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2010 LEPC Annual Hazardous Materials Exercise

On May 12th at 8:59am, the Fairfield County LEPC practiced a Hazardous Materials Incident at the Ohio Paperboard facility in Baltimore, Ohio. Representatives from the Ohio Paperboard, Basil Fire Department, Baltimore City Police Department, Fairfield Union Schools, Fairfield Medical Center, Village

of Baltimore, Ohio State Patrol, Fairfield County Amateur Radio, Ohio Department of Transportation, American Red Cross, Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Fairfield County Special Operations HazMat Team, and the Fairfield County EMA all discussed what they would do if a fire consumed the paper materials in the facility, pos-

sibly causing a sulfuric acid leak from a plastic container on the property.

The opportunity to have all involved parties at the table to discuss everyone's actions, helps the key players to know how they would work together during an actual event. The ICS Commander, acted out by a Basil Fire Fighter, helped lead the steps through the response.

Everyone seemed to walk away from the exercise with a good feeling about the responders' readiness for an actual event.



Communications: 1/1/2013 Rebanding of Radios Update

As many of you already know, the EMA office has hired a contractor to collect the current status of the radios in the county. Our goal is to find out what the eventual need will be to ensure everyone is compliant with the FCC's requirement of rebanding to a

12.5kHz band on 1/1/2013.

At this time we are collecting the data to find out how many radios we have, how many of those can simply be rebanded, and how many new radios with the narrow-banding capability will need to be purchased and

programmed before the deadline.

Thanks for everyone's cooperation in getting this information to our office.





MRC Appreciation Event

The Fairfield County EMA and the Fairfield Health Department hosted an appreciation event to thank the volunteers who donated hundreds of volunteers hours to the H1N1 vaccination clinics this past winter. We had over 125 volunteers volunteer over 3,400 hours at either the health department, the mall, or at one of the area schools. The volunteers came from all expertise areas including doctors, nurses,

pharmacists, EMT's, non-medical volunteers, and many others. Through these efforts, the Health Department was able to give over 25,000 vaccinations. This proved to be a very efficient way to saturate the county.

We again just want to thank our Medical Reserve Corps Team and all their efforts. The group has already

proved to be a great resource to the community.



*MRC and H1N1:
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Citizen Corps Training Class



make the information more relevant to the participants.

OTHER TRAINING:

The CERT Team is continuing to offer training to its members throughout the year. In May, a CPR and First Aid class was offered to the CERT Members. Coming up in June, a self defense class for adults and youth is available. Contact Criss Manning or the EMA office to get signed up.

Once again a training class for the Community Emergency Response Team was held at the Violet Township Fire Department in Pickerington. Over 20 people signed up and completed the 5 session course, and now have been added to our response team for the county.

Thanks to the many instructors that helped teach the class. Each instructor brought skills and experience into the classes to

*CERT completes another
training and adds to its
volunteer numbers.*

Mitigation Program Update

Work on the five year update to the County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, which expires in November of 2011, has been stalled as there are no federal mitigation funds available and the Congress has not passed appropriate legislation to re-establish the funds.

Fairfield County's request for a federal grant to fund the updating of the plan has been approved by FEMA, however, since there are no funds we must wait until the grant can be awarded.

Information from OH EMA indicates that Congress may approve the funding in July or August of this year.

Trench Rescue Equipment Purchased

The Violet Township Fire Department is very excited about their new trench and shoring equipment that was able to be purchased with the help of State Homeland Security Grant funds. The new equipment purchased from O-Ring & Associates includes Raker Sets and Accessories, Basic 12 and 16 Shore Trench Kits, and US&R Rescue Strut Systems. Several of the Violet Township Firefighters have gone through extensive training and/or have had previous experience with the Paratech equipment. The department has also acquired a new vehicle to install the equipment on for quick response, which is a great improvement from the previous trailer they had be-

fore. The firefighters refer to the vehicle as the “trench truck”. They are excited to do some additional training and demonstrations for others in the next few months.

This resource will be a countywide resource, and Violet Township FD will have a trained team on-call for any need in the county for the rescue equipment.



Alert-Fairfield County is being implemented

What is Alert-Fairfield County? An emergency notification system used by village, city and county public safety organizations throughout the United States to issue emergency related messages to residents and businesses. The system has the capacity to send thousands of messages via landline, cell phone, TTY, e-mail, text and fax, all within minutes. Only authorized officials are allowed access to the system.

How can I sign up to receive notifications?

If you have a landline phone, your number is already in the database. You can also register your cell or VOIP phone number by going online to www.fairfieldema.com and follow the prompts.

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*Mark your calendars for
Lightning Safety Week
June 20-26, 2010*

Our Mission

To establish, coordinate and sustain partnerships throughout Fairfield County, united in efforts to prepare for emergencies and to minimize loss of life and property and help the community to return to normalcy when they occur.

Lightning Safety Week: June 20-26, 2010

When Thunder Roars ... Go Indoors!

Summer is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena— lightning. But don't be fooled, lightning strikes year round. The goal of this week is to educate and safeguard U.S. residents from lightning. In the United States, an average of 58 people are killed each year by lightning. **To date, there have been 3 lightning deaths in 2010.**

Hundreds of people are **permanently** injured each year. People struck by lightning suffer from a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms, including memory loss, attention deficits, sleep disorders, chronic pain, numbness, dizziness, stiffness in joints, irritability, fatigue, weakness, muscle spasms, depression, and more. Plan to be safe this storm season.



Information taken from <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/>

Check out the website for additional information and resources.