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Ada Earns Top Honors for Contributing to a Safer Ohio

For weeks, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) has been asking “How will you contribute to a safer Ohio?” We now know one city’s response.

In 2001, Chief Michael Harnishfeger of the Ada (Ohio) Police Department created the Seeking Aid From Every Resident (S.A.F.E.R.) policing program. “The idea for S.A.F.E.R. came on the heels of 9/11,” said Chief Harnishfeger. “I was thinking of ways to keep our village safer as a result of this terrorist attack on our nation. Realizing that Ada is not a New York City, the fact remains that people as a whole, not just law enforcement, must remain vigilant to keep a safer community, state and nation; law enforcement cannot do it alone, we must have aid from every resident.”

The essence of S.A.F.E.R. is to constantly remind and encourage residents of their role in making their community a safer place and to reward community residents when they do participate in making their community a safer place to live.

“Everything we do is centered around S.A.F.E.R. as a continual reminder that it takes all of us working together to keep our community safer,” said Chief Harnishfeger. “We believe very strongly that Ada is in fact a safer community because of the continued participation of our residents through the S.A.F.E.R. program.”

Since its inception, 17 S.A.F.E.R. awards have been given to individuals for their efforts in making Ada a safer community. Corporations and businesses have also received an award.

In 2003, the S.A.F.E.R. program was awarded the Ohio Community Policing Strategy of the Year by the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. Because of the city’s dedication and hard work to keep its community safer, and ultimately contributing to a safer Ohio, the city will soon be receiving the newly-created ODPS “I Contribute” award, which was presented to Chief Harnishfeger on December 3, 2013.

“I applaud Chief Harnishfeger’s efforts for creating and maintaining a successful program,” said ODPS Director John Born. “He is making a tangible difference to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Ada, and that is an illustrative example of what it means to contribute to a safer Ohio. The S.A.F.E.R. program is tremendous and certainly worthy of earning the inaugural “I Contribute” award.”

To nominate someone for the “I Contribute” award, please visit the ODPS website.



Ohio Department of Public Safety Director John Born presented the inaugural “I Contribute” award to Ada Police Chief Michael Harnishfeger on December 3, 2013. Ada Mayor Dave Retterer is on the right.

Components of Ada’s S.A.F.E.R. program

- A S.A.F.E.R. committee brings together community members representing law enforcement, education, business, government and the public;
- S.A.F.E.R. signs are placed strategically in different parts of the community for high-visibility and as a constant reminder to the residents;
- S.A.F.E.R. newsletters keep the community apprised of events and issues;
- S.A.F.E.R. alerts (used sparingly) alert citizens to a specific issue;
- S.A.F.E.R. Kids is a component used to engage community children in safety-related educational opportunities and events; and
- S.A.F.E.R. awards are presented to residents who substantially contribute to the safety and security of the city. Since every NFL football is produced locally in Ada, and it is home to the only NFL factory in the United States, recipients of the S.A.F.E.R. award receive an NFL football with the S.A.F.E.R. logo, further reiterating the importance of community.

Ohio EMS Develops 24-hour Live Fire Training Course

Training is a vital part of fire department operations, but sometimes results in unnecessary deaths or injuries. According to the United States Fire Administration, 10 percent of firefighter deaths in the U.S. occur during training. The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is working to reduce training-related injuries and fatalities by developing live fire training courses for fire instructors through a contract with the University of Findlay. The courses are designed to improve safety of personnel and the community when conducting live fire training evolutions.

"Nationally, live fire training for firefighters results in a significant number of fatalities and injuries," said EMS Executive Director Mel House. "We are trying to get ahead of the curve before it happens in Ohio."

Spearheaded by the Firefighter & Fire Safety Inspector Training Subcommittee, the initiative, expected to launch in February 2014, will include a 24-hour Live Fire Training Operations Course based on National Fire Protection Association 1403, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, to be delivered by Ohio's chartered fire training programs. The initiative also includes a revision to the Ohio Administrative Code that will require all new EMS-certified fire instructors to complete this course before participating in live fire training evolutions conducted on behalf of chartered fire training programs.

