



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SCORES #1 IN TOP GUN EVENT**

**[Lancaster, Ohio, September 22, 2010]** Sheriff Dave Phalen advises that on September 18, 2010, the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office SWAT team travelled to Northern Licking County to participate in "Night Moves," a law enforcement training competition hosted by the Licking County Sheriff's Office.

The training was comprised of five different scenarios beginning with a "Top Gun" shooting course. Participants had to do 10 pushups and then immediately run 400 yards before firing a long-range scoped rifle, an M-16 rifle, a pistol, a shotgun and another pistol. Then they had to put together a 12 gauge shotgun and an M-16 rifle. Teams were scored on the accuracy of shots and the time taken to complete the event.

After a break for dinner and when the sun had gone down, the teams were then given four different training scenarios to complete. Many of the scenarios emphasized land navigation and the use of the compass, which is quite challenging at night.

Other scenarios included a dignitary rescue, a long range compass guided reconnaissance mission and a water-born rescue. Teams again were scored on ability to complete the exercise and the time taken to complete the event.

The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office took first place in the "Top Gun" event and third place in the overall event.