



# **Second Wednesday's**

September 8, 2010

## **Enforcing Weight Limits on County Roads**

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Learn from experts in truck weight enforcement about Ohio's weight limit laws, responsibility for enforcement of the law, how to establish a portable scale team, the importance of developing a cooperative working relationship with all affected parties within the criminal justice system and the importance of informing the public about weight enforcement efforts prior to implementing a program. The program will also provide information concerning the training of law enforcement personnel in truck weight enforcement and the role of the State Highway Patrol in enforcing Ohio's commercial motor vehicle weight laws.

### **PRESENTERS**

Brad Cole, Managing Director of Research, County Commissioners Association of Ohio  
Dennis M. Bell, Williams County Engineer  
David Waggoner, Sergeant, Madison County Sheriff's Office  
Robert D. Warner, Lieutenant, Ohio State Highway Patrol

### **AGENDA—9:30-12:30**

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:40 a.m. Basics of Ohio's Weight Enforcement Laws & How to Establish a Portable Scale Program
- 10:30 a.m. Madison County Weight Enforcement Program & Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers
- 11:00 a.m. Role of Ohio State Highway Patrol in Enforcing Weight Limits
- 11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion
- 12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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### **Speakers**

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Dennis Bell is serving his second term as the Williams County Engineer. Since 1983, he started and continues to operate Bell Engineering Limited, Inc., a civil engineering and surveying firm located in Bryan. Bell's prior engineering experience includes working for Homer L. Chastan & Associates in Decatur, Illinois for two years, and as Defiance County Engineer and Deputy for a total of 11 years. In addition, Dennis has served as District 2 representative for the County Engineers' Association of Ohio for the past two years. Bell is a graduate of the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is licensed as a Professional Engineer and Professional Surveyor in Ohio and is currently licensed as a Professional Engineer in Michigan and Indiana.

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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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Dave is currently a Sergeant with the Madison County Sheriff's Office and has over 29 years experience. He started working truck weight enforcement in 1985 when the Madison County Engineer's Office initiated the program on a part time special duty basis. In 1990, the program switched to full time enforcement. Since then, he has attended numerous schools and training academies involving commercial vehicle enforcement. Having over 24 years of experience in this field, he has developed and instructed a new standard of commercial vehicle enforcement. Dave has taught this course at Clark State Community College. He is presently the primary instructor at the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy for the Ohio Attorney General's Office involving commercial vehicle enforcement.

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Robert has served over 25 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He is currently assigned to the Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards and is the Motor Carrier Enforcement Unit Commander where he oversees the statewide commercial motor vehicle inspection program. Warner is responsible for Ohio's size and weight program, is an Ohio Police Officer Training Academy certified police instructor, and has experience teaching commercial motor vehicle safety to various law enforcement agencies. The class which is taught to Troopers and other law enforcement agencies is entitled Commercial Vehicle Safety and Familiarization Education (CV-SAFE). His past assignments include Patrol Posts in Mt. Gilead, Sandusky, Milan, Wooster, Akron, and the Patrol Academy. Warner holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

