



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 20, 2008

This is the Situation Report for Saturday, September 20, 2008. This information is current as of 1700 hours today.

The next scheduled CAS Level 1 conference call is scheduled for 1000 hours Sunday, September 21, 2008, in the SEOC Assessment 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 0630 hours. A Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Assessment Room at 1100 hours. Due to an escalation of the event, a CAS Level 2 briefing was held in the SEOC Operations Room at 1500 hours. Six persons are confirmed to have died as a result of the storm. Over 450 school districts throughout Ohio were closed due to the emergency. Governor Strickland declared a State of Emergency.

September 16: The SEOC Operations Room escalated activation to CAS Level 3 at 1157 hours. 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 a 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 1531 hours, when de-escalation to CAS-2 occurred due to reduced demand for state assistance. Three additional counties issued declarations bringing the total to 29 counties declared. Power continued to be restored with approximately 588,786 customers reported as being without power.

September 19: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 2 until 1530 hours, when de-escalation to CAS-1 occurred due to reduced demand for state assistance. Power continued to be restored with approximately 332,631 customers reported as being without power.

September 21: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 0700-2100 hours at CAS Level 1. Power continued to be restored with approximately 225,418 customers reported as being without power as of 1000 hours.

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

Temperatures are on the warm side today in the upper 70's and lower 80's with partly cloudy skies. Tonight, lows will drop into the middle 50's. As a cold front passes through the state on Sunday there could be a few sprinkles but most areas will see another dry day with highs in the lower 70's and lower 80's.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT continues maintaining traffic detours and debris assistance missions. There are no new missions at this time.

State Route 560 is closed between US Route 36 and State Route 55 in Champaign County.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

OEMA has nothing new to report.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR has nothing new to report

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

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

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

No report submitted

ESF 4 – Firefighting

Ohio Department of Commerce (ODC)

No report submitted

ESF 5 – Planning and Information

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

Approximately 50% of the Damage Assessments from counties have been received by Ohio EMA.

The FEMA Liaison assigned to the Ohio SEOC has returned to FEMA Region V in Chicago.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC staff will continue to monitor mass care needs over the weekend.

Clinton County – Mission Closed: ESF 6 – Mass Care

David O'Reilly (OCSC) coordinated with the Clinton County United Way and the American Red Cross concerning supplies and food needed for a cookout in Clinton County on Saturday and Sunday for residents without power. The United Way network throughout Ohio donated \$1,000 to help purchase supplies and food for this event. General Mills donated cereal and VOAD coordinated with event organizers in order to provide additional support.

Ohio Citizen Corps

Franklin County: Volunteers are being organized in Franklin County for debris removal this weekend. Call Franklin County EMA at 614-794-0213.

Ohio Medical Reserve Corps

Hamilton County: The Special Needs Shelter will be open today until 1200 hours.

MRC volunteers are helping with phone calls at the Hamilton County EOC though the weekend.

American Red Cross (ARC)

<u>Shelter Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Agency Operating Shelter</u>
Blue Ash Air National Guard Station 123 Acs	Open	10649 McKinley Road Cincinnati, OH 45242	ARC
Crossroads Church Of God	Open	6213 Miller Lane Dayton, OH 45414	ARC

In addition, Stark County reports that two Red Cross shelters will remain open. The North Canton Church of Christ at 1301 E. Maple Street, North Canton will close on Sunday.

The Peace Evangelical Church at 3828 Cleveland Avenue SW in Canton will close Saturday afternoon.

All other shelters are either closed or on standby.

Ohio VOAD

No report submitted

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

No report submitted

Ohio Department of Insurance

No report submitted

Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)

No report submitted.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

No report submitted

ESF 7 – Resource Support

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

No report submitted

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH has nothing new to report.

ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

No report submitted

ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

OEPA has nothing new to report.

ESF 11 – Agriculture

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

No report submitted

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

Statewide Power Outages Total as of 1000 hours Saturday, September 20, 2008: 225,418

American Electric Power of Ohio - AEP has 76,000 customers without power across its service territory.

Dayton Power & Light - DP&L has 58,900 customers remaining without power.

Duke Power - Duke continues to have 77,000 customers without power.

First Energy - FirstEnergy is experiencing 12,800 outages in its service territory.

Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives (OREC) - OREC has 1,235 customers remaining without power.

Petroleum

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

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

No open missions.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

Approximately 50% of county damage assessments have been submitted at this time.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

No report submitted

COUNTY IMPACTS

The following county reports are current as of 1700 hours, Saturday, September 20, 2008.

Franklin County has ongoing missions for debris removal.

Greene County has ongoing missions for debris removal.

Montgomery County has ongoing missions for debris removal.

BRIEFING AND SITUATION REPORT DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 Briefing: The next CAS 1 conference call is scheduled for 1000 hours on Sunday, September 21, 2008. The SEOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the situation in Ohio until conditions improve.