

DELAWARE COUNTY

OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DCOHSEM) is governed by an Executive Committee through a countywide agreement as established under Ohio Revised Code 5502.26. Eleven members represent local fire departments, law enforcement, public health, and the 26 political subdivisions of Delaware County, except for the cities of Columbus, Dublin, and Westerville. These committee members provide oversight with respect to the budget, policy, operations, and personnel.

The 2024 Executive Committee Members

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| Chief Joe Ponzi - Chair | Genoa Township FD | Represents Fire Departments |
| Chief Russ Baron - Vice Chair | Shawnee Hills PD | Represents Villages |
| Commissioner Barb Lewis | Delaware County | Represents Commissioners |
| Health Commissioner Garrett Guillozet | Public Health District | Represents Public Health |
| Chief Tim Pyle | Delaware FD | Represents City of Delaware |
| Chief Chris Kovach | BST&G FD | Represents City of Sunbury |
| Chief Ron Sallows | Powell PD | Represents City of Powell |
| Captain Scott Vance | Sheriff's Office | Represents Law Enforcement |
| Trustee Charles Miley | Brown Township | Represents Townships |
| Trustee Troy Morris | Troy Township | Represents Townships |
| Trustee Sandra Stults | Scioto Township | Represents Townships |



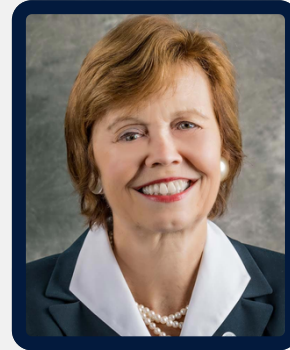
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead



Chief Joe Ponzi
CHAIR



Chief Russ Baron
VICE CHAIR



Commissioner
Barb Lewis



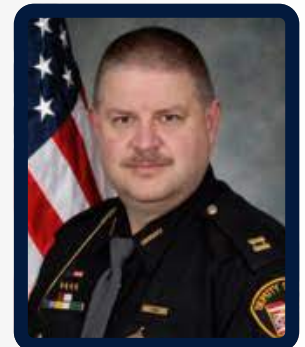
Health Commissioner
Garrett Guillozet



Chief Tim Pyle



Chief Chris Kovach



Captain Scott Vance



Chief Ron Sallows



Trustee Charles Miley



Trustee Troy Morris



Trustee Sandra Stults



Chief Joe Ponzi
Genoa Township FD

Dear Residents of Delaware County,

As we begin 2025, let's reflect on the hard work and achievements of our emergency management personnel and partners over the past year. 2024 brought several challenges, emergencies, and opportunities that demonstrated the knowledge and capabilities of our staff.

The March 14th tornado in many ways defined DCOHSEM's efforts last year. This was our first disaster declaration in over a decade, not including COVID-19. Our office supported response and recovery efforts for those impacted by that event and continues to update our plans based on lessons learned.

The Executive Board supported Specialist Weber's participation in the FEMA Planning Practitioner Program, an endeavor that has already improved our ability to engage stakeholders and create more comprehensive plans. Over two years of extensive planning led to the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse occurring without incident in the county.

Community outreach was accomplished through numerous presentations at schools, libraries, and SourcePoint, as well as fire department open houses and touch-a-truck events. Our advocacy efforts expanded in 2024, with increased involvement in the Emergency Management Association of Ohio and the International Association of Emergency Managers. For the first time, our office was represented at the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., where Director McCarthy met with FEMA officials and Senate staff to advocate for local emergency management needs.

I'm pleased to share that two long-term floodplain mitigation projects, requiring years of dedicated staff effort and collaboration with federal, state, and local governments, were successfully completed in 2024.

Finally, we were able to re-hire a part-time position in our office and have welcomed Yvonne Strassmann from her position as Administrative Volunteer into that role.

Looking ahead to 2025, our Executive Board remains fully committed to supporting DCOHSEM's mission to safeguard our community for years to come. We deeply appreciate the trust and cooperation of our residents, which allows us to uphold our promise to keep Delaware County safe and ensure that "It's where you should be."

In public safety service,

Joseph R. Ponzi
Fire Chief



Alex McCarthy
Director

Dear Community Partners,

Last year was one of the busiest years that we have had in recent memory. We were involved in responses to dozens of incidents ranging from fuel spills along the highway to the tornadoes of March 14th that led to our first Federal Disaster Declaration in over a decade. We have taken part in as many opportunities as we could to get out and educate the public on emergency preparedness. We appreciate the invitations to join our local Fire Departments and the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities at their open houses. Likewise, we appreciate the continued willingness of our local libraries, SourcePoint, and other community groups who invite us out to talk to groups about preparedness.

