR-OH

Incident Period: August 20-28, 2007

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

Deadline to Apply for FEMA IA: October 26

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

Cumulative number of registrations for the eight (IA) declared counties: **8,125** (as of COB 10/09).

By county:

Allen	306
Crawford	1,632
Hancock	2,576
Hardin	117
Putnam	870
Richland	1,941
Seneca	119
Wyandot	564

As of October 9:

Indiv. & Households Program (IHP)	4,689 approved
	\$16.5 million
SBA Home/Personal Property	
SBA Business Loans	\$12.6 million

SBA #10964 / State IA Program #081407

August 7, 2007 Severe storms and flooding in Cuyahoga County

SBA Registration Deadline: October 17

As of October 9:

SBA Home/Personal Property and Business Loan Program has approved **36** loans for a total of **\$670,300**.

State Individual Assistance Program has received **252** registrations. **211** were approved for a total of **\$323,329** (23 applications denied; 18 in process).



FEMA Course

E-210 Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role

CORRECTION: To apply for the E-210 Recovery from Disaster Course, please refer the EMI Web site:
<http://training.fema.gov/Apply>.

EMA UPDATES

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Pete Tesner, Grants Branch Supervisor

Retiring from Ohio EMA after nearly 18 years of dedicated state service. Pete's last day in the office is Friday, October 19.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SECURITY CONFERENCE

(Course No. HAZH-55320)

Monday | **October 29, 2007**

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Joseph E. Cole Center
3100 Chester Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44144

(216) 687-2144 www.csuohio.edu/ce

Conference Cost: \$250



This one-day course provides an overview of the field and in-depth coverage of the most important and relevant topics. After course completions, participants will understand the current status of the national effort to improve transportation and infrastructure security and the basics of protecting transportation assets.

Topics include:

- * Bridge and tunnel security
- * Risk analysis methods
- * Security of mass transit systems
- * Intermodal freight and global supply chain security
- * Emergency preparedness and response
- * Hands-on problem solving and exercises

The conference is sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Cleveland State University and its Transportation Center.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 14	15 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 1 Owens State Community Medical TAC Ohio EMA	16 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 7 Ohio University HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	17 Rapid Assessment Ohio EMA Incident Mgmt. TAC CANCELED	18	19 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 3 Sinclair Comm. College	20
21	22	23	24 WaterTAC Ohio EMA Senior TAC ODOT Auditorium	25	26 Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 4 Ohio State University	27
28	29 Canine TAC ODOT "A"	30	31	November 1 Animal Health Emerg TAC- ODOT, "B"	2	3
4	5	6 Damage Assessment Ohio EMA	7 Debris Management (1.5 days) Ohio EMA	8	9 Cost Documentation Ohio EMA (1/2 day)	10

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