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## **Remembering Hurricane Ike Winds**

Today marks the one-year anniversary of the wind storm spawned by Hurricane Ike. The Central Ohio Aerospace & Technology Center sustained considerable damage during the storm. But for the low quantity of rain that day and subsequent week, the damage could have been much, much worse. The Port Authority incurred over \$435,000 in losses from the storm (though the vast majority was recovered via insurance and FEMA claims).

Boeing Facilities first discovered the severe damage to the roof of the high bay section of the building as the storm neared its end. The Port Authority began its response within hours with a repair crew reporting the next morning and major repair begun that first week. Amazingly, some commercial buildings in Ohio remain unrepaired today.

*Base TV* was there with explanations of the damage and of the repairs. Tune in one year later.

GO TO: <u>http://onthebase.com/tv/2008archive.shtml</u>

## Sign Up for New Mass Alert System

The wind storm has been just one of many severe events to impact the Central Ohio Aerospace & Technology Center over the years. There have been two fires, two derailments, a flood, and record snowfalls in the 13 years of the Center. There've been several hazmat calls (thankfully false ones) too.

These all show the reasons for a need for mass communication with the personnel. Consider signing up today for a free alert system to receive a text message alert to major events.

The Port Authority administers the alert and promises no more than 3-4 messages on average a month, often less. The purpose of the system will be to alert personnel in the event of emergencies and to quickly relay breaking news impacting the Aerospace & Technology Center and the surrounding area.

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