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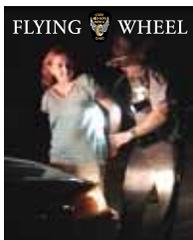
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These words accurately describe 2011 for the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The individual and collective efforts of sworn officers and professional staff have resulted in incredible success and a list of accomplishments. Judge for yourself.

Activity Highlights

- With an approximate 10 percent reduction in our work force, we are on the verge of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and a significant increase in OVI arrests (more than 1,000 as of December 1, 2011).
- Conducted more than double the number of OVI checkpoints compared to 2010.

Criminal Patrol

- Elevated criminal patrol to the same level as highway safety.
- Increases year-to-date in every significant category of drugs seized.
- Six percent increase in drug arrests from 2010.
- 19 percent increase in drug seizures by grams over previous 3-year average.
- Organizational structure changes in January 2011.
- Assigned K-9s where we previously did not have them.

Homeland Security/Intel/CICC

Critical Information and Communication Center

- 24-hour command center staffed by command personnel for coordinating assets and information during critical incidents.
- State-of-the art equipment to monitor and disseminate critical information on a state and national level including criminal activity that could pose a security threat.

Criminal Intelligence Unit

- Serves as the primary intelligence resource for all sections of the Division, and is used by officers during investigative operations.
- Employs the most sophisticated resources and analysis.
- National reach on Intel Capabilities.
- Part of the CICC.

Capt. Richard Baron—Ohio Homeland Security Director

- CICC/SAIC/CIU integration.
- Hours of Intel capabilities: 16 hours per day/7 days per week; January 2012, will go to 24/7 Intel capabilities.
- CICC will become the SAIC during off hours to become the on-call Fusion Center across Ohio for all terrorist activities.

“Shield” Details

- Patrol and local law enforcement agencies working together to address traffic safety and criminal activity.

Metro Posts

- Positively impacting highway safety and criminal patrol by working the edges of Ohio’s metros.
- Franklin County in August 2011; Cuyahoga and Hamilton counties in 2012.

Organizational Structure and Changes

- GHQ—Moved officers out into operational roles.
- Challenged each employee: What are you going to do today to Contribute to a Safer Ohio?
- Creation of the Senior Advisors Group.

Unprecedented Support

- Governor Kasich, House Speaker Batchelder, Senate President Niehaus, Department of Public Safety Director Thomas Charles.

Personnel

- 151st Cadet Class—Began: September 21, 2011; Graduation: February 24, 2012.
- 152nd Cadet Class—Spring 2012.
- Current cadet class time cut from 30 weeks to 22 weeks. Cost savings of more than \$580,000; No decrease in instruction hours, more efficient scheduling of cadet time.

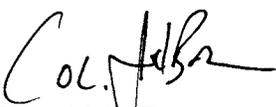
Cost Savings

- Through vendor contract renegotiation, deletion of non-essential phone and wireless internet services, condensed cadet training, use of contract workers and the elimination of a major’s position, the division has saved nearly \$1 million in the first three quarters of 2011.

Equipment

- Dodge Charger—Grey vehicles with blue light bars; Implementation in 2012/2013.
- Carbine rifles.
- Academy range renovations completed.

The preceding is not even close to an exhaustive list of results achieved by each of you. Through leadership and empowerment you did this—we did this. Our **success** and these **incredible accomplishments** have provided an opportunity to continue moving forward with innovations that will positively impact our core mission. That is *Contributing to a Safer Ohio.*


 Colonel John Born
 Superintendent



Patrol focused on OVI arrests and decreasing fatalities in 2011

By Jessica Pierson,
Public Information Officer

As part of the Patrol's mantra—Trooper Shield—and their ongoing effort to contribute to a safer Ohio, troopers have had an increased focus on impaired driving enforcement this year. Through effective traffic enforcement, multi-agency partnerships, educational campaigns and the cooperation of motorists, the Patrol is taking notice of the declining fatalities and an increase in Patrol OVI arrests.

Since 2005, OVI-related fatalities have hovered around 35 - 40 percent of all fatalities on Ohio's roadways - with 2010 recording the highest at 40 percent. Through October of this year, 38 percent of the fatalities have been OVI-related. Even with declines in overall fatalities throughout the years, the number of OVI-related fatalities has remained steady. Illustrating that impaired driving remains a huge problem in Ohio.

"Last year Patrol OVI arrests were their lowest in 25 years," said Lt. Colonel Daniel Kolcum, assistant superintendent. "This decrease in enforcement last year—coupled with an increase in fatalities—is unacceptable. Impaired

traffic crash deaths remain a significant problem in Ohio and we are doing everything in our power this year to reverse these staggering statistics."

Through October of this year, fatalities caused by motor vehicle crashes in Ohio are down nine percent when compared to the same period last year—with 824 deaths so far in 2011 and 902 in 2010. In addition, the Patrol has arrested 934 more drivers for driving impaired when compared to the same time period in 2010.

"We are seeing positive results from the hard work of our troopers on the road everyday removing impaired and dangerous drivers from the roadways," said Major John Bistor, Commander of the Office of Field Operations. "As the Division's OVI arrests increase, we are seeing a direct correlation in the decrease of overall fatalities."

Through October, with overall fatalities down nine percent, and OVI arrests up more than 900 arrests—Ohio is experiencing a decline of nearly eight percent in OVI-related fatalities. This demonstrates that through hard work and dedicated enforcement, a decline in fatalities can be realized.

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OVI video

The Ohio State Highway Patrol recently released new and compelling video that illustrates the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The eight minute video features actual footage from real traffic stops and aims to educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving.

The video can be viewed on the Patrol's You Tube Channel at www.youtube.com/oshp or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone.

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In addition to dedicated OVI enforcement, the Patrol was the lead agency for more than double the number of OVI sobriety checkpoints in 2011 than in years past. For example, in all of 2010, the Patrol conducted 55 checkpoints but through October in 2011, troopers conducted 120 checkpoints.

“These checkpoints and their saturation patrol counterparts serve as a deterrent for motorists to drive impaired, as well as an educational opportunity to create awareness about the tragic consequences of impaired driving,” explained Captain Patrick Vessels, Office of Field Operations.

On August 19–21, 2011, the Patrol joined law enforcement from jurisdictions across the state and conducted more than 40 checkpoints. These checkpoints were part of Ohio’s 2nd Annual OVI Checkpoint Weekend in coordination with the national campaign - Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. The checkpoints—which had more than 21,000 vehicles pass through—took place in areas with the highest numbers of alcohol-related deaths, injuries and arrests. These checkpoints resulted in 86 OVI arrests, 271 citations and seven felony arrests.

