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Bob Taft, Governor

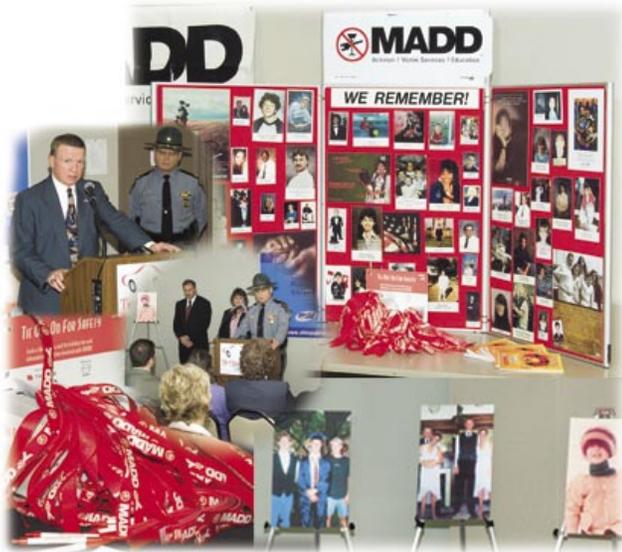
Kenneth L. Morckel, Director

ODPS and MADD Hold Kickoff Event

MADD launched its *Tie One on for Safety* holiday ribbon campaign on November 22 here at ODPS. As Ohioans prepared to celebrate the holiday season with their friends and family, MADD again emphasized the need for increased safety belt usage in addition to the dangers of impaired driving.

Highway Patrol vehicles participated by displaying red ribbons.

In 2003, the Ohio State Highway Patrol arrested 26,855 for OVI. In addition, there were 427 fatal alcohol-related crashes in Ohio. Other interesting statistics include how many people were convicted. As of 11/01/04, the number of people with OVI convictions is as follows:



Number of OVI convictions	Number of people	Number of OVI convictions	Number of people
1	609,374	11	222
2	180,795	12	94
3	75,910	13	58
4	34,496	14	25
5	16,249	15	14
6	7,857	16	13
7	3,810	17	6
8	1,831	18	2
9	894	19	1
10	469		

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Cleveland State University Plates Available

Cleveland State University has been re-established into the Special Plate program. Cleveland State plates were placed on sale November 15, 2004.

Driving Records Now Available at Deputy Registrar Offices

Motorists can now go to their local deputy registrar agency to pick up a copy of their driving record. The fee for this service is \$2 for the abstract plus the \$3.50 deputy registrar fee. Prior to this, driving records were only available by mail, at the Alum Creek and Shipley Customer Service Centers and at the Reinstatement Centers.



Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio EMA and FEMA's Structure Inventory Team Receive Governor's Statewide Employee/Team of the Month

The Statewide Structure Inventory is an application of Ohio Department of Natural Resource, (ODNR), Division of Water, Floodplain Management Program's Geographic Information Management System. ODNR's Division of Water staff was joined by representatives from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency to form the Statewide Structure Inventory Team. The team developed this baseline information to identify structures at risk of flood damage throughout the state and offers it in a usable format for communities statewide to plan for post-flood response and recovery as well as pre-flood prevention and mitigation.

In November, the structure inventory team was recognized for its 2004 outstanding contribution and received the Governor's Statewide Employee/Team of the Month award. The team's award noted that they demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment and skill in performing their responsibilities with state government, as well as demonstrated initiative, creativity, excellence and achievement.



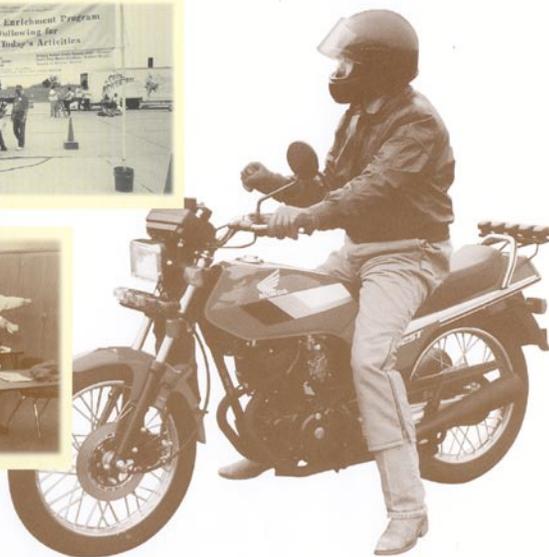
Pictured from left to right: Richard Bartz, Chief, Div. of Water; Dr. Sam Speck, ODNR Director; Nancy Olson, FEMA, Region V; Sima Merick, Ohio EMA Mitigation; Alicia Silverio, ODNR; Christopher Thoms, ODNR; Paul Spahr, ODNR; Ken Pendley, ODNR; Gov. Bob Taft; Jorge Meyers, ODNR; Chad Berginnis, ODNR; Cynthia Crecelius, ODNR; Ray Klingbeil, ODNR; Timothy Beck, ODNR; Steven Ferryman, ODNR; and Dale Shipley, former Ohio EMA Executive Director.

