



# OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

## NEWSLETTER

-- July 2007 Issue --

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

Welcome back to David Crawford who has stepped in to fulfill the duties of the Vice President.

Jane Lengel has relinquished her post as OIA Secretary. She is a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army and has been activated for duty. We will miss her and we wish her well in the coming months. If anyone is interested in fulfilling her post, please email me.

We are still looking for OIA members to serve on two committees: Banquet and Professional Development/Training. If you're interested, please email me today!

The speaker for this month's meeting is Dean Boland, owner of Authentage, a file authentication service. Dean will be discussing digital evidence and electronic data storage.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the next OIA meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> when Attorney General Marc Dann will be our featured speaker.

See you on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

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**NOTE:** Please contact any OIA Officer or Chair if you would like more details about getting involved as an OIA committee member.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2007 --

July	25 <sup>th</sup>	
September	26 <sup>th</sup>	
November	5 <sup>th</sup>	
December	7 <sup>th</sup>	(Holiday Banquet)

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**Attorney General's Conference on Law Enforcement- September 24-25, 2007**

### Upcoming Training

Federation of Tax Administrators  
Motor Fuel Tax, Investigative Training  
September 9-12, 2007- Cleveland, OH  
[http://www.taxadmin.org/FTA/meet/mf\\_train/agend\\_it07.html](http://www.taxadmin.org/FTA/meet/mf_train/agend_it07.html)

AG's Conference on Law Enforcement  
September 24-25, 2007- Columbus, OH  
[www.ag.state.oh.us](http://www.ag.state.oh.us)

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### AGENCY PROFILE

#### Ohio Rehabilitative Services Commission

According to the RSC website: RSC is Ohio's state agency that provides vocational rehabilitation (VR) services to help people with disabilities become employed and independent. We also offer a variety of services to Ohio businesses, resulting in quality jobs for individuals who have disabilities.

During Federal Fiscal Year 2006, RSC provided services to 54,423 Ohioans with disabilities, and successfully rehabilitated 8,677 individuals. Of that number, 8,320 obtained or maintained competitive employment at an average annual income of \$20,496. Nearly 100 percent were severely disabled.

Directed by a seven-member commission, RSC comprises three bureaus, two of which provide direct vocational rehabilitation services:

##### **The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)**

BVR assists people who have physical, mental and emotional disabilities by providing vocational rehabilitation and other services.

##### **The Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI)**

BSVI provides vocational rehabilitation and other services to Ohioans who are blind or have vision impairment.

##### **The Bureau of Disability Determination (BDD)**

BDD, in agreement with the Social Security Administration (SSA), determines medical eligibility for Ohio's Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims. BDD is federally regulated and receives 100 percent of its funding from the Social Security Administration. It doesn't provide vocational rehabilitation services.

More info at <http://rsc.ohio.gov/>

### INVESTIGATIVE ARTICLE

#### Witnesses: A critical element in administrative investigations

When your law enforcement agency conducts an administrative investigation you usually have a complainant and your agency employee. Frequently, the complainant has a witness or two. Your employee often has other agency employees, such as a partner or back-up officer, supervisor and the dispatcher.

Other witnesses with little or no allegiance to either the complainant or employee are commonly referred to as "disinterested witnesses." These witnesses might be the difference between a not sustained investigative outcome or one which you can legitimately classify as sustained, exonerated or unfounded.

To read the rest of the article visit:

<http://policelink.com/training/articles/1993-witnesses-a-critical-element-in-administrative-investigations->