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## Ohio Mutual Insurance Group Honored With 2009 PIA National Company Award of Excellence

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*NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE AGENTS (PIA)*

SAN DIEGO, CA – Ohio Mutual Insurance Group (OMIG) has been recognized as the recipient of the 2009 PIA National Company Award of Excellence – a prestigious honor awarded annually by the nation’s largest organization of independent insurance agents. The award winner was announced today in San Diego, CA during the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA).

The annual PIA National Company Award of Excellence honors companies for their commitment to PIA, to the American Agency System, and to furthering the interests of professional insurance agents by creating a better business environment.

For more than 25 years, PIA has solicited nominations for this award from its members and state affiliate organizations across the country. This is the second consecutive year that OMIG has been nominated for the company award.

“When it comes to excellence, Ohio Mutual Insurance Group has earned the respect of professional independent insurance agents in many ways,” said PIA National President Kenneth R. Auerbach, Esq., who presented the award. “Ohio Mutual’s commitment to independent agents and the American Agency System is reflected in its many actions to support a vital and ongoing business partnership and in agent satisfaction.”

“A successful organization always has two great resources: its people and its partners, and Ohio Mutual would not be the company it is today without the benefit of either resource,” said Jim Kennedy, Ohio Mutual Insurance Group President and Chief Executive Officer. “I’m grateful that our associates, our policyholders, and most of all, our agent partners chose to partner with Ohio Mutual and make it the company it is today. Ohio Mutual Insurance Group recognizes the significance of this award, and we pledge to continue to operate our company and partner with our agents in a manner that is worthy of this great honor.”

Founded in 1931, PIA is a national trade association that represents member insurance agents and their employees who sell and service all kinds of insurance, but specialize in coverage of automobiles, homes and businesses. PIA members are *Local Agents Serving Main Street America*<sup>(SM)</sup>. PIA’s web address is [www.pianet.com](http://www.pianet.com).



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Ohio Mutual Insurance Group, founded in 1901 and based in Bucyrus, Ohio, partners with nearly 300 independent agencies to distribute quality property and casualty insurance products throughout Ohio, Connecticut, Indiana, and Rhode Island. In 2009, Ohio Mutual was recognized as one of the Ward's 50 top insurance companies in the United States. Additional company information is available at [www.omig.com](http://www.omig.com).

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***Editor's Note:*** Photos from the award ceremony are available by contacting Todd Boyer at the number above.