Under Trooper Shield, district and post personnel partnered with other law enforcement agencies in their counties for Shield Operations which are larger multi-agency enforcement operations focused on addressing concerns regarding traffic safety and criminal activity. Officers working a local Shield Operation conduct saturation patrols on all roadways throughout a designated area. The goal is to make high volume, professional traffic stops on passenger and commercial vehicles traveling throughout the area. While in contact with the occupants, appropriate enforcement action is taken while officers look for indicators of criminal activity. This type of patrol is designed to prevent crashes by having patrol officers visible, while removing criminals, impaired drivers and controlled substances from the roadway.

“These county Shield Operations are a powerful tool to remove dangerous drivers from the roadways,” explained Major Paul Pride, commander of the Office of Special Operations. “Working side-by-side with local agencies, we are able to combine resources and, in turn, make a tremendous impact on traffic safety and remove the criminal element in every community.”

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First Annual OVI Recognition Banquet

Arresting impaired drivers is one of the most important jobs of an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper. It is hard to quantify how many lives have been saved because a trooper removed an impaired driver from the roadway. That is why this year—for the first time—the Division recognized

the leaders in OVI enforcement with an OVI Recognition Banquet. The event was held at the Academy and honored the top OVI enforcement leaders in the state, with each district represented. The officers were presented a certificate and an OVI challenge coin. The top OVI leaders were:

Tpr. Matthew N. Geer, Findlay Post
Tpr. Ivan Nunez, Fremont Post
Tpr. Clifford D. Dowell, Elyria Post
Sgt. Christopher Midkiff, Elyria Post
Tpr. Audali J. Torres, Elyria Post
Tpr. Alan D. Dunbar, Medina Post
Tpr. Brad M. Evans, Canton Post
Tpr. Johnnie H. Maier, Canton Post
Tpr. Craig M. Polasky, Canton Post

Tpr. Mark D. Starnes, Canton Post
Tpr. Ryan W. Pickett, Chardon Post
Tpr. Jonathan A. Ganley, Ravenna Post
Tpr. Bradley M. Bucey, Canfield Post
Tpr. Christopher L. Ellison, Dayton Post
Tpr. Timothy L. Ehrenborg, Dayton Post
Tpr. Rusty A. Lanning, Granville Post
Tpr. Jermaine D. Thaxton, Granville Post
Tpr. William S. Davis, West Jefferson Post

Tpr. Morris M. Johnson, Mt. Gilead Post
Tpr. Rocky J. Hise, St. Clairsville Post
Tpr. Christina J. Hayes, Hamilton Post
Tpr. Mark G. McNeely, Hamilton Post
Tpr. Nathan J. Pabin, Batavia Post
Tpr. Dexter T. Howard, Xenia Post
Tpr. Thomas M. Bloomberg, Lebanon Post
Tpr. Nicholas L. Lewis, Portsmouth Post
Tpr. Richard E. Anderson, Milan Post



Recent Criminal Patrol Successes

September 1, 4,500 Rx pills seized

Troopers from the Findlay Post seized 4,542 illegal prescription pills during two separate traffic stops in Findlay.

On September 1, at 12:08 a.m., troopers stopped a rented vehicle with New Jersey registration for a speed violation. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 2,193 Oxycodone pills, 1,399 Xanax pills and 200 Lortab pills, valued at more than \$95,000. The driver was charged with two-counts of possession of a controlled substance, one a second-degree felony and the other a third-degree felony.

At 11:40 p.m., troopers stopped another rental car, this time with Michigan registration, for a marked lanes violation. Troopers detected a strong odor of marijuana and a probable cause search revealed 750 Oxycodone pills and 5.5 grams of marijuana, worth more than \$22,000. The driver was held on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

September 8, 148 kilos of cocaine seized



Troopers seized 148 kilos of cocaine, valued at \$14.8 million, following a traffic stop in Lucas County. Troopers stopped a motor home with California registration for a marked lanes violation on the Ohio Turnpike. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the 148 kilos of cocaine located in a steel compartment in the floor of the motor home.

September 22, 24 kilos of cocaine seized



Two men from California are facing felony drug charges after troopers seized 24 kilos of cocaine, valued at \$2.4 million, following a traffic stop in Lucas County.

Troopers stopped a 2006 Volvo XC90, with Washington registration, for a marked lanes violation eastbound on the Ohio Turnpike. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the 24 kilos of cocaine.

The driver and passenger were charged with drug abuse and trafficking in drugs, both first-degree felonies, and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

November 23, 137 pounds of marijuana seized

A man from Arizona is facing felony drug charges after troopers seized 137 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$342,000, following a traffic stop in Lucas County.

Troopers stopped a 2011 Chevrolet Traverse with Utah registration on the Ohio Turnpike for a violation of following too closely. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 137 pounds of marijuana in the cargo area of the SUV. The driver was charged with drug abuse and trafficking in drugs, both second-degree felonies.



November 24, \$800,000 seized



An incident that resulted in the seizure of an estimated \$800,000 in cash began as a traffic stop on Thanksgiving Day on Interstate 70 in Preble County. Due to the unusual circumstances discovered during the initial traffic stop, troopers worked alongside DEA agents in an investigation that uncovered the cash in a motor home.

Public, Legislators Notice of Criminal Patrol Efforts

As part of the Trooper Shield mantra, criminal patrol efforts equal traffic safety in troopers' daily operations, and the results in 2011 speak for themselves.

Troopers are stopping more vehicles and looking beyond the traffic stop to detect and interdict criminal activity. Through training and interoffice cooperation, the criminal patrol operation is experiencing valuable results while crash statistics are encouraging.

Fatal crash numbers are down, and OVI arrests and drug seizures are up. Cooperation with local law enforcement agencies has contributed to the successful efforts.

Interested parties around the state have taken notice. From news stories in Ohio's major daily newspapers and on television stations to words of appreciation and encouragement from Ohio's lawmakers and the public alike, troopers' efforts to contribute to a safer Ohio have been noticed and lauded.

"Tie One on for Safety" Urges Sober Holidays

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Motorists Insurance Group in Ohio, law enforcement from around the state and other safety advocates gathered at ODPS headquarters on November 15, 2011, to launch the annual "Tie One on for Safety" campaign with a message to drive safe, sober and buckled up.

"Drunk driving has serious consequences, but together with our safety partners we can help reduce deaths and injuries now and throughout the year," said ODPS Director Thomas P. Charles.

