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Two Days in May marking milestone

As event has grown, so have victim services

As the victims' rights movement has become more robust in Ohio, the Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance has grown exponentially.

This year, Two Days in May will celebrate its 25th anniversary in a new, larger venue.

Advocates to receive lapel pins



Active status registered advocates will receive lapel pins, courtesy of the Ohio Advocate Network (OAN), when they pick up their nametags at the Two Days in May Conference on

Victim Assistance. The pins will be round and feature the OAN logo in etched enamel.

To be registered with the OAN, an advocate has to have worked with crime victims for at least a year and completed a minimum of 20 hours of training.



Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine speaking at a 2015 Two Days in May workshop

The annual gathering of victim advocates on May 23-24 will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, which offers more room and easier navigation than the previous venue.

The attendance speaks volumes about Ohio's victims' rights efforts, said Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. "It is a very energized and advanced movement."

Since 2011, DeWine has been participating in

the event. Meanwhile the Attorney General's commitment to crime victims has grown. For example, a 2013 review of the state's sexual assault response capabilities found that only 36 counties offered direct, comprehensive services for sexual assault survivors and eight had few or no services.

In 2013, the Attorney General's Office launched the Sexual Assault Services Expansion Program and set a five-year goal of making direct,

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Ideas flow at emergency meeting on opiates

At least 1,000 public safety officials gathered Jan. 21 for the Ohio Attorney General's "Ideas That Work: Fighting the Drug Epidemic in Ohio" emergency meeting at the Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine called the meeting to discuss how to fight the state's opiate epidemic. Unintentional drug overdoses caused the deaths of 2,482 Ohio residents in 2014, according to preliminary data from the Ohio Department of Health. That is the highest number of deaths on record from overdoses and reflects a 17.6 percent

increase compared with 2013, when there were 2,110 drug overdose deaths.



"This is the worst epidemic in my lifetime," DeWine said. "It is in every single county, every economic group, every race. It cuts across all income levels. It is everywhere."

The meeting, organized by the Attorney General's Heroin Unit, highlighted ideas from throughout the state.

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FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



When I was starting out as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Greene County in the early 1970s, there were few, if any, services specifically for crime victims. Cases would often go through court without the victims ever even being notified. We began making it a point to keep victims informed about cases, and we instituted a policy to routinely check on victims.

When I was elected as Prosecutor, Bill Schenck served as my chief trail lawyer. Bill had a unique ability to work closely with crime victims. He had great empathy and compassion for victims.

In 1980, he was elected Prosecutor. He started a county victim assistance program and brought in Jeannette Adkins, from the juvenile court in Dayton, to assume the role of director. After much success, she went on to become the executive director for the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). Jeannette will be a featured speaker at the 25th anniversary Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance.

Few events have the loyal following of Two Days in May, which is organized by my Crime Victim Services Section staff. When the first one was held in 1991, crime victim services was a devel-

oping field. When I became Attorney General, my office set out to take stock of the services that crime victims receive. A survey by my staff found gaps in the state's sexual assault response capabilities. Only 36 counties offered direct, comprehensive services for sexual assault survivors, and eight had few or no services. In 2013, we launched the Sexual Assault Services Expansion Program and set a five-year goal of making such services available statewide.

Today, we are ahead of our goal. Now, 77 counties provide all core services, 11 provide some, and no counties are without core services. On April 8, as part of Sexual Assault Awareness



Month, my office and OhioHealth's Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO), launched a state-wide sexual violence helpline, **1-844-OHIO-HELP (1-844-644-6435)**. The helpline is operated by SARNCO and being paid for with a \$1.2 million grant provided through the Ohio Attorney General's Expanding Services and Empowering Victims Initiative.

Sadly, Bill Schenck died on the day of the helpline launch. I know he would be pleased with our efforts to support victims. We are going to continue to make every effort that we can in the Attorney General's Office to make sure victim services are comprehensive in every county in the state.

This issue of *Criminal Justice Update* looks at some of our progress and the plans our staff has made for the silver anniversary of Two Days in May. To match the theme of the event, "Advocacy Through the Years: Past, Present & Future," the newsletter offers a timeline of some of the major events in the victims' rights movement in Ohio since 1991.

Victim advocates fulfill a crucial role in our communities and within the criminal justice system. I am proud that my office offers many opportunities for the continued professional development of those who assist crime victims.

