



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: February 2008 Wind and Flooding
DATE: February 11, 2008

The EOC Assessment Room is at CAS-1. This is the fourth Situation Report for the February 2008 Wind and Flooding Incident

Information is current as of 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2008.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

February 6: In response to heavy rainstorms and localized flooding across Ohio, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 8:00 a.m. A Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was held in the SEOC Assessment Room at 11:15 a.m. There was one state level request for support from Auglaize County for 10,000 sandbags. Ohio EMA dispatched sandbagging supplies at 11:15 a.m.

February 7: Response operations began to ramp up. Many rivers levels throughout the state began to crest and others began receding. This allowed county EMAs the opportunity to begin assessing damages and needs. By this time, several counties had shelters open to care for displaced residents. State officials conducted their first conference call at 11:00 a.m. with the declared counties.

February 8: Response operations continued, with some early morning water rescues supported by ODNR. Shelters continued to operate in Marion, Erie, Hancock, Henry, Defiance and Putnam counties. A majority of rivers had already crested.

February 9 and 10: Preliminary damage assessments began over the weekend as most areas became accessible. Several shelters were on standby and Friday night into Saturday saw 4 shelters used with a total population of 23 reported.

February 11: All county Emergency Operations Centers were closed and some shelters remained on standby by close of business. Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch began receiving preliminary damage assessments of homes and businesses from the nine declared counties.

CURRENT SITUATION

Rivers and tributaries were at or near crest at the end of last week, and began to recede over the weekend. Damage Assessments are ongoing, and the nine counties with county-level declarations of emergency anticipate having preliminary damage assessment of private property completed by close of business today. A conference call for declared counties took place at 11:00 a.m. today. The potential for significant snowfall and some ice accumulation over the next 24 hours is being monitored.

The state EOC Assessment Room was staffed this past weekend from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, and from 7:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 10.

There were CAS-1 briefings at 9:00 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m. today.

The next scheduled CAS-1 briefing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. CAS-1 agencies should be present in the state Assessment Room or join the briefing by calling 614-387-3141.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency continues to monitor the situation for any changes.

DECLARATIONS

County: Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Logan, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca.

WEATHER

Weather Forecast

Tonight through tomorrow night a winter storm is developing with greatest impact predicted to be a swath of heavy snow of 6-8" with locally heavier (~10") amounts from near Eaton/Greenville extending east-northeast through Dayton and on up to Delaware, Ohio. From central/southern Dayton on east to central/southern Columbus area – the snow will be followed by ice accumulation, then rain.

Although sleet and freezing rain will be possible across the state, the only anticipated area of significant ice accumulation, 0.25", is within the southwest quadrant of the state.

High temperatures today will be in the mid-teens to the north, and in the low-20s to the south. Low temperatures will be in the low-teens to the north and near 20 to the south. On Tuesday, temperatures will rise slightly, with highs in the mid-20s to the north and in the mid-30s to the south. Low temperatures on Tuesday will be near 20 to the north and in the mid-20s to the south.

Current (as of 1:45 p.m.) Warnings and Advisories As Reported by NOAA

The following 12 counties are under a Flood Warning: Coshocton, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Holmes, Lucas, Marion, Paulding, Van Wert, Wayne, Williams and Wood.

The following 22 counties are under a Winter Storm Warning: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Hocking, Licking, Madison, Montgomery, Pickaway, Pike, Preble, Ross, Scioto and Warren.

The following 10 counties are under a Heavy Snow warning: Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Delaware, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Shelby and Union.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

There are currently nineteen U.S. and state routes closed, and four restricted due to high water and flooding. For a complete and up-to-date list of road closures, visit www.buckeyetraffic.org. ODOT is gearing up and preparing for the winter storm.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR, Division of Water is preparing correspondence to the following: Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Logan, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Seneca Counties and Napoleon, Oakwood, Prospect, LaRue, Kalida, Wapakoneta, Russells Point, Ottawa and Findlay. The correspondence will remind these communities of their responsibilities to complete substantial damage determinations and issue permits for the repair of any structures located within identified flood hazard areas. It will also provide contact information for the ODNR Division of Water and

offer technical assistance if needed. Copies of the final correspondence will be provided to Ohio EMA Mitigation Branch.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio VOAD

Ohio VOAD has informed affected counties that they have volunteers on standby to assist with clean-up.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

The Ohio Department of Health worked with the Ohio EMA to connect the Auglaize local health department Environmental Health Director with the Auglaize County EMA Director. The Auglaize EMA contacted the state EMA for help to contact the Auglaize Health Dept. The issue is that an apartment owner is trying to get tenants back into apartments before adequate clean up occurs.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

American Electric Power is experiencing 300 customers out of service in Findlay (Hancock County) and 140 out of service in Crooksville (Perry County). Restoration is expected today.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Disaster Recovery Branch (DRB)

Ohio EMA recovery staff continues to collect and analyze preliminary damage assessment information sent in from the field and to provide technical assistance as necessary.

COUNTY IMPACTS

The following county reports are current as of 11:30 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2008.

No county Emergency Operations Centers are open. It is anticipated that all preliminary damage assessment data relating to private property (residents and businesses) will be available by close of business this evening.

Auglaize County: No shelters open over the weekend. One shelter is on stand-by today. Damage Assessment is being performed today. The county EMA is working with local health officials to make sure information is made available on clean-up issues. Fuel spill recovery crews are on site in St. Mary's. An estimated 10,000 gallon fuel tank is leaking. This tank is underground and is located somewhere under St. Mary's downtown area.

Defiance County: The American Red Cross shelter closed Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Damage Assessment information has been submitted, and debris issues are being coordinated within the county.

Hancock County: The shelter at Owens Community College remained open through the weekend and sheltered five people last night. Due to the cold temperatures the shelter was open today, but is now closed. Damage assessment is continuing.

Henry County: Red Cross handed out cleaning kits on Saturday, Sunday and will continue today. No shelters open, but the American Red Cross is putting up one family in a hotel. Damage assessments started today as water receded and will be complete by close of business.

Mercer County: No shelters open. Damage assessments started on Friday, uncovering mostly basement flooding. Work on assessing public infrastructure damage has begun.

Paulding County: The county has declared to assist the village of Oakwood. The village of Oakwood has eight families displaced. No shelters are open since families have sheltered with family and friends. Damage Assessment paperwork is forthcoming.

Putnam County: Damage assessment and debris planning efforts continue. Debris pick-up starts today, and residents were reminded to keep debris back from the roadway due to the impending snow storm. No shelters open.

Seneca County: No shelters open and damage assessment is ongoing. As in most counties, the forecasted snow will hamper those affected by flooding to get back into homes and clean up.

Logan County: Water has receded in most areas, although some roads remain impassable. Red Cross opened a shelter at 12:00 noon on Saturday at the Community Action Center in Huntsville. The shelter was open from until 9:00 a.m. on Sunday with no population. Eighteen people were sheltered at hotels over the weekend. Ohio EMA Liaison Marc Burdiss is in Logan County to assist with Damage Assessment. Ohio EPA's Orphan Drum program coordinated with Logan County EMA to handle an orphan drum discovered during damage assessments. The County Debris Team met today to discuss debris issues.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 Briefing: The next CAS 1 briefing is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. The state EOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the severe weather situation in Ohio until conditions improve.