



Law Enforcement Annex

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| Primary Agency | Clermont County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Local Police Departments |
| Support Agencies | Clermont County Coroner's Office Clermont County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) Ohio National Guard (ONG) Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Ohio State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCII) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) |

I. Purpose, Scope, Situation, and Assumptions

A. Purpose

The purpose of this annex is to facilitate multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional coordination of emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts, amongst law enforcement agencies during/following a significant natural, technological, or human caused disaster in the County.

B. Scope

This annex addresses the critical law enforcement functions of public safety and security. Activities include:

- Maintaining law and order
- Criminal investigations
- Crowd, traffic and restricted area control
- Coordination of evacuations
- Identification of local emergency evacuation routes from high hazard areas
- Providing security for the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), if necessary
- Assisting with notification and warning of the general public
- Assisting with initial impact assessment
- Coordinating security for damaged areas, vital facilities, staging areas, and shelter operations
- Notification of next of kin

C. Situation

The County is serviced by 14 local law enforcement agencies: The County Sheriff's Office, 2 City Police Departments (Loveland and Milford), 4 Township Police Departments (Goshen, Miami, Pierce, and Union Townships), 6 Village Police Departments (Villages: Batavia, Bethel, Felicity, New Richmond, Owensville, and Williamsburg), and 1 University Public Safety Agency (University of Cincinnati – Clermont College). The County has 1 Specialized Response Team (SRT) (Clermont County Sheriff's Office). Certain areas of the County are also serviced by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Law enforcement agencies are the lead entity for criminal investigations, terrorism related incidents, civil disobedience, civil disorder, and other intentional human-caused disasters. The responsible local agency will establish the crime scene and notify the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies of the incident and actions taken.

D. Assumptions

- The County and its political subdivisions have a designated law enforcement agency. Law enforcement agencies will perform tasks under their own authority and as outlined by Ohio Revised Code (ORC).
- Pursuant to Ohio Attorney General Opinion 86-023, the County Sheriff may declare a snow emergency and temporarily close county and township roads within the jurisdiction for the preservation of public peace. Attorney General Opinion 97-015 allows the sheriff to close state and municipal roads. Tab C. provides the Snow Emergency Classifications.
- Pursuant to ORC 311.07, ORC 311.08, and Ohio Attorney General Opinion 87-099, the County Sheriff may order the evacuation of persons to preserve the public health, safety and well-being of the persons being evacuated. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 1301:7-7-01(D)(11)(d) the fire department official in charge of an actual emergency response incident may order the evacuation of persons when necessary to protect the health, safety, and well-being of such persons.
- Law enforcement agencies have adopted National Incident Management System (NIMS). The Incident Command System (ICS) / Unified Command System (UCS) is the recommended management concept when responding to disasters.
- An emergency or other significant event may be of such severity and magnitude as to require mutual-aid response and recovery assistance to save lives and protect property. Mutual aid support is available from neighboring departments, regional partners, and the State of Ohio if local and county capabilities are overtaxed through the countywide mutual aid agreement and Ohio Intrastate Mutual Aid Assistance Compact (IMAAC).
- Special response team (SRT) resources are available through the Clermont County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).
- Local law enforcement agencies have the ability to communicate via 800 MHz radios on Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS). Some agencies have Mobile Data Computers (MDC) / Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in their vehicles.
- Weather conditions such as temperature extremes, snow, rain, and high winds may pose additional hazards for law enforcement personnel.
- Access to an incident location may be limited by traffic, damaged/blocked road systems, bridge failures, landslides, etc.

II. Concept of Operations

All incidents begin and end locally. Each law enforcement agency will perform tasks under their own authority as outlined by the ORC. Mutual aid from neighboring jurisdictions and/or counties may be requested to provide additional equipment and resources to support the response and recovery operations.

The CCSO will provide a representative to the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), if activated. This individual will be the law enforcement liaison to coordinate, track, and monitor law enforcement related issues in the field. As the incident escalates, additional agencies/organizations may assign representatives to the EOC to assist with the coordination of specific activities which may include:

- Maintaining law and order
- Information collection and dissemination
- Site Security
- Traffic and access control
- Criminal investigations and Intelligence collection
- Evacuation coordination
- Notification of next of kin

A. Mitigation

Agencies should:

- Review and update mutual-aid agreements ensure their viability. The Clermont County Sheriff and Police Chiefs' Association coordinates with the Clermont County Prosecutor's Office to routinely review the countywide law enforcement mutual aid agreement
- Identify areas that may vulnerable to sabotage, hostage, terrorism threats, and other human-caused events in their respective jurisdiction
- Identify a public information officer (PIO) for training, planning and public information purposes.
- Identify resources such as vehicles and equipment available for law enforcement functions

