

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION



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To District & Section Commanders Attention _____

From Major Joshua Swindell, Commander, Office of Field Operations

Subject Aviation Section's 70th Anniversary / Open House

An open house and ceremony to celebrate the Aviation Section's 70th anniversary and our two newest aircraft will be held on Friday, January 11, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., at the Aviation hanger, located at 2829 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235. Refreshments will be provided.

In May 1948, Colonel George Mingle established the Aviation Section with the purchase of the Division's first aircraft, a model 35 Beechcraft Bonanza. The aircraft was utilized for transportation, aerial photography, errands of mercy, and aircraft law enforcement.

Today, the Aviation Section has grown to 16 members and 16 aircraft. There are currently two remotely based pilots in northern Ohio. The Aviation Section's duties have expanded to include surveillance, search and rescue, SRT, and K9 deployment, in addition to aerial traffic enforcement.

The Aviation Section enjoys a rich history and has served the citizens of Ohio honorably for over 70 years. The Aviation Section has developed and fostered lasting relationships with its partner agencies at the federal, state, county, and city levels. In an effort to continue providing the best possible service to these agencies, the Aviation Section has expanded its fleet to include a new surveillance aircraft and helicopter. These aircraft will allow the Aviation Section to reduce its response times while expanding its surveillance capabilities, allowing for multiple simultaneous operations in the future. In addition to celebrating 70 years in airborne law enforcement, the two newest aircraft will also be on display.

Division personnel, auxiliary members, and retirees are welcome to attend the anniversary celebration. Commanders are to use discretion in allowing attendance, based upon operational necessity. Dress is uniform of the day.

District and Section commanders, or their designee, are encouraged to attend, as well as, any past members of the Aviation Section. District/Section commanders are to submit one list of attendees from their District/Section to Michelle Himes by December 21, 2018 at (614) 466-4468 or via e-mail at ADAviation@dps.ohio.gov