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Emergency Management was established in the United States by the Federal Defense Act of 1950, which created our nation's Office of Civil Defense. This act is the foundation for the Emergency Management System that we have today. Ohio's system is established under Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 5502, which provides for a state emergency management agency, requiring an emergency management director or coordinator and an Emergency Operations Plan for each county. This law also establishes the legal protection and authority of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to work in times of disaster.

In Summit County, under the direction of the County Executive, the EMA has established a written contract with every city, village and township in the county. The EMA establishes the Emergency Management Executive Committee which sets the goals for the agency. The agreement assigns the EMA duties and provides funding for emergency management activities.

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