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SIX LOCAL RESPONDERS COMPLETE F.E.M.A. TRAINING

(CLEVELAND, OH) – Six public safety officials from Allen County recently graduated from extensive training in the subject of exercise and drill design and evaluation taught by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) here.

Allen County graduates include: **EMA Director Russ Decker, Shawnee Fire Chief David Belton, Bath Fire Chief Mike Knotts, Elida Assistant Fire Chief Scott Fessler, Lima Fire Department Training Officer Mike Ulrich, and EMA Deputy Director John Walters.**

The FEMA Exercise Design and Evaluation courses are designed to provide knowledge, skills and techniques to enable participants to conduct, manage and evaluate exercises and drills that adequately test a community's ability to respond to emergencies and disasters. The course is part of the formal curriculum established by the National Emergency Management Institute and the National Fire Academy.

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