Very respectfully yours,

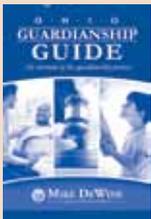
Mike DeWine
Ohio Attorney General

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES



Adult Protective Services House Bill 24
(Elder Justice Act)
Sponsors: Reps. Mike Dovilla, Wes Retherford
Status: Passed by House; pending in Senate committee

House Bill 24 enhances Adult Protective Services (APS) by requiring the program to assist an older victim of abuse whether or not the perpetrator is a caretaker, expands the list of mandatory reporters to include financial institutions, and gives APS the ability to seek protective orders regarding irreparable financial harm.



Foster Care-Adoption Assistance Age House Bill 50
Sponsors: Reps. Dorothy Pelanda, Cheryl Grossman
Status: Passed by House; pending in Senate committee

House Bill 50 would extend the eligibility age for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments to 21, and require that a guardian receive the *Ohio Guardianship Guide*.



Police Training House Bill 204
Sponsors: Reps. Tim Derickson, Nathan Manning
Status: Passed by House; pending in Senate committee

House Bill 204 would lift the cap on the number of hours of basic training required for peace officers and other positions. It also requires all newly appointed peace officers to have a high school diploma or GED.



Protected Consumer - Credit Freeze House Bill 317
Sponsors: Rep. Ron Maag
Status: Passed by House; pending in Senate committee

House Bill 317 would allow parents or guardians to apply a security "freeze" to a child's credit to help stop identity thieves from opening accounts in the child's name.



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Q&A

Sylvia Pla-Raith, director of the Ohio Attorney General's Elder Justice Initiative

The Elder Justice Initiative works with law enforcement, prosecutors, adult protective services and communities to identify, investigate and prosecute elder abuse cases; improve services for victims; and raise awareness about abuse.



■ *How does the initiative work?*

Typically, calls come in to the Attorney General's Help Center. If the call involves an older victim, those cases are sent to me or Elder Services Coordinator Melanie Cooley. We talk to the person and find out whether they have filed a police report or talked to their local adult protective services. If they haven't, we help them get in touch with those agencies. If they have, but they're dissatisfied, we work with them to find other resources. Sometimes, we have to find resources to keep the investigation going. In one recent case, we reminded a police department that it can request help from the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). Our customers are not only older victims, but also the professionals who help older victims.

■ *Who else is involved?*

We borrow resources from other units within the Attorney General's Office. We have point people at BCI and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA), and in the Consumer Protection, Special Prosecutions, Health Care Fraud and Crime Victim Services sections. I'm also part of the Attorney General's Elder Justice Commission, a high-level multidisciplinary team that focuses on coordinating efforts and setting priorities to improve services for seniors.

■ *What are some of the challenges you face?*

In Cuyahoga County, where I used to work, we had a levy to support an array of services. Not all communities in Ohio have that level of support. Ever since I started with the Attorney General's Office in November, I've been learning how to advocate for all of Ohio. The resources that are available are different from county to county and from rural areas to big cities. We want to make sure people don't fall through the cracks.

■ *What do you see happening in the future?*

The Elder Justice Initiative is going to be focusing on developing more resources around the issue of financial exploitation, particularly helping people gain easy access to victim services and holding perpetrators accountable. In addition, we are also putting together an event to commemorate Ohio Elder Abuse Awareness Day, which is held annually on June 15. The event was launched 11 years ago by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. Elder abuse is a global issue. The purpose of Ohio Elder Abuse Awareness Day is to provide an opportunity for communities to promote a better understanding of abuse, exploitation, and neglect of older victims by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting elder maltreatment. One person, one action, one nation working together to take a stand for elder justice now, together we can make a difference.

READ MORE: Read an extended interview with Sylvia Pla-Raith at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/CriminalJusticeUpdate.

The Pla-Raith File

Previous jobs: Chief supervisor, Cuyahoga County Adult Protective Services (2005-2015); director of care coordination, Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging (1990-2000); PASSPORT supervisor, Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (1990-2000)

Education: Master of Arts in health and human services, John Carroll University; Bachelor of Science in psychology, The Ohio State University; license in social work

Family: Husband, Rob; daughter, Kalie, 23; and son, Mitchell, 21

Hobbies: Cooking Cuban dishes, entertaining, watching Ohio State football and rooting for the Indians

Scientists find potential for interaction among blood-detection chemicals

The first research paper produced at the Ohio Attorney General's Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) has been accepted for publication in *Forensic Science International*.



