



PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.

*Timothy I. Ingram
Health Commissioner*

*250 William Howard Taft Road, 2nd Floor
Cincinnati, OH 45219*

*Phone 513.946.7800
Fax 513.946.7890*

hamiltoncountyhealth.org

Contact: Mike Samet, Public Information Officer
Phone: 513-946-7873
E-mail: mike.samet@hamilton-co.org

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 15, 2012

Hamilton County Public Health Sanitarians Recognized for Excellence

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO – Two Hamilton County Public Health health inspectors received awards from the Ohio Environmental Health Association's Southwest District. Mandy Bartel of Wyoming, OH was recognized as the District's Sanitarian of the Year and Scott Puthoff of Silverton was recognized for developing the Publication of the Year.

Bartel, a five-plus year veteran in Hamilton County Public Health's Environmental Health division is a generalist working in food service, nuisance and housing, mobile home parks, campgrounds, swimming pools, schools and public accommodation facilities. Her interest in working with hoarders led her to develop a partnership with mental health professionals, while completing extensive training to better understand hoarding behavior. The training and partnerships allow her to expand the role of sanitarian and work with hoarders to not only clean their properties, but to also access mental health providers to work on the core of the problem.

Puthoff, a supervisor in the Environmental Health division, has been with Hamilton County Public Health for five years. Puthoff's interest in farmers' markets and concern for the regulatory environment governing their operations led him to publish an extensive article on standard operating guidelines for food safety at the markets. His publication was subsequently developed into an educational printed piece

NEWS

for market vendors, helping them to ensure public health and safety with their food offerings through guidelines for proper storage and handling.

“Mandy and Scott both exemplify the excellence we strive for everyday at Hamilton County Public Health,” says Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner. “Their hard work and dedication to their profession has led us to innovative methods and programs to advance how we work with our communities and licensees, emphasizing education over enforcement.”

Hamilton County Public Health works to assure the 460,000 citizens living outside the cities of Cincinnati, Norwood, Sharonville and Springdale are safe from disease, injury and contamination.

#