



2023 Annual Report



**Cuyahoga County Public Safety & Justice Services (PSJS)
Division of Emergency Management**



The mission of CCOEM is to protect lives, property, and the economy of Cuyahoga County through preparedness, planning, and effective response to natural disasters, man-made catastrophes, and emergencies.



Mission

**STAKEHOLDER PREPAREDNESS
REVIEW (SPR) EXECUTIVE
SUMMARY**

**2023 Report
Cleveland**

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SPR Update

Is an outcome-oriented assessment that helps communities intuitively compare their current capabilities with their targets, identify gaps, and prioritize investments and other preparedness activities to address those gaps.

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SPR Update

- In 2023 the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) was comprehensively updated.
- Collectively, the update processes for both documents involved gathering input from over **150** public safety stakeholders and community officials.

Emergency Notifications

- The Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management (CCOEM) maintains Cuyahoga County's mass notification system, ReadyNotify.
- This system is used to send countywide emergency notifications and other messaging via phone calls, texts, and emails.
- Additionally, CCOEM makes the system available for use by communities and other public safety partner agencies at no cost. Doing so enables a true countywide, mass notification system.



By the Numbers

- **43** Communities using the System
- **23** Partner Agencies using the System
- **734,365** Phone calls
- **3,212,896** Text Messages
- **716,489** Emails

