



Ohio Gov. John Kasich tours emergency shelter in Lakewood

LAKEWOOD, Ohio - Gov. John Kasich toured a Red Cross shelter Wednesday night in Lakewood, where 15,000 residents were still without power following Hurricane Sandy.

That's about 25 percent of the city's population. However, Mayor Michael Summers said 10 FirstEnergy crews were expected in Lakewood Wednesday night.

"So hopefully we'll begin to gain on this," he said.

Between 70 to 100 people were expected to stay overnight at the Lakewood shelter.

"We can't cook. We don't have a phone. The toilets hardly flush. It's just bad," said Dawn Baker, who hasn't had any electricity since Monday.

Kasich passed out candy to the guests at the shelter. Earlier, he held a news briefing in Cleveland with Mayor Frank Jackson and praised the city and Cuyahoga County for its response to the storm.

"People should feel good about what's happened here, but we're not out of the woods yet," he said. "But things are looking much better."

Watch video here: http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/oh_cuyahoga/Ohio-Gov-John-Kasich-tours-emergency-shelter-in-Lakewood



Kasich Visits as More Shelters Open

CLEVELAND, Ohio — In the wake of damage caused by the remnants of Hurricane Sandy, Governor John Kasich stopped in Cleveland Wednesday night.

He urged people without power who need help to ask for help, and those who can help to step up.

First Energy reported more than 120,000 homes without power as of Wednesday night. People in need should call the United Way 24-hour help line at 211.

"You got grandma down the street. Move her in, move her in, until her power comes on," said Kasich. "If you don't have a grandma here adopt one," said Kasich.

Kasich also visited people seeking help at the Red Cross emergency shelter in Lakewood.

Nancy Dragani, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, wants those without power to reach out.

"Don't be afraid to call your county emergency management agency, the American Red Cross, 311. Don't be afraid to call someone and let them know you need help," Dragani said.

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Governor Kasich visits emergency shelter

As Northeast Ohioans face another night without power, the concern shifts towards the cooling temperatures.

Governor John Kasich was in Cleveland tonight alongside Mayor Frank Jackson giving an update on current conditions. Officials say crews are working as quickly and as safely as possible to restore power.

But as the power goes back on, additional problems arise. Public Safety Director, Marty Flask says at 8 a.m. this morning 23 active power lines were discovered. Those lines were guarded until they could be repaired, and by 5 p.m. Wednesday, another 21 other active lines appeared.

Despite the challenges faced by linemen, city crews as well as First Emergency are working together.

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THE PLAIN DEALER

Power will be out for some in Cuyahoga County until at least Monday



Ohio Gov. John Kasich Wednesday night visited a temporary Red Cross shelter at the Garfield Middle School in Lakewood with a bag of Sweetarts. About 50 residents of Lakewood spent the night at the shelter.

CLEVELAND, Ohio --Thousands of Cuyahoga County residents vexed by power outages in the wake of Hurricane Sandy are expected to remain in the dark through the weekend.

About 127,000 county customers remained without electricity on Wednesday.

A FirstEnergy spokesman said Wednesday the company expects to restore power to a majority of its customers by the end of the weekend, but could not give an estimate of how many customers will still be blacked out come Monday.

At a makeshift shelter setup Wednesday in Lakewood, one of four established locally by the American Red Cross, the 50 people who sought refuge seemed to be taking the power outage in stride, said Dennis Pell, the manager.

"We have room for 150 people, which is in the worst case scenario," Pell said.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich visited the shelter about 7:30 p.m. and passed out Dum Dums Lollipops and SweetTarts candy. As Kasich talked with residents, a banjo player, Gary Rice, seemed to appear from nowhere to entertain the temporary residents.

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