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**LOCAL AGENCY HEAD NAMED TO SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE**

(COLUMBUS, OH) – The Supreme Court of Ohio has appointed Allen County Homeland Security and Emergency Management director Russ Decker to serve on a statewide Advisory Committee for Court Security & Emergency Preparedness. Supreme Court Justice, Maureen O’Connor made the appointment and serves as chairperson of the committee.

Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer announced formation of the committee during his annual “State of the Judiciary” address to the Ohio Judicial Conference, September 15<sup>th</sup> in Columbus.

The committee is composed of representatives from all judicial levels, court administrators, county commissioners, sheriffs and public safety professionals.

Decker has served as local homeland security and emergency management director since 1998. He is past president of the Emergency Management Association of Ohio and currently serves as a Commissioner on the national Certified Emergency Manager Commission and Emergency Management Accreditation Program. He holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Tiffin University.