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### **Ohio EMA Hosts Ohio Campus Emergency Management Summit**

COLUMBUS -- Nearly 70 college and university emergency management professionals from around Ohio gathered at the first-ever Ohio Campus Emergency Management Summit at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency today.

"You are responsible for protecting some of Ohio's most valuable assets," said John Born, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, in his welcome to the group.

In the day-long summit, campus emergency managers heard from their counterparts from other colleges on a wide variety of topics including drones; "Game Day" preparation; pre-event planning; active shooter scenario; and "Partners in Preparedness," focusing on campus and county emergency managers working together. The college and university emergency managers also toured the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center.

"We're excited to bring a large group of campus and university emergency managers together for the first time," said Sima Merick, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. "This excellent networking opportunity will lead to better collaboration among campus emergency managers and help bring local emergency managers and their college and university partners together."

Thirty-six of Ohio's colleges and universities were represented at the summit, which was sponsored by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

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