

# PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



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## Organ Donor Registry Assures Decisions Are Met

Joining the Ohio Donor Registry is more than just an expression of interest in becoming a donor. It is a way to legally give consent for the anatomical gift of your organs, tissues and eyes upon your death, for any purposes authorized by law. It is still important to tell your family because they will be consulted. Access to the registry is limited to licensed and certified organ, tissue and eye recovery agencies and will be used only at the time of death to confirm your identity and wishes.

It is simple to join the Registry. Each time you renew your Ohio driver license or ID, the clerk will ask if you want to make an anatomical gift. Just say "yes," and you will be entered into the Registry. You can also complete a Donor Registry Enrollment Form at any organ, tissue or eye recovery agency or by going to the Internet at [www.ohiopublicsafety.com](http://www.ohiopublicsafety.com) and then clicking on the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) site.

Ohio Public Safety held an Ohio Donor Registry kickoff event in July to alert Ohioans that they can join the Registry, which is housed at the BMV.

"I am pleased that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will play such an active role in registering Ohioans who wish to be organ, eye and/or tissue donors," said Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety at the kickoff. "The BMV's commitment in educating Ohio on organ donations is one reason the Ohio Legislature directed the BMV to house the registry."

There are nearly 3,000 Ohioans waiting for a major organ transplant. One person has the potential to save seven lives through organ donation and enhance the quality of life for more than 50 others through tissue and eye donation.

The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), in conjunction with the Second Chance Trust Fund Advisory Committee, developed Ohio's Donor Registry.



If you have upcoming events or information that you would like to see in the next issue of *Public Safety News*, send it to Lynne McBee, Office of Communications, Shipley Bldg., 4th floor, or via e-mail at [lmcbec@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:lmcbec@dps.state.oh.us)

## IT'S ABOUT SAFETY



## Honeywell's Safety Game

Honeywell is a company that believes in doing unique things. It is a company that tries to save employees' lives. They are part of a safety network of companies that belong to the Ohio Partnership for Traffic Safety (OPTS).

Back in January 2002, they started a safety promotion with cartoon characters similar to Batman and Robin. The Riddler invaded Phramton City (they make Fram Oil Filters). Batsam (their safety mascot's name is Safety Sam) and his little buddy Surman (they make SureGrip Filters) are attempting to stop the Riddler from robbing the good citizens of their right to a safe work environment. Led by safety coordinator Denise Garland and the Honeywell Safety Core Team, they develop a riddle each month that employees are encouraged to answer for a prize. All correct answers will go into a hopper for a large final drawing at the end of the year.

June's riddle was "The slogan is clear—the message is real, protect those that you love is the real deal!" The answer is "What's Holding You Back?" and safety belts.

In addition to the riddle, Honeywell conducted a Safety Belt Awareness Day. They began at 10 p.m. on June 24, 2002 to greet the third shift employees as they entered the facility. They resumed at 4:30 a.m. on June 25 and kept checking to see if employees were buckled up until 3:30 p.m. that afternoon. They had 428 individuals enter the facility, 356 were wearing their safety belts and received a Susan B. Anthony dollar. This was an 83 percent compliance rate, which was an increase of 12 percent over the last time.

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*Honeywell employees conduct a safety belt survey on cars entering the plant in June and received an 83 percent compliance rate.*

## THE MAN FROM ANKARA

The Turkish National Police has sent a group of officers to the United States to study and analyze the police training methods that we employ. One of the eight graduate students is Lt. Cemil Dogutas from Ankara, Turkey. He is attending Kent State University where he is working on his Masters Degree. His thesis is on Police Training and Its Effects on the Community.

This summer he was an intern with the Ohio State Highway Patrol at the Academy. He completed 400 hours at the Academy with 40 of those hours being an observer/participant. He also spent time doing research projects, taking Academy courses and learning about the cadet training program. He also had fun running in the Columbus Special Olympics on June 28th.

Police training is different in his country. At age 14, students enter a Police College, which is equivalent to our high school. Then after four years, students take an exam and enter the Turkish National Police Academy, which is comparable to our universities. About 300 students per year attend the Academy. They take courses in laws, theory and a foreign language. Following the Academy, they take special training at camps in the summer such as the one located near the sea. This training is more physical in scope.

