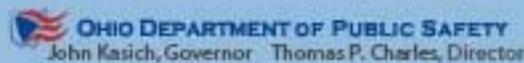




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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

More Than 60,000 Ohio Concealed Carry Licenses Issued in 2010: Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has issued a report indicating that more than 60,000 concealed carry licenses were issued in Ohio in 2010.

According to statistics reported to the Attorney General's office, county sheriffs in Ohio issued 47,337 new licenses and 13,544 renewal licenses in 2010. The number of new licenses was the second highest since licenses were first issued in 2004.

"Since 2004, nearly a quarter of a million Ohioans have received a concealed carry license. My office remains committed to working with county sheriffs in helping eligible Ohioans exercise their rights under the Concealed Carry Law," DeWine said.

The Attorney General's Office compiles an annual report as required by law about the number of licenses issued each year. Each sheriff must report concealed handgun license statistics quarterly to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission within the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

To read the 2010 report, which includes county-by-county concealed handgun statistics, visit

www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/2010CCWReport. To learn more about Ohio's concealed carry laws, go to www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/ConcealedCarry.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

With April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) it is important that those who are working toward the eradication of all forms of sexual violence and/or assisting survivors and co-survivors deal with the after affects of being sexually violated, take this opportunity to educate the public about this insidious cancer in their community throughout the month of April.

The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) wants to support the efforts of all organizations and communities who are planning or have planned events or activities designed to meet this end. As Ohio's federally recognized State Alliance, we can offer free technical assistance, event planning, presentations, marketing and advertising of your event, to list a few. We want to help you in assuring your event is far reaching, impactful, and successful.

If you have already planned events, let

OAESV know and they will include them in their state calendar of events. Visit www.oaesv.org.

DeWine Applauds Bill to Make Bath Salts a Controlled Substance: Attorney General Mike DeWine applauded the efforts of State Rep. Clayton Luckie, D-Dayton, on the bill he introduced today to make certain chemicals found in bath salts a Schedule I controlled substance under Ohio law.

"Ingesting bath salts is a new way for people to get the same kind of high as they would from doing cocaine. Bath salts are far too easy to buy and the after effects can be deadly," said DeWine. "I am committed to working with Rep. Luckie to help pass this legislation to get these bath salts out of the marketplace."

"By banning the addictive substances in bath salts, this is just one more measure to ensure that our young people will not be harmed by products that are so easily and readily available," added Rep. Luckie.

Source: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Briefing-Room/News-Releases/March-2011/DeWine-Applauds-Bill-to-Make-Bath-Salts-a-Controll>

TRAINING/RESOURCES

Free Grant Writing Seminars: OCJS is hosting free Grant Writing seminars in 2011. OCJS's grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and writing proposals. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals are discussed. Attendees also receive the

OCJS publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*. Trainings take place on the following dates: **March 22, April 26, May 3, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 22, October 12, November 7 and December 14**. Please visit http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantTraining_2011.pdf to view class ti-

ties. All trainings are held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom, located at 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, on the first floor. To download and print a training registration form, visit: http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ocjs_TrainingForm.pdf

TRAINING/RESOURCES CONT.

ADAPAO 2011 Annual Conference: The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio (ADAPAO) is hosting its 2011 Annual Conference on May 4, 9:00am to 4:00pm at Confluence Park Restaurant and Conference Center in Columbus. The one-day conference will provide tools to increase their knowledge of the impact of technology on substance abuse, as well as how prevention professionals, advocates, and communities can utilize technology to better serve their consumers.

The conference includes content for both tech-savvy and tech-challenged participants and features several of Ohio's key leaders in technology and prevention. Conference registration materials are available at www.adapao.org. For more information, contact ADAPAO at mail@adapao.org.

Ohio Crime Prevention Association and Mid-western States Conference: The mission of the OCPA is to:

- Coordinate the efforts of members representing law enforcement, government, corporate, social service, educators, the media, faith and citizen partners into a cohesive effective force, dedicated to building safer communities
- Provide progressive, professional training on all aspects of crime prevention and community policing
- Gather a wide range of crime prevention and community policing resources
- Promote the beliefs of crime prevention and principles of community policing through the development of comprehensive publications and manuals
- Serve as a supportive authority and technical advisor to law enforcement agencies on crime prevention, community policing and related issues
- Collaborate with all levels of government and other organization to maximize information sharing and resources to achieve the common goal of safer communities
- Prepare a cadre of presenters to train the community in effective crime prevention strategies and ways to localize initiatives to best meet the needs of a specific area
- Lead, at the state and national level, crime prevention projects with far-reaching, long-term community benefits

• Advocate for legislative action on a range of crime prevention measures, to institutionalize crime prevention as a way of life in Ohio

Who should attend: Crime Prevention Practitioners, School Resource Officers, Law Enforcement Administration, Loss Prevention Managers, University Professors and Students, Volunteers in public service, Community Policing Officers, D.A.R.E Officers, Healthcare and Social Service Providers, Government Officials, concerned citizens and citizen volunteers, American Society for Industrial Security Members.

When: April 4-6

Where: Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus - Dublin, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio 43017 (614.790.9000).

For more information, go to www.ocpa-oh.org or call/email Brenda Kuba at 740.417.9027, Brenda.kuba@ocpa-oh.org.

GRANTS/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OVW FY 2011 Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Assistance Program: Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in rural communities face unique challenges and barriers to receiving assistance rarely encountered in urban areas. The geographic isolation, economic structure, particularly strong social and cultural pressures, and lack of available services in rural jurisdictions significantly compound the problems confronted by those seeking support and services to end the violence in their lives. These factors also complicate the ability of the criminal justice system to investigate and prosecute sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking cases. In addition, sociocultural, economic, and geographic barriers create difficulties for victim services providers to identify and assist victims of these crimes.

The primary purpose of the Rural Program is to enhance the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking and support projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas. The Rural Program welcomes applications that propose innovative solutions to achieving this goal and encourages

collaboration among criminal justice agencies, victim services providers, social services agencies, health professionals, and other community organizations to overcome the problem of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and ensure that victim safety is paramount while providing services to victims.

Deadline: March 22

For more details and registration: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/rural-program.pdf>

OVW FY 2011 Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program:

Deadline: March 30, 2011, 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time.

Overview: Recognizing that individuals who are 50 years of age or older who are victims of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, face unique barriers to receiving assistance, Congress created the Enhanced Training and Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women Later in Life Program. In Federal Fiscal Year 2011, OVW plans to fund projects that will support a

comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse in their communities. These projects will provide training to criminal justice professionals, governmental agency staff and victim assistants to enhance their ability to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in their communities; provide cross training opportunities to professionals working with older victims; develop or enhance a coordinated community response to elder abuse; and provide or enhance services for victims who are 50 years of age or older.

Eligible Participants: Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations, and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting elderly women or demonstrated experience in addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking

Award Information: Awards will be made as cooperative agreements for a 36 month period in the amounts of up to \$400,000.

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