



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: September 2008 Statewide High Winds
DATE: September 18, 2008

This is the Situation Report for Thursday, September 18, 2008. This information is current as of 6:30 p.m. today.

The next scheduled CAS Level 2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 19 in the SEOC Operations Room.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

September 14: Remnants of Hurricane Ike moved through Ohio with Tropical Storm force winds, causing widespread downing of trees and power lines. At the height of the emergency, over 1.9 million customers throughout Ohio were without electricity.

September 15: In response to this event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 6:30 a.m. A Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Assessment Room at 11:00 a.m. Due to an escalation of the event, a CAS Level 2 briefing was held in the SEOC Operations Room at 3:00 p.m. Six persons are confirmed to have died as a result of the storm. A boater was reported missing on Lake Milton, with search operations underway. Governor Strickland declared a State of Emergency. Over 450 school districts throughout Ohio were closed due to the emergency.

September 16: The SEOC Operations Room escalated activation to CAS Level 3 at 11:57 a.m. Twenty-four counties declared county-level emergencies due to high winds.

September 17: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 3. Two additional counties issued declarations bringing the total to 26 counties declared. Power continues to be restored with fewer than one million customers now reported as being without power. ODOT has reopened all but two state routes. The body of the missing boater in Mahoning County was found, and the Mahoning County Coroner confirmed the death. An official cause of death is not yet issued.

September 18: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 3 until 3:31 p.m., when de-escalation to CAS-2 occurred due to reduced demand for state assistance. Two additional counties issued declarations bringing the total to 28 counties declared. Power continued to be restored with approximately 588,786 customers reported as being without power.

DECLARATIONS

County: (29) Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Perry, Preble, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Tuscarawas and Warren.

WEATHER

General Forecast

Today will be sunny day with highs ranging from 70 in the north to 80 in the south. On Friday, expect warmer temperatures with sunshine as southerly winds move into Ohio. Over the weekend, it will be sunny and mild for the weekend.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

The Department of Transportation is clearing blocked roadways to critical facilities in Warren county and townships.

The following state routes remain closed due to this event:

- In Champaign County, State Route 560 is closed so crews can repair downed power lines and restore electrical service.
- In Fayette County, State Route 734 is closed due to downed power lines.

ODOT reports that 35 of the 1375 ODOT operated traffic signals are still dark.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR continues to work on the four of the seven received missions.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is assisting in debris removal in Greene and Montgomery counties and the City of Dayton.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Public Water Supply:

OEPA Staff provided a list of public water supplies operating on backup generator power and reported that arrangements for fuel re-supply are in place at facilities running on generators. They do not anticipate any fuel shortage problems at this time. OEPA Staff will continue to conduct outreach to public water systems, including smaller community water systems serving mobile home parks that may be experiencing issues. OEPA will coordinate with ESF-7 on requests for generators for public water system facilities.

Wastewater:

Staff members continue surveying sewage treatment facilities and assessing problems with loss of power to plants and pump stations. OEPA continues coordinating with ODNR on potential impacts from overflows and bypasses.

ESF 4 – Firefighting

Ohio Department of Commerce (ODC)

The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal has nothing significant to report.

ESF 5 – Planning and Information

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency's Operations Division Director opened a Basic Needs Workgroup meeting today at 2:00 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center. The meeting was attended by representatives from state and federal government, trade councils and private non-profits. Attendees included the American Red Cross, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Community Service Council, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Ohio National Guard, Ohio Petroleum Council, Ohio Petroleum Marketer's Association, Public Utilities Commission, Ohio Department of Transportation and Ohio Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters.

The workgroup discussed petroleum, water, food, special needs and medical, generators and debris.

Petroleum: The Ohio Petroleum Marketer's Association reported the both the Cincinnati terminal and the Lebanon terminal are up and are awaiting the return of local power. The Columbus West terminal has been on local power since Wednesday evening.

The BP pumps in Kentucky are operational but the loading rack in Cincinnati has no power. OPMA asked that the state stress to Duke Energy that this is a priority issue.

The interstate waiver allowing motor carriers an exemption for extra hours of service is in place and awaiting a supply disruption that would trigger activation of the waiver.

Twelve refineries are not operational in the Gulf Coast area and there is no product to push. This will affect Ohio soon but a detailed understanding of potential impacts is unclear at this time.

Water: Ohio EPA has advised mobile home parks to go through their local EMAs for any water needs that may arise. All other issues have been addressed at this time.

Food: Concerns about the needs of homebound persons dependent on meals-on-wheels services, food stamp recipients, and persons dependent on food banks have led to the following efforts:

Ohio EMA will forward a request to all county EMAs asking them to identify the need for mobile canteens in their counties.

American Red Cross will do a survey of canteen resources in the state.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief will set up a feeding station in Cincinnati.

One issue affecting the availability of food for food stamp recipients is that Food Stamp Cards cannot be reloaded without the proper paperwork and addressing the paperwork is time consuming and may not be an expeditious way to get additional food to this population.

Special Needs and Medical: The shelter for special needs populations remains open in Cincinnati.

