

# DELAWARE COUNTY

## Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management



**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



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# LEADERSHIP

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DCOHSEM) is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of nine members that represent local fire departments, law enforcement, and the 26 political subdivisions of Delaware County, with the exception of the cities of Columbus, Dublin and Westerville. These committee members provide oversight with respect to the budget, policy, operations, and personnel.

## The 2022 Executive Committee Members

Chief John Donahue - Chair	Delaware FD	Represents Cities
Chief Stephen Hrytzik - Vice Chair	Powell PD	Represents Cities
Commissioner Barb Lewis	Commissioner's Office	Represents Commissioners
Captain Scott Vance	Sheriff's Office	Represents Law Enforcement
Chief Russ Baron	Shawnee Hills PD	Represents Villages
Chief Joe Ponzi	Genoa Township FD	Represents Fire Departments
Trustee Dewey Akers	Kingston Township	Represents Townships
Trustee Charles Miley	Brown Township	Represents Townships
Trustee Sandra Stults	Scioto Township	Represents Townships
Chief Chris Kovach **	BST&G FD	Represents Cities
Garrett Guillozet **	Public Health District	Represents Health

*\*\*With the update to the DCOHSEM Countywide EMA agreement in late 2022, two new members were added to the Executive Committee, bringing the total number to 11.*

*Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better. — Harry S. Truman*



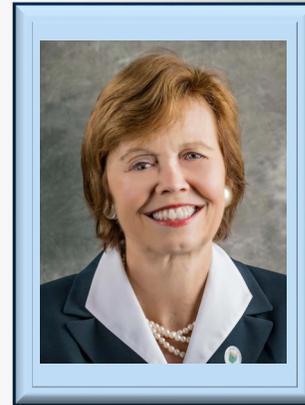
# THE 2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Chief John Donahue  
CHAIR



Chief Stephen Hrytzik  
VICE CHAIR



Commissioner Barb Lewis



Captain Scott Vance



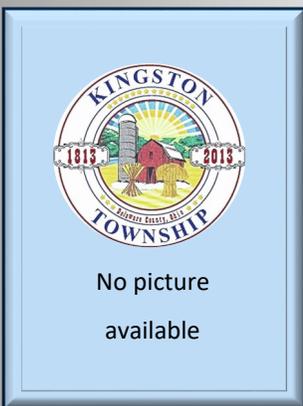
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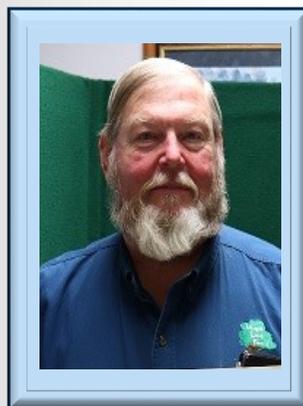
Chief Joe Ponzi



Chief Chris Kovach



Trustee Dewey Akers



Trustee Charles Miley



Trustee Sandra Stults



Health Commissioner  
Garrett Guillozet



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIR



Chief John Donahue  
Delaware Fire Department

Dear Residents:

I would like to thank our community, our emergency management partners, and our great staff, for another year of continued development in the services we provide. The Executive Board worked in support of our agency and the entities we represent. This year our Executive Board took steps to expand and better represent our community in all facets of emergency management. The expansion of the Board included the City of Sunbury and Delaware Public Health District.

In 2022, our Board authorized another giant step in our continual pursuit of excellence. We have partnered with interns at the Ohio State University to provide an update of our countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is used to identify the potential impact of various disasters and develop means to reduce the loss of life and property within Delaware County. Once completed in early 2023,

the plan will be reviewed by the State of Ohio Emergency Management Agency and FEMA, before being adopted by the various Delaware County political entities.

Our staff continued to do amazing work, making a difference in the lives of our communities. They supported our community by collecting residential fans with People in Need during the hot summer months. The agency brought several educational programs to residents and emergency partners, including the National Weather Service Skywarn Storm Spotter class.

As we look to 2023, your Executive Board continues to be committed to supporting our agency who work diligently to ensure our community is safe year after year. We would be remiss if we did not thank our entire community for their efforts and support, making Delaware County a premier home and “It’s where you should be.”

