



# OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

## NEWSLETTER

-- September 2007 Issue --

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

Thank you to Kendra Skinner and Mark Levy who agreed to co-chair the Professional Development/Training Committee and to Mary Barnett and Phil Summit for joining the committee. I am sure that they will do a fantastic job!

We are still looking for OIA members to serve on the Banquet Committee. Nacrina Alvarez de Blanco is the Chair of the committee and has worked to get much of the pre-planning completed already. If you're interested in joining, please email me today!

The speaker for this month's meeting is State Attorney General Marc Dann.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the next OIA meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> featuring Lt. Doug Willard from the Ohio State Patrol Capital Operations Post.

Please also reserve a spot on your calendar for the annual OIA Banquet scheduled for Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (5:30 cocktail hour, 6:30 dinner) at the Doubletree Suites on Front St. Cost will be \$20 per person, however we will have an early bird discount event at the November meeting.

Anyone interested in holding a leadership position with OIA should let me know ASAP. We will vote for 2008 officers at the Annual Banquet. Please email me with questions about the responsibilities for each office.

See you on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2007 --

September 26<sup>th</sup>  
November 5<sup>th</sup> (Early Bird Ticket Sale)  
December 7<sup>th</sup> (Holiday Banquet)

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

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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.



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### INVESTIGATIVE ARTICLE

#### SHOULD I USE ONLINE DATABASES? THE PROBLEM WITH SHORTCUTS

The Internet has created a proliferation of databases. You name, it's probably out there, from invisible court information databases to a public personal information history database. Everything from finding former classmates to recipes for crème brulee.

Databases previously available only to government agencies and Fortune 500 companies have suddenly turned up everywhere, available to anyone who can turn on a computer, and the Information Age was thrust at everyone - ages six to sixty.

To make life even better, we don't have to leave our homes to find the information we want, there is no worry about what time the library closes, and we don't have to wait in line at the copy store to be the next one to use the computer. We quickly learned that we can pay a nominal amount of money for a lot of information in return. What could be better? By eliminating the human being from the process, the job is cheaper.

Like pumping your own gas rather than paying an attendant to do it. The fallacy of this theory, however, is that unlike pumping gas, people's lives are involved. Wrong information can be damaging, and there may be no one to hold accountable.

Read the rest of the article here:

[http://www.a1peoplesearch.com/articles/todorno\\_tod.htm](http://www.a1peoplesearch.com/articles/todorno_tod.htm)

### Upcoming Training

Basic Survival Spanish Refresher Course  
Tuesday, September 18  
Columbus Police Academy

Thursday, September 20  
Cleveland BWC  
<http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/SurvivalSpanishLE.htm>

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

National Association of Drug Diversion  
Investigators Annual Conference  
November 13-16, 2007  
Sirata Beach Resort & Conference Center  
Tampa Bay, Florida  
[www.naddi.org](http://www.naddi.org)

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### AGENCY PROFILE

#### Ohio Department of Youth Services

According to the DYS website, the Ohio Department of Youth Services is the juvenile corrections system for the state of Ohio. DYS is statutorily mandated to confine felony offenders, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated and committed by one of Ohio's 88 county juvenile courts. During their stay with DYS, youth are engaged in programming that is designed to address their criminological and behavioral needs. Each DYS facility also operates a year-round school that offers general curriculum as well as vocation opportunities. DYS operates eight correctional and rehabilitation facilities plus one private treatment facility and provides parole services from six regional sites. DYS also funds nearly 100% of the operational costs of twelve Community Correctional Facilities (CCFs), which are run by counties and used to treat lower-level felony delinquent youth who otherwise would

be committed to a DYS facility. The mission of the Ohio Department of Youth Services is to enhance public safety by holding youthful offenders accountable and providing opportunities for rehabilitation. The vision of DYS is a safer Ohio through positive change in the lives of those impacted by our agency.

Visit the DYS website at

<http://www.dys.ohio.gov/dysweb/default.aspx>