

# PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



*Bob Taft, Governor*

*Kenneth L. Morckel, Director*

## Ohio Lifesavers

More than 400 statewide attendees participated in the 2005 Ohio LifeSavers Conference in early May held at the Columbus Marriott North. The keynote luncheon speakers were U.S. Senator Mike DeWine, Director Ken Morckel and Colonel Paul McClellan, superintendent, Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Director Morckel pointed out we all work hard every day on improving highway safety. He also stated that Ohio needs a primary safety belt law in order to save even more lives. The 74.1 percent seat belt usage rate in Ohio is not very good compared to other major states.

"Let's share and develop relationships here," Morckel said at the end of his remarks.

Col. McClellan acknowledged that we need to leverage our efforts. The two keys to highway safety are decreasing OVIs and increasing safety belt usage, he said. He hoped that the knowledge the attendees learned at the conference would be relayed back to communities around the state because "none of us can do it by ourselves."

In his speech, Senator Mike DeWine thanked everyone for saving lives every day. His speech concentrated on the Highway Safety bill pending in Congress. Some of the highlights of this legislation, as the senator pointed out, include:

- Stats on cars — the crash stats should be listed with the sticker price of the car.
- Request to the National Highway Safety Administration — they would be required to publish the stats on non-traffic, non-crash data such as parked cars, cars in driveways and backover deaths.
- Dangerous roads and intersections — all states would be required to make public the dangerous roads and intersections in their state. It is important that this information be published.
- Licensing improvements
- Primary safety belt law

This bill is pending in the U.S. Congress.

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## New Special Plates Debut



A new University of Akron Zips plate became available, May 2, 2005. This is the second logo plate available for purchase for the University of Akron. The additional cost for this plate is \$35 annually. Twenty-five dollars of the total plate cost is distributed to the University of Akron general scholarship fund. The new University of Akron Zips plate will feature the school's mascot on the left-hand portion of the plate. The University of Akron Seal license plate will continue to be sold as well, which features the official school seal on the left-hand portion of the plate. This plate may be personalized or reserved for an additional annual fee.



The Perry's Monument license plate also became available, May 2, 2005. The additional cost for this plate is \$25 annually. Fifteen dollars of the total plate cost will be distributed for the purpose of sponsoring or holding charitable, educational, and cultural events at Perry's Monument site in northern Ohio. The new license plate features a design of the Perry's Monument on the left-hand side of the plate and reads "Put-In-Bay" along the lower portion.

This plate may be personalized or reserved for an additional annual fee.

These two plates can be purchased at [www.oplates.com](http://www.oplates.com), by calling 1-800-589-TAGS or by visiting a local deputy registrar.

## Household Chemicals and Fertilizers

By Nancy Dragani, Executive Director, Ohio EMA

With warmer temperatures beginning to settle across Ohio, people have begun the annual ritual known as spring cleaning. This spring, as you clean out your basements, garages and storage sheds, make certain you are practicing safe handling, use and storage methods for household chemicals and fertilizers.

The use of chemicals around the home is a daily occurrence. Some chemicals, both helpful and safe in small quantities, can be dangerous or even deadly in larger amounts or certain circumstances. Accidental exposure to chemicals can occur three different ways. The first means is by breathing the chemical. The second means of exposure can occur if you eat or drink food or water contaminated by chemicals. The third method of exposure is through direct contact with the chemical or the touching of a contaminated surface. Even if, as adults, we are careful around chemicals, the most common household chemical emergency usually involves children. Teach your family to call 911 or the Poison Control Center and to follow the operator's instructions carefully. In addition to teaching your family how to call 911 or Poison Control, make certain operational A-B-C class fire extinguishers are located in kitchens, garages and storage sheds.

