

Public Safety Contacts Available in the Public Safety Breakout Session

**August 1, 2007, 2-4 p.m.
Hancock Room, Fawcett Center**

**Ohio Attorney General's Office
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy**

Ohio Campus Law Enforcement Association

**Ohio Department of Public Safety
Ohio Emergency Management
Ohio Highway Patrol
Ohio Homeland Security**

**Ohio State University
Division of Public Safety**

**University of Findlay
School of Environmental and Emergency Management**

**BOB ARMSTRONG
EMERGENCY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Bob Armstrong serves as the Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for The Ohio State University.

In 1995, he joined the American Red Cross in Cincinnati as a Disaster Specialist. In 2003, he became the Emergency Services Director for the Brevard County, Fla. chapter of the American Red Cross where he led the Red Cross' response to 5 hurricanes and multiple tropical storms. In January of 2006, he returned to Ohio to lead OSU's efforts to prepare for any disaster or emergency situation.

Bob also has more than 10 years experience as a firefighter/EMT. He is a member of numerous boards and committees throughout the state of Ohio that focus on emergency planning and response.

**MATTHEW D. BRUSKOTTER
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGER
THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY**

Matthew Bruskotter serves as program manager in the School of Environmental and Emergency Management at the University of Findlay.

Mr. Bruskotter holds bachelor's & master's degrees in science in addition to more than 10 years industry experience in the campus safety/security and environmental, safety and health disciplines as well as public health and medical emergency response and decontamination. He has considerable expertise in the development and implementation of policies, plans and procedures for response to emergencies ranging from small scale incidents to mass casualty events. Mr. Bruskotter has participated in threat assessments and safety audits for healthcare organization as well as developing and leading exercises to test response capabilities of the schools and other organizations.

Mr. Bruskotter has extensive knowledge and experience in developing and implementing policies, plans and procedures for educational institutions (both K-12 and college/university) in relation to emergency management as well as safety and health. Mr. Bruskotter is also highly experienced in the development, management and presentation of all-hazards; environmental, safety and health training programs in compliance with OSHA, EPA and DOT laws/regulations and other applicable standards. Mr. Bruskotter's experience in industry includes workplace safety, recordkeeping, emergency response, hazardous waste management, and workers compensation.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM COSTAS
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Lt. Colonel William Costas is a 29-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1976 as a member of the 100th Academy Class. He received his commission the following February and was assigned to the Elyria Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Warren Post and the Patrol's Training Academy in Columbus. He received Warren Post Trooper of the Year honors in 1983.

In February 2006, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel by Colonel Paul D. McClellan, superintendent. Lt. Colonel Costas transferred to the Office of Administration at the Patrol's General Headquarters in Columbus to serve as lieutenant colonel of operations.

Lt. Colonel Costas resides in Galloway with his wife, Rebecca. He has four children: David, Gregory, Suzanne, and Jaqueline.

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NANCY DRAGANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

As Ohio EMA executive director, Nancy Dragani leads the state's coordinated response to both man-made and natural disasters, administers the State Homeland Security Grant Program, oversees the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center and disaster response, recovery, mitigation, radiological safety and preparedness efforts. Ms. Dragani has held the position since January 9, 2005. She provides the day-to-day supervision, directs the operation of the agency, and advises the Director of Public Safety and the Governor of Ohio on emergency management and response actions and issues.

As Executive Director, she chairs the Utility Radiological Safety Board, serves as co-chair of the State Emergency Response Commission and is a member of the Ohio Seismic Hazards Advisory Board.

Ms. Dragani has 22 years of service with local, state and federal government. Twelve of those years have been with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Ms Dragani most recently served as the Ohio EMA Division Director of Operations, where she was responsible for emergency preparedness training, exercises, and planning, provided direction and management of the homeland security grants program and coordinated response operations in the Ohio Emergency Operations Center. She has also served as Executive Administrator of the Fiscal, Public Information, Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Branches for two years and as Ohio EMA's Chief of Public Information for five years.

DEAN ERVIN
SUPERVISOR – PLANS BRANCH
OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Dean Ervin, is a supervisor in the Plans Branch in Ohio EMA's Operations Division. His section is responsible for research and development of emergency preparedness issues, Homeland Security grant programs and assistance to state and county agencies in emergency planning.

Mr. Ervin's experience in planning specialties have included Radiological Emergency Preparedness, Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning, U.S. Department of Energy facility emergency planning, transportation of radiological materials, statewide energy emergency preparedness and anti-terrorism. Throughout his career, Mr. Ervin has responded to more than 20 federally declared emergencies and events.