According to ODPS crash statistics, in Ohio during 2010, 431 people were killed in 393 alcohol-related crashes, with 41 of those deaths occurring between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

Troopers were a visible presence on the state's highways. "We urge motorists to make

smart decisions – plan ahead and designate a sober driver or call a taxi to ensure that everyone makes it home safe," said Colonel John Born, superintendent. "If everyone does their part, fatalities caused by motor vehicle crashes will continue to decline and save many families from the heartache of losing a loved one."

Other ODPS divisions also worked to remind people to drive safe and sober. Local law enforcement around the state planned more than 3,300 hours of enforcement this holiday season, including 13 sobriety checkpoints and more than 1,200 hours of saturation patrols. These efforts were funded and coordinated by the Office of Criminal Justice Services.

Local Deputy Registrars for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles passed out the MADD ribbons throughout the campaign and the Ohio Investigative Unit continued its focus on over-serving and underage consumption.



Westerville Police Sergeant Anthony Rudd tied on a MADD ribbon to launch the annual "Tie One on for Safety" campaign on November 15, 2011, at the Ohio Department of Public Safety headquarters. The campaign's message is to drive safe, sober and buckled up.



Representative Cheryl L. Grossman
Assistant Majority Whip

November 28, 2011

Colonel John Born
Ohio State Highway Patrol
P.O. Box 182074
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Dear Colonel Born,

It is with pride and gratitude that I congratulate you and members of the Patrol for a 661 percent increase in cocaine seizures and 106 percent increase in marijuana thus far in 2011.

As we acknowledge the benefits of Ohio's location for logistical purposes, I am well aware of the challenges our law enforcement faces in the north-south and east-west routes that connect much of our country for illicit drug trafficking.

I am also aware, based on our prior conversations, that traffic crashes have been reduced so far for 2011. These accomplishments are significant and demonstrate the outstanding leader you are for the Patrol.

These are challenging times that require constant vigilance on behalf of the people of Ohio and I would like to acknowledge the strong leadership you have provided as well as the dedication of our troopers in producing such impressive results.

It is easy to criticize when people are unhappy and not always acknowledged when people are doing outstanding work. Congratulations to you and members of the patrol for well deserved recognition of a job well done.

Sincerely,

Representative Cheryl L. Grossman
Assistant Majority Whip
23rd House District
Ohio House of Representatives

Warren County Prosecutor Praises Patrol Personnel

Sgt. Brian Dulle of the Warren County Sheriff's Office was struck and killed by a suspect's vehicle while deploying stop sticks at the intersection of U.S. 42 and Utica Road.

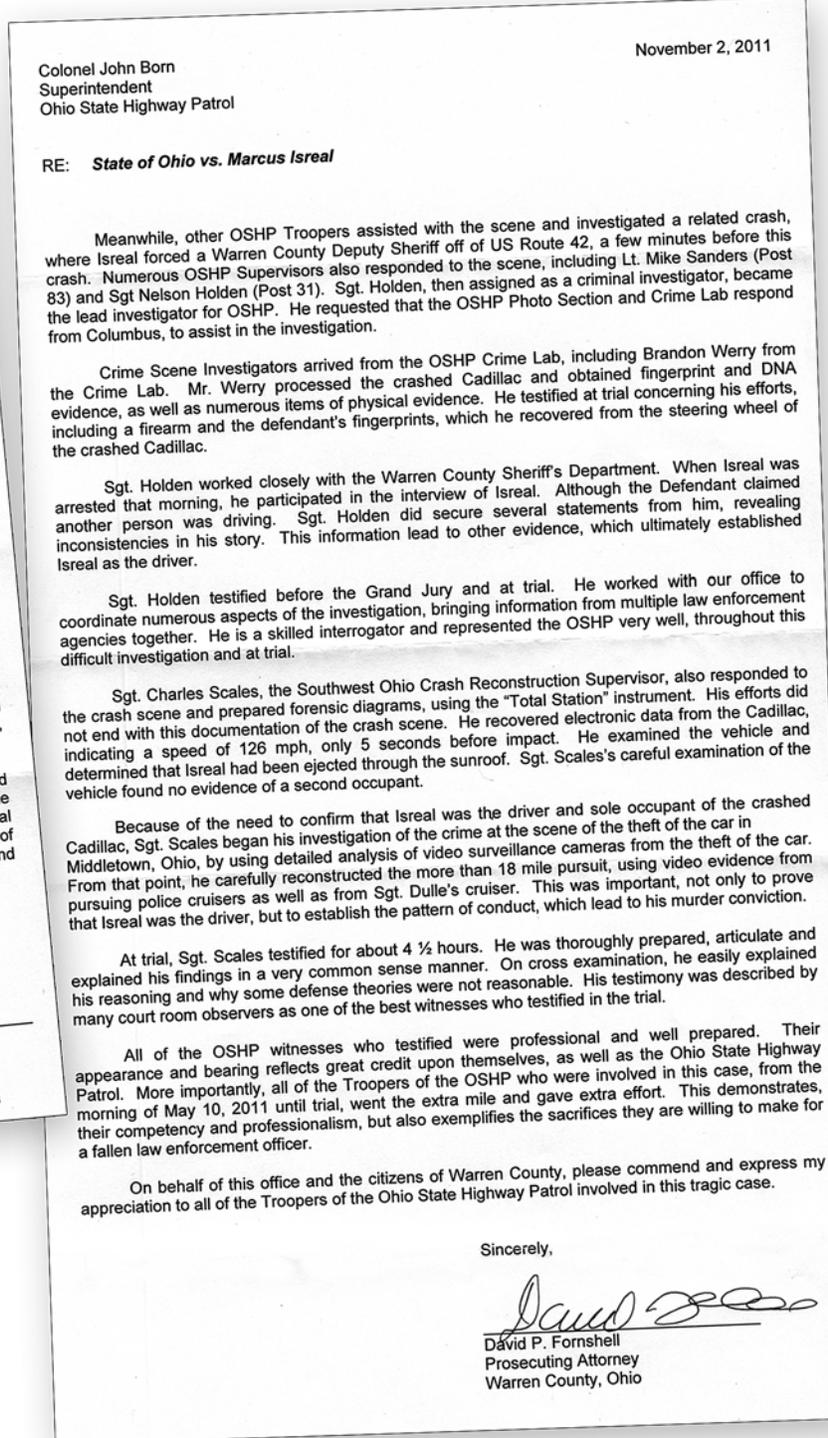
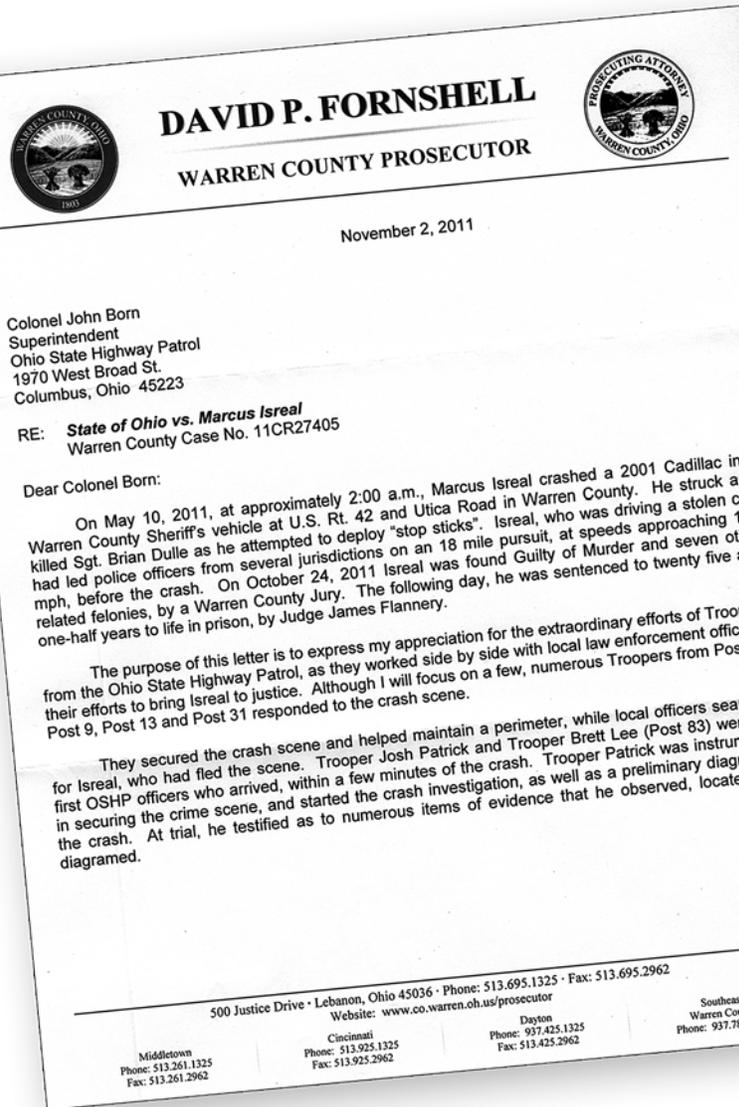
The pursuit had been initiated by the Franklin Police Department and traveled into Warren County at 1:50