Always in Fire and Life Safety,

*John L. Donahue*

John L. Donahue  
Fire Chief



## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Director Sean Miller

Dear Partners:

As we enter 2023 and reflect on the previous twelve months, it becomes apparent that 2022 was yet another dynamic and fluid year within the emergency management landscape. The COVID-19 pandemic waned for much of the year and enabled a return to many in-person functions and trainings. However, new threats and concerns arose and required continued vigilance and analysis. Additionally, new opportunities arose and were pursued, such as a unique planning partnership and hazardous materials study. Lastly, some long-serving, core contributors within the leadership of DCOHSEM have left their roles to serve in exciting opportunities elsewhere and new faces are dutifully stepping up to the plate.

The COVID-19 situation in 2022 generally improved and permitted a return to many of the “normal” in-person functions and trainings within emergency management. As examples, DCOHSEM hosted a severe weather course taught by the National Weather Service and other subject matter experts and advanced incident command system trainings. Face-to-face exercises were also more robust with a tabletop Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) exercise in the spring, a Child Abduction Response Team (CART) full-scale exercise in the summer, a full-scale school safety exercise in the fall and an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) drill in late fall. These trainings and exercises are extremely important as they educate public safety personnel and evaluate plans/procedures, respectively.

Throughout the year, there were numerous new threats and opportunities. The conflict in eastern Europe, emerging diseases, school, infrastructure, and cyber threats required attention and evaluation to determine the best course going forward. However, 2022 also brought new opportunities, such as a partnership with the Ohio State University to update the Delaware County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and the DCOHSEM team performed a hazardous materials commodities flow study to help inform hazardous materials planning, training and exercise within the county.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not recognize two long-serving leaders within DCOHSEM and two newer members. Deputy Director Sandy Mackey, who had been with the office in various capacities for over a decade, left to become the Communications Chief at Ohio EMA early in the year. Additionally, Delaware Fire Chief John Donahue, who served on the DCOHSEM Executive Committee since 2009, stepped down from the role to take the position of Assistant Chief at Washington Township Fire. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to both of them for their numerous contributions! Additionally, Scott Stewart, who had been a specialist since 2019, moved into the role of Deputy Director in March and Shawn Dysert was then hired to fill the vacancy.

As you review the following pages, it is my sincerest hope that the dedication of the team will shine through in its endeavors to improve public safety in what continues to be a very dynamic environment. DCOHSEM stands ready to face the challenges and opportunities of 2023.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature of Sean Miller in black ink, written on a white rectangular background.

Sean Miller, Director



# THE TEAM



**Director Sean Miller**



**Deputy Director Scott Stewart**



**Specialist Jecy Weber**



**Specialist Shawn Dysert**



# THE TEAM

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

DCOHSEM's staff of volunteers give unselfishly of themselves to enhance service delivery to our residents. We are fortunate to have volunteers with 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. Our technical volunteers, Eli Cochran and Gary Mackey, provide their specialized knowledge regarding our amateur radio station and the audio/visual equipment in the EOC, as well as the AM radio utilized by our staff to deliver messages to the public, whether for vaccination clinics or the Little Brown Jug. The time and efforts of these individuals are an asset to the office and are greatly appreciated!



**Eli Cochran**

Technical Volunteer



**Gary Mackey**

Technical Volunteer



**Jarren Ringle**

Administrative Volunteer

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

*Mahatma Gandhi*



# WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DCOHSEM) legally derives its backing through Ohio Revised Code 5502.26, where it describes how a countywide emergency management agency may be established. The purpose of emergency management is to minimize the effects upon the civilian population from any manmade or natural disaster through the aspects of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. A brief overview of each of the 4 phases of emergency management is included below.

Preparedness is a crucial aspect of emergency management to ensure that in the event of an emergency, Delaware County residents and first responders will be ready. Some examples of preparedness measures include:

- ◆ Community outreach and education
- ◆ Hazardous materials drills and exercises
- ◆ Plan revisions
- ◆ Professional training classes

## PREPAREDNESS



## MITIGATION



Mitigation activities are designed to prevent or reduce the effects of future, unavoidable hazards. Mitigation strategies are considered long before an actual disaster takes place. Current and past DCOHSEM projects include:

- ◆ Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- ◆ Flood mitigation projects
- ◆ Tornado safe room at Delaware State Park



# WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Response occurs during or in the immediate aftermath of an emergency or disaster. DCOHSEM's main objective is to ensure that emergency responders have all of the personnel and equipment they need to effectively handle whatever situations arise. Examples include:

- ◆ COVID-19 logistical support of DPHD
- ◆ Response to chemical spills in the county
- ◆ Resource coordination and allocation for large-scale events

## RESPONSE



## RECOVERY



The recovery phase aims to restore an area to its original state after a disaster. Recovery focuses on assisting residents and businesses with repair or rebuilding of damaged structures, restoration of infrastructure and identifying available grant funding to assist the community in this process.