This year we have also focused on keeping our planning and training program strong in our office. We coordinated planning efforts for two major events; the Delaware County Fair and the April 8th Solar Eclipse. We have also been working to update several plans that make up our Countywide Emergency Operations Plan so that we can maintain strong disaster response and recovery capabilities across the County. We have also worked to host several trainings this past year for emergency responders and community partners that included courses on Incident Command, Public and Individual Assistance Damage Assessment, Mass Fatality Responses, and a course on how the CAMEO Suite could be used to support hazmat preparedness and response.

Looking ahead to 2025, we have a variety of projects that we look forward to pursue. Based on lessons learned from last year, debris management planning and training will be one of our top priorities. We will be doing a comprehensive debris management plan update, as well as looking to bring into the county trainings on how communities and their workers can safely manage debris during a disaster. We are also going to be focusing on building capabilities related to shelter and mass care, donations management, damage assessment, and mass casualty/mass fatality events. For any emergency responders, community stakeholders, or local officials who are interested in being active in any of our planning meetings or trainings, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Alex McCarthy

Director, Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Director Alex McCarthy



Alex joined the DCOHSEM team in April of 2023 after serving six years as the EMA Director for Tuscarawas County. He earned his Masters and Bachelors Degrees in Atmospheric Science from The Ohio State University. It was during his master's program that he served as an intern here with DCOHSEM. In his free time, Alex enjoys spending time with his fiancée, Keeron. His hobbies include astronomy, photography, and hiking.

Deputy Director Scott Stewart

Scott started with DCOHSEM as a part-time Specialist in 2019, right before the pandemic, and credited that as his crash course in emergency management. Combining a Master of Public Administration degree with over 35 years of public safety experience, he assists the Director with managing administrative tasks, liaising with public safety agencies, coordinating training hosted by the office, and handling many of the LEPC roles and responsibilities. Outside of the office, Scott enjoys spending time with his family, camping, and watching Buckeye football.



Specialist Jecy Weber

Jecy came to DCOHSEM in 2021 from Columbus Metro Parks where she served as a park ranger. She has been heavily engaged in planning activities for the office. She is the liaison to school safety committees and the initial point of contact for reviewing school emergency plans. She is also a member of the county's Child Abduction Response Team. Jecy has a Masters Degree in Emergency Management and Homeland Security.



Specialist Yvonne Strassmann

Yvonne started with the office one week prior to the March tornado, providing her with a rapid indoctrination into the world of emergency management. She was a great asset through our disaster response assisting in the EOC and in the field with damage assessments. While recently promoted to PT Specialist and new to the EM field, Yvonne brings extensive public service experience in the education, non-profit, and volunteer sectors. Her focus will be to assist with updating plans and data wrangling as well other projects as needed around the office.



"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." – Andrew Carnegie



Jarren Ringle

Administrative Volunteer



Gary Mackey

Technical Volunteer

It was once said that “volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” No truer words have been spoken when considering our DCOHSEM Volunteers! They give unselfishly of themselves to enhance service delivery to our residents as each brings varied levels of knowledge and expertise that they share to help us accomplish our mission. Our administrative volunteer, Jarren Ringle, dedicates a majority of his time focusing on emergency planning efforts. Prior to her promotion to Part-time EM Specialist, Yvonne Strassmann started in our office as our second administrative volunteer and had an immediate impact on the office.

Our technical volunteer, Gary Mackey, provides specialized knowledge regarding our amateur radio station and the AM radio utilized by our staff to deliver messages to the public for events such as the Little Brown Jug and the Fight Against Hunger Games. In December, he organized an amateur radio exam for Dep. Director Stewart and Executive Committee member Troy Morris to attain their Technician licenses.

This past year, our volunteers donated nearly 300 hours of their time to relieve some of the burden from our staff and their contributions are greatly appreciated. DCOHSEM looks to expand the volunteer program going into 2025, allowing the office to tap into additional resources as we continue to expand service delivery to our residents.

“If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever.”

- Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DCOHSEM) exists to support our local partner agencies in minimizing the effects of any manmade or natural disaster on our residents. We accomplish this through four phases of emergency management: preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.

Our staff engages with the public and our partner agencies through education, training, exercises and drills, and community outreach to assist our residents and first responders with PREPAREDNESS. Additionally, DCOHSEM personnel collaborate with partners to review and revise our plans to prepare for the variety of hazards that could impact Delaware County.

