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"WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?" CAMPAIGN IN SECOND YEAR

The goal is to increase seat belt usage and to save lives. The "What's Holding You Back?" campaign kicked-off its second year to a huge crowd at Cooper Stadium in Columbus on May 2nd. The campaign encourages Ohioans to buckle up every trip, every time in an emotional message designed to make people think about life without loved ones who may be lost in vehicle crashes where belts weren't used.

Surveys conducted by the Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO) showed that the inaugural year of the campaign had been successful in raising seat belt usage significantly in targeted regions. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), raising seat belt usage rates by 5 percent would save 40 lives every year. Raising the rate by 10 percent would save 82 lives.

If you knew you were going to be in a crash on a certain day, at a certain time, you would, without a doubt, buckle your safety belt. One person dies in a fatal crash every 13 minutes; 114 people die every day; 40,000 people die every year. According to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis, 41,821 people died in fatal crashes involving motor vehicles in 2000. This number is not an average and does include occupants and nonoccupants.

In 1999, nearly 19,000 unrestrained drivers and passengers died in traffic crashes—more than 3,000 of them were children. In that same year, more than 60 percent of the children killed in traffic crashes were completely unrestrained.

How can you put a price tag on someone's mom, someone's dad or someone's child? You can't. That's why, starting May 24th through June 3rd and August 24th through September 2nd, local law enforcement will be closely watching Ohio roads and highways for violators of Ohio's child passenger and seat belt laws.

Help us spread the word to the public about this live-saving matter. Do whatever it takes. If you don't, "What's holding you back?"

Calendar of events



SEPTEMBER

Drive Safely to Work Week - Sept. 10-14
National Farm Safety Week - Sept. 15-21

OCTOBER

American Heart Walk Month
National School Bus Safety Week - October 20-26



(left to right): Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor and Colonel Kenneth Morckel accept a check from Jeff Runge, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator, to be used to increase the safety belt usage rate in Ohio.



The Steering Column... from the Registrar

DEPUTY REGISTRAR AWARDS

Forty-six license agency contracts were available in 2002. We received 116 proposals Feb. 8 from 78 proposers. The tentative contract awards were announced on April 12, 2002:

-  Thirty-eight incumbent deputy registrars were reappointed.
-  Four interim deputy registrars were appointed (two were interim deputy registrars in 2001 that received 1-year contracts; and two were appointed interim deputy registrars in 2002).
-  Three locations were rejected (Clark County, Springfield West; Madison County, London; and Tuscarawas County, Dover). The incumbent deputy registrars at each location will receive 1-year interim contracts.
-  One new deputy registrar was appointed in Clinton County, Wilmington (Barbara Lieurance).
-  Outside of the competitive process, three county auditors in Huron, Perry and Wayne counties were reappointed as deputy registrars and two county clerks from Jackson and Vinton counties were appointed as deputy registrars.

Congratulations to all the awardees.

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BMV NEWS

New Registration Chief Announced

Wanda F. Freeman is the new Chief for the Registration Section effective June 3, 2002. This position was previously occupied by Jamie B. Bryan. Wanda comes from a Fortune 500 company and has over 11 years of supervisory and management background and experience as a Public Relations Liaison. She has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad.



Her office is conveniently located on the 1st floor, around the corner from the employee entrance. Please join the department in wishing her the very best as she takes on a new challenge at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

BMV Field Representative Ken Woehrmyer's Son Accepts Navy commission

On the weekend of May 25, 2002, Matt Woehrmyer, son of Ken and Deborah Woehrmyer, graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a degree in Economics, and has accepted his commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy. Ken Woehrmyer is an assistant chief in the Cincinnati district and is employed by the BMV Field Services Section (Jim Chisman's area).

John Nicholson Retires

John Nicholson retired on April 19, 2002, after serving the state of Ohio for 27 years. Following three years of active duty with the U.S. Navy, John began service with the state of Ohio in April 1975 when he was named Assistant Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) garage for Monroe County. John transferred to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) in September 1975. He served first as a deputy registrar auditor for both full-time and part-time deputy registrars located in 33 counties from Washington County north to Trumbull County. In 1978, John's job was expanded to the position of field representative. In 1992, John was promoted to supervisor and was responsible for other deputy registrar field representatives. His first assignment as supervisor was the central and south-eastern Ohio area.

John retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves in 1995 after serving in that capacity for 21 years. Prior to joining the Navy, John played professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He also played semi-pro baseball with the U.S. Navy. Good luck to John in his retirement.



"Non-Renewable/ Non-Transferable" License Goes into Effect

On Wednesday, May 15, 2002, Governor Bob Taft signed Senate Bill 184 into law, which became effective immediately. The new law, among other provisions, requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to verify an applicant's legal presence in the United States. The applicants will be issued a "Nonrenewable/Nontransferable" license or Identification Card, based on the expiration date listed on the Immigration and Naturalization Service documents to be presented at the time of application, which clearly define the period of time the applicant is allowed to remain in the United States. The nonrenewable license or ID card will not be issued for more than four years, even if the individual is under 21-years-old. The license also cannot be transferred to another state for licensing purposes. However, the individual can drive outside of Ohio.

