

Ohio School Safety Center created

As part of his response to the recent mass shooting in Dayton, Gov. Mike DeWine (R-Cedarville) has created through executive order the Ohio School Safety Center as a specialized division of Ohio Homeland Security housed in the Department of Public Safety.

The new center will:

- ◆ Monitor the Internet for threats to schools;
- ◆ Offer threat assessments to schools and provide training on how to detect and prevent against threats;
- ◆ Review school emergency management plans;
- ◆ Promote use of the SaferOH tip line (844-SAFEROH);
- ◆ Host an annual school safety summit;
- ◆ Consolidate school safety resources (saferschools.ohio.gov); and,
- ◆ Create the Ohio School Safety Working Group -- comprised of educators, law enforcement, mental health experts and others -- which will meet quarterly and provide an annual report on the state of school safety in Ohio.



The executive order is part of a 17-point plan, dubbed STRONG Ohio, aimed at addressing gun violence.