

Citation Dan McClelland

It is with great pleasure on behalf of the directors of The Great Geauga County Fair to nominate Geauga County Sheriff Daniel “Dan” McClelland to the Ohio Fair Managers Association Hall of Fame. Dan has been a lifelong resident of Geauga County. He began his career in law enforcement in 1976, and for 41 years he has been providing security to the Fair.

Dan has been instrumental in assuring a family friendly safe environment for fair goers to attend the annual event. Dan’s involvement in the fair industry has not just been exclusive to Geauga County. Dan has presented several topics over his eight years attending the Ohio Fair Managers Convention on security topics.

Dan has also traveled to several fairs in the state when asked to present topics on safety and security.

Dan has implemented many new programs at the Geauga County Fair including a comprehensive emergency management plan. This includes a mass text message system where all identified personnel can be notified in the event of an emergency. He has set up a background check program on all ride employees, as well as a very successful “safety is a snap” program, posted at each gate recommending each parent take a photo of their child as they enter the gate in the event they get separated at the fair. Dan has also provided a fantastic K-9 show and demonstration with his partner “Midge” who is the world’s smallest drug dog.

Dan’s commitment to the fair and fair industry are unmatched, he is available 24/7 and has donated all his time at the fair with no pay. Attached is Dan’s press release as he was awarded the very prestigious Emerald Award in 2014. It summarizes his dedication to the community and the well-being of our fair industry.

The Ohio Fair Managers Association is proud to Induct Sheriff Dan McClelland for his support to Ohio Fairs, The Great Geauga County Fair and his community into the Ohio Fairs Hall of Fame. Class of 2017

