



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Department of Public Safety**

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### **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES DONATE CARE PACKAGES TO DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS**

**WHAT:** The Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Military Committee recently joined forces with Buckeye Military Moms, Chapter 9 (Blue Star Mothers of America) by coordinating the Operation Care Campaign. Operation Care Campaign was created to collect various items from ODPS employees to be included in care packages that will be sent to deployed service members as a "Thank You" for their service to our Country. ODPS employees collected more than 30 boxes of items and will donate them to Blue Star Mothers on Friday.

**WHO:** George Maier, Assistant Director, ODPS  
Representatives from Blue Star Military Moms, Chapter 9, (Blue Star Mothers of America)  
Representatives from Ohio National Guard  
Representatives from United States Army, 1-137 Aviation Assault Helicopter Battalion  
Representatives from ODPS Military Committee

**WHERE:** Ohio Department of Public Safety  
1970 W. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43223  
Outside Main BMV entrance

**WHEN:** Friday, July 9 at 9:00 a.m.

**BACKGROUND:** Of the nearly 4,000 employees who make up ODPS, 414 of these employees are active military personnel or veterans, with more than 135 employees serving as members of the National Guard and Reserves. The ODPS Military Committee was created to develop methods that improve the quality of life for departmental citizen soldiers, airmen, sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and their families during periods of peace, pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment. Recently, ODPS received the U. S. Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest U.S. Government recognition to employers for support of military employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.