



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Department of Public Safety**

Ohio Department of Public Safety • John Born, Director  
[www.publicsafety.ohio.gov](http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov)



**SAFETY • SERVICE • PROTECTION**

John R. Kasich, Governor

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**September 22, 2016**

**Contact:** ODPS Communications, 614-466-4344

### **ODPS Encourages Public to Download its Safer Ohio Phone App**

**Columbus** - The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) is encouraging the public to download its “Safer Ohio” phone app, Ohio’s multi-function, mobile public safety tool for reporting suspicious activity, requesting emergency or roadside help and monitoring traffic conditions.

The Safer Ohio Phone App is a component of the ODPS Safer Ohio Initiative. This App has the “See Something, Send Something” function, which allows people to report information and send photos of suspicious activity to Ohio Homeland Security. Also available on the multi-functional App is a button for connecting with a 9-1-1 dispatcher, a function which dispatches the Ohio State Highway Patrol or other law enforcement officer to a non-emergency traffic situation, and connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation’s OH-GO application for real-time traffic reports throughout Ohio. If you are experiencing an emergency, you should always call 9-1-1 first.

“Through the Safer Ohio Phone App, anyone in Ohio can provide critical information to our 24/7 public safety intelligence analysts that can potentially save lives and protect critical infrastructure,” said John Born, ODPS Director. “This app also allows another way for the general public to connect with law enforcement to receive non-emergency assistance.”

The user-friendly app is available through the Apple App Store or on Google Play.

###