Sometimes, actions can be taken to prevent or reduce the effects of future, unavoidable hazards. The MITIGATION process occurs before a disaster by identifying projects that could help accomplish this goal. Currently, DCOHSEM is working to complete two flood mitigation projects for homes that routinely experience flooding. The completion of the county's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is another example of a major mitigation undertaking.

Our personnel are often called upon during or in the immediate aftermath of an emergency or disaster to help our responders acquire the personnel and resources they need to complete the mission. A major part of our RESPONSE function is resource coordination and allocation, and assisting with dissemination of information. DCOHSEM also may respond to chemical spills that occur around the county, usually from vehicle accidents.

After a disaster, DCOHSEM actively engages in the RECOVERY process where the focus shifts to assisting residents and businesses with returning to normal. Identification of damage to homes and structures, and impacts to critical infrastructure in the community will help in developing a path to recovery. Sometimes, grant funding is available to assist the community during recovery; DCOHSEM can help local governments navigate this process.

FUNCTIONS PROVIDED OR COORDINATED THROUGH DCOHSEM:

CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM (CART)

EMERGENCY/DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COORDINATION & RESPONSE

PLANNING

GRANT PROCUREMENT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SEVERE WEATHER RESPONSE

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management administered its operations through various funding sources in 2024 that included federal, state, and local grants as well as apportionments assessed on the jurisdictions served by the office.

| 2024 REVENUES | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Apportionments | \$169,252.40 |
| Grants | \$180,189.88 |
| Miscellaneous | \$2,801.96 |
| Total | \$352,244.24 |

** Includes grant from the state (SERC) for DCOHSEM to perform administrative duties for Delaware County LEPC

| 2023 EXPENDITURES | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries & Benefits | \$292,963.01 |
| Materials & Supplies | \$7,011.85 |
| Services & Charges | \$14,884.59 |
| Total | \$314,859.45 |

GRANT FUNDING

DCOHSEM coordinated with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and regional partners on the following federal grants:

- **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):** Provides federal funds to states to assist state and local governments in preparing for all hazards. DCOHSEM received \$138,999.76 in grant funding to assist in 2024 operational costs for the office. This was higher than initially anticipated due to \$24,769.00 in supplemental funding that we applied for and received last spring.
- **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP):** Provides funding to increase state and local effectiveness in handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents through emergency planning and training. \$15,298.12 was received in 2024 toward 2023 haz-mat preparedness projects.

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DCOHSEM) serves as the county's local administrator to carry out the responsibilities of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code 3750. The Delaware County LEPC is comprised of personnel from DCOHSEM, local law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies, healthcare facilities, local industry partners, the media, and members of the community. This group works to strengthen the partnerships between local governments and industries as a resource for enhancing hazardous materials preparedness, planning, and response.



LEPC members receiving a presentation from Gary Lehman with the Ohio Public-Private Partnership

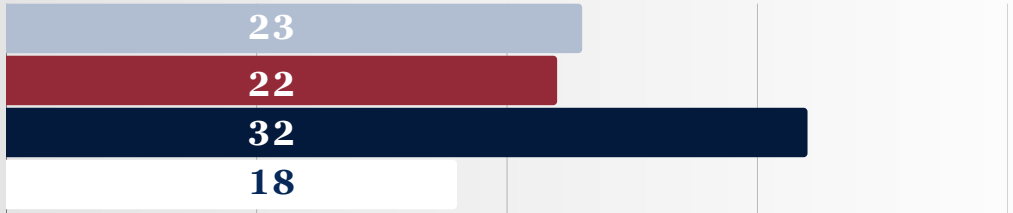
DCOHSEM personnel also maintained annual Tier II chemical inventory records for the over 100 reporting facilities in the county and also managed public information requests (Right-To-Know Requests) regarding those chemicals. In addition, DCOHSEM is often called upon by our public safety partners to coordinate or respond to incidents involving spills or releases of chemicals. Our personnel work with first responders and the Ohio EPA to ensure the public and environment are safe.

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller

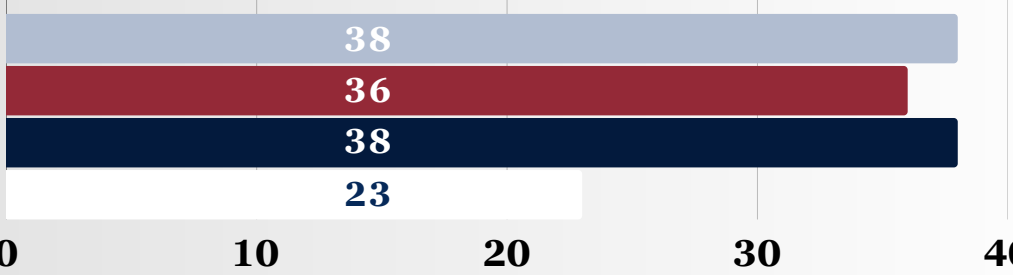
4-YEAR LEPC ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

