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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HOSTS ANNUAL BOOTH AT STATE FAIR

Interactive fire safety tips, demonstrations by an explosives detection canine, and the prospect of free money can all be found at the Ohio Department of Commerce booth at the 2014 Ohio State Fair.

“We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the long-standing, family-friendly tradition of the Ohio State Fair,” said Andre T. Porter, Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce. “We invite Ohioans of all ages to visit our booth and learn about the many ways the Department of Commerce promotes business growth and safeguards citizens.”

Join the Ohio Department of Commerce along the southern wall of the Marketplace Building. The Commerce booth will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day of the fair, which runs through Sunday, August 3.

Fairgoers will discover how much the Department of Commerce does to improve and protect the everyday lives of Ohio families. With just a few moments of their time, visitors can find information and advice on buying a home, making investment decisions, identifying con artists, ensuring fire and building safety and preventing identity theft.

The Division of State Fire Marshal’s Safety House is back this year. It features Mr. Smoke, who teaches parents and children to “stay low and go,” a more effective way to escape a fire by staying low and crawling close to the ground. Staff will also lead children through the Safety House to explain fire safety tips, while adults can receive information on kitchen, chimney and smoke detector fire safety.

Finally, the popular Unclaimed Funds Treasure Hunt returns. Run your name through the computer to check to see if the State has unclaimed funds for you, your family or friends. The Division of Unclaimed Funds returned a record \$74.4 million to Ohioans last fiscal year. Could the Division have an unclaimed treasure for you?

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