a.m. The suspect ran one cruiser off the road and into a ditch on U.S. 42 before continuing towards Utica Road. After striking Sgt. Dulle, the suspect fled on foot but was arrested several hours later following a massive manhunt.

In October, Sgt. Dulle's killer was convicted of murder and seven other

charges in connection with the incident.

In response to the efforts of numerous Patrol employees who assisted with the investigation into Sgt. Dulle's murder, Colonel John Born, Superintendent, received the letter below from David P. Fornshell, Warren County Prosecuting Attorney.



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The Patrol has conducted 17 Shield Operations through October—with the first operation taking place in Ross County in May. During this one-day operation, area agencies and the Patrol removed five impaired drivers and another 15 for driving under suspension, conducted 24 felony arrests, initiated 10 drug cases and seized three weapons, 33 marijuana plants and various other drugs.

In addition to Shield Operations, this year the Patrol solidified the creation and staffing of the Columbus Metro Post in Franklin County—a county which historically has been a leader in fatal crashes.

Through October of this year the post, created in February and staffed full-time in August, has experienced an increase of 554 OVI arrests in Franklin County when compared to the same period in 2010. In addition, this metro post has experienced a decline in fatalities by four deaths when compared to 2010, confirming that additional staffing in and around urban areas can make an impact in the overall fatal crash picture.

“Working with local law enforcement to remove impaired or other dangerous drivers has been integral to the successes that the Columbus Metro Post is experiencing in declining fatalities,” said Lt. Gary Lewis, commander of the Columbus Metro Post.

To build on the successes that are being seen in Franklin County, the Patrol plans to establish metro posts in Cuyahoga and Hamilton counties in 2012 to combat impaired driving in the metro areas of the state.

151st Class Commences, Updates on Twitter

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is giving its Twitter followers an inside look at the 151st Academy Class as they progress through training. The Public Affairs Unit is posting weekly behind-the-scenes photos of the cadets during their 22-week paramilitary training.

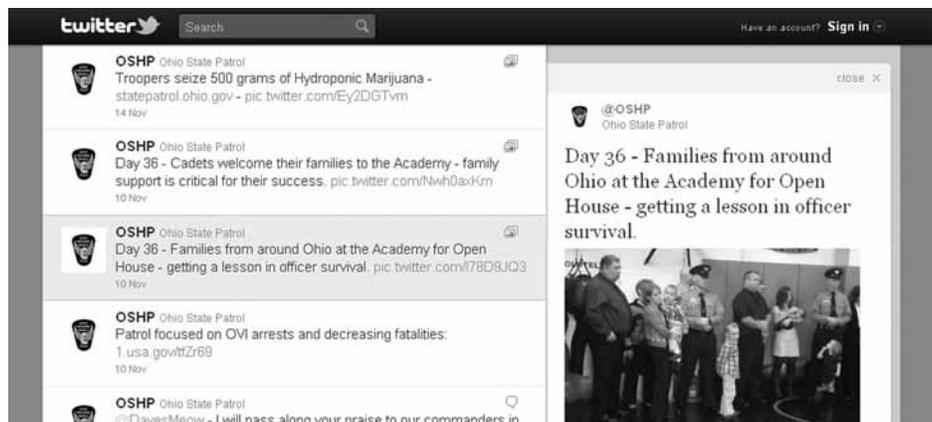
The Patrol kicked-off this social media tour in September with a behind-the-scenes photo of civilian personnel at the Patrol’s Tailor Shop preparing the cadets’ uniforms. Cadets arrived at the Academy on September 21, 2011, to begin training.

Cadets have been featured during physical training, classroom instruction,

on the firing range and in self-defense training. The Public Affairs Unit also has been filming short video clips of the cadets’ training and linking the video clips to its Twitter account via the Patrol’s YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/oshp.

The class will graduate on February 24, 2012. Cadet training was trimmed from 30 weeks to 22 weeks to achieve savings of more than \$580,000. There has been no decrease in instruction hours, but more efficient scheduling of cadet time.

To monitor the progression of this training, please follow the Patrol at twitter.com/OSHP.



Planning for the Future



Members of the command staff and OSTA attended the December 1, 2011, Senior Advisor meeting to discuss 2011 successes and 2012 plans, including discussing equipping the new Dodge Charger. (See related information in the Colonel’s Letter, page 3.)

