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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- Sheriff's Office Goes Mobile with New Smart Phone Application

[Lancaster, Ohio, May 13, 2013] Sheriff Dave Phalen is pleased to announce the release and availability of a new application for smart phones/devices. The Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Appriss, Inc. is introducing the "Mobile Patrol App" for smart devices. This application will allow the user to access Jail Booking Information, Registered Sex Offender Information, Wanted Persons Information and Emergency Alerts—all at no cost. There is also a link to the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

Appriss, Inc. is a Louisville, Kentucky-based company that also operates the "Vinelink" system for inmate tracking at county and state correctional facilities nationwide. By utilizing the information already made available through the "Vinelink" system, victims may also receive notification of inmate releases through their smart device with the "Mobile Patrol App" and issued PIN number.

The "Mobile Patrol App" has a multitude of uses and is free to download by using the following steps:

- 1) Go to the "Play Store" or "App Store" and search for "Appriss"
- 2) Once "Appriss" is located, scroll down to the "Mobile Patrol App" and select
- 3) Follow the easy on screen steps until you can select "OH/Fairfield Co"
- 4) You now have the "Mobile Patrol App" installed on your smart device specific to Fairfield County. Follow the necessary steps for your device to create an icon on your home screen.

The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is the first agency in the state of Ohio to make this mobile phone/smart device application available to residents. Sheriff Phalen is certain it will become a useful tool for all residents of Fairfield County.

A demonstration will be given <u>Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 1 p.m.</u> by Sheriff Phalen and Lt. Alex Lape at 221 E. Main St., Lancaster. The media is welcome to attend.

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