Reflections on the Past

MOTORCYCLE OHIO

On April 3, 1968, the Universal Helmet Law (for all ages) became law; however, on July 10, 1978, the law was changed so that only minors and first-year motorcycle operators were required to wear a helmet.

Ohio Motorcycle Enrichment Program was created by Am. Sub. H.B. 291 on March 11, 1987, and the first office was established by November 9, 1987. In June of 1998, OMEP conducted its first instructor preparation course and began training students on September 1, 1988. On January 1, 1997, OMEP began charging \$25 tuition for the basic rider course. In the fall of 1998, OMEP changed its name to Motorcycle



www.motorcycle.ohio.gov

Excellence in Service Award Winners

Excellence in Service Award winners are nominated by their co-workers for exceeding job performance expectations, their professional and positive attitudes, their commitment to Public Safety's core values, and their exceptional service to both internal and external customers. Those honored as third quarter winners of the Excellence in Service Award are:

- Vicky Smith of the Administration Division - Management category
- Amy Conkey from BMV - Office Support category
- Herb Pugh of the Investigative Unit - Law Enforcement category
- Dennis Rodgers from Administration - Technical Services category



Vicky Smith



Amy Conkey



Herb Pugh



Dennis Rodgers



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Roving Reporter

Q: What is your favorite board game now or when you were a child and why?

A: "Monopoly or Life— both as a child and now." Janet Jackson, OSHP

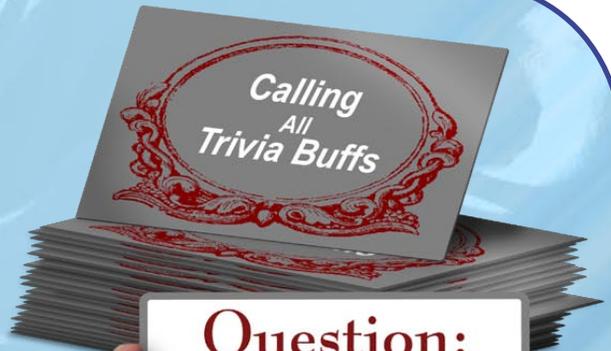
A: "As a child I liked to play the game Sorry. You got to bump players back to their home base, and say sorry without meaning it! Today, I enjoy playing Tripoly. It takes a large group of players, and you get the chance to win small amounts of money!" Kathy Ludowese, ADM

A: "It was Trouble. I think it was the draw of the pop-o-matic." Larry Murnane, ADM

A: "I enjoyed playing checkers because that meant an evening of family time and bonding. Coming from a large family, it was a big deal around our house to always play games on Friday and Saturday evening. My father had the boys, and mom had the girls. We would see who could beat the two sides and win the most points. I enjoyed playing because the girls never lost." Edith Mason, BMV

A: "Candy Land. When my two sons were small, we bought them a Candy Land board game, and I played it with them. Now that my two boys are grown with children of their own, I'm still playing that same old, tattered Candy Land game with my four grandchildren. It doesn't get any better than that." Eram Kennedy, EMS

A: "Checkers as a child and today it would be chess. Chess is a board game that really challenges the mind. You have to really think just like the choices you make in life." LaToya Coleman, BMV



Question:

Which county is the largest Ohio county?



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Columbus became Ohio's permanent capital in 1816.

Julie Simkins knew the answer.



WHO? is it?

This person is the supervisor for HRM training. Who is she?



In the November issue, the person was Rich Nagel, the assistant administrator of HRM.

These people knew the answer: Gerald Brame, Julie Simkins, Terri Berchak and Lillian Johnson

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