



# **C**ommunication & **I**nformation **M**anagement **S**ystem

*Ohio Homeland Security's centralized  
source for information sharing*

## **What is CIMS?**

CIMS is a password-protected, secured, web-based application utilized by both public- and private-sector partners.

CIMS fosters partnerships and distributes timely and relevant information across all disciplines and jurisdictions throughout Ohio.

## **How is CIMS beneficial to you?**

Through information sharing, CIMS empowers partners to improve planning and decision making before, during and after critical incidents.

A CIMS account is beneficial because it offers you sector-specific access to products, programs and resources provided by Ohio Homeland Security.

Some of these items include: bulletins, alerts and briefings; contact information for other CIMS users; statewide training opportunities; school emergency management plans; Scrap Metal Program; Law Enforcement Resource Portal; Fire Emergency Response Plan; and the Emergency Partner Credentialing System.

## What will you find?

Upon login, your sector-specific homepage will display recent postings, alerts and bulletins. Depending on your login, you may have access to the following resource options:

- **Ohio Scrap Metal Program** - information specific to scrap dealers and law enforcement including dealer registration and transactions, as well as the “do not buy” list.
- **Education** – school emergency management plans, emergency contact information and other educational resources.
- **Training** – upcoming training opportunities.
- **Fire Emergency Response Plan**
- **Law Enforcement Resource Portal** – assets available for mutual aid.
- **Video Library** – educational videos on topics such as active shooters, bomb threats and identity theft.
- **OHS Resources** – including staff contacts, request forms and OHS regional map.
- **Emergency Partner Credentialing System** – provides state-issued documentation to eligible personnel of organizations for enhanced access when aiding communities struck by disaster.

## How do you access it?

CIMS is available to all vetted OHS partners based on sector-specific needs and can be accessed at:

**[SERVICES.DPS.OHIO.GOV/CIMS](https://services.dps.ohio.gov/cims)**

For questions, contact the CIMS administrator at (844) OHS-CIMS (647-2467) or [CIMS@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:CIMS@dps.ohio.gov).



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