Ohio Hosts State's First Drug Recognition Expert Course

Specialized training will improve law enforcement detection of impaired drivers

Law enforcement from across Ohio recently received specialized training that will enhance their abilities to detect and arrest drugged drivers during the state's first Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) course.

Twenty officers from the following agencies participated in the intensive three-week course: Ohio State Highway Patrol; Columbus Division of Police; Summit County Sheriff's Office; Franklin County Sheriff's Office; Delaware County Sheriff's Office; Westerville Division of Police; Dublin Division of Police; Brooklyn Heights Police Department; West Chester Police Department; and Brunswick Division of Police.

The first two phases of the course

were held in August and the third phase occurred in mid-October at the Maricopa County Jail in Arizona where officers conducted hands-on drug evaluations for all seven drug categories, which is a requirement of the course.

Nationally, 18 percent of all drivers killed in crashes in 2009 tested positive for drugs, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The DRE program is a traffic-safety program that focuses on the detection, apprehension and adjudication of drug-impaired drivers. A DRE is a police officer who is highly trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs or a combination of drugs and alcohol. A DRE undergoes

specialized training in detecting and identifying the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment. The process is based on observable signs and symptoms that are known to be reliable indicators of drug impairment.

Ohio now has 32 certified DREs, including nine Highway Patrol officers.

The DRE program, also referred to as the Drug Evaluation Classification program, began in the 1970s with the Los Angeles Police Department. The program operates under the guidelines and direction of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and is supported by NHTSA. There are more than 7,300 DREs across the nation.

The training is funded through a grant provided by NHTSA.

OSHP Participates in Shaken Horizons National Level Exercise

One of the many responsibilities of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Critical Information & Communication Center (CICC) is the coordination of our division's resources in the State Emergency Operations Center and to serve as the Lead Agency for Emergency Service Function (ESF) 13—Law Enforcement, Public Safety and Security and in support of ESF 1—Transportation, ESF 2—Communications, ESF 7—Resource Support, ESF 9—Search and Rescue and ESF 10—Hazardous Material. Supporting ESF 7 for example, might include providing security for the distribution of the Strategic National Stockpile of Medicines in the event of a catastrophic disaster.

From May 16–19, 2011, the CICC exercised those capabilities with Patrol Personnel in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Scioto, and Warren counties while participating in the Ohio Shaken Horizons Functional Exercise which ran concurrently with the National Level Exercise.

This exercise simulated a catastrophic earthquake on the New Madrid Fault Line which is located on the Mississippi River. The quake simulation was a 7.7 magnitude earthquake in Missouri followed by a 5.7 magnitude earthquake near Cincinnati. Critical infrastructure facilities, bridges, roadways and pipelines were severely affected. Hundreds of fatalities and thousands of injuries were reported. This severe situation was intended to test communications, critical resource logistics and distribution, emergency operations center management, emergency public information and warning, mass care and medical surge capabilities.



Major Kevin Teaford, Office of Strategic Services commander, participates in the Ohio Shaken Horizons Functional Exercise at the Critical Information & Communication Center in May.

Patrol personnel were evaluated on their ability to follow and successfully operate under the guidance of the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Plan while also demonstrating an understanding of several national guidelines; the National Response Framework, the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System.

Exercises such as this one are intended to serve as the final measure of accountability for our state's collective preparedness. It is worthy to note that as a result of this exercise a comprehensive improvement plan was developed and our Division was not identified as needing to conduct any corrective action, a testament to the capabilities and effectiveness of our Division.

Message delivered to each shift on Patrol anniversary

Commanding officers at each facility delivered this message from Colonel Born in recognition of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's 78th birthday - November 15, 2011

In 1933, under Governor George White, we were originally charged with the responsibility of enforcing laws regarding licensing and registration, motor vehicle use and operation, and protection of the highways. The passage of House Bill 270 established the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

On November 15, 1933, the first Ohio Patrolmen rolled out of Camp Perry to begin a legacy of professional law enforcement services unmatched in United States history. Since that date, thousands of women and men have provided unparalleled service to the motorists and visitors in our state. In their honor, today we pause to officially mark the birthday of our organization and notably the individuals who helped make the Ohio State Highway Patrol great.

Ohio State Highway Patrol officers have always been thought of as a cut above the ordinary, as law enforcement officers whose dedication and professionalism make them a first line of defense against drunk drivers, reckless and aggressive motorists, drug couriers and wanted felons who prey on the innocent and undermine the moral foundations of our society.

Today, the nearly 2,700 employees who comprise the Ohio State Highway Patrol carry on the legacy of the thousands who came before us.

Since 1933 our core foundation has been rooted in the mission to save lives. I am proud to say that right now we are on the threshold of an historic achievement in terms of traffic fatality reduction in Ohio. That achievement, combined with criminal patrol successes that are receiving international recognition, prove that Contributing to a Safer Ohio is not a cliché; but an everyday reality resulting from the work of every employee in our organization.

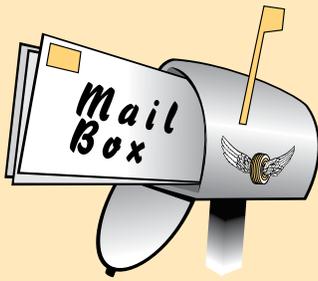
There are people alive today, people who are not suffering debilitating injuries, and people whose quality of life is filled with hope because of the professionalism of Ohio troopers and our professional staff.

Today the Ohio State Highway Patrol turns 78 years old. In so doing, I ask each of you to pause and appreciate the fact that the Ohio State Highway Patrol is great because of those who came before us, and because of you and the people you work beside every day on every shift.

As has been the case throughout our history - When challenged our people respond and surpass expectations. On this, the birthday of our organization, we should remind ourselves at each turn in our history, when traffic safety services have been needed to preserve life and property, or when criminals have engaged in new or advanced forms of criminal activity, we have led the law enforcement community in responding to these challenges.

As we close out 2011 and look forward to 2012 and beyond, once again, we are being looked at by the citizens of Ohio for leadership, selfless dedication, and contributions to a safer Ohio. For our retirees, and on behalf of our active personnel - I know we will respond as we always have - with excellence and with fervor.





Public safety partners, motoring public appreciative of Patrol assistance

Ed. Note: The commendation below was received from Larry G. Beechey, a deputy commissioner with the Ontario Provincial Police, who was in Ohio for a multi-state law enforcement meeting.

11/17/11

Colonel Born:

I just wanted to advise you of an incident I was involved in yesterday on my way home.

