

OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

77 SOUTH HIGH STREET
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NEWSLETTER

-- November Issue --

BUY YOUR BANQUET TICKETS NOW

~They will be sold during the November meeting for \$15, which is a \$5 discount (Adult tickets are \$20).

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

It was nice to see those of you who attended the September meeting. Thank you to Tom Huston for a lively display and presentation at the meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on November 8, 2006, featuring John Greenhalge of the Engineers & Surveyors Board and Bill Hegarty of the Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board. Each will discuss the functions of their Board and how they conduct investigations.

Are you interested in taking a leadership position with OIA? If you are, please contact Arnie Schropp at Arnie.Schropp@oig.state.oh.us or 614/644-9110. As of today, Faith Ottavi is seeking reelection as Treasurer and I will seek reelection as President. I emailed a description of the offices and their duties. If you have any questions, please contact Arnie or one of the presiding officers.

We are currently accepting nominations for Investigator of the Year. If you know someone worthy of a nomination, please email me at kelli.coleman@exchange.state.oh.us. We will be accepting nominations until November 10th, 2006. The winner will be announced at the Annual Holiday Awards Banquet on December 8th, 2006.

Speaking of the banquet, Early Bird tickets will be sold during the November meeting for \$15, which is a \$5 discount. (Adult tickets are \$20) The ticket entitles you to one free drink from the bar as well as admission to the cocktail hour and buffet dinner. Early Bird tickets will only be sold at the meeting, so plan to buy your tickets there. If you miss the Early Bird event, tickets will be on sale at the door. You can always stop by my office or contact me if you'd like to make other arrangements to purchase tickets. All tickets are non-refundable. To see the banquet menu, please visit the website at <http://www.oia.homestead.com/oia.html>.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2006 --

November 8th
December 8th (Holiday Banquet)

February 9th 2007 (OIA + ACFE training)

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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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INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR ~ NOMINATIONS ~

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AGENCY PROFILE

Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

Ohio Revised Code establishes the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) as the lead criminal justice planning agency for the state. Through its research, technology, grants administration and programmatic initiatives, OCJS serves agencies and communities committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio.

Service is at the core of OCJS' vision, with collaboration the key that allows the agency to remain ahead of criminal justice issues. The outcome of this service and collaboration is the outstanding assistance OCJS provides in a broad range of areas such as funding, technology, research and training, and publications. OCJS customers include the governor's administration, legislature, law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, universities, victim groups and citizens.

OCJS is led by an executive director who is appointed by the director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) with the concurrence of the governor. The director informs the governor's administration of criminal justice concerns and trends. The office is organized into four substantive areas: Grants Administration; Grants Planning and Evaluation; Justice Technology; and the Family Violence Prevention Center. The essential services provided in these areas through OCJS include:

- **Grants:** The Grants Administration Section awards and monitors federal and state grant funds totaling close to \$20 million annually to local subgrantees.

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- **Grants Planning and Evaluation:** The Grants, Planning, and Evaluation Section serves many roles. The section identifies criminal justice needs, evaluates the effectiveness of existing programs, and facilitates planning for initiatives addressing justice issues that affect Ohio communities. The section collaborates with Ohio's universities to conduct research in the areas such as law enforcement, specialized court dockets, corrections and reentry, crime data analysis, and family violence. This section also monitors program performance and identifies innovative practices of subgrantees.

- **Justice Technology:** The Justice Technology Section coordinates Ohio's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) plan, as well as the development of automated systems to promote sharing of crime information and data. The section collects, stores and analyzes crime data in the Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System (OIBRS) repository to help law enforcement anticipate and prevent crime through a fully automated, voluntary crime-reporting system.

- **Family Violence Prevention Center:** The Family Violence Prevention Center serves as an information clearinghouse for public and private organizations to help prevent family violence through criminal justice information and initiatives.

- **Resources:** OCJS designs publications, programs and training based on criminal justice trends and needs.

OCJS is called on by the director of ODPS, the governor's administration, and many different constituents to address a wide range of criminal justice issues. It is the combination of seasoned criminal justice professionals and individuals just entering the workforce that provides OCJS with the balance of experience and creativity to progressively work toward solutions.

OCJS was established by statute to ensure a balanced compliance with regulations related to federal grant funding in Ohio. Once established, the impartial position the agency was required to maintain was a natural fit for broad-based, objective criminal justice planning. For more information go to www.ocjs.ohio.gov.