

**City of Fairfield Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
June 9, 2025**

Council-Manager Briefing

6:00 PM - Butler County EMA Presentation

Mayor Rhodus called the briefing to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present: Leslie Besl, Dale Paullus, Debbie Pennington, Adam Kraft, Tim Meyers, Matt Davidson and Gwen Brill. Staff members present: Scott Timmer, Steve Wolterman, Alisha Wilson, Laurie Murphy, Diana Davenport, Tami Moore, Tom Lakamp, Steve Maynard, Greg Kathman, Adam Sackenheim, Mandi Brock, Jason Hunold and Ben Mann.

Jim Bolen, Director of the Butler County Emergency Management Agency, presented an overview of the EMA. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Rhodus called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Tim Meyers led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Councilmember, 1st Ward Leslie Besl
Councilmember, 2nd Ward Dale Paullus
Councilmember, 3rd Ward Debbie Pennington
Councilmember, 4th Ward Adam Kraft
Councilmember, At-Large Tim Meyers
Councilmember, At-Large Matt Davidson
Councilmember, At-Large Gwen Brill

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Kraft, seconded by Councilmember Meyers, moved for Executive Session to discuss negotiations with public employees regarding their wages, hours and other terms and conditions of their employment. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations

1. Police Department Oath of Office: Officers Ryan Hannon, Daniel Harper & Caleb Ake

Police Chief Maynard introduced Officers Hannon, Harper and Ake. Mayor Rhodus administered the ceremonial oath of office to the officers and their family members pinned their badges.

2. Young Marines Proclamation

Mayor Rhodus presented the Young Marines Proclamation and thanked them for their work in the community.

3. Joe Schwarz Proclamation

Mayor Rhodus presented a proclamation and Key to the City to Joe Schwarz, as well as a presentation of Mr. Schwarz's work in the City. See attached slides.

Citizen Comments

None.

Council Reports

Councilmember Davidson reported that the water division will continue the fire hydrant flushing program for the next 3 weeks.

Councilmember Meyers reported that interest income grew 8.7% for the City's investments. He commended the Finance Department for their great work.

Councilmember Kraft thanked the citizens for their interest in the Sustainability Commission and stated that there were very qualified individuals that applied and interviewed.

Councilmember Pennington reported that Stockton Station Drive was paved last week and announced upcoming road closures on Seward Road for curb replacement and paving.

Councilmember Besl announced Groovin' on the Green on Thursday and Fridays by the Lake start next Friday. She also reported that honeysuckle was removed at Marsh last week and lower shelters removed at Harbin to make way for new larger shelters.

Public Hearing(s)

1. 2026 Tax Budget Public Hearing

Mayor Rhodus opened the public hearing at 7:32 PM. Clerk Wilson read the meeting notice. There were no comments. Mayor Rhodus closed the public hearing at 7:32 PM.

Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2025

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025 were approved as written and submitted.

2. Special Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2025

The Special Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025 were approved as written and submitted.

Old Business

1. **Public Safety - Councilmember Dale Paullus**

- a. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 145.06, the City of Fairfield, Ohio relative to Non-Emergency Medical Services Transport.

Councilmember Paullus presented the second reading of this ordinance.

New Business - Motion to Read All New Business by Title Only

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved to read all New Business by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Community & Public Relations - Councilmember Gwen Brill

- a. Ordinance to amend Section 166.01 of Chapter 166 Sustainability Commission of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Council has requested an update to the Sustainability Commission membership as detailed in the attached ordinance and exhibit.

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Gwen Brill, seconded by Dale Paullus, moved to suspend second and third reading. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Gwen Brill, seconded by Adam Kraft, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-25. APPROVED 7-0.

- b. Simple Motion: Motion to appoint the following residents to the Fairfield Sustainability Commission effective June 9, 2025:

Lauren Duncan, partial term expires 3/31/26
Dona Canaan, partial term expires 3/31/26
Gayle Willis, partial term expires 3/31/27
Megan Lyons, partial term expires 3/31/27
Brendan McHugh, partial term expires 3/31/28
Alex Saurber, partial term expires 3/31/28
Jessica Bettridge, partial term expires 3/31/28

Applications for the Sustainability Commission positions were accepted through May 30, 2025. City Council conducted interviews on June 3, 2025 and provided the names listed above for appointment.

Councilmember Brill, seconded by Councilmember Pennington, moved to approve the Sustainability Commission appointments. Motion carried 7-0.

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 7-25. APPROVED 7-0.

2. Development Services - Councilmember Adam Kraft

- a. Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Job Creation Incentive Economic Development Agreement with Meyer Tool, Inc. for the creation of new jobs and payroll on Quality Boulevard, and declaring an emergency.

Meyer Tool, Inc. is headquartered in Cincinnati and is a high-tech supplier to the gas turbine engine industry. The company manufactures hot section components for aerospace and industrial gas turbine engines. The company plans to relocate a portion of its manufacturing operations from the City of Cincinnati to an existing approximately 70,000 square foot building at 575 Quality Boulevard in Fairfield. The new location will allow Meyer Tool to accommodate growth and modernize its operations.

Should this project proceed, the total investment is estimated at \$6.2 million, including \$1 million in building improvements and \$5 million in machinery and equipment. Meyer Tool will relocate 35 full-time jobs from the Cincinnati facility and will create another 15 new full-time jobs within three years of completion of construction, for a total of 50 full-time employees. Anticipated total future payroll is expected to equal or exceed approximately \$3.8 million.

Approval of the ordinance would authorize the City Manager to enter into a Job Creation Incentive (JCI) agreement. The JCI agreement would provide the company with an annual grant of up to 32% of the new municipal income tax collected from the new payroll at the site for a term of eight years. Fairfield City Council established the structure for the JCI program as part of the City of Fairfield Tax Incentive Guidelines approved in December 2023. The proposed agreement aligns with these guidelines.

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Adam Kraft, seconded by Debbie Pennington, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Adam Kraft, seconded by Gwen Brill, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-25. APPROVED 7-0.

- b. Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Contract with KZF Design, Inc. to update the comprehensive plan and declaring an emergency.

KZF is a multi-disciplinary firm located in Cincinnati with experience working with local governments in developing a broad variety of plans. KZF is partnering with McBride Dale Clarion, the planning firm that assisted in the update of the zoning code, to update the plan. The development of the plan is expected to take 10-12 months.

City Council adopted the Fairfield Forward Comprehensive Plan in December 2019 to guide development, zoning, economic growth, and infrastructure improvements for the next 10-20 years. Standard planning practice is to update the comprehensive plan every five years in order to address the evolving needs of the community. The proposed plan update will evaluate shifts in demographics, economic markets, and planning trends. Updating the plan is essential to ensure Fairfield remains a thriving, sustainable, and well-connected community.

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Adam Kraft, seconded by Dale Paullus, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Adam Kraft, seconded by Gwen Brill, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

Councilmember Meyers asked if this went to competitive bid. Development Services Director Kathman responded that they sent out an RFQ and received responses from planning firms in Cincinnati region. The contractor from plan development was not available to do this job but the selected firm is widely regarded as one of best planning firms in region.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-25. APPROVED 7-0.

