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ALLEN COUNTY HOSTS REGIONAL DISASTER TRAINING

(LIMA, OH) – First responders, elected officials and industry representatives from Allen and surrounding counties will meet at the Civic Center in Lima on Wednesday to learn about the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

NIMS is a program launched by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security that provides for common practices to be observed at all levels of government during times of emergency. The federal government is pushing for NIMS compliance by local and state governments by the end of 2006. The program is designed to avoid confusion between the different levels of government in responding to disaster situations such as Hurricane Katrina.

In addition to receiving information about NIMS, attendees will also discuss the advantages of formal Incident Command and Unified Command systems in managing large-scale events.

The session is hosted by the Allen County Office of Homeland Security and the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

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Note to Media:

The training session is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. The media is welcome to attend. Interviews can be available throughout the day.