"Due to September 11, the push to verify legal presence in the United States has become a priority," said Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, who spearheads Ohio's homeland security efforts. "This is one way the BMV can make a valuable contribution."

If an individual is to be in the United States longer than four years, a non-renewable/non-transferable license or ID card may be replaced with a new nonrenewable/nontransferable license or ID card within 90-days prior to its expiration. The license or ID card can be replaced as long as the individual presents documents that verify his/her continued legal presence in the U.S.

On licenses and ID cards issued to temporary residents over the age of 21, the phrase "non-renewable/non-transferable", in red lettering, can be found under the expiration date and above the signature. On licenses and ID cards issued to temporary residents under the age of 21, the phrase "non-renewable/non-transferable" can be found underneath the issue date and above the signature on the vertical license.

All Ohio driver licenses and ID cards will now say "Expires on mm/dd/yy", rather than "Expires on Birthday". For drivers with non-renewable/non-transferable licenses and ID cards, the expiration date will show the expiration of their legal presence documents. All other expiration dates will contain the individual's birth date.

The documents that applicants present to receive their non-renewable/non-transferable license or ID card will be captured on driving records. Law enforcement will be able to see through L.E.A.D.S. what documentation was used to receive the license or ID card.



Deputy Registrar's Corner

Progress Report on New District Structure

In September 2001, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles implemented a dramatic change to our traditional organizational alignment. At that time, we announced a new structure consisting of five districts each headed by a chief. More importantly, we began a commitment to grow a business culture that supports decision-making at the district level. Consistent with that vision, we are developing district offices with facilities to support Deputy Registrar administration and training needs. We believe that this structure will provide better service, better support to deputy registrars and informed decision-making with a sense of urgency and concern for the needs of the agencies and the citizens of Ohio.

Our focus this year is to stabilize our operations by developing district offices that provide quality training and meeting space and to develop standardized business procedures to ensure consistency of administration across the state. Other start-up goals are to streamline field reporting, minimize paperwork, and improve intra-district communication. So far, I am extremely pleased with the work of our district teams.

One tremendous opportunity the new district structure provides is the ability to pilot new programs and evaluate new ideas within districts before statewide implementation. This provides us with a huge advantage over the typical top down organizational structure. It is our intent to leverage this flexibility to spawn innovation and creativity, working closely with Deputy Registrars. This also means that not all operational areas will be managed exactly the same across the state. However, it will remain my personal responsibility to ensure that key operations are consistent and most importantly, that agency evaluation criteria is standardized.

The district as a nexus for decision-making and management is a work in progress. The BMV may assign additional responsibilities to the districts as we continue our internal review to identify ways that we can better utilize our resources to meet future needs. Your thoughts and comments are always welcomed and encouraged.

Jim Chisman
Deputy Administrator
Field Operations

3 Million

Bicentennial License Plates Sold

As of Friday, April 5, over 3 million bicentennial plates had been sold. Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety said that the bicentennial license plate is selling at a much more brisk pace than expected.



Franklin County Offers Interpreter Driver License Tests

Due to the large concentration of Somali in Franklin County, the decision was made to offer the written driver test on an interpreted basis for the Somali. Somali Interpreter Testing is now being conducted with small groups one day a week at each of the three Franklin County driver exam locations. The days and times vary between the three locations to adequately cover the needs of the Somali community. Tests are offered Tuesday through Thursday in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Each location offers a separate scheduled day and time. In order to provide quality customer service, the tests are not offered on Monday, Friday or Saturday due to the high volume of customers on these days. Also, the Great Western driver exam station is closed on Monday. The test is interpreted for a group of up to twenty individuals and proctored by one of the Customer Service Center (CSC) staff. A conference room is reserved to conduct the test, which allows for privacy and consideration for the Somali customers taking the test and for the other customers in the Center. Great Western has been providing this service for several months, and it has proven to be successful. The interpreter tests were implemented April 24 at Alum Creek and May 7 at Shipley.

The schedule for obtaining a Somali Interpreter Test is:

Shipley - Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Alum Creek - Every Wednesday, 1 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Great Western - Every Thursday, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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More Ohio Firsts

1883—Charles Stilwell of Fremont invents the modern, flat-bottomed, self-opening grocery sack, which replaces the old hand-pasted, envelope-shaped bags. The brown bag allows grocers to pack more in without fear of the bottom falling out; there was, however, the fear of placing canned goods on top of bread and eggs.

1892—Arthur Lovett Garford of Cleveland invents the first padded bicycle seat, called the Garford bicycle saddle.

1892—Cleveland chocolate maker Clarence Crane, looking for a sweet product that wouldn't melt in the summer heat, invents the first LifeSaver candy. The peppermint hard candy, shaped like a circle with a hole in the middle, was so named because it looked like a mini-life preserver.

1901—The nation's first public county library is established in Van Wert (followed soon after by the first overdue book).

1907—Murray Spangler invents the first vacuum cleaner while moonlighting as a night janitor in a Canton department store. He shared his idea with his cousin, Susan Hoover, who was married to leather-maker H.W. Hoover. The Hoovers financed the "suction cleaner" and marketed it throughout the country.



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