2021 2022 2023 2024

SPILLS/RESPONSES



RTK REQUESTS



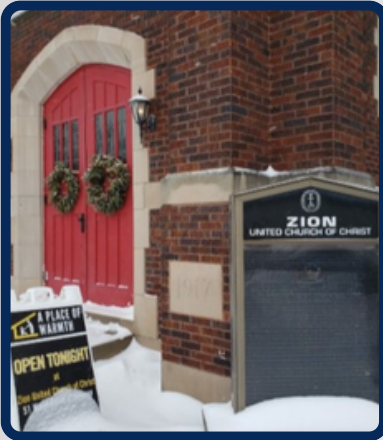
The 2024 EMA Fans For Friends fan drive was an overwhelming success thanks to the generosity of our Delaware County residents. Annually, extreme temperatures rank as the #1 cause of weather-related illness and death. DCOHSEM developed this program with People In Need to collect box fans for those less fortunate. At the beginning of the program in May, we established a goal of 300 donated fans and surpassed that as 350 were donated to the program. This in turn

helped 278 Delaware County families in need beat the heat last summer. A special thanks to People In Need for coordinating distribution and to all of our fire departments, libraries, and Delaware County EMS for serving as donation collection points.

FANS FOR FRIENDS



PLACE OF WARMTH



In December of 2014, a group of Delaware citizens expressed concern about homeless men who stayed inside the library during the day but had no place to go at night

during extreme cold temperatures. A working group was established with numerous partner agencies, and the Zion United Church of Christ would serve as the center to fulfill this need. On nights when the temperature is expected to drop below 20 degrees, Zion UCC hosts A Place of Warmth, a men's emergency warming center. DCOHSEM was one of the original partners at the table when this concept came to fruition, and we continue to support the Place of Warmth by sharing the center's activation status through our extensive email distribution list and social media pages. As noted above, extreme temperatures rank as the #1 cause of weather-related illness and death. We are happy to do our part for this worthwhile cause.

RECREATION UNLIMITED PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

Each year, DCOHSEM coordinates and attends Public Safety Day at Recreation Unlimited, a unique camp that provides year-round programs for adults and children with medical, physical, intellectual, or cognitive disabilities. This event provides a safe environment for campers to interact with the Delaware County first responders, vehicles, and equipment that could respond to their homes in the event of an emergency. EMA Operations Manager Bobby Lavender coordinated the event from its inception in 2002 up until his retirement in 2019. Bobby died in April of 2024, and last year's event was dedicated in his memory.



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

- Martin Luther King Jr.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF OHIO



All DCOHSEM staff are active members of the Emergency Management Association of Ohio. EMAO's vision is to build effective emergency management leaders in Ohio by offering education and training, and leveraging the professional experience of its members. Director McCarthy currently serves as the Vice President of the Executive Committee, helping to set the direction of the organization. Dep. Director Stewart is the Co-Chair of the Education Committee which develops three separate conferences annually to provide educational opportunities to the membership to stay current in the ever-changing field of emergency management.

Specialist Weber is the current Secretary for the Central Ohio Sector. EMAO breaks down the state into seven regionalized sectors that meet regularly to discuss issues, share information and experiences, and network with other local emergency managers. Specialist Strassmann is our newest member and will no doubt be an active participant in the organization as well.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Dir. McCarthy and Dep. Director Stewart are active members on committees within SERC. In 2024, the Operations & Issues Committee completed updates to the Ohio Hazardous Materials Plan and Evaluation Guidance Document, the Ohio Hazardous Materials Planning and Exercise Guidance Booklet, and the Ohio Hazardous Materials Exercise Evaluation Manual. These documents help guide Local Emergency Planning Committees in developing their county hazmat plans and exercises to test those plans. The Training & Education Committee collaborated to identify presentation topics that would be covered in quarterly "Coffee Talks" - virtual seminars that have been a great method of providing consistent educational opportunities to a large group of emergency management and LEPC personnel across the state.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES



Dir. McCarthy sits on the National Association of County Organizations (NACo) Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee which includes emergency management issues as part of their legislative advocacy focus. One issue that this committee focused on this year was cuts to the EMPG grant used to fund local emergency management programs, that were included in the Federal Budget. This year, Dir. McCarthy also attended the 2024 National Association of Counties Conference in January of 2024. Here he was able to meet with Senate staff, attend presentations and panel discussions with FEMA officials, and attend the NACo/PEW Resilience Workshop.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGERS

The International Association of Emergency Managers is comprised of more than 6,000 members worldwide, dedicated to promoting the "Principles of Emergency Management" and representing those professionals whose goals are saving lives and protecting property and the environment during emergencies and disasters. IAEM develops its members by providing information, networking, and development opportunities through conferences, committees, and caucuses. Director McCarthy attended the 2024 IAEM Conference in Colorado Springs, CO in November, joining emergency managers from around the world. Central Ohio was well-represented at the conference and all those in attendance were impressed with the informative presentations and returned energized with new information to share with their staff. Prior to the conference, Hamilton County EMA Director Nick Crossley reached out to ascertain interest in establishing a caucus within IAEM to specifically address concerns and issues faced by counties. Twenty IAEM members were needed to support the creation of this group and Dep. Director Stewart signed on to endorse this proposal. The caucus was created and will have its first meeting in January of 2025.



TORNADO ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTY

Normally, Delaware County experiences a tornado approximately once every three to four years. In 2024, however, Delaware County experienced a total of four tornadoes, two of which were part of an outbreak that led to the first Presidential Disaster Declaration since 2008. There were a record number 74 tornadoes across Ohio, shattering the previous record of 62 set back in 1992. The key takeaway is to ensure your family has multiple means of receiving warnings and notifications when severe weather is near.



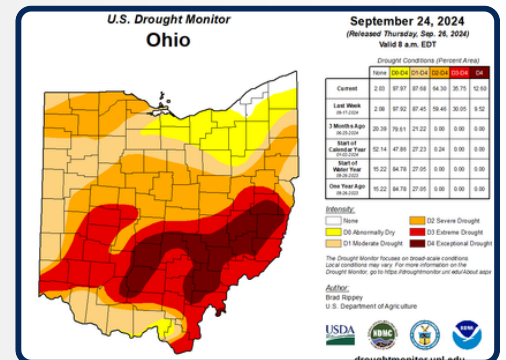
APRIL 8th TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

April 8, 2024, was a highly anticipated day as Delaware County was almost entirely in the path of totality for the eclipse. The public, first responders, and other stakeholders had been preparing for this event for over two years. Knowing what to expect allowed all departments across the county to work together for a safe and enjoyable

experience for the public with no major impacts. This once-in-a-lifetime event was a positive one, and the preparation strengthened our future planning process.

DROUGHT TASK FORCE

Following the severe weather and flooding back in spring, Delaware County experienced drought conditions for much of the summer and fall seasons. DCOHSEM staff partnered with local agricultural partners, the Delaware County Fire Chiefs' Association, and the State Climate Office of Ohio to assemble a local Drought Task Force to share information and to ensure the agricultural community was aware of disaster assistance and emergency loan programs that were available through the United States Department of Agriculture.



MITIGATION PROJECTS COMPLETION

DCOHSEM staff coordinated with local jurisdictions to complete two ongoing hazard mitigation projects in 2024. Federal grant funding, in addition to local match contributions from the Delaware County Land Bank and Catholic Charities, permitted Radnor and Scioto Townships to conduct property buyouts of flood-prone

homes in their townships. These properties were then turned into green spaces, thus eliminating any future flood risk for residents.



Why do we have plans? Planning is crucial in emergency management to allow for proactive identification of potential hazards, clear assignment of roles and responsibilities, efficient allocation of resources, and coordinated response actions. The ultimate goal is to save lives and minimize damage during a crisis by ensuring everyone knows what to do and when to do it. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is the general overarching plan that provides general guidance. DCOHSEM then has annexes to that plan: Functional Annexes address specific activities critical to emergency response and recovery; whereas, Hazard-Specific Annexes detail response strategies tailored to a single, unique type of hazard, like a hazardous materials incident.

Having a plan is not enough - plans must be tested to ensure they work as expected. DCOHSEM uses a Training & Exercise Plan to ensure that all of our plans in the office are trained and/or exercised in a 3-year cycle, allowing lessons learned and current best practices to be incorporated into plan updates. Suggested Operating Guidelines (SOGs) and updates to our GIS database must also occur to keep information current. The plans tested through training, exercise, or real events in 2024 included:

- Emergency Operations Plan
- Critical Infrastructure & Key Resource Functional Annex
- Crisis Communications Functional Annex
- Delaware State Park Tornado Shelter Operations and Maintenance Plan
- Donations Management Functional Annex
- Family Assistance Center Functional Annex
- Long-Term Recovery Functional Annex
- Warning and Notification Functional Annex
- Volunteer Management Functional Annex
- Terrorism Response Hazard-Specific Annex