Historically, the Division of EMS works with the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee to develop fire training course objectives. Chartered fire training programs then use the course objectives to develop programs for delivery to Ohio's fire service. In this instance, the Live Fire Training Course is being developed by the University of Findlay, under contract with EMS. The course, upon completion, will be handed off to Ohio's chartered fire training programs at no cost.

EMS is excited about this new venture into course development, alleviating the need for fire training programs to expend time and money developing the Live Fire Training Operations Course, and ensuring consistency of fire training across the state of Ohio. The course will conclude with live fire training evolution knowledge and practical skills testing to ensure fire instructors have the requisite knowledge and skills to conduct live fire training evolutions in a safe manner.

U.S. Fire Administration Facts and Figures

- Eighty-one firefighters died while on duty in 2012, including 42 volunteer, 28 career, and 11 wildland agency firefighters.
- Twenty-two firefighters died while engaging in activities at the scene of a fire.
- Heart attacks were the most frequent cause of death.
- Eight firefighters died while they were engaged in training activities.

The Lawn Care LITIGATOR

BMV investigation uncovers identity fraud and unlawful practice of law

In March 2012, Groveport Police Detective Mike Sturgill asked Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Investigator Sarah Burton to assist in an investigation of a lawn care service operated by a man named Chance Catudal. After serving a search warrant at Catudal's residence in Columbus, Groveport detectives learned that Catudal, who had been accused of defrauding area lawn supply and equipment rental firms, was using a second driver license issued in the name of Bryan E. Hall in addition to his own. Det. Sturgill also told Inv. Burton that Catudal also used the aliases Bryan Beltran and Chris Goldfarb.

Inv. Burton's investigation revealed Catudal and Hall were the same person, and that Catudal had continued to use Hall as his identity after filing papers in Franklin County in 2009 to legally change his name to Chance Catudal. Inv. Burton found that after the name change, Catudal had obtained four driver license renewals, five vehicle registrations and three title issuances in the name of Bryan Hall.

Inv. Burton also discovered something else — Chance Catudal, having previously served prison time for burglary, was one of the most prolific *pro se* litigators in central Ohio. A self-styled lawyer, he had filed a barrage of lawsuits in both state and federal courts, suing his ex-wife, her lawyers, his own lawyers and several Franklin County judges while

waging a child-custody battle. Inv. Burton soon learned the charges that resulted from her investigation with Groveport Police provoked Catudal to bombard the courts with a new round of lawsuits accompanied by dozens of motions.

On June 4, 2012, a Franklin County grand jury indicted Catudal on five counts of tampering with records, five counts of theft and two counts of passing bad checks, all felonies. Catudal hired a Pickerington attorney to represent him, but the lawyer/client relationship quickly deteriorated. In succession, Catudal fired his attorney, asked to represent himself in the criminal case and then sued his attorney. Catudal also sued his uncle in California for referring Catudal to “an attorney that he knew to be incompetent and ineffective,” according to Catudal's lawsuit.

Franklin County Common Pleas Judge Richard A. Frye ordered Catudal in January 2013 to undergo a psychiatric evaluation at Netcare Corporation, a mental health service in Columbus. However, Netcare soon withdrew from its evaluation after agency administrators told Judge Frye that Catudal and his wife had stalked his therapist by following him and writing down his license plate number. In a subsequent attempt to “prove” he had no need for the license plate information because he already had ample information about the therapist, Catudal,

while incarcerated in the Franklin County Jail, filed a motion in which he published the therapist's home address, date of birth and Social Security number.