3. Public Utilities - Councilmember Matt Davidson

- a. Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a design-build contract with Melink Solar for a 1.5 MWdc solar array at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency.

This project will allow for the design and construction of 1.5 MWdc solar array at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant - which is the single largest user of electricity of all City-owned facilities.

In 2024 the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant spent over \$260,000 to purchase around 3,700,000 kWh of electricity. However, given recent energy market increases (~40% increase, "all-in"), the City would likely pay around \$370,000 for this same amount of electricity in 2026 and beyond. As a hedge against volatile and increasing energy costs, and in an effort to be more operationally resilient and sustainable, the City wishes to advance this solar array project in connection to its Wastewater Treatment Plant. As designed, this project will offset the annual amount of electricity purchased for this facility from the grid by around 53%.

The array will be constructed on approximately 6 acres of underutilized farm field immediately east of the Plant. Conservatively, the project will generate total lifetime savings to the City of around \$1,700,000-\$2,000,000. The simple pay-back return on investment (ROI) is 12-13 years, inclusive of federal investment tax credits (valued at 30-40% of total project cost) and the planned arbitrage of some RECs. The expected lifespan of this solar array is 30+ years. In addition to providing cost savings to the City, this project will help achieve a 'priority 1' goal from the Fairfield Sustain Plan: "Increase local on-site renewable energy in municipal operations by 2030".

The City advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design-build services for this project in February 2025. The City received responses from 16 vendors. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code requirements, City staff and consulting engineers evaluated the 16 responses based on published evaluation criteria and weighting factors. Based on this qualifications evaluation, the City selected the 5 best responses and then issued a formal

Request for Proposal (RFP) to these 5 vendors. The RFQ and RFP documents are attached here for Council review, and the final RFQ scoring matrix is available upon request. Following a mandatory site visit (pre-bid) meeting on 4/3/2025, proposals were accepted by the City until 5/2/2025. The 5 vendors that provided proposals were: Enerlogics; Kokosing; Melink; Solclusion; and Yellowlite. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code requirements, City staff and consulting engineers again evaluated these proposals based on published evaluation criteria and weighting factors, including project cost. Based on this evaluation, the City selected the 3 best proposals for further consideration, and held face-to-face interviews with each of the 3 vendors during the week of 5/19/2025. The final RFP scoring matrix is also available upon request. Following the interviews, the City made the determination that Melink Solar is the best vendor to supply the necessary engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) services to advance this project.

A contractual appropriation, including contingency, is requested in the amount of \$3,100,000. The estimate on the project as published in the RFP was \$3,000,000.

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Matt Davidson, seconded by Debbie Pennington, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Matt Davidson, seconded by Gwen Brill, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

Councilmember Meyers congratulated Assistant City Manager Adam Sackenheim and team for taking this on. He noted that the entire system is 100% made in USA and completely firewalled. He stated that everyone saw the increase from Duke that recently went through, and the wastewater plant is the single largest use of energy in city-owned facilities. The solar array will account for about 53% of total load and is a good use of taxpayer money.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-25. APPROVED 7-0.

4. Finance & Budget - Councilmember Tim Meyers

- a. Resolution adopting the tax budget of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and submitting the same to the Butler County Auditor and declaring an emergency.

In accordance with ORC section 5705.28, each taxing authority must pass a resolution adopting a tax budget prior to July 15 and submit such tax budget to the County Auditor.

The tax budget requires the City to estimate revenues and expenditures for funds, which derive revenues from real and personal property taxes. The City of Fairfield has two funds, which derive money from property taxes: the General fund and Fire/Paramedic Levy fund. Detailed schedules for these funds have been included in the tax budget.

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this resolution. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Matt Davidson, moved to suspend second and third reading. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Dale Paullus,

moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-25. APPROVED 7-0.

- b. Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ComDoc for the purchase of desktop workstations and laptop equipment and declaring an emergency.

The scheduled replacement of information technology hardware has been planned and approved in the 2025–2029 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) under project 5CM03. Equipment and services will be procured utilizing Ohio State bid or contract pricing when it offers a more cost-effective option than other available pricing. The City maintains a wide range of computing equipment used by staff across administrative offices, field operations, and public safety departments. To sustain productivity, ensure security, and maintain compatibility with evolving software and systems, this equipment is replaced on a scheduled lifecycle—typically every 3 to 5 years, depending on usage and criticality. This refresh cycle will prioritize replacements based on equipment condition, performance issues, and operational needs. The attached quote includes multiple options and configurations, with quantities listed solely to reflect the discounts associated with those quantities.

Aging equipment leads to:

- Reduced performance and productivity
- Increased support and maintenance costs
- Compatibility and security risks with newer applications and operating systems
- Higher failure rates and increased system downtime

Scope of Equipment to Be Replaced:

- Desktop computers
- Laptop computers

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Debbie Pennington, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Gwen Brill, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 80-25. APPROVED 7-0.

- c. Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 158-24 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.”
- Supplemental Appropriations

Supplemental appropriations are requested to ensure no unauthorized expenditures occur. Additional appropriations are being sought in the following funds to cover the 2nd half 2025 Loss Fund Contribution for property and casualty insurance premiums. Increases in

premiums were higher than anticipated.

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Dale Paullus, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Gwen Brill, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-25. APPROVED 7-0.

- d. Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 158-24 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025."
- Contractual Appropriations: \$3,380,500 total (Detail: \$75,000 Comprehensive Plan update (Development Services); \$205,500 Computer Equipment Update (IT Division); \$3,100,000 renewable energy project (Public Utilities))

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ORDINANCE NO. 82-25. APPROVED 7-0.

- e. Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 158-24 entitled "An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025."
- Non-Contractual Appropriations: \$270,415 total

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Adam Kraft, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Dale Paullus, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 83-25. APPROVED 7-0.

\$151,000 Computing Equipment Refresh (multiple vendors; IT Division)

\$25,580 Wastewater Division-Manhole Rehab Project (Public Utilities)

\$11,340 Police Department Copier Refresh (IT Division)

\$5,000 Ross and Woodridge Roundabout – Right of Way Acquisition and Negotiation Services (Public Works)

\$8,500 Aquatic Center awning purchase and installation (Parks & Recreation)

\$53,703 Engineering Consultant for the Pleasant Avenue Multiuse Trail (Public Works)

\$15,292 Village Green Upgrades (Parks & Recreation)

Meeting Schedule

Monday, July 14 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

Monday, August 11 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

Monday, September 8 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

Clerk Wilson read the meeting schedule.

Executive Session of Council (if Needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:53 PM. Council reconvened open session at 8:28 PM.

Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Matt Davidson, moved to to amend the agenda to consider the recommendation of the fact finder in negotiations with the FOP bargaining unit.. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Dale Paullus, moved to to accept the Fact Finding Report and Recommendations in 2024-MED-12-1397 & 2024-MED-1398, City of Fairfield, Ohio and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #166, Police Officers and Supervisors, and directing the City Manager to submit the Employer Certification of Fact Finding Vote to SERB and the Representative of the FOP Lodge #166 bargaining unit. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 8-25. APPROVED 7-0.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council



Mayor's Approval

Date Approved: 7/14/25



Butler County Emergency Management Agency

JIM BOLEN

DIRECTOR

BUTLER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



Presentation Overview

- ▶ Introduction & Purpose
- ▶ What is Emergency Management?
- ▶ Core Functions of EM
- ▶ Services Provided to Butler County and City of Fairfield
- ▶ Real-world Examples



Introduction & Purpose

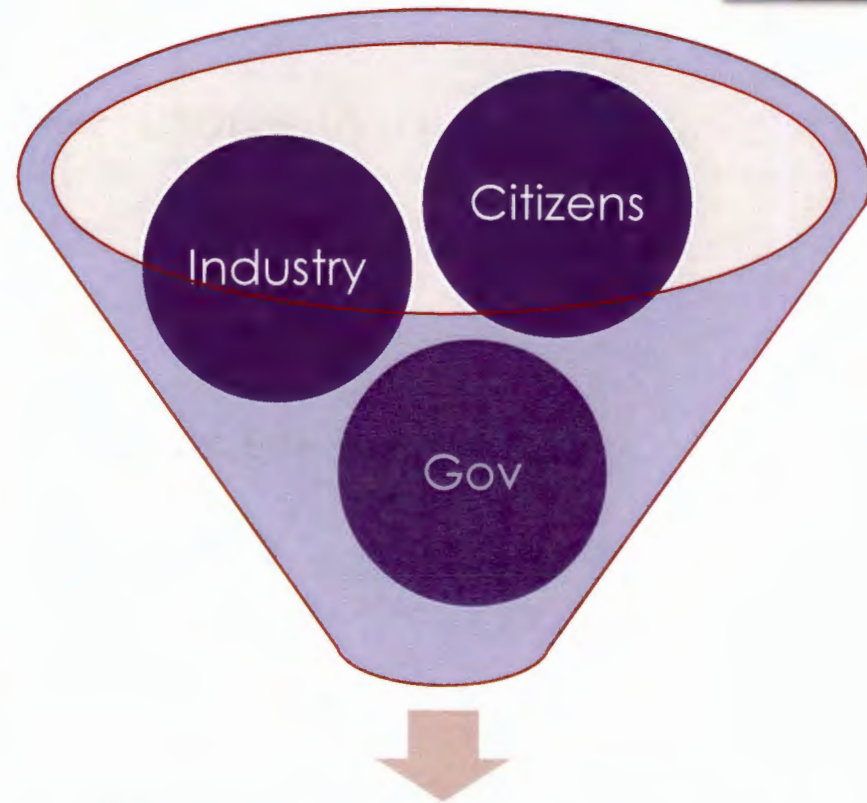
- ▶ Provide an overview of the Butler County EMA
- ▶ Outline how the Butler County EMA serves Butler County and the City of Fairfield
- ▶ Provide examples of how the Butler County EMA has supported the community in the past

What is Emergency Management?

- ▶ Coordinated approach to mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery
- ▶ Based in legal and operational frameworks
 - ▶ Stafford Act
 - ▶ NIMS
 - ▶ ICS
- ▶ The Ultimate Goal: Protect lives, property, and provide continuity of operations

The "Whole Community"

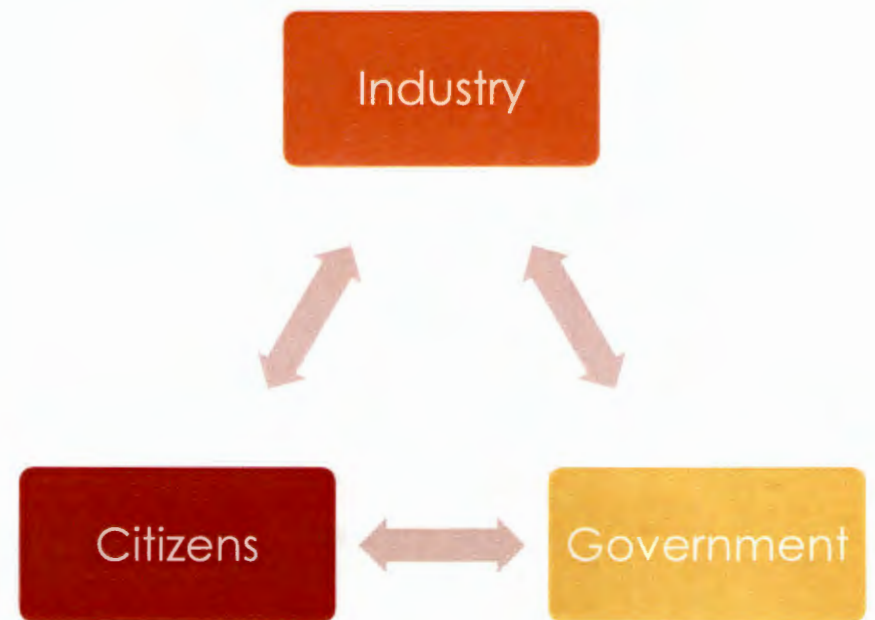
Term used to describe the management of natural disasters and man-made events with a focus on supporting all the individual elements of the community



"Whole Community"

Interconnection

Various segments of the community are reliant upon other segments to function



Interconnection

Within these elements are
other relationships



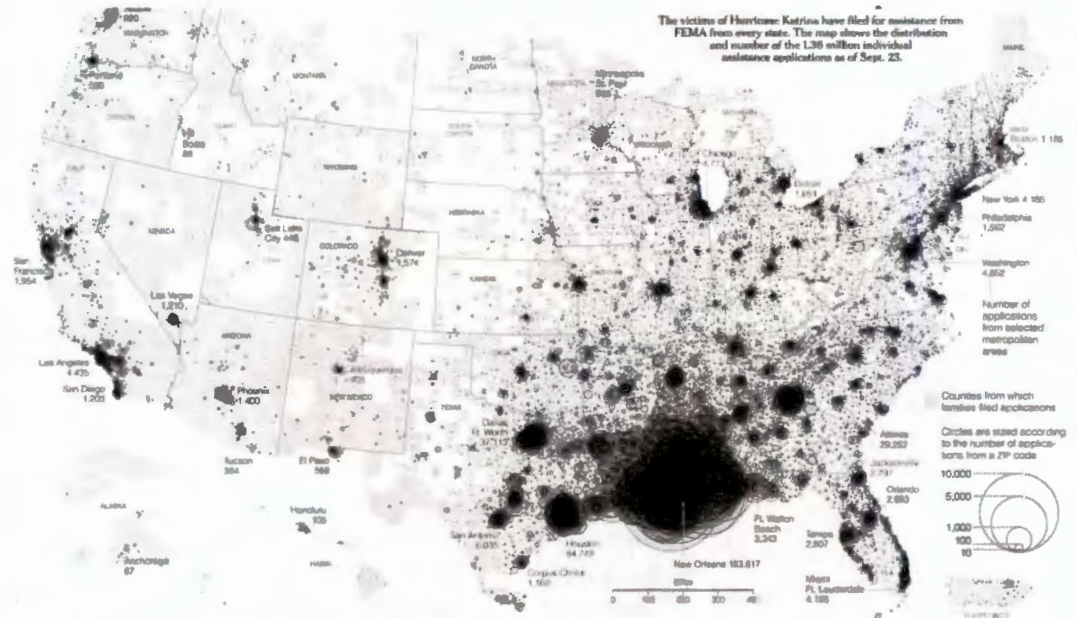
Interconnection

When looked at from a macro lens, we see the interconnection as a tapestry



How Do Disasters Affect our Community?

