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The Lake County Building Department earns the *2016 David A. Smith Building Department Award for Innovation*

(PAINESVILLE, OH) – The Lake County Building Department is honored as the 2016 recipient of the Ohio Board of Building Standard’s David A. Smith Award for Innovation.

The award is presented annually to recognize an Ohio certified building department that has demonstrated exemplary customer service, dedication to public service and has furthered the Board’s mission and goals.

Commissioner President Jerry C. Cirino explained that, “This award is an example of a County Department putting the customer, whether a resident or contractor, first and letting everyone know we are open for your business and ready to serve in an efficient and timely manner.”

“We are certainly proud of our Lake County Building Department and its selection as best in the state by the Ohio Board of Building Standards. Under Dave Strichko’s leadership, this county department has demonstrated outstanding customer service to accompany its ongoing mission of insuring public safety through proper construction code adherence,” stated Commissioner, Daniel P. Troy.

Chief Building Department Official, David Strichko, credits the dedicated staff and the Commissioners’ Office for their leadership and partnership. “The Lake County Building Department is extremely knowledgeable, quick and responsive to their customers, and provides valuable services promoting safety and growth in our community,” said David Strichko.

Commissioner John R. Hamercheck adds that for the Lake County Building Department, “help not hinder” is more than just a slogan, it is a code of conduct.

There are 400 full service building departments in Ohio that were eligible for the 2016 award. The Standards Board selected the winner based on a review of the department’s performance, contacts with building contractors and designers who work in the county, and “secret shopper” calls to the department.

For more information please contact the County Administrator at 440-350-2334.