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### **DECKER RETURNS FROM NATIONAL SUMMIT ON TERRORISM**

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Allen County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) director, Russ Decker returns today after three days in Washington, D. C. attending the National Summit on “Improving Preparedness and First Response to Acts of Terrorism”.

While in Washington, Decker presented Ohio Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich and Congressman Mike Oxley with reports on the status of the U. S. mail sterilization effort at Titan Scan Technologies in Lima, as well as, an update on local measures being taken in the wake of the September terrorist attacks. Decker also met with senior officials from the newly created Office of Homeland Security for a briefing on the Titan Scan / US Mail project.

Decker was one of only four Ohio officials attending the summit that featured experts from around the globe in areas of counter-terrorism, biological and chemical weapons, along with first-hand recounts and recommendations from first responders to the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Oklahoma City.

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