EMERGENCY SERVICES
PREPAREDNESS DEPENDS ON YOU

Dispatch Times

What is EMA?

Warren County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is the organization charged with public education, notification & warning, and tasks associated with the 5 phases of emergency management.

The Goal of Emergency Management is to:

- **-** Protect the community from threats and hazards
- - Reduce the loss of life
- - Minimize property loss and damage to the environment

Emergency Management

Warren County EMA's Essential Functions

Citizen Preparedness:
- Ensure resiliency in the communities
- Public Education campaigns, social media presence, seminars, exercises, etc.

Emergency Planning:
- Required: County Emergency Operations Plan, Hazardous Materials Response Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Other Plans: Disaster Recovery Plan, Debris Management Plan, Storm Ready Accreditation Plan, Continuity of Operations Plan, and other various plans for emergencies & disasters.

Emergency Response:
- Running of the Emergency Operations Center (to coordinate resources and recovery operations)
- Liaison between local and state/federal agencies

Recovery Operations:
- Disaster Recovery
- Damage Assessment (requirement for funding to help rebuild)

Mitigation:
- Apply for grants
- Make communities safer

Local Emergency Planning Committee:
- Part of Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)
- Tracks hazardous materials storage in the county

Ready WC

Ways you can stay informed:
- Download our Ready WC App for Iphone and Android
- Like our Facebook Page (@WCOHEMA) for education, updates on EMA programs and services
- Like our Twitter page (@WCEMAOhio) for real-time emergency notifications

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Mark Your Calendar!

October 5
Fishing Derby ARMCO

October 13
Sauerkraut Festival

October 13 & 14
Hillclimb

October 27
Franklin Fall Fest

October 31
Halloween

Employee Spotlight

Joey Bishop
Employee Since 1999

Birthdays

Ron Kronenberger
October 6th

Melissa Abrams
October 16th

Kelly Fiebig
October 24th

Milestones

Brian Holtel - 14 years

Mike Wiggins - 11 years

David Wood - 2 years

Hannah Banks - 1 year

Cortescia Davis - 1 year

Shelby Davis - 1 year

Sarah Oliver - 1 year

Dispatcher Recognized in Hamilton Township Case

Emergency Communications Operator, Carmen Carson (pictured in the middle) was recognized on September 5th during the Hamilton Township Trustee's meeting for her professionalism and calm demeanor during a very intense call that ECO, Cortescia Davis received on August 4, 2018. Cortescia also did a great job trying to calm the hysterical caller.

Warren County EMA Trains Schools on Family Reunification

On Sept 6th, Lesli Holt from Warren County EMA provided a course on school evacuation and family reunification to local school districts in Warren County. The course focused on the importance of organized evacuation and reunification planning and used real-world examples from the Warren County Career Center full scale exercise earlier this year and lessons learned from other school evacuations.

Course participants were able to ask questions about planning components, share ideas about communications and accountability of students, and participate in a tabletop exercise that tested portions of their evacuation and reunification plans.

Did You Know?

The Importance of Damage Assessment

Following a disaster, there is a strict timeline of assessment to be following in order for a jurisdiction/county to receive a declaration (to provide financial assistance). If damage assessment is not conducted quickly and thoroughly, the jurisdiction/county will miss out on critical funds that are required to help homeowners and businesses recoup their losses.
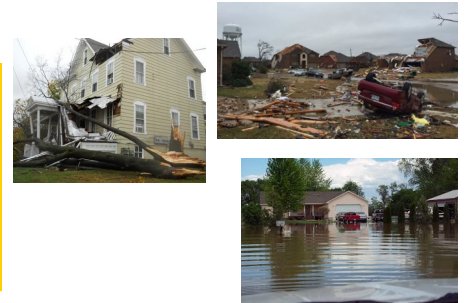
During severe weather events, Warren County EMA staff consistently monitor weather radar, National Weather Service briefings, and other sources in an effort to gather situational awareness about the potential impact of the event to the county. It is imperative that during or immediately following a disaster jurisdictions report any known or suspected damages to structures or to infrastructure so that EMA can produce a report that will capture the county impact in a timeframe that will meet state and federal declaration deadlines.

