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Editor,

Would you be so kind as include the release below in an upcoming edition of your publication.

Thank you


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Ohio Awards Recertification to the Hardin County Sheriff's Office for Adopting Standards

COLUMBUS – Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Executive Director Karhlton Moore announced today that the Hardin County Sheriff's Office recently completed the Ohio Collaborative recertification process.

Recertification of the Ohio Collaborative standards takes place on a revolving, three to four-year cycle.

There are 522 agencies that are certified, and 12 that are in the process of becoming certified by meeting standards for the use of force, including deadly force, and agency recruitment and hiring. Additionally, over 28,941 officers (representing over 89 percent of all law enforcement officers in Ohio, including most of Ohio's metropolitan areas) are employed by an agency that is involved in some form of the certification process.

The standards are the first of their kind in Ohio and were developed and established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board as part of the state's efforts to strengthen community and police relations.

The state has partnered with the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police to help certify Ohio's nearly 900 law enforcement agencies on a process to ensure that they are in compliance with Ohio's new standards. The complete list of agencies who have and have not been certified can be found at: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/>

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