Generators: FEMA has staged generators of various sizes at Rickenbacker ANG Base and MOUs have been drawn up and are ready to be executed.

The Basic Needs Workgroup will meet again on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC staff has been coordinating ESF6 activity from the EOC.

Hamilton County: Special Needs Shelter is still open today. 513-263-8200. Open to persons with functional needs, which may include impaired mobility, special minor medical needs (assistance with wound care), deaf/hard of hearing, visually impaired and elderly.

Ohio Medical Reserve Corps

Cincinnati / Tristate MRC: activating MRC volunteers to support local shelter operations. MRC is helping with local response dealing with health and feeding issues. The following assessment of needs are as follows: two volunteers working at the shelter – per shift, sixteen MRC volunteers checking on elderly health and delivering meals to about 300 people. Another three volunteers checked on 100 seniors at another facility.

American Red Cross (ARC)

Shelter Name (Id)	Status	Address	Agency Operating Shelter
American Red Cross Wayne County (70978)	Open	244 West South Street WOOSTER OH 44691	ARC
Blue Ash Air National Guard Station 123 Acs (52592)	Open	10649 Mckinley Road CINCINNATI OH 45242	ARC
CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (5395)	Open	425 EDISON BLVD XENIA OH 45385	ARC
Crossroads Church Of God (6283)	Open	6213 MILLER LANE DAYTON OH 45414	ARC
Edgewood Community Center (70976)	Open	6852 Market Ave N CANTON OH 44721	ARC
First Baptist Church (70945)	Open	1034 Old State Route 74 BATAVIA OH 45103	ARC

First United Methodist Church (64644)	Open	202 West Fourth St. GREENVILLE OH 45331	ARC
Gasper Fire Station (70958)	Open	4195 Paint Creek EATON OH 45320	ARC
Heath Church Of Christ (7503)	Open	1331 CHAPEL WAY HEATH OH 43056	ARC
Lyons Club (70955)	Open	465 Park Dr. FRANKLIN OH 45005	ARC
Maiden Lane Church Of God (70963)	Open	1201 Maiden Lane Ave SPRINGFIELD OH 45504	ARC
Marion County Red Cross (70936)	Open	1849 Summerset Dr MARION OH 43302	ARC
Mills Memorial United Methodist Church (70946)	Open	402 N. Broad Street LANCASTER OH 43130	ARC
OHIO EXPO CENTER-RHODES (12147)	Open	717 E 17TH AVE COLUMBUS OH 43211	ARC
Old Butler County Jail (70957)	Open	123 Court Street HAMILTON OH 45011	ARC
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (11632)	Open	3828 CLEVELAND AVE S CANTON OH 44707	ARC
Southgate Civic Center (70956)	Open	301 W. Walnut Street NEWPORT KY 41071	ARC
The Masonic Temple (70931)	Open	525 W. Riverview Ave DAYTON OH 45405	ARC
American Red Cross Fairfield Country Chapter (61554)	Closed	121 West Mulberry LANCASTER OH 43130	ARC
West Central School (mrdd) (67999)	Closed	1481 W. Town St COLUMBUS OH 43223	ARC
Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church (70943)	Stand-by	318 Tarlton Road CIRCLEVILLE OH 43113	ARC
Morrow County Fair Ground (70987)	Stand-by	South Main St MOUNT GILEAD OH 43338	ARC
Salvation Army (68941)	Stand-by	515 Putnam Avenue ZANESVILLE OH 43701	Other

In response to food issues, ARC has identified a potential 3 to 4 chapter owned ERVs (Emergency Response Vehicles – feeding units). Some are dispatched to Texas and other Hurricane Ike affected areas.

Ohio VOAD

Members continue to respond to local request as needed.

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

Department has to JIC a listing of community mental health locations and distributed through contact networks.

Ohio Department of Insurance

Rumors regarding not having to pay deductibles are false. Consumers' policy requirements will control what they owe on their claims. Questions should be referred to their company, their agent, or the Department's consumer hotline, 1-800-686-1526.

Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)

ODA reports that two Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) have received a few more requests than usual for nursing facility admissions or information on emergency admission. One senior in Cincinnati being discharged from the hospital went to the special needs shelter because he had no electricity at home. AAAs in Cincinnati and Columbus are requesting or purchasing additional meals. The AAA in Cincinnati provided a staff person to answer phone and help to talk to people with functional needs.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

TANF/Non TANF disaster assistance may be available in these instances where electric company is not responsible for cost of repair. It is up to each county JFS office to decide what they will or will not pay for with the funds. Individuals should contact their county JFS offices to determine if there is assistance available to them for electric hook up.

ESF 7 – Resource Support

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

The Department of Administrative Services is working on a mission to provide potable water to 20 trailers in a Licking County trailer park.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH is receiving calls for information on food handling and the disposal of spoiled food from citizens and local health departments. Information concerning food safety and spoilage has been included to ODH's webpage and is coordinated with Department of Agriculture. ODH conducted additional MARC's radio checks starting at 10:00 am with hospitals and health departments. There were no further storm related issues involved as of today with either hospitals or health departments.