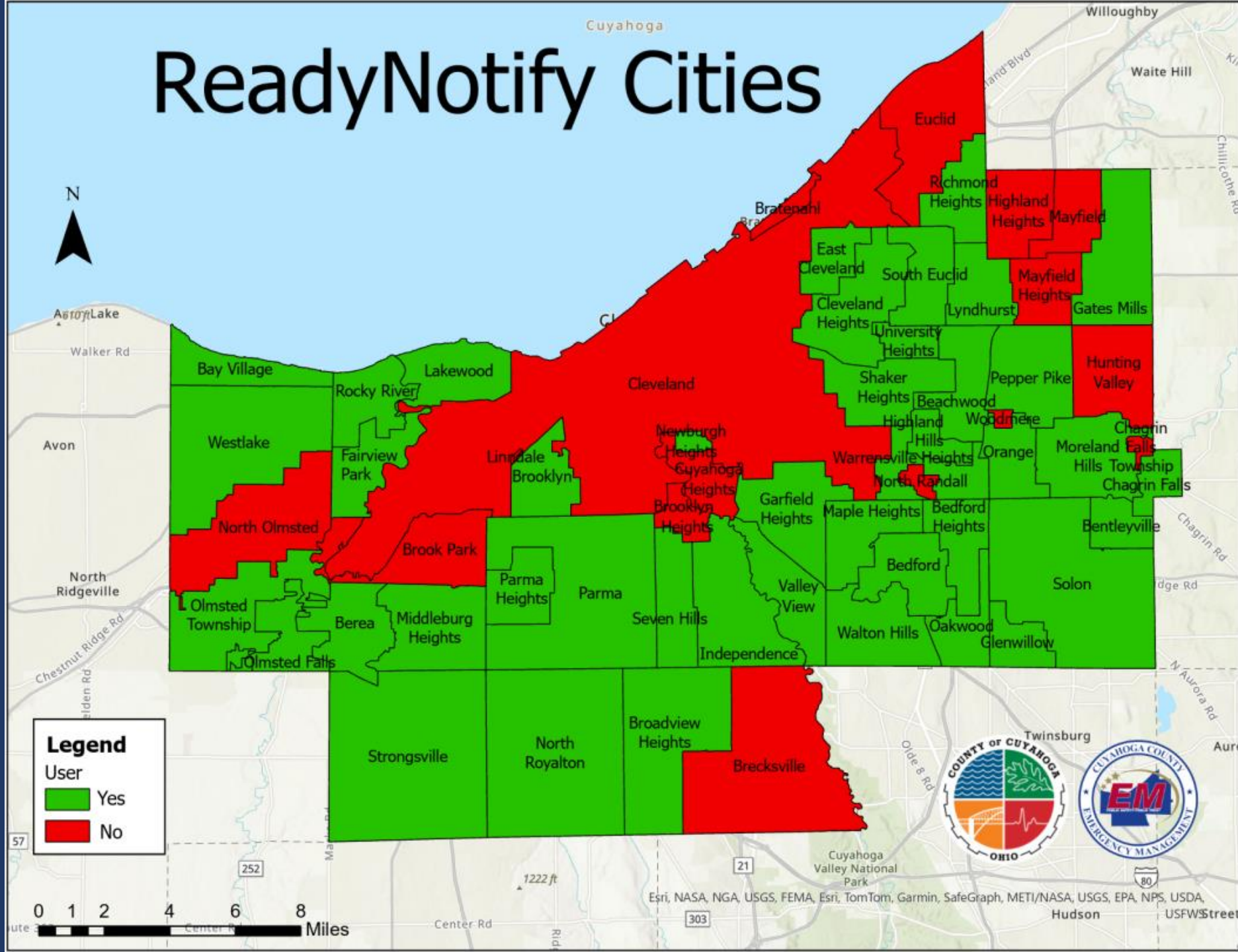


ReadyNotify Community Signup Events



Donna Smallwood Activities Center - Parma

ReadyNotify Cities



ReadyCertify

- CCOEM maintains an emergency management certification program, ReadyCertify, intended to help Cuyahoga County communities and organizations increase their ability to plan for and respond to disasters or emergencies.
- The core of the ReadyCertify program is a set of 24 emergency management performance standards carefully selected by CCOEM. They cover the full spectrum of emergency management activities including, but not limited to: Administration, Organization, Planning, Training, Response, and Recovery.
- It encourages the use of nationally recognized best-practices and increases the awareness, understanding, and appreciation of cooperation and interoperability among Cuyahoga County's communities and organizations.



ReadyCertify



Cleveland Heights
Recertification

ReadyCertify by the Numbers in 2023

2 Recertifications:

Case Western University
Cleveland Heights

Since 2015 **26**
Communities and
organizations have
completed the
ReadyCertify Program



Case Western University
Recertification

*Recertification in the ReadyCertify Program occurs every 5 years.

Cuyahoga County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Base Plan

- The Cuyahoga County EOP established the framework to ensure that the County is prepared to respond to all hazards that threaten the lives and property of its citizens.
- The EOP outlines the general responsibilities of Cuyahoga County governmental departments, partnering agencies, and community organizations in responding to an emergency. This plan unifies the efforts of these groups to implement a comprehensive approach to reducing the effects of a disaster.
- **The EOP Base Plan was updated in 2022 to ensure consistency and compliance with current local, state, and federal standards and guidelines. The EOP update integrated the new FEMA construct of “Community Lifelines”.**

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (BASE PLAN)



CUYAHOGA COUNTY
Executive Chris Ronayne



ESF Annexes Updated

In 2023 CCOEM worked with over **60** public safety partners and subject matter experts to update all **15** Emergency Support Functions (ESF) Annexes

ESF 1 - Transportation

ESF 2 -
Communications

ESF 3 – Public Works
and Engineering

ESF 4 - Firefighting

ESF 5 – Information
and Planning

ESF 6 – Mass Care

ESF 7 - Logistics

ESF 8 – Public Health
and Medical Services

ESF 9 – Search and
Rescue

ESF 10 – Oil and
HazMat

ESF 11 –
Agriculture and
Natural Resources

ESF 12 - Energy

ESF 13 – Public Safety
and Security

ESF 14 – Long Term
Recovery

ESF 15 – External
Affairs

Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)

- COOP is to ensure that organizations are prepared to continue essential services during and after an emergency event.
- CCOEM maintains a COOP program for County departments and is available to assist municipalities and organizations in COOP planning efforts.
- The CCOEM COOP Program consists of training, plan templates, exercise planning support, and supplemental resources. The program is designed to be applicable to government-agencies, private sector entities, and non-profit organizations.



Treasurers

PSJS - Grants

PSJS - Admin

PSJS - CECOMS

PSJS - CCOEM

Communications

PSJS -
WVSC

In 2023 CCOEM worked with **24** County Departments and Divisions to draft or update existing COOP Plans.

A focus of the planning process was to integrate lessons-learned and new virtual capabilities from experiences with COVID-19 Pandemic.

