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Summit County Donates Emergency Response Equipment to Support Ohio TERT

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro is pleased to share the County's Emergency Management Agency recently donated a 28-foot trailer, inflatable tent and cots to the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center for use in support of Ohio TERT, the Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce, operations.

The trailer was previously equipped and used as a mobile hospital. This donation allows the trailer and shelter equipment to continue serving an important public safety purpose during emergency deployments, extended incidents, training exercises and other operational needs.

The donation also strengthens an existing regional partnership. Dispatchers from the Summit Emergency Communications Center deploy with Ohio TERT, assisting emergency communications centers and communities during critical incidents.

Before transferring the trailer, Summit County identified several health care-related items that were no longer needed for its new purpose. Those supplies were donated to OPEN-M to support the organization's on-site clinic and the health care services it provides to community members. Other health care-related items were distributed to additional organizations, including Medwish-Cleveland, the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office, the Ashland County Sheriff's Office and Bomb Squad, the South Summit Rescue Team and the Columbiana County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

"This donation allows equipment originally purchased for emergency medical response to continue serving an important public safety purpose," said Executive Shapiro. "It will support the work of Ohio TERT, including the dispatchers from the Summit Emergency Communications Center who deploy with the team. At the same time, the medical supplies will directly benefit the patients served by OPEN-M's clinic and many other community organizations throughout our region."

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