

First Impressions

One of my first impressions is that FCEM&HS needs leadership. We must reach out to those we serve and assure them we will be there whenever we are called upon. We must at the same time assure those that have entrusted us with such responsibility that we are qualified and capable to perform above and beyond the expectations that we lay out for ourselves. FCEM&HS can be strengthened by strong leadership focusing on the needs of our customers and the development of achievable goals.

The goals of any organization must be supported by all the personnel within it and they must have clearly defined duties that make them part of the team. While my assessment is far from complete,

my first impression is the personnel that comprise FCEM&HS are a dedicated and loyal staff. Dedication does not necessarily translate into efficiency, however; I believe leadership will provide focus and responsiveness.



Mike Pannell

FCEM&HS is an organization, like many others, that does not relish change. Change that is perceived and embraced as an opportunity is an imperative. I look forward to a period of growth and progress in all of the areas of the FCEM&HS agency.

FCEM&HS SEEKS OPERATIONS MANAGER

OPERATIONS MANAGER Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Need self-motivated candidates with direct experience in communications and operations of an Emergency Operation Center (EOC). Also adept with various types of computer software. Position requires interaction with local governments, schools, businesses, and general public.

Requires critical thinking, the ability to handle sensitive information and 24-hour on-call duties.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelors Degree favorable, 3 plus years of emergency management experience or operations experience via the military or law enforcement. Salary negotiable. Background check and completion of Declaration of Material Assistance/Non-Assistance to a Terrorist Organization (DMA) form required prior to employment. Send resume with cover letter to Director, FCEM&HS, 5300 Strawberry Farms Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio 43230. EOE. Deadline: 08/18/2008 (postmarked)

ICS 300 DEADLINE NEARS

The deadline to have appropriate personnel certified in ICS 300, Intermediate ICS, is September 30, 2008. The deadline for the ICS 400, Advanced ICS, has been extended to September 30, 2009.

Those recommended to take ICS 300* are middle management, including: strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors and multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center staff.

Those recommended to complete ICS 400** are command and general staff, including select department heads with multi-agency coordination system responsibilities, area commanders, emergency managers and multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center managers.

These recommendations are meant as guidance for local jurisdictions and are not prescriptive. Ultimately, the local jurisdiction must determine which personnel have a potential role in incidents and who will be required to complete the specified level of training.

***Pre-requisites for ICS 300 include IS-700, IS-800(a.b.), ICS-100, ICS-200.**

****Pre-requisites for ICS 400 include IS-700, IS-800(a.b.), ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300.**



Pictures above are from the June ICS 300/400 class that was instructed by Vikki Bunting, Field Liaison, Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

We still have three ICS 300/400 classes scheduled for the remainder of 2008. If you are interested in attending one of these classes, please visit our website and click on the training link for the registration form:

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

Dates available: August 20-22
September 8-10 (almost full)
December 9-11

NIMSCAST REMINDER

For the jurisdictions/agencies required to report NIMS compliance, you must complete your entry and rollup of completed responses by Friday, August 22nd.

At this time only six (6) of the twenty-two (22) entities required have been on the NIMSCAST site entering information.

Congratulations to the City of Dublin for being

the first jurisdiction to complete and roll-up their NIMSCAST metrics!

Please do not wait until the last minute. The login page of the NIMSCAST is <https://www.fema.gov/nimscast/Logon.do>

Contact Pam Tickle if you have any questions.

COLLEGE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FCEM&HS is seeking to fill positions for unpaid student interns within our agency working in all facets of emergency management from exercises and training to planning and recovery.

Work is available during semesters/quarters, summers or during extended breaks.

We will work with your University/College so that your internship qualifies for credit upon completion.

If interested, please contact Jamie Stout to discuss the available opportunities.

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SNOW DECLARATION UPDATE

Federal aid was available to supplement state and local response efforts in the area struck by record snow and near record snow during the period of March 7-9, 2008. .

As of Wednesday, July 30th, \$663,665 has been distributed to the various county agencies/ municipalities that applied.

Congratulations and nice work to all who were

granted reimbursement dollars through FEMA for the snow declaration.

If your jurisdiction or school district is interested in appointing or changing your fiscal point of contact and/or the point

of contact for damage assessment contact Jamie Stout, Planning Manager, at jlstout@franklincountyohio.gov.

ADVISORY BULLETIN

The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) has issued an advisory bulletin on ensemble storage life. Various NFPA protective clothing standards require that a statement regarding ensemble storage life be included in the User Information. The SEI has become aware that some NFPA ensemble manufacturers are making claims of indefinite storage life for their ensembles which are inconsistent with what is being provided in the User Information.

Since 1) SEI is not aware of an accurate test method for determining ensemble storage life or shelf-life and 2) there is a need to improve the manner in which this information is presented to users and prospective customers, SEI is strongly recommend-

ing that all storage life statement(s) be substantiated. The details of the substantiation should be made available to users and/or prospective customers upon request. Statements such as “unlimited storage life” or “indefinite storage life” are no longer acceptable unless there is sufficient data to substantiate the claim. For further clarification on this issue, please contact SEI: 703-442-5732.

(Vapor-protective ensembles for hazardous materials emergencies, liquid splash-protective ensembles and clothing for hazardous materials emergencies, and protective ensembles for first responders to CBRN terrorism incidents.)

FCEM&HS Office Closed Labor Day

FCEM&HS will be closed Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day. Should severe weather be forecast for Franklin County; on-call staff will be monitoring the situation and will report to work if needed.

Upcoming Meetings

August 5	10 AM	FCPCSA @ Law Enforcement Expo	Columbus Convention Ctr.
August 5	6 PM	Red Cross Emerg. Services Volunteer Meeting & Tour	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 6	10 AM	HSAC — CANCELED	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 6	2 PM	Central Ohio Data Sharing Sub-Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 12	9 AM	FCFCA	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 13	9 AM	NAS-T	Battelle
August 19	11 AM	Citizen Corp Council	FCBH
August 22	10 AM	CORIC	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
September 2	1:30 PM	Central Ohio Data Sharing Sub-Committee	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
September 3	ALL DAY	HSAC	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
September 3	9 AM	COPIN	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

Upcoming Events

July 30-August 10	Ohio State Fair
Month of September	National Preparedness Month

Upcoming Training

August 13-15	8AM-5PM	Agricultural Terrorism	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 20-22	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300/400 (CFD Instructor TBD)	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
August 27	TBD	Partnership in Emergency Preparedness: A Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Workshop	TBD
September 8-10	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300/400 (CFD Instructor TBD)	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.
December 9-11	8 AM-5 PM	ICS 300/400 (Sgt. McVey)	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

Upcoming Exercises

September 12	9:30 AM-3:30 PM	Columbus Regional Airport FSE	Columbus Airport
September 23	9:30AM-3:30 PM	Multi-Regional IED TTX	Vets Memorial
October 16	8:00AM-1:00PM	FEMA Region 5 TTX	5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.



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