Last summer, Jon Sprague, director of the center, Makayla Luedeke, a junior majoring in biology with a forensic biology specialization, and Emily Miller, a forensic scientist at the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), set out to determine whether the use of Bluestar or luminol at crime scenes can influence the laboratory's examination for blood using tetramethylbenzidine or phenolphthalein. David Hammond, a special agent with BCI's Investigations Unit, took photos for the report.

"We were able to, for the first time, demonstrate that crime scene use of Bluestar or luminol can influence the lab's examination of blood with tetramethylbenzidine or phenolphthalein," Sprague said. "These findings are not only significant to forensic biologists but also to crime scene investigators."



Chemiluminescence:

The production of light from a chemical reaction. Two chemicals react to form an excited (high-energy) intermediate, which breaks down releasing some of its energy as photons of light.

The project took known effective chemicals and showed their interactions to determine the dependability of results. "This information is crucial when we are called to be expert witnesses," Miller said.

Sprague and his team conducted their experiments on wood, treated wood, ceramic tile, carpet, cement blocks and cotton clothing.

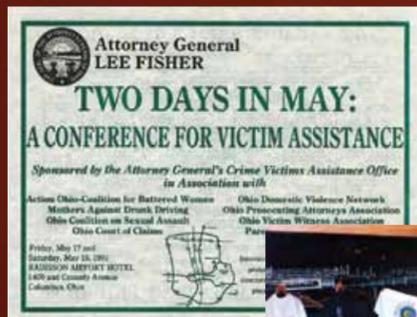
"One serendipitous finding was the false positive response on treated lumber," he said. "Lumber is often treated with copper sulfate, and the copper was able to drive the test reactions in a similar fashion to iron in hemoglobin."

Such research is important to expand our knowledge, Miller said, and to show BCI's dedication to the advancement of forensics.



A legacy of advocacy: 25 years of helping crime victims

Each year for the past 25 years, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has been hosting a spring gathering of victims' advocates so they can share ideas, learn about new issues, and be inspired by others in the field. Since the first Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance in 1991, the milestones and memories have been piling up. Here are some highlights from the victims' advocacy movement since the first Two Days in May to the present:



May 17-18, 1991: The first Two Days in May takes place at the Radisson Hotel in Columbus. The event, put together by Ohio Attorney General Lee Fisher's Crime Victims Assistance Office, offers workshops on topics ranging from "Selecting an Attorney" to "Recruiting and Training Volunteer Victim Advocates." The featured speaker is Marlene Young, executive director of the National Organization for Victim Assistance in Washington.

April 1, 1992: Senate Bill 32 is enacted to allow county boards of commissioners to appropriate tax levies to support crime victim assistance programs.

May 29-30, 1992: Two Days in May, held at the Dayton Marriott Hotel, features John Walsh, who became an advocate for missing children after the 1981 abduction and murder of his son, Adam.

Aug. 6, 1992: Gov. George V. Voinovich signs House Bill 536 offering protection to victims of stalking.

May 14-15, 1993: Two Days in May, at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in Cleveland, features Janice Lord, national director of victim services for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

May 12-13, 1995: Two Days in May, at the Radisson Hotel Toledo, is presented by the Crime Victims Assistance Office of Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery. "Child Victims of Domestic Violence: Legal Rights and Remedies" and "The Role of Community Policing" are among the workshops offered.

July 1, 1997: The Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Law takes effect in Ohio.

July 15, 1997: Gov. George V. Voinovich signs into law Senate Bill 53, which expands the offenses for which videotaped deposition and testimony by child victims is allowed.

May 11-12, 1998: Two Days in May moves to the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus. The event offers workshops including "Helping Youth Cope With Trauma" and "Avoid Turf Battles: Collaborate Your Services." Terry Anderson, a former news correspondent held hostage in Lebanon, gives the keynote address.

Nov. 22, 1999: House Bill 3, which gives victims of juvenile crimes the same rights as victims of offenses committed by adults and calls for victims to be notified of any hearings or release proceedings for the offender, takes effect.

May 15-16, 2000: Two Days in May features workshops on topics ranging from "The Color of Justice: Multiculturalism in Crime Victim Counseling and Assistance" to "Morita Therapy in Counseling and Serving Crime Victims."

