

Senior Officials Workshop Registration Deadline Extended to March 7th

With the help of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Mr. Robert Lowrey from the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center at the Texas Engineering Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System will be in Franklin County on Thursday, March 20th. Mr. Lowrey will be facilitating a free Senior Officials Workshop. The last time this Workshop was held in Franklin County was back in 2002. The Workshop will run from 9am-4pm and, in order to accommodate the expected large audience, is being held at the Columbus Police Department Training Academy, 1000 N. Hague Avenue, Room 104.

The scenario for the training will be a mass casualty incident at a local shopping center.

The Workshop is intended for an audience of elected

and appointed senior officials and executives from other community entities, both public and private. It is for Mayors, City Managers, Township/Village Trustees, Department Directors and Chief Officers, Directors of local response agencies and division-level senior officials from the public/private sector.

Topics of the Workshop include but are not limited to: Relevance and importance of all hazards incident preparedness, Senior Officials' responsibilities and roles before, during and after a disaster, mutual aid agreements, public information, media relations, legal and financial considerations, and business/economic recovery.

To ensure availability of handout materials, registration is mandatory. To register, contact Pam Tickle, 794-0213 or pktickle@franklincountyohio.gov.

NIMS Update

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Five-Year NIMS Training Plan is now available. You can download a copy at the following website: http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_training.shtm

To access a copy of the FY 2008 (October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008) NIMS Compliance Objectives and Metrics for Local Governments log on to http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_alert.shtm. These objectives are primarily based upon previous years' requirements; however, there is one new objective identified under NIMS Component "Resource Management" introduced in FY 2008:

*Initiate development of a State/Territory-wide system to credential emergency management/response personnel to ensure proper authorization and access to an incident including those involving mutual aid agreements and/or

assistance agreements.

To be determined compliant in FY 2008, Local Governments must complete their respective metrics assessment to demonstrate that they have met the expectation of all FY 2008 Compliance Objectives. All Compliance Metrics assessments will be integrated into an updated FY 2008 NIMSCAST.

SPECIAL NOTE: Senior leaders, emergency management practitioners, disaster workers, and first responders who have previously completed IS-800 or IS-800A are not required to complete IS-800B as part of NIMS compliance activities. However, FEMA strongly urges emergency management professionals across the nation to complete this new independent study course on the National Response Framework (NRF). Additional information on the NRF can be obtained from the NRF Resource Center at www.fema.gov/nrf.

March 17-21, 2008

National Flood Safety Week

Floods can be slow or fast-rising, but generally develop over a period of days. Flash floods usually result from intense storms dropping large amounts of rain within a brief period. Flash flooding can occur with little or no warning and can reach its peak in only a few minutes.

Flood waters can be extremely dangerous. The force of six inches of swiftly moving water can knock an adult person off his or her feet. Flash flood waters move very quickly and can roll boulders, tear out trees, destroy buildings and obliterate bridges. Walls of water can reach heights of 10 to 20 feet and generally are accompanied by a deadly cargo of debris. Just two feet of moving water can float and carry away most vehicles.

If indoors, turn on a battery-powered radio or NOAA

Weather Radio to get the latest emergency information. If your area is advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

If outdoors, climb to high ground and stay there. Avoid walking through any flood waters.

If you are driving and have come to a flooded area, turn around and go the other way. NEVER drive through flooded roads or low water crossings. If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.

If camping, choose camp sites along waterways with care. Remember that storms that are miles away could bring raging water your way.

March 23-29, 2008

Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week

Tornados: As the severe weather season approaches, take some time to make a safety plan for your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Planning ahead will lower the chance of injury or death in the event severe weather strikes.

Take responsibility for your safety and be prepared before a watch or warning is issued. Meet with household members to develop a disaster plan to respond to tornado watches and warnings. Conduct regular tornado drills. When a tornado watch is issued, review your plan – don't wait for the watch to become a warning. Despite Doppler radar, tornadoes can sometimes occur without any warning, allowing very little time to act.

If you are a person with special needs, register your name and address with your local police and fire departments before any natural or man-made disaster.

NOAA Weather Radio has available an alerting tool for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments. For additional information, visit: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/special_need.htm.

The safest place to be during a tornado is a basement. If the building has no basement or cellar, go to a small room (a bathroom or closet) on the lowest level of the

structure, away from windows and as close to the center of the building as possible.

