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Spring Time Weather Issues

Spring weather can be unpredictable. When severe weather hits unexpectedly, the risk of injury and death increases, so planning makes sense. Prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will.

Spring is the time of year when many things change, including the weather. Temperatures can swing back and forth between balmy and frigid. Sunny days may be followed by a week of stormy weather. Sometimes extreme weather changes can occur even within the same day. Mark Twain once said, "In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours."

Thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather. They can bring lightning, tornadoes, and flooding. Whenever warm, moist air collides with cool, dry air, thunderstorms can occur. For much of the world, this happens in spring and summer.

Because spring weather is so unpredictable, you may be unprepared when severe weather hits, particularly if you live in a region that does not often experience thunderstorms, tornadoes, or flooding. In addition, when severe weather hits unexpectedly, the risk of injury and death increases. Therefore, planning makes sense; prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will.

Ask about the

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HAZ MAT Grant Training,
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Exemplary Fire & Emergency Service Awards



Once again, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS and the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal are joining together to honor fire service members for exemplary service to their communities.

The joint awards program provides an opportunity for firefighters, family members, and friends to honor the sacrifices made every day by Ohio's firefighters and educators. Whether it is the time necessary to train in the latest firefighting techniques or time putting those skills to use, the men and women who sacrifice for the safety of others will be recognized in a special program in September at the State Fire Marshal's office.

Nominations for awards presented by the State Fire Marshal have closed. Nominations for awards presented by the Division of EMS will be accepted until June 25, 2018. Division of EMS awards include:

- * Ohio Fire Department of the Year
- * Ohio Fire Service Instructor of the Year
- * Ohio Fire Officer of the Year
- * Ohio Fire Prevention Educator of the Year
- * Ohio Fire Educator Lifetime Achievement Award

Link to the fire awards nominations packet:

http://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/fire_NominateHallofFame.pdf

Review the criteria for the available awards and return the nomination form by June 25, 2018 for the Division of EMS awards.

They can be emailed to web.sfm@com.ohio.gov or EMSFireEducation@dps.ohio.gov.

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Over the past 8 plus years, I served as the Director for the Center for Emergency Preparedness.

Effective April 27, 2018, I will be leaving this position and moving forward as the Center for Emergency Preparedness Research Fellow. My new position will allow me to work part time and focus on more of the administrative functions of our center.

This decision is mine and I thank Dean Anglin for allowing me in continuing to be part of our great center.

An interim director will be announced in short order. A full time replacement will be announced providing our PUCO funding regains full strength.

Crisis leadership training for local officials

It's important for community leaders and elected officials to be able to respond effectively to a disaster or emergency. Often newly elected or appointed leaders lack the emergency management experience necessary to be decisive when major disasters strike their communities.

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, MD, offers many training options residually, regionally or through its Independent Study program. These include [Crisis Leadership and Decision Making](#), [Leadership & Influence](#), and [Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness](#). A quick online search will find the published guides many states have produced to assist elected officials with emergency management.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers the "[Elected Officials: What You Need to Know About NIMS](#)" fact sheet. The recently revised [National Incident Management System](#) is a way for multiple governmental agencies and nongovernmental organizations to work together to manage disasters and threats.

Emergency Management magazine has penned several pieces on this topic over the past few years, one that talks about [how elected leaders can prepare and respond effectively](#). Both give real-life examples and discuss how best to work with the local emergency management team.

TRAIN as if your life depends on it!

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Ohio's EMS Providers & Training Programs

The State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, & Transportation Services (EMFTS) and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS are seeking ways to better prepare EMS healthcare workers to identify and manage a patient suspected or confirmed to have a high consequence infectious disease. NETEC (National Ebola Training & Education Center), comprised of faculty and staff from Emory University, the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Nebraska Medicine and the New York Health and Hospitals Corporation, and Bellevue Hospital Center, has developed a series of EMS clinical biosafety courses.

The EMS Clinical Biosafety Awareness Course (information attached) aims to increase awareness about standard and transmission-based infection control practices, and considers some past and present high consequence infectious diseases as well as seasonal and pandemic influenza. By increasing awareness about timely and relevant infectious disease threats and reviewing infection control practice, healthcare workers can better protect themselves in the workplace.

The course is available at: <https://www.canvas.net/browse/emory/courses/clinical-biosafety-awareness>

In addition, the attached document includes modules that can be incorporated into training programs or learning management systems. Please contact John Molnar, Education Section Chief, at (614) 466-9447 with questions.

Division of EMS Computer-based Examination Delivery Enhancements

Effective April 24, 2018, in conjunction with the rollout of the Hazard Recognition Officer (HRO) and Fire Safety certification examinations, several enhancements to the computer-based test delivery platform will occur that affect all certification examinations delivered through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS. Please take a moment to review these examination enhancements in the attached document. For questions regarding the examination system enhancements, please contact Rob Wagoner, DEMS Deputy Director, at 614-387-0454.

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHEMS/2018/03/30/file_attachments/982341/Testing%2BSystem%2BEnhancements_Program%2BDirector%2BLetter_3_29_2018%25282%2529.pdf

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LINKS OF INTEREST

Chlorine Training DVD now available

<https://www.chlorineinstitute.org/emergency-preparedness/er-training-outreach/>

Implications of liquid assets on American preparedness

<http://hagertyconsulting.com/about-us/blog/liquid-asset-poverty/>

Hepatitis concerns for first responders

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/index.htm>

Testing reveals cybersecurity issues in 32 out of 33 public safety apps

<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/csd-mobile-app-security-study-first-responders>

Backing up deaths can be prevented

<http://www.respondersafety.com/News/BestPracticesDorBackingFireApparatusAndAmbulances.aspx>

Needlestick prevention during the opioid epidemic

<https://www.clickorlando.com/opioid-addiction/first-responders-face-dangers-treating-opioid-overdoses>

Training and resources from the Office of Bombing Prevention

<https://www.dhs.gov/bombing-prevention-training-courses>

Planning for supply chain disruptions

<https://www.cdc.gov/phpr/readiness/healthcare/>

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