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For Immediate Release:

Ohio Turnpike joins Light Ohio Blue to show support for law enforcement

24 facilities along the turnpike will be bathed in blue light May 8-16 to demonstrate support

BEREA (May 6, 2019) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) has joined the Light Ohio Blue campaign to show support for law enforcement personnel who protect our communities throughout the state of Ohio.

The Commission will shine blue lights on Post 90 (Milan) of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the administration building in Berea and on its 14 Service Plazas and eight Maintenance Buildings along the 241-mile Ohio Turnpike.

“The Ohio State Highway Patrol and all law enforcement personnel deserve our gratitude for the protection they provide,” said OTIC Chairman Jerry N. Hruby, himself a former police lieutenant.

“We will light our facilities in blue along the Ohio Turnpike to honor law enforcement personnel and to pay respect to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice,” said Executive Director Ferzan M. Ahmed, P.E.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation to designate May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. The Light Ohio Blue campaign coincides with activities associated with Police Week. This year’s campaign runs from Wednesday, May 8 to Thursday, May 16.

Businesses and residents are encouraged to show their support for law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and those currently serving, both sworn and civilian staff.

How can you help Light Ohio Blue?

- Place a blue bulb on your exterior porch light;
- Wrap blue Christmas lights around your home or business;
- Light up your entire home or business with blue flood lights;
- Place blue ribbons on your mailbox, nearby columns or posts;
- Wear Blue on May 15; and
- Tell your friends, family and neighbors what you’re doing, and post a picture to social media using [#LightOhioBlue](https://twitter.com/LightOhioBlue).



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