Butler County EMA
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MONTHLY

Training Opportunities:

- March 6—NWS Weather Spotter Course (Clermont)

- March 6—G557: Rapid Needs Assessment

- March 12-14— ICS 300

- March 13—WebEOC Training

- March 14-15—ICS 400

- March 19-21—Finance & Administration Section Chief

- April 11-12—G358: Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning

Information for registering for any of the above courses can be obtained on our website at butlercountyohio.org/ema

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Butler County EMA Mission Statement

Coordinating people and resources to protect the lives and property within Butler County by working together to achieve one goal for Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for Disasters and Emergencies

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ROBERT "BOB" E. HASSELFELD, III 1962 – 2019

Robert "Bob" E. Hasselfeld, III passed away suddenly on Monday, February 11, 2019 at the age of 56. Bob was the beloved husband of Kimberly (nee Walz) Hasselfeld and the loving father of Katie Hasselfeld, Robert E. Hasselfeld, IV, Karly Hasselfeld and Liesl Hasselfeld, devoted son of Robert and Sherry Hasselfeld and son-in-law of Carol and the late Bob Walz, dear brother of Nancy (Steve) Dawson, nephew of Rev. Michael (Carolyn) Rester, uncle of 6 nephews and survived by many cousins.

Bob was a wonderful husband, great father and an excellent teacher. Bob and Kim met at Miami University where they married in 1988 to become a 'Miami Merger'. He was a proud father who was always quick to update you with a humorous anecdote or story about his children.

Bob was a remarkable person, a man of many interests and a dedicated public servant. Over the course of his life, Bob served Butler County and Southwest Ohio in many capacities. Bob became a pilot before the age of 16, later joining the Civil Air Patrol. He worked as a firefighter/paramedic for West Chester, the City of Montgomery, the City of Wyoming and Western Joint Ambulance District and served as the Director of Fire, EMS and Paramedic Education for Butler Tech. Bob was a devoted member of the Butler County Incident Management Team and deployed to several disasters as a member of the logistics section. Bob also served many years as a Special Deputy for the Butler County Sheriff's Office. Most recently, Bob had joined the staff of UC Health as the EMS Program Manager for UC Medical Center.

Bob spent his life working to help others. His service as a first responder and educator impacted thousands of lives in southwest Ohio, both directly and indirectly. Bob was regarded as a talented clinician who treated patients with skill, kindness and empathy. His work as an educator and a mentor was known throughout the region and he worked diligently to prepare the next generation of first responders to serve in an increasingly complex and dangerous field.

Butler County EMA Planning & Operations Manager Jim Bolen spoke fondly of Bob, saying "I had the great pleasure of working with Bob for over 10 years, initially through my work with Butler Tech and later through my work with the Incident Management Team. Bob helped me as an educator, providing guidance and counsel when I was a new instructor. Later, Bob and I spent many hours together traveling and working in disaster areas. The conversations and jokes we shared are moments that I will not forget. The impact that Bob had on my life and career cannot be overstated. Like many others, I owe so much to him."

While Bob will be missed, his work will endure through the many lives he touched. Bob's legacy on the field of emergency services will continue through his work as an exceptional educator. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his friends in this difficult time.∎

2019 Butler County General Health District POD Exercise

On Thursday, February 21st, 2019 the Butler County General Health District exercised a Point of Dispensing (POD) at the Butler Tech Safety Education Complex in Liberty Township. In the event of a large scale public health emergency POD sites throughout Butler County can be used to dispense medications to a large population of healthy people. The ultimate goal of a POD is to quickly provide medical countermeasures to a large number of people in a short period of time.

"This exercise provided Butler County General Health District the opportunity to strengthen our staff's ability to respond to an emergency, validate current plans, and identify opportunities for improvement, "said Jenny McCoy, Emergency Response Coordinator.

Over the course of several hours, the Butler County General Health District employees had their POD management skills put to the test. The first stage of the exercise involved a timed setup drill meant to test the POD staff's ability to prepare the location for a mass vaccination clinic within 90 minutes. During the second stage of the exercise, Butler County General Health District POD staff worked together to process as many "clients" as possible through the mass vaccination clinic within a 60 minute timeframe.

"Our volunteers took their roles very seriously and really challenged our staff with situations that could be faced in real life, "remarked Jennifer Bailer, BCGHD Health Commissioner, "We all had a good time handling or playing some 'wild' scenarios while honing our skills! Butler County General Health District appreciates all those who gave up their morning to assist us. We also appreciate support from partnering agencies such as Butler County EMA, Highland County, and The Health Collaborative for sending observers."

Clients were portrayed by 28 volunteers from various organizations across the region. The volunteers were directed through each POD station based on the information on their character card. Each

character card was meant to test the POD staff in a new way. These challenges ranged from how to assist a person with a language barrier to assisting a frustrated parent looking for answers about vaccine safety. The exercise wouldn't have been possible without the amazing show of support from the volunteers involved.

Insights from evaluators, observers, POD staff and volunteers are being consolidated in an After Action Report and Improvement Plan that will be utilized to update plans and trainings, as well as assist in planning future exercises. Overall, it was a great opportunity to exercise emergency plans, train staff, and interact with volunteers from across the region.■ For more information, go to the Butler County General Health Department website at http:// health.bcohio.us/