Whenever using chemicals, one must always follow the manufacturer's guidelines. Remember, never smoke or allow someone to smoke while using chemicals or fertilizers. Many of the chemicals around our homes are extremely flammable. A discarded cigarette or match, when exposed to certain chemicals, may result in a flash fire or even an explosion. If you spill a chemical, clean up the chemical and the area immediately. Rags used to clean spills should be taken outside, placed in a safe location, and left until any fumes have evaporated. Prior to disposal, contaminated rags should be wrapped in newspaper and sealed in a plastic bag.

I encourage you to make this year's spring cleaning the year you properly dispose of any expired or unused household chemicals and fertilizers. Many communities and solid-waste districts hold household hazardous waste days every spring and summer. Contact your local officials for dates, times and locations. By adopting methods for the proper use, storage and disposal of chemicals and fertilizers, we are protecting our communities and our environment.

## Bring Your Child to Work Day

This year's "Bring Your Child to Work Day" was a record-breaker with over 400 children in attendance. The day started with the West High School band, followed by opening remarks from Assistant Director Gary Joseph, a presentation by Domestic Relations Court Judge Kim Browne, and dance routine performances by the West High School Ensemble.

The afternoon programs included a canine presentation by Ohio State Highway Patrol officer Mark Ball and his shepherd, Kwin, presentations on fire safety, bicycle safety, and preparing for your driver license.



# Ohio Lifesavers *cont.*

Throughout the LifeSavers Conference, various seminars were held on many safety topics. Some included increasing seat belt usage in pickup trucks, increasing safety with teenagers, how teens think, handling aggressive drivers, discussing juvenile offenders, and drugged driving per se law, among many other topics.

The last day, following the luncheon, two police cars were awarded to the Pierce Township Police Department and the Celina Police Department. They possessed the keys selected at random from a basket to start the police car on display. The law enforcement agencies were selected for their outstanding participation in the FFY 2004 mobilization. Besides the "Sweet 16" selected for the drawing for the car, there were 91 other agencies that received equipment.



Agency Name	Dept. Head	City, State, Zip	Date Rec'd	Item Rec'd
1 Amherst Police Dept.	Chief Lonnie Dillon	Amherst, Ohio 44001	02/07/05	Camera
2 Blendon Township Police Dept.	Chief John C. Belford	Westerville, Ohio 43081	02/04/05	Camera
3 <b>Celina Police Dept.</b>	<b>Chief David M. Slusser</b>	<b>Celina, Ohio 45822</b>	<b>01/31/05</b>	<b>Camera &amp; Car</b>
4 Delphos Police Dept.	Chief David E. Wagner	Delphos, Ohio 45833	02/02/05	Msg. Brd.
5 East Cleveland Police Dept.	Chief Patricia Lane	East Cleveland, Ohio 44112	02/04/05	Camera
6 Euclid Police Dept.	Chief David A. Maine	Euclid, Ohio 44119	02/03/05	Camera
7 Geneva Police Dept.	Chief Joseph T. Carroll	Geneva, Ohio 44041	02/03/05	Camera
8 Miami Township Police Dept.	Chief Chris Krug	Miamisburg, Ohio 45342	02/02/05	Camera
9 Niles Police Dept.	Chief Bruce Simeone	Niles, Ohio 44446	02/04/05	Camera
10 <b>Pierce Twp. Police Dept.</b>	<b>Colonel James T. Smith</b>	<b>Cincinnati, Ohio 45245-3044</b>	<b>02/07/05</b>	<b>Camera &amp; Car</b>
11 Sharonville Police Dept.	Chief Michael G. Schappa	Sharonville, Ohio 45241	02/03/05	Laser
12 Springfield Twp. Police Dept.	Chief David W. Hoover	Akron, Ohio 44312	02/03/05	Camera
13 Stow Police Dept.	Chief Louis A. Dirker	Stow, Ohio 44224	02/04/05	Laser
14 Union Co. Sheriff's Office	Sheriff Rocky W. Nelson	Marysville, Ohio 43040	02/03/05	Camera
15 Upper Arlington, Division of Police	Chief Dwight A. Holcomb	Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221	02/03/05	Laser
16 Wapakoneta Police Dept.	Chief David B. Webb	Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895-0269	02/02/05	Laser

## Snap, Crackle and Pop

"Snap, Crackle and Pop," along with "The Big Cheese," helped raise more than \$252 for Operation Feed through a Walk for Hunger event. Besides walking, people could donate money to have their picture taken with Snap, Crackle and Pop, whose costumes were made by Tammy Foster. Some of the walkers included Jackie Janowicz, Gale Cope and Sharon Smith.

