

# PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS



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## New Specialty Plates Unveiled

July was a busy month for the BMV, as a collection of new license plates made their public debut.

- **Breast Cancer Awareness:** The plate features the pink ribbon associated with the fight against breast cancer and costs \$35 annually in addition to the normal registration fees. A portion of the cost is distributed to programs that provide assistance and education to Ohio breast cancer patients.  

- **Cincinnati Bengals:** The team's tiger-striped logo and "Who Dey!" decorate this plate that costs an additional \$35 annually. Proceeds from the plate sales benefit the United Way of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Sports Corporation. The funds will help support a wide range of youth sports programs in the Cincinnati area.  

- **University of Cincinnati:** The University released a new logo to replace the previous logo plate. A portion of the additional \$35 annual fee will go to the general university scholarship fund.  

- **Active Duty Military:** With a plate for each branch of military service, these are available at no additional cost to applicants who qualify. Active Duty personnel may apply by providing the necessary documentation. The plates can be personalized at an additional fee.  

- **National Defense Medal:** For those who qualify, this logo plate will be issued at no additional cost. Proper documentation is required.  


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## BMV Launches Online Organ Donor Registry

Ohioans can now register online as an organ or tissue donor through a link to the Ohio Donor Registry. This confidential database gives people the option to seek the information they need to make an informed, personal decision before they make a commitment.

“Many people are unprepared to make such an important decision during a visit to the BMV,” said Kent Holloway, of Lifeline of Ohio and Ohio’s Second Chance Trust Fund.

The Ohio Donor Registry, which began in July 2002, is a way to give legal consent for organ, tissue and eye donation at the time of death. Anytime an individual is issued or renews a driver license or state identification card, he or she is asked if they would like to become a donor. Last year, 49 percent of all drivers made the choice to be organ donors. To date, more than 3.5 million citizens have joined the registry.

Eighteen people die each day waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Of the nearly 89,000 people on the national organ transplant waiting list, almost 2,500 are from Ohio.

The online registry allows individuals to restrict their donations to specific organs and tissues and to indicate the uses for which their donations can be used. If they have a change of heart, the system also permits the removal of a name from the registry. Access to the registry is limited to licensed and certified organ, tissue and eye procurement organizations at the time of an Ohioan’s death.



You can choose to donate life by signing up at [www.ohiobmv.com](http://www.ohiobmv.com).

## Patrol Seizes Record Amount of Marijuana

Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers made the largest marijuana seizure in the division’s history at the end of June when troopers stopped a commercial vehicle driven by two California men on I-70 in Preble County.

A drug-detecting canine alerted to the truck, and a probable cause search revealed 3,181 pounds of marijuana hidden within the load in the back of the truck. The stash has an estimated street value of approximately \$7.25 million.



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## NEW DIVISION JOINS PUBLIC SAFETY

OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES



The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services was recently added to our agency, becoming the eighth division.

Under Executive Director Karhlton Moore, 26 OCJS employees made the move to the Shipley Building earlier this month.

Through its various initiatives, OCJS aims at reducing and preventing crimes throughout the state, operating separately from enforcement, courts and corrections. The division provides assistance with funding, technology, research and training, and publications.

Welcome to ODPS!



# Deadline Nearing for NIMS Requirements

The deadline to implement the first phase of the state of Ohio's National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements is approaching. On September 30, 2005, local and state governments in Ohio receiving federal preparedness funding must comply with state implementation guidelines. Federal preparedness funding will be affected in 2006 for those jurisdictions and agencies who fail to comply.

The NIMS will provide a consistent national approach to federal, state and local governments to work effectively and efficiently together in response to incidents regardless of cause, size or complexity.

Governments receiving federal preparedness funding must adopt NIMS, establish a NIMS baseline, have employees successfully take the basic NIMS course, and have a strategy for NIMS implementation and institutionalization by the September deadline.

The basic NIMS course is free and can be taken online at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>. Once on the Web site, locate the NIMS course under Independent Study course 700 (or IS-700). The course is also being offered at various county EMA offices for those who would prefer a classroom setting. For information on the field courses, contact your county EMA or the Ohio EMA.

To read more, log onto [http://www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/NIMS\\_2005.pdf](http://www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/NIMS_2005.pdf). For assistance in the NIMS implementation process, contact the NIMS help desk at (614) 889-7160.

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## Pre-Trip Inspection

Any time you plan a road trip, you should take the time to make sure your car is prepared for the journey. In the summertime, most people tend to travel farther from home, and traveling greater distances means a greater likelihood of a vehicle breakdown.

So, what should be on the checklist?

- Number 1: Look over the entire cooling system: radiator, coolant, belts, hoses, fans, heater core and water pump.
- Number 2: Check the tire pressure, tread depth, uneven wear, and get a dependable spare.
- Number 3: Inspect the front end: ball joints, tie rod ends and steering components.
- Number 4: Change the oil and look for leaks.
- Number 5: Test the air conditioning system: refrigerant level, compressor clutch and belts.
- Number 6: Check the transmission. Are you close to the recommended service interval? Is the fluid clean? Are there any leaks?

If you don't feel confident completing this yourself, take the list to your mechanic to do a thorough inspection.

## Vehicle First Aid Kit

If you've followed the checklist described above, but bad luck has caught up with you anyway, here are some suggested items to take along on your trip:

- Extra coolant, particularly if you are driving through remote areas, where service stations are spaced farther apart
- A quart or two of oil
- A "real" spare tire that can be driven on for more than 50 miles. If you're on a budget, a good option is to get a used tire from the junkyard with adequate tread.
- Duct tape, which has a number of great uses, such as temporarily repairing a hole in a leaky hose
- Screwdriver, pliers, flares, and maybe a coat hanger to hold up the muffler if it falls off

(Source: [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com))

## OPERATION FEED RESULTS



*Hunger Hurts. Operation Feed Helps.*

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of ODPS employees during the 2005 Operation Feed Campaign, we will be providing 129,954 meals to the hungry. That exceeds our goal of 107,000 meals by 121 percent!

Your creative efforts raised a total of \$38,128 and collected 53,698 pounds of food, which will go directly to help the needy in Ohio.

Public Safety employees have always been committed to helping those who are less fortunate, and you should all be very proud of our great success in this area.