



## **OHIO HOUSE BILL 108**

The Ohio Task Force Commander's Association, along with their members, the local drug task forces of Ohio, is urging the passage of Ohio House Bill 108. This bill is currently in front of the Legislative Committee of the Ohio House, and adds \$5 onto all moving violations in the state, to be used to help provide stable funding for Ohio's drug task forces.

This bill would generate approximately \$8 million dollars that would be used to offset the up to 75% loss in grant funds from the Federal government that is currently going to the existing 27 drug task forces. Additional monies would be used to help establish new drug task forces in areas that have not been able to receive funding in the past.

This is a crucial time, as task force commanders have indicated that up to 40% of their operations will shut down at the end of 2008 without additional funding, with any entity able or willing to take their place in continuing to combat the influx of illegal drugs into the Buckeye State.

In 2006, Ohio's task forces arrested 6,228 drug offenders and seized over \$200 million dollars in illegal drugs. These statistics will undoubtedly spiral downwards if consistent funding is not obtained now. Ohio House Bill 108 is currently the vehicle that can carry us through these difficult financial times without raising taxes, or adding new fees to Ohio's taxpayers.