

SUMMIT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 21, 2022

The Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee (EMEC) meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 1000 AM via Zoom by Inspector Bill Holland.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lori Pesci motioned for the approval of the February 17, 2022 minutes, with Mayor Goncy as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence Sent and Received

Bill Holland discussed the correspondence.

- No correspondence
- Congratulation to Tommy Smoot for his promotion to Deputy Director of Public Safety and will continue as the Emergency Management Agency Director

III. OLD BUSINESS

Tommy Smoot stated they continue to work on the EMEC grant projects but are seeing significant equipment delays. Some items take an additional 2-3 months to receive, and there are still substantial supply chain issues. We will continue to report to the Committee on the progress as they are completed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. EMA AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management Agency Report

- Tommy Smoot reported:

Incidents

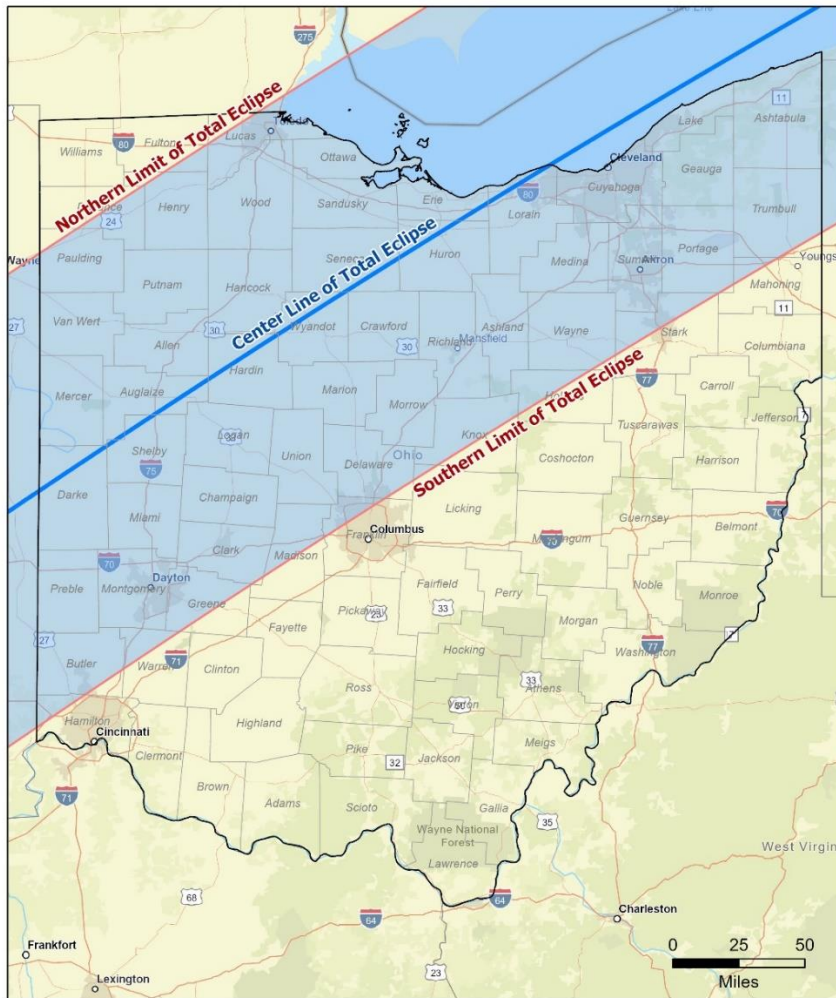
1. COVID

- a. March 13, 2022, marked the 2nd anniversary of the EOC activation. The EOC has played a significant role in establishing the posture and supporting the response throughout the phases of COVID-19. Thank you to all of our EOC reps that served. The last regularly scheduled briefing was March 24, 2022.

- 1. FEMA established two deadlines as it relates to the COVID-19 declaration.

2. First, the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) deadline is July 1, 2022, which coincides with the end of the President's authorization of the 100% Federal cost-share. After July 1, 2022, the cost-share will revert to 90% federal and 10% applicant.
 3. The second deadline is to submit projects for work completed from January 20, 2020, through July 1, 2022, and by December 31, 2022. This interim deadline does not affect the eligibility of PA funding for work completed after July 1, 2022, so long as the incident period remains open after that time. FEMA will issue additional guidance regarding the December 31, 2022 deadline by June 1.
 4. Note that for work completed after July 1, 2022, applicants must submit new projects to cover that work due to the change in cost-share after July 1, 2022.
1. April 8, 2024 - Eclipse Planning
 - a. Summit County is projected to be a Zone 2 county. A Zone 2 county is entirely within the totality path and has a potential for growth of 2x our county population. Additional details will follow soon.

b.