- ▶ Loss of economic resources
- ▶ Environmental impact
- ▶ Loss of community



They are scattered through all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico—823 in Utah, 1,114 in Kansas, 161 way out in Alaska. They are clustered by the thousands in large Southern cities like Dallas, Atlanta and Memphis, and headlined in hundreds in unlikely hamlets like Shell Knob, Mo. (pg. 1,293) and Fountain Run, Ky. (pg. 230).

Evacuees fled Hurricane Katrina and the floods that followed in car caravans of cars and fleets of buses, on helicopters and chartered planes, by boat and, a few, on foot. A month after the storm, a map

emerges of where they landed, based on ZIP codes from which applications for aid were submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency as of Sept. 23.

Of 1,356,794 applications, 88 percent came from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Alabama. But 25,239 families were more than 1,000 miles from the Gulf—among the farthest: one in Nome, Alaska, 2,931 miles from the French Quarter and another in Lihou, Hawaii, 4,270 miles away.

Residents of New Orleans, a city that was two-thirds black, seem to have flocked to the nation's African-American population

centers. On average, the applicants came from counties where blacks were 28 percent of the population, more than twice the national average.

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Applications by state

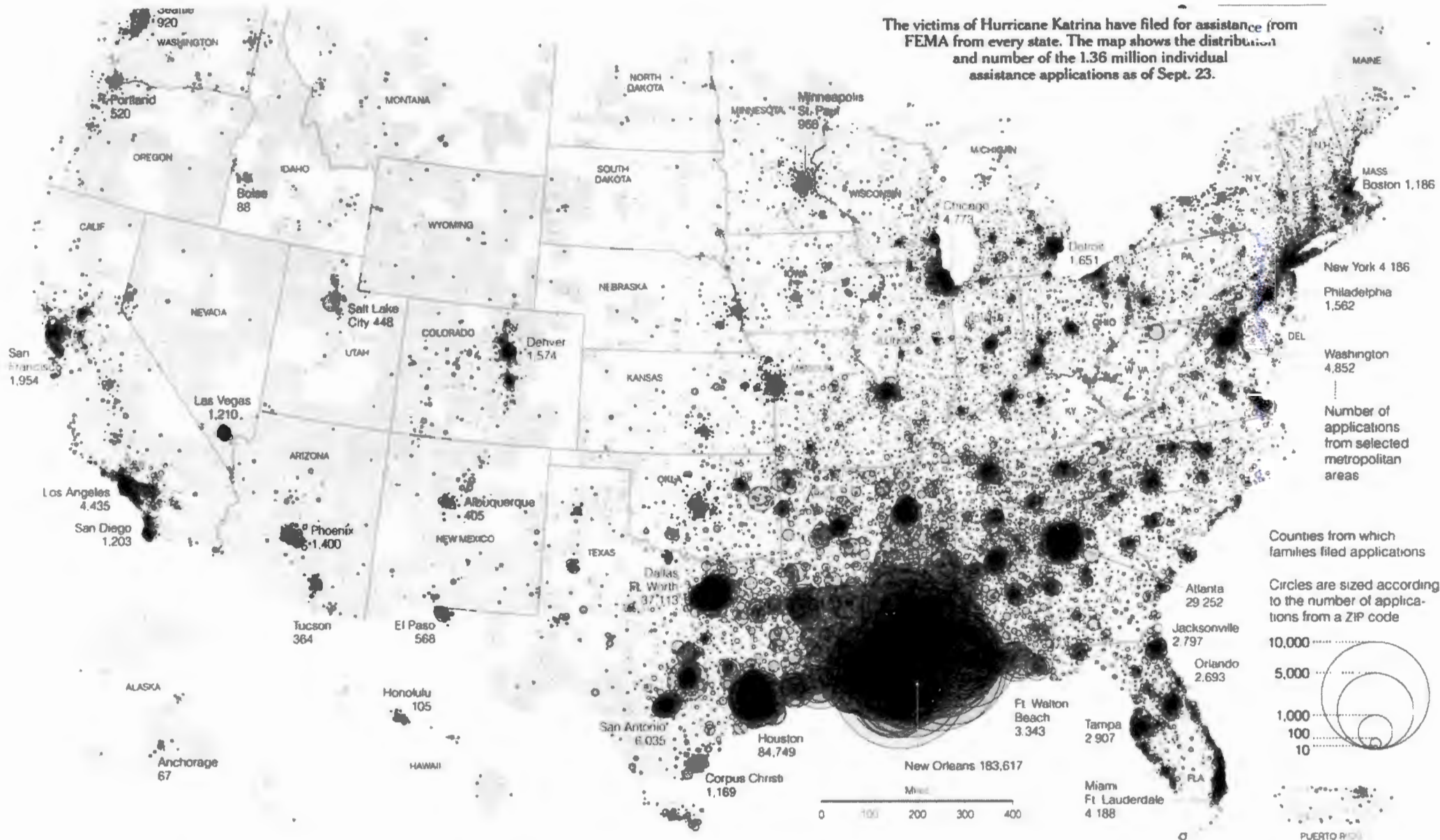
Louisiana	823,140	59.8%
Mississippi	263,840	19.3%
Texas	156,866	11.5%
Alabama	109,466	8.1%
Georgia	35,342	2.6%
Florida	31,026	2.3%
Tennessee	15,529	1.1%
Arkansas	11,027	0.8%
California	10,933	0.8%
Illinois	8,430	0.5%
Others	73,055	5.4%

Applications by distance from New Orleans

MILES	APPLICANTS	%
0-100	626,232	46.2%
100-200	336,000	24.7%
200-400	184,189	13.6%
400-600	143,497	10.6%
600-1,000	48,371	3.5%
1,000-3,000	13,403	1.0%
3,000+	232	0.0%

Source: FEMA; Census Bureau; Census of the 2000 Census Bureau; Department of Homeland Security, Office for the 2000 Census; New York Times

The victims of Hurricane Katrina have filed for assistance from FEMA from every state. The map shows the distribution and number of the 1.36 million individual assistance applications as of Sept. 23.



