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Multicultural Relations Office Offering Cultural Competency Courses

In collaboration with Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ohio Homeland Security's Office of Multicultural Relations is offering cultural competency workshops to all Patrol employees. The workshops are informational, educational, interactive and geared toward updating and enhancing overall cultural knowledge.

The training will enable troopers to achieve greater results in working with Ohio citizens and visitors. Two workshops were completed in March and are continuing in April. The courses have been successful and the response from attendees has been positive.



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4th
All Hands Meeting

Biannual OHS All-Hands Meeting

The fourth biannual OHS All-hands Meeting was held at the Ohio Department of Taxation on Friday, Jan. 30, 2009. This day-long event included local and federal best-practice speakers and allowed for information sharing, collaboration and discussion among employees.

Chief William A. Jetter, Sycamore Township Fire, started the day off with an interactive leadership workshop. After

lunch, Scott Best, DHS Border Patrol, briefed the Division on immigration and customs enforcement policies. Robert White, FBI, followed with a cyber security briefing in the afternoon. The day concluded with an overview of accomplishments and discussion of future goals. Meetings will be held twice a year. The next All-hands Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 29, 2009, location to be determined.

Fusion Center Conference

Fusion Center Leaders in California, New Jersey, Iowa and Ohio Recognized at 2009 National Fusion Center Conference



KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Ohio's Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) received the prestigious Fusion Center of the Year Award at the Third Annual National Fusion Center Conference held in Kansas City. The award recognized the SAIC's commitment to analytic excellence, efforts to achieve baseline capabilities for fusion centers, and leadership within the national network of fusion centers.

For a second year, state, local, tribal, territorial and federal partners involved in state and major urban area fusion centers across the country nominated their peers for awards of excellence. In addition to the Fusion Center of the Year, two Fusion Center Representative of the Year awards were given to a state or urban area employee and a federal employee who are physically assigned to a fusion center and who have contributed in a significant way to the success of that center.

The 2009 winners are:

Fusion Center of the Year – Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center

Fusion Center State or Urban Area Representative of the Year – Lt. Ray Guidetti, Intelligence Manager of New Jersey's Regional Operations and Intelligence Center (ROIC). Guidetti was selected for his avid support of fusion centers and information sharing, his unwavering commitment for ensuring that the ROIC protects privacy and civil liberties in the course of its duties, and the many hours he volunteers to help other fusion centers achieve baseline capabilities. "The ROIC is an important tool for protecting the citizens of New Jersey, and I am honored to represent the folks that work hard every day to produce analysis to help the law enforcement officers in the field," said Guidetti.

Fusion Center Federal Representative of the Year – Joel Cohen, U.S. Department of Homeland Security representative assigned to the Los Angeles Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC). His local law enforcement colleagues nominated Cohen for his instrumental role in the growth and development of the LA JRIC. He was the first DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis liaison deployed to a fusion center, and is recognized by his peers as the standard bearer for all other DHS representatives working in fusion centers. "It is an honor to be nominated for this award by my peers," said Cohen. "It has been a humbling experience to watch the national network of fusion centers grow over the past three years and to work with so many talented colleagues at the local, state, and federal levels."

In addition to these annual awards, two special awards were given this year: **"We Hear You" Award** – Terrorist Screening Center (TSC) – TSC was recognized for its outstanding efforts in the past year to respond to feedback received at the 2008 National Fusion Center Conference. TSC is a component of the FBI, which maintains the U.S. government's consolidated terrorist watch list.

"Leading the Charge" Award – Russell M. Porter, Director of Iowa's Intelligence Fusion Center, was honored with this special award in recognition of his years of committed leadership of the fusion center initiative. This was the second year Porter served as the master of ceremonies for the National Fusion Center Conference. He also chairs the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council, which led the development of the Fusion Center Guidelines in 2005 and 2006, and most recently the Baseline Capabilities for State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers issued last year. "The real reward is in doing the work itself, but this recognition is certainly icing on the cake," Porter said. "Although I am deeply gratified to receive this award, I also know that no one accomplishes anything alone. It's great to be part of a team of dedicated professionals who are keeping their communities and their country safe. They are the real heroes in these efforts."

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Close to 1,000 state, local, tribal, territorial and federal partners involved in state and major urban area fusion centers across the country attended the conference, which offered fusion center stakeholders opportunities to learn more about privacy and civil liberties and exchange best practices, new trends, tools, technologies and processes that can help them improve information and intelligence sharing and collaboration across all levels of government.

Fusion centers are important analytic resources that support the efforts of state and local law enforcement and homeland security officials to protect our local communities from our most pressing national challenges such as gangs, border violence, narcotics, natural disasters and terrorism. They are owned and operated by states and major cities,

and the National Strategy for Information Sharing and 9/11 Act of 2007 recommended the federal government provide personnel, financial and technical support to fusion centers to facilitate information sharing between federal, state, local, tribal and territorial governments.

The initiative has included diligent attention to fostering a climate of respect for civil rights and liberties in fusion centers. The federal government, through the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, the DHS Privacy Office and the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, provides training, technical assistance and guidance to ensure that the privacy and civil liberties policies established by fusion centers are consistent with federal guidelines.

The National Fusion Center Coordination Group (NFCCG) organized the conference and facilitated the annual awards process. The NFCCG is co-chaired by the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation, in partnership with the Department of Justice, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Office of the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment and the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative.



