



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Franklin County Emergency Management
and Homeland Security



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Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) coordinates and prepares for all-hazards disaster planning, community education, warning, training, grant funding, response, and recovery efforts in order to prepare and protect the citizens of Franklin County before, during, and after natural and man-made disasters.

AUTHORITY

FCEM&HS in accordance with Chapter 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code is organized as a regional agency under the 1988 Countywide Agreement coordinates all-hazards emergency management and disaster preparedness functions for the 42 local government jurisdictions of Franklin County.

City of Bexley	Village of Harrisburg	Pleasant Township
Blendon Township	City of Hilliard	Prairie Township
Village of Brice	Jackson Township	City of Reynoldsburg
Brown Township	Jefferson Township	Village of Riverlea
Village of Canal Winchester	Village of Lockbourne	Sharon Township
Clinton Township	Madison Township	Truro Township
City of Columbus	Village of Marble Cliff	City of Upper Arlington
City of Dublin	Mifflin Township	Village of Urbancrest
Franklin Township	Village of Minerva Park	Village of Valleyview
City of Gahanna	City of New Albany	Washington Township
City of Grandview Heights	Norwich Township	City of Westerville
City of Grove City	Village of Obetz	City of Whitehall
City of Groveport	Perry Township	City of Worthington
Hamilton Township	Plain Township	Franklin County

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



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**William F. Vedra, Jr.
Chairman**

On behalf of the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Executive Committee, I would like to offer our sincere gratitude to the staff of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) for another year of commendable service to the citizens of Franklin County.

Throughout 2018, Director Jeffrey Young continued to build partnerships with public safety, health and community support agencies throughout the central Ohio region. Great strides have been made in establishing long-term relationships with these vital support organizations including The Ohio State University. Through this collaboration, Buckeye Alerts were integrated with ALERT Franklin County. This integration provides citizens the option to receive emergency notifications from The Ohio State University via ALERT Franklin County.

Last spring, the Agency added the Community Engagement feature to ALERT Franklin County. The new feature is available to all jurisdictions and can communicate important public safety and special event information to residents and visitors through a keyword based text message.

FCEM&HS began activating the Outdoor Warning Siren System by zones in 2018 to more accurately warn residents of tornadic activity. The new policy enables siren activations to more closely align with warning polygons issued by the National Weather Service. Staff also assisted the National Weather Service in surveying the damage from two EF-1 Tornadoes that touched down in Franklin County.

The members of the Executive Committee who represent our 42 jurisdictions are dedicated to achieving the highest level of preparedness for the safety of our citizens. We look forward to another successful year in 2019 as FCEM&HS develops zip code text messaging through the ALERT Franklin County to further ensure the well-being and a more resilient community for the residents of Franklin County.

William F. Vedra, Jr.
Chair, FCEM&HS Executive Committee

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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Jeffrey J. Young
Director

At numerous times and from a variety of sources, it is not uncommon to hear “All disasters start and end locally.” I take this phrase to heart with the belief that at every level of emergency management, we exist to create resilient communities and to help those communities respond and recover as efficiently and effectively as possible from any type of incident.

As you read through the 2018 Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Annual Report, I hope the variety and amount of support the Agency provides to the local jurisdictions as well as the collaboration that is occurring to support this resiliency, response and recovery mission becomes obvious. In 2018, the Agency engaged in many projects that highlight this work including the regional Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Exercise and the Franklin County Winter Snow Emergency Plan.

The regional SWAT Exercise brought together tactical teams from multiple levels of government including local, county, state and federal agencies and several other disciplines to exercise each team’s individual skills, but more importantly to learn from each other. The full-scale exercise enabled participants to improve their ability to safely work in close proximity to each other as well as with other response disciplines in a very challenging environment.

The Agency also worked diligently with Franklin County Sheriff Dallas Baldwin and numerous other partners to develop Franklin County’s very first Winter Snow Emergency Plan. This plan does not direct the actions of any organization but assists them during impactful winter storms in pre-planning, communication and collaboration as well as managing the impacts upon their local communities.

These projects are just two examples of the variety and volume of work being done by FCEM&HS on a daily basis. I encourage you to take a moment to review the information within this report with the understanding that the entire staff at Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security have no intention of slowing down. We continue to work hard every day to create prepared and resilient communities throughout Franklin County.

Jeffrey J. Young
FCEM&HS Director

FRANKLIN COUNTY HAZARDS



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In an effort to minimize the adverse impact of disasters on people and property in Franklin County, FCEM&HS released an update of the Franklin County Risk Assessment in 2018. The Risk Assessment is a detailed study of the hazards most likely to impact Franklin County.

Threats, hazards and dangerous events such as winter storms, floods and terrorist attacks were analyzed and ranked according to the potential risk they pose. The assessment of the community's threats, hazards, and risks provides the basis for planning and implementing measures to reduce the negative consequences of a disaster or catastrophic event by strengthening the community's prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery capabilities.