They are scattered through all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico — 623 in Utah, 1,114 in Kansas, 101 way out in Alaska. They are clustered by the thousands in large Southern cities like Dallas, Atlanta and Memphis, and huddled in handfuls in unlikely hamlets like Shell Knob, Mo. (pop. 1,393) and Fountain Run, Ky. (pop. 236).

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Applications by state

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Mississippi	383,840	28.3%
Texas	156,895	11.6%
Alabama	109,469	8.1%
Georgia	35,342	2.6%
Florida	31,005	2.3%
Tennessee	15,529	1.1%
Arkansas	11,027	0.8%
California	10,953	0.8%
Illinois	6,430	0.5%
Others	73,085	5.4%

Applications by distance from New Orleans

MILES	APPLICANTS	PCT
0-100	626,232	46.2%
100-200	338,080	24.9%
200-400	184,169	13.6%
400-800	143,497	10.6%
800-1,600	45,371	3.3%
1,600-3,200	13,403	1.0%
3,200+	232	0.0%

Sources: FEMA; Census Bureau; Queens College Sociology Department; Matthew Erickson, Archie Tee and Jodi Wilgoren/The New York Times

Disaster Impacts on the Whole Community

Impacts to the community could affect seemingly unrelated segments of the community

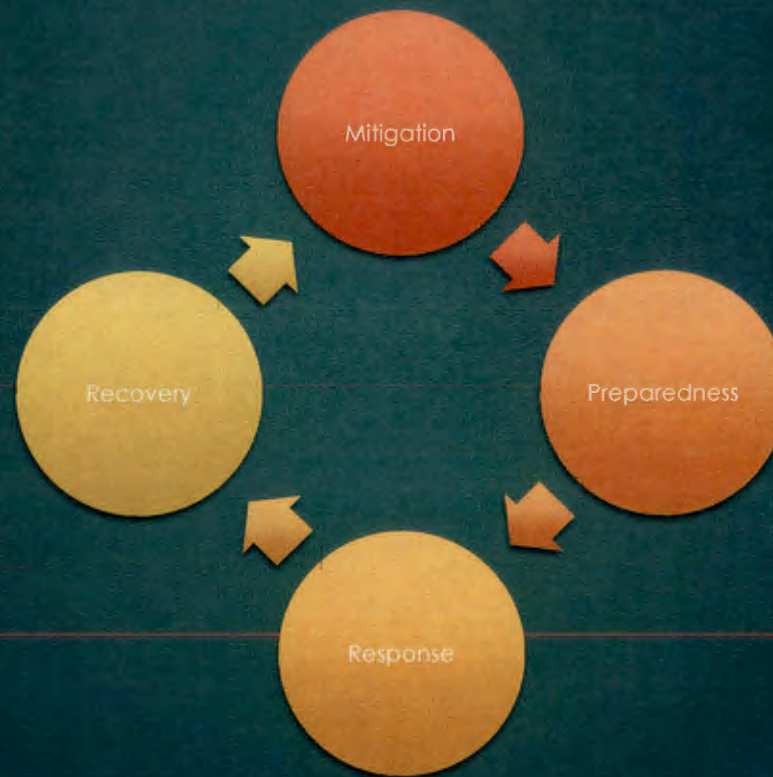


Disaster Impacts on the Whole Community

Efforts to stop these impacts as soon as possible reduce downstream impacts



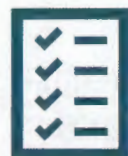
Four Phases of Emergency Management



Mitigation

- ▶ **Risk Reduction:** identifying potential hazards and implementing long-term strategies to reduce or eliminate the risks they pose to people, property, and the environment.
- ▶ **Preventative Actions:** strengthening building codes, retrofitting infrastructure, and floodplain management — actions taken *before* disasters to lessen their impact.
- ▶ **Planning and Investment:** It includes developing and maintaining Hazard Mitigation Plans and securing funding (e.g., FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) to support projects that build community resilience.

Mitigation



Risk assessments



Hazard mitigation planning



Mitigation grant support

Preparedness

- ▶ **Planning and Coordination:** Preparedness involves developing emergency operations plans (EOPs), continuity of operations plans (COOPs), and protocols to ensure coordinated responses across agencies and jurisdictions.
- ▶ **Training and Exercises:** It includes conducting regular training for responders and holding exercises to test and improve readiness, communication, and response capabilities.
- ▶ **Public Education and Outreach:** Preparedness efforts also focus on educating the public through campaigns, CERT programs, and community engagement to ensure individuals and families know how to respond during emergencies.

Preparedness

- ▶ Emergency planning (EOPs, COOP, IAPs/EAPs)
- ▶ Training and exercises
- ▶ Public outreach

Response

- ▶ **Immediate Action to Save Lives and Protect Property:** The response phase involves activating emergency operations centers (EOCs), deploying resources, and coordinating first responders to address immediate threats from an incident or disaster.
- ▶ **Incident Command and Coordination:** Utilizing structures like the Incident Command System (ICS) and Unified Command, response efforts are organized to ensure clear leadership, efficient decision-making, and effective interagency collaboration.
- ▶ **Communication and Resource Management:** Response includes disseminating timely and accurate public information, maintaining situational awareness, and mobilizing mutual aid or external support to meet operational needs.

Response



EOC activation



Incident
coordination
(ICS/Unified
Command)



Mutual aid/resource
management

Recovery

- ▶ **Restoration of Essential Services and Infrastructure:** Recovery focuses on restoring utilities, reopening critical facilities, and returning communities to normal or improved functioning after a disaster.
- ▶ **Financial and Programmatic Support:** Emergency managers coordinate with local, state, and federal partners (e.g., FEMA) to secure disaster assistance, conduct damage assessments, and manage programs for housing, public assistance, and economic recovery.
- ▶ **Long-Term Community Resilience:** Recovery is also about rebuilding stronger by incorporating mitigation strategies, supporting mental health and social services, and engaging the community in shaping a more resilient future.

Recovery

- ▶ Damage assessments
- ▶ Ohio EMA & FEMA coordination
- ▶ Short-term recovery
- ▶ Long-term recovery

