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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER, 2007	NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH (www.ready.gov)
SEPTEMBER 28, 2007	COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION, BWC OCOSH BUILDING - ROOM B, FAIRFIELD COUNTY (PICKERINGTON)
SEPTEMBER 28, 2007	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, ALLEN COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERS OFFICE, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
OCTOBER, 2007	NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 1, 2007	SOUTHEASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE FORUM, DAVE'S AMERICAN GRILL, GALLIA COUNTY (GALLIPOLIS)
OCTOBER 2, 2007	CCAO AFFILIATES COUNCIL, CCAO OFFICES (COLUMBUS)
OCTOBER 3, 2007	CCAOSC NATURAL GAS PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING, CCAO OFFICES (COLUMBUS)
OCTOBER 26, 2007	CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETING, DEPARTMENT OF SANITARY ENGINEERING, GREENE COUNTY (XENIA)
OCTOBER 29, 2007	CCAO PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
DECEMBER 2-5, 2007	CCAO WINTER CONFERENCE, HYATT REGENCY, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

127th CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE - DECEMBER 2-5

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 127th

CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference and Trade Show to be held December 2-5, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Register for the conference by November 14 to get the pre-registration discount. Registration materials were mailed to county commissioners, county

4 at 2:15 p.m. The banquet and installation of officers will be held on Tuesday evening.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make your reservations (\$135 single/double) directly with the Hyatt Regency, 350 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (888) 421-1442 or <http://columbusregency.hyatt.com/groupbooking/cmhrccomm2007>. Cut off date: November 14, 2007.

CLCCA FALL MEETING - SEPT. 28

The Ohio County Loss Control Coordinator's Association (CLCCA) fall meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007. The meeting will be held at the BWC OCOSH Building - Room B, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, in Pickerington.

Patrick Sheehan and Rudi Blaser, Planners, Ohio EMA Plans Branch, will present a morning session on how to prepare for a disaster that disrupts operations of government. The session will prepare you to establish a continuity of operations program, determine essential functions and personnel, how to operate during a disaster, and resume normal operations. The importance of implementing National Information Management Systems (NIMS) concepts on all levels of government, in the non-governmental and private sectors, and in all jurisdictions will be reinforced. The presentation will provide the "What?" as well as the "What for?" when it comes to NIMS concepts, principles, and activities.

Kay Spicer, BWC Audit Review Unit Supervisor, will present an afternoon session on U-69 coverage for inmates, juvenile center residents and probationers. Ms. Spicer will also discuss the changes in PWRE wage valuation, how other types of disability compensation affect the DWRF premium rate when an injured worker received PTD, and proper reporting for authorized emergency management workers and volunteers.

David Boyd, BWC Director of Self-Insured Department, will complete the afternoon session by discussing indicators to evaluate when determining

the most economical type of workers' compensation coverage.

This meeting is open to risk managers, human resource officers, county commissioners, EMA directors, or anyone who may benefit from the topics presented. A box lunch will be provided.

Registration fee: FREE for CLCCA professional or associate members or \$15 for non-members. For more information or to make your reservation, please contact Patricia Harsh, CLCCA Secretary/Treasurer, at (740) 295-7467 or ptharsh@coshoctoncounty.net.

CCAO PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET

The CCAO Personnel and Labor Relations Committee will meet on Monday, October 29th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the CCAO Office, 37 West Broad Street, Suite 650, Columbus, Ohio. Issues set for discussion include: pension funding status, retire health coverage status, HB 270 that would provide that a pension system member who retires and then returns to public employment in the same position would not receive a pension while earning a salary for that employment, and discussion regarding any suggested changes following the passage of the civil service reform bill. Tom Sherman from the Public Employees Retirement System will be present for our discussion of the pension issues. County human resource and personnel directors are also invited to attend this meeting. Committee members should notify Janet Erwin at (614) 220-7986 or email jerwin@ccao.org if they are unable to attend or if you have other issues you would like placed on the agenda for the meeting.

REQUESTS TO CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUE NOVEMBER 1

Last week, Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner and CCAO Nominating Committee Chair, sent each county commissioner a memo detailing CCAO nominating procedures for 2007.

The Committee will nominate individuals for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice

president, secretary and treasurer. It will also recommend eight members to serve two-year terms on the CCAO Board in 2008 and 2009.

