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### **THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CONTINUES EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC-PRIVATE RELATIONSHIPS**

(COLUMBUS) - Today, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) held its first Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3) South Region conference at the American Red Cross in Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference is utilized as a platform to build upon the OP3 program by encouraging open dissemination of information, gathering input from members to determine their needs and sharing best practices. Speakers from ODPS, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other member organizations demonstrated the tools and information they offer and engaged in a discussion on how the public and private sectors can work together to better serve communities in Ohio.

"I am pleased to see the continued commitment and growth of the Ohio Public Private Partnership over the past two years," said ODPS Director John Born. "I view this program as an essential component in our state's comprehensive public safety effort that requires collaboration, because none of us can do it alone."

Introduced in January 2014, the OP3 is comprised of public and private sector representatives who share a vision of building the program through a grass-roots strategy; determining the needs of private sector entities during a crisis event; providing member organizations with current information and situational awareness on disaster prevention, planning, response and recovery efforts; and opportunities to guide critical decisions, communications, capabilities and resources that best support Ohio's citizens. With more than 250 members, the OP3 is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country.

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