*“Be Prepared... the meaning of the motto is that a Scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.”*

*Robert Baden Powell—founder of Boy Scouts*



# WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management prepares for and coordinates countywide all-hazards disaster planning, community education, training, grant funding, response and recovery efforts in order to prepare and protect the citizens of Delaware County before, during and after natural and man-made disasters. These are some of the functions provided or coordinated by the DCOHSEM throughout 2022:

- ◆ Child Abduction Response Team (CART)
- ◆ Crisis Communications Team (CCT)
- ◆ Emergency/Disaster Response Training
- ◆ Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- ◆ Grant Procurement
- ◆ Hazardous Materials Coordination
- ◆ Hazardous Materials Response
- ◆ Joint Information Center (JIC)
- ◆ Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Planning
- ◆ Severe Weather Response



**Director Miller providing an interview to local media regarding severe weather that moved through the area in June 2022.**

*“When written in Chinese, the word ‘crisis’ is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity.” - John F. Kennedy*



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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

2022 REVENUE	
Apportionments	\$150,850.02
Grants	\$126,933.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$277,783.81</b>

2022 EXPENDITURES	
Capital Equipment	\$0.00
Services & Charges	\$11,391.87
Materials & Supplies	\$4,800.04
Salary & Benefits	\$272,886.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$289,078.26</b>

*Figures not yet finalized and may be subject to change.*

## Grant Funding

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

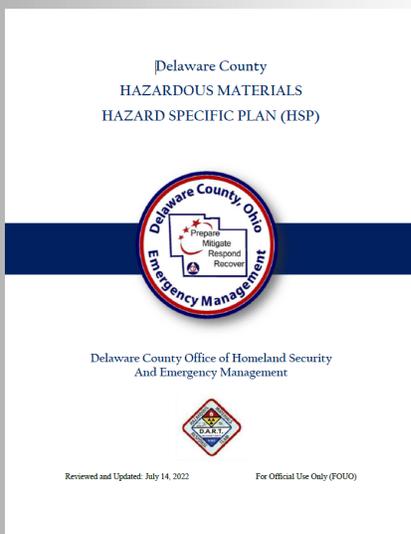
- ◆ **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):** Provides federal funds to states to assist state and local governments in preparing for all hazards. The DCOHSEM received a grant for \$97,941.09 to assist in operational costs for the office.
- ◆ **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP):** Provides funding to increase state and local effectiveness in handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents through emergency planning and training.
- ◆ **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):** This grant allows for DCOHSEM to coordinate with local and state partners on long-term efforts to reduce the impact of future disasters.
- ◆ **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP):** Provides funding for equipment and supplies for public safety. These grant funds represent a return on investment for local jurisdictions which pay into DCOHSEM.



# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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, members of the county hazardous materials team, local industry partners, the media and member from the community. It was another productive year in 2022 for the LEPC.

As required by law, the LEPC developed and conducted its annual exercise on May 27, 2022 to test the county's hazardous materials plan. This table-top exercise helped identify opportunities and deficiencies in the plan prior to an actual incident. This exercise was reviewed and approved by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) as meeting the expected requirements.



Another requirement is that the county's Hazardous Materials Plan be submitted to SERC prior to October 17th for review and approval. DCOHSEM staff sought input from its LEPC partners for suggested revisions to the plan. Once all revisions had been made and approved, the plan was submitted in July of 2022, well before the October deadline, and received concurrence from SERC.



# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DCOHSEM personnel maintain annual Tier II chemical inventory records for the over 100 reporting facilities in the county and also manage 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.

TYPE	2022	2021	JURISDICTION
Spills / Responses	22	23	Berkshire, Berlin, City of Columbus, City of Delaware, Concord,
RTK Requests	36	38	Berkshire, Berlin, Concord, City of Delaware, Liberty, Orange



Pictures from various spill responses by Delaware County LEPC in 2022



DCOHSEM staff routinely work with the Delaware Area Response Team (DART), the county hazardous materials team, to coordinate and host training, as well as participate in DART drills. These trainings ensure that DART and DCOHSEM personnel are prepared to respond to any hazardous materials incident in the county.