The eight members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: Sam Bassitt (Allen), Terry Haworth (Darke), Edward Kuenzli (Wyandot), Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas), Otto Nicely (Defiance), Ben Nutter (Seneca), Gary Starner (Hocking), and Roger Tackett (Clark).

The nine members appointed by President Jackson whose one year terms to the Board expire at the end of this year include: Mike Adelman (Huron), Mike Crabtree (Scioto), Martin Harmon (Paulding), Nick Kostandaras (Summit), Debbie Lieberman (Montgomery), Cheryl Noah (Wayne), Bob Peterson (Fayette), Daniel Polivka (Trumbull), and Bill Young (Geauga).

Submit the CCAO Nominating Committee Request Form and Candidate Questionnaire must be submitted by November 1, 2007 to:

1. Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner, 15 South Court Street, Athens, OH 45701 or email at leliason@athenscountygovernment.com
2. A copy should also be sent to: CCAO, 37 West Broad Street, Suite 650, Columbus, OH 43215, ATTN: Kathy Dillon - Nominating Committee or email at kathydillon@ccao.org

Additional forms may be obtained by contacting Kathy Dillon at (614) 221/5627 or on the CCAO Web Page at www.ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

GOVERNOR STRICKLAND JOINS OTHER GOVERNORS IN OPPOSING FEDERAL SCHIP REGULATIONS

Governor Strickland this week joined 30 governors from other states in asking President Bush to lift recent restrictions on the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The group's letter explains that the recently-adopted federal rules that limit SCHIP expansions by states could result in

hundreds of thousands of children, and tens of thousands of adults, losing health insurance coverage.

These rules require that states meet certain requirements in order to expand SCHIP eligibility for children in families above 250% of the federal poverty level. The rules could jeopardize Ohio's recently-passed SCHIP expansion to cover children in families earning up to 300% of the FPL.

WORKFORCE 411 "OHIO'S TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS" ANNUAL CONFERENCE

From October 23 to 25, Workforce 411 will be hosting their second annual conference at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. The conference's keynote speaker will be Nancy Friedman, President, The Telephone Doctor, who will present pitfalls and solutions for interacting with customers. The conference also includes many different workshops and breakout sessions.

Registrations are now being accepted for the conference. To register on-line, go to: www.regonline.com/Workforce411Conference. Note: Admission to the conference is limited to the first 700 registrants. All registrations must be completed on-line. No "walk-in" registrations will be accepted.

To see general information about the conference, go to: http://www.ohioworkforce.org/2007_Conference/.

SUPREME COURT ORDERS NAMES TO BE PLACED ON BALLOT IN WARREN COUNTY

The Ohio Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision on Monday, ordered the Warren County Board of Elections to place the names of three Republicans on the November 6 ballot as nonpartisan candidates for Mason municipal court judge. Justices held that the Board "disregarded applicable law" by refusing to certify the candidates' petitions because they participated in the May 8 Republican primary. The Court explained that the Board inappropriately required the candidates to comply with a non-affiliation provision that applies to independent

candidates. The Court held that this provision applies to independent candidates only and not nonpartisan candidates.

OHIO LANGUAGE ROADMAP FOR THE 21ST CENTURY - OCTOBER 25

Assuring Ohio's future requires a renewed focus on educating a multilingual and globally competent workforce. On October 25, 2007, key leaders from business, government, community and education will share a clear and compelling portrait of current and future foreign language needs in Ohio resulting from months of intense study by more than 70 stakeholders from across the state.

Critical areas and opportunities to boost practical foreign language skills of Ohio workers will be highlighted. Developing foreign language proficiency and cultural competencies in Ohio will facilitate job creation, foreign investment and will support state and local government agencies as they expand services to an increasingly diverse population.

The Ohio Language Roadmap for the 21st Century event is part of a three-pronged effort conducted this year for the "2007 U.S. Language Summit: Roadmap to Language Excellence." This effort was coordinated at the national level by The Language Flagship with support from the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, and Labor. Ohio events will be hosted by The Ohio State University Chinese Flagship Center, with sponsorship from the Ohio Department of Development International Trade Division, and the Educational Council of Franklin County.

County Commissioners are invited to this event to be held on October 25, 2007 at the new Metro High School, 1929 Kenny Road, in Columbus which emphasizes math, science, engineering, technology and the importance of foreign language competency. The presentation begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by a reception at 6:00 p.m.

Ohio is one of three states selected by the federal government to host a 2007 Language Summit: Roadmap to Language Excellence. The other states are Oregon and Texas. To learn more, contact

wolterman@themetroschool.com or visit www.ohiolanguagesummit.com.

