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2019 SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL SAFETY SUMMIT

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Training Opportunities:

- December 10—Advanced HazMat IQ
- December 10-12—MGT 361—Managing Critical Incidents at Institutes of Higher Education
- December 11-13—Workplace Community Emergency Response Teams
- January 22—MGT 414—Advanced Critical Infrastructure Protection
- January 22—AWR 209—Working with the Media

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

Butler County EMA, along with five other county EMAs in Southwest Ohio and UC Health, hosted the 2019 Southwest Ohio Regional Safety Summit on November 8th at Voice of America Park in West Chester. The summit, sponsored by a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation, focused on various aspects of Mass Casualty Events, including local and national events. The 2019 Southwest Ohio Regional Safety Summit represented the third summit hosted by Butler County EMA, Clermont County EMA, Clinton County EMA, Hamilton County EMA, and Warren County EMA. Ohio EMA Southwest Regional Supervisor Phil Clayton served as the event's emcee.

One often overlooked aspect to Mass Casualty Incidents is the management of fatalities after an incident. Butler County Coroner Dr. Lisa Mannix joined staff from the Miami Valley Crime Lab and Hamilton County Coroner's Office to discuss how



Las Vegas Metro Police Department Captain (Ret) Harry Fagel presents on the lessons learned in the response to and investigation of the 2017 Route 91 Harvest Festival shooting.

Coroner's Offices respond to Mass Fatality Incidents, including response to high-profile local incidents as well as large-scale incidents such as responses to hurricanes and tornadoes.

One local incident which was discussed was the Mount Pleasant Nursing Home fire. Chief John Centers of Monroe Fire Department discussed his department's response to the 2016 incident for which five Monroe firefighters were awarded the International Association of Fire Chiefs Ben Franklin Award for Valor.



Monroe Fire Department Chief John Centers presents on the 2016 Mount Pleasant Nursing Home Fire. The Mount Pleasant Nursing Home caught fire after being struck by lightning.

Marc Burdiss, President of Preparedness Solutions, inc, discussed his experience assisting in the response to the 2013 Yarnell Hill Fire which was responsible for the deaths of 19 City of Prescott firefighters and the 2015 Northern Arizona University shooting. Marc shared the lessons learned from these two high-profile incidents and discussed how

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these lessons learned can be applied to future incidents.

UC Health Emergency Physician Dr. Dustin Calhoun provided a presentation on the various triage systems used to sort patients during a Mass Casualty and their efficacy for use in the field. Dr. Calhoun's presentation provided an assessment of common and more obscure triage systems used throughout the world.

The 2019 Southwest Ohio Regional Safety Summit's keynote speaker was retired Las Vegas Metro Police Department Captain Harry Fagel

who assisted in the response and investigation of the October 1, 2017 mass shooting at the Route 91 Harvest Festival. Captain Fagel provided insight into the response to and subsequent investigation of the deadliest mass shooting in US history. Captain Fagel discussed the impact this mass shooting had not only on the victims and their families, but also his department and city of Las Vegas.

In addition to the numerous presentations, attendees had the opportunity to tour regional Mass Casualty Incident equipment from throughout the Southwest Ohio region.

This equipment has been provided to the Southwest Ohio region through grants provided by the Department of Homeland Security and is available to respond to significant incidents both regionally and nationally.

The 2019 Southwest Ohio Regional Safety Summit was only possible through the hard work of the Southwest Ohio county emergency managers, UC Health, and the 2019 Southwest Ohio Regional Safety Summit planning committee. Furthermore, financial donations from the Duke Energy Foundation and the Butler County Local Emer-

gency Planning Committee allowed us to expand this year's summit and host more attendees than ever before.

The 2019 Southwest Ohio Regional Safety Summit was huge success and provided an opportunity to share lessons learned from real world events and resources available for first responders and community stakeholders. The Butler County EMA staff would like to thank everyone who assisted in planning the summit and those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. ■ For more information on the 2019 Southwest Ohio Regional Safety Summit, go to butlercountyohio.org/ema/



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