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ASSOCIATION NEWS

MAY 4: COUNTIES ARE TO NOTIFY EMPLOYEES OF FRAUD HOTLINE

Counties and other public employers are to notify their staff on May 4 -- the effective day of House Bill 66, of Ohio's fraud-reporting system and the means of reporting fraud. In addition, each new employee after May 4 is to be given such information and confirm receipt of it within thirty days after starting employment.

These requirements were included in HB 66, sponsored by Rep. Ross McGregor (R-Springfield). An example of language describing the state's system follows:

Example language regarding the Auditor of State's fraud reporting system

The Ohio Auditor of State's office maintains a system for the reporting of fraud, including misuse of public money by any official or office. The system allows all Ohio citizens, including public employees, the opportunity to make anonymous complaints through a toll free number, the Auditor of State's website, or through the United States mail.

Auditor of State's fraud contact information:

Telephone: 1-866-FRAUD OH (1-866-372-8364)

US Mail: Ohio Auditor of State's office

Special Investigations Unit
88 East Broad Street

P.O. Box 1140
Columbus, OH 43215

Web: www.ohioauditor.gov

The law also requires the Auditor of State to provide a model form that can be used in providing such notice. Such form and the Auditor of State's advisory bulletin are attached to Cids. The bulletin also can be accessed on the Auditor of State's web site: <http://www.ohioauditor.gov/services/lgs/bulletins/2012/2012-003.pdf>.

The notice requirement for existing or new employees also can be satisfied by including information about the fraud-reporting system and the means of reporting fraud in the employee handbook or manual for the public office. An employee must sign and verify the employee's receipt of such handbook/manual.

The law requires the Auditor to confirm, when conducting an audit under Section 117.11 of the Revised Code, that new employees have been provided such mandatory information.

HB 66 also codifies operation of the Fraud Hotline in the Auditor of State's office which started in 2003. The system allows all Ohio citizens the opportunity to make anonymous complaints through a toll-free telephone number, the Auditor of State's website, or through the United States' mail.

The Auditor of State is required to keep a log of all complaints filed. The log is a public record and must contain the following: the date the complaint was received, a general description of the nature of the complaint, the name of the public office or agency with regard to which the complaint is directed, and a general description of the status of the review by the Auditor's office.

Information in the log may be redacted if Section 149.43 of the Revised Code or another statute provides an applicable exemption. During the course of Auditor of State investigations, information will be redacted in order to conduct thorough investigations.

Finally, the legislation also extends the current whistle-blower protections contained in Section 124.341 of the Revised Code to employees who file a complaint with the new fraud reporting system. If a classified or unclassified employee becomes aware of a situation and reports it to the Auditor of State's fraud-reporting system, the employee is protected against certain retaliatory or disciplinary actions. If retaliatory or disciplinary action is taken against the employee, the employee has the right to appeal with the State Personnel Board of Review.

If you have questions about HB 66, please contact CCAO Managing Director of Policy Cheryl Subler at csubler@ccao.org.

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 8; ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE!

CCAO invites all county commissioners, affiliates and guests to the CCAO Summer Seminar to be held June 8, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, in Columbus. For **directions** to the hotel go to http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/CMHWNDT-DoubleTree-by-Hilton-Hotel-Columbus-Worthington-Ohio/directions.do#localmap

All **conference educational sessions** will take place on Friday, June 8. Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. There will be one registration fee for all attendees that will include conference registration, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch. A conference agenda is attached to this issue of CIDS.

These **affiliate organizations** will be meeting at the Summer Seminar: County Administrators Association, County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association, Ohio County Dog Wardens Association, and Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio.

Conference Registration: For the first time, you will have the opportunity to register online at www.ccao.co/registration. Register for the conference by May 25, 2012 to receive the discounted rate. REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE. For registration information please contact Ali Redmond, CCAO Accountant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, fax (614) 221-6986, or onlinereg@ccao.org. RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS TO CCAO, 209 EAST STATE STREET, COLUMBUS, OH 43215.

