

# PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



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## OHIO LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM TO FIGHT TERRORISM AND CRIME

### LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS OHIO BEGIN SHARING INFORMATION ELECTRONICALLY

Law enforcement officials from across the state joined Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio Department of Public Safety and Ohio State Highway Patrol officials to mark the beginning of a new statewide program that will allow law enforcement agencies to electronically share information and data – something that was not previously possible in Ohio.

“The key here is the collective willingness of Ohio’s law-enforcement community to work in such a cooperative manner to make this a reality,” Attorney General Jim Petro said. “This unprecedented level of collaboration, along with the technology we’re employing through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway, will serve as a model for the rest of the country.”

The information-management systems currently maintained by more than 900 law enforcement agencies in Ohio are not connected, meaning records cannot be accessed from one jurisdiction to another. Through the Ohio Local Law Enforcement Information-Sharing Network, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police will provide law enforcement agencies with the technical assistance necessary to participate in it. That includes equipping agencies currently using paper to keep records with computers and other electronic equipment. Approximately 40 percent of police departments in Ohio are still using paper records.

Twenty-three agencies are participating in the start-up phase of program that aims to prevent terrorism and other types of crimes. It also will help solve some of the communication-related challenges involved in multi-agency investigations such as the recent highway shooting case in central Ohio. More than 600 agencies are expected to join the program by the end of 2005. The ultimate goal is to have every law enforcement agency in Ohio participating in the program, which is funded by federal homeland security dollars.

“In the fight against terrorism and crime, it’s critical that our law enforcement officers be able to access each other’s records quickly and easily,” said Ohio Public Safety Director Ken Morckel, Chair of the State of Ohio Security Task Force. “This program is significant – it aims to vastly improve communication among our law enforcement officers, which will result in a safer Ohio for us all.”

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## INITIAL AGENCIES IN THE PROGRAM

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
• Beaver Twp. PD	Mahoning
• Northwood PD	Wood
• Boardman PD	Mahoning
• Ohio State Univ. PD	Franklin
• Canfield PD	Mahoning
• Ohio State Highway Patrol	Statewide
• Circleville PD	Pickaway
• Port Clinton PD	Ottawa
• Columbus PD	Franklin
• Powell PD	Delaware
• Dayton PD	Montgomery
• Reynoldsburg PD	Franklin
• Franklin PD	Warren
• Whitehall PD	Franklin
• Grandview Heights PD	Franklin
• Delaware County SO	Delaware
• Marietta PD	Washington
• Muskingum County SO	Muskingum
• Marietta College PD	Washington
• Tuscarawas County SO	Tuscarawas
• Mason PD	Warren
• Union County SO	Union
• Middletown PD	Butler

## CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT CHECK

During National Child Passenger Safety Week in February, the ODPS Communications staff attended a safety seat check at the Violet Township Fire Department in Pickerington. Several child passenger seats were checked to see if they were installed correctly. In addition, safety seat materials were distributed.

The purpose of CPS Week is to urge parents and caregivers to put safety first, to buckle up their children correctly when placing them in vehicles, and to have their child safety seats inspected regularly. Each year 1,700 children die and almost 300,000 are injured in motor vehicle crashes. Six out of 10 children killed in crashes are completely unrestrained. Ninety-six percent of parents believe their children are properly restrained in their child safety seats; however, data from actual inspections shows that 80 percent of children are improperly restrained. Children should be properly restrained every time, every trip.



# DEPUTY REGISTRAR SUPPLY CHAIN IMPROVED

A committee was established to address the findings of the UNISYS Assessment Report of October 17, 2003, on the Deputy Registrar Supply Chain and to determine methods to improve the process and make it more efficient and cost-effective.

The methodology used to conduct this analysis and to formulate needs determination included:

- Tasks were assigned to the committee members to research, gather statistics and information, and to report their findings. Research included site visits to OPI, the Alum Creek Facility and Deputy Registrars.
- Brainstorming sessions were held to uncover issues and discuss potential solutions. Committee members were instructed to provide documentation to support their claims.
- A survey was distributed to the committee members to determine their opinions on various facets of the supply chain.
- Interviews were held with other department staff to determine what options were available to recommend and obtain additional information.

The committee determined that the UNISYS Report was accurate on its assessment of the Deputy Registrar Supply Chain. The system had many problem areas including accountability, a lack of standards, undefined policies, an antiquated inventory control system and poor communication channels. These problems had created a very costly and inefficient supply chain.

The committee established inventory and lead time standards, wrote policies and information requirements, defined responsibilities and identified performance measures to evaluate the ongoing health of the system. Roundtables were conducted to educate Deputy Registrars and staff.

