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ODPS AWARDS \$53,109 TO FAIRFIELD-HOCKING MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

(COLUMBUS) – Today, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) presented the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit a check for \$53,109 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 Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit and its efforts to decrease the availability of illegal drugs and crimes associated with drug abuse and drug trafficking,” said John Born, ODPS Director. “We appreciate the hard work being done by our partners, and the commitment to keeping our communities safe.”

Eric Brown, Commander of the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit, was on hand to accept the award, as well as the following collaboration board members: Lancaster Mayor Dave Smith; Lancaster Police Chief David Bailey; Pickerington Police Department Patrol Commander Greg Annis; Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen; and Hocking County Sheriff Lanny North.

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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