



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 21, 2008

This is the Situation Report for Sunday, September 21, 2008. This information is current as of 1600 hours today.

The next scheduled CAS Level 1 briefing is scheduled for 1000 hours Monday, September 22, 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 20: 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.

September 21: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 0700-2100 hours at CAS Level 1. Power continued to be restored with approximately 126,725 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 cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy skies in the afternoon. Tonight, lows will drop into the middle 50's. On Monday, it will be sunny with highs in the upper 70's.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT continues to perform missions with debris assistance. There are no new missions at this time.

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)

No report submitted.

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)

OEMA has nothing new to report.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC staff will continue to monitor mass care needs.

Ohio Citizen Corps

No report submitted

Ohio Medical Reserve Corps

No report submitted

American Red Cross (ARC)

Shelter Name

Status

Address

**Agency
Operating
Shelter**

Crossroads Church Of God

Open

6213 Miller Lane
Dayton, OH 45414

ARC

All other shelters are closed.

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)

No report submitted.

ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

No report submitted

ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

No report submitted.

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 Sunday, September 21, 2008: 126,725

American Electric Power of Ohio - AEP has 34,945 customers without power across its service territory.

Dayton Power & Light - DP&L has 48,600 customers remaining without power.

Duke Power - Duke continues to have 40,701 customers without power.

First Energy - FirstEnergy is experiencing 2,479 outages in its service territory.

Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives (OREC) - OREC has completed power restoration.

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)

No report submitted.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

The Joint Information Center (JIC) has worked with the Department of Job and Family Services to get information to the media warning the public who receive food stamps be aware of possible fraud.

ODJFS reported that people are canvassing neighborhoods without power and posing as department employees seeking to provide assistance with replacement benefits. The scammers are asking people for their dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

The official department form for replacement benefits only asks for a name, address and the reason for seeking the benefits.

The department says anyone approached and asked for sensitive information should refuse and report the incident to law enforcement.

COUNTY IMPACTS

The following county reports are current as of 1600 hours, Sunday, September 21, 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 briefing is scheduled for 1000 hours on Monday, September 22, 2008. The SEOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the situation in Ohio until conditions improve.