OCTOBER IS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) would like all counties to join with them to celebrate the skills and talent that people with disabilities bring to the workforce. "Workers with Disabilities: Talent for a Winning Team!" is the official 2007 theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which is observed nationally in October.

How can counties participate? RSC requests that every county in Ohio officially declare October 2007 as "Disability Employment Awareness Month." A memo, fact sheet, and sample proclamation is enclosed with this issue of CIDS for county commissioners. The kick off event for National Disability Employment Awareness Month will be held on October 2, 2007 in the Statehouse Atrium. More information will be available on the RSC website - www.rsc.ohio.gov - at a later date.

Ohioans with disabilities represent an underutilized labor pool of highly skilled and qualified workers ready to make great contributions to the workforce and can play a vital role in helping to improve Ohio's economy.

Last year, RSC - a nationally-recognized leader in helping people with severe disabilities to achieve their goal of employment - provided services to nearly 55,000 Ohioans with disabilities and successfully rehabilitated over 8,300 individuals into employment.

For more information please contact Cheryl Cobb, Rehabilitation Services Commission, at (614) 438-1228 or Cheryl.Cobb@rsc.state.oh.us.

NACo ACTIVITIES

CCAO SIGNS ONTO LETTER SUPPORT FEDERAL CHILD SUPPORT BILL

This week, CCAO signed on to a national letter supporting two pieces of federal legislation concerning child support. S. 803 and H.R. 1386

(Sen. Rockefeller and Cornyn, Rep. McDermott), called the "Child Support Protection Act of 2007," would restore federal performance matching funds that were cut by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and allow state child support agencies to maintain their level of performance to ensure that parents support their children. Ohio lost over \$21 million dollars because of the cuts made by the DRA.

The letter explains that a study recently concluded that anticipated cuts are expected to affect all families receiving services; increase costs in programs such as TANF, Medicaid, and Food Stamps; and show worsening effects over time. In order to restore this vital funding to Ohio's children, CCAO supports the passage of these measures. As of September 12, S. 803 had 20 co-sponsors and H.R. 1386 had 41 co-sponsors.

HOUSE EXPECTED TO VOTE NEXT WEEK ON FEDERAL SCHIP BILL

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) told her caucus on Tuesday that the House will take up a final version of legislation renewing the federal State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) on September 25, according to a House Democratic aide said.

Other than several "fine points" that still have to be worked out, Pelosi told Democrats the bill will be nearly identical to H.R. 976, which is legislation the Senate passed (68-31) on Aug. 2. That measure would increase annual spending for SCHIP by \$35 billion over five years. The increased cost would be offset by a tobacco tax increase, including a 61-cent increase in the cigarette tax, to \$1.00 per pack.

Rep. Zack Space (D-Ohio) said Pelosi told Democrats a more ambitious SCHIP bill ([HR 3162](#)), which passed the House on Aug. 1, could not pass the Senate. The House bill would increase spending on SCHIP by \$47 billion over five years, as well as reverse a looming 2008 reduction in Medicare payments to physicians. The cost of this reversal would be absorbed by cutting funds for the Medicare Advantage program of private insurance plans that use federal funds to provide medical benefits to seniors in place of the government. Medicare

Advantage has stronger support in the Senate than in the House, and Republicans in the Senate insisted all Medicare provisions be removed from the SCHIP bill.

The fate of Medicare Advantage remains uncertain, however, because Democrats may very well try to squeeze money from the program later this year to shield doctors from payment cuts in 2008.

President Bush has said he will veto either the Senate or House versions of an SCHIP bill. House Republicans are confident they will be able to sustain a veto, which would force lawmakers to pass a temporary extension of SCHIP while they negotiate a compromise with the White House.

The program will not have new funding in fiscal 2008 unless Congress acts by September 30.

DISSERTATION GRANT PROGRAM

NACo is accepting applications for its new Dissertation Grant Program. Two \$5,000 dissertation grants will be awarded to eligible doctoral students for the 2007 - 2008 academic years. The purpose of the Program is to stimulate research on county government to assist in policy development as it relates to county issues, and to improve the implementation of county programs. Deadline: October 31, 2007. Notification of awards will be made by January 15, 2008. Completed dissertations must be submitted to NACo no later than July 15, 2009. For more information go NACo's homepage at www.naco.org.

