

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.6 Lakeland Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Management Planning and Administration

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following degree program is approved:

Lakeland Community College, Associate of Applied Science degree in
Emergency Management Planning and Administration

BACKGROUND

LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science degree in Emergency Management Planning and Administration

The Board's approval for the development of an associate degree program in Emergency Management Planning and Administration will be the first approved program. The development of this new degree is needed for individuals working in various types of emergency situations and provides the opportunity for interested individuals to expand their knowledge, skills and abilities needed for this critical field. The events of September 11, 2001 gives evidence of how essential it is to have trained emergency managers and how they must be trained to be prepared for every type of emergency from a severe winter storm to international terrorism. Background information and research for this degree program resulted from numerous discussions with local, state and federal level emergency management professionals. The goal of the Emergency Management Institute/Federal Emergency Management Agency is to have at least one such associate degree program operating in every state.

The program is being developed in cooperation with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Higher Education Project of the Emergency Management Institute, located at the National Emergency Training Center in Maryland.

The program will serve individuals already involved in various public, private and volunteer agencies with Emergency Management responsibilities and students who are interested in obtaining the education and training needed to become an emergency management professional. Lakeland plans to initiate this program on a regional basis for all of Northern Ohio and has the potential to be offered in other sections of the state through distance learning.

Graduates of the program will be able to develop and implement a community emergency plan, identify, and be able to manage the allocation of resources, locate and operate an Emergency Operations Center and train emergency personnel, and develop leadership skills needed for addressing victim needs and volunteer concerns.