Catudal's criminal case then took an unexpected turn. Given the option of pleading guilty to a single felony theft charge and being sentenced to time served based on the 188 days he had spent in custody, Catudal agreed to the plea deal on July 11, 2013. However, that would not be the end of the case. Within a month, he had filed a motion to withdraw his guilty plea, claiming that both of his lawyers had committed legal malpractice, that he had been subjected to two unjust competency evaluations and that he had been “indirectly forced” to plead guilty to the theft charge.

As of this writing, Catudal has been formally designated as a “vexatious litigator,” which has reduced his access to the Franklin County courts. As for his guilty plea to the theft charge, Catudal's appeal is currently pending before the Tenth District Court of Appeals. The appeals court has permitted him to “proceed as a vexatious litigator,” thereby continuing to represent himself.

“This is one of the most unusual cases I've ever worked on,” said Inv. Burton. “Chance is definitely one of a kind.”

On average, BMV Investigators conduct 2,500 investigations annually with the most common investigations involving identity theft, driver license (DL)/identification (ID) fraud, title fraud, registration violations, unlicensed motor vehicle sales, and license agency employee misconduct.

Ohio EMA Mitigates Disaster through Ohio Safe Room Program



Stephen and Becky Babjak of Logan County were among the first recipients of a safe room through the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program. Their safe room, which can shelter up to four adults, is bolted to the cement foundation of their garage.

On March 2, 2012, southern Ohio was caught in a pre-season tornado outbreak. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), seven tornadoes, including an EF3 and an EF2, touched down, causing four fatalities and injuring 15.

In tornado and hurricane-prone areas, safe rooms are an integral part in protecting lives and preventing serious injuries when violent storms occur.

Last year, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA), in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), introduced the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program, which allowed Ohio residents a chance to build a safe room on their property to protect themselves from tornadoes and severe storms.

Ohio's tornado season is typically April through July, but tornadoes can happen any time of the year. NWS confirmed four tornadoes touched down in Ohio overnight October 31 – November 1, including an EF0 tornado in Franklin County; an EF1 in Licking County; an EF1 in Montgomery County; and an EF0 in Miami County.

Safe rooms can help provide “near-absolute protection” from injury or death caused by dangerous

forces of extreme winds. According to FEMA, “near-absolute protection” means occupants of a safe room have a very high probability of being protected during a tornado or hurricane.

One of the first recipients of a safe room through the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program was a couple in Logan County, Stephen and Becky Babjak. The Babjaks were one of 155 families chosen from nearly 800 applicants, and were the first to complete construction of their safe room. Their FEMA-guidance safe room is bolted to the cement foundation of their garage and can shelter up to four adults. The Babjaks have a single-floor home with no basement in Bellefontaine.

“If a tornado came through, we’d have no place to go,” said Stephen Babjak. “This is a really good program. We would not have been able to afford the safe room any other way.”

The Babjaks received their rebate check from EMA within a few weeks of the shelter’s completion.

FEMA safe rooms are constructed to withstand winds up to 250 mph — equivalent to an EF5 tornado. To learn more about safe rooms and their construction, visit www.fema.gov/safe-rooms.

Partnership Helps Minor Victims of Human Trafficking

The Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) are partnering with the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (ONCAC) and its 26 children's advocacy centers to help minors who are victims of human trafficking. Through this partnership, advocacy center team members receive extensive training to provide direct services to minor victims of human trafficking, develop and identify important community resources, provide community workshops on human trafficking and work with state partners and the Ohio Network of Anti-Human Trafficking Coalitions to strengthen Ohio's response model for serving minor victims of trafficking. When appropriate, the centers also will assist with human trafficking investigations.

Over the next two years, ODJFS will provide \$523,200 in funding to the children's advocacy centers, which are multidisciplinary teams that provide a coordinated and comprehensive response to child abuse. Within the first three months of the partnership, children's advocacy centers identified* 20 cases of trafficking.

