

## New Director Search

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EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICES

Hudepohl & Associates have been contracted to conduct the search for the new Director of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

The search process will begin shortly and the position profile will be posted on various sites including the

FCEM&HS website:

<http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/>

Interested candidates can email their resumes to Bonnie Scafaro, Senior Consultant, [bscafaro@hudepohl.com](mailto:bscafaro@hudepohl.com) or Andrea Chadwick, Senior Consultant, [achadwick@hudepohl.com](mailto:achadwick@hudepohl.com).

It is the intent of the FCEM&HS Executive Board to have a new Director in place by June 2008.

## FCEM&HS Executive Committee New Members

The FCEM&HS Advisory Committee, comprised of the signatory jurisdictions of the 1988 County-Wide Agreement, met Wednesday, January 30th. Two vacant positions on the FCEM&HS Executive Committee, open due to mayoral changes in two jurisdictions holding a seat, were filled at this meeting.

The new Committee members are: Mayor E. Rod Davisson, Village of Obetz and Mayor Richard "Ike" State, City of Grove City. Mayor Davisson's alternate

will be Mr. Douglas K. Browell, Village Administrator and Mayor Stage's alternate will be Mr. Mike Wasylik, Deputy City Administrator/Safety Director.

The FCEM&HS Executive Committee meets bi-monthly at 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd., on the third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 19th.

## National Response Framework Released

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released the National Response Framework (NRF), successor to the National Response Plan. The NRF, which focuses on response and short-term recovery, articulates the doctrine, principles and architecture by which our nation prepares for and responds to all-hazard disasters across all levels of government and all sectors of communities. The NRF becomes effective March 22, 2008. Until that time, the National Response Plan remains in effect.

The NRF is intended for senior elected and appointed leaders, such as Federal department and agency heads, State governors, mayors, tribal leaders, city

managers and the private sector. Simultaneously, it informs emergency management practitioners by explaining the operating structures and tools routinely used by first responders and emergency managers at all levels of government.

In addition to releasing the NRF base document, the Emergency Support Function Annexes and support Annexes have also been posted on-line at the NRF Resource Center, [www.fema.gov/nrf](http://www.fema.gov/nrf). The annexes are a total of 23 individual documents designed to provide concept of operations, procedures and structures for achieving response directive for all partners in fulfilling their roles under the NRF.

## Sept. 6 Exercise After Action Report Update

The After Action Report/Corrective Action Plan (AAR/CAP) for the September 6, 2007 Franklin County Multi-Jurisdictional Improvised Explosive Device Full Scale Exercise was approved by State on Friday, December 21, 2007.

Eight objectives were evaluated during the exercise and were: Initial Notification, Incident Command/Unified Command, Communications, Decontamination Operations, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Operations Center, Resource Management and Emergency Public Information

An After Action/Corrective Action meeting was held with

the responsible disciplines on Monday, January 28th at FCEM&HS.

Pertaining to the eight evaluated objectives recommendations, improvement actions and completion dates for corrective actions were reviewed.

The CAP is documented on the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Plan (HSEEP) website and the State will be monitoring Franklin County's progress.

Disciplines are to contact Pam Tickle at FCEM&HS to inform of their progress so that she can keep the HSEEP website up-to-date.

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## FCEM&HS Website

Staff is working on making the FCEM&HS website, <http://www.franklincountyoio.gov/emahs/>, more informative.

Newly added is an Exercise and Event page listing a regional exercise calendar of upcoming exercises and drills. If you would like information added to this calendar, please email exercise information including name, date, time, location (if known) and point of contact with phone number to Pam Tickle at

[ptickle@franklincountiohio.gov](mailto:ptickle@franklincountiohio.gov).

The training page of the website will be updated as training opportunities become available. Recently added are the ICS 300 & ICS 400 student manuals along with the ICS Field Operation Guide (FOG).

Please let us know if there is other pertinent information you would like us to consider adding to our website.

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## 2008 Grant Guidance

The 2008 grant guidance is now available online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants>.