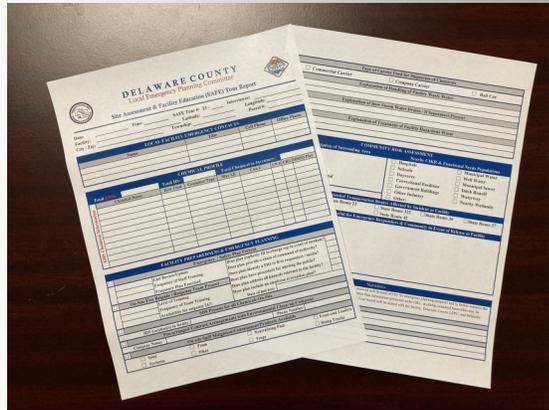
# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

In 2022, with the pandemic in the rearview mirror, DCOHSEM personnel started to meet in person again. This permitted staff to join other LEPC members and engage with our industry partners at their facilities to review emergency planning and preparedness efforts. Additionally, it allowed us to re-establish networking connections that are crucial during an emergency.

DCOHSEM staff re-developed the previous program, adding a corresponding report to capture vital data for first responders to use in mitigating incidents that might occur at a facility. These reports will be accessible while responding to or on scene of an event.

The program was given a new name: **SAFE Tours - Site Assessment & Facility Education Tours**. DCOHSEM staff, other LEPC members and local fire department personnel conducted three site visits during the latter portion of 2022. We appreciate the relationships we have with our community industrial partners and look forward to conducting more SAFE Tours in 2023.

## SAFE Tours





# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

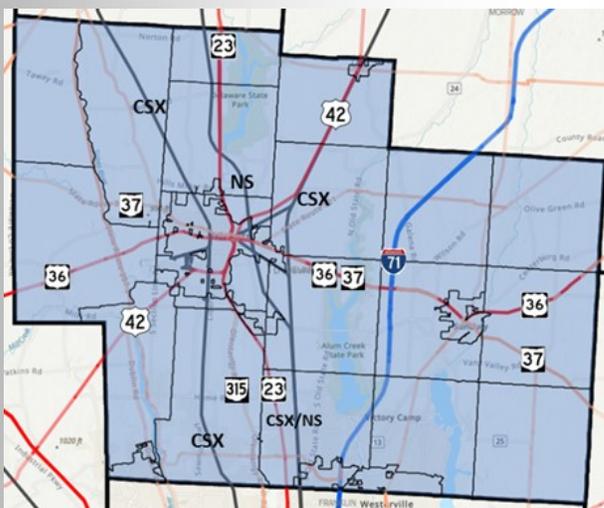
## COMMODITY FLOW STUDY



DCOHSEM maintains an agreement to carry out the planning efforts for hazard analysis on behalf of the Delaware County LEPC. During the summer of 2022, DCOHSEM personnel went into the field to engage in a commodity flow study of Delaware County roads and railways, identifying the various hazardous materials being transported through the county.

Staff performed road studies at five, pre-determined locations throughout the county logically assumed to be hazardous materials transportation routes. Surveys were also sent to the two rail companies that traverse through Delaware County, Norfolk Southern and CSX, to ascertain the potential risks posed by a rail incident.

Data analysis of the information garnered from this study was summarized and made available to our public safety partners to enhance realistic planning, preparedness, training, and exercise efforts.

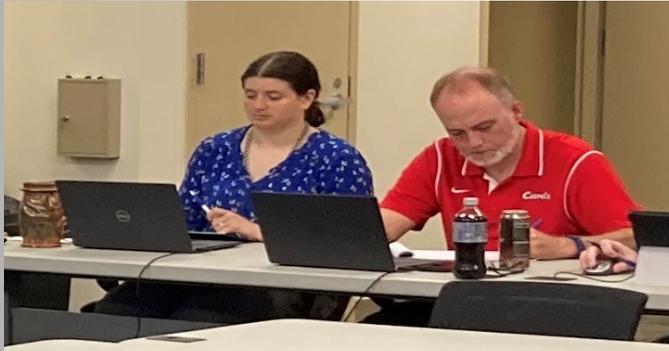


### **BREIF OVERVIEW of FINDINGS**

- ◆ 15.5 observation hours by DCOHSE staff
- ◆ 3570 Vehicles observed
- ◆ 154 vehicles with placards - 4.10% of total vehicles
- ◆ 39 different chemicals covering 9 different hazard classes



# TRAINING



**Specialists Weber & Dysert working through an exercise during a class in the EOC.**



**Director Miller & Dep. Director Stewart showcase their recent EM certifications.**

The year of 2022 was another productive one for staff training. Over 450 training hours were accumulated by DCOHSEM personnel through seminars, conferences and courses. This training ensures that the team is current with emerging trends as well as fortifying essential knowledge, skills and abilities in emergency management.