PUBLICATIONS

NOW AVAILABLE: NEW NACo METH AND HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

The National Association of Counties (NACo) recently published two new publications that look at the trends in local law enforcement for fighting meth abuse and outline the responsibilities counties have on a state by state basis for delivering health care

Methamphetamine Issue Brief - A new publication entitled *Methamphetamine Issue Brief: Local Law Enforcement's Role* looks at recent trends in

methamphetamine distribution and how local enforcement agencies have formed multi-jurisdictional task forces to address meth as well as other drugs, gangs and violent crime. The publication is available on-line by visiting www.naco.org/techassistance and by clicking on "Criminal Justice." (Contact: Justin Carmody, NACo Community Services Associate, at (202) 942-4279 or jcarmody@naco.org)

Counties' Role in Health Care Delivery and Financing - A new issue brief entitled *Counties' Role in Health Care Delivery and Financing* provides an overview of current laws and regulations related to what counties in each state can, can't, and must do to ensure the health and safety of their residents. Please visit the NACo Web site, www.naco.org/techassistance under "Health." (Contact: Christina Rowland, NACo Senior Community Services Associate, at (202) 942-4267 or crowland@naco.org).

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/FORUMS

CCAO, CORSA, AND BSSA SPONSORS PEACE OFFICER AND CORRECTION OFFICER TRAINING

The Buckeye State Sheriffs Association, CORSA Risk Management team, along with Kelly Hamilton of Legal Tactics LLC is pleased to announce the return of the annual "Use of Force" training program for peace and corrections officers. The training will focus on current use of force issues as well as deputy/corrections officer guidance on the 4th, 8th, and 14th amendments including but not limited to electroshock guns.

This high energy, hands on training is directed towards deputies and corrections officers who may within some point in their career be involved with a situation where forceful measures are necessary to control a detained individual or inmate. We will examine current case law to determine how and when to apply certain forceful measures. Real cases of both good and bad procedures will be studied.

This year we are sponsoring four events across the State. They will be located in Wadsworth Ohio on October 10, Lima Ohio on October 11, Nelsonville

Ohio on October 24, and Springfield Ohio on October 25. The seminars are offered at no cost to CORSA members, and to non CORSA members at a cost of \$25 per attendee. Invitations have been extended to all 88 Ohio Sheriffs. Please contact John Brownlee, CORSA Risk Control Manager, jbrownlee@ccao.org or 1-419-428-2189 for additional information. Registration packet can be obtained by emailing Tricia Callihan tcallihan@ccao.org

NATURAL GAS SOLUTIONS: A FLEET SEMINAR

Clean Fuels Ohio will present "Natural Gas Solutions: A Fleet Seminar" on November 8, 2007 at the Blue Moon Event Center, 1604 Gateway Circle, in Grove City. The seminar begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.

Seminar attendees will learn the ins and outs of making compressed natural gas (CNG) work in fleet applications with presentations on the following topics:

- Fleets that are good CNG candidates and why, or why not
- Vehicles, engines, and platforms available today – from compact cars up to large refuse, work trucks, buses and much in between
- Today's CNG conversion systems and how technologies and tighter government regulations have dramatically improved conversion technologies
- How newly available tax credits and grants along with significantly lower operating cost per mile translates into financial savings for fleets using CNG

The program is sponsored by NVG America, Firm Green Energy, American Honda, Cummins-Westport, Clean Energy, Emissions Solutions, Inc., Honda America Manufacturing, and Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO).

Registration fees: \$24 - Clean Fuels Ohio Member or \$34 non-member by October 19; or \$39 - Clean Fuels Ohio Member or \$49 non-member after October 20. For more information, a conference agenda or directions call (614) 292-5443 or go to

www.CleanFuelsOhio.org/naturalgassolutions
SECOND SOUTHEASTERN OHIO COUNTIES
FORUM TO BE HELD OCTOBER 1

The county commissioners of Ohio's 18 southeastern counties will be holding their second annual regional forum for their legislative delegation in Gallipolis on Monday, October 1. The forum is designed to provide an opportunity for open discussion among the commissioners and their legislators regarding topics of concern and critical issues to the Southeastern Ohio region. Topics already identified for discussion include indigent defense reimbursement, ODJFS funding and the expansion of the Medicaid program, health care, administration of elections, jail costs and E 9-1-1 funding. Executive Director Larry Long and CCAO policy staff will be attending this forum. The forum is being organized and hosted by Gallia County and will be held at Dave's American Grill in Gallipolis from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Karen Sprague, Gallia County Administrator, (740) 446-4374.