



# Bureau Messenger

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Director

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## OHIO BMV JOINS NATIONAL AUTO TITLING DATABASE *Program Tracks Vehicle Title Registration to Protect Against Theft and Fraud*

The BMV has begun using the National Motor Vehicle Titling Information System, a disclosure and information database that links states together to prevent the titling of stolen motor vehicles and discloses any brands associated with a particular motor vehicle.

The Registrar says that this new technology will help cut down on auto theft and fraud in Ohio. It provides an additional tool to use in the BMV's consumer protection and anti-fraud efforts.

Under the new system, when a customer enters a county title office with documents to apply for an Ohio title, the Vehicle Identification Number is automatically checked against the active National Crime Information Center theft file. If the VIN matches a theft hit with NCIC, the BMV will place a NMVTIS hold on the record, and a title will not be issued. The customer will then need to contact law enforcement to verify ownership.

A title brand is a consumer protection notification. If a title is branded as a previous flood vehicle, that tells a customer the vehicle was involved in a flood and may have damage later down the road. Other brands include salvage vehicle, previous salvage, previous law enforcement vehicle and previous taxi.

There are ten states that take part in NVMTIS, including Ohio. The Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992 required the Federal Department of Transportation to develop a NMVTIS system. In 1996, the Anti-Car Theft Improvement Act shifted responsibility for the system to the Department of Justice.



### Calendar of Events

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| <b>JANUARY</b><br>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY<br>(JAN. 17) | <b>FEBRUARY</b><br>CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK<br>(FEB. 13-19, 2005)<br><br>PRESIDENT'S DAY<br>(FEB. 21, 2005) |
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## Assistant Registrar Named



Most of you attended the deputy registrar conference where we introduced Anne Dean as the new Assistant Registrar over BMV Operations. BMV Operations includes Central Operations comprised of the Customer Service Centers, the Audit and Consignment Unit and the Research Section, and Field Operations which includes the Investigations and Field Services areas. Anne assumes her new duties officially November 15.



Anne brings a wealth of government experience to the BMV. Anne was recently the acting director of Boards and Commissions for Governor Taft. Prior to that, she served as the assistant director of Boards and Commissions and served the Governor in that capacity since July 1999. Before joining the Governor's Office, Anne was the assistant to the chief legal counsel and assistant chief legal counsel of the Ohio Department of Development, where she received the 1998 Employee of the Year Award. From 1983 to 1994, Anne was the legal secretary in a private law practice that dealt with PUCO and ICC motor transportation regulation issues. She also served as executive secretary of the Ohio Movers and Warehousemen's Association.

Anne is a member of the Greater Columbus Emmaus Community, an Ohio Reads volunteer for Kent Elementary, and former secretary of the Westerville Habitat for Humanity.

She attended the University of Toledo and graduated from Granville High School. She lives in Westerville with her husband Jim and their three daughters, Ashley, Jessica and Kelly.

Please join me in welcoming Anne to her new position.

Franklin Caltrider  
Registrar



*Franklin R. Caltrider*

## Salute to Ohio

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## National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Opens

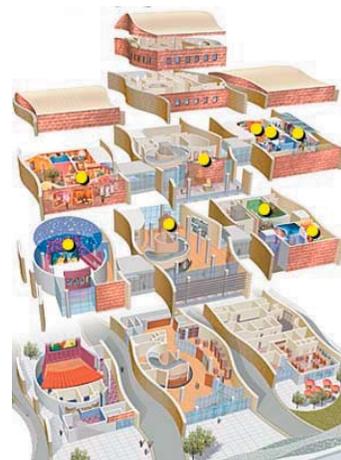
It opened and was dedicated on August 23, 2004. It's a museum, a learning center and a research lab. By whatever label, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center's main purpose is to inspire people to work for freedom around the world.



This wonderful monument to freedom stands on the northern banks of the Ohio River, once the line between slavery and liberty. It has been ten years in the making and is the largest museum in the nation dedicated to telling the stories of the clandestine network that helped slaves flee to freedom.

As quoted in the Cincinnati Enquirer, "When the doors are flung open and the programs are initiated, there will be a feeling that we have moved to a new level," says Nathaniel R. Jones, presiding chairman of the center's board of directors.

The center is open Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Second Street at the Roebling Bridge in Cincinnati. For more information, call 513/333-7739.



# Deputy Registrar's Corner

## Annual Meeting

*The 2004 Deputy Registrar Annual Meeting took place at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus on October 14 with 428 in attendance. I had the pleasure of introducing Director Ken Morckel. The Director stated that the department's most important task was to maintain homeland security for Ohio's citizens. He applauded the deputies for their efforts in making Ohio safe. He said that the deputies were the first line of defense in this challenge and urged them to keep up the great work.*

*Registrar Caltrider spoke next and introduced Assistant Director Gary Joseph and Executive Director Ernest Howard complimenting their direction and overall administrative guidance for the department. He also introduced Carolyn Williams, Assistant Registrar, BMV Administration and Anne Dean, who will be taking over as Assistant Registrar of Operations on November 15.*

*Lima deputy registrar, Joe Bowsher, President of the Ohio Deputy Registrar Association (ODRA), thanked all the deputy registrars who worked hard to achieve the goals of ODRA over the past years and talked about some of ODRA's future goals and programs.*

*Michael Deschaine, administrative assistant, Field Services, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the rest of the conference program.*

*John Baker from the department's Information Technology area discussed the new Business Application Services System (BASS) and its advantages for deputy registrar operations.*

*Bill Whatmore, chief, BMV Investigations, talked to the deputies about a new income opportunity for them, the issuance of driver abstracts.*

*Patrick Lightfoot, assistant chief, BMV Investigations, cited a fraudulent ID case with huge ramifications that was originated by the vigilance and awareness of a deputy registrar and deputy employees.*

*S/Lt. Sue Rance-Locke, ODPS Training, provided many bright moments with her inspiring Tools for Communicating presentation.*

*Deputy registrars, office managers, field staff, and BMV internal personnel were entertained by the first ever "Joker Award" contest. Each District Chief was asked to present one joke to the group, who ultimately decided which person presented the best joke. District 1 Chief Robert F. Jones, took the Joker Award with no help from his issuance of clappers to all the deputies in his district.*

*Afternoon activities included a presentation and distribution of awards by Sherrye Holloway from the Save Our Sight (S.O.S.) program; a presentation and distribution of awards by Brianna Abbott from Lifeline of Ohio; and the presentation of awards for deputies who achieved the highest evaluation ratings in each of the field districts.*

*The Field Representative of the Year award was presented to Dorothy Bray Hudson for her professionalism, dedication to the job, great sense of humor and overall excellence. Dorothy recently retired from the BMV after 30 years of service.*

*The 2004 Annual Meeting was a great success and we look forward to next year's event. Thanks to all of those who took the time to make this conference a wonderful and productive experience.*

*Tom Haller  
Field Operations Administrator*

# Deputy Registrar Conference:



## Duke Hobson Returns from Service in Iraq and Receives Bronze Star

Welcome back to Duke Hobson who has returned from his military commitment in the Middle East. Duke is chief of the Deputy Registrar Administrative Services Section.

Duke attained the highest rank that can be reached by an enlisted man in the United States Army, Command Sergeant Major. As a result of exceptional meritorious military service, Duke was awarded the Bronze Star. Among other contributions and successes, Command Sergeant Major Hobson led the Combined Forces Land Component Command team of subject matter experts for reconnaissance on the ground in Iraq to assess, survey, and develop a plan to support the segregation and collection of what is the largest captured enemy ammunition mission since World War II.



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