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### **COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER SUSPENDS 24-HOUR OPERATIONS**

With a reduction of calls and lessened activity in the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Patty Levengood, Director of the Tuscarawas County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency (HS/EMA) will suspend twenty-four hour operations of the EOC at 7:00p.m. on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. However, weather conditions will be monitored and if the need arises, the twenty-four hour operations of the EOC may be reinstated. If you need to reach HS/EMA after 7:00p.m this evening, please call 330-308-6670. Levengood said any resident who sustains damage to their properties from the flooding should report it to the County HS/EMA office at (330) 308-6655 during regular office hours (8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.) on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

However, the Tuscarawas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HS/EMA) reports that residents in the Zoar and Wilkshire Hills region will not be isolated and should be prepared to use three alternate routes. Those routes are located at North Orchard Rd. (Tuscarawas County Rd. 103) and Glen Park Dr. (Lawrence Township Rd. 617), Dover-Zoar Rd. north of Zoar to Rt. 800 north and Mineral-Zoar Rd. (Sandy Township Rd. 387A) to Rt. 800 north.

Road closing information is available by calling the Tuscarawas County HS/EMA Emergency Information Line at (330) 339-7838. Road closings also have been posted on the county sheriff's website at [www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/sheriff](http://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/sheriff) and other information will be posted as needed on the HS/EMA website at [www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/EMA](http://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/EMA).

Officials said updated information on water levels behind the area dams are available online by visiting the USACE website at [www.lrh-wc.usace.army.mil/wc/musns.htm](http://www.lrh-wc.usace.army.mil/wc/musns.htm) or by using a link to that website off [www.mwcdlakes.com](http://www.mwcdlakes.com).