

The Slow-Moving Train: Disaster Preparedness in the Twenty-First Century

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Introduction



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Planes Falling from the Sky



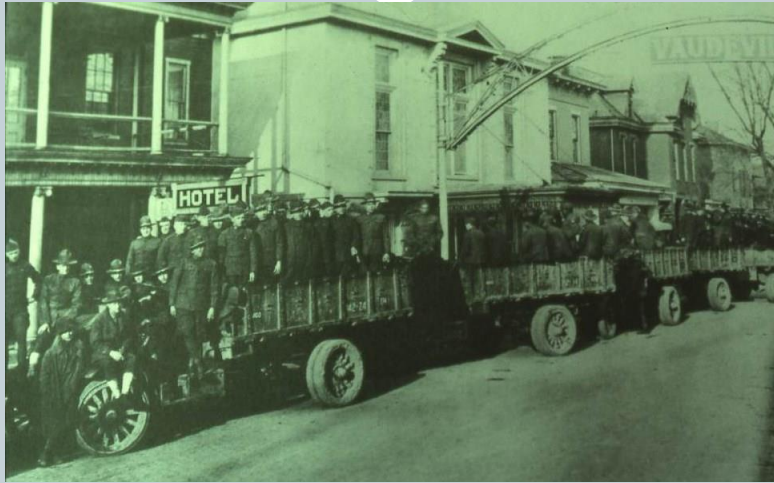
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Tornados



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1918 Flu



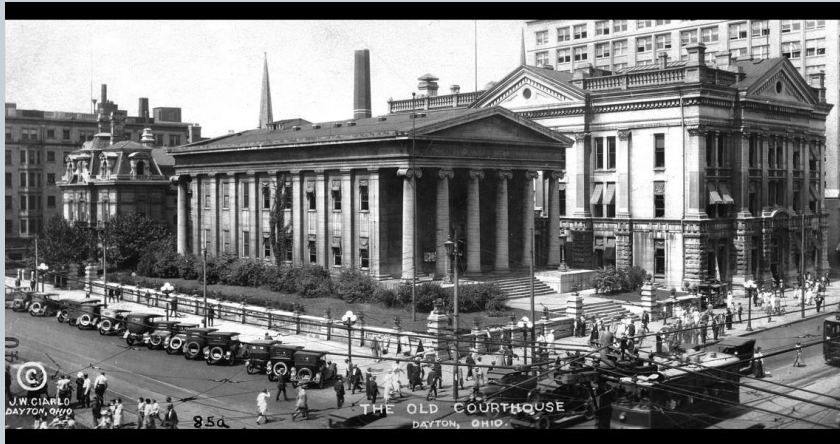
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Wind Shear



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Old and New Courthouse



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1913 Flood



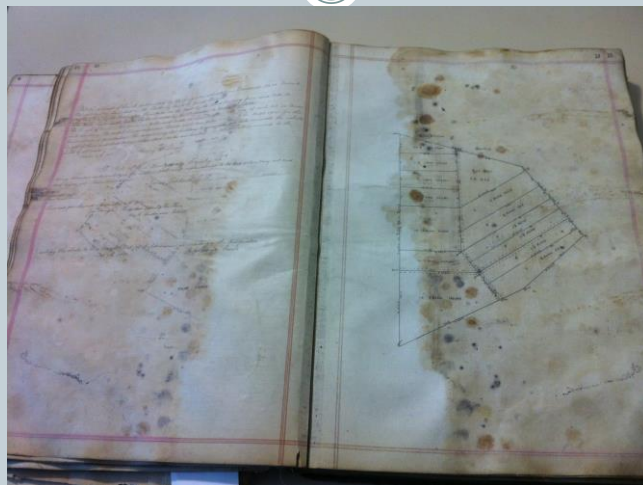
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Money Laundering



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Saving the Books



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Reibold Building



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Oh! The Mold!



