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### DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 25, 2013	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY (URBANA)
MARCH 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 4, 5 & 6 – MADISON LAKES LEARNING CONFERENCE CENTER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)
MARCH 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 27 & 28 – SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
MARCH 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 30 – UNDO’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, BELMONT COUNTY (ST. CLAIRSVILLE)
MARCH 26, 2013	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 2013	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
APRIL 5, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 13, 22 & 27 – BERRY’S RESTAURANT, HURON COUNTY (NORWALK)
APRIL 5, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 19 – BUN’S RESTAURANT, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
APRIL 8, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 12 – LA PIAZZA, AUGLAIZE COUNTY (NEW BREMEN)
APRIL 8, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 29 – CANTON CLUB, STARK COUNTY (CANTON)
APRIL 10, 2013	CCAO 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR: ELECTRIC DEMAND RESPONSE OR VOLUNTARY CURTAILMENTS – THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW
APRIL 12, 2013	CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING, CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL COLUMBUS-DUBLIN, COLUMBUS
APRIL 26, 2013	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING, WOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WOOD COUNTY (BOWLING GREEN)
MAY 22-24, 2013	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA

JULY 19-22, 2013

NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE (ANNUAL CONFERENCE),  
TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO MEET MARCH 26

Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner and chair of the Justice and Public Safety Committee, has scheduled the first committee meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The two main items on the agenda are:

- A. **9-1-1 PSAP consolidation and funding** – ESINet Committee activity  
Jay Somerville, vice-chair of the PSAP Operations Standing Subcommittee  
John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst and ESINet Committee member
- B. **Indigent Defense** – budget – reporting system – legislation transferring responsibility from the counties to the state  
Tim Young - State Public Defender

The discussion regarding the 9-1-1 issue will be extremely important and all members are urged to attend the meeting. RSVPs were due today, Friday, March 22, to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at [ajones@ccaο.org](mailto:ajones@ccaο.org).

### CCAO 2ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR: ELECTRIC DEMAND RESPONSE OR VOLUNTARY CURTAILMENTS – THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour webinar on Wednesday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. to explain some of the key issues to consider when developing an electric demand response program. By enrolling in these programs, counties can save money by curtailing electricity consumption when demand for electricity is high. Energy providers help manage and aggregate the load during periods of peak demand. Plus, by reducing the quantity of energy used - and doing so when prices are typically high - customers can lower their overall energy costs.

Many counties have been receiving calls from various demand response or voluntary curtailment service providers (CSPs). To help address questions about the programs, CCAO is offering this one-hour webinar featuring Mark Frye, President and Owner of Palmer Energy, as the speaker. The webinar will include information on:

- What does an electric demand response system really entail? What does a county need to do to participate in an electric demand response system?
- CCAO intends to assist counties in sorting through the issues necessary to make a decision about whether to establish an electric demand response system.
- What are the potential benefits/savings associated with agreeing to voluntary curtailments or a demand response system?
- What are the issues that you need to keep an eye on as you evaluate the opportunity of creating a demand response system?
- What are the potential long term benefits of participating in an electric demand response system?

Participants in the webinar may pose questions to the presenter who will respond during and after the presentation. No need to travel to Columbus to attend the webinar, because you can participate at home in your county! To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/119464870>

If for any reason you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Administrative Assistant, at [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) and provide her with your email address. [Click here](#) for more information.

### CEBCO ANNUAL MEETING FOCUSES ON THE HEALTH CARE ACT; ALL COUNTIES INVITED

The County Employee Benefit Consortium (CEBCO) 26 member counties and staff extend an invitation to all commissioners, county executives and county council members, as well as appropriate administrative staff to attend the CEBCO Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, April 12, 2013. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending early afternoon after lunch. The CEBCO Annual Meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, in Dublin.

This program will focus on a discussion about the Health Care Act led by Kenneth Morgan, Senior Vice President – Health and Benefit Legal, with Aon Hewitt. CEBCO has made this a focal point of the meeting due to the overwhelming request for information. Representatives from Anthem will also be discussing their Patient Centered Primary Care program.

