



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4501:3-6-01 Emergency operations plans and exercises.

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(A) Each local emergency management agency shall be responsible for maintaining current its emergency operations plan, by reviewing and updating it annually. Each emergency operations plan shall be authorized by the chief executive officer and shall be consistent with published federal and state guidance and emergency operations plans.

(B) Any political subdivision within a county which forms its own emergency management agency as required by section 5502.271 of the Revised Code shall submit its emergency operations plan to the county agency as required by section 5502.26 of the Revised Code or to the regional authority formed under section 5502.27 of the Revised Code, or the county emergency management agency formed under section 5502.271 of the Revised Code for the county in which the political subdivision is located, for initial review and annual review every year thereafter. Said county agency, countywide agency, or regional authority may establish procedures for the review of said local plans.

(C) Each political subdivision shall be responsible for maintaining current its emergency operations plan and shall keep its plan consistent with the emergency operations plan of a county under section 5502.271 of the Revised Code, a countywide agency formed under section 5502.26 of the Revised Code, or a regional authority formed under section 5502.27 of the Revised Code, for the county in which the political subdivision is located.

(D) A political subdivision that is not a part of a countywide agency formed under section 5502.26 of the Revised Code, or a regional authority formed under section 5502.27 of the Revised Code, or has not entered into a contract with a county agency formed under section 5502.271 of the Revised Code, cannot be a multijurisdictional agency. The director of the agency of the political subdivision will serve only the political subdivision for which appointed. Said agency and its director shall have no authority to coordinate multijurisdictional planning or actual hazard response beyond the boundary of the political subdivision for which it was formed with the exception of mutual aid agreements established pursuant to section 5502.29 of the Revised Code.



(E) Each local emergency management agency shall participate in the state's annual multi-year training and exercise planning workshop. As such, each county is required to provide to the state emergency management agency, in accordance with the state's instruction on the matter, a listing of scheduled or desired training and exercise events relevant to the jurisdiction's emergency operations plan and the evaluation of preparedness for identified hazards and risks within the political subdivision covered by the emergency operations plan.

(F) The Ohio emergency management agency will conduct a comprehensive county emergency operations plans review, identifying gaps and planning considerations on emergency measures that are essential for protecting the public, once every four years. Assistance will be provided upon request of the local jurisdiction to ensure adherence to the requirement for emergency operations plan maintenance.