In addition to participating in training, DCOHSEM works with all of our partner agencies to determine classes that would best meet their needs, and then submits requests to Ohio EMA to host these courses in the EOC. In 2022, DCOHSEM was approved by the state to host the G300 Intermediate ICS and G400 Advanced ICS courses as well as the G271 Hazardous Weather and Flood Preparedness course.

In showing that learning never stops, Director Miller and Deputy Director Stewart were each recognized for obtaining certifications in emergency management. Director Miller added the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) designation to his credentials through the International Association of Emergency Managers. Deputy Director Stewart attained his Ohio Certified Emergency Manager (OCEM) through the Emergency Management Association of Ohio. Each organization has an established list of criteria to reflect a strong understanding of the emergency management field through knowledge, experience, work history, training, education, and contributions to the profession.

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." — Henry Ford*



## EXERCISES

Exercises are an important part of the planning process in emergency management. Our staff works with all of its partner agencies to develop plans to mitigate the various hazards that could impact the county and its residents. Equally as important as having a plan, is testing the plan!

Each year, DCOHSEM works with our partners to test our plans and theirs through a variety of exercises that seek to identify areas of improvement prior to an actual emergency. Exercises come in all types, from smaller drills and tabletop exercises, to the larger, more hands-on approach functional and full-scale exercises.

DCOHSEM often will request evaluators from our neighboring EMAs to help provide feedback and insight on how we can better prepare. Likewise, our personnel reciprocate during partner county exercises. This permits our personnel to actually participate in these trainings. It is a WIN-WIN situation for everyone that leads to better trained and better prepared response forces to best serve our communities!

In 2022, DCOHSEM participated in the following exercises: Delaware County LEPC tabletop, Westerville Schools functional & Buckeye Valley Schools tabletop, CART full scale, regional mass fatality tabletop, and Delaware County EOC drill.



**Director Miller & Specialist Weber attend the regional mass fatality exercise in Franklin Co.**



**CART Exercise at the Fairgrounds**



**Director Miller & Dep. Director Stewart evaluate at the Licking County LEPC full-scale exercise.**



# CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM



CART Team members present for the presentation ceremony proudly display the national certification plaque.



Specialist Jecy Weber poses with CART's national certification plaque.

The Child Abduction Response Team of Delaware County (DelCo CART) is a multi-jurisdictional team formed to provide a rapid response to the report of missing and/or abducted children. DCOHSEM is a proud member of this team.

In June of 2022, DelCo CART went through the process to become nationally certified through the United States Department of Criminal Justice. DCOHSEM's own full-time Specialist Jecy Weber was an integral part in planning and administering the full-scale exercise which was the final requirement in the certification process.

DelCo CART passed the exercise, successfully completing the process to become the first nationally certified team in the State of Ohio. The Sheriff's Office and local news recognized the whole team for this achievement.





## MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

In 2022, DCOHSEM worked with a class of graduate students from the Ohio State University Knowlton College of Architecture and Regional Planning to update the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). It is a requirement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for this plan to be updated every 5 years. The MHMP provides Delaware County with a one-thousand foot view of the potential hazards and determine mitigation priorities to remove the hazards or lessen their impact.



The MHMP first ranks the hazards which affect Delaware County, then delineates mitigation actions that the county plans on taking in the next 5 years (or longer) to improve the county's resilience to those hazards. Overall, there are 15 hazards; they are analyzed for their probability of occurrence, probability of severe occurrence, population size they could affect, duration, the county's preparedness, cascade occurrences with other hazards, and the stakeholders' ranking of them. The three

hazards for the updated plan are severe winter weather & cold, pandemic, and utility failure. This update also included new hazards of invasive species and land subsidence. An additional feature per FEMA examined how each hazard affected the most socially vulnerable and how each hazard is affected by climate change in Delaware County.

