

**THE SILVER JACKETS – A NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION  
IMPLEMENTATION SUB-TEAM  
STATE OF OHIO MITIGATION TEAM**

**CHARTER  
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*This interagency team is an implementation sub-team of the State of Ohio Mitigation Team dedicated to creating a collaborative environment to bring together Federal, State, local, and other stakeholders to develop and implement solutions to natural hazard response and mitigation problems.*

**Purpose:**

This charter defines the organization, functions, and responsibilities of the Silver Jackets Team for the State of Ohio. This charter is a living document and can be adapted throughout this initiative. Each change will be discussed within the team.

**Goals:**

1. Increase team members' knowledge of interagency mitigation programs and authorities in order to combine resources and identify gaps.
2. Provide hazard mitigation assistance to high priority communities targeted by the State's Mitigation Advisory Board
3. Coordinate team efforts into the updates of the Statewide Mitigation Plan.
4. Define a process for interagency communication and roles.
5. Improve upon response processes.
6. Develop a public involvement plan to educate potential users of given resources.
7. Develop relationships in order to share information and find answers to issues more quickly.
8. Increase the private sector involvement.
9. Set performance measures for success.

**Organization and Membership:**

Team will be interagency in nature. Membership will vary based on available resources and team project focus; however, main agencies that will be involved at all times include US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA). USACE and FEMA will act as the lead facilitators for the team and will coordinate activities in conjunction with the State and other agencies. Representatives may be from the regional and state levels of the organizations. A contact sheet will be maintained and distributed by the USACE representative.

Current agency team members:

- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NOAA/NWS)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)
- Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OHEPA)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- US Geological Survey (USGS)

### **Responsibilities/Approach:**

The team will work within the State's Mitigation Plan by collaborating with the State's Mitigation Team. The Silver Jackets Team will focus on the State priority areas and provide available technical expertise and resources when possible.

USACE and FEMA will act as lead agencies with the coordination efforts. All other agencies will contribute experience and information to all team efforts.

### **Meetings:**

The team will have at least one annual meeting, in addition to, other meetings as needed. The annual meeting, when possible, will coincide with a State Mitigation Team meeting. Coordination may also occur through virtual teaming.

Agendas for meetings shall go out at least one week prior to meeting. Minutes shall be recorded by the USACE representative, unless that person requests another member to do so. Draft minutes shall be distributed via email for comment. USACE will maintain final minutes.

### **Decisions:**

Decisions will be accomplished by the team through consensus after discussion. If a decision can not be reached through consensus, the secondary method will be the "thumbs up" voting – thumbs up (vote is yes); thumbs sideways (vote is neutral); and thumbs down (vote is no). The core agencies that should be involved in all major decisions include USACE, FEMA, ODNR, and OEMA.