B. Preparedness

Agencies should:

- Maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) to handle daily situations and larger scale emergencies.
- Maintain emergency call-out lists of critical personnel and specialized resources
- Develop/update plans for traffic control during an evacuation and identify probable traffic control points on evacuation routes
- Train personnel on NIMS and ICS/UCS
- Train personnel and volunteers to perform assigned emergency functions
- Maintain viable communication equipment and appropriate policies and procedures for the use of equipment to ensure the ability to communicate internally and externally with partner organizations
- Participate in emergency preparedness exercises

C. Response

Agencies should:

- Maintain essential functions as much as possible in emergency situations. Non-life threatening issues may need to be reprioritized
- Coordinate with responding public safety agencies to establish command and control of on-scene incident operation using the NIMS principals
- Provide a law enforcement representative to the Incident Command Post / Unified Command Post depending on the scope, severity and tactical priorities
- Coordinate with the appropriate response agencies to establish a process for disseminating emergency public information
- Provide mobile units for public warning and notification
- Provide security and traffic control for the EOC, shelters and other key facilities
- Maintain police records and ensuring they are protected from the hazard
- Patrol evacuated and disaster areas
- Provide traffic and crowd control
- Control access to restricted areas
- Provide information to the designated EOC law enforcement liaison on evacuations, casualties, damage observations, road closures, etc.
- Contact the appropriate State and Federal partners in the event of a suspected terrorist activity

D. Recovery

Agencies should:

- Support cleanup/recovery operations
- Track/update road closures as transportation corridors reopen
- Coordinate a phased demobilization process as resources are no longer needed
- Assist in damage assessment by identifying and reporting damaged structures

- Assist in the safe reentry of evacuees to local communities
- Notify next of kin of fatalities
- Maintain records and documentation for all expenses related to the response and recovery activities
- Participate in post-incident after action meetings to identify lessons learned and update emergency plans

III. Assignment of Responsibilities

A. Primary Agencies

Clermont County Sheriff's Office

- Provide a liaison to the EOC, if activated
- Maintain roster of primary and support agencies, make appropriate notifications, activate agencies as necessary, and maintain on-going communications
- Coordinate with law enforcement agencies to develop and prioritize countywide missions
- Coordinate mutual aid and private vendor resources through the resource request process
- Assist with the impact assessment for the county in order to prioritize the impacted areas and resource needs
- Provide personnel and equipment for emergency activities including: maintaining law and order, crowd control, site security, communication of population protective actions with the public, evacuation, notification of next of kin, etc.
- Maintain jail operations; If necessary and feasible, prisoners may be transported and jailed in surrounding jurisdictions. If not feasible, CCSO will initiate protective actions to insulate inmates from the hazard
- Provide briefing and complete daily situation report on law enforcement activities
- Maintain documentation of personnel, equipment, and expenses

Local Law Enforcement Agencies

- Maintain roster of primary and support agencies, make appropriate notifications, activate agencies as necessary, and maintain on-going communications
- Provide reports to the law enforcement liaison in the EOC.
- Coordinate mutual aid and private vendor resources through the resource request process
- Assist with the impact assessment for the respective jurisdiction in order to prioritize the impacted areas and resource needs
- Provide personnel and equipment for emergency activities including: maintaining law and order, crowd control, site security, communication of population protective actions with the public, evacuation, notification of next of kin, etc.
- Maintain documentation of personnel, equipment, and expenses

B. Secondary Agencies

Clermont County Coroner's Office

- Perform the duties as outlined in the ORC 313.12
- Conduct victim identification and determine cause of death
- Confer with public health and law enforcement agencies
- Coordinate with the appropriate law enforcement agency for next of kin notification
- Coordinate required autopsies and direct activities of crime scene and forensic professionals performing
- Coordinate the transportation and storage of remains for all deaths that fall under ORC 313.12

Clermont County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

- Oversee and ensure the enforcement of laws of the State of Ohio

- Advise law enforcement agencies and provide interpretations of law as necessary
- Review the results of investigations with regard to potential criminal allegations and decide whether to proceed with the prosecution process
- Take appropriate legal action against public and/or private entities on behalf of Clermont County for damages or claims, which might arise from emergency response and recovery activities

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR's primary response function is to protect the natural resources of the State including the forests, lakes, soils, wildlife, minerals, and water resources. This protection involves providing personnel and equipment for the emergency response, as needed. ODNR personnel may respond to the off-site incident command post and perform assessment and provide information and resources, including providing land and facilities for use as mass care shelters and mobile home sites during an incident.