New Employees

Jeffrey G. D'Annolfo is the new northeast regional coordinator in the Office of Counter-Terrorism and Prevention. He will serve as our direct link to law enforcement and emergency management agencies in 18 northeast Ohio counties.

In 2003, he retired from the United States Coast Guard as a chief petty officer after 20 years of service. During his Coast Guard career, he served on three different Coast Guard cutters in support of law enforcement operations. Jeff's experiences include counter-drug operations in the Caribbean Sea, Florida Straits and the Eastern Pacific Ocean; fisheries enforcement operations in the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea; and alien migration operations in the Florida Straits. He has more than 10 years of experience collecting and reporting on law enforcement and

intelligence information. From 1993-1998, Jeff worked at the Maritime Intelligence Center in Miami, Florida, supporting counter-drug operations, alien migrations operations and international issues concerning Haiti, Cuba and countries in South America, Central America and the Caribbean. From September 2003 through December 2008, he worked in Detroit, Michigan, as an Intelligence Operations Specialist (GS-12) for the U.S. Coast Guard. He served as the Coast Guard Representative for the Detroit/Windsor Integrated Border Enforcement Team (IBET), and served as a facilitator for the IBET Phase II Intelligence and Investigations Course. This three-day course was provided to U.S. and Canadian law enforcement and intelligence personnel. Additionally, Jeff has worked at the Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the



Jeffrey G. D'Annolfo

Michigan Intelligence Operations Center (MIOC), also known as the Michigan Fusion Center, and still maintains a desk at the Ohio HIDTA. He has contributed to international collections plans and international border threat assessments in support of law enforcement operations. Jeff has written more than 150 field intelligence reports describing suspicious and illegal activities that have occurred near and along the U.S. and Canadian border.

Emily Rathje



Before coming to Ohio Homeland Security, Emily worked as a legislative aide to state Representative Stephen D. Slesnick in the Ohio House of Representatives. As an aide, she maintained the day-to-day operations of a busy legislative office including administrative duties and constituent services. She also conducted and analyzed legislative

research on a variety of issues and procedures. Emily regularly organized meetings, prepared agendas, notified participants and managed the appointment schedule.

Emily is now working as a research analyst for Ohio Homeland Security within the SAIC. As a research analyst, she will support regional coordinators and private sector and WMD/health security units with products and research. She also will perform research relating to SAIC intelligence briefings and written products, including bulletins and incident reports. She will interact with the FBI, DHS and other federal, state and local agencies and receive and process incoming tips and leads and route information to the appropriate jurisdictional agencies.

Upcoming Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	SITE
APRIL 2009			
22	10 AM – NOON	Ohio Traffic Records Coordinating Committee	
24	10 – 11 AM	Columbus Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Meeting	
28	1:30 – 2:30 PM	NBI Conference Call	
29	9 – 10 AM	EMS Town Hall Meeting	ODOT
29	9:30 – 11:30 AM	Ohio Citizen Corp Council	EMA
29	10 – 11 AM	NOVCC Executive Meeting	Brooklyn Heights
MAY 2009			
5 – 7		Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Training	ODOT Auditorium
7		Multicultural Law Enforcement Seminar (part of TLO Training)	
7	10 AM – 2 PM	NBI Erie/Ottawa Response Group Intel Meeting	USCG Marblehead
12	1:30 – 2:30 PM	NBI Conference Call	
13 – 15		US/Canada Cross Border Interoperable Comm.	Albany, NY
14	1 – 3 PM	PISG Commission	ODOT LL A
15		OSHP Cultural Competence Training	
20	10 AM – NOON	Ohio EMS Board Meeting	Motorcycle Ohio
25		MEMORIAL DAY	
26	1:30 – 2:30 PM	NBI Conference Call	
27	10 – 11 AM	NOVCC Executive Meeting	Brooklyn Heights
27	10 AM – NOON	Ohio Traffic Records Coordinating Committee	
28		OSHP Cultural Competence Training	
28	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	NBI Ottawa County Chiefs Meeting	Port Clinton
28	2 – 4 PM	Homeland Security Advisory Council	ODOT LL

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JUNE 2009			
4	10 AM – 2 PM	NBI Erie/Ottawa Response Group Intel Meeting	USCG Marblehead
9	1:30 – 2:30 PM	NBI Conference Call	
12	10 – 11 AM	Columbus Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Meeting	
17	10 AM – NOON	Ohio EMS Board Meeting	Motorcycle Ohio
23	1:30 – 2:30 PM	NBI Conference Call	
24	9:30 – 11:30 AM	Ohio Citizen Corp Council	EMA
24	10 – 11 AM	NOVCC Executive Meeting	Brooklyn Heights
24	10 AM – NOON	Ohio Traffic Records Coordinating Committee	
25	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	NBI Ottawa County Chiefs Meeting	Port Clinton
JULY 2009			
2	10a – 2p	NBI Erie/Ottawa Response Group Intel Meeting	USCG Marblehead
3		INDEPENDENCE DAY	
7	1:30 – 2:30 PM	NBI Conference Call	
15	10 AM – NOON	Ohio EMS Board Meeting	Motorcycle Ohio
16	1 – 3 PM	SOSTF	ODOT LL
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