I was northbound on I-71 about half way to Cleveland when a small car passed me. I observed both the male driver and female passenger to be bent forward. They had their hands to their noses and appeared to be snorting something. They were also driving a bit erratic (fast and slow and side-to-side)

About five miles after they first passed me, one of your patrol vehicles was in the centre median. When they observed this, they slammed on the brakes almost causing a collision with a vehicle that was behind them.

I pulled into the median and advised your officers what I saw. They went after him and stopped him. I gave them my info, etc., and left as they were awaiting a K-9 to attend.

Trooper Morrison called me last night and I supplied him with a statement. They apparently charged the driver with OVI and they had a quantity of Oxycontin on them.

Your officers were great and the sergeant advised that she knew of the protocol between our departments. The rest of the trip was uneventful but I saw great visibility in relation to your patrols.

– Larry Beechey

Ontario Provincial Police

10/23/11

I would like to both thank and commend Dispatcher LaRue and Trooper Ivory, who assisted me when a tractor trailer ran us off the road at the 184 mile marker on the Ohio

Turnpike. Thankfully we or no one else was hurt and no damage was done to our vehicle. Dispatcher LaRue stayed on the phone with me until the officer was able to pull the semi driver over. Her professionalism and helpfulness was greatly appreciated.

– D.J.

9/7/11

I had a flat tire on the Ohio Turnpike around 9:10 a.m. It was raining and I was by myself. I was able to pull to the side of the road safely and called *990. My call was answered promptly and the woman on the other end of the line was very concerned. She asked me a few questions and told me to stay in the car and someone would be there shortly.

About an hour later, a patrol car showed up. The officer asked if I was okay and if I had a spare tire. I did and he offered to change the tire for me. He changed the tire and followed me to the next exit to a Walmart where I could get a new tire. The officer who was so generous and kind was named Matt Majoy. I really appreciated his help.

I am writing this to let you know that you have a wonderful staff, not only your officers, but also your dispatchers.

– S.B.

9/6/11

To Sergeant Ken Stuckey:

I know this is going to seem stupid, but I do want you to know that it was a pleasure to have met you. I was pulled over for the first time about six years ago and it really scared me and I started crying. So when you came up to the car, I was scared and very nervous. Then you opened your mouth and you were the sweetest person and patrolman I could have ever met. I know officers can have a tough time dealing with the public, but you sure made that stop enjoyable.

We are very sorry for disobeying the law, which we almost never do. We were distracted by disturbing news about a family member injured in a crash.

I know this is a different letter, but I want you to know what a difference you made to me. It is scary enough to get pulled over. It's good to see there are patrolmen out there like you. Stay like you are and make it comfortable for the next person that gets pulled over for the first time in their life.

– A.L.

8/1/11

I am writing to acknowledge the kindness shown to my grandson and me by Trooper Erwin Lopez. While traveling through Ohio on Monday, July 25, 2011. Trooper Lopez could not have been kinder or more helpful, and I cannot tell you how much I appreciated that.

– J.R.

7/6/11

I would like to send a thank you to an officer who was a help to myself and my daughter. While traveling on Route 16 near Tyndal, Ohio, on July 3, our van broke down. We were not sure at the time where we were and we had no cell phone service. A nice couple from the area stopped to help and then the officer stopped.

I know it is his job, but this officer was so friendly, helpful and professional, that I had to send a note and say how much I appreciate his service. It's a holiday weekend and I know how busy troopers must be. He stayed with us until help arrived. The name on his uniform was "Bethel." I'm not sure if in all the confusion I remembered to say thanks, so please let him know that how much appreciated his kind, professional help to two stranded motorists on a busy day.

– M.G.

Certificates of Recognition

Tpr. Bruce A. Mac Laine, Southeast Criminal Patrol, received a Certificate of Recognition for life-saving actions. On October 3, 2011, Tpr. Mac Laine and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent Mohamed Sabrah were conducting a traffic stop when a second vehicle pulled in behind them. The driver explained that his rear seat passenger was choking.



Bruce A. Mac Laine

Tpr. Mac Laine assisted the woman out of the vehicle and began performing the Heimlich Maneuver. After the victim lost consciousness, Agent Sabrah helped hold her upright while Tpr. Mac Laine continued to perform the Heimlich Maneuver. When those efforts were unsuccessful, the officers lowered the victim to the ground on her side. Tpr. Mac Laine opened her mouth and performed a finger sweep which dislodged a significant portion of the obstruction. Agent Sabrah then performed two more finger sweeps while Tpr. Mac Laine held the victim's mouth open and listened for breaths. The woman took a couple of faint breaths and then began to expel the remaining food items in her mouth.

Sgt. Felix A. Rosario, Marion, and Sgt. Michalle A. Gilbert, Bucyrus Investigations, received Certificates of Recognition for their efforts to extend the life of a victim of cardiac arrest. On August 13, 2011, Sgt. Rosario and Sgt. Gilbert were directing traffic at the Summit Motor Sports Raceway when Sgt. Rosario saw a man collapse. As Sgt. Rosario attended to the man, Sgt. Gilbert called for emergency medical personnel. When the officers discovered the man was not breathing, they administered CPR until emergency medical services arrived on the scene. The victim was transported to a local hospital, and although he died later that evening, family members expressed appreciation for the efforts of Sgt. Rosario and Sgt. Gilbert, which afforded them the opportunity to see their loved one before he passed away.



Felix A. Rosario



Michalle A. Gilbert

Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Awards

Attorney General Mike DeWine recognized three state troopers with awards at the 2011 Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference on October 14, 2011.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award

Sgt. Jason G. Bonar, Warren, was recognized for his efforts in stopping an attack on a 66-year-old Trumbull County woman on October 20, 2010. Sgt. Bonar was riding his motorcycle off-duty when he saw a bicycle in the roadway. Within seconds, a woman ran from the field with her pants down and helmet askew, yelling that a man had attempted to rape her. When the man got in a car parked in an adjacent driveway, Sgt. Bonar blocked the vehicle with his motorcycle. As he approached, the man sped off, striking Sgt. Bonar with his vehicle. Sgt. Bonar called 911 and stayed with the woman until other responders arrived to transport her to a local hospital.

Sgt. Bonar previously earned the Ohio State Highway Patrol Certificate of Recognition for this incident.

Distinguished Law Enforcement Meritorious Service Award

Sgt. Michael K. Hasson and Tpr. James W. Bryner, Marysville, were among 10 Union County officers recognized in relation to an August 10, 2010, high-speed chase in Marysville. The Union County Sheriff's Office had received a report of a man with a gun at a rural residence. Mutual aid was requested from the Marysville Division of Police and Ohio State Highway Patrol, which deployed spike devices to stop the chase that reached speeds of up to 65 mph. Eventually, the man exited his truck and began firing on two deputies. Officers on the scene returned fired, and the suspect went down.

