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NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ODPS Releases Short Film in Honor of 10th Anniversary of 9/11: In preparation for the 10th anniversary of September 11 and in recognition of National Preparedness Month, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) has released a short film titled *I Remember September 11*. The film features seven local first responders who were dispatched to New York's World Trade Center.

The film gives first-hand accounts of the first responders' experiences in the rescue and recovery efforts. Many of the film's subjects are members of the elite Task Force One, one of 28 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) teams that function within the National US&R Response System managed by FEMA. *I Remember September 11* can be viewed online at www.publicsafety.ohio.gov during the month of September.

The film project is part of ODPS' efforts to honor the 10th anniversary of 9/11, and to recognize National Preparedness Month. As part of the effort, the Ohio Statehouse Lawn will again display its Field of Flags: 2,298 American flags decorating the west lawn, outlining the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon. Each flag represents an American life lost on that fateful day, September 11, 2001. A Statehouse ceremony including Governor John Kasich will be held Friday September 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Marijuana Use Rises - Only 11% Needing Drug Treatment Get It: A rise in current marijuana use caused the level of overall illicit drug use in the U.S. to increase in the last two years, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) stated. The National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows that 22.6 million Americans 12 or older (8.9 percent of the population) were current illicit drug users. The rate of use in 2010 was similar to the rate in 2009 (8.7 percent), but remained above the 2008 rate (8 percent).

Last year, 17.4 million Americans were current users of marijuana - compared to 14.4 million in 2007. This represents an increase in the rate of current marijuana use in the population 12 and older from 5.8 percent in 2007 to 6.9 percent in 2010. The agency said another disturbing trend is the continuing rise in the rate of current illicit drug use among young adults aged 18 to 25: from 19.6 percent in 2008 to 21.2 percent in 2009 and 21.5 percent in 2010.

The annual survey showed rates for nonmedical use of prescription drugs, hallucinogens, and inhalants have remained at approximately the same levels as 2009, and are also similar to rates in 2002. The number of current methamphetamine users decreased by roughly half from 2006 to 2010; cocaine use declined from 2.4 million current users in 2006 to 1.5 million in 2010. The survey showed a vast

disparity between the number of people needing specialized treatment for a substance abuse problem and the number who receive it: 23.1 million Americans aged 12 or older (9.1 percent) needed specialized treatment for a substance abuse problem, but only 2.6 million (or roughly 11.2 percent of them) got it.

Continue reading: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1109075503.aspx>

How To Survive An Economic Downturn - Law Enforcement Edition: New research from the National Institute of Justice provides guidance for the tough choices law enforcement agencies around the country are having to make as a result of budget cuts and the economic recession.

Inviting cost-cutting ideas from academics, avoiding across-the-board cuts, and finding ways to charge "user fees" are among the suggestions made in "[Strategic Cutback Management: Law Enforcement Leadership for Lean Times.](#)"

The report highlights several administrative changes police departments made to cut costs, including altering who can approve checks over \$5000 and streamlining payroll.

To read the full report: <http://thecrimereport.s3.amazonaws.com/2/95/e/1131/232077.pdf>

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. Grant writing 101 trainings take place on the following dates: **September 22, October 12, November 7 and December 14**. Please visit http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/GrantTraining_2011.pdf to view class titles.

Specialized Grant trainings for the remainder

of the year are: *Designing an Effective Evaluation Strategy (October 12)*. 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.

The OnLine Training Institute is Now Free: The EVAW (End Violence Against Women) International group would like to announce free registration to their OnLine Training Institute (OLTI). OLTI brings state-of-the-art training to anyone interested on the topic of criminal justice response to sexual assault. It also provides the opportunity for interested professional to expand their knowledge of cutting edge developments in the criminal justice and community response to sexual assault, with particular emphasis on those crimes committed by someone who is known to the victim.

Participants in the OLTI can work through the various training modules to learn and review new information and then apply the newly acquired knowledge in realistic and interactive scenarios, as well as assessment methods such as quizzes, tests and case studies.