CCAO/CEBCO believes that the sharing of this vital information is important for all Ohio's counties to hear and we strongly encourage your attendance. [Click here](#) for more information about the CEBCO Annual Meeting. There is no charge to attend the meeting. Lunch will be served. RSVP your attendance by Friday, April 5 to Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at (614) 220-7985, (888) 757-1904 or [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org)

### CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCAO is hosting Regional Legislative Briefings for the members of the new 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The purpose of the meetings is to provide legislators, county commissioners, county executives and county council members with an opportunity to discuss legislative issues affecting county government on a regional basis. The Briefings are organized by State Senate Districts and the House Districts contained within them. Commissioners, county executives and county council members received information including a [briefing schedule](#) with times and locations for meetings, a draft press release, and a [registration form](#). Invitations to the members of the General Assembly were sent by CCAO, but members are encouraged to contact your legislators to personally invite them to your Regional Legislative Briefing.

March 25 Senate Districts 4, 5 & 6 – Madison Lakes Learning Conference Center, 581 Olive Rd., Dayton @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate Districts 27 & 28 – Summit County Executive and County Council Offices, 175 South Main Street, Akron @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 30 (*includes House Districts 95 & 96*) – Undo's Italian Restaurant, 51130 National Road, St. Clairsville @11:30 a.m.

April 5 Senate Districts 13, 22 & 27 – Berry's Restaurant, 15 W. Main, Norwalk @ 11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 19 – Bun's Restaurant, 6 W. Winter St., Delaware @ 11:30 a.m.

April 8 Senate District 12 – La Piazza, 17 W. Monroe St., New Bremen @11:30 a.m.  
Senate District 29 – Canton Club, 101 Central Plaza South – Floor 12, Canton @ 9:00 a.m.

TBA Senate Districts 3, 15 & 16 – Time & Location TBA \*  
Senate Districts 7, 8 & 9 - Time & Location TBA \*  
Senate District 10 - Time & Location TBA \*  
Senate District 17 – Time & Location TBA (Briefing was cancelled on Feb 22)\*

\*Please note: Check updates in CIDS and on the front page of [www.ccao.org](http://www.ccao.org) for details about briefings that are not finalized. In addition, commissioners, county executives and county council members scheduled to attend those briefings will receive additional information via email.

For more information please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or [jhahn@ccao.org](mailto:jhahn@ccao.org)

## **AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES**

### CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULE

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) will be holding the final four regional training sessions will be held in the following counties:

#### **APRIL 26, 2013 - WOOD COUNTY**

Wood County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Square, Bowling Green  
Sandy Long, Wood County Commissioners, (419) 354-9100 or [slong@co.wood.oh.us](mailto:slong@co.wood.oh.us)

#### **MAY 10, 2013 - WARREN COUNTY**

Location to-be-announced  
Sharon Lawhorn, Warren County Engineer, (513) 685-3305 or [sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:sharon.lawhorn@co.warren.oh.us)

#### **SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**

CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, Columbus  
Lisa Hawkins, Ashtabula County Commissioners, (440) 576-3754 or [LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us](mailto:LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us)

#### **OCTOBER 25, 2013 - CARROLL COUNTY**

Location to-be-announced  
Sonja Leggett, Carroll County Commissioners, (330) 627-4869 or [sleggett@carrollcountyohio.us](mailto:sleggett@carrollcountyohio.us)

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. These regional meetings, as well as at the CCAO Summer Seminar and the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, are excellent opportunities for networking. The topics discussed at the regional meetings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates. All meetings will be held on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at [www.ccc-eapa.org](http://www.ccc-eapa.org) and there is also a yahoo group that is a resource for questions and answers. You can sign up at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC\\_EAPA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_EAPA). For more information, please contact 2012 CCC/EAPA President Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners, 25 West Jefferson Street, Ashtabula, OH 44047-1092, (440) 576-3754, Fax (440) 576-2344, or [LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us](mailto:LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us) <mailto:lredick@allencountyohio.com>

## **COUNTY ACTIVITIES**

### COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS & ROADMAPS – HOW OHIO RANKS

The [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Program](#) is a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. We know that much of what influences our health happens outside of the doctor's office—in our schools, workplaces and neighborhoods.

The Rankings look at a variety of measures that affect health such as the rate of people dying before age 75, high school graduation rates, unemployment, limited access to healthy foods, air and water quality, income, and rates of smoking, obesity and teen births. Based on data available for each county, the Rankings are unique in their ability to measure the overall health of each county in all 50 states on the many factors that influence health, and they have been used to garner support among government agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations, business leaders, policymakers, and the public for local health improvement initiatives. [Click here](#) for the Ohio county rankings.

The [County Health Roadmaps](#) are helping communities bring people together from all walks of life to look at the many factors that influence health, focus on strategies that we know work, learn from other communities so we don't have to reinvent the wheel, and make changes that will have a lasting impact on health.