All of the officers involved were previously awarded the Ohio State Highway Patrol Certificate of Recognition.

OSHP T R A I N I N G

School of Police Staff and Command

Lt. Ryan S. Chapman, Investigative Services, graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Police Staff and Command on July 8, 2011. The 10-week program provides upper-level instruction in several management areas and is designed to provide graduates with the knowledge and skills to assume increased responsibilities.

Southern Police Institute

Lt. Ronald E. Raines, Marysville, graduated from the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute on November 11, 2011. The 12-week course is designed to develop competent law enforcement managers who are capable of assuming positions of leadership in their respective agencies.

Administrative Officers Management Program

Lt. Marvin E. Hill, Warren District LCS, graduated from North Carolina State University's School of Public and International Affairs Administrative Officers Management Program on November 18, 2011. The 12-week program provides management and leadership education for law enforcement professionals.

Norwalk

On October 9, 2011, Tpr. Timothy Hoffman and Tpr. Evan Stevens worked a special detail at the Summit Motorsports Park in Norwalk involving texting and driving. Specifically, they set up a cone course in the pit area of the raceway during the annual High School Nationals Racing event.

Participants drove a golf cart through the cone course while attempting to read and respond to a text message. This idea originally came from the North Carolina State Highway Patrol "Drive 2 Live" program.

Tpr. Hoffman saw an article online months ago about the program and approached Lt. Maxey for approval. Tpr. Hoffman spoke to North Carolina Tpr. Dwight W. Green to get all the details right for the event.

They had 38 participants from 22 different high school areas ranging in age from 11 to 46. Most participants were around age 17. The Norwalk Reflector reported on the detail



and the reporter even tried the course. The troopers also answered any questions the students had about the dangers of texting while driving.



Piqua District

At left are units who participated in a month-long OVI tac squad in Greene and Montgomery counties. These units, along with Riverside Police, made 142 OVI arrests during the month of October.

Back Row L-R: Troopers Ryan Born, Dexter Howard, Jaysen Kelly, Kyle Pohlbel. Front Row L-R: Tpr. Scott Mann, Sgt. Andy Worcester, Tpr. Jake Daymon

Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame

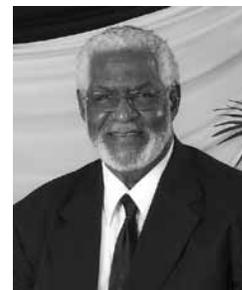
Former Patrolman Louis D. Sharp was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame on October 13, 2011.

Despite harsh conditions and less than favorable treatment, Sharp was a pioneer and followed his dreams to become the first African-American to graduate from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on November 4, 1955.

Sharp was assigned to the rural Findlay District where the availability of minority interaction was non-existent both on- and off-duty. He was ostracized by coworkers who were not re-

ceptive to the idea of working with an African-American person. Sharp successfully completed the initial break-in period with the District with the same determination that enabled him to survive his academy training. Unfortunately, his Patrol career was short-lived as Sharp was faced with making the difficult decision of pursuing career paths that would allow him to better support his family.

Sharp went on to serve as Mayor of Urbancrest, Ohio, and he continued his work as a public servant for the residents of his community.



Louis D. Sharp

Tpr. Andy Baldrige Softball Tournament

The Ohio State Highway Patrol hosted the inaugural Tpr. Andy Baldrige Memorial Softball Tournament on September 25, 2011, in Columbus.

The tournament, which had previously been held in the Bucyrus District, was relocated to Columbus to encourage participation from across the state. Proceeds from the event went to the Tpr. Andy Baldrige Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Participants, family and friends were on hand on that beautiful, sunny day to cheer the eight teams participating this year. Major John Bistor, Tournament Director, was very pleased with the turn out and the support from the participating teams.

At the end of the day, the Piqua District and the Alum Creek teams battled it out for the championship game. With the final score of 15-10, the Alum Creek team emerged as the victors.

The Alum Creek team won, not only the bragging rights, but the OSHP traveling trophy.



The Alum Creek team won the inaugural Tpr. Andy Baldrige Memorial Softball Tournament. Proceeds from the event went to the Tpr. Andy Baldrige Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Drum & Bugle Corps

The Drum & Bugle Corps participated in the 9/11 Memorial at the Ohio Statehouse. The band played pre and post music, and also performed the National Anthem.

Wilmington District

Patrol members from District 8 along with the Drum & Bugle Corps participated in a local Thanksgiving Dinner that District 8 OTC lodge funded. More than 250 community members from Clermont County attended where they were treated to a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings after a patriotic and holiday-themed music concert from the Corps.

During an intermission, troopers had the opportunity to talk to the community about all the things that the Patrol is responsible for and provided an identity theft awareness and traffic safety message as well. The attendees were served their dinner by the Patrol personnel. A great time was had by all.





Michael P. Sharp

Staff Lieutenant Michael P. Sharp, Findlay District assistant commander, retired December 19, 2011, after 24 years of service. He is a member of the 116th Academy Class.



Frank M. Benett

Trooper Frank M. Benett, Hiram Post, retired September 30, 2011, after 33 years of service. He is a member of the 108th Academy Class.



Robert L. Bennington

Lieutenant Robert L. Bennington, Cambridge District LCS commander, retired December 2, 2011, after 30 years of service. He is a member of the 112th Academy Class.



Roger W. Clark

Trooper Roger W. Clark, St. Clairsville Post, retired December 5, 2011, after 22 years of service. He is a member of the 118th Academy Class.



John J. Maxey

Lieutenant John J. Maxey, Norwalk Post commander, retired October 7, 2011, after 21 years of service. He is a member of the 119th Academy Class.



Daniel A. Finnell

Trooper Daniel A. Finnell, Capital Operations, entered disability retirement on August 25, 2011, after 18 years of service. He is a member of the 125th Academy Class.



Jon P. Cross

Sergeant Jon P. Cross, Xenia Post, retired September 23, 2011, after 22 years of service. He is a member of the 118th Academy Class.



Warren D. Hunter

Trooper Warren D. Hunter, Ironton Post, retired November 5, 2011, after 27 years of service. He is a member of the 113th Academy Class.



Patrick W. McDonald

Sergeant Patrick W. McDonald, Jackson Investigations, retired November 18, 2011, after 30 years of service. He is a member of the 110th Academy Class.



Brian L. Rutherford

Trooper Brian L. Rutherford, Ironton Post, retired October 21, 2011, after 19 years of service. He is a member of the 123rd Academy Class.