May 23-24, 2001: Gavin de Becker, a national expert on predicting and managing violent behavior, delivers the opening address at Two Days in May.

May 14-15, 2002: Two Days in May presents workshops on topics from "Cyber Crimes" to "Domestic Terrorism: Ohio's Preparedness."

Nov. 1, 2002: Senate Bill 8, a cyberstalking law that expands stalking laws to include computer postings and electronic communications, goes into effect.

May 12-13, 2003: Two Days in May is presented by the Crime Victims Assistance Office of Ohio Attorney General

Jim Petro and features workshops including "Building Medical Services for Child Victims" and "The Amber Plan and Other Missing Children Resources."

July 31, 2003: Senate Bill 5, which strengthens the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Law requirements and creates a statewide Internet database of sex offenders, becomes law.

May 13-14, 2004: Two Days in May features Army Lt. Col. Brian Birdwell, a 9/11 Pentagon survivor, as a speaker.

May 9-10, 2005: Two Days in May boasts workshops on topics from "The Brain Chemistry of Addiction: Truth and Consequences" to "Volunteer Management 101."

May 23-24, 2006: Two Days in May presents workshops covering subjects such as "The Body's Response to Trauma" and "National Advocate Credentialing Program: Encouraging Professional Unity in the Victim Assistance Field."

June 30, 2007: Senate Bill 97, which updates Ohio law to comply with federal regulations and the Adam Walsh Act to protect children from sexual offenders, takes effect.

May 12-13, 2008: Two Days in May takes place at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Online registration is introduced.

May 7-8, 2009: Two Days in May, with the theme "Faces of Victimization," takes place at the Dayton Convention Center. Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray presents a Q&A session.

Dec. 29, 2010: House Bill 19, which requires all school districts to adopt a dating violence policy, is signed into law by Gov. Ted Strickland.

May 24-25, 2010: Two Days in May, with the theme "Collaborating to Provide 21st Century Victim Services," stresses the importance of teamwork.

Dec. 5, 2011: Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announces the submissions policy for the Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiative.

May 16-17, 2011: Organized by the Attorney General DeWine's Crime Victim Services Section, the event marks the milestone year with the theme "Celebrating 20 Years of Resiliency in Ohio." The Ohio Elder Abuse Research Symposium, a first for Ohio, is included in the conference.

Aug. 15, 2011: Attorney General DeWine reconvenes the Human Trafficking Commission to identify ways to help victims and investigate and prosecute traffickers.

Sept. 30, 2011: House Bill 86, a major revision to the Crime Victim Reparations Program goes into effect.



Nov. 18, 2011: Attorney General DeWine launches the Crimes Against Children Initiative, a comprehensive plan to identify, arrest and convict child predators.

May 10-11, 2012: With the theme "Mission Possible: Let No Victim Stand Alone," the Two Days in May conference builds on the anniversary event with updated sessions from professionals in the crime victims' movement. Attorney General DeWine takes part in a Foster Youth Symposium.

June 27, 2012: Gov. John Kasich signs House Bill 262, an anti-human-trafficking bill that shields juvenile victims from prostitution charges, makes human trafficking a first-degree felony and establishes a victim assistance fund using assets from traffickers.

Oct. 4, 2012: Attorney General DeWine announces the formation of the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force.

Nov. 4, 2012: House Bill 116, the Jessica Logan Act, goes into effect expanding school anti-bullying policies to include electronic communications.

March 20, 2013: Attorney General DeWine announces the formation of a Sexual Assault Services Expansion Program after a survey by his office found that only 36 Ohio counties offer comprehensive services for sexual assault victims.

March 22, 2013: Senate Bill 160, also known as Roberta's Law, requiring that crime victims and their families be notified when an offender is up for parole or early release, takes effect.

May 14-15, 2013: Two Days in May focuses on "Empowering Ohio's Most Vulnerable" with an anti-bullying symposium featuring Attorney General DeWine as well as leaders in education, health and criminal justice.

May 12-13, 2014: Two Days in May looks at "Access to Justice for Victims of Crime" and shows that many organizations and service providers are ready to help, but people might be unaware of what is available.

May 4-5, 2015: With the theme "Advancing Advocacy to Serve All Crime Victims," Two Days in May assembles speakers and workshops to delve into the subject.

