



Second Wednesday's

March 9, 2011

Law Enforcement, Corrections & Courts

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Learn the challenges facing state and local correctional officials as they strive to improve services and outcomes during difficult economic conditions. Learn how local budgetary officials and judges can work together to meet the needs of the court system while managing with limited financial resources. The Ohio Public Defender will discuss how to improve the quality of indigent defense services while achieving savings in management of cases through the Ohio Data Collection and System Evaluation Project.

PRESENTERS

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Sara Andrews, Deputy Director, Division of Parole and Community Services, Ohio
Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections

Mark R. Schweikert, Executive Director, Ohio Judicial Conference

Tim Young, Ohio Public Defender

Michael E. Heldman, Hancock County Sheriff

Ryan Kidwell, Lieutenant, Hancock County Sheriff's Office

AGENDA—9:30-12:30

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:40 a.m. Corrections & the Justice Reinvestment Initiative
- 10:10 a.m. Collaborative Budgeting
- 10:40 a.m. Community Data Collection & System Evaluation Project
- 11:10 a.m. Challenges Facing County Jails
- 11:40 a.m. Questions & Answers
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Brad Cole is the Managing Director of Research for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. In this capacity Brad coordinates and manages the research, data, and technical publications prepared and distributed by the association; maintains research data bases, develops survey instruments; and promotes the CCAO Educational and Research Foundation. In addition, Brad provides legislative advocacy and member's services in taxation and finance, permissive taxes, auditing and accounting, county budget procedures, county debt, purchasing, investment policy, and general government legislation that impacts counties including transportation and infrastructure, tax abatement, and solid waste management. He is the liaison to the CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee. Cole holds a Bachelor of Arts cum laude and Master of Arts degrees in American History from Bowling Green State University.

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Judge Mark Schweikert practiced law in Cincinnati and was appointed as Court Administrator of the Municipal and Common Pleas Courts there in 1981 where he served until 1995. He was appointed to the Hamilton County Municipal Court bench from the sixth judicial district in February 1995 and subsequently was elected to that position in November 1995 to a term ending on December 31, 1999. He served as Administrative/Presiding Judge for two years in 1997-98. He was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas General Division March 8, 1999 for an unexpired term, was elected in 2000 and was re-elected in 2002. His current term expires in 2009. Judge Schweikert currently serves as the Chairman of the Administration and Court Reform Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference.

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SARA ANDREWS

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Sara Andrews was appointed Deputy Director of the Division of Parole and Community Services (DPCS) for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) in March 2010. Sara is also the Ohio Commissioner for the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) and Chief of the Adult Parole Authority (APA). Sara had previously served as the Superintendent of the Adult Parole Authority since 2003. She has been employed with DRC since 1991 and in a variety of positions including parole officer, hearing officer with the Ohio Parole Board, deputy superintendent of the APA and assistant to the Deputy Director of the DPCS. Ms. Andrews' academic background includes a B.A. from the University of North Colorado and M.S. degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio. She has authored and co-authored articles the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) newsletter (2009), the Ohio Community Corrections Association (OCCA) newsletter (2006-2008), the Ohio Judicial Conference "For the Record" publication, the Ohio Judicial Conference Bill Board publication (2007, 2008) and the National Institute of Corrections, "Ohio's Evidence-Based Approach to Community Sanctions and Supervision (January 2007). Ms. Andrews is a member of the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections, Ohio Chief Probation Officer Association, American Probation and Parole Association, the Interagency Council Homelessness and Affordable Housing and Chair of the Ohio Council of Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.

LIEUTENANT RYAN C. KIDWELL

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Lt. Kidwell began his employment with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office October 21, 1991. He started his career as a Corrections Officer. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in July 1995. In November 1996 he was assigned to the position of Training Sergeant responsible for staff training in the corrections division. On January 1, 2002 he was appointed to a newly devised position serving as the Corrections Operations Lieutenant which including managing not only the day to day operations but continuing the management of staff training. On January 28, 2006 he was appointed to the position of Jail Administrator.

During his career Lieutenant Kidwell has been honored through the receiving of several awards to include a Certification of Appreciation for Training and Development, several Above and Beyond Awards which are peer nominated, Officer of the Year and in 2006 received the Sheriff's Leadership Award.

In November 2000 Lieutenant Kidwell was approved by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to serve as a Local Corrections Training Commander for the overseeing of Local Basic Corrections Acade-

mies. He has attended and successfully completed the state mandated Basic Corrections Course, First Line Supervision, Correctional Administrators Course and Instructional Skills course as well as attended and successfully completed numerous other correctional training trainings, seminars and conferences specific to correctional related topics. Lt. Kidwell is also a certified instructor of Adult CPR/AED and First Aid for the American Red Cross, Hancock County Chapter.