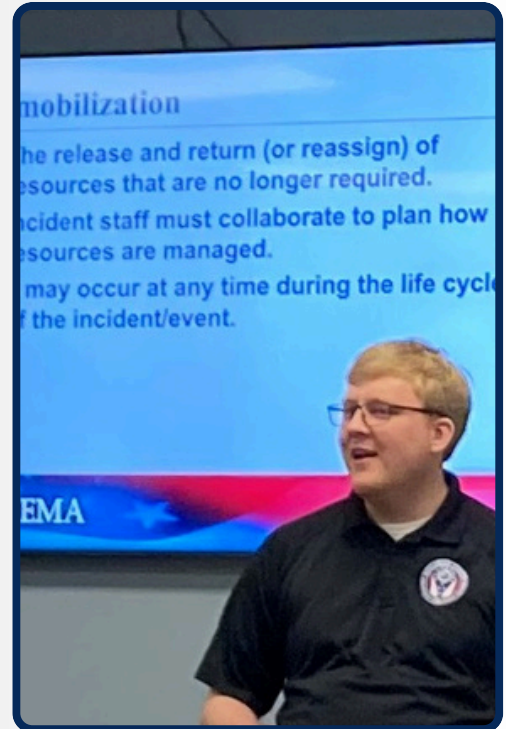
Each year, our office works with the Fair Board and public safety partners to review and revise the Delaware County Fair Plan to ensure that the Delaware County Fair and the Little Brown Jug provide a safe environment for all who attend. The Emergency Operations Center was opened on Jug Day in a monitoring phase to allow for a quicker response by our staff should an event occur and resources be needed.



In September, Delaware County hosted the Wall That Heals Ohio at Havener Park in Liberty Township. The procession that delivered this exhibit to the site required extensive coordination with numerous public safety agencies involved. Our office was requested to work with these agencies along with the veterans to ensure safe passage. We were honored to assist in the development of this plan.

Disaster preparedness requires constant learning and acquiring new skills to remain informed of best practices, develop an awareness of emerging trends, and increase skill proficiency. Well-trained personnel are instrumental in managing large-scale emergencies and disasters. DCOHSEM ensures that our local and regional partners are afforded numerous training opportunities during the year by hosting courses at the Emergency Operation Center. Grant funding permits these classes to be free for all participants. Another added benefit to hosting training is networking with partner agencies which strengthens bonds and enhances collaboration before the occurrence of any incident.

In addition to daily duties, meetings, exercises, and committee activities, each member of the DCOHSEM team dedicates numerous hours each year to honing their craft through training and education. Our full-time staff all managed to attain well over 200 hours of training and our part-time Specialist achieved almost 90 hours of training in her short time with the office. The knowledge/skills/abilities gained through these educational opportunities ensure our staff have the tools they need when crisis strikes.



Dir. McCarthy instructed the G-300 & G-400 Incident Command courses at the EOC.

2024 TRAINING NUMBERS



PER-229 CAMEO Course instructing students on using software during hazardous materials incidents.



County & regional partners participating in the OH-386 Mass Fatality Course.





Dir. McCarthy facilitated the Board of Elections Tabletop Exercise to prepare for the 2024 election season.

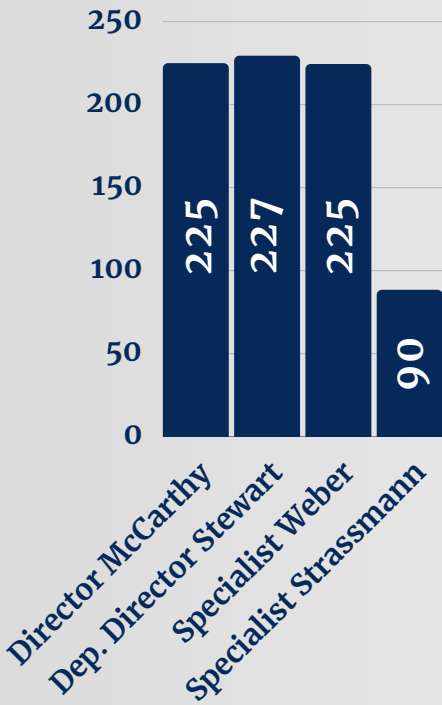
Exercises are crucial to the emergency management planning process. While our office maintains numerous plans to mitigate the various hazards that could impact the county and its residents, plans serve no value unless tested and evaluated. Exercises provide a means of assessing the efficacy of our plans under training conditions. This challenging, but non-threatening environment allows partners to work through simulated emergencies, hoping to identify gaps in our plans that need addressing before an actual incident. Exercises come in all types, from smaller drills, games, and tabletop exercises (TTX), to the larger, more hands-on approach found in functional (FX) and full-scale exercises (FSE).

