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NEMA President and Ohio EMA Executive Director Nancy Dragani is Guest Speaker at Emergency Management Forum
www.emforum.org



The Emergency Management Forum, an emergency management information sharing site, is hosting a one-hour presentation and interactive discussion on Wednesday, January 28 at 12 p.m., Eastern Time.

Nancy Dragani, the 2009 NEMA president and executive director of the Ohio EMA, will be the forum's guest speaker. The program will mark the occasion of the National Emergency Management Association's (NEMA) 35th Anniversary. NEMA was incorporated on February 7, 1974 in Washington, D.C. and since that time has grown into an organization that is widely know and respected on a national level.

NEMA's continuous goal is to enhance the overall capabilities of emergency management to meet the challenge of any and all disasters facing the country.

To take part in this interactive emergency management forum, log onto www.emforum.org. For additional information on NEMA, visit its Web site at www.nemanet.org.

Freezing Temperatures Turn Auglaize County into a Winter Wonderland



Jan. 20, 2009 - Rime Ice, Auglaize County. Freezing fog and snow covered most of Auglaize County, making a beautiful winter wonderland.

Rime ice forms when water droplets within a saturated air mass are deposited on objects and instantly freeze, forming interlocking ice crystals. Foggy conditions in a subfreezing atmosphere are prime conditions to produce rime ice.

NWS Wilmington Office photo by Bob Warren, Auglaize County SKYWARN. View additional weather photos at www.erh.noaa.gov/er/iln/. Click on Photo Gallery.

Jackson County Emergency Responders Dispatch to Chemical Spill in Coalton, OH

According to reports from the Jackson County Emergency Management Agency, the Culligan Water Conditioning facility in Coalton had an incident of a chemical reaction during the afternoon of January 12. One Culligan employee was injured as a result of the chemical spill. He was treated and released from a local hospital.

Officials determined that a chlorine solution came in contact with muriatic acid. As a precautionary measure, emergency responders closed State Route 93 and evacuated a home located across the street from the facility.

The Jackson County HAZMAT Team determined that a 12 percent chlorine solution had come in contact with muriatic acid and created a hazardous gas release. No additional interaction of the chemicals was found.

The building was ventilated and later decontaminated by Culligan personnel. The incident was cleared by 3:23 p.m. that afternoon, and State Route 93 was reopened to traffic.

EMA Director Robert Czecklewski thanks all the Jackson County emergency responders for their assistance with the incident.

Emergency responders included: Coalton Volunteer Fire Department; Jackson County EMA; Southeastern Ohio EMS; Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Jackson County HAZMAT and Coalton Police Department.



January 12 - Jackson County HAZMAT crew, donned in protective suits, enter the Culligan Water Conditioning facility after a chemical reaction. *Jackson County EMA photo by Bob Swank.*

Great American Ball Park is First Ohio Business to Become a Supporter

The Ohio StormReady Advisory Board granted the Cincinnati Reds Great American Ball Park StormReady Supporter recognition last month. This is Ohio's first business organization to attain the StormReady Supporter status.

Businesses, schools and other non-governmental entities often establish severe weather safety plans and actively take part in promoting severe weather safety activities. Those who follow the StormReady program's principles and guidelines may be eligible to become a StormReady Supporter. Examples of StormReady Supporters are businesses, hospitals, shopping centers, malls, schools and nuclear power plants.

Entities may be eligible as StormReady Supporters based on the bylaws of the local National Weather Service StormReady Advisory Board and the endorsement from its local emergency management office. Final approval is made by local StormReady Advisory Boards.

The National Weather Service, Wilmington Office will soon arrange a recognition ceremony for The Great American Ballpark. Recognition is valid for three years.

For additional information on the StormReady Supporter Program, visit the National Weather Service site: www.stormready.noaa.gov/supporter.htm.



Ohio Community Service Council - Job Opportunity

Position: Executive Director

Salary Range: \$75,000 - \$85,000

Application Deadline: February 25, 2009

Position Start Date: July 1, 2009

The Executive Director of the Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC) is chosen and appointed by the 21-member council composed of representatives from four state and agencies and others appointed by the governor. The Executive Director retains authority to hire and oversee staff, implement and manage programs, transact business, and otherwise carry out the intentions of the OCSC, in compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. OCSC offices are located in Columbus.

The Executive Director exercises initiative and autonomy to provide overall direction and leadership in planning and implementation of programs that encourage volunteerism and community service across the state. The Executive Director assumes primary responsibility for day-to-day operations and effective management of council assets, including financial and human resources.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree or higher. Knowledge of current status and evolving issues/trends in the national field of volunteerism and community service; knowledge of public relations principles.

Additional information on this position is available by e-mailing OCSC Chair Jeff King at king.20@cfaes.osu.edu. Visit www.serveohio.org for more information on OCSC.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19  <i>Martin L. King Day</i>	20 G270.4 Recovery from Disaster Ohio EMA- Ops Room HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	21	22 <i>Dir. Conf. Call 1pm</i> Bomb TAC Cols Fire Trng Academy Water TAC Ohio EMA	23 PIO Training Miami County (Piqua, OH) Incident Mgmt TAC Ohio EMA	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 2009 Ohio AMBER Alert Conference - ODOT	31
<i>February</i> 1	2	3	4	5 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Wkshp Noble County	6	7
8	9	10 G139 Exercise Design and Evaluation Ohio EMA	11	12	13	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee, URSB - Utility Radiological Safety Board, HSEEP - Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation