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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 12, 2007

9-1-1 GOES TO COLUMBUS-RALLY AT THE STATEHOUSE

MARCH 1-5, 2008

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, HILTON WASHINGTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARCH 5, 2008

OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN BUILDING - ROOM B-369, WASHINGTON, D.C.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

"9-1-1 GOES TO COLUMBUS" RALLY AT THE STATEHOUSE WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 12

We hope that you have been able to make arrangements with your other local officials, and you will be coming to the Statehouse Wednesday, December 12th to advocate for the continuation of the 32-cent charge on wireless phones to help finance 9-1-1 emergency response systems. The focus of this day is to meet with legislators and to talk with them about the important role the 9-1-1 system plays in meeting the public's expectations regarding public safety and emergency response.

The "9-1-1 Goes To Columbus" event starts with a breakfast for legislators and their staff to brief them on the 9-1-1 funding concerns. This briefing will be handled by Association staff. An 11:00 AM press conference in the Statehouse Atrium will include remarks from State Representatives Larry Flowers and Steve Driehaus who will be sponsoring the legislation to remove the sunset provision, and Fort Loramie Mayor Philip Eilerman will give a first-hand

account of the tragic death of his mother who had been abducted and, although she used her cell phone to call 9-1-1 from the trunk of her abductor's car, unfortunately authorities were unable to determine her location in time.

This event also provides the opportunity for you to set up one-on-one visits with your legislators - which are encouraged for the morning since legislative sessions are scheduled in the afternoon – to request their support for the legislation to be offered by Representatives Flowers and Driehaus.

MORROW COUNTY COMMITS TO THE CEBCO PROGRAM

The staff at CCAO is pleased to announce that on Thursday, December 6, 2007 the Morrow County Commissioners voted to join CEBCO, the County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio effective 1-1-2008. With the addition of the 260 employee lives, CEBCO will have nearly 8,800 county employees and 25,000 family members in the program. Morrow County is the eighteenth county to join the plan. In addition to the counties, the CCAO staff is also part of the CEBCO program. The consortium was created

by CCAO to help stabilize the health care costs for the counties. Morrow will join the existing members to help shape and mold the growth and development of this program. Other member counties include: **Allen, Ashtabula, Athens, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Delaware, Geauga, Hardin, Hocking, Logan, Madison, Putnam, Union and Williams.** The existing counties in the program have experienced strong network discounts, broad network access, quick turn-around time on claims processing, dedicated customer service, effective plan advocates and consistently low renewals. Counties also maintain autonomy in their choice of plan schedule of benefits, yet keep the plan designs that promote wellness and savings to the pool. Join us in Welcoming Morrow Co. to the CEBCO Program!

As with all of the existing CEBCO products, your county can choose any of the stand alone programs separately or in conjunction with any of the other CEBCO offerings include: Medical, Drug, Dental, Life, Employee Assistance Program and Vision Coverage. **Harnessing group buying power is a key benefit of CEBCO.** For more information on the CEBCO Program please contact Maggie Neely at 614-221-5627 x146 or Melissa Bodey x150.

CCAO ELECTS 2008 OFFICERS & BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CCAO President Olen Jackson convened the 127th CCAO Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, which was held during the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference in Columbus. The following commissioners were elected to serve as officers in 2008:

- President - Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner
- 1st Vice – Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
- 2nd Vice President - Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner
- Secretary – Mark Thomas, Belmont County Commissioner
- Treasurer – Ben Nutter, Seneca County Commissioner

The following past presidents have elected to automatically serve on the Board:

- Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner, Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner,
- Patricia Geissman, Medina County Commissioner, and Olen Jackson, Morrow County Commissioner

Eight officials were elected to a two-year term on the Board of Trustees:

- Mike Adelman, Huron County Commissioner;
- Sam Bassitt, Allen County Commissioner;
- Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner;
- Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council;
- Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner;
- Joe Moroski, Ashtabula County Commissioner,
- Otto Nicely, Defiance County Commissioner; and
- Bill Young, Geauga County Commissioner

Two commissioners were elected to a one-year unexpired term:

- Nancy McKeen, Erie County Commissioner,
- Ron Widener, Miami County Commissioner

Finally, the 2008 President will make nine more appointments to the CCAO Board for next year. Appointments will be announced in CIDS when they are confirmed by the Board of Trustees in January, 2008.

The CCAO Nominating Committee wishes to thank all members who submitted their names for consideration. The nomination process was difficult because 28 highly qualified and motivated individuals expressed interest in serving on the Board.

STATE ACTIVITIES

FEMA PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE

Ohio EMA recently announced to county EMA the availability of the FFY08 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program. The program

focuses on planned, pre-identified and cost-effective mitigation projects that will lessen the impact of hazards on people and property. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures while reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations.

Local governments and public colleges/universities are eligible to apply through Ohio EMA for federal funding up to \$3 million per project and or \$1 million per plan (plan updates are capped at \$500,000).

Aspects of the PDM to consider:

- The program is based on a nationally competitive process. Only the most cost-effective projects, nationwide, can expect to be considered and approved for funding.
- Only communities in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program or those not yet mapped are eligible applicants.
- The program requires a 25 percent non-federal match. Few exceptions may apply.
- Applicants must have a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan or a plan that Ohio EMA has reviewed and anticipates will be approved.

For more information please contact Chad Berginnis, Ohio EMA's Mitigation Branch Chief, at (614) 799-3539.

FREE PANDEMIC FLU DVDS PROVIDED TO COUNTY EMA DIRECTORS BY OHIO DEPT. OF HEALTH

Pandemic flu is one of the many threats Ohioans should be prepared for. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Office of Public Affairs has created a 12-minute DVD to instruct Ohio residents on steps needed to protect themselves and their families if an influenza pandemic were to occur.

Quantities of the DVD and planning booklet kit are limited, but ODH is making them available to all county emergency management agencies. ODH will send county EMAs a small box containing 30 DVDs and booklets to display in EMA lobbies or distribute to staff or residents.

A form will also be included to order additional free material on pandemic flu preparedness.

Contact Ann Kapple, ODH Office of Public Affairs, at (614) 644-8562 or www.ohopandemicflu.gov for additional information.

PURCHASE OF ELECTED OFFICIAL SERVICE CREDIT

County elected officials recently received a memo from the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) concerning the cost to purchase "elected official" service credit that is scheduled to increase January 1, 2008. To preserve the lower rate for elected official service earned through 2007, members must make a partial payment or submit a payroll deduction authorization form to OPERS prior to December 31, 2007 or within 30 days from the date a cost statement from OPERS is mailed, whichever is later. Call OPERS at (800) 222-7377 to request a cost statement.

If you have already commenced a service purchase for elective service earned prior to 2007, regardless of the method of payment, the cost to purchase that credit was locked in at the contribution rate at the time you commenced the purchase. Future purchases of elective service credit will be billed at the contribution rate in effect at the time the service was rendered. Cost statements will be provided on request.

Please call OPERS at (800) 222-7377 to request a cost statement and to discuss payment options for this optional purchase. If you have specific questions, or need additional information, please call Tom Sherman, Government Relations Officer, at (614) 222-2924 or Chris Lowe, Legal/Legislative Research Analyst, at (614) 225-1153.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE; REGISTER ON-LINE TO SAVE \$25

The 110th Congress, Second Session will hit town next January and a great number of programs that assist counties will be under intense scrutiny. As

a county official you need to know what this means for counties, what you can do about the issues, and how you can strengthen the voice of local government on Capitol Hill. With a philosophy of “those who show up decide,” you have a host of reasons to attend the NACo Legislative Conference!

The NACo Legislative Conference will be held March 1-5, 2008 at the Hilton Washington. Registration opened on Monday, November 26. Register online at www.naco.org to save \$25. Early bird registrations are due by January 18, 2008! Hotel rooms fill up fast, so register now for a room at or close to the conference headquarters hotel.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5 in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B369. More details to follow in future issues of CIDS.

For more information about the conference or the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 775-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org.

2008 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Begun in 1970, the Achievement Award Program promotes and recognizes innovative and successful programs that modernize and streamline county government and increase services to citizens.

Programs in the following 21 categories can be submitted: Arts & Historic Preservation; Children & Youth; Civic Education and Public Information; Community/Economic Development; County Administration & Management; Court Administration & Management; Criminal Justice & Public Safety; Emergency Management & Response; Employment & Training (for county residents); Environmental Protection & Energy; Financial Management; Health; Human Services; Information Technology; Libraries;

Parks & Recreation; Personnel Management, Employee Training & Employee Benefits (for county employees); Planning; Risk Management; Transportation; and Volunteers.

Applications must be postmarked by **February 15, 2008**. Send applications to: 2008 Achievement Awards, National Association of Counties, P.O. Box 79007, Baltimore, MD 21279-0007. For more information please contact Deseree Gardner, NACo Research Associate, at (202) 942-4228 or e-mail dgardner@naco.org or fax your application to the NACo Research Division at (202) 737-0480. Copies of the application may be obtained from the NACo website at www.naco.org.

2008 ACTS OF CARING AWARDS

The National Association of Counties (NACo) 2008 Acts of Caring Awards will again present cash awards to the volunteer programs that win the Legacy Award for Excellence, and Innovation and the Youth Service Award. The winner of the Legacy Award will receive \$1,500; the Youth Service Award winner will receive \$1,000.

An “act of caring” is a community service provided by a county-sponsored volunteer program that enhances or preserves the quality of life. Any county government that is a member of NACo with an active program that meets the contest criteria is eligible to participate. A county program that won an Acts of Caring Award in the past two years is not eligible in 2004.

The Acts of Caring Awards recognize the top county volunteer program in the country. The programs are honored for their community service and the legacy they provide for the future. This is the ninth year for this awards program. Awards will be presented during National County Government Week in Washington, D.C. in a Capitol Hill Ceremony.

Up to 18 programs will be recognized and deemed examples of outstanding Acts of Caring. Based on county size, as many as three programs will be recognized in each of the following six categories: community improvement, criminal justice/emergency

management, elderly services, health services/social services, libraries, and program for children and youth.

Application deadline: **January 18, 2008**. For more information please contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222, tgoodman@naco.org or www.naco.org and click on the article in the center pane about the Acts of Caring Awards.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING

Pursuant to House Bill 9 (126TH General Assembly), all elected officials or their designees are required to attend a three hour public records certification course. The Ohio Attorney General, by law, is required to provide the training for this course and the AG's office has scheduled numerous public records sessions throughout Ohio. To find a list of trainings being offered by the AG's office, please visit www.ag.state.oh.us/publicrecords/training.asp. If you wish to attend a training offered by the AG's office, you must register through the aforementioned webpage or by calling 1-877-AG-4-OHIO.

To supplement the training sites offered by the AG's office, a group of local government organizations, including CCAO, have scheduled additional regional certified training opportunities. Two training opportunities will be offered each day to maximize the number of officials that may be trained. To register for the training dates listed below, please visit www.ohiotownships.org/records/publicrecordstraining.htm and fill out the on-line registration form. An e-mail address is required to register for these sessions, as a confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address provided. For more information about any of these training opportunities, please e-mail Heidi Fought, Director of Governmental Affairs at the Ohio Township Association, at fought@ohiotownships.org.

December 11 - Ross County

The Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Avenue, Conf. Room B & D, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
1st Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2nd Session - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 14 - Belmont County

Ohio University Eastern Campus, 45425 National Road W., St. Clairsville, OH 43950, (740) 695-1720
1st Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2nd Session - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 17 - Brown County

Southern State Community College, 12681 S.R. 62, Sardinia, OH 45171, (937) 695-0307
1st Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2nd Session - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 18 - Tuscarawas County

Kent State University Campus, 330 University Dr. NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663-9403, (330) 339-3391
1st Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2nd Session - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

December 20 - Athens County

Nelsonville Public Library, 95 W. Washington, Nelsonville, OH 45764, (740) 753-2118
1st Session - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
2nd Session - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

GIS Technician II

The Knox County Engineer is seeking a full-time GIS Technician II to maintain GIS data, tax map records, and to ensure compliance with state/county surveying standards. The incumbent must be proficient in ArcGIS, Arcview, or equivalent software; able to interpret real estate deed legal descriptions; and must be highly detail oriented.

Applicants must have completed a minimum of Associate degree with emphasis on GIS coursework and four years experience. A Bachelor's and two years work experience is preferred. Compensation is commensurate with education and training; full benefits package included.

Position description and application are available on the County's website, www.co.knox.oh.us under County Jobs; can be obtained by contacting epmarth@ecr.net; or at 117 East High Street, Suite 161 in Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Completed

applications with attached resumes must be returned to the above address on or before **December 21, 2007**.

PLANNING DIRECTOR

The Henry County Planning Commission seeks interested candidates for the position of planning director. The planning director provides information, analysis, direction, and leadership to the Planning Commission involving a variety of land use, subdivision, zoning, development and water/sewer issues. This position requires a qualified individual to administer and enforce subdivision and special flood hazard regulations; provide zoning technical assistance to townships; coordinate and assist in the administration of the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC); serve as facilitator to the Henry County Regional Water & Sewer District; provide on-going technical support and implementation of the county comprehensive plan; and maintain and update a comprehensive technical mapping database (i.e., ArcView GIS).

Minimum qualifications include: a bachelor's degree in planning or other related field; two years professional planning experience; basic computer knowledge in Microsoft Windows operating system and related programs; ability to effectively perform verbal and written communication; proficient in undertaking multiple tasks and responsibilities; and capability to be self-efficient and self-motivated.

Salary range: \$35,000 to \$40,000. Deadline for receiving resumes is **December 20, 2007**. Applicants may email resumes to hencopc@bright.net, or mail or fax resumes to: Henry County Planning Commission, 660 North Perry Street, Napoleon, OH, 43545, fax: (419) 592-5508, phone: (419) 592-2976. EOE

REGISTERED SANITARIAN OR SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING

Crawford County General Health District has a position open for a full time Registered Sanitarian or Sanitarian-in-Training. All applicants need to have a Bachelors degree or higher in a science related field. Applicants must have their own vehicle to use and a valid driver's license.

Applicants must possess good technical abilities, be highly motivated and an independent worker. Applicants must have good verbal and written communication skills. This position may be required to work a flexible schedule, including evenings, weekends, and be willing to travel within and outside the county. May occasionally work in unsanitary conditions or outdoors during inclement weather.

Salary will be based on experience. All interested applicants are to submit their résumé to the following address by December 20, 2007: Crawford County General Health District, Attn: W. Scott Kibler, M.A., Health Commissioner, 130 N. Walnut St., Suite B, Bucyrus, OH 44820. EOE

DIRECTOR OF DISASTER SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Director of Disaster Services and Emergency Management Agency for Mahoning County. The director plans, develops, and coordinates emergency services to ensure that the County is prepared to meet any disaster and performs other public safety duties as prescribed by the Board of Commissioners.

Qualifications: Bachelors degree in public administration or related field, a minimum of three years experience in emergency management with progressive levels of responsibility and a record of above average performance, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Interested candidates must submit a resume or County employment application to: Human Resources Department, 21 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, OH 44503 or to squimby@mahoningcountyoh.gov no later than **December 14, 2007**.