



"9-1-1 Goes to Columbus" Event to be Held on December 12th

Reps. Larry Flowers and Steven Driehaus Will Introduce Legislation to Continue Wireless E9-1-1 Funding; Son of Murdered Fort Loramie Resident to Give First-Hand Account of Importance of Securing Funding for Wireless E9-1-1

COLUMBUS, OHIO (December 4, 2007) - On Wednesday, December 12, 2007, 9-1-1 officials representing counties throughout the state will converge on The State Capitol to participate in the "9-1-1 Goes to Columbus" event - a series of briefings with state legislators on the status of efforts to secure funding for wireless E9-1-1 in Ohio. Reps. Larry Flowers and Steven Driehaus will introduce legislation to continue funding for wireless E9-1-1. The briefings will be followed by a press conference in the Statehouse Atrium at 11 a.m. ET.

Currently there is a "Sunset" provision in Section 4931.61 of the Revised Code. If not removed, this provision will result in Ohio's Wireless E9-1-1 funding source expiring on December 31, 2008, compromising the safety of Ohioans by making it more difficult for emergency responders to find them.

In April, Victoria Eilerman, mother of Fort Loramie Mayor Philip Eilerman, was tragically murdered. She made three 9-1-1 calls to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office using her cell phone from the trunk of her abductor's car, however, authorities were unable to determine her location. At the press conference, Mayor Eilerman will give a first-hand account of the importance of continuing wireless E9-1-1 funding.

"The technology that could have helped emergency responders locate my mother must be available to Shelby County officials and officials statewide," said Mayor Eilerman. "Unless this sunset provision is removed, that simply will not happen."

"The ball is in our court at the statehouse to do what is best for Ohio's citizens," said Rep. Flowers. "At \$3.84 per citizen, roughly the price of a Happy Meal at McDonald's, Ohioans can get the wireless 9-1-1 service they deserve."

About the 9-1-1 Industry Alliance

The 9-1-1 Industry Alliance ("9IA") was established in December 2005 by a group of prominent industry leaders. The vision of the organization's founders is that 9IA will play an important role as the voice of industry companies on major public policy issues, and that the expertise of industry leaders can assist public policymakers and government emergency communications professionals as complex choices are made regarding advanced 9-1-1 alternatives in the years ahead. www.911alliance.org