News from Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security

FCEM&HS Newsletter

Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 19 - 25, 2016

Teamwork ‘16 CEPAC Functional Exercise

The Teamwork ‘16 CEPAC Functional Exercise was held on Thursday, April 28, 2016. The exercise was designed to validate the Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) Joint Emergency Operation Center (FCJEOC) plans and procedures and to provide participants with an opportunity to demonstrate and evaluate current response support concepts, plans, and capabilities for a hazardous materials (HAZMAT) transportation incident. The After Action Report (AAR) affirms Teamwork ‘16 was successful in validating all learning objectives which included Initial Notification of Response Agencies, Emergency Operations Centers (EOC), Resource Management, Population Protective Actions, Emergency Public Information and Public Health DOC Operations.

FCEM&HS Social Media

Earlier this year, FCEM&HS sought to enhance its social media content in an effort to increase agency transparency and improve public preparedness. Graphics were streamlined to have a common “look” and topics were expanded to cover all aspects of emergency management. Featured topics have included flood safety, outdoor warning siren weekly tests, Zika virus, and earthquakes. To date, @FCEM&HS (Twitter) has gained over 100 new followers. In order to further increase awareness and improve preparedness, FCEM&HS will continue to expand social media content by highlighting the top hazards facing Franklin County as well as additional preparedness information.

Lightning Safety Awareness Week June 19 - 25, 2016

Each year, an average of 31 people are killed because of lightning. This year’s social media campaign will highlight lightning science, safety, and interesting facts with an emphasis on the phrase “When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors”. FCEM&HS reminds residents to stop outdoor activities & seek shelter immediately.

ALERT Franklin County

FCEM&HS reminds residents to plan and prepare for all hazards and emergencies before they happen. Emergencies can occur anytime and anywhere without advance notice. Sign up for ALERT Franklin County today at www.alertfranklincounty.org, which can also be found on www.fcemhs.org or any Franklin County local jurisdiction’s website.

To remove your name from our newsletter mailing list or if you have a question or comment, email us at fcemhs@franklincountyohio.gov or call 614-794-0213.