

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



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Introduction to Ohio Homeland Security

We all know what happened on 9/11. The response to the threat of terrorism has been universal throughout the United States. Each state is organizing or has a component of Homeland Security.

House Bill 95 created the Ohio Division of Homeland Security, which "coordinates all homeland security activities of all state agencies" and be the liaison between state agencies and local entities for the purposes of "communicating homeland security funding and policy initiatives."

Within the Homeland Security Division are the Office of the Director, the Office of Infrastructure Protection, the Office of Counter Terrorism and the Office of Domestic Preparedness.

Programs created and administered through the Division of Homeland Security include:

- The Strategic Plan
- The Contact and Information Management System
- The Grant Information Sharing System
- The ATIX (Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange)

The Strategic Plan addresses the seven critical mission areas developed from the State of Ohio Security Task Force (SOSTF). The seven include:

- Detection and prevention
- Critical infrastructure and key assets
- Defending catastrophic events
- Information sharing and systems
- Domestic preparedness and response
- Continuity of operations
- Volunteer services

The Contact and Information Management System is a one-stop shop for first responder Homeland Security needs. The contact module is used to disseminate reports in a timely manner.

The Grant Information Sharing System was designed to be a tool to display awarded Homeland Security Funds that have been distributed to the local level. It is not intended to be an auditing tool. Information is displayed by county, region and state.

ATIX (Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange) is a system whereby secure system agencies can receive and disseminate national security or terrorist threat information to law enforcement and other first responders. It is provided free and has encrypted e-mail. Also, ATIX has a secure bulletin board for sensitive information.

Within the Office of Infrastructure Protection lies the state Office of Building Security. They produce quarterly newsletters that contain information on security products, security tools and upcoming events. In addition, this office does semi-annual security reviews of 93 state agencies, boards and commissions. The audit contains a review of the security policy, limited building access, the security coordinator position, security guards, workplace security training, phone caller ID, central mail delivery and their evacuation and disaster recovery plans. *Continued on Page 2*

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Any resident or organization may order (limit of three per order) by contacting the ODPS's Audio Visual Studio at 614-752-4496, FAX 614-752-4496, or e-mail David L. Cooke, AV Studio Marketing Supervisor, at dcooke@dps.state.oh.us, or Michele DeGraffinreed at 614-752-6585 or mdegraffinreed@dps.state.oh.us.

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~ SUMMER FUN ~ Where in the World is... ...the PSNEWS?

Get ready. Get set. GO...When you are on vacation this summer, take along a copy of the Public Safety Newsletter. Then take your picture with it and send it in to the PSNEWS Editor labeled with name and location.

You have heard of "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" Well, let's do Where in the World is the PSNEWS? Here's how you do it:

- Print out a copy of the PSNEWS (either color or black and white).
- Pack it in your suitcase or purse.
- Have someone take your picture with the newsletter. It doesn't matter which issue it is.
- Bring it back labeled and give it to Communications on the fourth floor of the Shipley building.
- It doesn't matter if you only go to Cedar Point or to the Ohio State Fair. It doesn't matter if you are alone in the photo or with a group. It doesn't matter if it is done with a digital camera or with a regular camera. Just do it! Have fun with it!
- Deadline for receiving photos will be August 31.



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There will be many future measurements of Homeland Security. Some of the benchmarks include the Virtual Communications Network (VCN), the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN), the Terrorism Awareness and Prevention Program (TAP) and community presentations and events.

Virtual Communications Network

The Virtual Communications Network will contain live and archived training, online and archived presentations and live and archived demonstrations. The goal is to have two Webcasts per month by December 2004.

Within the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) is the Joint Regional Information Exchange System (JRIES). This is a secure network and suite of applications currently operating at the sensitive but unclassified level. JRIES provides communications, collaboration, information exchange and database sharing between federal agencies and local partners.



The Terrorism Awareness and Prevention Program (TAP) is geared to training courses on homeland security issues and awareness. To date, 50 train the trainer courses have been conducted, with 635 individuals completing the train the trainer classes. There have been 272 agencies participating.

The Ohio Division of Homeland Security will continue to grow and remains a work in progress. If everyone works together, if we all remain diligent and aware of people and surroundings, we can and will make a difference in the security of our state.

Ohio Homeland Security Adds a Deputy Director

Director of Ohio Homeland Security John Overly has announced that James Thomas will be the new Deputy Director of the Office of Infrastructure Protection.

Mr. Thomas will be responsible for coordinating the overall effort to enhance the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources in the state of Ohio. He will also serve as the Homeland Security Director's principle officer to lead and coordinate implementation of efforts among state departments and agencies, local governments and the private sector to protect critical infrastructures and key assets.

In addition to these duties, Thomas will interact with the Building Security Review committee as well as the Private Investigator / Security Guard personnel licensing section, which is scheduled to be part of the Homeland Security Division in the near future.

Jim brings 27 years of military experience and is a recognized Department of Defense expert in military and interagency contingency planning. He has a BS of Sociology/Criminology from the University of Utah, Masters Degree in International Policy from John Hopkins University, Washington D.C., and a Certificate of National Security from Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

Patrol Honors Its Fallen Officers

It's located in the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy courtyard, which is off the exit to Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue. If you haven't seen it, stop by sometime. It will definitely affect you. It's a black granite memorial and is engraved with the name of each officer killed in the line of duty since the division's inception in 1933. It is often visited by the many people who attend functions and classes at the Academy. The memory of the slain officers remains in the hearts of many people -- active and retired Highway Patrol members, fellow law enforcement officers, and family and friends.