"By partnering with the network of child advocacy centers, we are ensuring minor victims of trafficking have access to high-quality, child-focused care," said Ohio Anti-Trafficking Coordinator Elizabeth Ranade Janis. "This excellent partnership is building a network of providers with the technical capacity to respond to the unique needs of young trafficking victims throughout Ohio, in both urban and rural areas."

**Identified means the trained multidisciplinary team determined the child's circumstances indicate human trafficking, but charges may not have been filed yet.*



From left: Executive Director Karhlton Moore, Ohio Criminal Justice Services; ODPS Director John Born; Cynthia Gevedon and Jeannette Adkins, Michael's House Child Advocacy Center; former ODJFS Director Michael Tolbert; Greene County Prosecutor Stephen K. Haller; Anti-Trafficking Coordinator Elizabeth Ranade Janis; Executive Director Kristen Rost, Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

Recent Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force Activities

- As of August, more than 3,000 state employees have received training on identifying, confronting and preventing human trafficking;
 - Ohio law enforcement officers have completed more than 35,000 online human trafficking courses;
 - As of fall 2013, personnel in every public school district, community school and STEM school are required to complete human trafficking training;
 - All new county caseworkers are required to take human trafficking training offered by ODJFS,
- which is also widely promoted to foster caregivers and other service providers;
- Response models have been developed for effective service delivery for victims of trafficking when they come in contact with Ohio's systems;
 - In September, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services released self-assessment tools for service providers to assess competencies in providing trauma-informed care to victims of human trafficking, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Tragedy Results in Critical Liquor Law Training

On October 7, 2013, the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU), the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the University of Toledo Police Department hosted an alcohol server knowledge (ASK) training program for more than 130 Lucas County-area liquor permit holders and staff members at the University of Toledo's Driscoll Center.

Dr. Brian and Cindy Hoeflinger spoke during the program. On February 2, 2013, their 18-year-old-son, Brian, consumed an excessive amount of alcohol at a house party and attempted to drive before crashing his car into a tree. Brian was pronounced dead as a result of the crash.

At the request of the Ottawa Hills Police Department, OIU agents from the Toledo District conducted a trace-back investigation. OIU agents determined Brian's underage friends were able to purchase alcohol and supply it to Brian. The clerk who sold the alcohol was charged with selling alcohol to a person under 21, and the case is still pending in Toledo Municipal Court.

The October 7 presentation, which included a slide show of Brian's life, conveyed to attendees how selling alcohol to underage patrons affected the Hoeflinger family and underscored that it could have been prevented.

"We are so thankful that the Hoeflingers were able to share their story of how the sale of alcohol to underage people can lead to tragedy," said Toledo Agent-in-Charge Raymond Rodriguez.

"We could not have asked for a better turnout," Rodriguez added. "Our goal is to work with permit holders and their staff on education and training. We would rather work together than take enforcement action after a violation has occurred."

Also during the presentation, OIU agents addressed Ohio liquor laws, rules and regulations, while troopers talked about drinking and driving. The ASK program is free and designed for liquor permit holders and their employees. For more information, please call the Ohio Investigative Unit at (614) 644-2415.



Dr. Brian Hoeflinger recently spoke to liquor permit holders about how a store clerk's decision to sell alcohol to a person under 21 played a role in his son's death.

ASK program, Jan. 1 - Nov. 1, 2013

Office	Attendees	Presentations
Athens	221	14
Canton	510	34
Cincinnati	863	67
Cleveland	331	16
Columbus	1,786	80
Toledo	1,026	48
Total	4,737	259

