



Bureau Messenger

Deputy Registrar Newsletter

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Ohio State Highway Patrol Reports 12 Holiday Weekend Fatalities on Ohio Roads

Columbus – The Ohio State Highway Patrol reported 12 people were killed over the holiday weekend in traffic crashes on Ohio roads. As of May 29, 428 people have been reported killed in traffic fatalities in Ohio, as compared with 478 people killed for the same time period in 2005. The following Ohio traffic fatalities are for the holiday weekend reporting period of May 26 - May 29, 2006.

There were a total of 11 fatal crashes with 12 people being killed and another 12 people being injured. Of the 11 fatal crashes, alcohol was determined to be in use in 4 of the crashes. Of the 12 people killed, 7 were not wearing seatbelts even though the vehicles had seatbelts installed, and 2 were on motorcycles.

As a reminder, motorists can call toll-free 1-877-7-PATROL (1-877-772-8765) to receive highway help, report suspicious activity, or advise troopers of disabled vehicles.

Whenever possible, make it a point to remind your customers of the importance of wearing seatbelts, as well as the dangers of drinking and driving.

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New Special Plates Available



The Ohio BMV released two new specialty license plates for sale, while offering a new look to two old favorites. The new

plates feature Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, which display an artistic rendering of the Rock Hall and the phrase "The House that Rock Built." A portion of the plate cost is distributed

to help sustain the museum operations.



Supporters of Scenic Rivers now have two

plates to choose from. The newest plate features a Blue Heron and the phrase "Scenic Rivers." BMV has also updated the popular fish logo on the scenic rivers plate that has been available for several years. Finally, the very popular Ducks Unlimited license plates have been redesigned with an updated Ducks Unlimited logo.

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Governor's 8th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony



On Friday, May 26th, 2006, on Veteran's Plaza at the Ohio Statehouse, Governor Bob Taft, and First Lady Hope Taft, presented the ceremonial wreath in honor of those Ohio men and women who have lost their lives in service of the United States Military. The program began with musical selections by the 122nd Army National Guard Band, CW3 Rob Kessler, Commander. It was then officially called to order by the master of ceremonies, Major General Gregory Wayt, Adjutant General, Ohio National Guard, and the 'Posting of the Colors' was presented by the Colonel White High School JROTC Black Knights from Dayton. The National Anthem was sung by Ohio Civil Rights Commissioner Jeanine P. Donaldson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by 4th graders from Beach City Elementary School.

The invocation was next presented by Chaplain (Colonel) Kenneth N. Daft, Ohio National Guard. Remarks were then given by Ohio National Guardsman Master Sergeant Crystal Cockerell, followed by a short speech by the Honorable Bob Taft, Governor, State of Ohio, which included the presentation of the memorial wreath by Governor Taft, First Lady Hope Taft, and the Honor Guard led by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

Sergeant Ronald Duncan and Sergeant Alan Parr from the 122nd Ohio Army National Guard Band then performed 'Taps'. The program concluded with a flyover by the Black Hawk Helicopters from the 1-137th Aviation Battalion, Columbus, Ohio, Ohio Army National Guard, a benediction from Chaplain (Colonel) Kenneth N. Daft, the recovering of the colors by the JROTC Black Knights, and closing remarks by Major General Gregory Wayt. A link to pictures from the event is on the BMV intranet homepage here: <http://dpsweb/bmvintranet/telcom.html>.

Registrar Caltrider and the entire staff of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles join Governor Bob Taft, and First Lady Hope Taft, in honoring the following Ohio service men and women who have lost their lives in service of the United States Military.

Master Sergeant Joseph J. Andres, Jr.-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Timothy M. Bell, Jr.-U.S. Marine Corps
Staff Sergeant Jason A. Benford-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Eric J. Bernholtz-U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal Jeffrey A. Boskovitch-U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal Michael J. Cifuentes-U.S. Marine Corps
Private First Class Gavin J. Colburn-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Wesley G. Davids-U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal Dustin A. Derga-U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal Daniel N. Deyarmin, Jr.-U.S. Marine Corps
Private First Class Christopher R. Dixon-U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal Christopher J. Dyer-U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant Gary A. Eckert, Jr.-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Robert F. Eckfield, Jr.-U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal Nicholas B. Erdy-U.S. Marine Corps
Specialist Daniel J. Freeman-U.S. Army
Staff Sergeant Shamus O. Goare-U.S. Army
Specialist Richard A. Hardy-U.S. Army
Sergeant Bradley J. Harper-U.S. Marine Corps

