BUSINESS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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• Ohio BEOC goals
• Lessons from 2017 hurricane season
• Examples from other states
• Next steps
WHAT IS A BUSINESS EOC?

• Increasing prominence in Emergency Management community.

• The National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) is FEMA's virtual clearing house for two-way information sharing between public and private sector stakeholders to help people before, during, and after disasters.
Ohio BEOC Goals

- Increase whole community information sharing
- Gain visibility on community lifelines
- Mitigate administrative bottlenecks
- Right-size government response
Both private sector and government sector supply chains will respond to disasters.

Communication is essential between these two sectors to ensure that efforts are not duplicated.

Real-time monitoring of supply and demand can reduce logistical bottlenecks and speed supply chain restoration.

End result = Better outcomes for disaster survivors.

CNA. *Supply Chain Resilience and the 2017 Hurricane Season*. October 2018.
State BEOCs

**Similarities**
- Documented purpose
- Exercise participation
- Established communication methods

**Differences**
- Varied scope
- Virtual v. real BEOC participation
- Variety of communication methods
NEXT STEPS
Overview of actions for previous reporting period

• Content
  • Summary of EOC status level, response capabilities, and ongoing support
  • State overview of impacts at the county level
  • Status of State Community Lifelines (status of state response to local emergencies)
  • Weather forecast

• Availability
  • In pdf: available daily through the Safer Ohio Awareness Report (SOAR)
  • Real-time, web-based: accessible through Ohio EMA Watch Office website or through pdf version
  • When the next update is going to occur
Desired Feedback

- What have you seen work in other states? For your business as well as your sector.
- What have you seen not work in other states?
- What kind of information to share?
- Best communication methods during incidents?
• Identify best practices for Ohio to emulate.

• Shape Ohio’s BEOC plans and procedures.

• Assist with on-going engagement through OP3.
GET INVOLVED!

Participate in the survey

Support the BEOC advisory council

BEOC Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2FD3WRJ
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