Ohio Homeland Security Works to Protect Ohio's Infrastructure

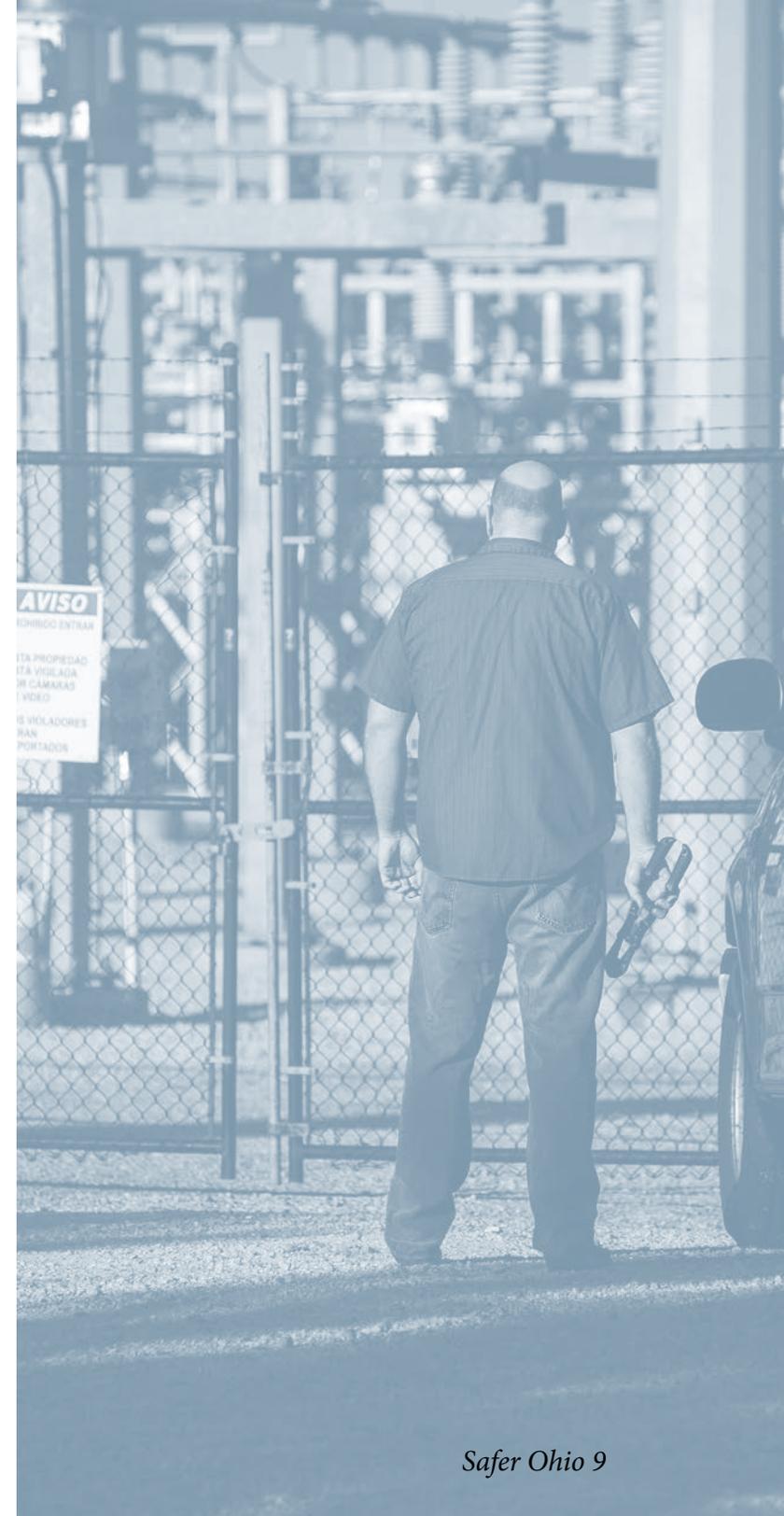
Ohio Homeland Security's Infrastructure Protection Unit (IPU) is dedicated to the identification and protection of Ohio's critical infrastructure—the interconnected networks of utilities and services we depend on for sustenance and development. Critical infrastructure includes 16 sectors ranging from electricity and emergency services to the commercial retail industry. Approximately 85 percent of the country's infrastructure is owned and operated by the private sector, so IPU works to establish and nurture working relationships with private sector partners, effectively creating force multipliers to provide otherwise unobtainable levels of information and insight. These efforts afford IPU the opportunity to work with practitioners who possess an intimate understanding of key resources.