Below are the 20 hazards listed according to their rankings; the lower the numerical ranking, the higher the hazards likelihood and potential impact on Franklin County:

1	Tornadoes	11	Civil Disturbance
2	Cyber Threat	12	Severe Summer Weather
3	Infectious Disease	13	Transportation Accident - Aircraft
4	Flooding	14	Space Weather
5	Lone Wolf Terrorist Attack	15	Extreme Heat
6	Dam Failure	16	Earthquakes
7	Utility/Energy Interruption or Failure	17	Invasive Species
8	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear or Explosive (CBRNE) Terrorist Attack	18	Air & Water Pollution/Contamination
9	Severe Winter Weather	19	Drought
10	Hazardous Materials Incidents	20	Karst/Sinkhole



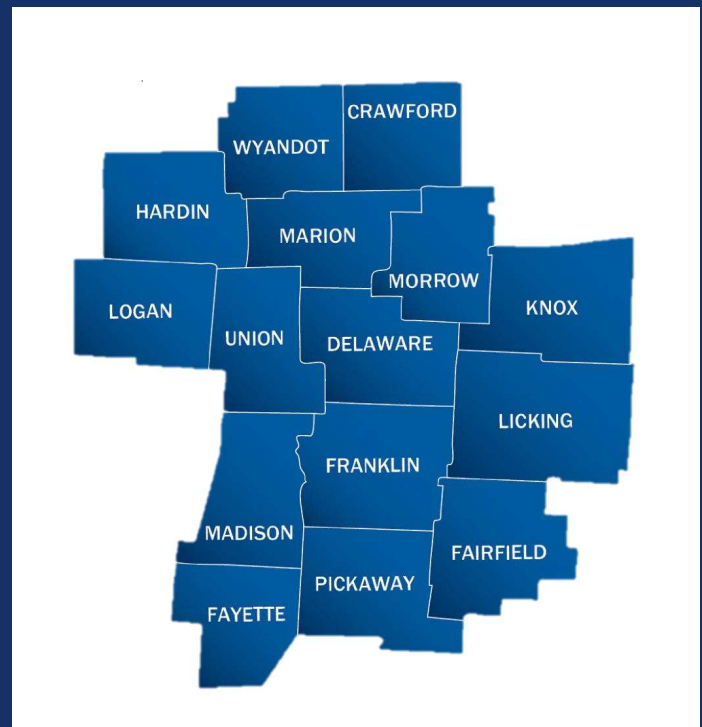
The FCEM&HS Planning Program is responsible for countywide emergency planning, including the continuous maintenance of the Franklin County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and all associated Emergency Support Functions and Annexes, using a risk-based, all-hazards approach. During an emergency, staff are responsible for the creation of all incident-specific plans, development of a Situation Report, and the utilization of Geographic Information Systems information.

Throughout the year, staff provide expertise to Franklin County partners to develop and maintain their own plans working in concert with the countywide planning efforts. In addition, staff reviews school emergency plans for all private and public schools in Franklin County and assists countless healthcare facilities to navigate the new emergency preparedness rules set forth by the federal government for healthcare entities.

Central Region Fatality Management Plan

In 2018, FCEM&HS continued to work with the Franklin County Coroner's Office (FCCO) and local partners to enhance fatality management planning within the county as well as the Central Ohio Region which encompasses 15 counties within Homeland Security Region 4. Throughout the year, FCEM&HS and FCCO, met with county planning partners to develop a countywide fatality management plan. The purpose of the plan is to identify roles and responsibilities of response partners during a mass fatality incident and enhance coordination during incidents that require an effective acute mass fatality response.

In addition to the local planning efforts, counties within the Central Ohio Region were provided planning support to enhance an existing plan or develop a new plan for fatality management response in their community. These 15 plans will be used to create the Central Region Fatality Management Plan. The purpose of the regional plan is to provide operational guidance to the counties in order to effectively coordinate regional response during a mass fatality incident. This regional plan is intended to be a complement to local response efforts and provides a mechanism for coordinating regional support prior to a state activation. The plan will include useful planning tools such as position checklists, resource lists, and just-in-time training. The final plan is expected to be completed in early 2019.



PLANNING PROGRAM



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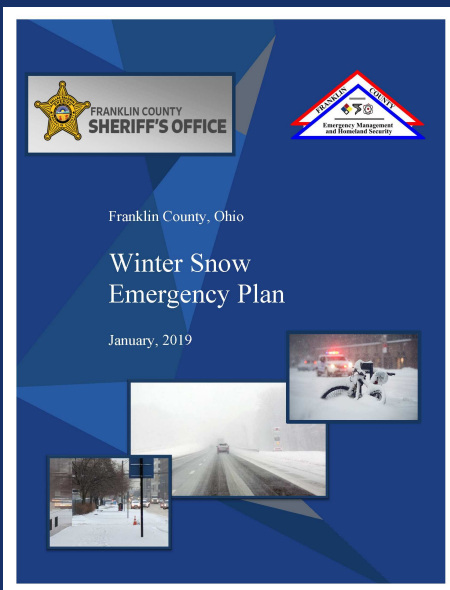
Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

In 2018, FCEM&HS updated the Franklin County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. The countywide plan enables jurisdictions in Franklin County to create projects or update existing projects designed to reduce the impact of natural hazards. Examples include the installation of tornado sirens or safe rooms to reduce the loss of life or injury from tornadoes or the voluntary acquisition of repetitive flood loss properties for green space.

