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Ohio Department of Public Safety Announces Change in Leadership

COLUMBUS – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas Charles announced today a change in leadership at the division of Ohio Homeland Security (OHS).

Effective October 21, 2011, Ohio State Highway Patrol Captain Richard Baron, who currently oversees the State's Fusion Center, will assume the role of OHS Executive Director and Governor's Homeland Security Advisor. Current OHS Executive Director Robert Glenn will be assigned a new position within Ohio Emergency Management, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

"The heart of state Homeland Security is helping local and federal law enforcement officials and first responders coordinate efforts to protect Ohio. Captain Baron's extensive law enforcement and leadership experience will be a great asset," Charles said.

Captain Baron is the Director of Operations for the Strategic Analysis and Information Center, Ohio's state Fusion Center. He is a 24-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and has 31 years of service in the emergency services field.

Captain Baron has commanded investigatory and intelligence units, and a computer crimes unit. Prior to joining the Highway Patrol in 1987, Captain Baron was a Police Officer with Hubbard Township Police Department in northeastern Ohio, and a Fire Fighter and Emergency Medical Technician with the City of Cocoa Beach Florida.

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