IPU is constantly striving to increase awareness of its mission and to educate the public, the responder community and other government agencies on the importance of infrastructure protection, and why this must be a collaborative effort. An example of these efforts is the statewide mall briefing hosted by Ohio Homeland Security to provide useful information to representatives of the mall industry in light of the recent Westgate Mall attack in Nairobi, Kenya. This briefing offered a more in-depth view of the attack and the attackers and provided considerations as to what can be done in Ohio to protect our malls.

Ohio's Scrap Metal Program

One of the newest programs administered by IPU is Ohio's Scrap Metal Program. Scrap metal theft is arguably one of the least notable yet most costly crimes affecting Ohio's infrastructure. In response to an increase in the frequency and volume of scrap theft, legislation was drafted to create a statewide program to regulate the scrap metal trade in Ohio with the intent of reducing theft of metal.

On January 1, 2013, the first of three databases created and managed by the IPU was implemented. This registration database processes the required registration of all scrap metal businesses in the state. The final two databases will be implemented in 2014 and include a statewide "Do Not Buy List," which will consist of individuals with convictions of theft and/or receiving stolen property, and a business transaction upload database. Dealers must use the transaction database to upload records of daily transactions, providing law enforcement with real-time information on what materials are being sold, where and by whom. The program will identify the sources of the money driving metal theft and remove them from the equation. Metal theft has been shown to correlate with drug use, and has affected virtually every aspect of critical infrastructure in the state. By reducing metal theft, the IPU will positively impact the security and welfare of Ohio.







Patrol joins forces with safety partners for new teen program aimed at reducing drug use

This fall, the Ohio State Highway Patrol partnered with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), Ohio National Guard and Ohio Department of Public Safety to roll out a new program, *5 Minutes for Life*. This program is an educational campaign to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the demand for illegal drug use among high school students and other young adults.

The program centers on Ohio state troopers and Ohio National Guard members talking for five minutes with student-athletes from high school sports teams before or after a practice about responsible decision-making, leadership and encouraging those in their peer group to live a drug-free lifestyle.

Following the presentations, role models are encouraged to volunteer to become a student ambassador for the program and spread the message within their school. The students are encouraged to use social media to promote these key concepts and post/send related video messages to *5 Minutes for Life* Facebook and Twitter sites operated by the Patrol.

The statewide partnership involves all 58 Patrol posts, more than 800 OHSAA-member high schools and Ohio National Guard Service recruiters from around the state.

During the fall sports season, the program was delivered to nearly 5,000 teens across the state of Ohio with very positive feedback. Program administrators are gearing up for the winter sports season and are looking forward to spreading the *5 Minutes for Life* message.

5 Minutes for Life represents a tangible way in which Ohio high school students and athletes can contribute to a safer Ohio. It's only five minutes for the rest of their life.

To schedule a *5 Minutes for Life* presentation at a high school in your area, contact your local post commander.

Join the conversation!



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Public Safety Briefs

Ohio State Highway Patrol Celebrates 80 Years

As the Patrol celebrates its 80th anniversary this year, the work and events that helped shape the first 80 years should not be overlooked. Since the first 60 men rolled out of Camp Perry on November 15, 1933, to the members of the 155th Academy Class set to be commissioned in February, there is no doubt the women and men of the Ohio State Highway Patrol care deeply about making Ohio a safer place to live, work and visit.

Throughout history, the main core function of the Patrol has remained the same — to protect life and property, promote traffic safety and provide professional public safety services with respect, compassion and unbiased professionalism.

It is important to acknowledge and realize the impact of the Ohio State Highway Patrol across eight decades of service to the state, nation and world. The Patrol's role in traffic safety and criminal patrol directly impacts the quality of life for so many people every day.

