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### LOCAL DIRECTOR TAPPED TO SIT ON INTERNATIONAL PANEL

(LIMA, OH) – Allen County Homeland Security Director, Russ Decker has been named to an international panel to discuss successes and failures in local homeland security preparedness at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual World Conference on Disaster Management this June in Toronto, Canada.

Decker will serve as one of two Americans on the panel joined by representatives from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Japan.

Achievements by the LASER (Lima Area Security Emergency Response) Task Force will be highlighted in Decker's remarks as an example of private/public partnerships succeeding in an effort to better secure critical facilities from the threat of terrorism.

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