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ODPS AWARDS $112,500 TO METRICH ENFORCEMENT UNIT

(COLUMBUS) – Today, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) presented the METRICH Enforcement Unit a check for $112,500 in Edward R. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funding for calendar year 2014.

The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program is administered by ODPS' Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS).

"We are pleased to provide funding for the METRICH Enforcement Unit and its continued efforts to interrupt the flow of illegal drugs and weapons into communities," said John Born, ODPS Director. "We appreciate the hard work being done by our partners, and the commitment to keeping our communities safe."

Chief Kenneth Coontz, Chief of the Mansfield Police Department and Project Director for the METRICH Enforcement Unit, was on hand to accept the grant award. City of Mansfield Mayor Timothy Theaker, State Representative Mark J. Romanchuk and members of the METRICH Enforcement Unit were also in attendance.

The JAG program allows local and state governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on the needs and conditions of the jurisdictions. Ohio projects support various components of the criminal justice system from multijurisdictional drug task forces to school resource officers, drug, veteran and mental health courts, correction projects to justice technology initiatives. Projects began January 1, 2014, and end December 31, 2014.

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