

The Ohio State Dental Board remembers Ohio's Dental Forensic Team as we look back to 9-11-01.



(L-R) Mark Armstrong, DDS, Dan Strickland, DDS, Dan Jolly, DDS, Frank Wright, DMD, Bill Baldwin, DDS, Bob Johnson, DDS, Greg McDonald, DDS, and Mike Kastner, DDS

In light of the events that transpired in our country on September 11, 2001, The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) wanted to again recognize a group of individuals who have selflessly given of their time in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

Members of the Ohio Dental Forensic Team, lead by former Ohio State Dental Board (Board) member Frank Wright, DMD, were called in as first responders to assist the New York Medical Examiner's Office in the identification of victims, only days after the attack on the World Trade Center in New York. Two other members of the team also served as members of the Board: Mark Armstrong, DDS, and Greg McDonald, DDS.

Ohio was the first of only two states whose dentists participated in this unthinkable, yet critical, endeavor. Our Ohio dentists were instrumental in providing closure for the families of the victims. The Board, who provided assistance in any way possible to assist these dentists and the team in New York, was honored to be a part of the tribute these gentlemen received for their service to our country as representatives of our state and our profession.

The Ohio Dental Forensic Team is pictured above, and at that time was comprised of:

- FRANK WRIGHT, DMD, Cincinnati, (served on the Board from 2004-2008)
- MARK ARMSTRONG, DDS, Troy (served on the Board from 2004-2010)
- BILL BALDWIN, DDS, Westerville
- DAN JOLLY, DDS, Columbus
- MIKE KASTNER, DDS, Toledo
- BOB JOHNSON, DDS, Boardman
- GREG MCDONALD, DDS, Springboro (served on the Board from 2004-2008)
- DAN STRICKLAND, DDS, Perrysburg.

The Ohio State Historical Society in Columbus acknowledged the Forensic Team at an event on September 11, 2011.