Ohio National Guard

The Ohio National Guard, coordinated by the Adjutant General of Ohio, provides military support to civil authorities to protect life and property and preserve peace and order in times of emergency, at the direction of the Governor of Ohio.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The OSHP's primary response function is to provide support to other State and local law enforcement agencies. Generally, this support consists of traffic control and information gathering and dissemination. An OSHP Post Commander or designee may report to the EOC to coordinate field activities and information. OSHP personnel may respond to the off-site incident command post and provide area control.

Ohio State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office provides trained investigators to support local fire and law enforcement in combating arson.

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)

The Ohio Attorney General's BCI serves as Ohio's crime lab and criminal record keeper by offering investigative services to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. BCI investigators will support local agencies during officer involved critical incidents.

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Depending on the type, scope, and magnitude of the incident, the FBI may assist local and state law enforcement agencies with the investigation of a criminal or terrorism related incident.

IV. Administration and Logistics

A. Administration

- The County Sheriff's Office is the lead coordinating agency for law enforcement activities in the EOC
- A written mutual-aid agreement exists among the county law enforcement agencies
- The Ohio Department of Public Safety maintains the Contact and Information Management System (CIMS) which is a database of information for law enforcement officials. CIMS includes resources, contact information and bulletins
- The State of Ohio maintains the Law Enforcement Emergency Response Plan (LEERP), a database of law enforcement resources. This can be activated through CIMS. All agencies are encouraged to take part in the LEERP


B. Logistics

- The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) may make an emergency declaration to allow emergency actions not otherwise authorized or to request additional resources from the State and/or federal government
- Agencies will document all decisions made, resources needed/used, actions taken, and other important information
- Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to track time and resources expended during a disaster. These costs may be eligible for reimbursement for state or federal reimbursement if a disaster declaration is awarded

C. Tabs

- Tab A - Law Enforcement Organizations in Clermont County
- Tab B – Snow Emergency Classifications

V. Authentication



Robert S. Leahy, Clermont County Sheriff

President, Clermont County Police Chief's Association

Nov. 16 2023

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Tab A: Clermont County Law Enforcement Agencies

Clermont County Sheriff's Office
 Sheriff Robert S. Leahy
 4470 State Route 222
 Batavia, Ohio 45103
 Phone: (513) 732-7500

Ohio State Highway Patrol, Post 13
 Lt. Dexter Howard
 1000 Hospital Drive
 Batavia, Ohio 45103
 Phone: (513) 732-1510

UC- Clermont College Public Safety
 Snyder Building, Room S-170
 4200 Clermont College Drive
 Batavia, Ohio 45103
 Phone: (513) 556-5400

City Police Departments

Loveland Police Department
 Chief Michael Gabrielson
 126 S. Lebanon Road
 Loveland, Ohio 45140
 Phone: (513) 583-3000

Milford Police Department
 Chief Jamey Mills
 745 Center Street
 Milford, Ohio 45150
 Phone: (513) 248-5084

Township Police Departments

Goshen Township Police Department
 Chief Bob Rose
 6757 Goshen Road
 Goshen, Ohio 45122
 Phone: (513) 722-3200

Miami Township Police Department
 Chief Mike Mills
 5900 McPicken Drive
 Milford, Ohio 45150
 Phone: (513) 248.3721

Pierce Township Police Department
 Chief Paul Broxterman
 950 Locust Corner Road
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45245
 Phone: (513) 752-4100

Union Township Police Department
 Chief Tony Rees
 4312 Glen Este-Withamsville Road
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45245

Village Police Departments

Village of Batavia Police Department
 Chief Jim Young
 65 N. Second Street,
 Batavia, Ohio 45103
 Phone: (513) 732-5625

Village of Felicity Police Department
 Chief John Schadle
 415 Walnut Street
 Felicity, Ohio 45120
 Phone: (513) 876-2621

Village of New Richmond Police Department
 Chief Eric Williams
 102 Willow Street
 New Richmond, Ohio 45157
 Phone: (513) 553-3121

Village of Owensville Police Department
 Chief Mike Freeman
 115 West Main Street
 Owensville, Ohio 45160
 Phone: (513) 732-1171

Village of Williamsburg Police Department
 Chief Margaret Timmers
 120 South Front Street
 Williamsburg, Ohio 45176
 Phone: (513) 724-2261

Tab B: Snow Emergency Classifications

Pursuant of Ohio Attorney General Opinion 86-023, the sheriff of a county may declare a snow emergency and temporarily close county and township roads within his jurisdiction for the preservation of the public peace. Attorney General Opinion 97-015 allows the sheriff to close state and municipal roads.

Snow Emergency Classifications

LEVEL 1: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

LEVEL 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

LEVEL 3: All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.