

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW SNAPSHOT

April

The 2025 NFL Draft was held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, drawing over 600,000 attendees, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest crowd in event history. Planning took more than a year and involved the NFL, local and state government, public safety, NGOs, the private sector, and the State Incident Management Team. Brown County Emergency Management led trainings and exercises to identify and address gaps. The EOC was activated with 30+ agencies during the event. The NFL Draft was deemed a success with fewer incidents than a typical football game.



June

Counties in Ohio held a Legislative Roundtable at the Lucas County EOC. County EMAs met with legislators to discuss EMA topics, including its history, emphasize disasters start and end locally, recap federally declared disasters of the past 25 years, funding, and more. Feedback from legislators was overwhelming positive, and they expressed a new-found understanding of the unique operations and needs of emergency management. In attendance were Northwest Ohio county EMAs, EMAO President, Representatives from Ohio House Districts 41, 42, 43 and 75, and the Lucas County Commissioner and Administrator.



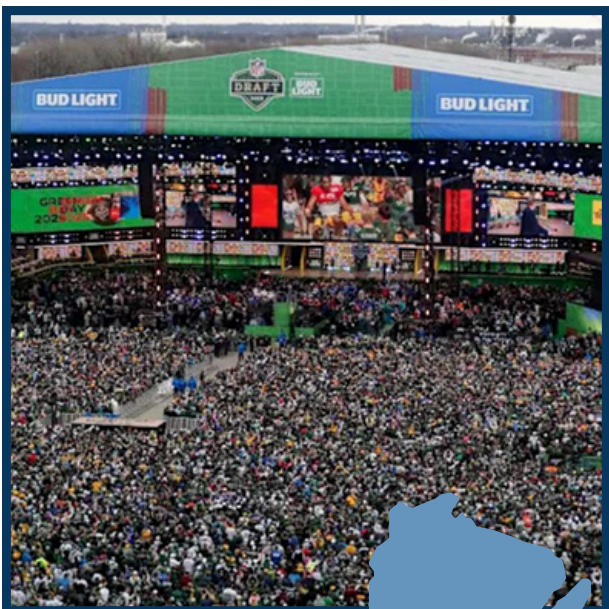
June - July

In response to the extreme heat impacting the region, Duke Energy provided Warren County EMA (OH) with a donation to fund the Extreme Heat Hydration Project. The project focused on providing bottled water to cooling centers & first responders as a means to help the community stay safe and hydrated. As a result, Warren County EMA was able to distribute bottled water to 8 cooling centers, 8 law enforcement agencies and 15 fire departments. Over 440 cases of water were given out (over 17,600 bottles of water)!



March

The Cold Weather Deployment Full-Scale Exercise occurred March 3-10, 2025, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI. This exercise focused on the activation of the Michigan Transportable Emergency Surge Assistance (MI-TESA) medical unit & the Michigan Mortuary Response Team (MI-MORT) Disaster Portable Morgue Unit (DPMU) to deploy outdoors in cold weather conditions to support the Federal Disaster Mortuary Response Team Region V (DMORT V) in response to a natural disaster mass fatality incident.



May

Union County Emergency Management Agency (OH) received their Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) award from Past EMAP Chair and current EMAP Commissioner Nick Crossley in May 2025. With 4 staff members, Union County EMA started working on accreditation in the mid 2000's. With a deeper focus placed on accreditation over the past 5 years, they were able to accomplish their accreditation goal early this year. Serving a population of 67,000 people, Union County is currently the smallest accredited county in the U.S.



June

Region 5 was in attendance at the IAEM Capitol Hill Day. This visit was to ensure that federal emergency management remains a dependable, consistent partner for local and state agencies. It was conveyed how shifting greater responsibility to states with necessary support creates a heavier burden on local governments. Also stressed, was how cuts to federal grant programs would severely undermine our ability to plan, train and respond when emergencies strike. Region 5 participants included Mick Flemming (pictured left - Northwest Central IL), Tracy Hameau (pictured right - Jefferson County, WI), Nick Crossley (Hamilton County, OH), & Ryan Wilkinson (Eaton County, MI).



July

The State of Minnesota proudly opened the doors to its new State EOC after almost two years of construction! With an appropriation of \$42 million from state legislature, the new EOC marks a significant advancement in the state's ability to manage emergencies, coordinate disaster response and protect the people of Minnesota. Feature include a centralized hub, redundant and secure technology infrastructure, dedicated training facilities, storm-resilient construction, and energy efficiency and resilience.