



Marathon Oil Seminar

On May 19, 2009, OHS members attended the Marathon Oil Security Seminar.

The OHS Infrastructure Protection Section was one of the presenters at Marathon Oil’s security seminar, titled: Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) & Marine Transportation Security Act (MTSA) Seminar. They presented information on the Risk Based Performance Standards (RBPS) for chemical facilities, which include 18 performance standards to address protection measures such as perimeter security, access control, personnel surety, record keeping and cyber security to name a few. Attending the meeting were various Marathon safety staff members and TSA officials.



Ted Strickland, Governor

Henry Guzmán, Director
Ohio Department of Public Safety

William F. Vedra, Jr., Executive Director
Ohio Homeland Security

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Private Investigator Security Guard Unit Merges with OHS

The Private Investigator Security Guard (PISG) Unit merged with Ohio Homeland Security (OHS) on April 12, 2009. This was due, in part, to an effort to consolidate resources with the PISG Enforcement Unit and to improve communications between both units.

The PISG unit successfully moved to the new Homeland Security area located on the 2nd floor of the Charles D. Shipley Building on May 12, 2009.



They will soon be joined by the OHS team consisting of the Strategic Analysis Information Center (SAIC), Fusion Center, Infrastructure and Protection, and OHS’ Administrative Division.

Events

Operation Safe Boating/ See Something-Say Something Event

On June 21, 2009, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security, Port Clinton Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Perrysburg Township Police Department, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Watercraft



Division, Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Coast Guard-Station Marblehead, Port Clinton Fire Department, City of Port Clinton Council and the City of Port Clinton Mayor's Office participated in Port Clinton's *Operation Safe Boating/See Something Say Something*.

There were 49 boardings, 14 warnings, one felony arrest, and three misdemeanor citations during the day. *Operation Safe Boating/ See Something-Say Something* events are held in Port Clinton Harbor in June, July and August as part of the Ohio Northern Border Initiative Task Force awareness campaign.

NBI Patrols assist Monroe County Michigan Sheriff's Office Raptor Team

On July 3, 2009, during a missing boat and fishermen search, Monroe County Michigan Sheriff's Office Raptor Pilot Joe Schumaker notified officers the missing vessel's location in Ohio waters between Middle Sister and West Sister island.

Schumaker advised four people atop the capsized vessel, adding that all appeared to be conscious and alert.

Northern Border Initiative (NBI) marine officers responded with assistance from the Lucas and Ottawa County Sheriffs' Offices, and the Port Clinton Police Department.

Marine officers transported the fishermen to shore, who were taken to Mercy Hospital in Monroe, Michigan, for medical attention.

The Monroe County Michigan Sheriff's Office boat is a multi-state agency boat as part of the NBI task force. The NBI Task Force is the only multi-state maritime project in the U.S. and is an "all-crimes, all-hazards" task force focused on the security of the US/Canadian Lake Erie Border.



Retirements

Ernie Bell

Ernie Bell served 30 years with the Lorain County Sheriff's Department and retired in 2006. During her time with the Sheriff's office, she enjoyed a variety of assignments which included secretarial work, road patrol, acting officer in charge, narcotics investigating, voice stress analyst, hostage negotiator, detective and civil division work, etc.

Then, in 2007, she became the OHS Infrastructure Protective Security Planner for northern Ohio.

In that role, she made contact with private

businesses, law enforcement, fire, Emergency Management Directors in 45 counties mostly in the northern part of Ohio. She worked to provide information about the projects OHS has available as well as promote ACAMS (Automated Critical Asset Management System).

During Ernie's retirement, she plans to spend some quality time with her son and husband at their home on Kelley's Island.



Rebecca Watson

Rebecca Watson, Certified Licensure Examiner, has served the state of Ohio for the past 30 years. She started her career on June 4, 1979, when she was hired by the State Fire Marshal's Office in Reynoldsburg.

In 1987, she transferred to the Department of Commerce, Division of Licensing, which became part of the Division of Consumer Finance. When Consumer Finance was dissolved, Rebecca's job relocated to the Division of Real Estate.

In 2004, a legislation change moved the "professional licensing staff" to the Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security at which point they became known as PI/SG (Private Investigator/Security Guard).

Rebecca is a single mother of two adopted children, Christopher (11) and Gabriel (7). She looks forward to being able to spend more time with her family.



Fred Summers

On May 22, 2009, Fred Summers retired from the Ohio Division of Homeland Security, Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC). During his time with OHS, he served as the Regional Coordinator Unit Leader. Fred's retirement marked the completion of over 42 successful years of dedicated service to the State of Ohio. Prior to this position, Fred had served as a member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol from April 1967 to February 1999. In May of 2005, he went to work for the Governor's Office and later transferred to the Department of Public Safety, State Building Security Coordinator's Office in December of 2002. Approximately one year later, the unit became part of the Division of Homeland Security. In January 2008, he transferred to the SAIC where he assumed the responsibilities of the Regional Coordinator Unit Leader. Fred's professionalism, dedication and contributions to the Division are greatly appreciated and will truly be missed.



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	SITE
JULY			
July 23	Erie County Chief's Association Meeting	8:30 AM	Erie Co. Sheriff's Office
July 23	NBI Ottawa County Chief's Meeting	11:30 AM	Port Clinton
July 29	NOVCC Meeting	10 AM	Brooklyn Heights
AUGUST			
August 4	NBI All-Hands Conference Call	1:30 PM	
August 6	NBI Erie/Ottawa Response Group Intel meeting	10 AM	USCG Marblehead
August 13	PISG Commission Meeting	1 PM	Location TBD
August 18	NBI All-Hands Conference Call	1:30 PM	
August 26	Ohio Citizen Corp Council	9:30 AM	EMA
August 26	NOVCC Meeting	10 AM	Brooklyn Heights
August 27	Erie County Chief's Association Meeting	8:30 AM	Erie Co. Sheriff's Office
August 27	NBI Ottawa County Chief's Meeting	11:30 AM	Port Clinton
August 27	HSAC	2 PM	ODOT LL
SEPTEMBER			
September 1	NBI All-Hands Conference Call	1:30 PM	
September 1 – 2	2009 Law Enforcement Expo		Columbus Convention Center
September 3	NBI Erie/Ottawa Response Group Intel meeting	10 AM	USCG Marblehead
September 15	NBI All-Hands Conference Call	1:30 PM	
September 23	NOVCC Meeting	10 AM	Brooklyn Heights
September 24	Erie County Chief's Association Meeting	8:30 AM	Erie Co. Sheriff's Office
September 24	Marathon Emergency Exercise		Lima
September 24	NBI Ottawa County Chief's Meeting	11:30 AM	Port Clinton
September 29	OHS All-Hands Fall Meeting		Highbank Metro Parks
September 29	NBI All-Hands Conference Call	1:30 PM	