The MHMP revision and update process would normally require DCOHSEM personnel to invest at least a year to complete due to its expansive nature and the necessary stakeholder meetings. With the help of the OSU graduate students, the plan was updated in only 10 weeks. The students did a great job and DCOHSEM enjoyed collaborating with them on this important project. When the completed plan is approved in the upcoming year, it will enable all of the jurisdictions access to grant funding and knowledge to help improve their communities to create more disaster resilience in Delaware County.



# TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE PREPARATION

Ohio  
TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE  
APRIL 8, 2024  
SAVE THE DATE!  
In 2024, a total eclipse will go through Ohio. Start planning for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!  
Eclipse.Ohio.Gov

On Monday, April 8, 2024, people within a 124-mile-wide band in the state of Ohio will experience a total solar eclipse. The path of the eclipse will put most of Delaware County in the path of totality. This means the sun will be blocked by the moon in the daytime creating up to 2 minutes of darkness. A total solar eclipse is a rare and spectacular event. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099.

To plan for this upcoming event, DCOHSEM began hosting meetings in 2022 with Delaware County’s stakeholders and experts to help prepare the county for this event. It is estimated that the county’s population could double during the eclipse due to the influx of weekend visitors and/or people just driving into the county on the day of the event. Communications and traffic are two main areas where the eclipse could impact local resources. As such, planning ahead and increasing awareness are our top priorities.

Ohio EMA is encouraging people to “*come early and stay late*” in an effort to spread some of the resource stress over a longer period of time to lessen its overall impact. DCOHSEM is also working with the Ohio EMA and neighboring counties in the planning for this event. While this event will be a busy day, it also is a chance to highlight the local area and celebrate what Delaware County has to offer.





# SEVERE WEATHER



Picture of funnel cloud spotted during summer storm in 2020.

DCOHSEM becomes very active when severe weather is in the area. Throughout 2022, DCOHSEM coordinated with the National Weather Service (NWS) in Wilmington, Ohio to provide pertinent weather information to partner organizations and the public. DCOHSEM emailed over thirty weather updates last year to partner agencies and posted numerous topics on severe weather to our social media accounts.

Lastly, the NWS provided specialized weather briefings for two special events in Delaware County in 2022: the Little Brown Jug Harness Race and the Galena Fall Gathering. This information was shared via DCOSEHM with public safety partners and other event officials.



Sample of NWS information shared on DCOHSEM Twitter from June 2022.

The NWS Weather Forecast Office in Wilmington, Ohio.



# STORM READY & 2022 FAN DRIVE

## STORM READY



Delaware County continued its partnership with the National Weather Service by renewing its certification as a Storm Ready Community and as Weather Ambassadors. In order to receive the Storm Ready certification, DCOHSEM was required to document its weather monitoring, information dissemination and planning procedures. DCOHSEM has continually met and or exceeded the requirements of NWS. DCOHSEM was able to do this even with the constraints of Covid-19 Protocols and the limitations created therein. With the end of Covid-19 protocols, DCOHSEM seeks to return to providing Weather Spotter courses for the public in line with Storm Ready standards.

DCOHSEM and People in Need of Delaware continued their Fan Drive to provide heat relief to low income persons in the county. DCOHSEM, in conjunction with Delaware County Fire Departments and Delaware County EMS, provided marketing, social media presence and collection points for donated fans. These agencies brought these fans to People In Need for distribution through their network. Approximately 246 fans were collected, along with \$700 in cash. A total of 270 fans were distributed.

As a marketing tool, the program was called “Fan-paign 2022” since the anonymous Fan Drive was unknown to most people in the public. The 2023 project name will be reviewed prior to launch. DCOHSEM was able to blitz social media when supply and demand were at odds and additional donations were needed.

## FAN-PAIGN 2022







# SOCIAL MEDIA



Do you know where to go for reliable information? Our social media presence provides our residents with a constant flow of information to better assist in preparedness efforts. You can find useful tips on severe weather education, home preparedness kits, cybersecurity, as well as upcoming training opportunities open to the public.

We also use our social media platforms to provide timely and accurate information to our partner agencies and the public during emergencies. Our partnerships with the National Weather Service, Ohio EMA, local news sources and response agencies allow us to get you the information you can trust when you need it most.