Cancellation Policy: Refund of Conference registration fee, less an administrative fee of \$25 will be made if written notice of conference registration cancellation is postmarked no later than May 25, 2012.

Room Reservations: If you would like to arrive the evening before the seminar, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington. Room rate: \$94 single/double. Cut off date: May 25, 2012. Please make reservations by calling (614) 885-3334 or (800) 870-0349 and mention CCAO for the discounted rate or register online at http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CMHWNDT-CEA-20120604/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY HEALTH & WELLNESS INITIATIVES – CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

As counties strive to improve the delivery of services while restraining county expenses, controlling the growth of healthcare costs is a top priority. Learn from professionals in the field the key elements of a wellness program, how to build a wellness program through the involvement of county officials, employees and the community, and how a wellness program can improve employee morale and performance while creating a healthy work environment.

All 2nd Wednesday's Seminars will be held in the Board Room at the CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, in Columbus. Register for this FREE program by e-mail to Tanya McComas, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at tmccomas@ccao.org. Please include the name and title of those attending and the county, agency or company they represent. Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m., the program begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes promptly at 12:30 p.m., and lunch is on your own after the program.

A workshop flyer is attached to this issue of CIDS and linked on the front page of www.ccao.org. There is no charge to attend. If you would like to register, please contact Tanya. If you have questions regarding the substance of the program, contact Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, at bcole@ccao.org

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS UPDATE

Counties need to be aware of two very important updates concerning Underground Storage Tanks (UST). First, there is a new mandatory training requirement this year for UST owners and/or operators. Second, counties are also required to annually register all owned UST with BUSTR and the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board by July 1, 2012.

All counties owning and/or operating an Underground Storage Tank (UST) are mandated to attend an Underground Storage Tank Operator Training Class by August 11, 2012. The Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 mandates requirements for underground storage tanks in the United States and its Territories. One of the

provisions of the law is that operator training be conducted for all owners and/or operators or designated owner representatives. On September 1, 2011, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 1301:7-9 Underground Storage Tank Operator Training became effective. This rule defines operator training requirements and procedures.

Owners and operators of all UST sites must list Class A, Class B, and Class C operators for their sites and undergo appropriate training. The following is a description of their responsibilities:

- Class A Operators – Responsible for achieving and maintaining compliance with statutory and regulatory requirement and standards necessary to operate and maintain the UST system at one or more UST sites (e.g. owner of an UST site or owner designee).
- Class B Operators – Responsible for implementing applicable requirements and standards for UST systems at one or more UST.
- Class C Operators – Responsible for the initial response to alarms or other indications of emergencies caused by spills or releases from an UST system and notifying the Class A or Class B operator and appropriate emergency responders when necessary.

The county will be responsible for keeping records of all designated employees and their training and the records must be available upon request by a BUSTR Inspector during any compliance inspections. If a new Class A or B operator is appointed they must be trained within 60 days of assuming responsibilities as a Class A or B operator. All newly designated Class C operators shall be trained before assuming responsibility as a Class C operator.

CORSA, CCAO's risk sharing pool, will be sponsoring the required training. Once the class dates have been established you will receive a notice with dates, time, and locations for the classes. There will be no charge for CORSA members to attend the class. Since all of the classes that are sponsored by the state are full, CORSA will also open the classes to counties that are not CORSA members, for a fee of \$25.

Counties are also required to annually register their UST with BUSTR and the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board to obtain Fund Coverage. The Fund Coverage would pay the clean-up costs and damages arising out of leakage from UST's. Counties are required to pay a fee based on the number of tanks they have. If the county owns more than six tanks the fee is \$600 per tank with a \$55,000 deductible. If a county owns six or fewer tanks they may pay a higher fee of \$800 per tank to obtain a reduced deductible of \$11,000.