Damage assessment process:

- Jurisdictions report known or suspected damages.
  - *This is as easy as reporting the address and damages sustained to the EMA so their staff can follow up.*
- EMA will deploy damage assessment teams to visit each address and capture data to quantify the damages. Teams use standards set by FEMA and the State of Ohio to ensure consistent damage reporting.
- If total cost of damages meets the state or federal requirement, the state sends formal teams to help assess the damage costs and work with homeowners. A state or Presidential disaster declaration can be requested, opening up funds to assist communities rebuild.
  - If damages do not qualify for state or federal assistance, EMA will track the flooded areas, and meet with a coalition to determine if mitigation actions can be taken to reduce the likelihood of flooding or reduce future damages.

How do you report damage information to EMA following a disaster?
- Leave a message on the Warren County Damage reporting hotline at 513-925-INFO (4636) *option 8*
- Email us at wcema@wcoh.net

Trick or Treating in Warren County is Scheduled for October 31st

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Lebanon
Turtlecreek Twp.

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Franklin Twp.
Springboro
Clearcreek Twp.
Mason
Hamilton Twp.
Waynesville
Harlan Twp.
South Lebanon

In The Spotlight

LEADS Update

Canadian warrant and stolen property information is no longer available in NCIC until further notice.

The RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) has ceased these entries and maintenance of Canadian criminal justice information in the NCIC (National Crime Information Center).

You can inquiry individuals and property through the interface between NLETS (National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) and CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre) to receive Canadian criminal justice information.

LEADS users should use the following transactions to directly query the RCMP's Canadian files:

WQ for Persons
VQ for vehicles
CAQ for articles
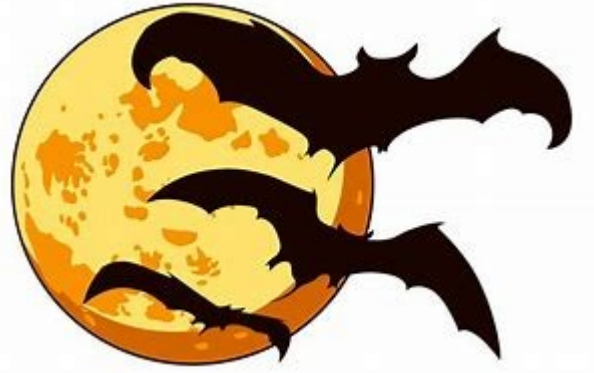CGQ for guns
CSQ for securities
CBQ for boat files

Lebanon High School Career Experience Students Tour EMA & Dispatch

Lebanon seniors had the opportunity to talk with Lesli Holt and got a quick overview of how Emergency Management Agency supports our local responders. They also toured the Communications Center and learned about the different PSAPS in the county and which one they would talk to if they had to call 911. April Kennard and Samantha Hall explained what skills are needed to become a dispatcher. They also discussed the types of calls that come into our center.

HALLOWEEN WORD SCRAMBLE

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Where Am I?

If you know the location where this picture was taken, email us at melissa.bour@wcoh.net no later than October 22. Everyone that has the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Include your name, phone number, department you work for and your guess of the location and any other details. Don't forget to check back next month to see if you are the one that won!!!

Congrats to Tiffany Zindel, Warren County Administrator for guessing that last month's picture which was taken at the Powder Keg in Mason. Stop by dispatch to pick up your prize!

Do You Remember?

During Lebanon High School's tour a student was inquiring about the dispatcher that "delivered" him. Turns out Samantha Hall took that call! She remembered the address and that there was a small child in the residence; which was this student's older brother, who was 2 years old at the time. She also remembered that Deputy Johnny Miller had to break the window to unlock the front door. It was very cool for both Samantha and the "baby" (now student) actually meeting almost 18 years later!