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## **ALLEN COUNTY EMA LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE WEATHER RADIOS TO SENIORS**

(LIMA, OH) – A pilot project to distribute “All Hazard” NOAA weather radios to low income senior citizens has been launched by the Allen County Emergency Management Agency.

“We’ve teamed with local industry, along with the Council on Aging, the Area Agency on Aging and the Local Emergency Planning Committee to provide 200 weather radios.” Explains Allen County EMA Director, Russ Decker. “The radios will be provided free of charge on a first come, first served basis.”

The radios are AC/DC type, with NOAA “S.A.M.E.” technology allowing the radios to be programmed specifically to meet the needs of each citizen served. EMA staff and local fire departments will install the radios.

Persons interested in receiving one of the free radios should contact the Council on Aging or the Area Agency on Aging or can call the EMA office at (419) 993-1404.

The \$5,000 cost of the radios was provided through donations from Husky Lima Refinery, INEOS Lima Chemicals, Potash Corp Lima Plant, ISP Corp., Chemtrade Logistics, Fort Amanda Specialties, P&G, and the Allen County LEPC.

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