County COOPs Completed in 2023

Fiscal –
Consumer
Affairs

Fiscal -
Purchasing

HHS - DCFS

HHS - Admin

Medical
Examiner

Human
Resources

Housing and
Community
Development

Clerk of Courts

Fiscal - Admin

Fiscal – Auto
Title

Law
Dept.

HHS
- IT

Sheriff's Office
– Protective
Services

Sheriff's Office
– Law
Enforcement

Housing and
Community
Development

PW – Sanitary
Engineer/Sewer
Maintenance

PW - Facilities

PW –
Roads/Bridges

Operations

- Emergency Management Operations include maintaining the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in a state of readiness, resource coordination, and providing in-field assistance during emergencies such as incident command assistance, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) support, and damage assessments.

- Although County-level assistance is not typically needed for routine incidents, if requested, Emergency Management staff is able to provide assistance to communities regardless of the size or scope of an event.

EOC Activations & Operations Support in 2023

6 County EOC Partial Activations

1 Cleveland Special Event EOC Activations Support

8 In-field Support Responses

Cuyahoga County UAS

The team consists of trained, certified pilots and can be requested 24/7 by contacting CCOEM.



EF1 Tornado in Cleveland – 8/25/23



EF2 Tornado in Cleveland – 8/25/23

Resources: Special Events Trailers

- Two trailers are available to communities, upon request.
- The trailers are intended to be staged prior to community events (e.g. home days, festivals, etc.) and come equipped with supplies necessary to respond to medical emergencies and/or a mass casualty incident.



Resources: Special Event Trailers

In 2023, the Special Events Trailers were deployed **16** times.

- Some of the items in the trailers include:
 - John Deer Gator with Victim Transport
 - PPE / Mass Casualty Supplies
 - Backboards
 - A 30x24.5 ft. tent
 - Light Towers
- The trailers, along with other deployable resources, are staged at the Emergency Management warehouse located at the Public Works' yard in Newburgh Heights.



Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

- The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is the coordinated planning group comprised of individuals who have a knowledge and awareness of hazardous materials incident planning and response. It is mandated by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 as well as section 3750.03 of the Ohio Revised Code (OCR).
- The Cuyahoga County LEPC is funded by the State of Ohio LEPC Grand Program and has **25** members that meet bi-monthly.





LEPC by the Numbers in 2023

963 Facility Chemical Inventory Reports Processed

34 Spill Reports Processed

Annual HAZMAT Exercise conducted with **45** participants from **10** agencies



Training

CCOEM coordinates training opportunities throughout the year for local officials and public safety agencies. Course schedules are developed to support National Incident Management System (NIMS) training requirements as well as to address responder capability gaps. When appropriate, refresher courses are built into the schedule to allow for the maintenance of certifications and expertise.

Training by the Numbers in 2023

55 CCOEM-hosted Trainings

2,375 Participants

Integrated Response to Mass Casualty Training

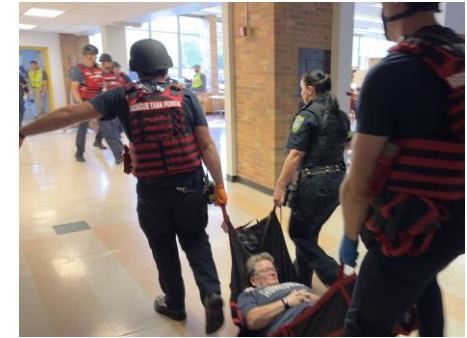
- Formerly known as Rescue Task Force (RTF) refers to a combination of law enforcement officers and medical personnel that can triage and treat victims in an unsecured working environment.
- The concept is implemented for incidents involving, active aggressors, in which immediate medical care is necessary to save lives.



Cuyahoga County Integrated Response to Mass Casualty Program by the Numbers in 2023



7 Trainings Conducted
21 Participating Fire Departments
19 Participating Police Departments
>350 First Responders Trained



ReadyEx Prep

READYEX PREP

Objectives



Obtain the knowledge, tools, and confidence to conduct your own TTX



Identify strengths and areas for improvement in emergency plans



Foster partnerships with response agencies

ReadyEx Prep provides in-person training on the process for designing and facilitating TTXs. Specifically, CCOEM staff host a half-day workshop where all essential exercise documentation is thoroughly reviewed, and attendees are provided instructions on how to facilitate a TTX in the context of a plausible scenario.

