



This Week in Ohio EMA






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Perry County Receives Governor's Declaration for July 22 Straight-Line Wind Storm

Governor Ted Strickland declared a state of emergency for Perry County on Wednesday, July 23, after severe weather passed through southeast Ohio the previous day. Straight-line winds exceeding 110 mph damaged multiple homes and roads and downed trees in the Junction City and New Lexington areas. The initial storms left more than 63,000 customers throughout Central and Southern Ohio without power.

The governor's declaration allowed state resources to be available and designated for specific response and recovery missions - primarily removing large downed trees and debris and assistance with shredding and hauling.

Perry County residents affected by the July 22 storm are now eligible to apply for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) disaster assistance benefits through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Affected families may be eligible to receive a one-time grant for disaster-related expenses of \$500. Households/families with children who have received damage so severe that the homes are not liveable may be eligible to receive a one-time grant of \$2,500. Elderly and disabled individuals may qualify for a one-time grant of \$500 for disaster-related expenses.

Perry County Job and Family Services is accepting TANF applications through August 29.

Meigs County also declared a state of emergency. The county sustained wind damage, downed trees and loss of electricity.



A car suffers storm damage near Stockport in Morgan County. (Photo provided by Morgan County EMA)

Apartment Complex Residents Eligible for SBA Disaster Loans



Residents who lost their homes due to a July 5 fire at the Hunter's Ridge apartments in Toledo are now eligible to apply for low-interest SBA loans. Gov. Strickland requested an SBA declaration after a fire sparked by fire-works destroyed nine buildings and left about 200 people homeless.

Renters can apply for loans of up to \$40,000 to replace or repair personal property damaged by the fire. An outreach center is available at the Lucas County Emergency Services Training Center from July 29 through August 7.

Fayette County EMA Director Named Citizen of the Year

(From the July 12, 2008 Record-Herald)



Fulton Terry, Fayette County
EMA director

Fulton Terry, Fayette County EMA director, received the 2008 Record-Herald Citizen of the Year Award on July 11, after being nominated by a Washington Court House resident.

Criteria to receive the award is based on the person's dedication and service to Fayette County, and includes:

- what this person has done to improve the lives of others in Fayette County;
- what contributions and/or improvements the person has made to the community;
- the selfless acts and volunteer work performed by the person; and
- the person's unique contributions to Fayette County during the past year.

Alice Craig, who nominated Terry, said, "I view Mr. Terry's beneficial influence on Fayette County citizens during Wednesday night church service at Court House Manor."

About 20 years ago, Mr. Terry volunteered to lead a weekly time of reflection, praise and worship at Court House Manor when one of his parents was recuperating there. He has continued the Wednesday night praise and worship to this day.

His award accolades stated that regular attendees look forward to the weekly service and that Mr. Terry prays for and blesses Court House Manor every week.

Mr. Terry said, "Court House Manor has been very special to me. I'm not a preacher but I do my best to help lift their spirits. Nursing homes aren't what they used to be. They are now respected places and all of the nursing homes in this community deserve recognition."

Fulton Terry recently celebrated his 74th birthday.



Fayette County EMA Director Fulton Terry (right), accepts the Record Herald/Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award from Washington Courthouse resident Alice Craig (center) and Record Herald publisher Gary Brock. (Record Herald photo)

Training Update: Wright State University's Campus Safety Exercise

Ohio EMA's Public Affairs and Field Operations, Training and Exercise staff participated in a campus safety tabletop exercise at Wright State University (WSU - Dayton), on July 17. The exercise was facilitated by Ohio EMA Program Manager Darren Price and focused on a simulated terrorism incident on the main campus.

This campus safety tabletop exercise was the fourth conducted in Ohio since March and was developed by WSU staff who used exercise templates from the Ohio University's exercise. Approximately 60 people participated in the exercise, including representatives from WSU's president's office, the provost, and departmental vice presidents; Fairborn Fire Department and EMS; Greene County Sheriff's Office; Ohio State Highway Patrol; Ohio Board of Regents; and the FBI.

University officials were pleased with the exercise and expressed an interest in conducting additional tabletop, functional and full-scale exercises in the future.

For additional information regarding the exercise, contact Darren Price at 614-799-3660 or deprice@dps.state.oh.us

Ohio receives \$43.1 million in FY08 Homeland Security Grant Program

The Department of Homeland Security announced on July 25 that approximately \$1.8 billion in grants were awarded to bolster state, urban area and tribal government efforts to improve the nation's readiness, response and recovery capabilities for natural and man-made emergencies. The state of Ohio was awarded nearly \$43.2 million in FY08 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) allocation.



The HSGP is comprised of four grant programs: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP); Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI); Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS); and Citizen Corps Program (CCP). Ohio ranked eighth in the nation, based on total award amounts, which is consistent with last year's grant allocation.

Ohio will receive individual scores and evaluations on each investment justification in seven to ten business days, prior to the Department of Homeland Security's FY08 HSGP After Action Conference scheduled for August 19.

State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) is the core assistance program providing funds to build capabilities at the state and local levels through planning, equipment, training and exercise activities. Twenty-five percent of SHSP allocation must support law enforcement terrorism prevention activities.

Ohio's FY08 allocation for SHSP - \$24.5 million

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) focuses on the unique planning, equipment, training and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas. It assists in building sustainable capacity to prevent, protect, respond and recover from acts of terrorism.

Ohio's FY08 allocation for UASI - \$16.3 million

Cleveland - Cuyahoga County	\$5.4 million
Cincinnati - Hamilton County	\$5.1 million
Columbus - Franklin County	\$4.6 million
Toledo - Lucas County	\$1.3 million

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) funds support local preparedness efforts to respond to all hazards, mass casualty incidents.

Ohio's FY08 allocation for MMRS - \$1.9 million

Citizen Corps Program (CCP) provides funds to create and support Citizen Corps Councils in each county in Ohio. The CCP's mission is to bring community and government leaders together to coordinate community involvement in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery.

Ohio's FY08 allocation for CCP - \$439,689

The grant programs support objectives outlined in the National Preparedness Guidelines, the National Incident Management System, the National Response Framework, and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. For additional information on Fiscal Year 2008 preparedness grants, visit www.fema.gov/grants.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Position: Operations Manager**



FCEM&HS is searching for self-motivated candidates with direct experience in communications and operations of an emergency operations center (EOC). Candidates must also be adept with various types of computer software.

The Operations Manager position requires interaction with local governments, schools, businesses and the general public. The position requires critical thinking, the ability to handle sensitive information, and 24-hour on-call duties.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree favorable; three (+) years of emergency management experience or operations experience via the military or law enforcement. Salary negotiable.

Background check and completion of Declaration of Material Assistance/Non-Assistance to a Terrorist Organization (DMA) form required prior to employment. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Send resume with a cover letter to:
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
27	28	29	30	31	August 1	2	
		Instructional Skills Course - Ohio EMA					
							
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Advanced ICS Belmont County EOC						OCSWA Poster Contest Awards Ceremony - Ohio State Fair, 12 pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Last Day of Ohio State Fair		ICS Train-the-Trainer (L449) Ohio EMA					
				LEPC Conference Ohio Fire Academy			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
		CAMEO (Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations) Ohio EMA					
		HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	Water TAC Ohio EMA			

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