Left to right: Snap Eric Welsh, Chief Duke Hobson, who paid to have his photo taken, Pop Craig King, Milk Charles Harris, Crackle Leo Moore and The Big Cheese Melanie Gnosa, who coordinated the Walk for Hunger.



# The STAR Awards

The Central Operations division of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles recently launched an employee recognition initiative. Named the "STAR of the Month" award, it is given out monthly to a Central Operations employee nominated by other divisional team members as possessing positive qualities both personally and professionally. The award winner receives a certificate,



Top to bottom: Larry Burge, Judy Huber and Alum Creek CSC Chief Tom Wilson; Judy Huber and Tom Wilson; Central Operations Deputy Administrator Larry Burge with Sharon Meyers

signifying they are the "STAR of the Month". They also display the "STAR of the Month" trophy in their work area for the following month. The certificate is the employee's to keep, while the trophy rotates monthly to the next STAR award recipient. The first STAR award was presented to Sharon Meyers, Central Operations Executive Secretary, for being selected as the "STAR of the Month" for March. The April award went to Judy Huber, who works at the Alum Creek CSC.

## Deputy Registrar Contract Awards Announced

Tentative contract awards were announced on April 22, 2005 for the 2005 deputy registrar selection process.

- Fifty-eight deputy registrar license agency locations were available for competitive bids
- Fifty contracts were awarded for three-year terms
- Proposals at eight locations were rejected:
  - 25-H, Franklin Co., Columbus
  - 31-B, Hamilton Co., Cincinnati
  - 48-B, Lucas Co., Toledo
  - 57-C, Montgomery Co., Dayton
  - 57-F, Montgomery Co., Trotwood
  - 74-B, Seneca Co., Fostoria
  - 76-D, Stark Co., Canton
  - 78-A, Trumbull Co., Warren

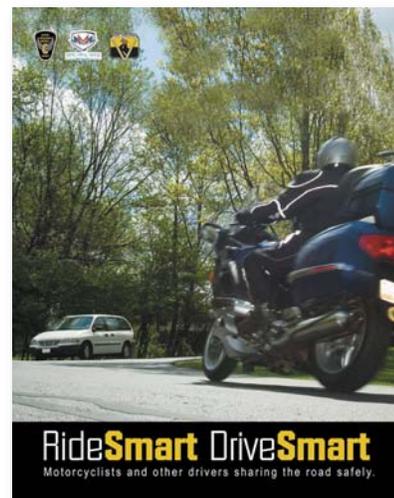
One-year interim contracts will be offered to various candidates for the operation of these agencies.

- Forty-four incumbent deputy registrars were reappointed
- Four current office managers were awarded contracts
- Five incumbent deputy registrars who applied for contracts in 2005 were not reappointed or considered for one-year interim contracts:
  - 25-H, Franklin Co., Columbus (Downtown) – Chad Lewis was on a one-year interim contract
  - 29-B, Greene Co., Beavercreek – Russell Adams
  - 31-B, Hamilton Co., Cincinnati – Irvin Deese
  - 31-F, Hamilton Co., Forest Park – Henry Acciani
  - 78-A, Trumbull Co., Warren – Johnnie Shield
- Five incumbent deputy registrars did not reapply for contracts:
  - 06-B, Auglaize Co., St. Marys – Cheri Singer
  - 15-C, Columbiana Co., E. Liverpool – Jackie Vernaccini
  - 18-M, Cuyahoga Co., Cleveland – Christine Shroka
  - 63-A, Paulding Co., Paulding – Paulding County Auditor, Bill Bolenbaugh
  - 74-B, Seneca Co., Fostoria – Theresa Wise – withdrew proposal in Fostoria
- One location will be moving:
  - 78-A, Trumbull Co., Warren – new address unknown as of 04/25/2005