The Turkish government decided in 1999 for the police to get more education and began the education program in the United States. Students are placed in many states and must pledge to serve an additional four years in the police service upon completing their education here.

Lt. Dogutas will continue his studies at Kent State until the fall of 2003 when he will return to Turkey. He says that many of his police friends sign up for work in the eastern part of Turkey because it pays more money. It is much more dangerous to work there.

When asked about the September 11 terrorist attacks on the U.S., Lt. Dogutas said he was at Kent State and saw the attacks on the news like many Americans and was "very shocked."

There are approximately 66 million people in Turkey. The country is about a third of the size of Texas. The three largest cities are Ankara, Izmir and Istanbul.



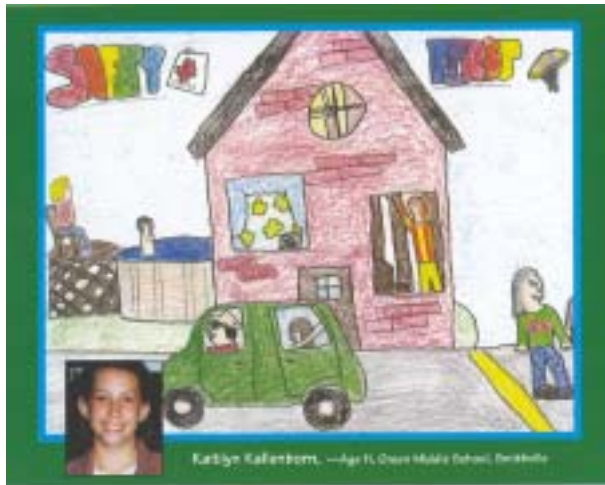
Lt. Cemil Dogutas, a member of the Turkish National Police, interned at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy this summer.

## Safety Calendar Receives AAMVA Award

The America Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) announced the AAMVA regional winners of the 2002 PACE Competition. The awards allow AAMVA to honor individuals, teams and organizations that have made a difference within their agency or community.

Ohio is in Region III. The winner in the Region III "Print—Special Purpose" category was the Ohio Department of Public Safety's "Safety Calendar" produced by the Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Started in 1997, the children's safety calendar is in its fifth edition and provides drawings that children in Ohio have entered in an EMS poster contest. The posters must feature some aspect of safety.

Other ODPS regional winners were R a d i o / P S A : "What's Holding You Back?" and in the "Marketing Campaign, Internally Produced" category, the winner was "Safe Teen Driving Program" produced by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP).



Emergency Medical Services 2002 Children's Calendar  
Sponsored by The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services

## Kay Carter Retires to Do More

She can be found in the Dealer Licensing Section...for now. As of August 29th, her 65th birthday, Kay Carter's whereabouts will become less precise. Kay is retiring after 23 years of state service, all of it with the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. As an active member of VIM (Volunteers in Mission), Kay will soon be heading to Brazil for the third time to work in a community center, helping the street kids of Rio de Janeiro. Kay has collected toothbrushes, 54 dolls, and 160 Matchbox® cars for distribution to the children. Over the years, she has volunteered hundreds of hours working with scouts and church groups to improve the welfare of others.

With plans to expand her mission and volunteer work after retirement, another trip to remote Willow, Alaska could be on the agenda, however, she dreams of heading to Africa. Some years ago, a planned trip to Rwanda to work in a refugee camp was canceled due to political unrest. The disappointment haunted her until she found a way to help. She "adopted" a Rwandan family shortly after their arrival in Columbus. Kay helped them so much in their new life in America that they named their baby girl after her.

The love of children and a desire for their welfare are a big part of Kay's life. A visit to her work area reveals a wall of photos of babies, tots and teenagers, most of who know her as "Aunt Kay". Each holiday, Kay prepares a gift bag for the children and grandchildren of every employee in Dealer Licensing. We all wish her well in retirement.



## Romanians Visit EMA

A group of ten Romanian diplomats visited the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) July 15 to learn about the agency's involvement with the State of Ohio Rain/Snow Monitoring System (STORMS) and observe the State Emergency Operations Center. The group is spending a week in the States to look at different forecast and weather tracking systems and Ohio's NOAA radio transmitters.

