

# CONCEALED WEAPONS LAW IN EFFECT

**E**ffective April 8, 2004, legislation went into effect that allows certain licensed and trained individuals to carry concealed weapons. This new law also lists restrictions as to where individuals can carry a concealed weapon. A deputy registrar agency is a place of business that will not allow concealed weapons, licensed or not, on the premises except for those carried by law enforcement.

Signs will be posted to inform the public that no concealed weapons are permitted. These signs must be displayed in conspicuous locations at all public entrances so that any permit holder would clearly see it before entering the agency.

At ODPS locations, including the Shipley building, Alum Creek Facility, Emergency Management Agency, deputy registrar license agencies and other locations, the only people allowed to carry concealed weapons are law enforcement.



Calendar of Events											
<b>JULY</b> January				<b>AUGUST</b> February				<b>March</b>			
Operation Care Mobilization: You Drink. You Drive. You Lose. July 4-5, 2004				Ohio State Fair August 4-15, 2004							
				"Back to School" Safety Stop on Red Week August 31-September 6, 2004							
				"What's Holding You Back?" Mobilization August 25-September 7, 2004							

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## Deputy Registrar Contracts Awarded



On April 16, 2004, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) announced its intent to award new contracts to 75 deputy registrars throughout Ohio. The new deputy registrar contracts will begin on July 1, 2004, and are three-year terms. The selection process began in January with 280 proposals submitted for the available locations.

Three locations were not subject to the competitive bidding process because the contracts were awarded to the county clerk of court in the counties where these offices are located: Fayette, Gallia and Wyandot. The Registrar of Motor Vehicles may appoint the county clerk of courts to the position of deputy registrar if the county has a population of 40,000 or less. This year, Fayette, Gallia and Wyandot counties have agreed to become full service deputy registrars. The clerks of court in these counties will assume these responsibilities July 1, 2004. The three new counties join Jackson, Paulding and Vinton County Clerks of Court in offering deputy registrar services in conjunction with their motor vehicle title offices.

For locations marked "No Award," the BMV intends to request new proposals for those locations during the next competitive bidding process (January 2005). Until then, the BMV intends to offer one-year interim contracts starting July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005. The interim contracts may be offered to eligible current deputy registrars, to unsuccessful proposers, or to other persons, as appropriate.

If you would like to view the current list of awards, the list is available on [www.ohiobmv.com](http://www.ohiobmv.com) under the "Deputy Registrar Business Opportunity" topic and "Deputy Registrar Business Information" link.



*Franklin R. Castrider*

## Driver Exam Station Moves from Great Western

The Driver Exam Station moved from the Great Western Shopping Center in Columbus where it was located for over 45 years to a site in Hilliard next to the deputy registrar agency operated by the Northwest Kiwanis. The new driver exam station began operations February 27, 2004.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on March 30. Attending the ceremony were Hilliard Mayor Schonhardt, several Highway Patrol officers, the driver exam station examiners, Facilities section staff, and BMV staff and administrators. The test numbers for this new location are expected to grow every day.

The new Hilliard facility is three times larger than the old Great Western DX. The public has made many positive comments about it already. There are new American with Disability Act (ADA) accessible restrooms for customers and staff. In addition, there are eight kiosk testing machines for the written test with room to expand when necessary.



## On the Road Again-Motorcycles

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. We all need to remind motorists to be alert to the two-wheelers this time of year. In 2002, deaths involving motorcycles included 138 motorcycle deaths, compared to 123 in 2002. Seventy-six percent of those motorcyclists killed and injured were not wearing helmets.

Most of the time, the motorist either does not see the oncoming motorcycle or does not see the motorcycle in time to avoid a crash. It is important for motorists to know that their actions affect the safety of motorcyclists. A motorist and a motorcyclist may take different actions for the same driving or highway situation. For example, a motorist may ignore a piece of road debris; however, that same piece of road debris may be deadly for a motorcyclist.