Lieutenant Kidwell has been proactive with the Sheriff's Office in supporting and being actively involved in Community Policing Initiatives, Adopt-An-Officer Program, Children's Danger Zone at the Hancock County Fair, Local High School Career Days and various job fairs.

Lieutenant Kidwell is a member of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Corrections Committee which is in charge of reviewing the training curriculum for Corrections Officers and Supervisors training in the State of Ohio. He also serves on the Buckeye State Sheriff's Training and Education which is in charge of scheduling annual and seasonal training for Sheriff's and Sheriff's Staff. He also serves on the Buckeye State Sheriff's Funeral Committee in developing standardized protocol to follow in the event of death by a Sheriff's Office employee. He is also a member of the American Jail Association, Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, board member of the Hancock County Local Corrections Planning Board, board member of Focus on Friends a mental health drop in center, committee member of the Local Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Planning Committee. In 2008 he was honored with the Hero's in the Fight Award by the Mental Health America of Franklin County, sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company for his dedication to fighting for better mental health both locally and in Ohio. In 2010 he was honored by the Hancock County ADAMHS Board as Professional of the Year. Lieutenant Kidwell is also a 2006 Hancock Leadership Alumni.

Lieutenant Kidwell is a lifelong resident of Findlay / Hancock County and is married to Melinda Kidwell they have two sons, Jacob and Nicholas. He enjoys Cub/Boy Scouts where he has served as a Den Leader and Committee Member for Pack #334 Chamberlin Hill /Jefferson Elementary Schools. He currently serves as a Findlay Lions Club member where he has served in various officer positions. He was honored in 2007 with the highest award a Lion can receive for exemplary humanitarian service a

Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Lieutenant Kidwell also enjoys home repair, classic cars, motorcycles, sports, camping and family vacations.

MICHAEL E. HELDMAN

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Michael E. Heldman has worked in the law enforcement field for the past 35 years. He started his career at Owens Technical College in 1971 majoring in Law Enforcement. In February 1972, he was appointed a Deputy Sheriff for the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. While with the Office, he has served in various positions beginning as a road patrol deputy, investigating complaints and accidents. In 1981 he was promoted to the rank of Shift Sergeant. During this period he started the Crime Pre-

vention Unit and worked with local community members, developing a successful county wide Block Watch program. In 1984 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, overseeing the Civil and Corrections areas. In 1986, in cooperation with the Findlay/Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff Heldman started the Crime Stopper Program. Then in 1987, he was one of the incorporators of the Crime Prevention Association of Findlay/Hancock County, which oversees all of the county crime prevention programs.

Sheriff Heldman has been a certified instructor with the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Council for Basic Police Training and Corrections Training, and has assisted with training at various Crime Prevention seminars.

Over the years, Sheriff Heldman has served as a District II Representative and as Secretary of the Executive Board for the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. He is currently chairing Training and Education Committee and the Community Corrections Committee for the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association. He also served as the President of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association in 2004.

Michael was appointed in 2009 by Governor Strickland to serve on the Ohio MARCS Task Force, representing the Sheriffs in Ohio. Locally, he serves as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home & Center in Arlington.

While working with the local community, Michael has received various awards from local service clubs and various awards from the Ohio Crime Prevention Association, the most recent award being the President's Award. In 2001 he was recognized by the National Committee for Employer Support of the National Guard and Reserve. In March of 2004, Michael received the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Certificate of Appreciation. Also in 2004, he received the Ohio Crime Prevention Association's Michael Blankenship Award and the Ohio Chiefs of Police Recognition.

Michael is married and the father of five children, and lives with his wife Lauren in Findlay, Ohio. He is currently serving his fourth term as Sheriff of Hancock County.

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Tim Young has been the Ohio Public Defender since January 1, 2008 after serving as a county public defender for 14 years. He has led reform efforts for indigent defense in Ohio, and he started the Ohio Wrongful Conviction Project, a non-DNA exoneration project. Tim has served on numerous boards and committees including the American Council of Chief Defenders, the Committee on the Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Defendants in Capital Cases, and the Ohio Sentencing Commission. He has tried numerous cases throughout his career ranging from misdemeanors to homicide cases. Tim received his B.A. and his J.D. from the University of Dayton. He has devoted his career to serving the indigent population of our society.