The hazard mitigation planning process consisted of gathering and analyzing data available from various sources including the Risk Assessment for Franklin County. FCEM&HS also solicited input from local residents, business leaders and government officials through online surveys and educational workshops. This valuable input is documented in the plan. The plan recommends a number of public education efforts, continued support for flood mitigation buyouts, and the examination and the potential modification of planning guidance and other development regulations to ensure the risk of damage to new structures is minimized.



Franklin County Winter Snow Emergency Plan



Snow Emergency Levels can have a tremendous impact on businesses, government and schools. To improve communication regarding snow emergency declarations, FCEM&HS in concert with Franklin County Sheriff Dallas Baldwin developed the Franklin County Winter Snow Emergency Plan. The plan provides a framework and consistent guidance when winter weather may impact area roadways.

Last September, a group of stakeholders and representatives from organizations throughout Franklin County met at FCEM&HS to discuss their current procedures, concerns and information needs when a winter storm is forecast or occurring in Franklin County.

The plan is not intended to direct the operation of any individual jurisdiction or the exceptional work performed by the crews in the field. It was created to promote collaboration, situational awareness and support key decision makers with their planning, public messaging or decision to alter operations due to hazardous roadway conditions.

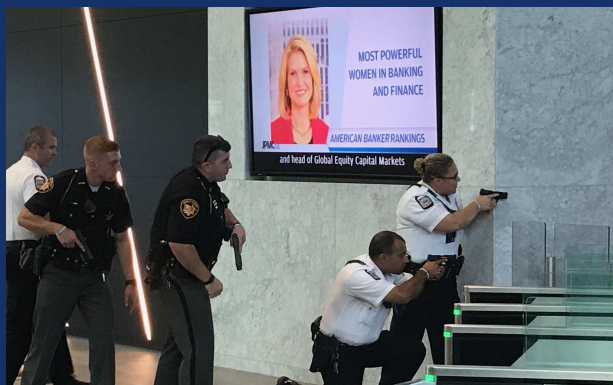
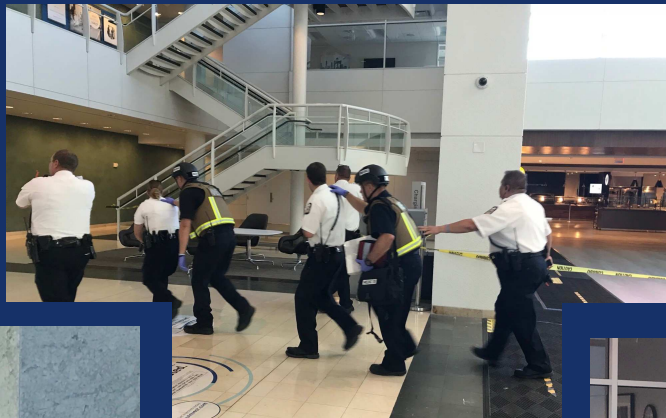
TRAINING/EXERCISE PROGRAM



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Training and Exercises are an essential part of community preparedness. FCEM&HS works to bring needed trainings to the region for emergency management professionals, first responders, public health professionals, volunteer organizations and other partners that help keep Franklin County safe. In 2018, FCEM&HS coordinated multiple training opportunities throughout Franklin County. In addition, FCEM&HS conducts and participates in various types of exercises to validate the community's readiness and response capabilities and evaluate current plans and procedures for response to a real incident regardless of the threat or hazard.

SWAT Exercise



FCEM&HS received a request from the Columbus Division of Police to conduct two exercises utilizing one of the largest, single-use office buildings in the U.S. (JP Morgan Chase McCoy Center, Polaris). In early 2018, a tabletop exercise was conducted, where first responders, JP Morgan Chase personnel, and support agencies worked through active aggressor scenarios and response.

On Sunday, September 30th, all agencies convened on the McCoy Center to conduct a full-scale exercise. Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Teams from Columbus Police, Franklin and Delaware County Sheriff, Ohio State Patrol and the FBI practiced their response to active aggressors inside a large office building. JP Morgan Chase staff and security, coupled with a robust team of civilian volunteers made the training more realistic and the three changing scenarios added a different nuance to each to put the responders to the test.

