

# Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

## August 15, 2012

### Reminder

The LTRC will meet August 22. No meeting on August 29. September meetings will be on Sept 5 and 19.

### Report from Vice-Chair – Beth Nevel

Beth had a meeting with United Methodist Churches (UMCorp) Early Response Team. They are interested in providing assistance 24 to 48 hours following a disaster. The group has trained 2 churches (NIMS trained). The group covers 9 counties (Brown, Adams, Fayette, Jackson, Pike, Scioto, Lawrence, Highland, and Ross). The team is self-sufficient for 3 days. They can provide assistance with mucking out homes and debris removal (hauling). Beth invited the group to attend the next Tri-State Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) meeting.

The next Tri-State COAD meeting is Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am. The meeting will be held at the American Red Cross (2111 Dana Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio).

### Are You Ready....Before and After a Disaster

We have confirmed speakers in all of the sessions

- Getting the Most Bang for Your Buck! Mary Hurlburt, LifeSpan
- Purchasing Insurance and Negotiating with Adjusters Ohio Department of Insurance  
A speaker request has been confirmed, we are waiting for information back on the speaker. Mickey has also reached out to a local insurance adjuster (Ron Johnson) who may be able to assist with this session as well.
- Choosing a Contractor Edward "EJ" Early, Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Disaster Preparedness for the Future Chief Art Owens, Pam Broughton, Beth Nevel, and American Red Cross  
The Red Cross has confirmed that they will provide a speaker.

The Village of Moscow will be providing the set up and refreshments. Beth is going to work on the signage.

Information has already been posted on the Clermont County EMA website [www.emaclermontcountyohio.gov](http://www.emaclermontcountyohio.gov). Thalia is going to add the information to the facebook page. This information will also go out in the September edition of the Clermont County newsletter. We will put out a press release as the event nears which will go out to all of the media outlets. The group discussed registration and opted not to have attendees pre-register.

Clermont County EMA will be putting together folders for all attendees. Each folder will have the following materials:

- The Family Emergency Plan
- Emergency Supply List
- Preparing Makes Sense.
- Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans.
- Preparing Makes Sense for People with Disabilities and Special Needs.
- Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies Makes Sense.

The group discussed adding additional Red Cross materials. Clermont County EMA will reach out to Red Cross. Also, EMA will bring additional brochures and kids coloring books. The group also discussed adding an updated resource flyer which outlines all of the programs that one may be eligible for and how to contact the respective programs. Dan noted that in the Federal Home Loan Bank process, some residents have not kept records on what programs they have applied for and the outcome. Pam will update the existing flyer and provide a draft at the next meeting.

The group discussed common themes that should be highlighted at the beginning of the night and then noted in each of the breakout sessions. The group discussed the "disaster buddy" concept, having a good friend or family member that lives outside of the area that can assist you following a disaster and provide an outside perspective on the situation. The group also discussed reminding attendees not to sign anything within the first 72 hours following the event.

The group discussed handing out flood buckets to residents that live in flood prone areas. Clermont County EMA is going to create 8 ½" x 11" stickers for each bucket – The sticker will say "Flood Clean Up Kit" and have the LTRC Logo.

The group discussed additional preparedness programs such as school preparedness. The LTRC discussed reaching out to New Richmond Schools to pilot a program. It may be beneficial to reach out to Honor Society, Junior Leadership Groups, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. October is Fire Safety Month. All of the schools should have a random visit from the local fire department. The group discussed how to get the opportunity to present the message to the schools – personal connections and highlighting the importance of preparedness. Both Brown and Clermont Counties are in the process of updating their All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. It would be beneficial to include the schools in this effort.

### **Financial Report**

Clermont County EMA turned over a \$200.00 check that they had received from Grammas Pizza following the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Tornado. A thank you letter will be sent to Pete Grammas.

Balance:

\$26,156.01

Kathy has invoices pending from Mr. Mattress. The LTRC may be receiving a check from the Knights of Columbus.

### **Facebook**

Thalia will upload information on the September 11<sup>th</sup> event. Linda has uploaded new photos showing the recovery efforts.

### **Other**

Last Wednesday, Bev picked up school supplies from the Vacation Bible School. The school supplies were handed out at Ready Fest held at the New Richmond Boys and Girls Club – Teen Center.

Next Wednesday is our last weekly meeting. We will meet bi-monthly from that point forward.