

James R. Blazer II

Regional Business Development Manager



In July 2012, BWC hired Jim as its regional business development manager for Central and Southeastern Ohio. He functions as an ambassador for Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison. His background of more than 25 years in the insurance industry enables him to provide a unique perspective to BWC. His sales and marketing experience has provided a private sector approach to the agency as it undergoes changes to better fit the needs of Ohio's businesses and injured workers.

The Strategic Direction Division helps connect employers with appropriate BWC staff members as they reach out to stakeholders across the state while focusing on hard-to-reach employers and difficult situations. In addition, they develop tools for use during field consultations and offer training to help hone the skills of BWC staff. The group also collaborates with the communications department in creating consistent marketing materials.

This last summer (June 2015), Governor Kasich appointed Jim to *The Executive Order of the Ohio Commodores*. Becoming a Commodore, is the state's most distinguished honor given to an individual for recognition of their business accomplishment, acumen and leadership in furthering the State of Ohio and its citizens.

Jim was the founder and owner of Blazer and Associates Inc., an insurance agency specializing in employee benefits to employers and associations. The agency celebrated its 23rd anniversary in 2012. Many associations endorsed Blazer and Associates Inc. to provide employee benefits for their members. Through these, Jim served on many boards, committees and political action groups.

In spring 2010, Jim was elected to a three-year term as Commissioner of District 3 on the Clintonville Area Commission in Columbus. He served as treasurer of the Commission. Jim also is a founding member of the Clintonville Rotary. He attended the Ohio State University, where he majored in cinematography and film production. Most recently, Jim has completed his Camo Belt as well as his Green Belt designation in Lean Six Sigma training.

Jim lives in Clintonville with his wife and three sons.

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