It is also essential to recognize and honor the 39 officers and five support personnel killed in the line of duty who have paid the ultimate sacrifice over the past 80 years.

From the humble beginnings in 1933, to the innovations of today, many things about the Ohio State Highway Patrol have changed. But while the methods and equipment may be different, the most basic question remains for each person in the organization: What will you do today to contribute to a safer Ohio?



Ohio Investigative Unit Celebrates 80 Years of Service

The Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) celebrated 80 years of service to Ohio on December 23, 2013. When prohibition ended on December 5, 1933, the state created a regulatory agency to oversee the production and sale of alcoholic beverages in Ohio. On that date, the General Code of Ohio 6064 became effective, creating the Department of Liquor Control. Under this code, the enforcement division began and was charged with conducting investigations at licensed and unlicensed liquor sales locations throughout Ohio. The agents were also tasked with stopping illegal sales, distribution and manufacturing of beer and alcohol for public consumption.

In 1995, the enforcement division was transferred to the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Over the years, more enforcement efforts have been added, including food stamp and tobacco enforcement. In 1999, the enforcement division was renamed the Ohio Investigative Unit. On January 1, 2013, OIU was integrated into the structure of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

During 80 years of enforcing the state's liquor laws, OIU has been involved in investigating and enforcing cases including: bootlegging; moonshine; illegal gambling; drugs; weapons; underage drinking; prostitution; and tracing back the sale of alcohol after an alcohol-related crash.

As OIU celebrated 80 years of service, the Unit honored Agent James Burns who on Nov. 7, 1964, was shot to death in the line of duty as he attempted to arrest a suspect in an illegal liquor sales establishment in Xenia. In 1991, Agent Burns' name was officially dedicated to be placed on the wall at the National Peace Officer's Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Ohio Homeland Security Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On September 26, 2013, Ohio Homeland Security celebrated 10 years of service to the citizens of Ohio. Since the inception of the organization, there has been significant change and progress in making Ohio safer. During the decade, Ohio Homeland Security's mission has remained to analyze and share information, increase awareness, reduce vulnerabilities, and develop strategies to prevent, prepare for, and protect against acts of terrorism and other threats to public safety and critical infrastructure.



Ohio Homeland Security has been innovative in its approach to share critical information with all agencies in Ohio. Utilization of technologies like the Contact and Information Management System (CIMS) provide frontline first responders with daily communications that provide information and intelligence products and increase the opportunity to recognize, report and mitigate potential threats more effectively.

Moving forward, it is important to remember that the challenges facing Ohio are in a state of constant change. Homeland security professionals, first responders and citizens alike must remain vigilant to make Ohio safer, securing the homeland against all threats.

Ohio EMA Grants

Ohio EMA awarded \$12,197,411 through 137 preparedness grants to counties during federal fiscal year 2013.



The Delaware County Emergency Management Agency held a training exercise at the Columbus Zoo on October 12.

Public Safety by the numbers

\$14,302,272.93

The Ohio Traffic Safety Office awarded 160 grants for a total of \$14,302,272.93 during Federal Fiscal Year 2013. During that time, law enforcement officers around the state worked a total of 164,451 enforcement hours during the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign and 149,408 enforcement hours during the *Click It or Ticket* campaign. These two campaigns represent the two largest statewide enforcement mobilizations in Ohio.



2013



DUI Arrests	3,208
Seatbelt/Restraint Citations	13,458
Speed Violations	50,211
Suspended or Revoked License	8,842
Felony Arrests	2,406
Number of Traffic Stops	185,536

DUI Arrests	2,183
Seatbelt/Restraint Citations	16,527
Speed Violations	42,608
Suspended or Revoked License	6,709
Felony Arrests	1,458
Number of Traffic Stops	134,364



What will you do today to contribute to a safer Ohio?