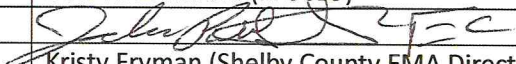




Shelby County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Situation Report: Damage Assessment Support with Perry County Ohio EMA

Situation Report:	#01
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Summary:

On 20 AUG 26, Shelby County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (SCARES) was notified of a request for support with Damage Assessment (Flooding) in Perry County, Ohio by Shelby County EMA Director, Kristy Fryman.

Perry County experienced severe flooding after two back-to-back heavy rainfall events. Flooding has affected vast areas of their county. Through the EMA Network throughout Ohio, EMA Directors and support units from multiple counties have been involved with these Damage Assessment activities to assist Perry County EMA to get necessary reports to the State of Ohio in a timely manner.

Due to a prior commitment of SCARES resources on Saturday, 22 AUG 26, SCARES was unable to provide support until Sunday, 23 AUG 26. At that time four (4) SCARES members traveled to Perry County to assist in conducting Damage Assessments throughout their affected areas.

Following a command briefing at 09:00, SCARES members divided into two teams and began conducting Damage Assessment activities to pre-determined areas utilizing the Survey 123 App and a specially developed mapping app (see more below in General Comments). One SCARES team worked until 16:00 and confirmed all collected data had been properly transferred to EMA command, while the second team continued until 18:00 with data collection. The second SCARES team stayed in the area on Sunday and continued support again on Monday, 24 AUG 26.

After attending the EMA Command briefing at 09:00 on Monday, the second SCARES team continued with Damage Assessment activities by returning to pre-determined areas and conducting house-to-house surveys. Team 2 also conducted survey interviews at locations as directed by Perry County EMA based on residents calling into the EMA office requesting assessment.

Since the flood waters had receded, it did make Damage Assessment activities easier from a movement standpoint, we relied heavily on direct observations of damage and indicators of flood water depths, as well as residents providing information from person-to-person interviews with the homeowners.

SCARES team 2 conducted interviews and assessments on Monday until 16:00. After confirming all information was properly received and Assessment areas were confirmed, the remaining SCARES team returned home.

General Comments:

A member of the Van Wert County EMA developed a software application that allowed the EMA Command to identify areas for assessment activities which clearly defined road names in the area and a map. This was printed out and the Damage Assessment teams could scan a QR Code which downloaded that information directly to the team's phone. This system was extremely advantageous for the Damage Assessment teams, (especially those unfamiliar with the area).

Overall, the coordinated efforts of numerous agencies and individuals were very well organized and very professionally managed from everything the SCARES teams encountered.