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### **EMPLOYMENT FIRST: CHANGING EXPECTATIONS**

Employment First is a new multi-agency initiative which will help us achieve a goal we all share: to help more developmentally disabled Ohioans find work in supported environments, rather than in sheltered workshops. Governor John Kasich officially launched Ohio's Employment First Initiative when he signed [Executive Order 2012-05K](#). The Executive Order established statewide collaboration and coordination by creating the Employment First Taskforce and Advisory Committee, and made community employment the preferred outcome for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Many of the people Employment First will help are Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) customers. They will continue to qualify for Medicaid or Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities and may possibly qualify for food assistance. The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, county boards of developmental disabilities and school districts will work with local JFS agencies to serve these individuals through the Employment First program, as well.

The help you learn more, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is offering "Employment First: Changing Expectations" a two-day training June 4-5, 2013 at the Embassy Suites Columbus – Dublin, 5100 Upper Metro Place, in Dublin. Session Topics include: Interagency Collaboration, School to Work Transition, Employer Engagement, Changing Culture, and more.

Registration fee: \$100. [Click here](#) for more information. If you have questions, please email [employmentfirst@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:employmentfirst@dodd.ohio.gov)

### **NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 SEMINAR**

A one-day workshop on Next Generation 9-1-1 will be held on April 3, 2013 at the Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street – Auditorium, in Columbus. The seminar is being presented by the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Communications/Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program and is designed specifically to Ohio and will give an in depth look at the Next Generation 9-1-1 system and the issues Ohio will face in implementing Next Generation 9-1-1. CCAO urges commissioners, county 9-1-1 coordinators, and county administrators to attend what we believe will be one of the best presentations on Next Generation 9-1-1.

An informational flyer which includes hours, location and agenda items for the workshop is attached to this issue of CIDS. There is no cost to attend. However, space is limited. RSVP your attendance to Donna Podolak at (614) 644-2630 or [donna.podolak@oit.ohio.gov](mailto:donna.podolak@oit.ohio.gov).

## FEDERAL NEWS

### CONGRESS RELEASES FY 2014 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Last week, both the House and Senate Budget Committee Chairs unveiled their budget resolutions. Both proposals include an overall discretionary spending level of \$966 billion in FY 2014, but that is where the similarities end. A budget resolution is an internal management tool used by Congress that serves as a blueprint for spending—and sets overall spending caps for Appropriators. Like other bills, a budget resolution is written in legislative language but does not go to the president for his signature nor does it carry the force of law. The job of deciding specific funding levels for individual discretionary programs falls to the Appropriations Committees.

The budget resolution is ordinarily completed by mid-April, but Congress has not agreed to a budget resolution in years, and the Senate has not taken up a budget measure since 2009. Given the wide differences in both approaches, some doubt that both chambers can come to an agreement, but the bills could be seen as the opening negotiating proposals of each party. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **NACo ISSUES ACTION ALERTS ON MUNICIPAL BONDS AND MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT**

#### MUNICIPAL BONDS UPDATE; 59 ORGANIZATIONS UNITE ON BONDS

The National Association of Counties, U.S. Conference of Mayors and National League of Cities coordinated a national campaign to protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds. Letters were sent to the Senate urging that dangerous language in the budget resolution be clarified to protect municipal bonds from either a 28 percent cap or total elimination. To view the letter, click [here](#) and to view the press release, click [here](#).

**ACTION NEEDED:** Urge Senators Brown and Portman to speak out in support of tax-exempt municipal bonds during the Senate floor debate on the FY2014 Budget Resolution, which has begun.

LETTER TO PRESIDENT ON MUNI BONDS: Sen. Begich is planning to circulate a letter urging President Obama to protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds in the ongoing debt and deficit negotiations.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Urge Senators Brown and Portman to sign on to the Sen. Begich letter to President Obama on municipal bonds.

RESOLUTION ON MUNI BONDS: The resolution (H. Res. 112) celebrates the history of municipal bonds and recognizes their importance. They are currently seeking co-sponsors for the resolution.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Ask your Members of Congress to sign on to H. Res. 112 by contacting either A.T. Johnston in Rep. Terry's office ([at.johnston@mail.house.gov](mailto:at.johnston@mail.house.gov) or (202) 225-4155) or Kara Getz in Rep. Neal's office ([kara.getz@mail.house.gov](mailto:kara.getz@mail.house.gov) or (202) 225-5601).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS LINKED BELOW:

- NEW! [NACo presentation on municipal bonds with charts and infographics](#)
- [NACo legislative fact sheet on municipal bonds](#)
- [NACo/USCM/NLC report on the impact of municipal bonds](#)
- [NACo state-by-state municipal bond analysis](#)



## MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT UPDATE

This week, NACo learned that Sens. Durbin (D-IL), Enzi (R-WY) and Alexander (R-TN) plan to offer an amendment on the Marketplace Fairness Act as part of the Senate consideration of the 2014 Budget Resolution. The amendment will serve as a test vote on the Marketplace Fairness Act (S. 336/H.R. 684). While it is unlikely that the House and Senate will agree on a budget resolution, this vote will test whether the Senate has 60+ votes needed to pass the actual legislation later this year. [Click here](#) for NACo's Legislative Fact Sheet on remote sales tax collection.

**ACTION NEEDED: Urge Senators Brown and Portman to co-sponsor the Marketplace Fairness Act amendment that is expected to be offered to the FY 2014 Budget Resolution.** If 60+ votes are not secured, it becomes harder to move the legislation later. Click [here](#) to view the current list of co-sponsors.

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH HELD IN APRIL

[National County Government Month \(NCGM\)](#) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2013 NCGM theme is: Smart Justice. Counties participate in NCGM by hosting a variety of community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay contests, meetings with business and community leaders, and adoption of resolutions.

### 2013 COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE

The 2013 County Solutions and Marketplace is the new name for the Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties! The Conference has been reduced to a 4-day program with additional opportunities for you to engage with your peers! To those who have attended the NACo Annual Conference before – please note the change in programming. [Click here](#) for the new and improved schedule! Registration is open. [Click here](#) to register and make your hotel reservations.

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### OPERS WEBINARS: MEMBERSHIP DETERMINATION PROCESS

Recent statutory changes affect prior, current, and future individuals hired as independent contractors, or other classifications for which no retirement contributions were or will be made to the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS). Effective January 7, 2013, OPERS public employers are required to provide notifications within pre-determined time frames to individuals who have not had, or will not have OPERS retirement contributions withheld from their earnings.

OPERS has scheduled a webinar that overviews the employer's obligation under the new statutory requirements. Those attending will also learn about the membership determination process, including how to complete required forms, the guidelines used for determination and the appeal process.

The same webinar has been scheduled at various times throughout 2013 to reach the most attendees. [Click here](#) for a complete schedule. Need help? Please call (800) 263-6317 if you have any issues with registration or joining the Webinar on the day of the event.

FROM THE COUNTY UP: TOWARD A 2030 VISION OF DISASTER RESILIENCE

Join NACo 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Langston, Linn County (IA) Supervisor, and the National Academy of Sciences for a thought provoking webinar about disaster resilience as a national imperative on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. From managing risk to making investments to measuring progress, it takes a village to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and rebuild after a disaster. Learn about the findings and recommendations of a new Academy report that places local action at the center of a vision for a disaster resilient nation by 2030. [Click here](#) to register.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS**

SYLLABUS

2013-007

1. A county veterans service commission may not consider the dollar value of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits an applicant receives when determining the applicant's need for financial assistance, and, thus, a commission may not request an applicant to disclose such information as income.
2. A county veterans service commission may inquire whether a financial assistance applicant is aware of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

<b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>	<b>Employer/Application Deadline</b>
<b>Director of Utility Oversight</b>	Hamilton County March 26, 2013
<b>LSC Legislative Fellowship Program</b>	Ohio General Assembly – Legislative Service Commission April 1, 2013
<b>HR Manager</b>	April 3, 2013 Miami County
<b>HR Manager</b>	April 5, 2013 Greene County
<b>WSD Program Manager</b>	April 15, 2013 Clermont County





**Homeland  
Security**

**OEC/ICTAP**

*Office of Emergency Communications / Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program*



## **Next Generation 9-1-1 Workshop for the State of Ohio**

**WHEN:** April 3, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ohio Dept. of Transportation Auditorium  
1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

**COST:** Free – parking (lots at west end) and attendance  
Cafeteria located on premises

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

#### **Part 1 – High Level for Government Officials**

- Overview of NG911
- Strategic Considerations

#### **Part 2 – More Detailed for Operations Personnel**

- Technology Overview
- Legislation Impacting NG911
- Stakeholders and Resources
- Governance and Operational Impact
- Topics of Current or Special Interest
- Representative NG911 Implementation Activities
- Recommendations/Summary

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

To register for this workshop or if you have questions,  
please email Donna Podolak at  
[donna.podolak@oit.ohio.gov](mailto:donna.podolak@oit.ohio.gov) or call her at 614-644-2630.