Be aware of emergency shelter plans in stores, offices and schools. If no specific shelter has been identified, move to the building's lowest level. Try to avoid areas with large glass windows, large rooms and wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways or shopping malls.

If you're outside, in a car or mobile home, go immediately to the lowest level of a nearby sturdy building. If there is no building nearby, lie flat in a low spot. Use your arms and hands to protect your head. It is not safe to seek shelter under highway overpasses and bridges.

An overpass may be one of the worst places to seek shelter from a tornado. Wind speeds in tornadoes can exceed 200 mph. These destructive winds produce airborne debris that are blown into and channeled under the overpass. A person can even be blown out or carried away from the overpass by the fierce tornado winds. If a person is positioned at the top of an overpass, he/she could encounter even higher wind speeds and more missile-like debris. Wind direction will also shift abruptly as the tornado passes, tossing debris from all sides.

OPERATION: O.H.I.O

Recently, the Ohio National Guard conducted the largest unit mobilization and deployment since World War II, bringing to over 13,000 the number of Ohio National Guard members. Army and Air, who have deployed in Federal service since the tragic events of September 11, 2001. This represents only a portion of Ohio's contribution to the Global War on Terrorism as many Ohioans in the Active and Reserve components have answered the call to duty. Each service member who deploys leaves behind family members who make their own sacrifices and need our support. The Adjutant General of Ohio, Major General Gregory L. Wayt invites you to come and learn how to support Ohio military Families. These town hall meetings will provide information on support for all Ohio military Families. An interactive forum and review of the existing support structure will provide community leaders, organizations and local citizens an opportunity to ensure the needs of Ohio's military Families are met.

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A CALL TO ACTION

Town Hall Meetings

Six Meetings in Six Locations State-Wide

Wednesday, March 5 2008

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Medina Performing Arts Center

777 East Union Street
Medina, Ohio 44256

Thursday, March 13 2008

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hocking College Student Center

3301 Hocking Parkway
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Tuesday, March 18 2008

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dublin Scioto High School

4000 Hard Road
Dublin, Ohio 43018

Tuesday, April 1 2008

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Owens Community College
Performing Arts Auditorium**

30335 Oregon Road
Perrysburg, Ohio 43451

Tuesday, April 15 2008

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Kettering Government Center

3600 Shroyer Road
Kettering, Ohio 45429

Tuesday, May 20 2008

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

First Church of God

3100 Princeton Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

**The Adjutant General of Ohio,
Major General Gregory L. Wayt,
Invites you to come and learn how to support
Ohio military Families!**

All are welcome! For more information, call:

(614) 336-7000

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Statewide Tornado Drill

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



148 Sirens

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.



Upcoming Meetings

March 5	9 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.
March 12	7 PM	Volunteer Coordinating Council	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 19	9 AM	FCEM&HS Executive Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
March 27	9 AM	Technical, Operations & Training Sub-Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
April 1	10 AM	Franklin County Police Chiefs/Sheriffs Association	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
April 2	10 AM	HSAC	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
April 3	1:30 PM	800 MHz Safety Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
April 8	1:30 PM	800 MHz Service Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
April 9	1:30 PM	800 MHz Advisory Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
April 11	10 AM	CORIC	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

Upcoming Training

March 15	9 AM-12 Noon	Weather Spotter Training	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
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March 20	9 AM-4 PM	Senior Officials Workshop	Columbus Police Academy, 1000 N. Hague Ave.
March 27	9 AM-12 Noon	Tactical Interop. Comm. Plan	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
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	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
May 14&15	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 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.
July 23-25	8 AM-5 PM	COOP/COG Training	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
July or Aug TBD	8 AM-5 PM	ICE/EOC Interface Training	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

Upcoming Exercises

March 13	8:30 AM-4 PM	NAS-T TTX	Makoy Center, 5462 Center St., Hilliard
March 20	9 AM-4 PM	Mobile JIC Drill	Beech Maple Lodge, Blacklick Woods Metro Park
April 18	TBD	Regional Hosp. Evacuation TTX	TBD
June 10	12 Noon-4:30 PM	Health Department Pan Flu FE	Various
June 12	8 AM-12 Noon	Health Department Pan Flu FE Day 2	Various
September 12	TBD	Columbus Regional Airport FSE	Columbus Airport

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