June 10, 2015: Attorney General DeWine launches several initiatives to help Ohio's colleges and universities better respond to sexual assaults.

Oct. 7, 2015: The Attorney General's Office awards more than \$51 million to 307 crime victim service providers for the "Ohio Attorney General's Expanding Services and Empowering Victims Initiative."



Dec. 29, 2015: Attorney General DeWine announces that more than \$1.2 million in grants have been awarded to assist victims of sexual assault on Ohio campuses.

Feb. 18, 2016: Attorney General DeWine reports that forensic scientists with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) have tested 10,000 rape kits for DNA as part of the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiative. The testing has led to 3,629 hits in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

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comprehensive services available statewide. Today, the program is ahead of schedule: 77 counties provide all core services, 11 provide some services and no counties are without core services. To be considered as a core services provider, a county has to have at least six programs to directly help sexual assault victims and five administration components.

"When someone is sexually assaulted, it is critical that survivors can find help close to home," DeWine said.



Through the years, Attorney General DeWine has participated in various Two Days in May symposiums that have helped advance topics of concern such as elder abuse research, foster youth care, and crime victims with disabilities.

This year, conference organizers are expecting 1,200 people to attend Two Days in May.

Venica Miller, deputy director of Support and Outreach Services in the Ohio Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section, organizes the annual event and strives to make it a high-quality conference. "In fact, we are recognized nationally," she said.



"There is something that comes over me at the opening ceremony that makes me emotional about the work we've been doing and the progress we've been making," said Venica Miller, deputy director of Support and Outreach Services in the Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Section. "I'm just honored to be able to help put this agenda together."

Miller said the excitement has been building for the anniversary, which carries the theme "Advocacy Through the Years: Past, Present & Future."

At the heart of the conference are 40 workshops prepared by experts, Miller said. Social workers, victim advocates, nurses and attorneys who attend can earn continuing education credits.

"They come for the credits and wind up being wowed," Miller said. "We have some great workshops."



Attorney General provides resources to students with loan concerns



To help prospective, current and former college students understand and manage student loans, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has developed a comprehensive online student loan center.

Available at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/StudentLoans, the Attorney General's Student Loan Center offers information and resources to explore careers, choose a school, apply for student loans and repay loans.

"For many Ohioans, getting an education requires taking out loans," Attorney General Mike DeWine said. "Student loans can help Ohioans get the education they need to reach their full potential, but far too often students leave school with substantial amounts of debt.

"The Attorney General's Student Loan Center provides resources and tools to help consumers make smart borrowing decisions."

The online center provides tips on how to reduce college costs and offers calculators to help students budget their expenses and plan their loan repayment. The site also contains a link to a form to request a financial aid presentation.

ID number required for 'drones'

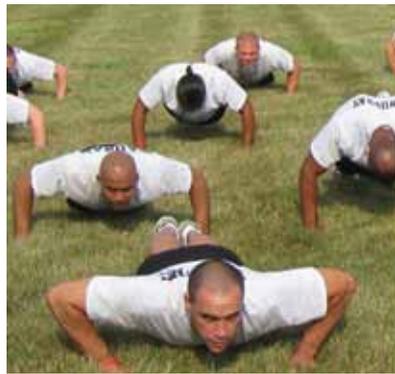
A federal law requiring "drones" — small, unmanned aircraft — to register with the Federal Aviation Administration took effect in December.

Anyone who flies a craft heavier than 0.55 pounds must register it or face civil and criminal penalties, according to the FAA.

To register an unmanned aircraft, visit registermyuas.faa.gov. A name, home address and email address are required. Once the information is entered, for \$5, the FAA supplies a "Certificate of Aircraft Registration/Proof of Ownership" and an identification number. The number must be attached to the aircraft.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy is preparing several courses related to unmanned aircraft, including one on how to investigate complaints related to them.

Fitness test to be required before basic training



Pre-entrance Fitness Test

Tasks	Minimum scores	
	Males (≤29)	Females (≤29)
Situps (1 min.)	32	23
Pushups (1 min.)	19	9
1.5 Mile Run	14:34	17:49

As of January 2017, applicants to Ohio peace officer basic training academies will have to pass a pre-entrance physical fitness test.

