

# Butler County EMA

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MONTHLY



### *BUTLER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATE IN ONE-OF-A-KIND FSE*

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#### **Training Opportunities:**

- October 9—AWR-331: Winter Weather Hazards
- October 16—MGT-452: Physical & Cyber Security for Critical Infrastructure
- October 17—WebEOC & Raven911
- November 13-14—ICS-400: Advanced ICS
- November 14—Decon IQ
- December 10—Advanced HazMat IQ

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

On June 18, 2019, eleven Butler County school districts participated in a full scale exercise at Ross Local Middle/High School. The exercise simulated an active shooter situation at a board meeting while numerous after school activities were happening on campus.

Nearly 200 students and adults were involved in the exercise and it's the first time an exercise of this scope has ever been planned in Butler County.

The exercise helped to identify planning gaps and resources, to provide a hands-on test to evaluate schools' emergency operations plans and preparedness



School administrators and staff work to coordinate their response to a simulated emergency. Eleven different school districts from Butler County participated in this exercise.



Ross Township Police Officers escort Ross Township Fire Department personnel through the simulated emergency drill. Emergency Response Personnel from throughout Butler County were included in exercise play.

and to strengthen current emergency management programs.

According to Katharine Clayton, director of public school safety for the BCESC, "this was a complex, coordinated event that included multiple first responders, community partners, county and state agencies in addition to the participating school districts." Participating school districts included: Ross, Lakota, Middletown, Hamilton, Monroe, Madison, Talawanda, Edgewood, New Miami, Fairfield and Butler Tech.

To support the efforts of the school districts, multiple community partners participated in the exercise. **Continued on Page 2**

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These agencies included: the Butler County Emergency Management Agency and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ross Township Police and Fire Departments, Butler County Sheriff's Office, Morgan Township Fire and EMS Department, UC-West Chester Hospital and Hamilton County Educational Service Center. The BCESC also invited school resource officers (SROs) from participating school districts

to participate and observe. While these first responders did not fully engage during the event, they provided direction and support for the school districts.

"This exercise offered participating school districts a unique perspective," Clayton said. ■ For more information regarding the Butler County Educational Services Center, go to <https://www.bcesc.org/>



Exercise control staff work to provide injects for players throughout the exercise. These volunteers were used to ensure that exercise players were given timely information



First responders from throughout Butler County had an opportunity to test emergency response procedures during one of the largest exercises in the history of Butler County.



Public Information Officers (PIOs) from several different Butler County school districts work to develop press releases and social media messages during the simulated emergency.

## ***BUTLER COUNTY EMA TO OFFER ICS 400 COURSE***

The Butler County EMA is pleased to announce that we will be hosting an ICS 400: Advanced ICS for Command & General Staff. The course will be held on November 13th & 14th at the Butler County EOC, located at 1810 Princeton Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. The class time will be from 8:00am to 4:30pm each day.

This 15-hour classroom course provides training for personnel who require advanced application of the

Incident Command System (ICS). This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100, 200, 700, 800 and ICS-300 courses, which are the prerequisites for the ICS-400 course. The target audience for this course is senior personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an Area Command or Multi-Agency Coordination Entity.

Individuals must complete the IS-100.c Introduction to the Incident Command System, IS-200.c Basic Incident Com-

mand System for Initial Response, IS-700.b An Introduction to the National Incident Management System and the IS-800.c National Response Framework, an Introduction courses. Also, ICS-300 Intermediate courses prior to attending the ICS-400 Advanced course and provide copies of their certificates of completion to the instructors on day one of the course.

There is no charge for participants to attend this course. However, Lodging, Meals, Per

Diem and all other travel expenses are the responsibility of the student or the parent organization.

■ Students must enroll via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website: <https://trainingcampus.dps.ohio.gov/cm/cm710/pstc/pstc.html>. Course registration will generally close 10 working days prior to the course start date and applicants can check enrollment/approval status via the Department of Public Safety Training Campus website.