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## NIMS Communications and Information Management Standards

This NIMS Alert provides information for all NIMS Stakeholders on the FEMA Incident Management Systems Division's (IMSD) recommended standards that support interoperability among communications and information management systems. Through evaluation and practitioner reviews conducted in 2007, IMSD identified and recommends that emergency management/response organizations and private sector vendors voluntarily adopt the following five standards:

- ANSI INCITS 398-2005: Information Technology – Common Biometric Exchange
- Formats Framework (CBEFF).
- IEEE 1512-2006: Standard for Common Incident Management Message Sets for Use by Emergency Management Centers.
- NFPA 1221: Standard for Installation, Maintenance, and Use of Emergency Services Communications Systems.
- OASIS Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) v1.1.
- OASIS Emergency Data Exchange Language (EDXL) Distribution Element v1.0.

These standards support a common operating picture, which requires the use of common interfaces among disparate communications and data management systems. These interfaces integrate information to facilitating decision making during an incident, and are established through the development and use of common communications plans, interoperable communications equipment, processes, standards, and architectures. In FY 2008, compliance activities are linked to the standardization of data and information management processes.

The Recommended Standards List (RSL) also includes two programmatic and incident management standards recommended by IMSD in 2006 – NFPA 1600: Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs (2007 Edition); and NFPA 1561: Standard on Emergency Services Incident Management System (2005 Edition).

**Additional information on NIMS Recommended Standards can be downloaded and/or accessed on the FEMA website at: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/standards>**

# New FEMA Independent Study Exercise Courses

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) just released/posted two new independent study exercise courses on their website. The IS-120.A course, which is entitled An Introduction to Exercises replaces the old IS-120 course. The new course is consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) and is a great improvement from the previous course. The new IS-120.A course is a pre-requisite for the HSEEP Training Course. The link to this course is <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS130.asp>

The IS-130 course, entitled Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning, is a new course that updates the G-130 Exercise Evaluation Course. This course introduces the basics of emergency management exercise evaluation and improvement planning. It also builds a foundation for exercise evaluation concepts as identified in the HSEEP. This course will be a pre-requisite for completing the Ohio EMA Exercise Evaluation Course. The link to this course is <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS120A.asp>

## Statewide Tornado Drill

**Statewide Tornado Drill: Wednesday, March 26th, 9:50 a.m.**  
**March 23-29 — Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week**

## 148 Sirens



Two new sirens were recently installed which brings the total number of sirens in Franklin County to 148. The new sirens are located in Grove City on Killdeer Road between Jack-pot & Thistlewood and in Brown Township on Cole Road off Fedder Road at I-70. The public is reminded that there are other ways to protect themselves in severe weather conditions, such as having weather alert radios in their homes and places of business and monitoring local radio and television stations.



The FCEM&HS Office is closed Monday, February 18, 2008 in observance of President's Day. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

### Upcoming Meetings

February 5	10 AM	Franklin County Police Chiefs Association	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
February 6	10 AM	HSAC	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
February 12	9 AM	Franklin County Fire Chiefs Association	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
February 26	3 PM	CEPAC Planning, Training & Exercise	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 5	10 AM	HSAC	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 11	9 AM	Franklin County Fire Chiefs Association	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 12	3 PM	COPIN	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

### Upcoming Training

February 20-21	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300 - <b>Class Full</b>	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
February 27-28	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 400 - <b>Class Full</b>	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 15	9 AM-12 Noon	Weather Spotter Training	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 20	9 AM-4 PM	Senior Officials Workshop	Columbus Police Academy, 1000 N. Hague Ave.
March 29-30	8 AM-5 PM	CERT Instructor Training	Ohio Fire Academy, 8895 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg
April 14,15,16	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300/400	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
May 12,13,14,15	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300/400	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
June 3,4,5	8 AM-5 PM	Threat & Risk Assessment	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
June 18,19,20	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300/400	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

**Jim Leonard, Interim Director**

**Jan Bartel, Finance**  
**Jamie Stout, Planning**

**Art Baker, Warning/EOC**  
**Pam Tickle, Training/Grants**

**Susan Johnson, Administrative Assistant**

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