On March 10, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) voted to require that prospective cadets be able to perform at the 15th percentile of the Cooper Institute standards — a fitness test first developed for military use and then adopted by law enforcement. The standards test the relative fitness of an individual based on age and gender. The pre-entrance test can be retaken; the applicant just has to pass it before classes begin.

At the end of basic training, cadets will continue to be required to perform at the minimum 50th percentile of the Cooper standards to be eligible to take the state certification exam.

"This pre-entrance assessment will ensure that applicants are at a base level to start training," said Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. "As

peace officer training becomes more advanced and strenuous, such as in scenario-based courses, we need to make sure cadets are prepared to face those challenges when they enter an academy."

From 2012 to 2014, about 9 percent of cadets at Ohio academies failed the required physical fitness assessment at the end of their training and were unable to graduate, according to a survey of all academies conducted by OPOTC.

Today, 69 percent of the academies in Ohio already have pre-entrance physical fitness requirements.

In December, Attorney General DeWine urged OPOTC to adopt uniform pre-certification standards for applicants to basic training academies. The request is based on recommendations of the Ohio Attorney General's Advisory Group on Law Enforcement Training, which issued a report of findings and recommendations in April 2015.



Registration is set to open in August for the 2016 Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference. For more information, send an email to LEC@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Security updated to better protect sensitive email



The Ohio Attorney General's Office has upgraded its email security to further protect sensitive data.

To read a secure file, the recipient will be guided through an online verification process and choose a password to retrieve the message. After using the system once, the recipient will need only to enter the password the next

time to retrieve a message. If 90 days pass without activity, however, the account will be deleted and must be set up again.

Messages must be read within 72 hours, or else the sender must resend.

For more information or help, send an email to ITSSupport@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Survivors inspire first responders

As the “Ideas That Work: Fighting the Drug Epidemic in Ohio” emergency meeting came to a close, well-wishers lined up to shake hands and take pictures with two women who came back to reclaim their lives from the grip of heroin.



Nicky Kelly and Valerie Brodbeck are featured in a video made by the Ohio Attorney General’s Office about first responders administering naloxone to reverse opiate overdoses.

Attorney General Mike DeWine said Kelly’s and Brodbeck’s stories needed to be told.

“Valerie and Nicky were kept alive, and they did



Nicky Kelly speaking at the emergency meeting

get sober. ... It’s inspiring when you hear what people in recovery are now doing with their lives.”

Meeting attendees seemed to feel the same way. One officer who used his phone to snap a photo of the pair said he wants to tell their story to people in his community who are suffering from addiction and need to know that success is possible in recovery. Kelly, 26, was overwhelmed by the positive response.

“A lot of people were interested in talking to me,” she said. “Many of them pointed out how I helped open their eyes to a different perspective. I think it was a big eye-opener for a few people that I didn’t look like the ‘junkie’ image they

had pictured in their heads.”

Naloxone was used twice to save Kelly. As her addiction continued, she lost everything. She ended up homeless and sleeping in a park. Cold weather in 2012 prompted her to seek help at the Edna House, a sober-living facility.

“While I was at the Edna House, something changed, and I decided there is a better life out there.” Today, Kelly is in long-term recovery. She is a supervisor for a corporate dining company and volunteers at the Edna House.

To see the video, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/DrugAbuse.

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Here are a few items of note from panel discussions:

Naloxone

- The overdose-reversal drug naloxone is about \$30 to \$40 a dose. A \$6 per dose rebate is available, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/NaloxoneRebate.
- Law enforcement can order naloxone through the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Service’s Ohio Pharmacy Services. Call 614-752-0110.
- The Ohio Attorney General’s Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) can create a map based on naloxone administration to identify hot spots in a given area. Contact Scott Duff, special agent supervisor at BCI, at **614-875-5296** or Scott.Duff@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Addiction in Jails

- Many jails are providing medication-assisted treatment, such as Vivitrol, and other services for inmates leaving the jail.
- A Medicaid provision allows jails to bill Medicaid when an eligible inmate is taken to a hospital or medical facility for more than 24 hours.
- Some jails are providing information to inmates about treatment resources and linking them with resources in the community upon their release.

BCI Crime Scene Training

- An overdose scene should be treated as a crime scene so drug dealers can be charged with manslaughter.
- BCI agents from the Crime Scene and Cyber Crimes units offer a training course on crime scene processing through OPOTA.
- The most important piece of evidence at the scene of an overdose is the drug packaging, which should be preserved for DNA.
- Cellphones at the scene could carry physical or digital forensic evidence. When handling cellphones, wear protective gear to keep from contaminating the devices. BCI can help extract data.