The diplomats are looking at ways to improve their country's severe weather notification system; specifically, flood warning notification. Ohio EMA Director Dale Shipley welcomed the guests. Julie Dian-Reed from the Wilmington National Weather Service gave a presentation on STORMS.

In addition, Ilse Gayl gave a presentation of DIAD, a computer system that shows rain gauge activity throughout the state.





# Quality Quote

**“The man who has no imagination has no wings.”  
— Muhammad Ali**



## The PSNEWS Roving Reporter

**Q If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?**

- A** “I would go on an European Cruise first off. Then I would pay my house off and put the rest of the money in a money market account or invest it in stocks. I would still continue working though.” Carla Cottrell, IT
- A** “I would donate a portion to the MS Society, make sure that my family is taken care of and buy a small plane and hire someone to fly my family to Canada every weekend! No, not to gamble, but to spend time at our two cabins on Lake Patten.” Cheryl Button, BMV
- A** “If it was like the Mega Millions, 10 percent would be tithed then I would take my entire family on a long cruise. I would buy 600 acres in SE Ohio and invite all my family and friends to come live there, have my brother’s construction company, using the local labor force, build us all houses on our own segments of land, needing roads, lakes. I’d build a church for my brother, the missionary, and also a Christian school free to all local children. I would start a natural healing clinic, hire helpers to grow organic foods and farm animals and bring some economic recovery to the local area. Blessings shared are best.” Melody Burgett, BMV
- A** “My wife, Linda, and I like the ocean so the first thing would be to buy a small house on the beach. Then we’d take care of our family, church and charities.” Tom Haller, BMV

## Salute to Ohio

### Proud to be a Buckeye

Salt Fork Resort and Conference Center is tucked away in the rolling hills of southeastern Ohio, in Ohio’s largest state park. The lush wooded surroundings contain miles of hiking and horseback riding trails, large and healthy populations of deer, turkey, flowers, song and water birds all with a view of Ohio’s largest state park lake.



Conveniently located close to the intersection of Interstates 70 and 77, Salt Fork Resort boasts 148 guestrooms, 54 cottages and 8 meeting and conference rooms with a professional sales and catering staff. The Lodge features indoor/outdoor pools, jacuzzi, game room, fitness center, family and children’s activities, gift shop, lounge, full service restaurant, basketball, volleyball and tennis. Cottages sleep six and include their own kitchen fully stocked with cookware and utensils, bath, living space, screened in porch and breathtaking views of Salt Fork Lake.

Attractions of the park include an 18-hole championship golf course, nature center, two marinas which offer a wide variety of watercraft rentals, the Kennedy Stone House, Hosak’s Cave, seasonal hunting and fishing, 7 boat launches with rating for unlimited horsepower and numerous picnic areas.

This is the ideal family retreat! Children’s recreation is offered weekends year-round and daily during summer season. This recreation can include games, arts and crafts, hayrides or hikes.

For more information, call Salt Fork at (740) 435-9000 or (740) 439-2751 or visit their Web site at <http://www.saltforkresort.com/> In addition, the Ohio tourism Web site can book any state park at <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/Travel.htm>.

## Calling all Trivia Buffs

What percentage of the human brain is water?



E-mail your answer to: [lmcbec@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:lmcbec@dps.state.oh.us)

In the last issue, Irving Berlin wrote *God Bless America*. He wrote it in 1918 and threw it into a trunk until 20 years later. His profits from the song were donated to the Boy and Girl Scouts. Miss Kate Smith was originally given exclusive rights to sing the song. She first sang it Armistice Day 1938.

No one knew the answer.

## Who is it?

This person works in Central Records on the first floor of the Shipley building. Who is it?



Send your guesses to [lmcbec@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:lmcbec@dps.state.oh.us)

In the August issue, the person was Jeff Coffey, who currently works on the third floor of the Shipley building in the Information Technology section.

These people knew the answer: Tammy Larrick, Ron Burk, Michele Croghan, Sue Campbell, Teresa Peters and Rick Fulton knew the answer.