

# Bureau Messenger



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## New Bald Eagle Plate

The newly redesigned Bald Eagle plate, which features both our national bird and the American flag, began being issued on September 20, 2002. The original plate featured only the bald eagle. Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), Rep. Robert Latta (R-Wood County) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) worked together to create the new plate design.

Last year, after the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and also on United Flight 93, Rep. Latta approached the BMV to change the design of the plates.

"The new Bald Eagle plate design brings together two prominent symbols of America: the flag and the eagle," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Frank Caltrider. "We are proud to be a part of this cause."

Since September 11, 2001, interest in the Bald Eagle license plate increased. In September 2001, the BMV sold 774 Bald Eagle plates. In October 2001, the BMV sold 1,642 Bald Eagle plates. For the nine months the license plate was available for the public in 1999, 2,985 were sold. In 2000, 8,446 plates were sold. In 2001, 11,548 Bald Eagle Plates were sold.

"I am very glad to have been the original sponsor of the bald eagle license plate. Over the past several years, there have been 31,812 plates sold, with revenue of \$492,900. These funds will be used for restoring and purchasing bald eagle habitat," said Rep. Bob Latta.

When Ohioans purchase the Bald Eagle plate, a portion on the sales (\$15) support Bald Eagle management programs, habitat restoration and acquisition. A standard issue Bald Eagle plate can be purchased for an additional \$25 annually.

"Ohio's eagle population has reached record numbers, thanks in part to those who contribute to our wildlife diversity programs through the purchase of conservation license plates," said Sam Speck, director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. "The success of our Bald Eagle population is also an excellent barometer to the health of Ohio's environment."

### Calendar of events



#### JANUARY

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday  
Observed—January 20

#### FEBRUARY

Child Passenger Safety Week—February 9-15





## The Steering Column... from the Registrar

### BMV Reinstatement Center in Pilot Project

The BMV Investigations-Reinstatement unit has developed a pilot project to provide reinstatement requirements to pre-release inmates in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC).

Approximately 22,000 inmates are released from the custody of ODRC each year. This pilot project will enable BMV reinstatement centers to assist these customers by providing reinstatement requirements to ODRC 30-60 days prior to their release date. It is expected that there will be about 100 requests per week according to ODRC staff.

The ODRC/ BMV pilot project starts with ODRC forwarding a form by fax (form designed by the reinstatement centers) to one of the BMV reinstatement offices. The BMV reinstatement office staff will evaluate the customer's reinstatement requirements and fill in the required information and fax back to ODRC.

The BMV Investigations section is very excited about this new endeavor, and they are taking a pro-active approach to assisting these customers as they near their release date.



*Franklin R. Caltrider*  
Franklin Caltrider  
Registrar

# BMV NEWS

## BMV OPERATES FULL SERVICE DEPUTY REGISTRAR AT THE OHIO STATE FAIR

The fair experienced great weather and record attendance over its 17-day run from August 2 -18, 2002. Many fairgoers visited the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) display and took advantage of the opportunity to renew their driver license and handle other vehicle-related transactions. John Kougendakis and Dianna McConnaughey supervised the BMV operation and helped provide the following customer service transactions:

Transactions	2,461
Driver Licenses Issued	670
State ID's	41
Vehicle Registrations	183
Voter Registrations	227
Abstracts	249
Vision Screening	1,091
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$19,491.30</b>



*Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) employees prepare a driver license for a customer at the 2002 Ohio State Fair.*

## TWO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE EMPLOYEES WIN ESA AWARDS

Two Bureau of Motor Vehicles employees were honored with Excellence in Service awards on September 25, 2002. Mary Staderman, secretary for Ken Riggins, chief of the BMV Revenue Management section received the award in the Office Support category. Ken, who praises her for her organizational skills, excellent service and positive attitude, nominated her.

Peggy Barber nominated Cheryl Button, assistant chief in the BMV Dealer Licensing Section. Cheryl was described as a great manager and an exemplary BMV employee. She always finds ways to perform jobs better and is always doing things to improve morale in her section.



*Cheryl Button*



*Mary Staderman*



# Red-Light Cameras a Success

With a year behind them, Toledo's red-light cameras seem to be working well. They are slowing down drivers and cutting the number of crashes. Over 8,600 tickets were given last year. There was also a 25 percent drop in crashes at those intersections, according to city leaders.

Because of their success, the city will install five more cameras at five different intersections. According to Police Chief Mike Navarre, a reduction in crashes causes a reduction in injuries. He stated that we kill more people with cars than we do with guns and knives.

The citations are mailed to the vehicle's owner and carry a \$75 fine. The cameras snap pictures of the license plate of vehicles that run red lights.

Officials at the Toledo Police Department recently said that 75 to 80 percent of motorists paid their fines. For the remaining 20 to 25 percent, the city is getting involved with a state program that prevents people from renewing their driver license and vehicle registration for unpaid traffic tickets.

Dayton will install 18 cameras at different intersections later this year. Cincinnati has assembled a task force to study the idea.

*(source: Redflex Traffic Systems)*



## *Salute to Ohio* Proud to be a Buckeye

### Ohio Bits and Pieces

- The Ohio School for the Blind was the first state school in the nation for blind children.
- The Ohio State University is the nation's largest single university campus.
- The Procter and Gamble Co. in Cincinnati is the world's largest soap factory.
- X-rays were first used in an operation by John Gilman in Marietta.
- Dr. George Crile performed the first successful blood transfusion in Cleveland in 1905.
- W.F. Semple of Mount Vernon patented chewing gum in 1869.
- The National Football League (NFL) was organized in Canton in 1920.

*(source: Ohio Tourism)*



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