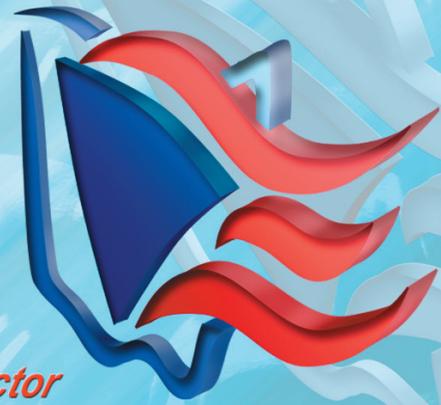


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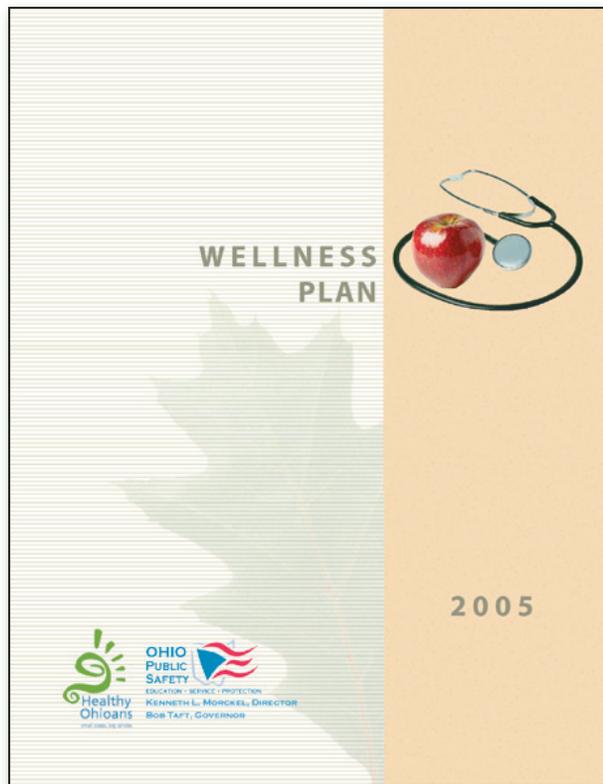
*Bob Taft, Governor*

*Kenneth L. Morckel, Director*

## 2005 Wellness Plan Complete

The 2005 Wellness Plan has been posted on the Intranet. Take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to read through it. At the end of the report in Attachment 3, you'll find information for your area by county. Go to the site at <http://dpsweb/> and then to Intranet Links at the bottom and click on Wellness Web site and on Wellness Plan.

In early April, Director Morckel reviewed the plan and thanked the committee for this outstanding plan. He encourages everyone at ODPS to read the report and see how they can use the information to promote a healthier workforce.



### April 2005

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### ODPS Wellness Home Page

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## BLUEBIRD LANDS ON PLATE

A bluebird has landed on a new specialty license plate benefiting outdoor education programs and nature centers at Ohio state parks. The plate premiered in March.

"With the purchase of these attractive new bluebird license plates, motorists can help build greater public awareness and appreciation of Ohio's great outdoors," said Dan West, chief of Ohio State Parks. "Naturalists and the nature center programs they offer in many of our state parks contribute significantly to the enjoyment of a park visit. We hope we can expand these educational services with the help of proceeds from the sale of bluebird license plates."

As with other specialty plates benefitting the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the bluebird plate costs an additional \$25 above the price of a standard license plate, with \$15 of that amount going to Ohio State Parks nature programs.

Nearly 200,000 visitors attended summer naturalist programs offered in the state parks last year. State park naturalists provide a variety of programs in the parks such as nature hikes, fishing derbies, and animal appreciation and care. Revenue from the bluebird license plate will bolster these programs and support naturalists taking nature into Ohio classrooms.

Bluebirds have inhabited Ohio for centuries and have been common and widely distributed throughout the state since the 19th Century. Volunteers in Ohio state parks play a large role in providing and maintaining nesting boxes at state parks to accommodate nesting bluebirds.

The bluebird plates became available March 23 through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles on the Internet at [www.OPLATES.com](http://www.OPLATES.com), by calling toll-free at 888-PLATES3 (752-8373), or at any deputy registrar's office.



