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Hello Partners!

Crawford County is preparing for the April 8, 2024, solar eclipse.

On Monday, April 8, 2024, people within a 124-mile-wide band in the state of Ohio will experience a total solar eclipse. The path of the eclipse will put most of Crawford County in the path of totality, meaning the sun will be blocked by the moon in the daytime creating up to 2 minutes of night. Partial Eclipse begins at 1:59 pm – Totality at 3:13 pm – Maximum at 3:15 pm - Maximum ends at 3:17 pm – Partial Ends at 4:29 pm. A total solar eclipse is a rare and spectacular event. On average, one happens somewhere on the Earth only once every 1.5 years. Only 21 total solar eclipses have crossed the lower 48 states in the entire existence of the United States. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2444.

What this means for you:

- Many people may come to Crawford County to view the eclipse. Past areas that have experienced totality in the US have doubled or tripled in population for the event.
- Many travel amenities (food, fuel, hotels, etc.) will be booked or may experience shortages.
- Crawford County and the State of Ohio are encouraging people to come early and stay late however there will still be heavy traffic on the day of the event.
- Patrons, employees, and others may have increased travel time that day.

What can you do?

- You can plan ahead, and ask yourself these questions:
 - Is there a reduced or more spaced-out schedule which could allow for increased travel times or change of shift?
 - Do you have the amenities you need before the event? Can you order supplies, refuel generators and vehicles ahead of time or be delivered on a different day?
 - Do you need increased staffing or extended operations for all the visitors in for the 5 day period (Friday through Tuesday)?

- Do you need more supplies or stock for increased jail capacity?
- Will there be one holding facility or rapid “triage” of offenders for release:
- How will you maintain situational awareness?
- Do you need to revisit mutual aid agreements?
- How will your department handle increased call volume?
- Thoughts on Traffic and Access Control.
- Degradation of communications is inevitable – what are your back up plans?
- How will a weather emergency be handled?
- It’s going to get dark
 - Mental Health calls
 - Nocturnal animal movements
- Fire & Law Enforcement facilities are listed (Fire as first aid stations)
- It’s still a Monday with Monday issues.

The eclipse is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you can prepare for and enjoy yourself.

Crawford County is working to be prepared for the event but we need your help to make the event successful. By preparing your own business you can help Crawford County be prepared.

For more information go to: <https://www.eclipse.ohio.gov/index.html>



TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

APRIL 8, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

In 2024, a total eclipse will go through Ohio. Start planning for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!”

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