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LEGISLATIVE DAY RECAP

On behalf of the EMAO Executive Board, I personally want to thank you for attending our Winter Conference/ Legislative Day. We have tried for several years to get our attendance up, and this year we finally did it!

Of all the committees EMAO has, this is one of the most important ones. As a government entity, our authority, how we operate, and just about everything we do, is based on legislation. It is imperative our membership is engaged with their legislators on a frequent basis. Attending this event demonstrates to our legislators that we have a unified, collective voice and that we are a credible organization. If we are not lobbying to advocate for our profession, someone else is lobbying to enhance theirs (and may be taking away needed funding and conflict with our best practices in the process).

I would be happy to discuss any concerns or suggestions to help improve our conference moving forward. I also ask you to share what a positive experience it was with your peers. This could include reaching out to those who did not attend and encouraging them to attend next year.

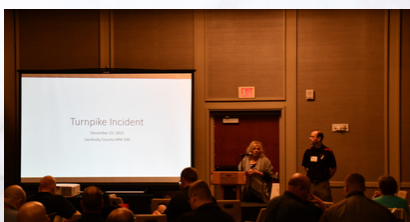
Please reach out and let me know what EMAO can do to assist in you in your day-to-day activities.

Jeff Klein, EMAO President



EMAO SPRING CONFERENCE

EMAO held our Spring Conference in Columbus at the Crowne Plaza in coordination with Ohio EMA's spring conference. Thank you to Marion County EMA Director Sarah McNamee and Chief Clint Canterbury of 1st Consolidated Fire for presenting on their response to a very unique Grain Bin Fire. In addition, thank you to Sandusky County EMA Director, Lisa Kuelling and Erie County EMA Director Tim Jonovich for presenting on their response to the multi-Vehicle pile up on the Ohio Turnpike. Abby Buchop (Lucas), Jeff Klein (Wood), Helen Norris (Logan), Kevin Tribbe (Hamilton), and Joe Villegas (Tidal Basin Group) all were presented with their OCEM certificates as well.



ECLIPSE PLANNING TIPS

Where is your agency at in it's April 8, 2024 Total Solar Eclipse preparations?

Did you know the State would request a completed ICS 205 Incident Communications Plan if you would request assistance? The plan is very specific and will require some time. It is a good planning tool no matter what radio system your county currently utilizes.

Here are the links the fillable Word forms:

[https://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/assets/ICS%20Forms//ICS%20Form%20205,%20Incident%20Radio%20Communications%20Plan%20\(v3.1\).pdf](https://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/assets/ICS%20Forms//ICS%20Form%20205,%20Incident%20Radio%20Communications%20Plan%20(v3.1).pdf)

[https://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/assets/ICS%20Forms//ICS%20Form%20205A,%20Communications%20List%20\(v3\).pdf](https://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/ICSResource/assets/ICS%20Forms//ICS%20Form%20205A,%20Communications%20List%20(v3).pdf)

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DIRECTOR UPDATES:



Name: Sean Miller
County: Delaware

Incoming or Outgoing? Outgoing

Time with County: 10/26/2013-3/2/2023

Sector: Central

Brief overview of career: Deployed to Carteret County, NC with Jon Kochis, Mark Christie, and Morgan Peterson as part of an EMAO EMAT in response to Hurricane Florence. Updated Delaware County EMA's funding mechanism. Finished several mitigation projects and worked on others. President of EMAO from 2016-17.

I wish I would have known when I started: The "to do" list for someone in this profession never seems to get shorter, despite best efforts.

Parting thoughts: EMAO is an excellent forum for fostering one of the most important factors in emergency management: relationships.

Necessity is the "buffer" of invention

Okay, okay, we know that isn't exactly how it goes, but now that we have your attention we have something to share.

Many of our agencies use Hootsuite as a way to manage, and pre-plan our social media posts. Along with that, you may have gotten the bad news that the free version of this service is going by the wayside. The program Buffer is an easy and free way to handle your social media scheduling. Thank you Sydney Renner for sharing this incredible resource with us. To check out Buffer please visit: <https://buffer.com/>

COUNTY HIGHLIGHT: COLUMBIANA

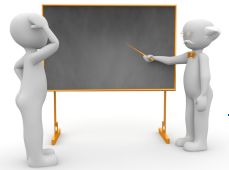
We support you, we are here for you, keep up the great work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EMAO 2023 Fundamentals Course EMAO 2023 Winter Conference

Friday June 2, 2023
12935 Stonecreek Drive
Pickerington, OH 43147

December 7-8, 2023
Salt Fork Lodge
Cambridge, OH



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