

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Media Release



For Immediate Release: February 4, 2011
Contact: S/Lt. Tony Bradshaw (614) 752-2792

Patrol's new Critical Information and Communication Center now available 24/7/365

Center is the first of its kind in Ohio

COLUMBUS – In an ongoing effort to “*Contribute to a Safer Ohio*” the Patrol announced today that their first federally compliant National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) center, known as the Critical Information and Communications Center (CICC) is fully operational today in the state of Ohio.

The CICC, located in the Columbus Communications Center, in conjunction with the Emergency Management Agency and the Emergency Operations Center, will be staffed 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year by command personnel who have received training and experience in coordinating assets and information during critical incidents. In the event of a natural disaster or terrorism incident, personnel from the CICC will staff the Emergency Operations Center and ensure communication interoperability.

The CICC will use state-of-the art equipment to monitor and disseminate critical information to and from operation units in the field and will assist Homeland Security personnel in collecting and disseminating critical information with regards to criminal activity that could pose a security threat.

#

11-018