CCOEM hosted 2 workshops in 2023

* Rocky River and Solon



Public Relations & Outreach

- Includes speaking engagements, relationship-building with stakeholders, and disseminating emergency management information via news releases, social media, and attendance at community events.



National Preparedness Month: Build a Kit Video



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH.



DURING THIS MONTH, OUR OFFICE RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PREPARING FOR DISASTERS AND EMERGENCY THAT COULD HAPPEN AT ANYTIME.



AS PART OF THIS, CCOEM DEVELOPED THE BUILD A KIT VIDEO.



IN THIS VIDEO, STAFF GO OVER THE ESSENTIAL ITEMS EVERY EMERGENCY KIT SHOULD HAVE AND SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL ITEMS.



Community Engagement & Outreach Events 2023



Fire Department Open House

Community Engagement & Outreach Events 2023





Annual Family Fun & Fitness Skate Jam and Wellness Health Fair



Lakewood Summer Meltdown

2023



Wellness Health Fair

Parma Safety Fair



Brook Park Safety Fair





Cuyahoga County Kids Safety Day



National Night

Federal Reserve Bank Preparedness Event





Party for the Planet



Mayors Event



Party for the Planet

Operation Safety Halloween

Drive Sober Campaign



Party

oween

Trick or Treat Street



Trick or Treat on the Trails



Recognized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) as a partner who is improving the nation's readiness, responsiveness, and overall resilience against extreme weather, water, and climate events.

Recognitions

Weather Ready Nation's Ambassador



Recognized for the work they did during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

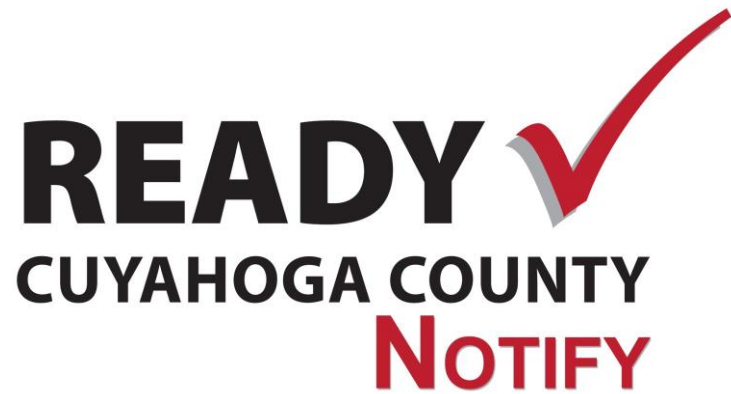
Bryan Kloss, EOC Manager (front row, right)

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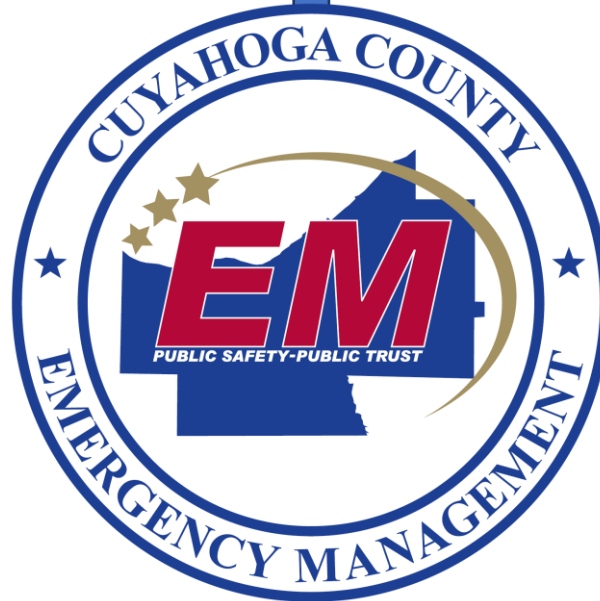
Northeast Ohio Healthcare Coalition Recognition Award



Stay Connected



Receive free alerts concerning emergency events, inclement weather, and community news from Cuyahoga County's ReadyNotify Emergency Notification System.



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