

PR#02-1219A

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release:

December 19, 2002

Contact:

Russ Decker, (419) 993-1404

DECKER TO ATTEND BILL SIGNING CEREMONY

(COLUMBUS, OH) – Russ Decker, president of the Emergency Management Association of Ohio and director of the Allen County Emergency Management Agency has been invited to join Governor Bob Taft in Columbus on Monday for the governor's signing of HB605, the Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact.

The EMAO was a major supporter of the IMAC which essentially creates a statewide mutual aid agreement between all political subdivisions within the state during times of declared emergencies. Decker testified in support of the measure in front of both the House and Senate.

The measure which passed unanimously in both chambers as an emergency will take effect immediately upon the governor's signing.

The signing ceremony is set for Monday, December 23, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in the Governor's Statehouse Office.