**Total Solar Eclipse Path through Ohio
April 8, 2024**



September 30, 2021

Grants

1. Ohio EMA implemented a new grants management system for SHSP and EMPG.
2. We are expecting a decrease in our EMPG funding for FY22.
3. We have submitted, and the following grants are pending with the awarding agencies:
 - a. HMEP
 - i. \$5,616.66 x 3 - BioTech IQ
 - ii. \$7,116.66 x 3 DrugIQ
 - iii. \$5,616.66 x 3 HazMatIQ
 - b. PUCO
 - i. \$12,300 - Emergency Response Decision Support System
 - ii. \$8,925 - Clandestine Lab
 - iii. \$15,400 - HazCat Refresher
 - c. Hazard Mitigation
 - i. \$25,000.00 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Projects

1. Coordinated Call Center Phone Software Upgrade completed
2. ReverseAlert domain renewed - The new expiration date is April 26, 2025.
3. ServeOhio, The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism, will be the new host of the State's volunteer registry through their Get Connected platform.
 - a. EM Volunteer programs will have 90-days from the date the OAC Rule takes effect to establish their presence, and their volunteers will need to register on the new platform
 - b. Although Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is not impacted by this rule change, and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has elected to continue its contract with its vendor to continue to use the Ohio Responds platform for MRC volunteers ~ Ohio EMA will no longer support the Ohio Responds

**Reminder to download the EMA App and register for Reverse Alerts

- Tim Gemind reported on the following:
 - 2 Incidents for the hazmat branch in Clinton and Macedonia.
 - Training is ongoing in all SORT branches.
 - There was a successful three-day training in Peninsula with TROT, IMAT, and Water.
 - The Water Branch plans to integrate the IMAT team into more of their training this year.
 - The hazmat branch will participate in a tabletop exercise at Omnova on May 5 and the NECO Region 5 exercise with Cleveland Clinic on May 12, 2022.
- Alex Burt reported on the following:
 - She discussed the Senior Officials TEEX training, Pipeline training, and Skywarn (close to 60 people attended) training. There is also a possibility of hosting a winter Skywarn training.
 - The new training website can be a little challenging to navigate. If you have any issues, please get in touch with me.
 - She is continuing to receive and review school plans.
 - Alex has updated the public safety EMA website to include calendars for all our meetings and a resource page.

- We applied for grant funding to hire a contractor to assist with the next update of the hazard mitigation plan. We are waiting to hear back from the State on the grant application.
- Angela Robinson reported the following:
 - Completed end-of-quarter reporting.
 - She has had some supply chain issues and has some projects with several month delays
 - Angela thanked Judy and Tim for the teamwork on equipment purchases, procurement, and delivery.
 - Overview for FY19 SHSP, there is one item we are working with the State to procure. FY20 FHSP, most of the large items are complete, 7 in various stages, and one waiting on reimbursement. FY21 SHSP is still under a federal funding hold.
- Joseph St. John reported the following:

SNS (as of 421.22)

- 653 organizations
- 2000 allocations
- Distributed: approaching 5 million pieces

County Distribution Center

- 309 total orders since 7/20
- Internal audit supposed to complete inventory first quarter of this year

EMA App

- No significant issues/changes
- He cannot currently see how many downloads. The company is going with a new vendor to get those analytics, so hopefully, we will have that number soon.

Damage Assessment

- No significant issues/changes
- He completed a brief overview of the system for county elected in the senior officials training.

Mitigation Plan

- No report

COVID-19 Test Kits

- Currently have a good amount which internally employees can request through HR

EOC Handbook

- Updated the emergency contacts.

IPAWS

- I am working on an IPAWS policy with Tommy.

Training/Exercises/Events (since the last meeting)

- NECO Exercise May 5th
- Omnova LEPC Tabletop May 12th
- Virtual ICS 300 & 400 May
- Public Information Officer Awareness
- L105 Basic
- Medical Response to Bombings

- G205 Recover from Disaster
- Misc
- Sent out a survey for a drone database to the Police and Fire Chiefs

Summit County Public Health

Donna Skoda stated Covid numbers have come down quite a bit, but there is a slight increase presently. This increase was expected with spring break. They have not seen a significant uptick in hospitalization with Omnicron. Currently at 24 cases a day. Many are eligible for a 4th booster. Boosters are given every day at the clinic; no appointment is needed.

800 MHz Radio System Report

Mike Szabo stated they are working through their regular system updates. In May, an update is coming out for the dispatch centers that utilize the MTC7500 consoles. They will see Motorola technicians appear to do upgrades to their workstations. Mike reminded everyone they have sent out notifications about the link-layer authentications – this is a two-factor authentication process required to be installed on the radios by 2025.

Citizen Corp

Tommy Smoot stated they are hoping to resume in-person CERT training in the fall.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lori Pesci stated during the Senior Officials training; they discovered many new elected officials who weren't familiar with responding to emergency activations. So we want to make sure everyone understands this process. Please let Tommy or Lori know of any ideas.

Lori stated there was talk at the Fire Chief's meeting on cross-training among communities for the Rescue Taskforce (RTF) model. The Fire Chiefs are interested in coming to the Police Chief's meeting and talking more about this training between both disciplines and across jurisdictions in those types of responses.

Lori stated there are seats open in the TEEEX 314 All-Hazards Incident Management Class, and the federal government covers all expenses. TEEEX hosts this training at their campus in College Station, TX.

Mayor Goncy stated the Mayor's Association would be going back to in-person meetings next week. He would like to have a presentation from the Police/Fire at one of their meetings.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tommy Smoot with Mayor Goncy as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

The next meeting will be on June 16, 2022, at 10:00 am.