The Rescue Task Force concept, putting trained and equipped medical personnel in with the law enforcement teams to render critical triage to victims inside the "hot zone", was utilized in each of the scenarios and gave the response teams valuable insight into the dynamics of moving to contact with the medical attachment. The exercise encompassed the entire day and tactics and techniques were challenged and perfected. Almost as important, critical response team collaboration was on display and communication skills were honed to aid if a large event such as this should occur.

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Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC)

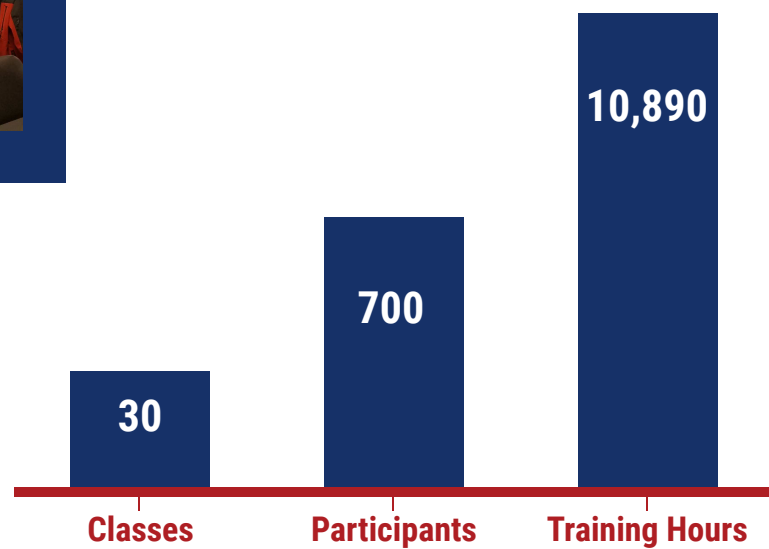
Franklin County's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is represented by the Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC). The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) requires each LEPC to conduct a hazardous materials exercise each year.

Last April, FCEM&HS participated in the annual CEPAC/LEPC Exercise at The Grove Lodge at Scioto Grove Metro Park in Grove City. The tabletop exercise was based on a transportation accident that involved the release of a hazardous material.

The After Action Report concluded that all five evaluated objectives were met which included: Incident Notification, Incident Command, Resource Management, Population Protective Actions and Traffic and Access Control. The exercise was partially funded by a grant from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and received concurrence from the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).



2018 Training Classes



OPERATIONS PROGRAM



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The FCEM&HS Operations Program is responsible for implementing plans, policies and standard operating procedures developed to respond to and recover from events in Franklin County. Events may range from routine incidents such as receiving and recording reports from hazardous material handlers regarding chemical spills to extraordinary events such as natural or man-made disasters. The Operations Program oversees the operation of the Assessment Center and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The Operations Program has a responsibility to ensure response to all hazards events 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. To accomplish this, FCEM&HS incorporates an On-Call System, assigning two staff members to monitor telephone and email after normal working hours.

Last year, FCEM&HS responded to 22 incidents affecting Franklin County. Many were weather related and handled by FCEM&HS staff. A record rainfall amount of 55.18" in Columbus and two tornadoes were among the top incidents in 2018. FCEM&HS closely monitored local waterways and residential areas for flooding and assisted staff from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Wilmington in surveying the storm damage from both tornado incidents.

Franklin County Tornadoes

Grove City EF-1 Tornado

April 3, 2019 - 5:23 p.m.
Top Wind Speed - 105 mph
Path - 75 Yards Wide/2.6 Miles
3,000 Power Outages
Homes, Trees, Powerlines Damaged
No Injuries



Grove City Tornado Damage



Damage from a Tornado near Bexley

Bexley EF-1 Tornado

September 26, 2019 - 5:53 a.m.
Top Wind Speed - 90 mph
Path - 150 Yards Wide/3.75 Miles
2,000 Power Outages
Homes, Trees, Powerlines Damaged
No Injuries

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (FCEOC)



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The Franklin County Emergency Operations Center (FCEOC) provides a central location for interagency and inter-jurisdictional coordination and executive decision-making to better manage disaster response and recovery in our community.

The FCEOC is designed to foster effective communications, build situational awareness and establish a common operational picture (COP) for all involved in the incident response. The facility and its staff serve to support incident commanders and jurisdiction leadership through information collection, evaluation, display and dissemination; establishing of clear priorities; short- and long-term planning; efficient resource management; and coordination of damage assessment and other recovery operations.



Franklin County Emergency Operations Center (FCEOC)

FCEM&HS staff, along with our emergency partners filling essential Emergency Support Function (ESF) roles, populate the FCEOC during the appropriate assigned Crisis Action System (CAS) Level to perform the functions of the FCEOC. Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) are used to coordinate functional capabilities and align resources during an incident.