An interim supply chain distribution system was implemented in the fourth quarter of 2004 and proved effective in meeting established goals. Modifications to the program and implementation of other UNISYS recommendations are continuing into 2005.

Members of the Deputy Registrar Supply Chain committee included Bruce Watts, Cheryl Brickman, Jamie Bryan, Larry Burge, Walter Callahan, Ron Dick, Scott George, Barbara Hamilton, Rick Imhoff, Larry Kobi, Larry Murnane, Jeff Shadburn, Tom Tefft and Dana Warner.



## Ohio LifeSavers Conference to be Held in May

The Ohio LifeSavers Conference will be held May 2-4 at the Columbus Marriott North. The conference is dedicated to reducing motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries on Ohio's roadways. This conference will address a wide range of highway safety topics and offer the latest information on advances in highway safety, and will highlight successful programs and discuss emerging strategies and technologies.

Conference attendees will represent:

- State and local law enforcement agencies
- Community traffic safety programs
- Injury prevention programs
- Child passenger safety professionals
- Judges and court personnel involved in traffic safety
- Federal and state agencies
- Advocates and researchers
- Driver training schools





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## Roving Reporter

**Q:** The Oscars were announced in late February with "Million Dollar Baby" winning the best picture award.

What was the worst-ending movie you have ever seen and why

**A:** " 'Jaws 3' comes to mind. I remember a bomb going off inside a huge shark and blood and gore from this shark going everywhere and people screaming. It was so bad I started laughing!" Becky Daily, OSHP

**A:** " 'City of Angels' with Meg Ryan and Nicholas Cage. He loves her and wants to be with her so much that he becomes mortal. Right after that she gets hit by a truck and dies. Just awful!" Anne Dean, BMV

**A:** " 'The Forgotten'. It was about a woman's child dying, and everyone trying to make her think he'd never existed. The movie built up to what you thought would be a big, climactic ending that explained everything. Instead, it was a silly ending that didn't even fit with the movie." Melinda Boyer, HLS

**A:** "The worst-ever ending movie that I have ever seen is 'Million Dollar Baby' because it's sad at the end. I would say how it ended but since it's a recent movie, I don't want to ruin it for people that haven't seen it yet." Teresa Peters, ADM

**A:** "I would have to say 'Matchstick Men' because Nicholas Cage's character gets ripped off of all his money by his partner who set him up. He is left as a lowly carpet salesman." Dustyn Fox, ADM

**A:** "I would say the movie 'Phone Booth.' I was hoping they would have caught the real guy (Keifer Sutherland). At the end, the police thought that he had taken his own life, but really it was someone else's body. So he got away and just starting walking through the crowd. Maybe there will be a part two, and he will be caught." Victoria Dowdy, ADM

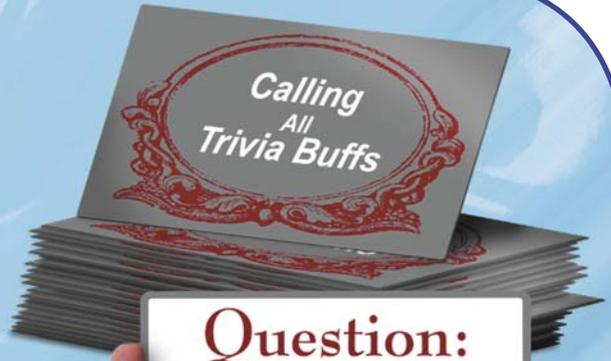
## Salute to Ohio

PROUD TO BE A BUCKEYE



### Titanic Exhibit – COSI Columbus

"Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit," an internationally acclaimed tribute to the tragic ocean liner, will debut at COSI from March 12-September 5, 2005. The 15,000 square-foot exhibit is the largest version of the exhibit to visit Ohio. It will feature two very large pieces: a replica of Titanic's grand staircase and a fully preserved 16' launching crane used to lower the ship's massive wooden lifeboats. Visitors will see more than 250 authentic artifacts that tell the human and physical story of the most famous luxury liner in history.



### Question:

What city was Ohio's first permanent settlement?

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The Ladybird beetle, or ladybug, is the state insect. In June 1975, the Ohio Legislature declared the common ladybug as the state insect because of its beauty and its helpful instinct to eat other insects that can be harmful to crops and flowers.

These people knew the answer: Rita Tyler, Wendy Forbes, Dustyn Fox, Paula Marr, Nancy Blair, Melody Lapczynski, Sheila Lett, Betty Byrley, and David Roth



## WHO? is it?

This person is the head of the Revenue Management Section of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Who is it?



The person in the February issue was Printing Coordinator Christy Redifer. She is located at the Alum Creek Facility.

These people knew the answer: Cheryl Button and Michael Broadwater

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