Come join over 16,000 of your friends and neighbors and give a “Like” on Facebook and Twitter. We are: *@delcoema*

Our DCOHSEM webpage is another great source of information regarding warnings & notifications, preparedness tips, staff information and our office hours. Visit us at: *www.delcoema.org*





# OUTREACH

## *Preparedness Through Education*

One of the most important aspects of emergency management resides in our outreach efforts with the public and our partner agencies. Preparedness for emergencies, severe weather and disasters is rooted in education. Our office strives to share pertinent, factual information to ensure the residents of Delaware County are equipped with the knowledge they need to respond appropriately in an emergency.

DCOHSEM offered safety, preparedness and severe weather presentations for schools, Scouts, civic groups and other local organizations throughout 2022. Some of these educational sessions were hosted here at the Emergency Operations Center, providing an overview of where and how we assist our partner agencies during a crisis. We also enjoyed travelling to conduct on-site presentations at open houses, schools and other venues Delaware County.

Want to learn more about our outreach program or wish to schedule a presentation for your group? Please give us a call!



Director Miller and 911 Director Brandt review emergency preparedness with a local Scout troop.



Director Miller provides a visiting group with an overview of the EOC.



August 2022 Touch-A-Truck event at Olentangy Berlin HS. One of many events attended by DCOHSEM staff.



# 2022 IN PICTURES



Dep. Director Mackey's last day — 8 FEB 2022



DCOHSEM Staff meeting at OSU with other county EMAs to discuss warnings/notifications.



FEB 2022 Winter Storm



G271—Hazardous Weather and Flooding Preparedness Class hosted in EOC



Dep. Director Stewart meeting with Stan Broadway from amateur radio.



Ford F-150 Response Vehicle



# 2022 IN PICTURES



**Delaware County CART exercise at the county fairgrounds**



**Dep. Director Stewart & DCEMS Lt. Zach Wolfe Facilitating LECP tabletop exercise**



**DCOHSEM team picture**



**Specialist Weber at the EM Fundamentals course**

**Coco, Delaware County's 1st Responder Therapy K9, on one of her treat missions to the EOC!**

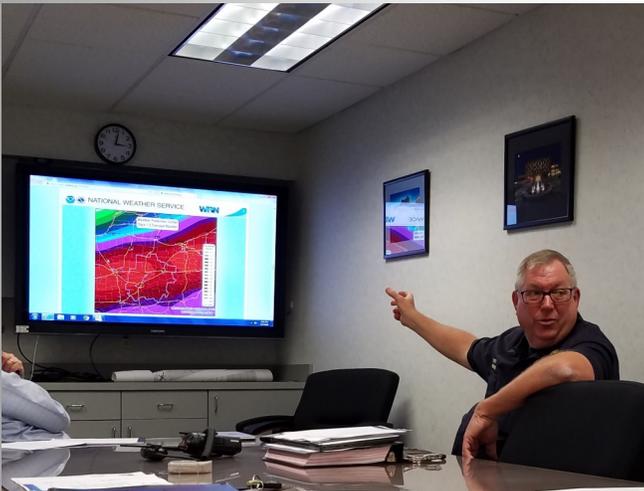


**The Delaware County Emergency Operations Center**



## A FOND FAREWELL

### JOHN DONAHUE



Chief Donahue leaves the DCOHSEM Executive Committee after serving since 2009. He honed an understanding of emergency management during his tenure as a fire chief and emergency manager in Florida, and brought all of that knowledge and experience to DCOHSEM as well as the City of Delaware. Chief Donahue served the City as their Emergency Management Coordinator. On the DCOHSEM Executive Committee, he ensured that the office was well-equipped to best serve Delaware County during any emergency. His steadfast support of the agency and staff are greatly appreciated. He assumes the role as the next Assistant Fire Chief of the Washington Township Fire Department in Dublin and we wish him continued success!

Deputy Director Mackey spent nearly a decade with DCOHSEM before leaving in the early part of 2022 to become the Communications Chief at Ohio EMA. Sandy had a prominent role in the development of DCOHSEM's public image as she was heavily involved in public education, outreach activities, development and coordination of our social media presence, creation of the Joint Information Center and the associated Critical Communications Plan, and interacting with the media. We are so thankful for her contributions to the office over the years and wish her all the best in her new role!

### SANDY MACKEY



*“What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.” - T.S. Eliot*



## 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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