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## **Montgomery County Director Honored For Elevating Ohio As National Example**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Executive Director of the *Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) of Developmental Disabilities* gave a Montgomery County man credit for changing the way Ohio does business in regards to the way it handles Major and Unusual Incidents (MUIs).

As a result of Bill Angel's hard work, he was honored with one of two Partners In Excellence awards at the 27th annual CONVENTION at the *Hilton at Easton* Dec. 1-3.

Bob Beavis, human resources director at the *Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities*, received the other Partners In Excellence Award for 2010.

"Bill Angel played a big role in Ohio becoming one of the best examples of how MUIs should be handled throughout this nation," said Dan Ohler, *OACB* Executive Director. "In fact, he developed the MUI track for this convention. And he always does everything with a smile on his face."

Despite major hardships, including his wife's long term illness, Bill Angel has been the "go to" man throughout the state for issues that all 88 *County Boards of Developmental Disabilities* face on a daily basis.

"It is a surprise and honor to be even considered for such an honor," Angel said, adding that his wife was his hero. He also told of a head-on car crash his family recently was involved in.

"Life is a challenge. It is how you view those challenges and the attitude you have, and how you view yourself that makes the difference," Angel said.

The Montgomery County man praised the people he works with. "I work with great people who have taught me so much. You have to be there for people, and hold one another accountable for what they might do, and how they treat people," he said.

"Most of all, you always have to be there to fight. Always," Angel said.

Commissioned in 2006, this annual award is presented to a *County Board of Developmental Disabilities* staff member who demonstrates exemplary service in offering their expertise to a workgroup or specific project that benefits the *County Board of Developmental Disabilities* system as a whole, not just their specific county. The award is presented to a deserving individual as determined by the *OACB*. That person is recognized either at the annual convention, or at a local Board meeting of the recipient.

All 88 *County Boards of Developmental Disabilities* in Ohio are members of the *OACB*, whose purpose is to educate and advocate for the 85,000 individuals with developmental disabilities who reside in the Buckeye State.

**CUTLINE: Bill Angel, center, is pictured with John Martin, Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and Dan Ohler, OACB Executive Director.**

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