

FCEM&HS Report

Winter Weather Awareness Week is November 11-17

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June 29 Severe Storm Response

The June 29 Severe Storm caused widespread damage and left over 186,000 residents without power in nearly 100 degree temperatures. The FCEM&HS JEOC was activated. FCEM&HS coordinated the Operation Guardian Comfort Mission directive from Governor Kasich and the Life Care Alliance Support Mission requested by Mayor Coleman. Ohio received a federal declaration and Franklin County could receive over \$4 million for damages.

November 2012



2012 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grants

FCEM&HS Security was awarded nearly \$200,000 in State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Due to limited funding, guidelines for the FY2012 SHSP grants changed significantly from previous years. The grant program was competitive and projects had to focus entirely on regional capabilities that can be made available to the region, state and nation as needed. See the approved projects in the [news release](#).



Outdoor Warning System Expanding

Franklin County will add 14 new outdoor warning sirens in the City of Columbus by April 2013. FCEM&HS conducted a Siren Site Selection Study to identify potential siren site locations that will enhance the outdoor warning system. FCEM&HS presented those findings and recommended potential siren locations to the City of Columbus in October. The City of Columbus will purchase six new sirens and eight new sirens will be funded through a grant from the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC).



Fall Functional Exercise scheduled for November 15

FCEM&HS and several emergency partners will hold a regional functional exercise on Thursday, November 15th to test information sharing among multiple Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs). Participants include the Columbus fire and police divisions, Fairfield County EMA, state fusion center, FBI, Groveport and Pickerington police departments, Franklin and Fairfield County sheriff's offices, Deaf Services Center, and Columbus, Groveport and Pickerington local school districts. Objectives to be evaluated include intelligence/information sharing/dissemination, EOC Management & Emergency Public Information and Warning.

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