



**Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Tom Stickrath
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Chair Gavarone, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath, and Members of the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee: I am pleased to join you again today to now testify in support of the Department's portion of Governor DeWine's Executive budget.

Today, I will focus my testimony on the divisions and initiatives that are funded in the Operating Budget bill: Ohio Homeland Security, the Ohio Investigative Unit, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Criminal Justice Services, the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center, and the Ohio School Safety Center. With me today are members of my Senior Staff – Assistant Director Karen Huey, Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Sima Merick, Office of Criminal Justice Services' Executive Director Karhlton Moore, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Initiatives Ben Suver, and Chief Financial Officer Matthew Martin.

At this time, Chair Gavarone and Members of the Committee, with your permission, I would like to transition to the slide deck before you outlining our portion of the Main Operating Budget. Both I and members of my Senior Staff are happy to answer any questions you may have following our presentation.