ODH received contact information from the Department of Mental Health concerning crisis contact information for crisis intervention for Ohio counties. This information has been provided to the JIC and is available for release to the public.

As of 11:30 a.m., all hospitals are back on commercial power. One hospital in central region is on a diversion status. There is no anticipation of any future surges or needs from any region that the local level is unable to handle.

ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

ODNR has nothing significant to report.

ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

OEPA has nothing significant to report.

ESF 11 – Agriculture

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Division of Meat Inspection: Meat Inspection Division reports that all establishments' needs have been met. In most cases, power has been restored. However, for those operations that still do not have power, generators have been placed into service. Meat establishments are now moving to the product assessment and evaluation phase.

ODA is awaiting assessment reports on crop damage from Farm Service Agency (FSA) and OSU Extension.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

Statewide Power Outages Total: 551,466

American Electric Power of Ohio - AEP brought crews from Kentucky and West Virginia to assist in restoration efforts. The company is experiencing the most difficulty in restoring power to Malvern, Ohio in the northwest part of Carroll County. AEP has 219,254 customers without power across its service territory.

Dayton Power & Light - DP&L has 89,400 customers remaining without power. The company has gathered crews from Indiana.

Duke Power - Duke continues to have 173,870 customers without power. Crews are coming from the Carolinas to assist in restoration efforts.

First Energy - FirstEnergy is experiencing 51,000 outages in its service territory. Additional crews are coming from Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to assist in restoration efforts.

Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives (OREC) - OREC restored 3,841 customers. OREC does not believe that any of their service territories will require additional state assistance. The Cooperatives were provided additional restoration crews from Michigan and Illinois.

Petroleum

PUCO continues to participate in conference calls with representatives from the Ohio Petroleum Council and the Ohio Petroleum Marketers Association and the EMA.

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

There is a scheduled shutdown of I-77 between White Pond Rd. and Copley Rd. at 6 p.m. This is anticipated to be a 15-minute shutdown to string power lines across the interstate.

Montgomery Co. Sheriff's Dept. has requested assistance with traffic control at 23 major county intersections. OSP Piqua District 5 headquarters is working with ODOT ESF-1 and the Local EMA to coordinate these efforts.

OSP Piqua made a request for portable stop signs stands and not personnel. OSP Piqua confirmed with the sheriff of Montgomery County that there is not a need for assistance at this time. The sheriff of Montgomery County advised that the majority of the intersections have power. OSP Piqua again offered to aid in any way needed with personnel and advised them to call if any needs arise.

Earlier Director Guzman requested that OSP make contact with Columbus Police Department regarding traffic control at their major intersections during the rush hour today. OSP Operations made contact with C.P.D. and was advised C.P.D. are holding over their first shift and calling in the afternoon shift early to assist. OSP assistance was not necessary at this time.

Ohio Homeland Security (OHS)

OHS has nothing significant to report.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

The Governor has requested a disaster declaration from the President through FEMA. The request is for an Emergency declaration that would provide reimbursement for eligible costs for eligible applicants through the FEMA Public Assistance Program, Category B. Emergency Protective Measures for all 88 counties, if approved.

Assistance under FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program, Category B. Emergency Protective Measures, is only available to governmental entities and certain private, non-profit organizations and is a cost-shared program of 75% federal and 25% non-federal funds. Eligible costs for activities taken during and after the incident that are necessary to eliminate or reduce an imminent threat to the public's health and safety and prevent damage to improved public and private property would be reimbursable. Emergency communications, access and public transportation may be eligible types of costs.

Examples of eligible emergency protective measures are:

- Warning devices such as barricades, signs and lights
- Search and rescue

- Provision of emergency shelters or care
- Provision of food\water\ice and other essential needs
- Emergency repairs
- Activation of Emergency Operation Centers

The federal declaration **would not** provide loans and grants to homeowners, renters, farmers and business owners for any disaster-related costs that may incur due to the power outage and clean up.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

The Joint Information Center (JIC) continues to distribute releases urging safety. Today's releases: State EOC Urges Residents to Unplug Appliances as Power is Restored; daily State EOC Update reports; Clarification/Explanation of Governor's Request Letter for Federal Disaster Assistance.

The Joint Information Center is fielding numerous calls from residents receiving misinformation/incomplete information from numerous outside sources on the availability of TANF and Non-TANF funds. A couple of calls from residents seeking help - power restored, televisions blew (power surges); electric garage door not working. JIC is contacting county EMAs/local media to put out proper messages to citizens.

COUNTY IMPACTS

The following county reports are current as of 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2008.

Greene County has ongoing missions for debris removal.

Licking County has requested assistance for potable water to be delivered to a trailer park.

Marion County declared a local emergency on September 18, 2008.

Miami County declared a local emergency on September 18, 2008.

Montgomery County has ongoing missions for debris removal.

Richland County declared a local emergency on September 18, 2008.

Stark County has ongoing missions for debris removal.

Warren County has ongoing missions for debris removal.

BRIEFING AND SITUATION REPORT DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 2 Briefing: The next CAS 2 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2008. The State EOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the situation in Ohio until conditions improve.

All agencies should email their briefing reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us.