Jeffrey W. Smith

Sergeant Jeffrey W. Smith, Lisbon Post, retired November 4, 2011, after 22 years of service. He is a member of the 118th Academy Class.



Ronald K. Simmons

Trooper Ronald K. Simmons, Springfield Post, retired July 16, 2011, after 33 years of service. He is a member of the 104th Academy Class.



Audali J. Torres

Trooper Audali J. Torres, Elyria Post, retired December 2, 2011, after 26 years of service. He is a member of the 115th Academy Class.



Tracy L. Koenig

Dispatcher Tracy L. Koenig, Findlay Communications Center, retired November 28, 2011, after 22 years of service.



James W. Young

Trooper James W. Young, Bucyrus District LCS, retired November 17, 2011, after 26 years of service. He is a member of the 115th Academy Class.



Anne B. LaRue

Dispatcher Anne B. LaRue, Berea Communications Center, retired November 30, 2011, after 30 years of service.



Stephen M. Daniel

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Stephen M. Daniel, Columbus District LCS, retired December 16, 2011, after 30 years of service.



Barbara L. Mattes

Dispatcher Barbara L. Mattes, Batavia Communications Center, retired December 31, 2011, after 30 years of service.



Hugh S. Livesay

Motor Vehicle Inspector Hugh S. Livesay, Jackson District LCS, retired December 20, 2011, after 30 years of service.



Arlynne F. Gilkey

Driver Exam Station Supervisor Arlynne F. Gilkey, Columbus District LCS, entered disability retirement on August 31, 2011, after 23 years of service.



Sandra R. Belyus

Dispatcher Sandra R. Belyus, Jackson Communications Center, retired November 10, 2011, after 30 years of service.



Rebecca S. Swink

Driver Exam Station Supervisor Rebecca S. Swink, Massillon District LCS, retired November 5, 2011, after 25 years of service.



Teresa A. DeGarmo-Bales

Dispatcher Teresa A. DeGarmo-Bales, Jackson Communications Center, retired November 10, 2011, after 10 years of service.



Rodney E. Getz

Driver License Examiner 2 Rodney E. Getz, Massillon District LCS, retired November 30, 2011, after 11 years of service.



Tamla S. Burke

Driver License Examiner 1,
Tamla S. Burke, Cambridge District
LCS, retired November 1, 2011, after
30 years of service.



Rebecca L. Daily

Administrative Assistant 2
Rebecca L. Daily, Statistical Analysis/
CALEA Unit, retired October 31,
2011, after 11 years of service.

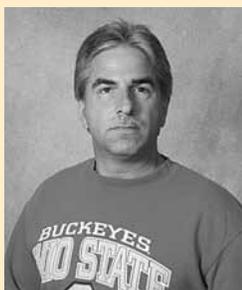


Laura E. Cooper

Driver License Examiner 1,
Laura E. Cooper, Columbus District
LCS, retired October 29, 2011, after
34 years of service.



Expressing sympathy



Daniel S. Gebing

Maintenance Repair Worker
2 Daniel S. Gebing, 52, passed
away July 20, 2011. He joined the
Division in May 1985 and served
at Chardon throughout his Patrol
career.



Pamela Y. Tyson

Administrative Professional 2
Pamela Y. Tyson, 45, passed away
November 12, 2011. She joined the
Division in January 1989 and served
in Fiscal Services throughout her
Patrol career.



Arthur H. Murphy

Motor Carrier Enforcement
Inspector Arthur H. Murphy, 54,
passed away August 20, 2011. He
joined the Division in December
1984 and served in the Wilmington
District throughout his Patrol career.

When Linda and I arrived at the house in Scotland where we would be staying while on an exchange ministry we found a nice welcoming letter from the pastor who was taking our place here in America. He told about the church, the community, and about the house which would be our home for six weeks. He explained that he knew we would miss our traditional Fourth of July Celebration so he had purchased a turkey and put it in the tiny freezer. We laughed at the thought of celebrating the Fourth with a turkey dinner—and enjoyed it when the day arrived. It seemed to us that he was not aware of the significance of the two holidays. We made the connection, however.

With the realization that we would return to our own land—the land of the free and home of the brave—we had every reason to celebrate and give thanks.

As we move from the Thanksgiving celebration to Christmas and the end of the year do we not have much to celebrate? We live in a wonderful nation at a marvelous time. Yes, there are the challenges. We have our needs. We have our sorrows and disappointments. But we have a wonderful heritage and there is a reality to the fact that we experience the harvest from the seeds that others have planted.

In Isaiah—the marvelous prophet of the Old Testament—we read:

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord:

Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn.” (Isaiah 51:1) As Americans are we not the recipients of the blessings given to us by those who have gone before us? The Pilgrim Fathers who came across the uncharted waters on a sixty-three-day trip in a tiny ship endured much and wanted their children to remember the sacrifice, suffering, and hardship which made the life in America a reality. We should not need a holiday to remind us of the richness of our heritage, of what others have given to us in the present because of their sacrifices and commitment in the past.

We should always be aware of how blessed we are each day. May we never forget the richness of our heritage as Americans.

It is also important to remember the richness of our heritage as members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol family. Having just celebrated the 78th birthday of the Patrol, we are reminded of those first officers who took the oath of office, pulled on their leather helmets, gripped the handles of their Indian motorcycles, and rode out on to the highways of Ohio to protect life and property. Their courage and commitment, coupled with a big dose of compassion, set the pattern for what is happening on the highways today. It is important to “look to the rock from which we have been cut” and remember the example and blessing of a great heritage.



May we never forget to salute those who have gone before us and blazed the trail of service with integrity. May we never forget to leave a great heritage for those who follow in our footsteps. Let each one of us—retiree, sworn officer, civilian employee, volunteer chaplain—pause and ask each day: “What can I do this day to make life better for someone else, and strengthen the ministry of law enforcement expressed by and through the Ohio State Highway Patrol?”

Respectfully,

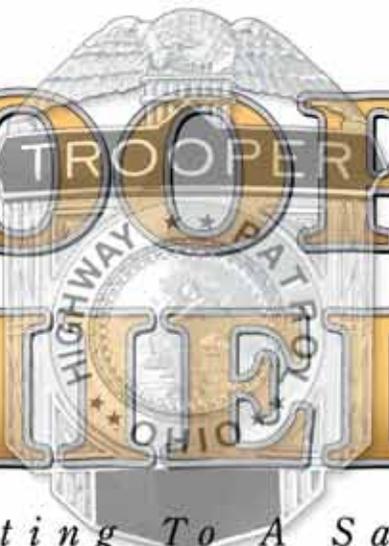
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