The county must also show proof of Financial Responsibility for the deductible they have chosen. Under the Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1301:7-9-05 counties may utilize several methods to show financial responsibility. One of those methods is with a Surety Bond. CORSA provides this bond to our members at no cost. CORSA members will receive the Bond Application next week. Once we receive your application, we will mail you the Surety Bond. Remember, the bond only guarantees the county's ability to pay the deductible under the state program. The county must register the UST and obtain coverage through the State of Ohio.

BUSTR is requesting counties to send a copy of the Bond and not the original due to a change in the law that requires the county to keep the original on file. If the original is sent to BUSTR, they will make a copy and send the original back to the county.

It is very important for counties to register all UST each year. If a county fails to register any tank the county must meet current state standards when again registering the tank (some tanks have been grandfathered in under previous state standards). This may result in tanks being replaced in order to meet those standards, which would be extremely expensive.

If you have any questions about registering your UST you can contact BUSTR at 614-752-7095 or go to their web site at www.com.state.oh.us/sfm/bust . You may also contact Ginny Shrimplin in the CCAO office at gshrimplin@ccao.org; toll free 1-888-757-1904; direct dial 614-220-7991 for additional information.

WANT TO TELL YOUR COUNTY'S STORY? PROMOTE YOUR COUNTY'S HISTORY, TOURISM & ECONOMIC FUTURE!

The 2012 State Fair will have a new exhibit in the Ohio Department of Natural Resources area. It will be a plaza with a 25'x 25' geologic bedrock map of Ohio overlaid with the county lines. This exhibit will be the world's largest geologic map and will be the same size as the popular Ohio map located on the floor in the Statehouse Map Room. State Fair goers will be able to stand on their county and see the type of bedrock beneath it. Visitors will be able to see examples from each geologic period on the path around the map.

A committee of geologists, educators and botanists have developed this exhibit to educate people about Ohio's bedrock; the importance it has played in Ohio's past, present and future economic development; and to inspire more students to get excited about the sciences. To deepen the educational value of this exhibit, a Quick Response (QR) Code will be developed for each county to link to more information.

There are several ways your county can participate:

1. **Let the project link to the county website.** Send us a link to the page with the best geological information and give us permission to include that content in a mobile site connected with the QR code. This might be the county topographical map, water maps, or OSU extension information. The shorter and more visual the information, the longer the visitor will look!
2. **Send a big example of what was made from the bedrock in your county's past and the history to go with it.** The committee wants a big rock heavy enough so it won't be carried off. If that history is already on a county, business or historical society's website, send the web address.
3. **Websites linking places with pictures and information about your county bedrock's uses or places where visitors can go and see examples.** Examples: businesses, historical societies, chambers of commerce, travel and/or tourism office, convention and tourism office, parks and recreation sites, etc.

For more information, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, who is coordinating this portion of the exhibit, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org **Please respond to Mary Jane by May 1, if you would like to have your county represented in this exhibit** that will be seen by the 800,000 State Fair attendees. Send the committee a Big Rock and get an invitation to the ribbon cutting reception July 25, 2012! Send us web-based information and get your county on the QR map!

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PORTMAN INTRODUCES ASIAN CARP LEGISLATION

Ohio's U.S. Senator Rob Portman joined Senator Debbie Stabenow Thursday in introducing the Stop Invasive Species Act, bipartisan legislation to prevent Asian carp and other invasive species from entering the Great Lakes. The bill requires the speedy creation of an action plan to block Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes through a number of rivers and tributaries across the Great Lakes region. Ohio's Senator Sherrod Brown cosponsors the bill.

A bipartisan bill introduced last year, the Stop Asian Carp Act, required the Army Corp of Engineers to develop an action plan to permanently separate Lake Michigan from the Chicago Area Waterway System, long seen as the Carp's primary entry point to the Great Lakes. Today's bill goes further to require a plan to stop Asian Carp at all of the invasive species' potential entry points.