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Private First Class Timothy J. Hines, Jr.-U.S. Army
Specialist Jeremy M. Hodge-Ohio Army National Guard
Sergeant Justin F. Hoffman-U.S. Marine Corps
Staff Sergeant Kendall H. Ivy II-U.S. Marine Corps
Private First Class Adam R. Johnson-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Thomas O. Keeling-U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant Anthony D. Kinslow-U.S. Army
Specialist Allen J. Knop-U.S. Army
Sergeant David J. Kenneth Kreuter-U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant Larry R. Kuhns, Jr.-U.S. Army
Sergeant Bryan W. Large-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Christopher P. Lyons-U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal Daniel M. McVicker-U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal David A. Mendez Ruiz-U.S. Marine Corps
Major Ramon J. Mendoza, Jr.-U.S. Marine Corps
Private First Class Nicolas E. Messmer-U.S. Army
Staff Sergeant Curtis A. Mitchell-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Brian P. Montgomery-U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant Jeremy E. Murray-U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant First Class Daniel J. Pratt-Ohio Army National Guard
Lance Corporal Taylor B. Prazynski-U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal Kevin W. Prince-U.S. Army
Staff Sergeant Richard T. Pummill-U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal Aaron H. Reed-U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant Nathaniel S. Rock-U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant Kurt D. Schamberg-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Edward A. Schroeder II-U.S. Marine Corps

First Lieutenant Aaron N. Seesan-U.S. Army
Lance Corporal Devon P. Seymour-U.S. Marine Corps
Private First Class Adam R. Shepherd-U.S. Army
Private First Class Jacob D. Spann-U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal Brad D. Squires-U.S. Marine Corps
Specialist Robert A. Swaney-U.S. Army
Captain Tyler B. Swisher-U.S. Marine Corps
Lance Corporal William B. Wightman-U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal Andre L. Williams-U.S. Marine Corps



With heartfelt respect for families in mourning, Ohioans who lost their lives in service of the United States Military after April 1, 2006, will be honored at the 2007 Wreath-Laying Ceremony.





Deputy Registrar's Corner

A Message From Tom Haller, Administrator, Field Operations

Vehicle Registration Sticker System, A Much Better Way Print On Demand (POD)

Ohio law requires the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to issue vehicle registration stickers. In support of that existing law, the Print On Demand Sticker Committee, with a total team effort, worked toward a much better way to provide this current service. After weeks of planning and off-line testing, the BMV began testing the Print On Demand (POD) Vehicle Registration Sticker System live on May 18, 2006, at the BMV's Customer Service Centers.



The POD Registration Sticker project supports the BMV's objective to continue to enhance customer service and security, using quality technology with increased security features, while administering Ohio's motor vehicle laws.

The BMV contracted two companies, Intellectual Technology Incorporated (ITI) and 3M, to provide their services. ITI's software and maintenance reduces customer wait time and supports our statewide deputy registrar system. 3M offers fully reflective registration stickers that are manufactured to the highest performance standards in the industry. 3M offers the Ensure™ Image, an advanced security validation system permanently placed within the reflective sticker, making it virtually impossible to duplicate. Not only are these stickers difficult to remove, they can also be seen at night from over 100 meters away. Each year

the printed color of the stickers may be changed for easy identification and revenue collection. Some other new features include the unique sticker number being changed to match the actual license plate number the sticker belongs to, and indicating the actual date of expiration. The printers, a total of eight per agency, have an automatic fail-safe feature. When an error is detected on one of the four primary printers, the system will immediately roll over to one of four back-up printers to avoid any interruption in the operation.



On June 9, 2006, the Susan Groves agency, #2503, was the first Deputy Registrar Agency to pilot the new POD system. After a successful run in our two Customer Service Centers and five pilot Deputy Registrar locations, a statewide roll-out schedule is targeted to start the week of July 10, 2006, with a completion date of September 25, 2006.





Deputy Registrar Contract Awards Announced

On April 21, 2006, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles announced the results from the most recent RFP process that will mean new contracts for 71 deputy registrars throughout Ohio. The new deputy registrar contracts will begin on July 1, 2006.

Five locations were designated 'no award.' For these, the BMV intends to request new proposals for those locations during the next RFP process. Until then, the BMV has offered one-year interim contracts in those locations.

Of the 71 new contracts awarded and five interim contracts awarded, the following is an informational breakdown.

