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OCJS ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE AIMED AT REDUCING CRIME

Conference will bring together nearly 200 professionals in the criminal justice field

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) has announced the 2010 Ohio Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (OCIRV) Conference, which will be held Sept. 8 and 9 in Dayton.

The conference, titled “Ohio Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (OCIRV): Strategic Responses to Gun and Drug Crime,” will explore community-based focused deterrence strategies to reduce drug and violent crime. Experts from Ohio and around the country will provide valuable information and resources to make communities safer places to live.

“This conference provides a great opportunity for the entire criminal justice field to hear about effective community initiatives for reducing and preventing crime,” said Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath. “Making our communities a safe place to live and work is a top priority for Public Safety and we are excited to see this initiative expand in Ohio.”

Speakers will include Professor David Kennedy of John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, officials from Dayton and Cincinnati Police Departments as well as the High Point, N.C. Police Department and the University of Cincinnati. Attendees will hear from law enforcement personnel from Ohio cities that have implemented the violence reduction strategy and their experiences and plans for continued implementation as well as participants from local organizations that provide social services and other community members in the crime reduction strategy.

The Conference will be held September 8-9 at the Dayton Convention Center, 22 East 5th Street, Dayton, OH, 45402. **For media availability at the conference, please contact Kristen Castle at (614) 728.4623. A conference agenda may be viewed by visiting: http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/OCIRV_Agenda.pdf.**

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