Drug Trafficking

- The Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) for the Southern District of Ohio is interested in cases with connections to drug cartels or regional gangs, or that have an interstate connection.
- Once a case gets OCDETF approval, funds are made available for travel, overtime and other expenses.

For a complete list of presenters, or to see supporting documents from the meeting, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/DrugAbuse.



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Missing Children's Day Ceremony

When: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. May 21
Where: Reynoldsburg eSTEM Academy, 8579 Summit Rd., Reynoldsburg
For information: Send email to Vicki.Germann@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.



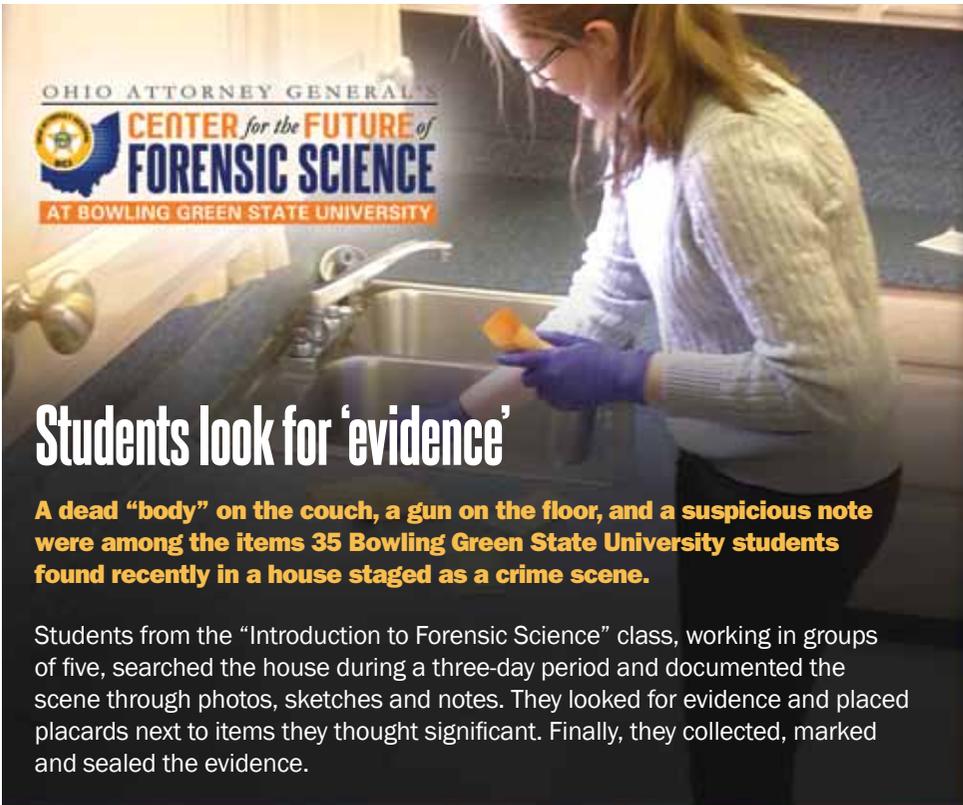
Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance

When: May 23–24
Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center (new venue)
For information: Visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/TDIM or email TDIM@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.



Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference

When: Oct. 4–5
Where: Hyatt Regency Columbus
For information: Visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/LEConference or call 740-845-2684.



Students look for 'evidence'

A dead "body" on the couch, a gun on the floor, and a suspicious note were among the items 35 Bowling Green State University students found recently in a house staged as a crime scene.

Students from the "Introduction to Forensic Science" class, working in groups of five, searched the house during a three-day period and documented the scene through photos, sketches and notes. They looked for evidence and placed placards next to items they thought significant. Finally, they collected, marked and sealed the evidence.



BCI Special Agent Ed Biederstedt, left, discusses the crime scene with students.

Agents from the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) helped instructors from the Center for the Future of Forensic Science at BGSU set the scene — including the victim, a mannequin — at the university's Forensic Investigation Scenario House, and they offered guidance to the students during the training.

Collaboration between the university and BCI resulted in the building of a state-of-the-art crime lab, which opened in 2014, on the campus.

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