- 59 incumbent deputy registrars re-applied.
- 56 of 59 incumbent deputy registrars who applied were reappointed for three-year contracts.
- One incumbent deputy registrar will receive a one-year interim contract.
- One incumbent deputy registrar was not reappointed.
- One incumbent deputy registrar later withdrew.
- Eight incumbent deputy registrars did not re-apply.
- All seven interim deputy registrars applied.
- Four of the seven interim deputy registrars received three-year contracts.
- Nine of 11 deputy registrar office managers that applied received three-year contracts.
- Two new deputy registrar proposers were appointed with no prior license agency experience.

Governor Taft Announces \$41.3 Million in 2006 Homeland Security Grants

On May 31, 2006, Governor Bob Taft announced that Ohio has been awarded \$41.3 million in homeland security funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



"These funds are critical to Ohio's ability to prevent, respond to, and recover from potential acts of terrorism or catastrophic natural disasters." Taft said. "Ohio pledges to use the 2006 Homeland Security funds wisely and effectively to meet the critical needs and priorities of state and local agencies."

The award to Ohio will be divided into four primary grant programs and four urban area funding allocations.

The four primary grants and award amounts are:

- State Homeland Security Program
\$12.6 million
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program
\$9.18 million
- Metropolitan Medical Response System
\$1.39 million
- Citizen Corps
\$583,359.00

The four Ohio urban areas that will also receive homeland security funding allocations are:

- Cincinnati \$4.66 million
- Cleveland \$4.7 million
- Columbus \$4.3 million
- Toledo \$3.85 million

THANK YOU

Congratulations to the Deputy Registrars on a record setting month. The following "Thank You" was sent to Anne Dean, Assistant Registrar, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, from the Program Administrator of the Second Chance Trust Fund:

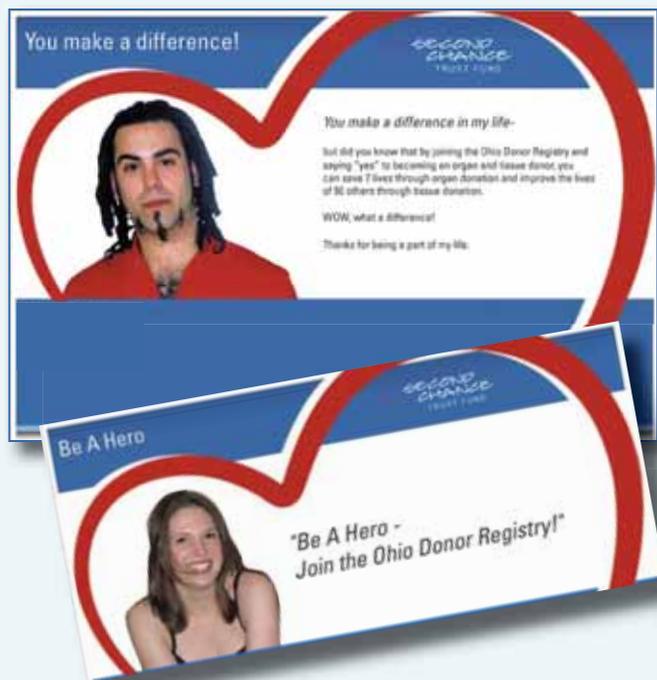
Hello,

I just wanted to let you know that the BMV took in \$85,380.60 in donations in May. This is \$3,000 over the all time high and \$26,000 over May of last year.

On behalf of the Second Chance Trust Fund thank you for being so agreeable to working with us on small things (script change and DVD) that have amounted to a huge impact. We could not have done this without you.

Debra E. Smith
Second Chance Trust Fund
Ohio Department of Health
www.donatelifeohio.org

We at the BMV would also like to thank you all for a job well done.



Ohioans are Encouraged to Sign Up for Ohio CAN

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, more than 262,000 children in the United States are abducted each year (59,200 are abducted by non-family members, 203,900 are abducted by family members). When a child is abducted, the first three hours are the most critical to recovery efforts, which is why members of the Ohio AMBER Alert Steering Committee commemorated National Missing Children's Day (May 25th) by encouraging Ohioans to sign up for the Ohio Citizen Alert Network (Ohio CAN). Ohio CAN allows Ohioans to receive AMBER Alerts through cellular telephones and e-mail. The individual can choose which type of alert they would like to receive, regional or statewide.

"Resources such as Ohio CAN, which deliver AMBER Alerts to cellular telephones or e-mail addresses, give Ohioans every opportunity to assist with the safe recovery of an abducted child," said Mark Patchen, chair of the state of Ohio AMBER Steering Committee and division director of Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA).

Not only are businesses and citizens participating in the Ohio CAN program, cell phones assigned to Ohio EMA employees have been programmed to receive AMBER Alerts, issued both regionally and statewide.

