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PRINT ON DEMAND REGISTRATION STICKER

In March, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) began utilizing a new registration sticker that can be printed on demand. The registration sticker is part of a one-piece form that is printed as the registration renewals come in by mail, Internet or telephone. After printing the registration number on the form, the form is folded and mailed. A huge savings is also generated as the new process eliminates the need to carry an inventory of preprinted numbered stickers and the need to maintain an inventory bookkeeping system. The BMV pays the vendor for only what is printed; sticker waste is reduced to almost zero.

These new mailer forms have been implemented for mail, phone, Internet and mail-in renewals which have June expirations. This same "print on demand" process will be used for automobile dealer registrations as well.

Orange Barrel Polka

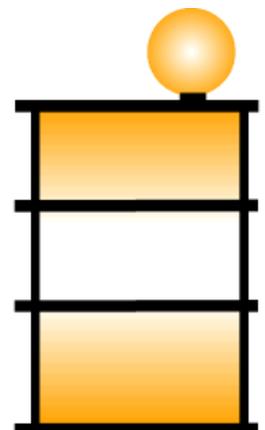
Seen any orange barrels lately? They are everywhere in and around Columbus due to one of the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) largest construction seasons to date. The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) and ODOT kicked off a Work Zone Awareness Week in mid-April with the aim of saving lives.

"Every year thousands of people nationwide, both motorists and highway workers, are injured or killed in construction zone crashes," said Gordon Proctor, ODOT Director. "We want to make everyone aware that speeding or even being distracted by a cell phone in a work zone can endanger their safety."

"Following a few simple rules can mean all the difference in keeping your family safe," added Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor, Director of Ohio Public Safety.

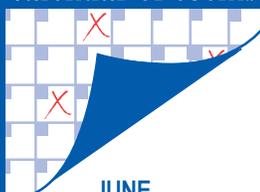
Here are a few guidelines to follow when driving in work zones:

-  Stay alert and give driving your full attention
-  Follow all posted signs and obey flaggers
-  Don't tailgate
-  Be aware that normal traffic patterns may be shifted
-  Don't speed



REMEMBER, fines are doubled for traffic violations in construction zones.

Calendar of events



MAY

National EMS Week (May 20-May 26)

Buckle Up America Week (May 21-28)

JUNE

National Safety Month

Firework Safety Month (June 1- July 4)

National Prevention of Eye Injuries Awareness Week (June 27-July 5)



The Steering Column...
from the Registrar

Proposals Submitted for Deputy Registrar Contracts

There are 215 independent contractor deputy registrar agencies in operation. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on January 8, 2001, for the 100 agencies whose contract is up for renewal in 2001. The proposals were due on February 9, 2001. There were 187 proposals received for those contracts. Evaluation teams were assembled from various sections of the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) to evaluate and score the proposals with preliminary score totals. The proposers had a chance to respond to the preliminary scores and send in their replies. An evaluation review and audit team then looked at these responses. The responses were assembled and compiled for final consideration by Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor, ODPS Director, and myself. Contract awards were announced in April.

I appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication to this recent proposal process.

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PRELIMINARY STATS RELEASED BY NHTSA

According to preliminary estimates by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced that, according to preliminary estimates, traffic fatality rates increased in 2000 after hitting a record low the previous year. The percentage of alcohol-related deaths in 2000 remained steady at 38 percent.

"These statistics underscore the challenges facing this country in highway safety," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta. "Safety is an individual as well as government responsibility, and we must work together to improve it."

While overall fatalities were up, deaths of child passengers ages four and under dropped 2.3 percent from 555 in 1999 to 542 in 2000. Pedestrian deaths also declined from 4,906 in 1999 to 4,727 in 2000, a reduction of 3.6 percent.

The 2000 statistics also reflect the risks vehicle occupants take when they do not wear seat belts: 61 percent of those killed in crashes last year were not belted.

"Using your seat belt can save your life"

"We've been saying it for years, and it's still true: Using your seat belt can save your life," said Secretary Mineta.

Some of the other highlights of the NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) shows:

- ◆ Motorcycle crashes killed 2,680 riders in 2000 compared to 2,472 in 1999, an increase of over eight percent
- ◆ Fatalities involving large truck crashes dropped from 5,362 in 1999 to 5,307 in 2000
- ◆ The number of young drivers (16-20) who died in crashes was up from 3,481 in 1999 to 3,570 in 2000
- ◆ Passenger vehicle occupant deaths in rollover crashes declined from 10,133 to 10,108 in 2000. However, for occupants of sport utility vehicles (SUVs), rollover deaths increased 2.8 percent from 1,898 in 1999 to 1,951 in 2000



A typical Deputy Registrar license agency

NHTSA annually collects crash statistics from 50 states and the District of Columbia to produce the annual report on traffic fatality trends. The final 2000 report, pending completion of data collection and quality control verification, will be available in July.