In 1998, Mr. Ervin and his planning team received the Team-Up Ohio Award for developing emergency procedures for the newly-constructed Hilltop Complex that houses more than 2,100 employees of the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Later, he was appointed as a technical specialist for participating on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio on Year 2000 Planning and recognized for his contributions in emergency preparedness. Mr. Ervin was awarded the Excellence in Service Award for Ohio EMA in March 2000. After his return from being mobilized by the U.S. Army to Kosovo and Bosnia, Mr. Ervin and his teammates were awarded the Ohio EMA Excellence in Service Team Award for their contribution and efforts gaining a \$43.1 million Homeland Security grant for state and local government.

CARL E. "TED" FILER
CHIEF – PLANS BRANCH
OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Carl E. "Ted" Filer is the chief of Plans Branch at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the Ohio State University and has completed the Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) Professional Development Series.

The Plans Branch is the steward of the state's emergency operations plan and performs the assessment function in the state emergency operations center (EOC) when activated. Upon activation of the EOC Ted fulfills the Incident Command System role of Planning Branch Director. Prior to joining Ohio EMA Ted was a logistician in the Ohio Army National Guard for 26 years. He worked on mobilization, transportation, supply, maintenance and medical service issues. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

PAM GIBSON
FIELD OPERATIONS, TRAINING AND EXERCISE BRANCH
OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Pam Gibson serves in the Field Operations, Training and Exercise Branch within the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Ms. Gibson is a graduate of the Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) Professional Development Series and was among the first in the nation to complete the EMI Master Exercise Practitioner Program. She instructs the Exercise Design and Evaluation course and has been an Exercise Coordinator for the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for more than four years. During that time she has worked on planning and conducting more than 100 exercises of varying degrees of complexity.

Prior to joining the agency Pam spent 13 years as a Training Officer with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. While there she developed, delivered, and assessed classroom and computer based training for the Ohio Data Network.

HAROLD HUFFMAN
MANAGER OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & STUDENT SERVICES
THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

Since 2001, Harold Huffman has served as manager of business development and student services for the School of Environmental and Emergency Management at the University of Findlay.

Some of his recent certifications and specialized training in the relevant areas for the Summit include: OSHA 40-Hour HAZWOPER, Site Supervisor and Emergency Response training from the National Center of Excellence for Environmental Management, Environmental Resource Training Center, in Findlay in 2001.

Mr. Huffman obtained his Bachelor's degree in Education from Bowling Green State University and his master's in Education from the University of Findlay

PHIL JOHNSON
MANAGER - TRAINING AND EXERCISE SECTION
OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Phil Johnson manages the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's Training and Exercise Section and is the course manager for the Instructional Skills Course (G265) and the semiannual Emergency Management Directors' Seminar. Before launching his career in emergency management he served for 21 years in the U.S. Army. During that time he completed instructor training and small group leadership courses and served as a training developer and evaluator focusing on classroom and distance learning programs.

After leaving the military he worked with the Department of Homeland Security, Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Ala., and the Florida Division of Emergency Management in Tallahassee, Fla. He has completed the Emergency Management Institute's (EMI) Professional Development Series and holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration degree from Hawaii Pacific University. He is currently enrolled in the EMI Master Trainer Program and has completed major postgraduate work in emergency management with Jacksonville State University.

KAY PHILLIPS
CHIEF – DISASTER RECOVERY BRANCH
OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Kay Phillips is Chief of the Disaster Recovery Branch, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Department of Public Safety. She came to the Ohio EMA from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). While employed with FEMA and its predecessor agencies, she was assigned to more than 55 presidential declared disaster operations. She has coordinated recovery activities for federal and state declared disasters since coming to Ohio in 1994. She has been associated with federal and state disaster assistance programs for 32 years.

As Chief of the Disaster Recovery Branch, she is responsible for overseeing the implementation and administration of the Federal Individuals and Households Program and Public Assistance Program following presidential disaster declarations. The Disaster Recovery Branch also administers a state-funded program for governmental entities and infrastructure damages; the State Disaster Relief Program; and a state-funded program for private sector damages and expenses, the State Individual Assistance Program. In addition to disaster program administration, the Disaster Recovery Branch provides training and education about disaster assistance programs, debris management planning, and the application process for the various types of federal and state disaster assistance.

Ms. Phillips earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Eastern Illinois University and Capstone Certificate for completion of the FEMA Professional Development Series.

RICHARD A. RAWLINS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR – COUNTER TERRORISM OFFICE
OHIO HOMELAND SECURITY

Richard A. Rawlins, Deputy Director, was appointed on June 7, 2004, to coordinate Homeland Security counterterrorism efforts within the Ohio Department of Public Safety. As Deputy Director, Mr. Rawlins directs the sharing of terrorism related information within public and private sectors, along with overseeing emergency law enforcement response plans.