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)

ESF #1 - Transportation	ESF #9 - Search & Rescue
ESF #2 - Communications	ESF #10 - Oil & Hazardous Materials Response
ESF #3 - Public Works & Engineering	ESF #11 - Agriculture & Natural Resources
ESF #4 - Firefighting	ESF #12 - Energy
ESF #5 - Emergency Management	ESF #13 - Public Safety & Security
ESF #6 - Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing & Human Services	ESF #14 - Long Term Community Recovery
ESF #7 - Logistics Management & Resource Support	ESF #15 - External Affairs
ESF #8 - Public Health & Medical Services	

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



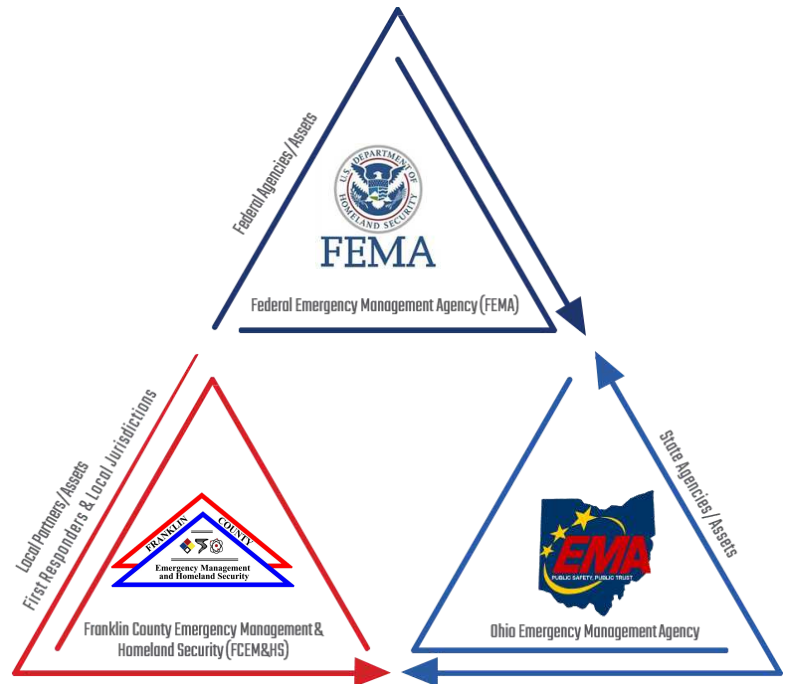
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Emergency Management Organization

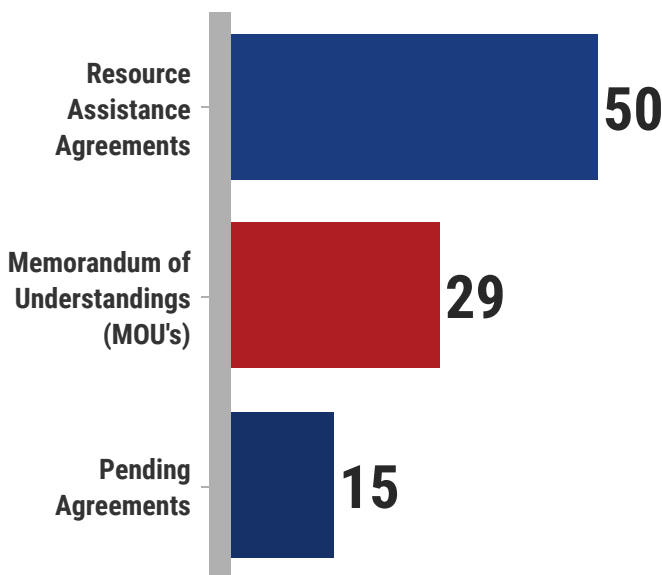
The Resource Management Program is responsible for identifying, organizing and coordinating resource and logistical needs during a disaster or emergency in Franklin County. Through resource management planning efforts, FCEM&HS incorporates use of all available resources from all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.

The program involves supply chain integrity and security which means ensuring that essential commodities continue to flow to Central Ohio by connecting to private sector distribution centers.

Essential commodities are resources such as meals, water, tarps, generators, etc. that support the population until systems are restored.



FCEM&HS Resource Agreements



In 2018, FCEM&HS continued to update the Logistics Management and Resource Support Plan through developing and maintaining Memorandum of Understanding (MOU'S) and Resource Assistance Agreements with our local partners and key private sector entities.

FCEM&HS continued to maintain a database of pre-identified resources for use during emergencies. The Franklin County Points of Distribution (POD) Plan was also updated. The plan outlines the process for organizing, identifying, and coordinating the distribution of commodities during a major emergency or a disaster in Franklin County.