EXAMPLES



Planning assistance



Training and exercises



Incident coordination



Grant support



Public outreach

Planning Support



EOPs, COOPs,
annex
development



Hazard mitigation
plans



Technical
guidance

Exercises and Training



ICS/NIMS TRAINING



TABLETOP AND
FULL-SCALE
EXERCISES



INTERAGENCY
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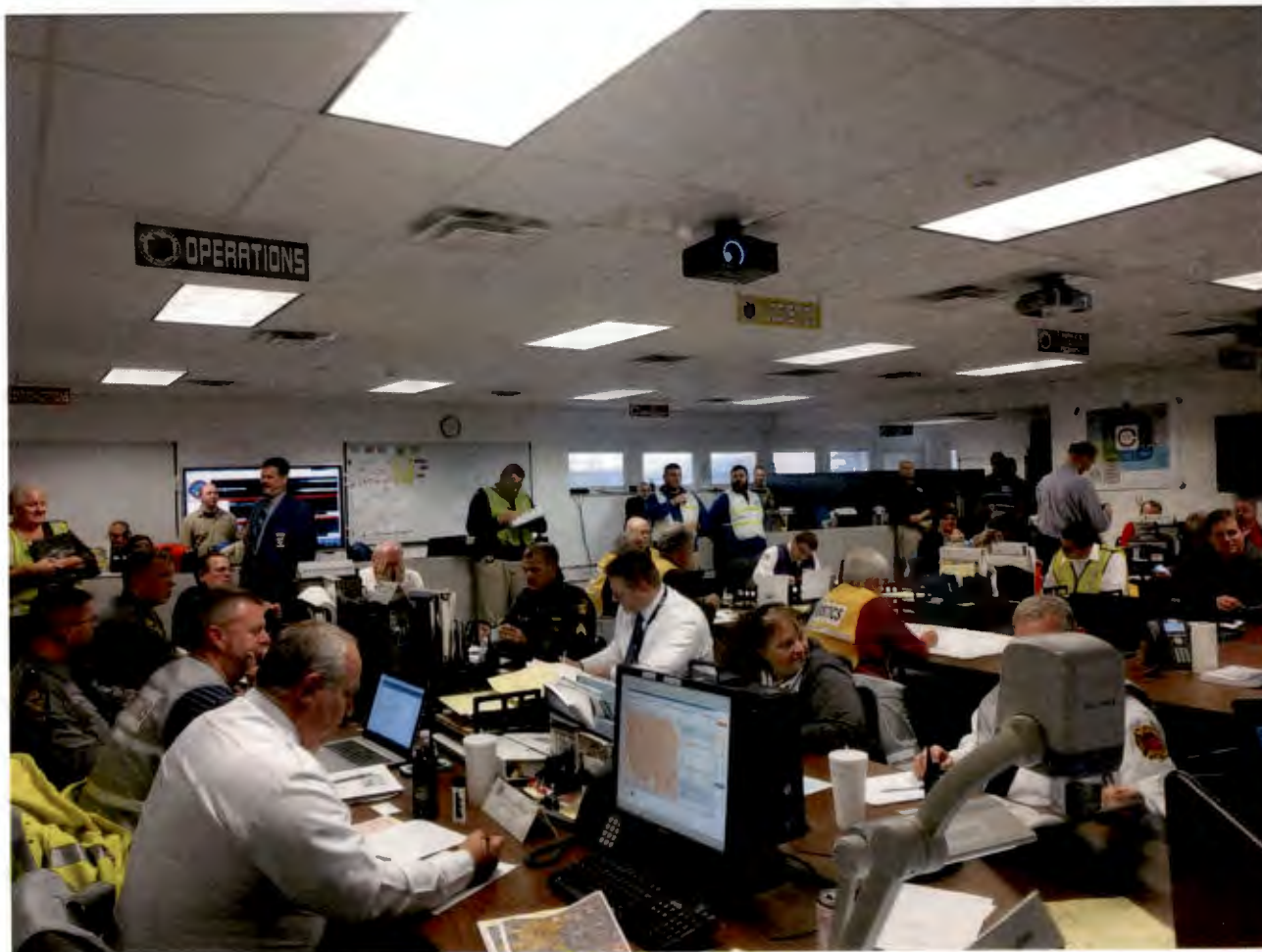
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2017 LEPC Functional Exercise



2018 LEPC Full Scale Exercise



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2019 Ross Township Schools Active Assailant Exercise



2022 LEPC TableTop Exercise



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Incident Support



EOC
resources



On-scene
coordination



Resource
Support



West Chester Missing Person

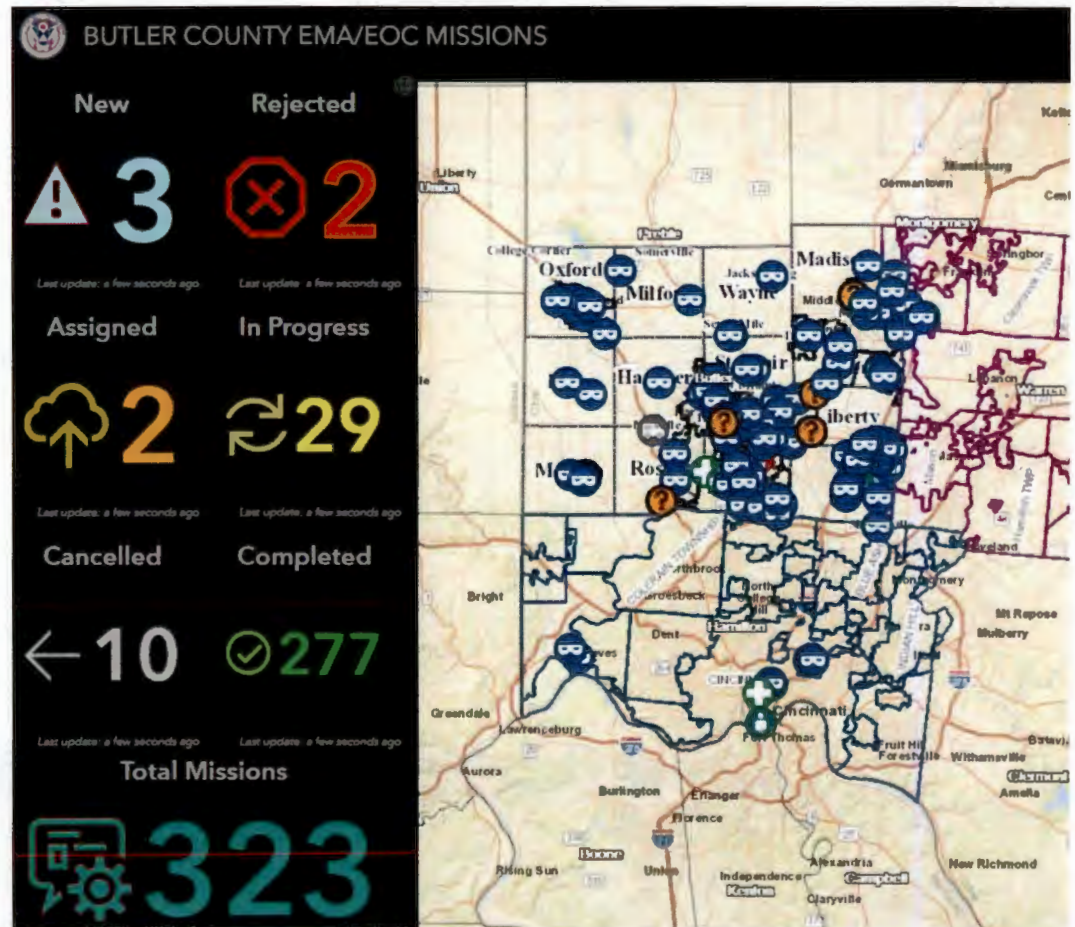
- ▶ Supported West Chester Police Department and West Chester Fire Department in the search for a missing juvenile
 - ▶ Provided planning and resource support
 - ▶ Served as the coordinating element, bringing in multiple resources to support the mission