Deputy Director Rawlins performed as a Special Agent for the United States Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) from 1971 until his retirement in 2000. He was the first explosives instructor/coordinator assigned to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in 1976, and the first Special Agent to head ATF's Office of Explosives Technology in 1985. He served as Resident Agent in Charge of Denver, Colorado, as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of Atlanta, Georgia, and was the Special Agent in Charge of two of ATF's largest offices, San Francisco and Chicago. Appointed to the ATF Deputy Assistant Director's position in 1995, Rawlins oversaw all ATF enforcement and regulatory operations for Western United States. In 1999, ATF opened a new Division office in Columbus, Ohio, and Rawlins chose it as his last assignment, retiring at the beginning of the new millennium. After retirement, he continued to instruct at FLETC and to perform contract work with SAIC and ASIS.

Throughout his career, Deputy Director Rawlins has received numerous United States Treasury Special Achievement Awards for excellence in supervision and management.

STAFF LIEUTENANT STEVE ROSTA
SRT TACTICAL COMMANDER
OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Staff Lt. Steve Rosta is an 18-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol assigned out of Field Operations as the full-time SRT Tactical Commander/Homeland Security Coordinator. He has served on the Division's Special Response Team since 1990.

Steve has held the positions of: Sniper, Operator, Team Leader and was assigned as the Tactical Commander in 2000. In 2006, Steve was selected as the National Tactical Officers Association recipient of the prestigious John Kohlman National Excellence Award for his work in the tactical field both nationally and internationally. Before taking the helm as the full-time SRT Commander, Steve served at the Chillicothe Patrol Post, the Circleville Post as a Traffic and Drug Interdiction Unit, Batavia as the Assistant Post Commander and finally as the Post Commander for the Granville Patrol Post.

Prior to joining the Patrol, Steve served 10 years with U.S. Army Special Forces Green Berets, serving on an operational detachment alpha as the weapons leader. He has traveled extensively across the country and world teaching counter terrorism tactics to both U.S. and foreign personnel.

MARY TYLER
CHIEF OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OHIO HOMELAND SECURITY

Mary Tyler serves as Chief of External Affairs and CIMS Administrator in the Ohio Homeland Security Division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

In her position, Ms. Tyler created all OHS information sharing systems such as the Contact and Information Management System (CIMS), the Grant Information Sharing System (GISS). She was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) as well as various homeland security outreach programs.

Ms. Tyler is completing requirements for a Bachelor's degree with a double major in Business Administration and Criminal Justice. A U.S. Army veteran, Ms. Tyler has received training in communications, command, search and rescue, surveillance, covert operations, juvenile behavior, forensic science and weapons.

WILLIAM VEDRA, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OHIO HOMELAND SECURITY

A member of the Ohio Homeland Security division staff since July 2004, Director Vedra previously served as Deputy Director of the Office of Domestic Preparedness, coordinating the state's overall efforts to prevent,

respond to, and recover from major homeland security incidents. His duties also included providing oversight for state and local coordination of infrastructure protection.

With nearly 30 years of public safety experience, Director Vedra is uniquely qualified to lead Ohio's homeland security and domestic preparedness efforts. He has played an important role in developing our state preparedness planning strategies during the past three years, and will continue to play an important role in the Division as he begins to lead our overall statewide homeland security efforts.

Director Vedra was a 25-year member of the fire service before retiring in 2003 as a Battalion Chief with the Columbus Division of Fire, an organization of 1600 personnel. From 1999 - 2006, Director Vedra served as a member and Task Force Leader with Ohio Task Force 1 (OH-TF1), part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Urban Search and Rescue Response System. OH-TF1 is one of the 28 teams that make up the National Response System. As an OH-TF1 member, Director Vedra deployed with the unit to the World Trade Center for 9/11 response and recovery and to Santa Rosa County, Florida during Hurricane Ivan.

DAVID A. WINN
PROJECT MANAGER
OHIO HOMELAND SECURITY

David Winn serves as a project manager for the Ohio Division of Homeland Security within the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Winn's work involves the Infrastructure Protection, School Preparedness, Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS), Protection of Critical Infrastructure Information System (PCII), and the Declaration of Material Assistance (DMA).

Mr. Winn's 25 years of experience in higher education includes stops all over the country. He has worked as Director of Housing and Residence Life, Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Judiciaries, Ombudsman, Director of Enrollment Services, and Registrar at institutions from California to South Carolina; from Minnesota to Alabama, and from New Jersey to Ohio.