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2018 BUTLER COUNTY FULL SCALE EXERCISE

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Training Opportunities:

- November 2-4—G428 CERT Train-the-Trainer
- November 5-9—L388 Advanced PIO
- November 14-15—G108 Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance
- December 3-5—ICS 300 Intermediate ICS
- December 4—OH202 Debris Management Workshop
- December 6-7—ICS 400 Advanced ICS

Information for registering for any of the above courses can be obtained on our website at 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 September 20th, the Butler County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) hosted the 2018 Butler County Full Scale Exercise. The exercise, held at Camp Campbell Gard and the Kaden's Cove Yacht Club, was a massive undertaking and included around 200 participants and observers representing over 50 organizations across five disciplines. Exercise play consisted of four hours of play in five interconnected exercise streams.

The 2018 Butler County Full Scale Exercise tested an emergency response to a simulated a pipeline release in the area of the Great Miami River. First responders and officials from several local and state agencies and departments worked to mitigate the effects of the simulated release. These mitigation efforts were focused into five exercise streams, including Unified Command, Water/HazMat response, Emergency Medical Services, Mass Care Sheltering and hospitals.

The Unified Command for the exercise consisted of officials from local fire and law enforce-



Water Rescue Crews from Monroe Fire Department (right) work to maneuver their boat over a section of containment boom. Crews of First Responders from several local departments worked with contractors from Clean Harbors to establish containment booms to stop the simulated release.

ment jurisdictions that would be impacted by the simulated release as well as local and state agencies, contractors and employees of Enterprise Products, the owner of the pipeline and our partners for the exercise. The Unified Command was responsible for directing mitigation efforts on the river

and for coordinating with other communities and responders simulated downstream. The Unified Command worked to ensure that the first responders working on the river were provided with the resources they needed to mitigate the effects of the release.

The Water/HazMat response participants worked with contractors from Clean Harbors to string collection and containment booms across the Great Miami River to collect simulated product. Popcorn, provided to the Butler County LEPC from local movie theater AMC West Chester 18, was used to simulate a Jet A kerosene release. Water/HazMat response participants also participated in simulated water rescues, using a mannequin to simulate a worker who had become overwhelmed by the vapors from the product.



Crews from Clean Harbors work to maneuver containment booms into position. Environmental contractors, like those pictured here, are utilized by private industry to respond to hazardous materials releases and clean-ups.

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Hard Boom, pictured above, is used to deflect and contain hazardous materials on large bodies of water. This picture shows two booms, a deflection boom (left) deflecting simulated product into a containment boom (right).

Local EMTs and Paramedics from St. Clair Township/New Miami Life Squad were on scene to respond to any real-world emergencies and to participate in EMS simulations. Medical Simulations crews from UC Health and the Kettering Health Network were on site for the exercise and walked EMS professionals through a simulated medical patient scenario consistent with the exercise scenario. EMTs and Paramedics who participated in the simulations were able to receive EMS continuing education units for their participation

thanks to Butler Tech. The American Red Cross (ARC) was also on site to establish a simulated Mass Care Shelter. The ARC crews practiced establishing a shelter twice in an effort to provide their newer staff with multiple opportunities to gain experience. Christ Hospital also provided a medical simulation scenario for ARC staff to simulate an ill shelter resident. The ARC crews also established a canteen and provided drinks and snacks to participants and observers and participated as liaisons

to the Unified Command. McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital also participated in the 2018 Butler County Full Scale Exercise. Staff at McCullough-Hyde exercised their internal policies and procedures for receiving contaminated patients. McCullough-Hyde simulated receiving a patient and two EMTs who needed fine decontamination after arrival at the facility. The 2018 Butler County Full Scale Exercise was a massive undertaking and would not have been possible without the help of several individuals

and groups. Firstly, we would like to thank the participants of the exercise. It would have been impossible for us to host this exercise without the support of our local and state partners. Secondly, we would like to thank the exercise control & evaluation staff. Finally, we would like to thank the Butler County LEPC Training & Exercise Committee for their support throughout the exercise planning process. ■ For more information, go to the Butler County EMA website at <http://butlercountyohio.org/ema/>



Around 200 people from over 50 agencies participated in the 2018 Butler County Full Scale Exercise. This picture shows just some of these participants at the HotWash. The HotWash is a debriefing held after an exercise to discuss the exercise and what was learned.

Butler County to Offer ICS 300 & 400 Courses in December

Butler County EMA will be hosting ICS 300 & 400 courses this winter.

The ICS 300 course will be held on December 3-5, 2018 while the ICS 400 course will be held on December 6-7, 2018. Both courses will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and will be held at the Fairfield Police Department Training Room located at 5230 Pleas-

ant Avenue, Fairfield, Ohio 45013.

FEMA recommends ICS 300 be taken by anyone serving, or who may be serving as member of the command staff, section chief, strike team leader, task force leader, unit leader, division/group supervisor, branch director, or multi-agency coordination

system/emergency operations center staff.

FEMA recommends ICS 400 for anyone who will serve as command or general staff in an ICS organization, select department heads with multi-agency coordination system responsibilities, area commanders, emergency managers, and multiagency coordi-

nation system/emergency operations center managers

The courses are free to attend, but registration through the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Public Safety Training Campus Portal is required.

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