FCEM&HS revised the Volunteer and Donations Support Plan which provides information about coordinating volunteers and donations during and after a major emergency or a disaster.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



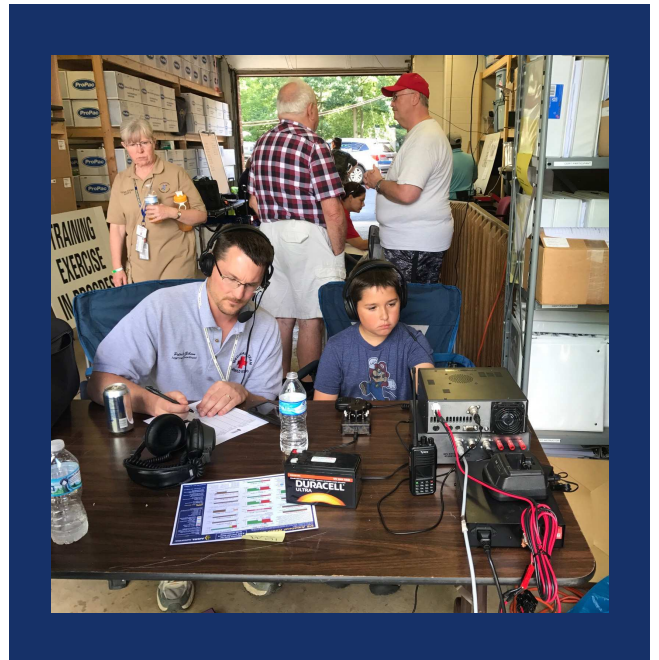
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FCEM&HS relies heavily on volunteers before, during and after times of disaster. Volunteers are often among the first responders to offer assistance following a disaster. Volunteers are critical partners in emergency management and are invaluable to FCEM&HS and the entire Franklin County community.

Franklin County Auxiliary Communications Club (FCACC)

The Franklin County Auxiliary Communications Club (FCACC) helps to ensure amateur radio communication capabilities for FCEM&HS in the event of an emergency or disaster. Amateur Radio, often called “ham radio,” is a worldwide community of licensed operators who use radio airwaves to transmit voice, data and pictures when normal infrastructure is unavailable. The system functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Operators are trained in basic electronics and radio communications and licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Last June, club members demonstrated the science and skill of Franklin County’s Amateur Radio capabilities during the 2018 American Radio Relay League (ARRL) “Field Day” Exercise. ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the United States and Canada. During the 24-hour exercise, more than 35,000 operators communicated with other stations throughout the world. The event was open to the public and featured demonstrations on how to use the equipment and send an actual message through the system.



Franklin County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Franklin County
CERT Program

2018 Graduates - 25
Total Graduates - 478

The Franklin County Community Emergency Response Team (FC CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using training learned in the classroom and during exercises, FC CERT volunteers can assist others in their neighborhood following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

WARNING PROGRAM



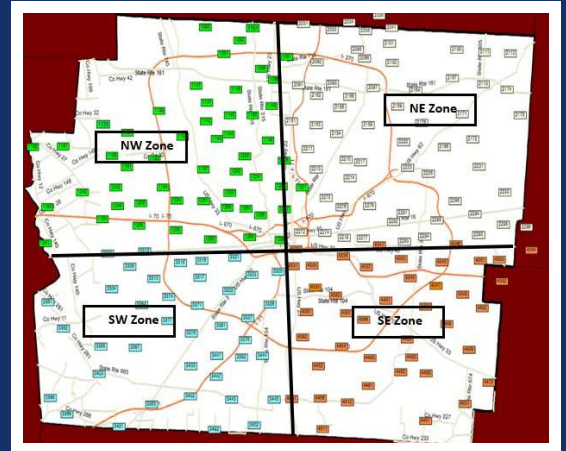
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The main components of the FCEM&HS Warning Program include the Franklin County Outdoor Warning Siren System and ALERT Franklin County, a state-of-the-art mass notification and warning system used to notify the public in the event of a disaster or emergency. FCEM&HS also partners with Lamar Advertising to display urgent weather and emergency notifications on electronic billboards throughout the county.

Outdoor Warning Siren System Zone Alerting

The Franklin County Outdoor Warning Siren System consists of 196 outdoor warning sirens located throughout Franklin County. The sirens alert residents who are outside with tones or a spoken message. Traditionally, FCEM&HS activated the outdoor warning sirens countywide when the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Tornado Warning for any portion of Franklin County.

In an effort to more accurately warn residents, FCEM&HS began activating the Outdoor Warning Siren System by zones last March. The new policy divided the county into four warning zones based upon the countywide street grid (Broad/High). These four zones allow the existing system the flexibility to more closely align siren activations with warning polygons issued by NWS or the actual location of tornadic activity in Franklin County.



In September, FCEM&HS installed the first solar powered siren near Georgesville Wrightsville Road in Pleasant Township. The new solar siren operates on high capacity batteries charged from solar panels which allows the siren to remain functional in the event of an extended power failure. Solar sirens can be installed in any location since they do not require a nearby power source.

FCEM&HS is also responsible for scheduling siren maintenance, siren technological upgrades, complying with FCC mandates and strategic planning for the relocation or addition of sirens to improve coverage throughout the county. In 2018, the outdoor warning sirens were activated after NWS issued Tornado Warnings on April 3rd and May 15th. FCEM&HS tested the outdoor warning sirens 50 out of 52 weeks with a **98%-100% non-failure rate**.

