

## INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Date November 15, 2013



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To All Personnel Attention \_\_\_\_\_

From Colonel Paul A. Pride, Superintendent

Subject Birthday Message from Colonel Pride

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**To be read by the commanding officer at each facility/office to personnel at the beginning of each shift in recognition of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday – November 15, 2013:**

Since the inception of the Ohio State Highway Patrol 80 years ago today, thousands of individuals have played a role in creating our rich and storied legacy.

Our organization is recognized as one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the world. Our greatest strength today, and throughout our history, is the commitment and dedication of our troopers and professional staff. From the very beginning, our success has been linked to ordinary men and women working together to achieve extraordinary results.

While it may be easy to get lost in the day-to-day grind of our jobs and lives, there is no doubt that the men and women of the Patrol care deeply about the direction of the organization and are eager to contribute in a variety of ways.

More has been asked of our agency in the past several years than at any time in our history. We have risen to each new challenge, and in so doing, have positioned the organization to meet the new enforcement and technological challenges that lie ahead.

As we celebrate our rich heritage, may we not overlook the hard work and dedication that helped shape the first 80 years. Today, around the state, in gatherings large and small, Highway Patrol personnel will assemble to honor our history and the memory of those who have preceded us. It is fitting that we do so, for it is our profound respect for our traditions and reverence of our heritage that distinguishes us as The Ohio State Highway Patrol.

To the troopers and professional staff working today, to those training and preparing to wear the uniform and to the "old guard" who no longer wear the uniform- we honor your selfless service to the Great State of Ohio. To our loved ones who endure the many difficulties that come with being part of the Highway Patrol Family, I want to extend my sincerest thanks for all you have done and all you will continue to do.

To everyone in the Patrol Family, past and present, who uphold the finest traditions of the Flying Wheel, Happy Birthday! You are anything but ordinary.

Colonel Paul A. Pride, Superintendent  
Ohio State Highway Patrol