DCOHSEM participated or assisted in the following exercises in 2024:

- COTS Communication Drills
- WebEOC Drills
- CyberReady Game - multiple episodes
- Columbia Gas TTX
- Delaware County Board of Elections TTX
- Delaware Solar Eclipse TTX
- Solar Eclipse TTX
- CART VRC FX
- Knox County LEPC TTX
- Knox County School FSX
- Union County Solar Eclipse TTX
- Union County EOC FX

“You can’t skip the practice and rely solely on talent. Practice is the bridge between your abilities and success.” – Steve Nash

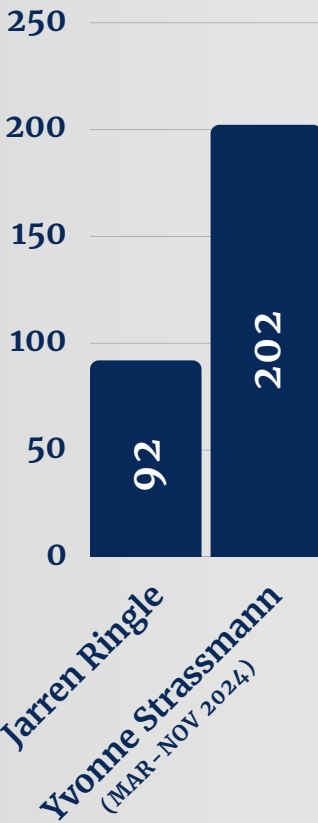
TRAINING HOURS



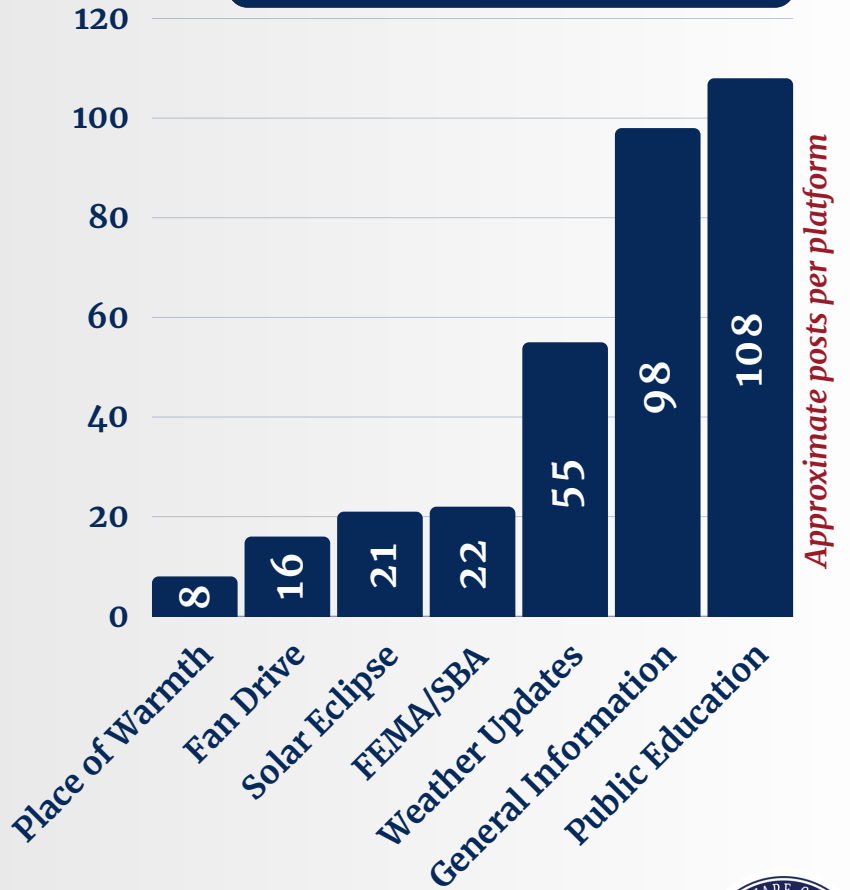
TRAINING HOSTED IN EOC

| Course | Title | # Students |
|---------|---------------------------|------------|
| G-300 | Intermediate ICS | 28 |
| G-400 | Advanced ICS | 28 |
| OH-386 | Mass Fatality Incident | 29 |
| OH-605 | IA Damage Assmt. Workshop | 15 |
| OH-607 | PA Cost Documentation | 16 |
| PER-229 | Intro to CAMEO Suite | 15 |