## Alcohol and Motorcycles Don't Mix

Riding a motorcycle takes coordination, balance, and, most important, good judgment. Alcohol, more than any other single factor, can rob you of your ability to think clearly and ride safely.

These posters will soon be in all Patrol posts, District Headquarters, and Drivers Examination Stations.





# PUBLIC NEWS SAFETY NEWS

## Roving Reporter

**Q:** Do you know a person that has a crazy quirk such as being particular about which way the paper towel hangs on the towel rack? What is the quirk?

**A:** "I have a friend who has to have a fan running in his bedroom year round. He says the sound of the fan running soothes him and makes him sleep better." Kevin Palmore, ADM

**A:** "If my husband gets a gift, he ALWAYS smells it, no matter what it is." Karen Casparro, IT

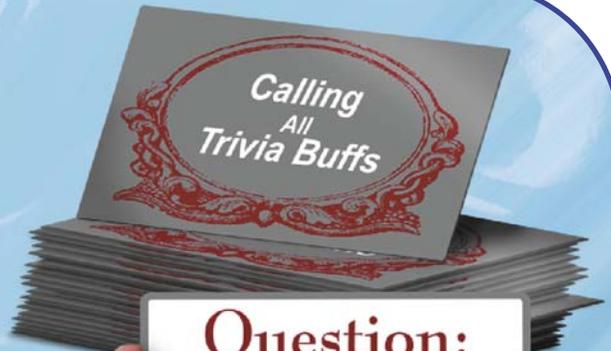
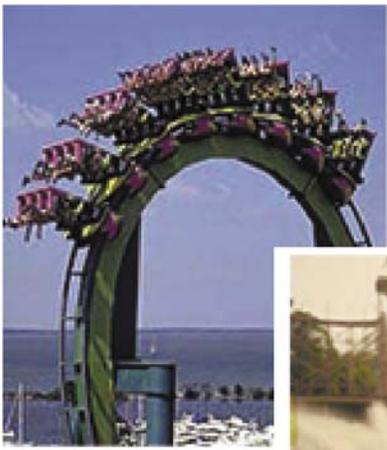
## Salute to Ohio

### PROUD TO BE A BUCKEYE

Summertime is a Time for Family Fun

Families and Ohio go together like ice cream and giggles. From the world's tallest, fastest, longest and scariest roller coasters and theme parks to renowned zoos, interactive museums, year-round indoor waterparks and a host of outdoor activities, families can find an almost endless supply of memorable experiences in Ohio—sure to put a smile on every family member's face.

Recognized as having the best theme parks in the world, Cedar Point, Geauga Lake, and Paramount King's Island offer families the ultimate in theme park adventure. Whether racing at 120 miles an hour on a hair-raising ride, enjoying a family-oriented show or cooling off on a hot day at a waterpark, Ohio's theme parks offer the perfect family getaway.



### Question:

What is the state animal?

Send your answers to:  
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Henry Timken of Canton invented the roller bearing in 1898.

These people knew the answer:  
Peggy Barber, Tim Bates, Nancy Blair, Tom Brown, Dustyn Fox, Daryl Holdeman, Beanie Kneisly, David Mix, Wanda Mullins, Rita Tyler, Lois Ventresca, and Jan Yates.



## WHO? is it?

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



In the May issue the person was Carla Cottrell. These people knew the answer:  
Peggy Barber, Jennifer Benson, Terry Berchak, Dustyn Fox, Kimberly McKinney, Lois Ventresca, and Jan Yates

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