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Remediation



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Unwelcome Visitors



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Memorial Day Tornadoes



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What I Saw



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The things you never think about

- Food Donations
- Fire Alarm
- Vital Records
- Real Estate Taxes



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Disaster Plans



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Disaster Plan Resources

- Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)
- dPlan
- Ohio History Connection's Local Government Section



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Disaster Management Phases



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Back Ups

- Regularly back up electronic records.
- Data Mapping



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Preparedness



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Types of Disasters



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Fire



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Water



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Electronics



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Power Failure



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Records Management



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Getting Started

- Don't procrastinate!



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An Exercise in Imagination

- Imagine the worst. Then plan.



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What are your risks?

- Environment
- Building
- People



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What is the history of your area?



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What is the history of your building?



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T-L-L

- Team
- Leadership
- Lists



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Team

- Who do you trust?



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Leadership

- Who is going to hold the clipboard?
 - Put that responsibility in the job description



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Lists, Lists and More Lists

- **Maintain and continually update contact lists**
 - Employees
 - Higher-Ups
 - Trusted Vendors
 - Risk Management
 - Facilities Management



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Making Friends

- **Get to know the people who can help you.**
 - Facilities Management
 - Risk Management
 - Emergency Management
 - Fire Chief
 - Vendors
 - Legal
 - Budget



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Response



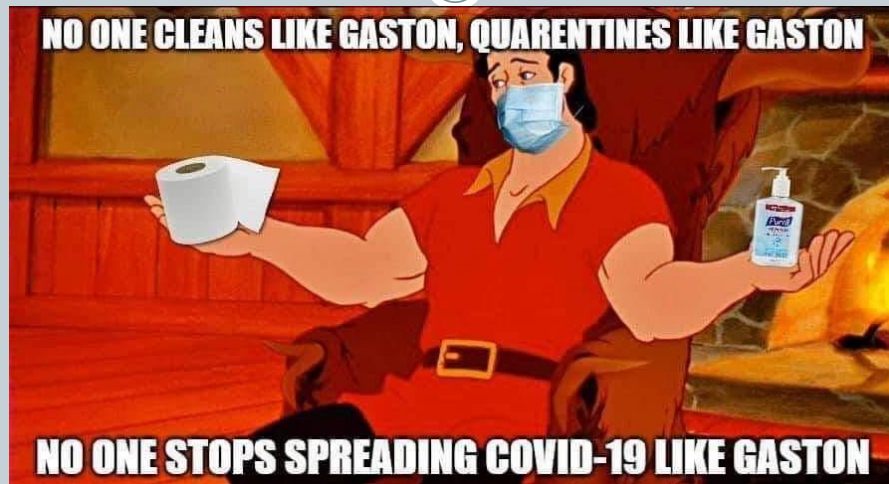
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Planning v. Reality



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COVID-19 Pandemic



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You are doomed

- It's not if it will happen. It's when it will happen.
- And the disaster will happen:
 - On a weekend and a holiday or (the worst) a holiday weekend
 - When the most important people are on vacation



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Acting!

- Fake it 'til you make it



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Make it up as you go along

- Rip up your plan



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Be Flexible

- Things can change rapidly.



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Building Blocks

- You don't have to fix everything at once.



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Maintain Sense of Humor

- Laugh when you feel like crying.



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Chill

- It's all going to work out.



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Recovery



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The Pitfalls of Disaster Recovery

- The stress and excitement of disaster recovery can make people do strange things.



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How Much???

- Yes. You will have to spend money.



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Superhero Syndrome

- Don't be afraid to ask for help.



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Too Much Help

- There's such a thing as too much help.



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One Disaster Leads to the Next Disaster

- To fix a disaster, people will create another one.



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Not My Fault

- There is always someone else to blame.



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Constant Crisis Management

- Panic creates power.



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So, Good Luck to You All



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OHRAB

- The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board (OHRAB) is the central body for historical records planning in the state.
- The Board is funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).
- Board members represent Ohio's public and private archives, records offices and research institutions.
- For more information on OHRAB and its Ohio Archives Grant Program, visit <https://ohrab.org/>

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Electronic Records

- Increasingly, today's government records are born digital.
- Managing an electronic record is like caring for a perpetual toddler: it needs regular attention and care in order remain accessible.
- Elected officials should be aware of the need to protect Ohio's historical records, especially those that are born digital.

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