

# Medina County Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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## OUR MISSION

Provide exemplary emergency management services to our communities and public safety partners before, during, and after emergencies.

## OUR VISION

A disaster educated and resilient community

Medina County Emergency Management Agency was formed in 1990. The agency administers the Emergency Management Program following Ohio Revised Code **5502.26** and also the Local Emergency Planning Committee following Ohio Revised Code **3750**.

## FIVE PHASES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Disasters do not just suddenly appear one day, but instead they have a life cycle. Realizing this, emergency management matches the disaster life cycle with a series of phases that include strategies to mitigate the hazards, prepare for and respond to emergencies and to finally recover from their effects. These five phases are not independent, but instead are integrated with each other phase in a continual evolution. The five phases are comprised of various functions and activities, some of which are independent, while others are dependent upon other functions.



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN MEDINA COUNTY

Each political subdivision, including the Medina County Commissioners, pay into an annual EMA cost allocation. This base allocation provides the in-kind match for many grants the agency manages. In addition to the annual EMA allocation, each subdivision also pays into an annual All Hazards allocation. This allocation supports the training and equipment needs for the various response capabilities of the All Hazards team.

Medina County EMA also performs the daily tasks of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). This is done through a contract between EMA & the LEPC. These tasks include exercise planning, spill reporting, annual chemical reporting, and hazmat planning.

EMA also manages the countywide All-Hazards Response Team. This team consists of Hazardous Materials, Rope & Confined Space Rescue, Collapse Rescue, Water Rescue, and Fire Investigation. EMA employs an All Hazards Team coordinator who maintains the readiness of the team. Purchasing and operations decisions are made through the All Hazards Advisory Committee, a sub committee of the EMA Executive Committee.

*All Hazards Team membership is provided for through Medina County Fire Departments, Police Departments, Sheriff's Office, LST, and EMA.*



Dive Training



I-271 Semi Rollover w/ Ethanol Release

# EMA Volunteers: Communications Unit & CERT

## MISSION STATEMENT OF OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

*To foster community preparedness and resiliency by recruiting, organizing, training and preparing volunteers to support local response to disasters and other emergency situations in Medina County; and to promote community disaster preparedness through public education and community outreach.*

### PURPOSE

**Natural Disasters/Large Scale Incidents Response** – events that cause widespread damage, or injury or threats to large numbers of people or concentrated areas of occupancy. These incidents can include fires, storms, floods, communications and utility disruptions, and other incidents that displace residents and require a prolonged response from the public safety or health community. Volunteers can be deployed by MCEMA any time the local emergency response capabilities are overwhelmed or jurisdictions are in need of general assistance by volunteer forces.

**Community Service Activities** – opportunities to exercise during non-disaster situations, which foster the well-being of residents and to promote the mission of MCCERT and Comms. Unit including community events and public safety events

### ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION

Medina County CERT and Comms. Unit are authorized by the Medina County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (MCEMA) and report to the Director through the Program Manager.

Medina County CERT is registered as a Community Emergency Response Team as defined by the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). MCCERT is registered in the State of Ohio with the Ohio Responds disaster volunteer system.

The Communications Unit is a RACES Station (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), which is a FEMA emergency amateur radio communications program. Additionally, the EMA is also a SHARES (Shared Resource High Frequency Radio Program) Station, which is a program administered by the Department of Homeland Security's National Coordinating Center for Communications that provides the means of communicating via voice and email around the world on federal radio frequencies.



# BUDGET AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Annual EMA Cost Allocations	\$174,229.50
Annual All Hazards Team Cost Allocations	\$91,150.50
2025 Operating Budget	\$962,261.21

## 2025 Grants

**Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG):** \$96,421: Reimbursement for staff payroll and daily operating expenses.

**Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC):** \$27,833: Contract with EMA to conduct hazardous materials planning and exercises. Emergency coordinator for spill reporting. Annual Tier II filings from Hazmat Facilities.

**Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP):** \$203,250: For construction of a radio tower in Seville in conjunction with the Medina County Sheriffs Office.

**Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP Training):** \$22,400: Seven hazardous materials training classes.

**Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP Planning):** \$6,434.08 Payroll for a hazardous material transportation flow study.

**Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC):** \$36,548.16: Staff payroll for county-wide mitigation plan updates.

# Hosted Training Classes

Hazmat Officer/Safety Officer	Decon Operations
Hazmat First Due	Rail Operations
Lithium-Ion Battery Emergencies	Ice Rescue Technician
Hazmat for Dispatchers	CERT Training
Confined Space Technician	Public Safety Diver/Dive Rescue 1
Dive Rescue—Medical Diver Training	

## Team Membership

Team	Team Members
Communications Unit (EMA Volunteers)	23
Community Emergency Response Team (EMA Volunteers)	15
Hazmat	27
Water Rescue	24
Collapse Rescue	12
Fire Investigation	21
Rope/Confined Space Rescue	19

## All Hazards Team Training Hours

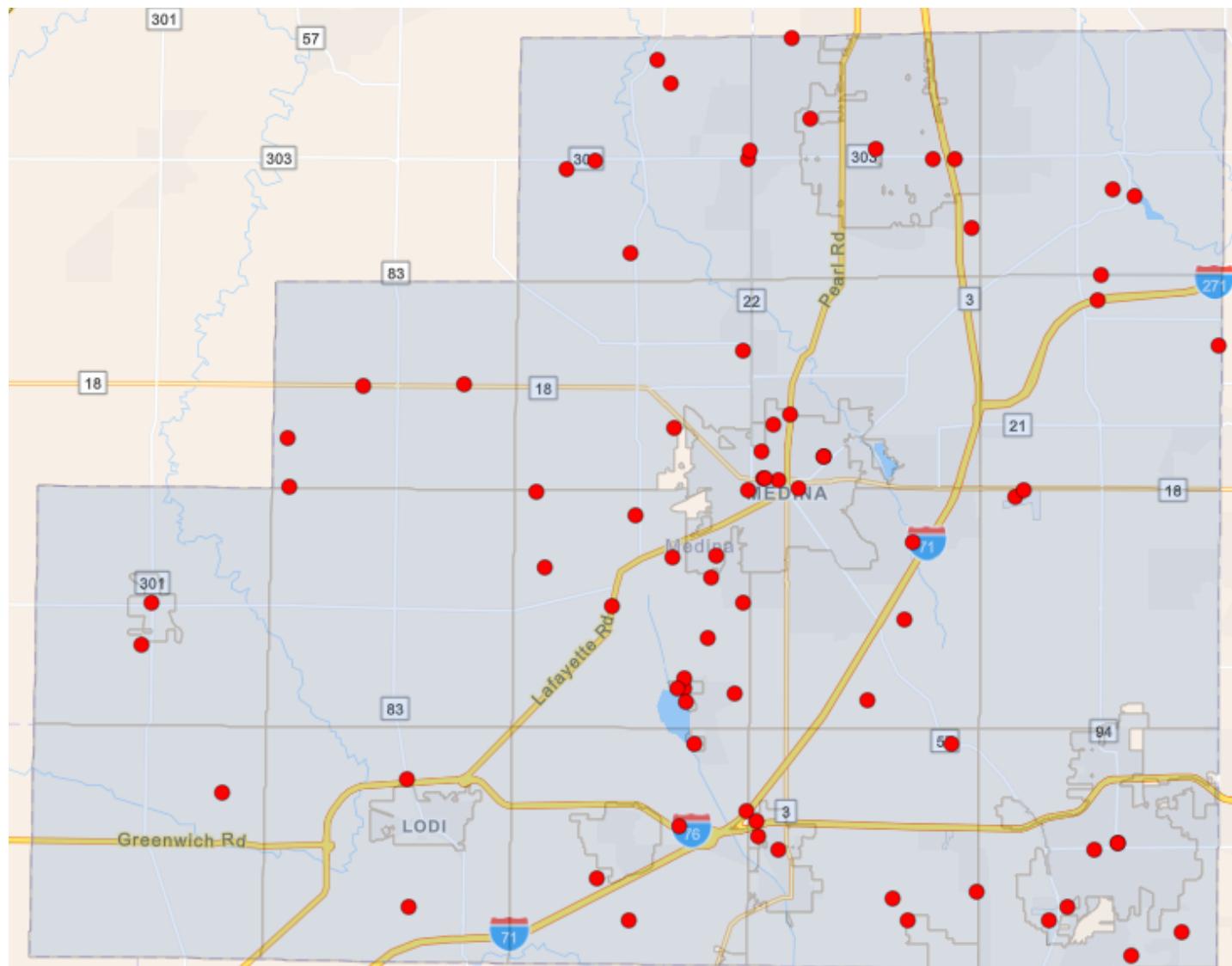
Team	Total Hours
Rope	294
Hazmat	359
Water	975
Fire Investigation	154
Collapse Rescue	26
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1,808</b>

