



# STATE OF OHIO

## Emergency Operations Center

### SITUATION REPORT

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ted Strickland, Governor

**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency

**SUBJECT:** August 7, 2007, Northeast Ohio Floods - SITREP #2

**DATE:** August 8, 2007

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### GENERAL SITUATION

Information is current as of 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

State and County officials, following heavy rainstorms and localized flooding which occurred on Tuesday, are continuing to assess what impact these storms had upon homes and businesses throughout the area. No specific requests for state or federal assistance have been received. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency will continue to monitor the situation for any changes.

#### Situation Key Points:

##### Cuyahoga County

- The Westfield apartment building in Parma on Chevy Blvd., across from the Chevy plant, had 28 apartments suffered Major damage with up to 5 feet of water. Eighty five occupied units were evacuated due to health and safety concerns.
- The Forest Ridge Apartments had 24 apartments with up to 5 feet of water. Nine apartments suffered Major damage and 15 apartments suffered Minor damage.
- A shelter was set up by the American Red Cross at the Valley Forge High School, 9999 Independence Blvd. in Parma Heights. Shelter management reports 37 people are currently in residence at the shelter.
- The American Red Cross is distributing clean-up kits to the local residents and is providing ongoing client casework to assist displaced persons.
- Parma reports 200 homes affected, which is defined as having less than 12 inches of water.
- The Metro Health Center reported some flood damage. The Emergency Room has reopened.
- The Cuyahoga County Fair has been closed temporarily due to flooding but was scheduled to reopen today at 12 noon.

Lorain County

- Forty residences have water/sewer back-up.
- The areas affected include Avon Lake, Vermillion, Lorain, and Sheffield Lake

PUCO Reported Power Outages by County as of 8:15 a.m.

Significant power outages were reported earlier in Cuyahoga, Huron, Lucas, Mahoning, Medina, Ottawa, Portage, Sandusky, Summit, and Trumbull Counties. PUCO reports that the power outages have been taken care of with only small pockets of outages remaining in the area.

**DECLARATIONS**

County: Cuyahoga

Local: City of Parma in Cuyahoga County

**WEATHER IMPACTS**

Weather Synopsis:

Tonight will be muggy and mild and on Thursday we'll have high heat and humidity once again. A cold front will approach Ohio Thursday night bringing showers and thunder storms followed by cooler by slightly cooler air for the end of the week.

Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories by County As Reported by NOAA:

Excessive Heat Warnings: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland, Montgomery, Pike, Scioto, and Warren

Heat Advisory: Allen, Auglaize, *\*Belmont, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Darke, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Greene, Guernsey, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Mercer, Miami, Monroe, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Paulding, Pickaway, Preble, Putnam, Ross, Shelby, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, and Wyandot.*

\*Counties added to the heat advisory since SitRep #1 are in italics.

**STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS**

In response to severe weather across Ohio, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room has been opened at a Crisis Action Level (CAS) 1 to monitor the situation in northeast Ohio.

The Assessment Room will remain open today until 5:00 p.m. and through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The need to keep the Assessment Room open will be determined Friday morning.

## **COUNTY IMPACTS**

County Emergency Operations Centers Open: Cuyahoga

Field Liaisons: Two Ohio EMA Field Liaisons were dispatched to Cuyahoga County to assist with the PDA.

Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA):

Cuyahoga County, City of Parma: Westfield Apartments = 28 apartments with Major damage and the apartment complex (as a business) suffered Major damage; Forest Ridge Apartments = 9 apartments with Major damage and the apartment complex (as a business) suffered Major damage and also 15 apartments with Minor damage - both buildings had up to 5 feet of water in the apartments. Water then receded or was pumped out to 6-12 inches.

Cuyahoga County, City of Parma: The structure at 5502 Abraham Rd. had the sewer backup that damaged the floor and major mechanicals and was classified as a Major for a PDA damage assessment.

Total PDA = 40 Majors and 15 Minors

## **BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1, Briefing: No briefings are scheduled. Ohio EMA Assessment Room personnel will continue to monitor conditions statewide.

Incident Action Plan (IAP): No Incident Action Plan was created for the operational period of today.