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**At-Large Summit County Councilmember Jon Poda  
announces the launch of Meth Awareness Web site**

A new county-wide Web site aimed at helping provide residents with resources about the dangerous drug methamphetamine is now up and running.

The Summit County Meth Awareness site <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/SCMA.htm> provides general resources about methamphetamine as well as links to affected property searches and other helpful tools. The Web site can also be found on a link labeled "Summit County Meth Awareness" on the county's main Web page [www.co.summit.oh.us](http://www.co.summit.oh.us) under "Other Links."

"I am very excited to announce that this Web site is now up and running and ready to help residents gather information on methamphetamine from one central site," said At-Large Summit County Councilman Jon Poda. "If someone wants to see photos of the ravages caused by this drug, they can go to the site. If someone wants to link to a property search for homes found to have the presence of meth, they can do that too."

The idea of the Web site stemmed from a recommendation set forth from the Summit County Methamphetamine Property Awareness Task Force earlier this year. Mr. Poda, who sponsored legislation establishing the task force and served as its chairman, said he is pleased to see the hard work of the task force exemplified with the establishment of this Web site.

"After meeting and debating on the best way to provide residents with information that could keep them safe in our communities, we decided to establish a website that would be a 'one-stop-shop' for anything meth related," Poda said.

The establishment of the Summit County Methamphetamine Property Awareness Task Force took place March 17, 2008, with unanimous support from Council. The legislation was submitted by At-Large Council member Jon Poda. Mr. Poda wanted to bring together key experts in the county to examine what could be done to better inform residents about properties that may have been negatively affected by the production or presence of the drug methamphetamine.

The Task Force members included the following individuals: Jon Poda of Summit County Council, Jason Dodson of the Executive's Office, Captain Hylton Baker of the

Summit County Sheriff's Office, Stacy Dodson of the Summit County Fiscal Office, Cynthia Sich of the Summit County Consumer Affairs Office, Joanne Arndt of the Summit County ADM Board, Terry Tuttle of the Summit County General Health District, Duane Groeger of the Akron Health Department, Chief Michael Mier of the Copley Police Department, Warren Walfish of the Summit County Department of Development, Paulette Kline of the Barberton/Norton Health District, Dan Horrigan, Summit County Clerk of Courts, Kevin Mayer of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office, William Wilkinson, public representative, Glenn Payne of the Akron Police Department.

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