(source: NHTSA)

MIDWEST INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) participated in the Ninth Annual Midwest Intergovernmental Technology Conference (ITC) in mid-April at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The Registration Section manned a booth that contained a computer for people to access the online vehicle registration site, www.OPLATES.com. The conference was sponsored by *Governing* magazine. In addition, Walter Callahan, administrator of the Office of Technology Information Services (OTIS) is on the ITC Midwest Region Government Advisory Board and helped organize the conference.

Some of the presentation seminars at the conference included digital signatures, satellite imagery, quality in government, the state of the Internet security, measuring the value of e-government delivery and how local and state governments can better serve their constituents.

Deputy Registrar's Corner

Community Service

On January 29th, Patricia Szarnicki, District One Supervisor, and I attended a reception and viewing of the "Wise About Eyes" exhibit at the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland. This exhibit provided hands-on interactive learning for children about eye safety and health. Most importantly, it is a tangible benefit of the community service work Ohio Deputy Registrars do in support of the citizens of Ohio, through the Save Our Sight Fund (SOS), the Second Chance Trust Fund for Organ Donation, and Motor-Voter.

As you know, the SOS fund went into effect in April 1999. Since that time, almost two million dollars has been raised for projects such as the "Wise About Eyes" exhibit. These projects support eye health and safety programs which focus on detection and prevention of eye problems and eye injuries in Ohio children.

Approximately 8 percent of Ohio's motoring public contributes to the SOS, by donating one dollar when a registration is processed. Leading the way are two agencies, Monroe, Beverly Landefeld Deputy Registrar, and Caldwell, Mary Jane McKee Deputy Registrar. These two agencies tied with 23 percent of their registrations reflecting the SOS donation. The Alum Creek Columbus Customer Service Center, Tom Wilson Manager, was next at 22 percent. At 21 percent were Columbus, Darlene Middlebrooks Deputy Registrar; Kenton, Loretta Castle Deputy Registrar and Van Wert, Dotty Baldauf Deputy Registrar.

Your active support in ensuring that your staff always asks these check-off questions is sincerely appreciated.

Jim Chisman
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FOUR NEW LOCATIONS FOR IRP PROCESSING

In an effort to enhance customer service, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has opened four new International Registration Plan (IRP) branch offices across the state. The new branch offices are located in Canton, Cambridge, Findlay and Cincinnati. Each office can process renewal applications and accept payments on renewal and supplemental invoices. Each of these offices will make every effort to offer same day service depending on their workload. IRP is the program by which trucking companies who travel from state to state pay appropriately for the right to travel through the states. The companies pay at one place, and the money is distributed to the various states or jurisdictions.



STRESS-PROOF

We all have stress. Experts say it's how you handle it. Here's how to get in a "stressbusting" mode every day:

1. Go for the Golden 20. Rise early to give yourself 10-20 minutes to meditate. How to begin: Close your eyes and focus on a single word such as "calm", a sound such as rushing water or image such as a cloud.
2. Wallow in a water massage. Take a long, hot shower.
3. Have a hearty breakfast. Stress-fighting foods: glass of low-fat milk with a bran muffin plus one piece of fresh fruit... whole-wheat waffle topped with fruit and sour cream.
4. Mind Your Minerals. Consider downing a multivitamin with a glass of orange juice. Reason: Stress depletes your levels of magnesium...and vitamin C and beta-carotene.
5. Commute quietly. Turn off your car radio and enjoy a peaceful ride in to work. You'll arrive at your destination more relaxed and better able to handle whatever comes your way.

(source: Top Health, November 2000)

Salute to Ohio *Proud to be a Buckeye*

STATE TREE

The buckeye tree is native to Ohio and gave the State the nickname of the "Buck-eye State." The Indians called the buckeye "Hetuck", meaning the eye of the buck, because of the striking resemblance of the seed, both in color, shape and appearance to the eye of the buck. Early settlers used the wood for building purposes. A law effective October 2, 1953, adopted the buckeye as Ohio's official tree.



NEW LOOK TO WEB SITE

The Ohio Department of
Public Safety (ODPS) has a
new look.



If you have access to the Web,
click onto

www.state.oh.us/odps.

Each division has a new
masthead, which was posted in
late April. The new look keeps
the divisions consistent with a
similar style.



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