Siren Watch Program

FCEM&HS tests the Outdoor Warning Siren System each Wednesday at noon (weather permitting) to ensure the system is functioning properly. The Franklin County Siren Watch Program assists FCEM&HS to confirm that each outdoor warning siren is operating at 100%.

Through the Siren Watch Program, citizen volunteers known as Siren Watchers monitor and report on one assigned outdoor warning siren which assists FCEM&HS address potential system errors. Siren Watchers can report their assigned siren results within seconds through an interactive mapping system on our website. Anyone interested in the Siren Watch Program can call (614) 794-0213 or visit our website at www.fcemhs.org.



County's First Solar Powered Siren

WARNING PROGRAM

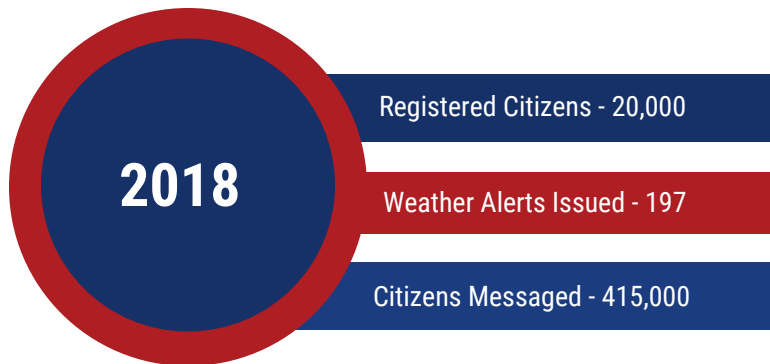


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ALERT Franklin County is another vital element of the FCEM&HS Warning Program and can be used to alert residents about emergencies and important community news.

The system allows citizens to choose what kind of notifications they want to receive, how they want to receive them and the locations they want to receive them for. The system offers automatic weather notifications from the National Weather Service and a Do Not Disturb option for residents to choose the times they will and will not receive notifications (excluding Tornado Warnings).



Community Engagement

In an effort to keep both Franklin County residents and area visitors safe and informed, FCEM&HS acquired the Community Engagement feature for ALERT Franklin County last spring.

The new feature can be used to quickly communicate important public safety information to residents and visitors during a disaster through keyword text message. It can also be used to manage special events such as festivals, concerts, sporting events and more.

The feature was used for a variety of large crowd events including Red, White & Boom, Westerville's Cops & Kids Day, Grove City's Christmas Celebration and others. In 2019, it will be a key communication element for the Arnold Sports Festival.

Buckeye Alerts

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) and The Ohio State University teamed up last summer to better inform the public and enhance safety by integrating the Buckeye Alert System and ALERT Franklin County. The Buckeye Alert System is an emergency notification system used by Ohio State's Department of Public Safety when it is determined that its campus community needs to take immediate action to remain safe. Alerts are often sent via text message and signing up was mostly limited to the university's students, faculty and staff.

Through this collaboration, citizens now have the option to receive Ohio State's emergency notifications via ALERT Franklin County.

Since the integration, nearly 1100 citizens have elected to receive Buckeye Alerts through ALERT Franklin County. Registered ALERT Franklin County users can receive Buckeye Alerts by updating their subscription selections in their profile at alertfranklincounty.org

ALERT Franklin County
Emergency Notification System

Buckeye Alert System Test
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Ohio State Buckeye Alerts
Now Available Through

ALERT Franklin County

REGISTER TODAY AT
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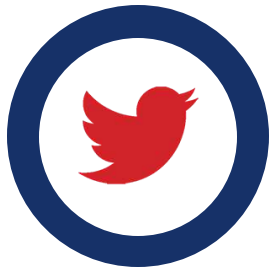


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The Public Information Program provides accurate, coordinated and timely information to the citizens of Franklin County before, during and after a disaster or emergency. The Public Information Office works throughout the year to encourage participation in disaster preparedness through various outreach campaigns and activities as well as through traditional and social media channels.

In 2018, FCEM&HS initiated public information campaigns for ALERT Franklin County, Severe Weather and Flood Awareness Week, Statewide Tornado Drill, Lightning Safety Awareness Week, Red, White & Boom, National Preparedness Month, the Great Central U.S. Shakeout Earthquake Drill and Winter Safety Weather Awareness Week.

DISASTERS CAN STRIKE AT ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE. GETTING THE RIGHT INFORMATION TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE RIGHT TIME SO THEY CAN MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION IS CRITICAL.



4,551

Followers



1,577

Followers

For the first time, FCEM&HS leveraged social media to make available an online survey tool as part of the process for updating the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Through social media, FCEM&HS received survey responses from over 2,000 residents representing 40 of the 42 individual jurisdictions within Franklin County. This valuable input is documented within the plan.

