

# Butler County EMA

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MONTHLY



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### Training Opportunities:

- January 22-26—L967  
Logistics Section Chief
- February 8—NWS  
Weather Spotter
- March 13—G205  
Recovery From Disaster
- March 13-15—L705  
Fundamentals of Grants  
Management
- April 24-25—L548—  
COOP Program Manager
- May 22—COOP  
Planning

Information for registering for any of the above courses can be obtained on our website at [butlercountyohio.org/ema](http://butlercountyohio.org/ema)

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### Butler County EMA Mission Statement

Coordinating people and resources to protect the lives and property within Butler County by working together to achieve one goal for Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for Disasters and Emergencies

## 2017 IN REVIEW

2017 has been an exciting year for the Butler County Emergency Management Agency. The past twelve months have seen the completion of many projects and the involvement in several new programs.

2017 was the year for exercises here at Butler County EMA. Due to new regulations in the healthcare sector, the continued roll-out of the school emergency management guidelines and the exercises our office traditionally hosts, facilitates or participates in, the Butler County EMA has participated in over 45 exercises. These exercises ran the gamut, including small facility-based exercises, our annual Butler County LEPC exercise and some state-level exercises.



Butler County EMA staff facilitate the 2017 Miami University Table Top Exercise. The exercise provided Miami University staff an opportunity to work through a simulated incident on the Miami University campus in Oxford. This exercise included assistance from City of Oxford Police Department, Oxford Fire Department, Ohio EMA and the Butler County Educational Services Center.



Members of various local, county and state agencies and organizations participated in the 2017 Butler County LEPC Functional Exercise. This drill fulfilled the Butler County LEPC's yearly exercise requirement and simulated a hazardous materials release as a result of severe weather. The 2017 Butler County LEPC Functional Exercise included over 50 personnel representing over 40 different agencies.

Butler County EMA is proud of our participation in these exercises and the role that our participation plays in making Butler County a safer place to live, work and play.

In addition to the litany of exercises, 2017 was also a year of planning. Butler County EMA was excited to update three major plans: the Butler County Emergency Operations Plan, the Butler County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and the Butler County Hazardous Materials Plan. In addition to these plans, Butler County also worked with several agencies, departments and jurisdictions to provide input into their own local plan development. This ensures that

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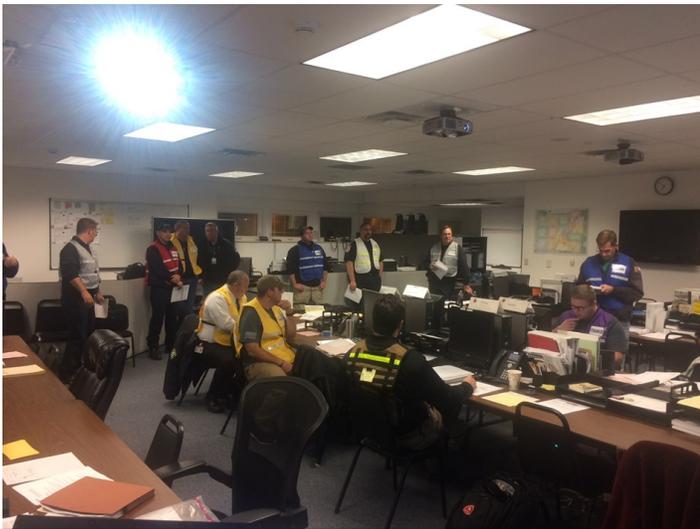
local plans work in concert with county plans, enabling a coordinated response. Working and planning together prior to an event is the best way to ensure a successful response in times of emergency.

Finally, 2017 was a year of outreach and support. Butler County EMA was excited to participate in several public

when Hurricane Irma impacted the State of Florida. Butler County EMA helped support the Butler County Incident Management Team and their efforts to help those who found themselves in Irma's path. Incidents like these show us how important it is to have a comprehensive emergency management program, such as the program here in Butler County.



Butler County EMA participated in the 2017 Monroe National Night Out. This is just one of many events that Butler County EMA had the opportunity to participate in during 2017. These events allow Butler County EMA staff an opportunity to speak with citizens and share information regarding Butler County's emergency management program and personal preparedness.



Members of the Butler County Incident Management Team participate in the O305 course. This is the initial training required to join the team. This training teaches team members to utilize the Incident Command System to coordinate emergency operations during large-scale events.

education events throughout the county this year and we thank our partners for including us in their public safety outreach efforts. These events allow us the opportunity to share what we can do for the community and how community members can get involved with our agency. Sometimes we are reminded that our community is just one piece of a larger community; we were reminded of this

2017 was an exciting year which allowed the Butler County EMA to engage the county, our local jurisdictions, our businesses and our citizens in new and exciting ways. The Butler County EMA staff is dedicated to continuing to develop and maintain these relationships in 2018 and beyond. We thank you for letting us contribute to your success.■



Butler County EMA staff observe Ice Water Rescue training in St. Clair Township. This training is offered yearly and provides members of the Butler County Water Rescue Task Force an opportunity to train on cold water rescue operations.

BUTLER COUNTY EMA WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!