## Third Grade Safety Belt Program

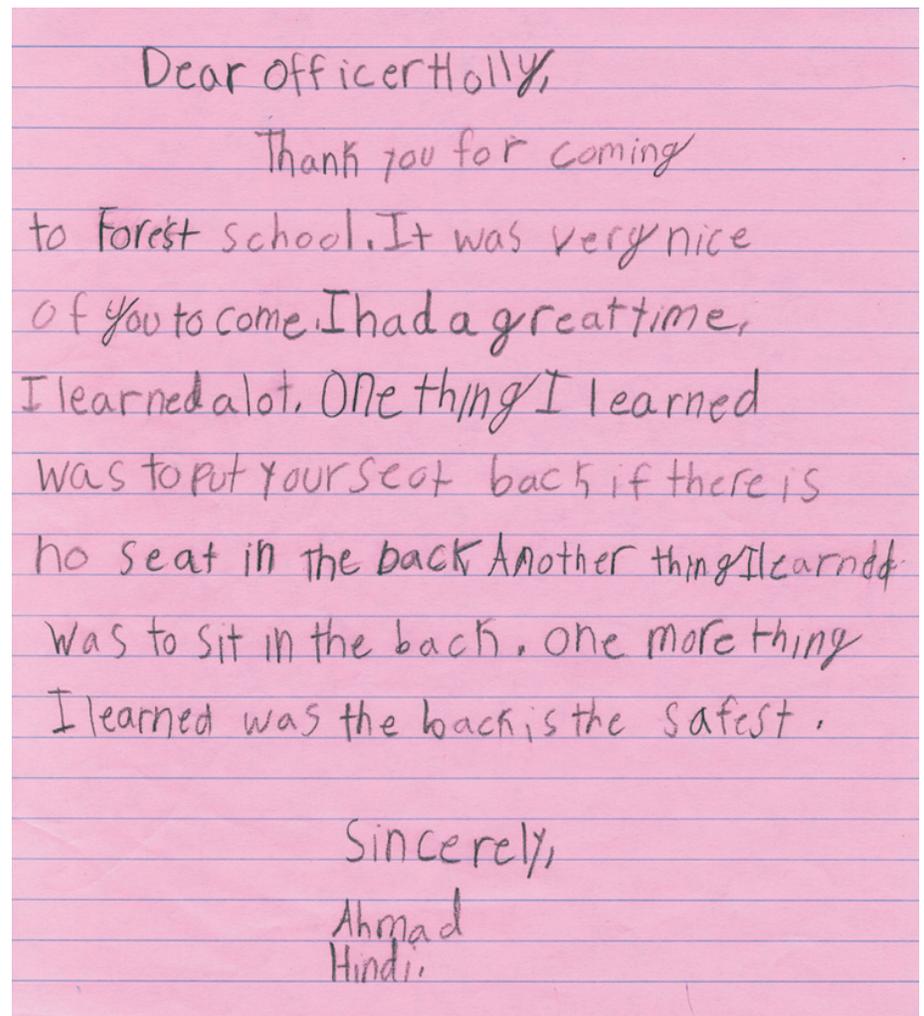
The Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Highway Safety Office has for the past 17 years produced the "Third Grade Safety Belt" program. It has grown from a very small and limited number of law enforcement agencies instructing the program to over 275 agencies this past fiscal year.

The program is taught by uniformed officers in the elementary schools to emphasize the importance of wearing safety belts each and every time the children ride in a motor vehicle. The program is funded from safety belt fines that have been levied against the motoring public. These funds are then used for print materials, videos and other miscellaneous items that law enforcement agencies use during their third grade presentations.

Each year during July and August, every law enforcement agency receives an invitation to take part in this worthwhile program. It is hoped that more will join the program before May 2005.

In most cases, the third graders write thank you letters to the officer who had presented the program. Recently, Officer Chuck Holly, North Olmstead Police Department, received thank you letters from third graders. One sample letter follows. If you need more information regarding the Third Grade Safety Belt Program, please contact Jack Hale at 614/466-3250.

### Sample thank you letter to the officer



# 2004 BMV FACTS & FIGURES

## DRIVER LICENSE

8,793,983	Licensed Ohio drivers and ID card holders
2,851,385	Driver licenses issued
369,649	Identification cards issued
5,130,891	Abstracts of driver record reports processed
192,556	Six-point warning letters generated
31,221	Twelve-point suspension letters generated
9,500	Probationary suspension letters generated
616,907	BMV and court suspensions
233,396	Motorcycle endorsements issued, renewed, or added to a driver license

## REINSTATEMENT

\$34,595,507	Total driver license reinstatement fees collected at the seven branch offices
391,286	Total number of customers reinstated at the seven branch offices
\$11,062,115	Total driver license reinstatement fees collected through the mail-in process
57,712	Total number of customers reinstated through the mail-in process

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION

12,192,202	Total vehicle registrations issued
2,251,529	Vehicle registrations issued through the mail renewal registration program
1,143,606	Temporary tag registrations sold
1,195,648	Temporary tags consigned to Ohio Auto Dealers

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1,743,554	Calls answered by the BMV telephone centers
1,223,769	Calls answered with no delay