# Total 2025 Incidents: 79

Type	Total
Fire Investigation	37
Hazmat	13
Other EMA	11
Rope/Confined Space	5
Collapse Rescue (Trench/SCO)	6
Mobile Command	6
CERT/Comms Unit	4
Child Abduction Response Team	2
Water Rescue	3
Fire Chiefs Box	1

\*Some incidents include multiple teams

## 2025 Incident Map



# Vehicles & Trailers

Trucks		
Year	Description	Unit #
1996	Mobile Command	326-1
1996	Chevy 3500	356-3
2005	Dodge Pickup	356-1
2008	Water Rescue International Squad	356-6
2013	Ford F-550	356-4
2016	Ford F-550	356-2
2018	Ford F-150	325-1
2020	Ford F-550	356-5
Trailers		
Unit #	Purpose	Location
358-1	Hazmat	EMA
358-2	Hazmat	EMA
358-4	Rope/Confined Space Rescue	EMA
358-5	Trench Rescue	EMA
358-6	Structural Collapse	EMA
358-8	Water Rescue	EMA
358-14	Flatbed	EMA
327-1	Mass Casualty	Fairgrounds
327-2	Mass Casualty	Fairgrounds
327-3	Mass Casualty	Fairgrounds



# Medina County Facilities Reporting Hazardous Materials

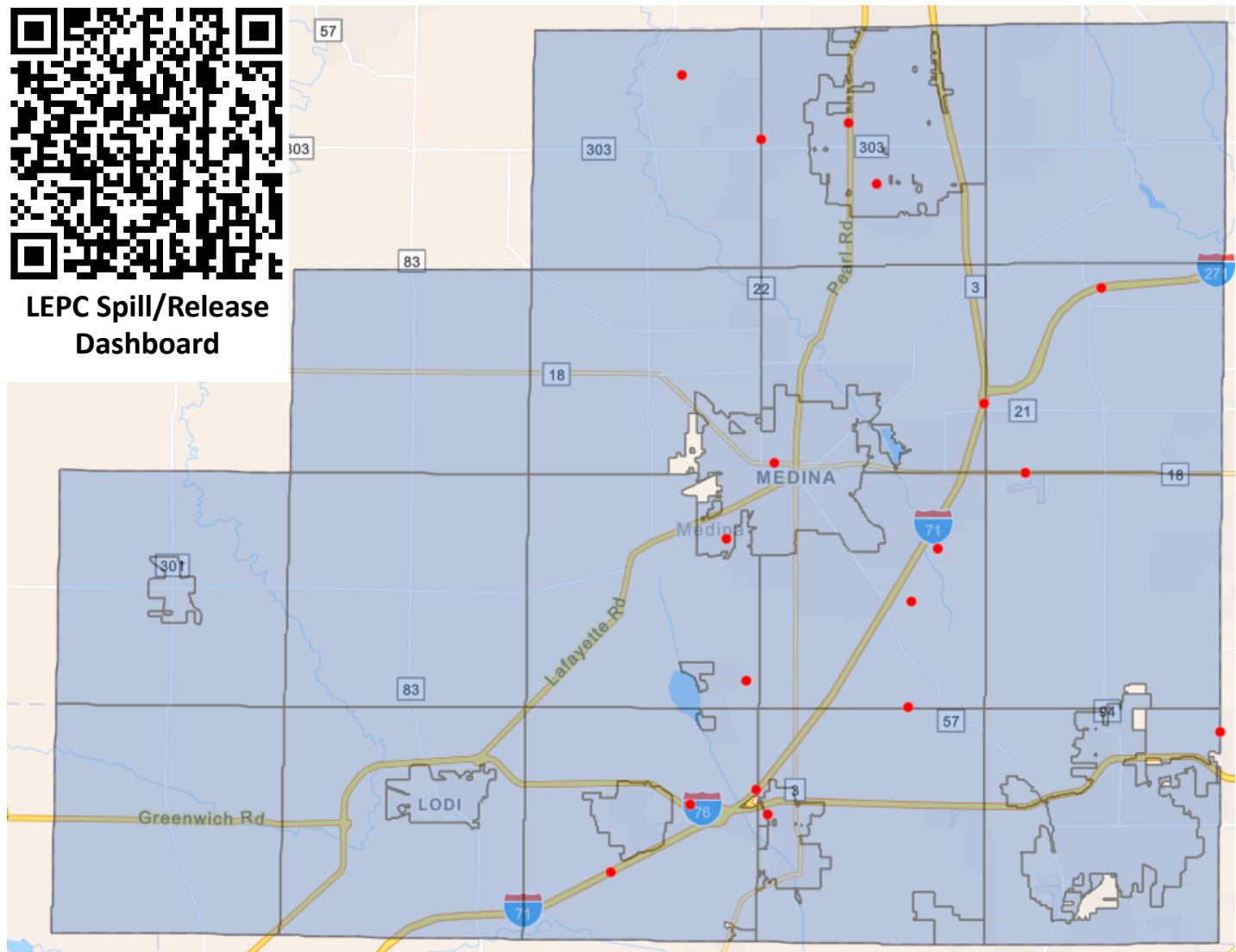
Per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code 3750, facilities that meet certain thresholds are required to report their inventory of hazardous materials, known as a Tier II Report, each year by March 1st. When a hazardous material is released into the environment that meets certain thresholds, it is also required to be reported to the LEPC within 30 minutes, with a follow-up report filed within 30 days.

