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GHSO Awards Over \$9 Million in Traffic Safety Grants

The Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO) is finishing up a very busy grant-funding season, which began with applications being sent out in mid-April. Most of the FFY 2003 grants began activity on October 1.

Increasing restraint usage, decreasing impaired driving and speed violations were the major focuses of the grantees. The GHSO received 282 applications requesting approximately \$11,435,882. As of October 21, Ohio had awarded 229 grants totaling \$9,415,385.

More than 117 law enforcement agencies will receive funding along with 41 Safe Communities programs in 37 counties. Nine child passenger safety regional coordinators also received funding.

This year, the GHSO is funding six countywide D.U.I. Task Forces. These collaborative efforts are taking place in Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Montgomery, Portage and Trumbull counties. Law enforcement in those counties are working together to coordinate sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.



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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

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URSB meets in November

Near the end of November, the Utility Radiological Safety Board (URSB) met for the fourth time this year at our EMA division. EMA Executive Director Dale Shipley chairs this board, which develops policy for state government on the very high-visibility topic of nuclear power.

The board was created 13 years ago to recommend policies and practices that promote safety, performance, emergency preparedness and public health standards for state government. In addition to the EMA, four other state agencies are represented on the board: [agriculture](#), [commerce](#), [health](#) and the [PUCO](#).

A Citizen's Advisory Council is also part of the Board. Its nine members, who serve two-year terms, are an organized voice that ensures the Board is aware of, and responsive to, needs of the citizens of the state. Members serve two-year terms.

Most of the Board's regular activities involve monitoring activities at the three utility owned nuclear power plants that impact Ohio. They include the Davis-Besse plant in Ottawa County near Port Clinton, the Perry plant in Lake County east of Cleveland, and the Beaver Valley plant in western Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh.

HOMELAND SECURITY FORUM



Lt. Governor Maureen O'Connor opened each of the seven regional homeland security forums in October hosted by the State of Ohio Security Task Force. Experts from our EMS and EMA divisions, the Highway Patrol, the State Fire Marshall and the Ohio Department of Health briefed regional participants at each of the meetings. Local first responders then broke up into interest-area discussion groups.

PUMPKIN CONTEST WINNERS FOR CCC

In October, employees voted for their favorite pumpkin in a contest that benefited the Combined Charitable Campaign (CCC). There were 331 ballots cast. The votes were \$.25 each or 5 for \$1.

The winners were:

- 1st Place: Leora Knight, Revenue Management for the witch
- 2nd Place: Adrenna Espie, Record Clearance for KISS
- 3rd Place: Mark Hurtt, Financial Responsibility for Stars and Stripes



Other interesting entrants were:

- "What's Holding You Back?" Glenn Rundo, Record Clearance
- Uncle Sam-group entry from Record Clearance
- Buckeye-Sue Coady, Internal Audits



QUALITY DAY at ODPS

Quality Day at Ohio Public Safety on October 10, 2002, was a great success!



Acting Director Tom Stickrath and Rosemary Jamison, Quality Coordinator



Safe Communities display



Ron Alexander in front of the EMS display.



Patrol display



Training display



OPLATES display



Temporary tag display

Ron Burk Heads for the Tees

Ron Burk, sometimes known as Mr. Traffic, retired from ODPS on October 31, 2002, after nearly 17 years of service. Since it was Halloween, some of his co-workers in the Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO) dressed as Ron Burk look alikes.

Ron received several nice plaques and a special framed license plate. In addition, he received a bicentennial bird house (he had been wanting one). The layer cake had a golf theme. Ron stated that there were several things that he would not miss including rush hour traffic, driving to work in the snow and especially getting up at 5 a.m.



Ron Burk look alikes: Sylvia Martinez, Kim Jenkinson and Missy Armstrong



Ron Burk with bird house

FIRST MARATHON

Tim Wheeler, Information Technology, began training for this year's Columbus Marathon on April 1st of this year. He trained with a group called Marathoner-in-Training (MIT) by Premier Sports. This was Tim's first marathon, and he completed it with an official time of 3:36.30. Congratulations, Tim!



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QUALITY QUOTE

"Hide not your talents, they for use were made.
What's a sundial in the shade?" Ben Franklin



The PSNEWS Roving Reporter

Q What is your favorite holiday tradition and why?

A "I really enjoy the 4th of July. It is all about celebrating our country's great past and what is ahead for us as a nation. It confirms for the citizens that we are all very fortunate to have all our personal, religious and political freedoms." Robert Posey, Chief, Titles

A "I would have to say that it would be going Trick or Treating with my son and giving out candy to the kids at Halloween." Brandon Werry, OSHP

A "Getting the Christmas tree. We go to a tree farm and cut our own tree. My kids enjoy picking out the tree and yelling timber." Greg Wyatt, Layout and Design

A "My favorite holiday tradition is baking and decorating cut out cookies with my kids. It's the same tradition that I had when I was a little girl. The more sprinkles the better!" Laura Mourne, OSHP

A "From my childhood:
On Christmas Eve, all the family and friends would gather around the tree, my mother would turn out all the lights except those on the tree and then my father would sing "Silent Night" accapella. My father had a great voice, and sometimes this moment would be deeply moving and solemn. Sometimes we would try to sing along and it would become funny and joyful. It was always memorable.

A From my adulthood:
My wife and I go to a special place every year and buy the biggest pumpkins you have ever seen! We take them home and then my wife carves them into the most intricate jack-o-lanterns you can imagine (I get to muck them out). It takes all day; so by the time it's done, it's dark out and they are ready for display. The nieces and nephews come over and we have a cookout, tell stories and wait for the great pumpkin!" Gordon Cook, INV

A "Probably taking the family to the 4th of July fireworks. Because it's nice to see so many people together celebrating this great country and to feel a part of a much greater "family". I'm sorry if this is not the kind of holiday tradition to which you refer, but as a veteran, and the son of a WWII veteran it is the most important one to me." Larry Confer, EMA

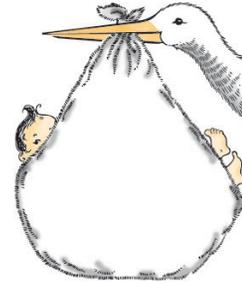
Salute to Ohio Proud to be a Buckeye

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Buckeye	corn	Ohio
Buckeye State	Dayton	Ohio River
Cardinal	Erie Canal	Scarlet Carnation
Cincinnati	Gateway State	Toledo
Cleveland	Lake Erie	Youngstown

Calling all Trivia Buffs

Who was the first U.S. President born in the 20th century?



E-mail your answer to: Imcbee@dps.state.oh.us

The U.S. President who was first to install a stove in the White House was Millard Fillmore.

These people knew the answer:

No one knew the answer.

Who is it?

This person is a section Chief for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). He and his staff are located on the first floor. Who is it?



Send your guesses to Imcbee@dps.state.oh.us

The skeleton at the Team Up Ohio event several years ago was Lynne McBee. The team did a drive for people to sign up for the Bone Marrow Registry. Many people stopped by for information, and many signed up.

These people knew the answer:

No one knew the answer.