## MAIL

4,528,557	Pieces of incoming mail received by the BMV
15,955,363	Pieces of outgoing mail, including mail-in vehicle registration notices and vehicle registrations issued through the mail-in program
204,087	License plates processed by OPI

## DEPUTY REGISTRAR SERVICES

225,383	New voters registered by Ohio's deputy registrars
49	Percent of Ohio drivers who are organ/tissue donors
13,938,962	Number of transactions processed by deputy registrars
\$641,642,510	Revenue generated by total transactions processed by deputy registrars
\$1,383,335	Total collected for Save our Sight Fund
\$604,702	Total collected for 2nd Chance Trust

## CHARITIES

\$313,895	Contributed for the Combined Charitable Campaign
\$33,191	Total contributed for Operation Feed
36,820	Total pounds of food collected for Operation Feed
103,202	Total number of meals provided with food collected for Operation Feed
\$8,891	Total contributed for Holiday Food Baskets
10,421	Total pounds of food collected for Holiday Food Baskets
28,203	Total number of meals provided with food collected for Holiday Food Baskets

## RECYCLING

\$17,882	Total received in recycling reimbursement
557,831	Total pounds of paper products & aluminum cans recycled
564,860	Pounds of obsolete license plates recycled

## TITLES

6,846,756	Titles issued in Ohio's 88 counties by 88 main and 56 branch offices of the clerk of courts
\$15,506,064	Total collected for titles and inspections

## DEALERS

137,750	Dealer license plates issued
11,039	Vehicle dealer and leasing licenses (new and renewal) issued

## PLACARDS

230,906	Five year disability placards issued and renewed (duplicates not included)
16,795	Temporary disability placards issued

## OPLATES

436,691	Total Internet transactions
\$26,117,235	Total revenue from Internet sales
49,874	Total telephone transactions
\$2,733,000	Total revenue from telephone transactions

## TAX DISTRIBUTION

\$323,034,732	License revenue distributed
\$146,825,021	Permissive tax revenue distributed
\$469,859,753	Total revenue distributed (2,296 taxing districts and 88 counties)
\$61,274,832	IRP revenue to 58 out-of-state jurisdictions
\$531,134,585	Total revenue distributed to Ohio and out-of-state jurisdictions



# PUBLIC NEWS SAFETY NEWS

## Roving Reporter

**Q:** Who is your favorite movie character/role and why?

**A:** "My favorite movie character is Lloyd Christmas in *Dumb & Dumber* because it is the most funny movie of all time.

Example:  
Lloyd and Harry are at a diner ....

Lloyd: What's the soup du jour?  
Waitress: It's the soup of the day.  
Lloyd: Mmmm, that sounds good. I'll have that." Elizabeth Christopher, Communications

**A:** "George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart) in *It's a Wonderful Life* because we've all been at the end of our rope at one time or another and said a prayer that God answered in an unexpected way. George learned all he needed to from his guardian angel." Karen Casparro, IT

**A:** "The Outlaw Josey Wales played by Clint Eastwood. Why? Just a great part for a great actor! His role portrays a little bit of everything...comedy, action, tragedy, triumph, adventure, perseverance and understanding." Randy Hawk, ADM

## Salute to Ohio

PROUD TO BE A BUCKEYE

### MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Come watch the stars play! The world's best golfers come to Dublin, Ohio each spring for the internationally celebrated Memorial Golf Tournament. The course, located at Muirfield Village Golf Club, was designed by Jack Nicklaus and opened on Memorial Day in 1974. Each year the tournament is dedicated to the memory of a person, living or dead, who has played the game with conspicuous honor. Practice rounds: Monday through Wednesday. Tournament: Thursday through Sunday.

2005 marks the 29th annual Memorial Tournament, a PGA golf tournament.

Don't miss this exciting event. For ticket information, call the tournament office at (614)889-6700.

Event Dates: 5/30/2005 - 6/5/2005



### Question:

What was the first university in Ohio and the Northwest Territory?

Send your answers to:  
[Imcbee@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:Imcbee@dps.state.oh.us)

Marietta was Ohio's first permanent settlement. It was founded in 1788 by General Rufus Putnam and named in honor of Marie Antoinette, then queen of France.

These people knew the answer:  
Lance Mercer, Leora Knight, Lillian Johnson, Melody Lapczynski, Nancy Blair, Larry Burge and Qua McCohn.



## WHO? is it!

This person works in the Investigative Unit. Who is it?



The person in the March issue was Revenue Management Chief Ken Riggins. These people knew the answer: Philip Romine, Sarah Mathews, Scott Perry, Richard Morgan, Ann Valentine, Joseph Mann, Michelle Coleman, Candy Allen, Rochelle Turner, Sue Sirianni, Rosland Hawkins, Karen Santiago, Sara Giffin, Christy Clark, Leora Knight, Karen Takos and Sarah Bowman.

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