

Mike Tedrick

In January 2016 retirement commenced after almost 35 years of service in Public Health.

Mike graduated from The Ohio State University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology. From 1978 to 1983, he worked for the Ohio Department of Agriculture as an inspector in the Division of Food, Dairy's, and Drugs. In 1984 he joined the Columbus Health Department as a Food Inspector. Mike was promoted to a Department Coordinator in 1999, overseeing the activities of ten field sanitarians that grew to twenty by 2014. During the last 35 years Mike has had duties at the Ohio State Fair as either a Ride Inspector (1979 – 1984) or as a Food Inspector (1985 – 2012). From 1995 until 2012 he was in charge of all Food Inspections during the Ohio State Fair and many other major events concerning concessionaires. The Tedrick family has owned Concession Trailers spanning two generations, which his sister, Renee Tedrick, currently owns and operates. Mike occasionally helps with the family run business when it's outside of his Health Department jurisdiction. During the 2000-2010 decade Mike was responsible for creating the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for the Columbus Health Department for mobile food concessions. The template is still being used today by not only the Columbus Health Department but many other health departments across the state. Mike was elected as an officer onto the Greater Ohio Showmen's Association (GOSA) Board in January 2008 and serves on the Health and Sanitation Committee to present. He reports on the latest developments concerning rules and regulations as they are being considered by the State Health Department that may affect food concessionaires. Mike has lead many sessions at the Ohio Fair Managers Association (OFMA) Convention. During the last 10 years Mike has held his Instructor credentials with the Ohio Department of Health and the National Environment Health Association to teach Food Safety classes. During this time he has taught approximately 500 classes, the Person In Charge (PIC) class or the National Restaurant Association sponsored (ServSafe) class. The Person In Charge (PIC) class offered at the OFMA Convention each January draws concessionaires from across the state and all those that attend can earn a Food Safety Education Certificate that is recognized by all Health Departments in the State of Ohio. Mike also writes the articles in the GOSA newsletter called the Concession Corner.

Concessionaires and Health Department Officials from across the State, (and occasionally from across the country), call Mike for advice on problems they've encountered to seek a solution. In the last 5 years he has spoken at statewide conferences that were attended by a large percentage of the Sanitarians employed in Ohio. Mike tries to find a middle ground where all parties involved are satisfied. As the landscape between the Health Department regulations and newly minted Concessionaires of all types emerge, Mike can be the voice that both sides listen to.