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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### **Ohio to Become One of First States to Offer Next of Kin Registration**

**WHO:**

Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry Guzmán  
Bureau of Motor Vehicles Registrar Mike Rankin  
Rep. Jim McGregor  
Carmella Wiant and Linda Wuestenberg (instrumental in getting Next of Kin legislation passed)

**WHAT:**

On Sept. 8, Ohio will become one of the first states to make a next of kin registration process available. Any holder of a valid Ohio driver license, commercial driver license, temporary permit or identification card will now have the option of providing the name and information of a contact person they wish to be notified in the event the individual is involved in a crash or emergency and is otherwise unable to communicate with the contact person.

**WHEN:**

Monday, Sept. 8, 2008  
10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:**

The Ohio Department of Public Safety  
Atrium (1970 West Broad Street)

**WHY:**

Next of Kin registration is a result of a partnership between citizens, the legislature, ODPS, the BMV and local law enforcement who helped start the initiative in Ohio. ODPS is committed to working with all of its partners to develop and implement initiatives like this that will increase the level of service for Ohioans.