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Emergency Response System 2019 Conference Report

Members of the Association and Guests:

I am pleased to report that the Emergency Response System (ERS) continues to be a valuable resource database for the State of Ohio. Although, we have found that there are numerous county dispatch agencies that are unfamiliar with the ERS. This creates a delay providing requested resources during an activation. We need your help improving the ERS awareness with the county dispatch agencies. In each county we have one primary dispatch point of contact, please check with yours to make sure they are aware of the ERS and have access. Our team has worked hard with outreach visits, training and attending local meetings but we still need your help!

This past year we had three activations:

- 8/28/2018 Union Twp. FD (Ross County) Haz Mat incident. Assisted with providing a Haz Mat team.
- 2/17/2019 Oregon FD (Lucas County) Large lake freighter fire. Provided two engines and one tender to backfill one of the responding agencies.
- 5/28/2019 Montgomery County Area. Severe weather incident. Help with notifying search and rescue resources as well as provided nine tenders for approximately 72 hours.

We continue to interact regularly with many of our state stakeholders such as Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Division of EMS, Ohio Department of Homeland Security, Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Hospital Association.

Recent Updates:

Chief Bill Shaw of the Solon FD (Cuyahoga County) has stepped into the Assistant State Coordinator position. Chief Shaw has been involved with the ERS since its inception and is a valuable resource.

We have started to randomly initiate our monthly communications test to reach a three work shifts in an effort to reach more people in the counties in an effort to improve awareness.

Effective April 1st of this year, the ERS has become a method for users to create an OHTrac event if there is a need. This is meant to fill a gap in some areas and be a back-up in other areas. It is not meant to replace any current process that your region may already have in place. If your region already has an established process to create an OHTrac event, please continue to use. For those that may not be aware, OHTrac is a patient tracking system.

Earlier this year, The Ohio Department of Public Safety combined all of the separate log-in methods that they had into their Identity Manager System. Ohio DPS provides IT support for the ERS, so the ERS is housed in CIMS. If you want access to CIMS and the ERS and have not done so yet, you will either need to create an account through CIMS or transition to the new method with Identity Manager. This is the link to access CIMS:

<https://services.dps.ohio.gov/CIMS/Login.aspx>

You can follow the link to create an account or email the webmaster for assistance with transition to Identity Manager. The email address is: CIMS@dps.ohio.gov

As a reminder, the ERS can provide equipment, staffing, specialty teams or connect an incident commander with a subject matter expert to gather information. We try to have two regional coordinators in each of the eight Homeland Security Planning Regions throughout the state and at least one county coordinator in each county. Those county coordinators are your key liaison to the ERS. It is important to relay any resource changes that your department has experienced. If you wish to have a representative attend a meeting or the ERS participate in an exercise, please feel free to contact your county or regional coordinator to initiate the request. If you are unaware of who those coordinators are, you should be able to gather contact information through the ERS website at:

http://ohiofirechiefs.com/aws/OFCA/pt/sp/emergency_response

As always, at any time please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

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