

FCEM&HS Newsletter



National Lightning Safety Week is June 22-28

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2nd Annual Decision Maker Meeting

FCEM&HS Director Michael R. Pannell briefed Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Franklin County Commissioners Marilyn Brown and Paula Brooks, the FCEM&HS Executive Committee and various Elected Officials and Decision Makers from Franklin County jurisdictions about achievements in the Integrated Risk Management Initiative. The meeting provided the leadership of Franklin County jurisdictions with the information necessary to make informed decisions regarding planning, training, exercises, resource allocation, and funding related to emergency management and homeland security policies and issues. [Click here](#) to view the full presentation.

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FCEM&HS Mass Notification System for Franklin County

Battelle and Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security are conducting a needs assessment study to ensure a new mass warning and notification system meets the needs of 42 jurisdictions and emergency partners in Franklin County. Residents and officials from various cities, villages and townships were recently asked to contribute input through public meetings, focus groups and an online survey to better define Franklin County's needs and expectations. Mass warning and notification systems are increasingly used in the emergency response community to notify residents of all hazards including severe weather and hazardous material spills. The system can reach residents instantaneously in the form of social media platforms, phone and text messages and email. FCEM&HS hopes to implement the new system by the end of 2014.



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CyberSecurity Initiative

Due to the ever increasing threat against critical infrastructure and other key public/private sectors, Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) is serving as the lead agency for the development of a grant funded, regional (Franklin, Fairfield, Licking, Delaware, Madison, Union and Pickaway), public/private sector partnership focused on Cybersecurity. The mission of the regional workgroup of subject matter experts (SME), from the public and private sectors is to establish common goals, objectives, and solutions in combating cyberterrorism. The workgroup will be responsible for sharing Cybersecurity best practices and developing a Cybersecurity Framework which can be distributed throughout Ohio and the nation. FCEM&HS believes this cybersecurity effort will strengthen Franklin County's Homeland Security Enterprise and focus on the cyber threat, one of the most serious threats our community is facing.

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