The Stop Invasive Species Act requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to submit to Congress an expedited action plan with options for stopping Asian Carp from penetrating the Great Lakes across 18 possible points of entry. The bill requires the Army Corps to submit a progress report to Congress and the President within 90 days of the laws' enactment. The full plan would need to be completed within 18 months. Under the Stop Invasive Species Act, the Army Corp would continue to examine modes of transportation across key waterways to ensure shipping could continue while mechanisms for preventing Asian Carp from destroying the Great Lakes are implemented.

BROWN INTRODUCES BROADBAND BILL

Last Friday, Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown introduced a bill aimed at expanding access to broadband in Ohio's rural communities. The measure would reauthorize the Rural Broadband Loan Program through 2017 and add a USDA grant targeted at small, remote, and high-poverty communities. Brown's bill reauthorizes the Rural Broadband Loan Program, created in the 2002 Farm Bill and modified in the 2008 Farm Bill, through 2017 and adds a grant component to the existing program. Under this legislation, USDA would be authorized to provide grants, in addition to the current grant-loan package, to specifically target small, remote, and high-poverty communities.

With new or increased broadband access, communities will be able to compete on a level playing field to attract new businesses; schools can create distance learning opportunities; medical professionals can provide cost-efficient remote diagnoses and care, and business owners can expand the market for their products beyond their neighborhoods to better compete in the global economy. The investments will create jobs in the short term and help establish a new foundation for long-term economic growth.

NACo ACTIVITIES

2012 NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION - JULY 13-17 - ALLEGHENY COUNTY (PITTSBURGH), PA

NACo's 77th Annual Conference and Exposition will be held on July 13-17, 2012. The Annual Conference will be hosted by Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) in our neighboring state of Pennsylvania. Since the conference is so close, many Ohio counties are a short drive of Allegheny County, located in western Pennsylvania. Educational sessions and exhibits will be held in downtown Pittsburg at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, which is very close to the conference hotels.

The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation, elect officers, network with colleagues, learn about innovative county programs, find out about issues impacting counties across the country, and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors. For more information about the NACo Conference, go to

www.naco.org > Meetings and Education.

SEMINARS/WEBINARS

LINKING JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WITH SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The Frequent Users Systems Engagement (FUSE) model is used to help communities break the cycle of incarceration and homelessness among individuals with complex behavioral health challenges who are the highest users of jails, homeless shelters and other crisis services systems. This webinar, sponsored by NACo, will provide an overview of FUSE, how it can be expanded to other counties, and will outline its three essential pillars: data driven problem solving, policy and systems reform, and targeted housing and services. This free webinar will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m.

For more information, contact Meghan Levine, Justice Associate, at (202) 942-4279, mlevine@naco.org or <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/746579914>

INCREASE THE IMPACT OF YOUR COUNTY'S HEALTH INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

Attend this NACo webinar to find out about creative and cost-free ways to engage community members in your county's current health promotion activities through the national Team Up for a Healthy America campaign. You'll also hear about a unique public-private partnership model that can support and finance local health-focused projects in counties. This free webinar will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. For more information, contact Anita Cardwell, (202) 942-4267 or acardwell@naco.org or register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/701336738>

CLASSIFIEDS

Title	Employer/Application Deadline/For More Information. . .
Staff Attorney	Fairfield County Job & Family Services CSEA April 27, 2012 http://mss.co.fairfield.oh.us/
Director, Regional Solid Waste Authority	Jefferson-Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority Board (JBRSWA) May 4, 2012 www.jbgreenteam.org
EMS Director	Athens County Commissioners May 31, 2012 www.athenscountygovernment.com
9-1-1 Communications Director	Delaware County Commissioners June 1, 2012 http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/hr/jobs/9-1-1%20Communications%20Director.pdf
Assistant County Administrator	Clermont County Human Resources May 18, 2012 http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/2012ACA.aspx