COVID-19

- ▶ BCEMA provided support for several community partners
 - ▶ Local First Responders
 - ▶ Local Health Departments
 - ▶ Resource Management & Logistics
 - ▶ Mass Testing
 - ▶ Mass Vaccination Support
 - ▶ Chambers of Commerce
 - ▶ Local Healthcare Providers

COVID-19

► COVID-19 Mission Dashboard



COVID-19



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- ▶ Patient Triage area



COVID-19

- ▶ Patient Triage area



2024 Butler County Power Outage

- ▶ Approximately 15k without power due to the remnants of Hurricane Helene
 - ▶ BCEMA Staff coordinated initial response with local responders
 - ▶ Coordinated with utility providers to support power restoration operations
 - ▶ Duke LSA established at the BC Fairgrounds
 - ▶ Power restored to all Butler County residents within three days



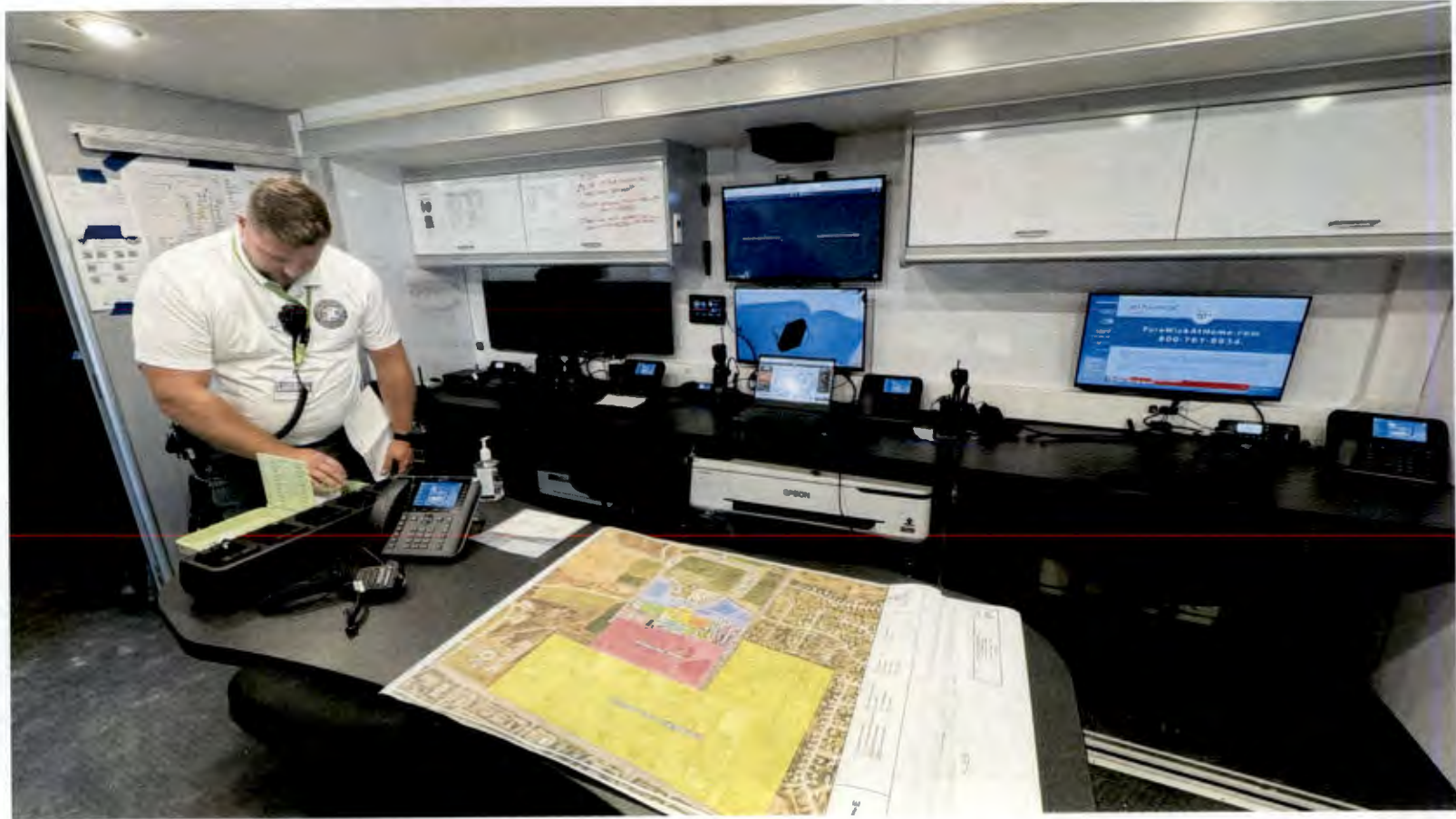
Voice of America Country Music Fest

- ▶ BCEMA supports West Chester Fire Department and West Chester Police Department
 - ▶ Planning and Coordination support
 - ▶ Resource support
 - ▶ Situational awareness and monitoring