The Patrol fallen were honored on May 7, 2004. Assistant ODPS Director Gary F. Joseph, Colonel Paul D. McClellan, Superintendent, Ohio State Highway Patrol and family and friends of the Ohio State Highway Patrol joined in honoring those that gave the ultimate sacrifice. Part of the audience included members from 17 families of the fallen officers, some of whom are related to officers lost out of the first Patrol class.

"When a brother or sister officer falls, we all feel it. In times of great anguish, we all share it. And like today, when we honor those who have been lost in the struggle to uphold law and order, we are all proud to be one strong family," said Colonel McClellan at the ceremony.

All of the 35 fallen officers are listed, from the first patrolman killed, Sergeant John F. Best, who died on June 17, 1935, from being electrocuted while testing a receiving set at the broadcasting station at Findlay to the last patrolman, Trooper Frank G. Vazquez, West Jefferson post, who died November 6, 2001, when a vehicle struck his Patrol car while he was stopped with a violator on Interstate 270.

If you don't get a chance to visit the memorial, you can see the names and photos listed chronologically on the Patrol Web site at:

www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/aboutus/memory.html



Deputy Registrar Contracts Awarded

On April 16, 2004, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) announced its intent to award new contracts to 75 deputy registrars throughout Ohio. The new deputy registrar contracts will begin on July 1, 2004, and are three-year terms. The selection process began in January with 280 proposals submitted for the available locations.

Three locations were not subject to the competitive bidding process because the contracts were awarded to the county clerk of court in the counties where these offices are located: Fayette, Gallia and Wyandot. The Registrar of Motor Vehicles may appoint the county clerk of courts to the position of deputy registrar if the county has a population of 40,000 or less. This year, Fayette, Gallia and Wyandot counties have agreed to become full service deputy registrars. The clerks of court in these counties will assume these responsibilities July 1, 2004. The three new counties join Jackson, Paulding and Vinton County Clerks of Court in offering deputy registrar services in conjunction with their motor vehicle title offices.

For locations marked "No Award," the BMV intends to request new proposals for those locations during the next competitive bidding process (January 2005). Until then, the BMV intends to offer one-year interim contracts starting July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005. The interim contracts may be offered to eligible current deputy registrars, to unsuccessful proposers, or to other persons, as appropriate.

If you would like to view the current list of awards, the list is available on www.ohioBMV.com under the "Deputy Registrar Business Opportunity" topic and "Deputy Registrar Business Information" link.





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Roving Reporter

Q: Who is a historical figure that you admire the most and why?

A: "Jesus Christ is a given, for all he stands for, but he is present day as well."

A historical figure that I admire would be King Arthur. Sean Connery portrayed him as a very well organized man of great strength on the battle field. His bravery and dominance brought him great riches. He gained the love, and admiration from his people. King Arthur had complete love for his wife. And the rest they say is history." Nancy Blair, BMV

A: "One of the historical figures I admire is Benjamin Franklin. He was always striving to do better and to be a better person. He was true to his principles and values. He was willing to try something different. I admire how much he was able to accomplish in his lifetime." Terri Berchak, ADM

A: "Jesus Christ.....your name lives on forever and for all the right reasons!" Randy Hawk, ADM

Salute to Ohio

Proud to be a Buckeye

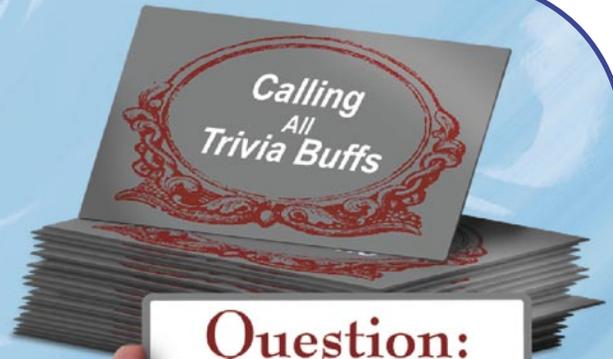


Deep in the woodlands of north central Ohio, the stage is set. The home of Johnny Appleseed Outdoor Historical Drama rises from the earth, almost as if it were part of this lush landscape.



With song, dance and dialogue you'll long remember, Johnny Appleseed is a gripping tale of pioneer America's man of legend. The folklore you'll fondly recall is now an unforgettable experience that's ideal for all generations to share.

Johnny Appleseed opens for its historic debut season on June 26, 2004. The inaugural season will run through September 5. For ticket information, call 1-800-642-0388.



Question:

What Bruce Springsteen album was released on June 4, 1984?



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In the May issue, the first Tour de France bicycle race was in 1903. The first race attracted 60 riders and covered 1,500 miles over 19 days. American Lance Armstrong is tied with Spaniard Miguel Indurain for the record of five consecutive victories. This year's race is July 3-25, 2004.

No one knew it.



This person is the assistant chief of the Dealer Licensing Section for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Who is it?



In the May issue, the Commander of the Public Affairs Unit is Lt. Rick Fambro.

These people knew it:
Sarah Stedefeld and Rosland Hawkins

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