Facilities Reporting Hazardous Substances: 47

Facilities Reporting Extremely Hazardous Substances: 49

Oil & Gas Wells: 226

## Hazardous Material Spills Reported in 2025



# Radio Tower Project

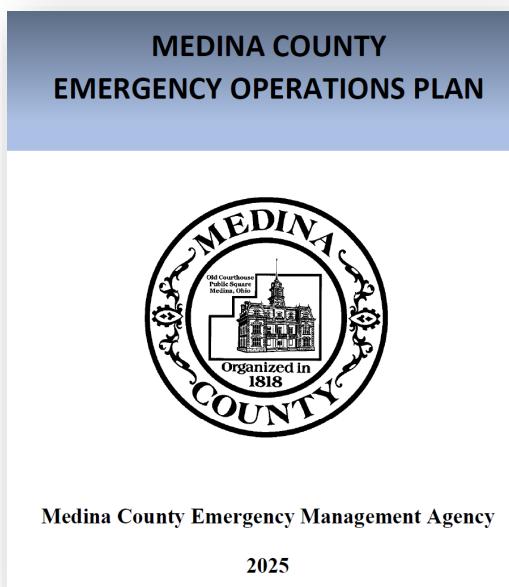
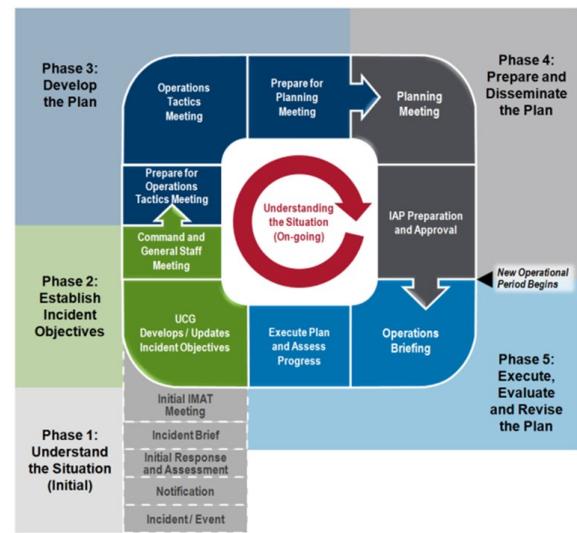
**In collaboration with the Medina County Sheriffs Office, the Medina County Commissioners, and the Medina County Park District a new radio tower was constructed in Seville. The majority of the tower construction was paid for via an EMA Homeland Security Grant (\$203,250) with the radio equipment purchased by the Medina County Commissioner's on land provided by the Medina County Park District. This tower provides much needed public safety radio coverage in Seville and surrounding area. The tower also includes amateur repeaters for the EMA Communications Unit.**



# Emergency Plans

Medina County EMA maintains a variety of emergency response related plans. EMA staff ensures the plans have the most up-to-date information required by the State and Federal entities. Medina County EMA maintains the following plans.

1. All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (Updated 2025)
2. All Hazard & Flood Mitigation Plan (Updated 2025)
3. Hazardous Materials Annex of the Emergency Operations Plan
4. Mass Casualty & Mass Fatality Plan
5. Debris Management Plan
6. Volunteer Reception Center Plan
7. Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan
8. Medina County Fair Emergency Response Plan
9. Hazardous Materials Flow Study



# Medina County Emergency Alerts

## MEDINA COUNTY MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

EMA provides Medina County Emergency Alerts as an alerting mechanism for county residents.

This service is provided free of charge. All communities are able to use the system for alerting their residents.

When registering for Medina County Alerts, residents can also subscribe to an optional NWS weather warning service, provided directly by NWS, to keep residents aware of weather activity as soon as a warning is issued.

Medina County Emergency Alerts can also be used by EMA and dispatch centers to send out urgent emergency notifications to the public during an emergency situation.

## Medina County Emergency Alerts

### Medina County Emergency Alerts



Text



Voice



Email

Sign up to receive local, county-wide and NOAA emergency alerts.

### Two ways to register:



For **text alerts only**, text the first 5 letters of your city, township or village to:

**69310**

BRUNS	HINCK	RITTM
CHATH	HOMER	SEVIL
CHIPP	LAFAY	SHARO
CREST	LITCH	SPENC
GLORI	LIVER	WADSW
GRANG	LODI	WESTF
GUILF	MEDIN	YORK
HARRI	MONTV	



For **full service** including voice, email and weather alerts go to:

[www.medinacountyema.org](http://www.medinacountyema.org)

- Weather Alerts
- Voice Alerts
- Email Alerts
- Text Alerts
- Street Specific Alerts

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To learn more about Medina County Emergency Alerts and the various registration options please visit:

[medinacountyema.org](http://www.medinacountyema.org)

# StormReady Community

## STORMREADY

### MEDINA COUNTY IS A STORM READY COMMUNITY

#### STORM READY CERTIFICATION:

StormReady is a voluntary national program that encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing clear-cut guidelines for community leaders and emergency managers.



**Storm Ready®:** Medina County is one of the 40 Ohio counties to obtain the Storm Ready certification through the National Weather Service (NWS). This program was created in 1998 by NWS to help communities develop plans to handle all types of extreme weather. In order to receive this recognition, a community must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public.
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally.
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars.



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