The goal of AMBER Alert is to promptly involve entire communities to assist in the search for and safe return of abducted children. Although the public is not expected to take police action, they can assist by reporting sightings of the children, perpetrator or other associated information. Information can be reported by calling 1-877-AMBER OH.

Citizens and businesses that visit your deputy registrar agency, and want to receive more information about AMBER Alerts, Ohio's AMBER Alert Plan, or would like to sign up for Ohio CAN are encouraged to log onto www.ohioamberplan.org. The AMBER Alert system is named for nine-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was abducted and murdered on January 13, 1996 in Arlington, Texas. Ohio's AMBER Alert program began in 2003.

State Agencies Announce Joint Motorcycle Safety Program

State officials with oversight over highways and public safety have joined forces to urge Ohioans to practice safe motorcycle riding this summer. The Departments of Public Safety and Transportation, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol held a news conference on June 6, 2006, to discuss the increase in motorcycle-related fatalities and the state's Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP) to address this important issue.

Last year, there were 177 motorcycle fatalities, an increase of more than 30 percent from 2004. Alcohol or drug impairment was a factor in 45 percent of the crashes, while lack of a helmet was a factor in 73 percent of the fatalities. Overall, there were 1,324 highway fatalities in Ohio, a three percent increase over 2004, which saw 1,285 fatalities.

"There are far too many Ohioans dying as a result of highway accidents," said Public Safety Director Kenneth L. Morckel. "In order to put things back on the right track, we need to enact our strategic plan and work through our partners at the Highway Patrol and the Department of Transportation to ensure that our safety message is reaching motorcycle riders."

The Department of Public Safety is moving forward with its Motorcycle Safety Strategic Plan, which: encourages rider groups to sponsor drug and alcohol-free events; promotes proper licensing of riders; works with the Highway Patrol to increase enforcement,

especially in motorcycle crash "hot spots"; and promotes ODPS rider education programs through dealers, manufacturers and rider groups.

As part of its CHSP, Ohio has adopted the national goal of reducing fatalities to one death per 100 million vehicle miles traveled. To achieve this goal by 2008, Ohio must reduce overall highway fatalities to no more than 1,100 per year. Through the Plan, ODOT is working with federal, state, and local organizations to target the most dangerous types and locations of crashes on all of the state's roads, not just interstates and highways. The CHSP identified engineering, enforcement, and driver education strategies that will have the greatest impact in preventing injuries and saving lives.



This month, the Highway Patrol will re-introduce motorcycle patrols to Ohio highways after an absence of more than fifty years. The first six patrol motorcycles are scheduled to patrol Central Ohio while also participating in local motorcycle safety programs.

Over the past five years, Ohio has seen dramatic increases in motorcycle registrations, from approximately 272,000 in 2001 to more than 333,000 in 2005. Licensed drivers with motorcycle endorsements have also increased over the same time, from approximately 605,000 in 2001 to more than 646,000 in 2005.

Second Chance Trust Fund

I read an interesting article appearing in the June issue of the AARP BULLETIN entitled "Winning the Waiting Game." It was about organ donation, largely encouraging the registry of living donors and discussing the many people awaiting an organ to sustain life. (The Second Chance materials report that in Ohio, 17 people die each day awaiting an organ transplant.)

Some of the facts pointed out were:

- The largest group of Americans awaiting organ transplants are those ages 50 to 64.
- More than 40,000 people will be added to the national transplant waiting lists this year.
- Just over 28,000 transplants were performed last year.
- People of all ages can be tissue and organ donors.
- Overall health, not age, is most important.
- Organ donation does not conflict with the tenets of any major religion.

It was also pointed out that even if you're a registered donor, family members ultimately decide whether your organs may be donated after you die. It is essential that you clarify your wishes to friends and family.

The article prompted me to think about Ohio's own program (communicated through the Second Chance Trust Fund), and how far it has progressed. We are now at the fourth anniversary of the BMV Donor Registry and have recently enhanced the system to include on-line donor registration.

I know that the work of the Ohio Deputy Registrars has been the largest contributing factor to the success of the Ohio program in both dollar donations and organ donor registrations. Every year has shown steady numerical and percentage improvement. The success of the program has been one of the major accomplishments of the BMV during the Taft Administration....and last month (May, 2006), an all time high in Second Chance Trust Fund donations

was reached. In 2005, 49% of Ohioans applying for an OL or ID elected to be an organ donor.

To learn more about the program, its goals and successes, I encourage you to visit the Ohio Web site at: www.donatelifeohio.org

On behalf of the many transplant recipients and donor families, I thank you for your past efforts and know that you will work to save more lives in the future.

Thanks,
Larry



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