For cyclists, the Ohio Department of Public Safety recommends new and experienced cyclists review the rules of the road through classes offered by Motorcycle Ohio (MO). MO offers classes April through October with motorcycle training sites located throughout Ohio. For more information on motorcycle training courses call, **1-800-83-RIDER or (614) 466-4041.**



# Deputy Registrar's Corner

**Jim Chisman, Administrator  
Office of Field Services**

## May Brings Closure

*As I write this article for the May/June Bureau Messenger, Deputy Registrar's Corner, two very important events are coming to an end within BMV Field Services. James Chisman, administrator of the Office of Field Services is preparing to bring closure to his career with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles effective May 1. Jim will be missed by all of us in BMV Field Services and Deputy Registrars throughout the state.*

*The second event is the completion of the 2003 Deputy Registrar Periodic Evaluation process. The evaluation course of action started in mid-November of 2003. But with the complexity of what is involved and the requirements, as established by policy, the end result can not be fully accomplished until May 1 of the following year. Past evaluations have shown deputy registrars who are knowledgeable and actively involved in their agencies are likely to produce a high work level of superiority and more proficient and valuable service to the customers who visit the agency. For this reason, the periodic evaluation process is important.*

*During the 2003 Deputy Registrar Periodic Evaluation process, one additional goal was to measure the knowledge and ability each individual deputy registrar had in performing their responsibilities. With that in mind, a Deputy Registrar Performance Task Evaluation was added. Not only were we able to measure the skill of each individual deputy registrar, but we were also able to identify any future training and developing needs and/or areas of weakness and strength.*

*A total of 11 agencies received a perfect score in the 2003 Deputy Registrar Periodic Evaluation. A perfect score reflects consistently exceptional solidarity and a strong sense of precision by those who serve the agency. Accolades go out to #0103, West Union, Bonnie Hardymon; #0303, Ashland LADR, Ashland County Clerk of Court Annette Shaw; #0607, Wapakoneta, Laura Kelley; #1007, Carrollton, Lucinda Hilliard; #1208, New Carlisle, James Sheldon; #2214, Vermillion, Cara Camp; #2569, Whitehall, Susan Grove; #2809, Middlefield, Billie Kleve; #4606, Bellefontaine, Phillip Tracey; #5806, McConnelsville, Kristine Smith, and #5904, Mount Gilead, Lois Weaston. The New Carlisle agency and Vermillion agency received perfect scores three years straight and the Columbus agency two years straight.*

*There were a total of 224 evaluations completed, which accounted for 216 deputy registrar and eight limited authority deputy registrar agencies. Overall, many agencies received very high scores, some falling short by only a few points of a perfect score. We cannot fail to mention the quality of service provided by these agencies, as well as the dedicated work and service they give to their customers and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. We would like to thank all the agencies for the efforts put forth in meeting the goals of Field Services.*

*As I concluded in writing this article, the process has begun in developing the 2004 Deputy Registrar Periodic Evaluation format. What will your agency achieve?*

**Ken T. Woehrmyer,  
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# OVI CONVICTIONS

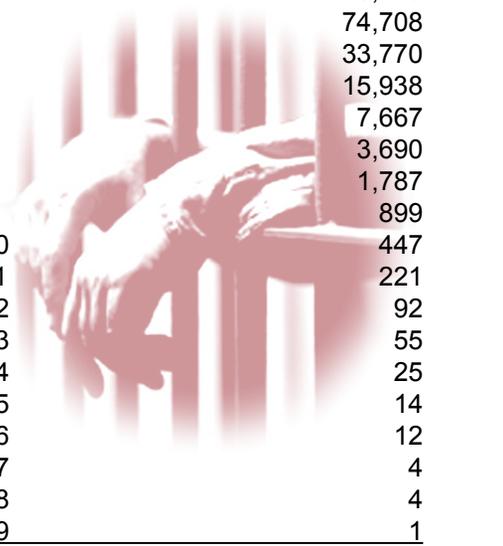
As of December 31, 2003, there were a total of **52,051 OVIs** (formerly known as DUIs) for the year 2003.

The breakdown of repeat offenders as of December 31, 2003:

The statistics include:

- 50,097** people received **one OVI** conviction in 2003.
- 1,832** people received **two OVI** convictions in 2003.
- 111** people received **three OVI** convictions in 2003.
- 11** people received **four OVI** convictions in 2003.

<u>Number of OVI convictions</u>	<u>Number of People</u>
1	601,071
2	178,240
3	74,708
4	33,770
5	15,938
6	7,667
7	3,690
8	1,787
9	899
10	447
11	221
12	92
13	55
14	25
15	14
16	12
17	4
18	4
19	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>918,645</b>



## GO TEAM!

You can now show your support on the road for two Columbus sports teams. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) recently unveiled license plates with the Blue Jackets' and the Columbus Crew's logo.

The plates cost an additional \$35 to the standard license plate fees. By law, \$10 of the fee goes to the BMV. The remainder will go to the Greater Columbus Sports Commission which will use the money to bid on sporting events to promote the city.

Sports plates have been sold since January 1, 1999.



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