VOLUNTEER HOURS



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



Here is a look at our DCOHSEM team in action throughout 2024:



EOC activated for Jug Day



Cyber Ready Game in EOC



IAEM Conference 2024



Powell Safety Day Presentation



Coco with Team at Touch-A-Truck



2024 EMAO Winter Conference



OH-386 Mass Fatality Course



Scioto Township FD Open House



Solar Eclipse Presentation at SourcePoint



Leaking Transformer Behind Business



Presenting to Commissioners



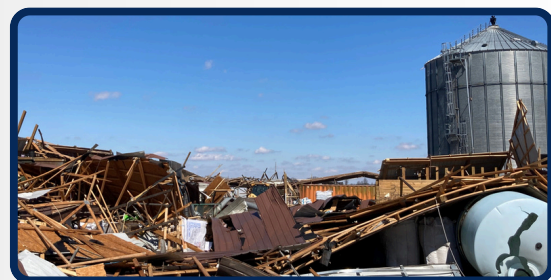
Fans For Friends Delivery to PIN



Jecy & Yvonne Working With Charlie Carlson During Solar Eclipse EOC Activation



DCOHSEM, Ohio EMA, and FEMA Presenting in Session



Devastation from March 14th Tornado

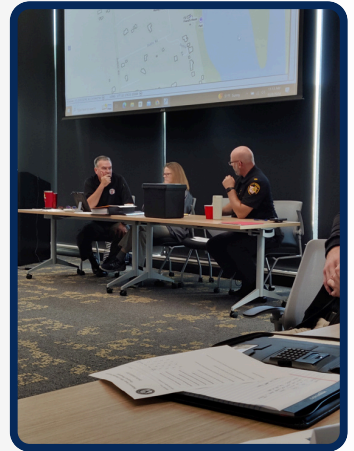




EOC Activation for Total Solar Eclipse



Jecy Presenting at EMAO Conference



CART Tabletop Exercise



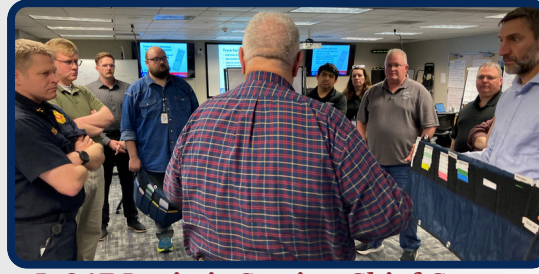
Instructing the G-400 ICS Course



Harlem TWP Tornado 4.17.24



CyberReady Game Board



L-967 Logistic Section Chief Course



Assisting at Multi-Agency Resource Center



Vehicle Accident with Spill



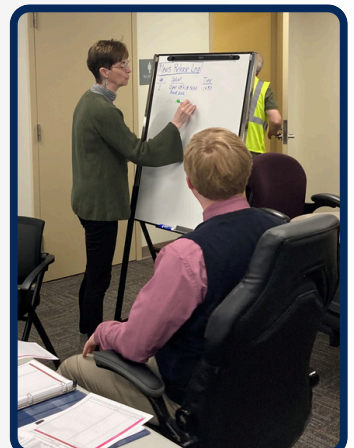
Solar Eclipse Tabletop Exercise



Interview on March Tornado Recovery



Yvonne in OH-386 Mass Fatality Course



Coordinating Communications

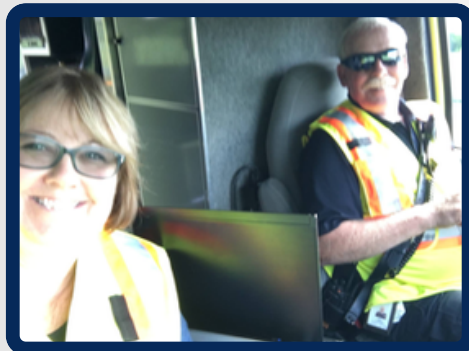
“Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still.” – Dorothea Lange



BOBBY LAVENDER

August 16, 1957 - April 28, 2024

Retired DCOHSEM Operations Manager Bobby Lavender passed away on April 28th, 2024. He served in some public safety capacity throughout Delaware County for over 45 years. Bobby loved helping people and while at DCOHSEM, he established Public Safety Day at Recreation Unlimited. This program introduced adults and children with physical and developmental disabilities and health concerns to first responders to develop familiarity with them in a safe environment and help calm any fears. This year's event was dedicated in his memory. Bobby will be missed, but his legacy endures forever.



Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

10 Court Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015



MISSION STATEMENT

We strive to reduce or eliminate the effects of day-to-day emergencies and large-scale disasters in Delaware County through preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.



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