For more information or to register to enroll in OLTI courses, please visit: <http://www.evawintl.org/onlinetraining.aspx>

Insight for Advocates - The Scoop on New Alternatives in CPS: The Ohio Domestic Violence Network is pleased to announce the registration opening for Insight for Advocates: *The Scoop on New Alternatives in CPS on October 28, 2011 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio.* This one day conference is for directors and staff who are expected to lead collaboration and coordination efforts with Child Protective Service agencies.

Conference presenters include: David Mandel, David Mandel and Associates, Grace Mattern, Chair-elect, National Network to End Domestic Violence and former Co-Chair of the National Greenbook Policy Advisory Council and Ohio Domestic Violence Network Staff Members.

Conference registration is located at www.odvn.org.

Marijuana as Medicine: Drug-Free Action Alliance and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio (ADAPAO) are hosting a Marijuana as Medicine Summit which will take place on **Friday, October 14, 2011** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, Dublin, Ohio. Registration will begin at 8:45

a.m. and the cost for the Summit is \$40/person for Statewide Prevention Coalition Association (SPCA) and ADAPAO members and \$55/person for individuals who are not a member of either SPCA or ADAPAO. Also, 5.25 RCH/CEUs will be offered for this event.

During this Marijuana as Medicine Summit, attendees will be provided with the tools to respond to questions that they may be asked by reporters and community members regarding the two ballot initiatives introduced for consideration in November 2012 to legalize marijuana as medicine in Ohio. Drug-Free Action Alliance (DFAA) and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio (ADAPAO) have been extremely interested in the growing trend to legitimize marijuana as medication for a number of years. Our two organizations have developed a position paper addressing this issue. The foundation of our position paper: Marijuana should be subject to the same research, consideration and study as any other potential medicine, under the standards of the U.S Food and Drug Administration.

Space is limited, so confirm your participation now. Registration deadline is October 7.

For more information and to register, please call 614.540.9985 or visit <http://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/main.php>

The Columbus Division of Police is Proud to Present Mr. John Giduck: Archangel Group, Ltd.'s senior consultant and instructor, John Giduck, arrived at the Beslan Middle School No. 1 in North Ossetia, Russia, at the conclusion of the battle by Russian Special Forces to retake the school. He spent months investigating all aspects of this attack, including many interviews with Russian Special Forces, government officials, and Beslan townspeople.

Archangel presents up to 8-hour seminars on his investigation into how the terrorists' plan was formed, intelligence developed for the assault, defenses deployed, and how ultimately negotiations failed and why, resulting in more than 300 dead in a ten hour battle. As well, this seminar covers the government's plan in handling the crisis, what went wrong, and what went right. Vulnerabilities of U.S. schools to this same type of assault and necessary changes in security to protect our children are

presented in detail. Diagrams, video, and never before seen photos from Archangel's representatives are included. Archangel Group, Ltd. was the only American agency that conducted an on-scene investigation of this tragedy as it unfolded.

Mr. Giduck authored the book, *Terror At Beslan: A Russian Tragedy with Lessons for America's Schools*, to detail the history leading up to this terrorist event, as well all aspects of the siege and the aftermath.

When: October 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Columbus Police Training Academy, 1000 N. Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio

Cost: \$35

For more information or to register, please contact Officer Stephanie Gibson at 614.645.4801 x1116.

Short Changed - Economics and Abuse: Domestic violence survivors often experience many different types of abuse, including emotional abuse, psychological abuse, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. One of the less obvious but most damaging types of abuse is economic abuse. Money and access to resources plays a huge role in the lives of all of us.

This training will help advocates understand and identify economic abuse, address the ways in which this abuse can sabotage many plans that survivors have for the future, and will look at ways in which to assist survivors in recognizing the impact that economic abuse has had on them. We will discuss how to advocate for the economic needs of survivors, and what new partnerships might need to be formed. We will also discuss financial safety planning, accessing resources for survivors, and identify ways in which the larger economic picture impacts survivors and their reality.

For more details and to register, please follow the link: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/AdvanceAcademyOctober2011>



THERE ARE NO GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AT THIS TIME.

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