

Lake County Emergency Management Agency

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“LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEEK DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY”

Kirtland, OH. - This morning, Lake County Emergency Management Director Larry Greene, County Commissioner Dan Troy and numerous other county, city, township, village and State of Ohio EMA officials held a conference call. The purpose of the conference call was to assess and discuss the damage received in the early morning hours of July 20th from the heavy rains and subsequent flooding that hit Lake County. The heaviest flood damage appears to have occurred in the western half of Lake County from Wickliffe to Mentor. Damage Assessment Teams from the American Red Cross have looked at over 300 flooded basements in the City of Willowick with many more yet to be assessed throughout Lake County. The American Red Cross will be supplying “Clean-up Kits” consisting of a mop, bucket, squeegee and bleach for residents that need them. Residents that need a “Clean-up Kit” or assistance with clean-up, especially the elderly, are urged to call “211”. The “211” Information Call Center will be coordinating with the “Citizen Corp” volunteer program to assist residents who need help with storm damage clean-up.

Additionally, the American Red Cross has two websites that are very helpful in providing information to residents regarding flood safety. These two sites provide important information on what residents can do before, during and after a flood. The two American Red Cross websites are:

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood> and
http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4540081_repairingFloodedHome.pdf

The Lake County Board of Commissioners and Lake County Emergency Management Agency are in the process of preparing a local “Declaration of Emergency” to forward to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) asking for assistance from the State of Ohio and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for storm clean-up costs to Lake County residents who need it. Additional information regarding the “Emergency Declaration” will be forthcoming once a response is received from the OEMA and FEMA.