

From the Presidents desk.....

Hello everyone I hope that your school year is going along fine! I can not believe that its almost the end of October already! I have been busy along with the rest of the board making the transition to all the new duties since we, DAO, have taken control of our organization! It seems like every week I have a meeting somewhere talking with someone about DAO and its future. I realize that we have gotten off to a rough start with the new Attorney General but we have had one face to face meeting and another one planned. The board is in the process of contacting legislators in both the North and South to help us rewrite the wording on the grant to try and get the funding changed to 75% and for it to include private schools. We are also working on the AG's Office to make sure he continues to fund our workbooks and to get them out in a timely fashion. The AG is in the process of moving the DARE business to OPOTA from downtown which I think will help in the long run! John Lenhart is the AG's Director of Law Enforcement. If you have any questions you should contact him at 614-728-1171. He told me that they have on staff some grant writers and they would be glad to assist you in that area.

We also have been working on the retrainer for 2010. Remember we will plan our retrainer around the National Retraimer which will be hosted in Cincinnati July 20th, 21st, 22nd, 2010. This is a few months away but keep these dates in mind. We will probably add a day on, 19th, to get our business meeting in and awards dinner before the National begins. However this is tentative. As soon as anything gets firmed up you will be the first to know! Even though Cincinnati is hosting this conference we will be assisting them as much as possible! If you would like to volunteer to assist in any way please contact Sgt. William Bell at william.bell@cincinnati-oh.gov or 513-352-3514.

District 5 will be hosting meetings regularly reference the Conference.

That's it for this time. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with your District Reps. or me at anytime. Communication is the way we will get problems solved. My email is dare@rosssheriff.com or grovesr@roadrunner.com and my cell phone is 740-703-0852. Have a great year at your schools.

Dick Groves, **President**

Congratulations Graduates DOT#61



Deputy Brian L. Bonnough, Officer Jeremy D. Davis, Sgt. Michael A. D'Errico, Patrolman Rick R. Ellison, Patrolman Adam M. Gongwer, Deputy Bradley E. Thompson, Officer Jason D. Harget, Deputy Joshua B. Hufford, Officer Mark A. Klein, Patrolman David P. Meyers, Jr., Officer Carrie A. O'Neil, Officer Mathew F. Tubaugh, Lt. Daniel P. Reid, Deputy Michelle L. Richards, Officer Al L. Shaffer, Patrolman Nathan A. Spiker, Deputy Ty J. Stupak, Officer Tracy M. Yurkunas

H1N1 ~ Swine Flu

There is no denying that the H1N1 – Swine flu is in our communities and schools. It is a scary virus that has claimed the lives of numerous innocent victims. The media has done a great job of creating widespread panic with not reporting all the facts. What can we do as law enforcement officers to help protect ourselves? That answer is easy... stay home and don't let anyone in your house. I'm kidding. But seriously there are steps that you can take that will keep you protected:

1. **WASH YOUR HANDS** – wash them well and often. I know this sounds silly, but you should wash your hands for 20 seconds (long enough for you to sing the alphabet - no need to sing out loud – unless you want to ☺). Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if you do not have access to soap & water.
2. **COVER YOUR MOUTH & NOSE** when you sneeze or cough and make sure those around you do the same. Practice “Social Distancing” if possible. Try to keep others 3-6 feet away, I know that is practically impossible when little ones want hugs... which takes us back to ‘good hand washing’.
3. If you have a temperature – **STAY HOME!** The symptoms for the swine flu are somewhat different than the regular flu in that vomiting and diarrhea may not be present. Swine flu symptoms mostly consist of high fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue... things that most of us fight through and go to work – DON'T!
4. **The best protection against the H1N1 flu (per the CDC) is to be vaccinated.**

Save the Date:

The 2010 D.A.R.E. International Training Conference will be in Cincinnati , Ohio

July 20-22



District 2 DARE Event

District 2 will be having an event on January 22, 2010 involving the Lake Erie Monsters. It will be an awesome evening that includes a bobble head, food and fun! This will be their second year for this event. Flyers will be forwarded to D.A.R.E. Officers in Dist. 2. District 2 will also be inviting District 1 and 3 to participate. DARE Officers should wear their uniform at this event.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Saving Time in the US begins on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November. In 2009, it therefore began on Sunday, March 8 at 2 a.m. and ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2 a.m. Time moves ahead one hour in March, whereas it moves back one hour in November (hence the saying "Spring forward, Fall back").



Strategic Planning

Watch for information on an upcoming retreat tentatively planned for December 2009.

Newsletter Information

Any information you wish to have added to the January 2010 newsletter, please submit via e-mail to Deputy Lisa Jerome no later than **December 11, 2009** to jeromel@mcoho.org