Voice of America Country Music Fest



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HOMELAND
SECURITY/EM
GRANTS



PUBLIC
PREPAREDNESS
CAMPAIGNS



COMMUNITY
EVENT SUPPORT

Grants &
Public
Outreach



Community Event Support

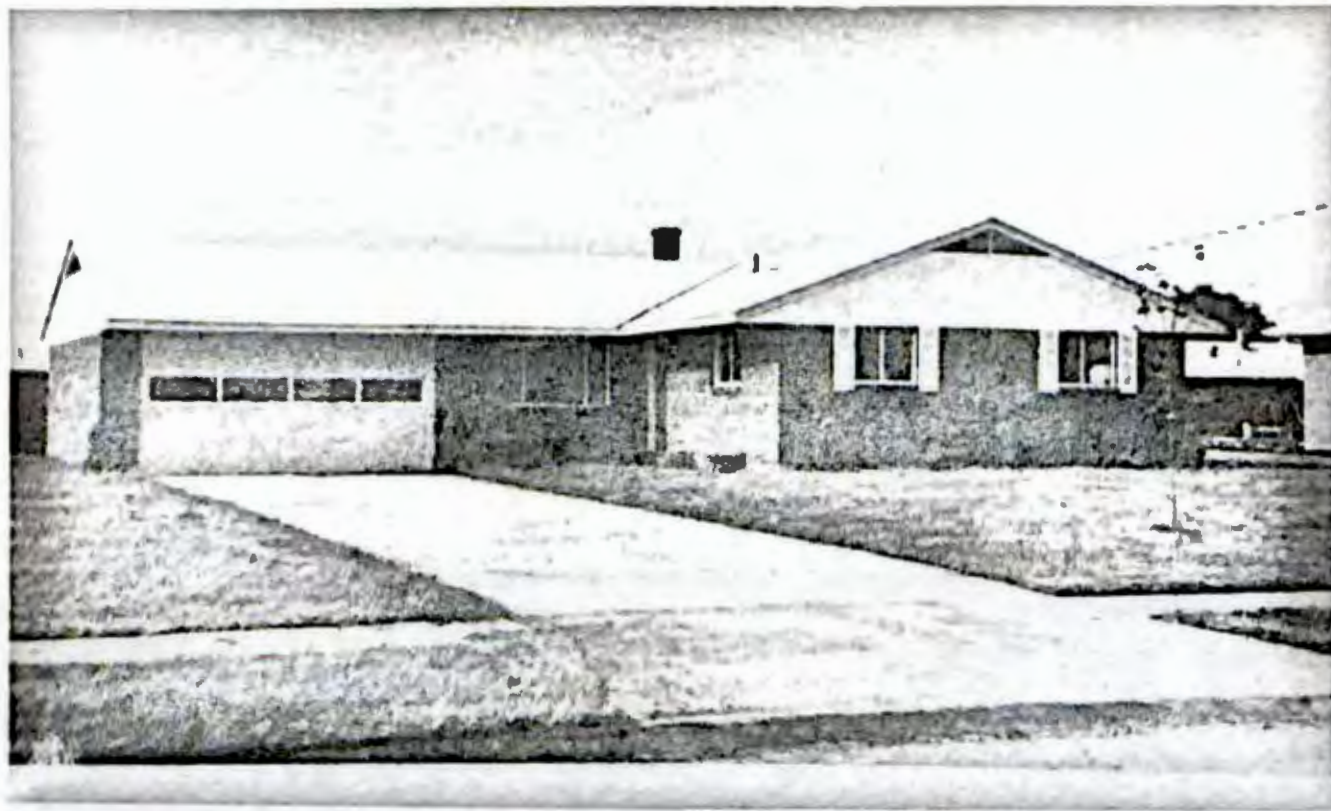
- ▶ Miami University Athletics/Commencement
- ▶ Hamilton Pride
- ▶ Middletown Independence Day Festival
- ▶ Ohio Balloon Challenge
- ▶ USA Triathlon Youth and Junior National Championship
- ▶ Voice of America Country Music Fest
- ▶ 2024 Solar Eclipse



Thank You

- ▶ Jim Bolen
 - ▶ (513) 785-5810
 - ▶ Jim.Bolen@BCOhio.gov

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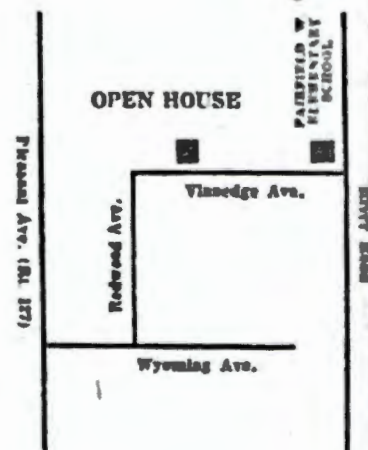
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- TILE BATH
- 1½ CAR GARAGE
- "L" LIVING-
DINING ROOM 25'
- BUILT-IN OVEN & RANGE



IN THE BEGINNING, A SALES CONTRACT...

UNIVERSAL BUILDERS

Sales Contract

THIS CONTRACT made and entered into this 30 DAY OF JUNE, 1946, by and between Universal Builders hereinafter mentioned as Seller, and WILLIAM CAROL WILSON, hereinafter mentioned as Purchasers.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of \$18,214.00 the Seller hereby agrees to convey to the Purchasers house and lot located at SALEM DR. LOT 114 RIVERSIDE TRACT, FAIRFAX, OHIO same to be same as AS SHOWN ON A.C. 120 IN RECORDS finished according to plans and specifications approved by the Federal Housing Administration.

It is further stated that the Purchasers are asking the F.H.A. Insuring office of Cincinnati, Ohio for an insured loan of \$18,214.00. The down payment of \$960.00 has been paid down on said property, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. Optional items included in total sales price as follows: REPAIRS ON ONE CAR \$ 30.00, REPAIRS ON TWO \$ 65.00, SHOWER ENCLOSURE \$ 124.00, NOT PAID SINK UNIT SS. R.F. 25-B NO CHARGE, 11/10 DOORS ON UTILITY ROOM, NO CHARGE.

The PURCHASERS herein agree to pay all costs at the time said loan is completed. The Purchasers agree to pay Hazard Insurance and Tax and Insurance Escrows at the time said loan is completed.

It is expressly agreed that, notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, the Purchasers shall not be obligated to complete the purchase of the property described herein or to incur any penalty by forfeiture of earnest money deposits or otherwise unless the Seller has delivered to the Purchasers a written statement issued by the Federal Housing Commissioner setting forth the appraised value of the property for mortgage insurance purposes of not less than \$18,214.00 which statement the Seller hereby agrees to deliver to the Purchasers promptly after such appraised value statement is made available to the Seller.

1965 on Pleasant Avenue...

Joe Schwarz stands in the demolition debris of the first home taken down on Pleasant Avenue in Riegert Square (where Lindenwald Station restaurant is now located). Joe built a 55-foot by 72-foot commercial brick building on the site for three new tenants: Gold Star Chili, Van Wormers Meat Market, and Capitol Dry Cleaning & Laundry. Joe extended the commercial strip over the years, adding many tenants along the way. What a day yesterday was.





HOME SHOW — Representatives of "Homerama 1972" builders, meeting at Eaton Manor, read plans for the giant home display to be held two weeks in July in Fairfield. From left, Frank Berger, Craftsman Builders; Joseph Schwarz, Universal Builders; James Brock, Windsor Village developer and developer for Homerama; Neal Sundermann, Ryan Homes; and William Kierling, Zeks Homes Inc. Brock and Schwarz are from Fairfield. The others are from Hamilton County. Journal News Photo by Larry Pullerton.

Builders Map Homerama Plans

Fifty-two representatives of Greater Cincinnati's Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati held a business meeting Tuesday at Eaton Manor, to discuss plans for "Homerama 1972," to be held in July in Fairfield. The show of 18 model homes on Heeter Road, ranging up to more than 500,000 sq. ft., is expected to attract more than 150,000 persons during a two-week period, starting July 2.

Highlighting the show will be the awarding of one of the homes to a visitor and the display of 1972 cars.

James Brock, developer for "Homerama" and a Fairfield contractor, announced Tuesday the association also will present a gift to the contractor to complete the first of the 18 homes.

James Winberg, president of Eagle Savings and Loan Association, greeted the builders as sponsor for the luncheon meeting.



Joe Schwarz Has Always Called
The City Of Fairfield

"Gods Country"

Joe came here when Fairfield was
little more than farm fields.

More than a half century later,
this map shows everything,
(highlighted in yellow)
that Joe has touched
in Fairfield over the
years.



Fairfield
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Presented to Joseph W. Schwarz, the 2018 Fairfield Legacy Series Inaugural Recipient.

CONGRATULATIONS JOE SCHWARZ

