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### **Ohio Homeland Security Releases “Look Back to Move Forward”**

*-Report Reviews first Decade of Homeland Security and Priorities to Secure the Future-*

**COLUMBUS** – The terrorist attacks of 9/11 were met by a decade-long effort to build homeland security capabilities in Ohio and across the nation. Today Ohio Homeland Security, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, is releasing a review of the first decade of homeland security, recognizing achievements, challenges and priorities to secure Ohio into the future.

The report “Look Back to Move Forward” included the involvement of the State of Ohio Homeland Security Advisory Council, which includes state, local, and urban area government agencies and first responder associations. Since 9/11, local, state and federal agencies have collaborated to improve prevention, protection, response and recovery capabilities across the homeland security enterprise with a focus on information sharing.

“This collaborative review of Ohio’s homeland security efforts allows us to identify shared priorities based on progress to date, estimated risk, and future challenges we will face together,” said Executive Director of Ohio Homeland Security Rob Glenn. “Ohio is safer and more secure, and the report helps us see that we will need to sustain the capabilities we have built and shared effectively.”

Some of the report’s overarching findings while assessing Ohio’s progress include: statewide and regional capabilities are effective; collaboration between state and local agencies, associations and private sector partners has enhanced homeland security; statewide intelligence and information sharing is more effective and involves federal, state and local partners; volunteers are more engaged in preparedness activities and, federal homeland security grants have been essential in helping Ohio build capabilities.

The report outlines Ohio’s future homeland security priorities that will be used in developing a new homeland security strategy in 2012: improve sharing of timely, quality intelligence, and information through existing fusion centers to all homeland security partners; develop and implement a strategy to fight cyber-attacks and develop cyber security policies; identify interdependencies and protect critical infrastructure for all hazards resilience; support long-term homeland security program sustainment at the local and state levels; prepare for most likely disasters; coordinate planning, resourcing, and operations regionally including other jurisdictions such as counties and states; maintain medical surge and mass preventative care capabilities.

**For a complete version of the “Look Back to Move Forward” report and updates on terrorism advisories log onto <http://homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/>**

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