FCEM&HS also expanded its messaging on social media by utilizing a social media management platform to create content for the agency's social networks. The software provides an online graphic design tool to create social media posts as well as an online calendar for scheduling posts in advance. The software enables FCEM&HS to manage the agency's social media platforms in one convenient location and saves content for future use.



PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM



Franklin County StormReady

The National Weather Service in Wilmington recertified Franklin County as a StormReady Community in 2018. StormReady is a “grass roots” program sponsored by NOAA’s National Weather Service that focuses on improving communication and severe weather preparedness in communities. The program provides communities with the skills and education to survive severe weather – before and during the event. StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education and awareness.

To become StormReady a community or county must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center.
- Have several ways to receive forecasts and weather warnings to alert the public.
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally.
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars.
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes severe weather spotter training and holding an emergency exercise.

Franklin County’s StormReady designation was originally obtained in 2015 and has been extended for another three years until 2021.



Statewide Tornado Drill

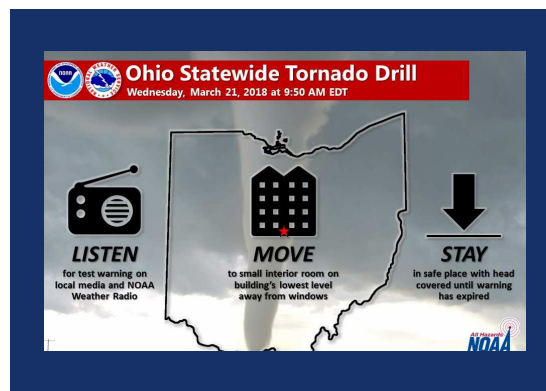
The Ohio Annual Statewide Tornado Drill was held on March 21, 2018 at 9:50 a.m. At that time, FCEM&HS activated the Franklin County Outdoor Warning Sirens for three minutes to encourage residents, schools and businesses to participate and practice their tornado safety plan.

Results showed that **195 of the 196 outdoor warning sirens operated for the 3-minute drill, a 99.4 % success rate!**

Severe Weather Spotter Training



In March, FCEM&HS in concert with NWS, OSU Emergency Management and the Central Ohio Severe Weather Network (COSWN) conducted the annual Severe Weather Spotter Training at the OSU Fawcett Center. The half-day training seminar educated nearly 250 participants on how to spot, report, and prepare for tornadoes and other severe weather.



GRANT FUNDING



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Over the past seven (7) years, FCEM&HS has administered and distributed nearly \$8 million in grant funding to Franklin County and the additional counties that make-up Homeland Security Region 4 (HSR4). These non-disaster grants are awarded to help improve local government's abilities to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from natural and man-made disasters. The funding is made available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and awarded by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA).

In 2018, FCEM&HS received over \$1 million through the following grants:



State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) FY18 - \$681,258.37

The State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) funds equipment, planning, training and exercises for the Homeland Security Region's first responders and sustainment of specialized teams. Funding will be used to fund equipment and projects that will benefit the region including the Central Region Fatality Management Plan Workshop and Tabletop Exercise. This project will result in planning, coordination, and lessons learned to address any gaps in the Central Region Fatality Management Plan which was created utilizing FY17 SHSP Regional Grant funds.



Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) FY18 - \$350,000.00

Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) are used primarily to support the daily operations of local emergency management agencies and activities including training, planning, and equipment purchases each year to help build a resilient community. Counties are also offered the opportunity to apply for supplemental funding if funds are available.



Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) 2018/2019 Grant - \$2,119.21

FCEM&HS is also the grant administrator for awards received for Franklin County from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). These grants fund the training of public safety and emergency services personnel in the proper techniques for the management of hazardous materials spills and releases that occur during transportation or at an EHS facility. The funds will be utilized to partially fund the annually required Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) exercise.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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Operations Fund

Fund Balance – January 1, 2018	\$1,400,500
2018 Revenue Sources	
Emergency Management Performance Grant	\$ 350,000
2018 Local Proportionate Shares	\$1,158,473
Chemical Emergency Planning Commission (CEPAC)	\$ 39,111
Federal & State Grants	\$ 300,416
2018 Total Revenue Received	\$1,848,000
2018 Expenditures	
Personnel Services	(915,962)
Operations	(752,222)
Pass Through Expenditures	_____
Grant Funded Expenditures (Materials & Services)	(308,783)
2018 Total Expenditures	(1,976,967)
Fund Balance – December 31, 2018	\$1,271,533

Warning Fund

Fund Balance – January 1, 2018	\$ 755,347
2018 Revenue Sources	
Annual Warning Fees	\$ 195,200
Purchase/Installation/Misc. Reimbursement	\$ 2,608
Total Revenue Received	\$ 197,808
2018 Expenditures	
Personnel Services	(97,001)
Maintenance Expenditures	(93,423)
Program Operations	(6,120)
Pass Through – New Sirens/Installs/Billable Purchases	(2,605)
2018 Total Expenditures	(199,149)
Fund Balance – December 31, 2018	\$ 754,006



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