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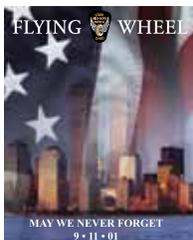
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At the beginning of this year I challenged every Ohio State Highway Patrol employee to ask each day, "What can I do to contribute to a safer Ohio?" The individual and collective response to that challenge has been nothing short of remarkable. Even with a reduced work force you have contributed to a year-to-date reduction in traffic fatalities compared to last year. In addition, more impaired drivers have been removed from Ohio roads by state troopers this year and our criminal patrol efforts are at unprecedented levels.

The future is bright as we enhance and upgrade needed equipment including new light bars, lasers, video cameras, BAC trailers, robotic crash reconstruction tools, carbines and shotguns. I am confident these tools, and future innovations, will positively impact our core mission and our contributions to a safer Ohio will continue.

Ten years have passed since September 11, 2001. While the tragedies of that day did not occur in Ohio, in this Flying Wheel issue commemorating the 9/11 anniversary, it should become clear to all readers that the Ohio State Highway Patrol began contributing to a safer Ohio in new ways within hours of the plane crashes in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa. Those contributions continue a decade later.

Our security at the Ohio Statehouse and other state government buildings has evolved into a successful model of deterrence, response and containment. Recent additions to the Capitol Operations security detail further reinforces the notion that we are always looking for ways to enhance the security for Ohio's top levels of government.

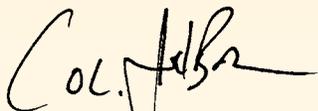
We are now even more prepared to respond to critical incidents that involve large groups of individuals who are demonstrating outside the parameters of a peaceful demonstration. A designated group of troopers and sergeants comprises a stand-alone Mobile Field Force that can respond to these types of potentially volatile or violent demonstrations to augment the district personnel who would also be involved in the event.

Our Critical Information and Communication Center is a 24-hour command center that serves as a central operating point during critical incidents. Staffed by command level personnel, the Center has increased our overall effectiveness by providing a centralized point of contact to collect and disseminate critical information. Further integration of our Criminal Intel capabilities has bolstered our ability to gather, analyze and disseminate vital law enforcement information.

Our participation in the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces continues to be a major contributor in the ongoing struggle against threats to our homeland. Through our involvement on these task forces and numerous examples of professional law enforcement operations by state troopers across the state, we have directly contributed in public terrorism cases, arrests and convictions.

I think it is equally important to highlight our personnel who have contributed during numerous military deployments where they have proudly represented the Ohio State Highway Patrol in foreign lands.

Contributing to a safer Ohio is not a new concept for us, or our personnel. For nearly eight decades we have made great contributions. Each of you is making meaningful contributions and I am confident the results of those accomplishments are making Ohio safer every day.



Colonel John Born  
Superintendent



*What will you do today to  
Contribute to a Safer Ohio?*

# MAY WE NEVER FORGET

## 9·11·01

### *Troopers' role in providing safety and security changed forever after the 9/11 terrorist attacks*

**By Jessica Pierson,  
Public Information Officer**

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001—when teams of terrorists hijacked commercial airplanes and used them as weapons against the United States.

It has been 10 years since most—if not all of us—watched in horror as the events unfolded on live television. And either you—or someone you know—lost someone that day after two planes deliberately crashed into both towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, ultimately causing them to collapse. Another plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. And a fourth plane crashed in rural Pennsylvania as passengers fought to retake control from the hijackers. Thousands of innocent people lost their lives that day, and the role of law enforcement became even more important in the days, months and years since the attacks.

Like other law enforcement agencies across the United States, the Patrol's role in ensuring public safety grew exponentially in the months following the attacks. Immediately, troopers were placed

on heightened alert—and have been in that status for the past 10 years.

In the hours following the attacks, each Patrol district was surveyed by General Headquarters for personnel strength and operational readiness so plans could be formulated in the event that an attack would occur in Ohio.

Troopers were instructed to pay extra attention to the behavior of individuals. Security was increased at state office buildings and troopers were assigned to patrol the interstates around Ohio's largest cities on a 24-hour basis.

S/Lt. Monte Morgan of the Berea District was assigned to the Cleveland Investigations Office at the time of the attacks and recalls, "calling all the personnel to the break room. Three quarters of my staff were directed to change into the uniform of the day and prepare all riot gear, radios and cell phones for deployment. Two units were immediately dispatched to the Frank J. Lausche State Office Building in downtown Cleveland. The men and women of the Cleveland Investigations Office did not have to be told how serious the situation was. They knew what to do and what had to be done."

After terrorists used commercial airplanes as missiles, transportation safety came to the forefront of the nation's attention. This led to increased scrutiny of all modes of transportation for possible terrorist activity, including commercial trucks that have the ability to haul hazardous materials that could cause significant damage.

In the days following the attacks, the U.S. Department of Transportation requested agencies across the country to increase their inspections of motor carriers hauling hazardous materials. Upon this request, weigh stations in Ohio immediately began operating 24-hours a day and more than 100 troopers and motor carrier inspectors began inspecting every hazardous material load they came across. By the end of 2001, the Patrol had conducted 17,958 hazardous material inspections—6,678 in October alone—which were almost four times more than were conducted in 2000.

Today, while hazardous material inspections account for more than nine percent of all motor vehicle inspections, troopers and motor vehicle inspectors remain extra vigilant in trying to interdict  
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I was sent to handle a crash, just south of the Delaware Post. I kept thinking, "Why am I messing with a minor crash when all this is happening?" The two drivers and I went about our business with an eerie calm and with almost no conversation. No one had a frame of reference to explain what was taking place and no one knew when or if it would stop. Was that it? Were they (whoever "they" were...) done or was this just the start?

**Sgt. Steve Click, Central Ohio Motorcycle Unit**

Not long into my 3 p.m. shift we were called to respond to an area gas station due to an influx of customers and people blocking the roadway to get gasoline. I had never seen anything like it—it was a controlled panic—everyone came out of the woodwork to stockpile gasoline. Farmers came in pick-up trucks with 55 gallon drums to get their fair share of the gasoline.

**Lt. Anne Ralston, Public Affairs Commander**

I was on the rifle range at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, and I remember I had just come off the firing line and the “roach coach,” which was like a convenience store on wheels, had just pulled up. As I was walking over to it, I heard the driver panicked and yelling, “They’re bombing New York City.” All the Marines were telling him to shut up and to stop lying. The driver went to the radio inside and turned it up as loud as it would go. By now a large group had gathered around and we all stood there and listened as the voice on the radio said that it was now confirmed that an airplane had crashed into the tower. You could hear the terror in the voice on the radio as he said that a second plane had struck the other tower.

**Tpr. Christopher DelGenio, Warren Post**

criminal activity through commercial vehicle inspections and enforcement.

In addition to the increased motor carrier inspections, Lt. Anne Ralston, a trooper at the Cambridge Post at the time of the attacks and now commander of the Public Affairs Unit, recalled that in the days following the attacks, it wasn’t only moving vehicles that began to gain the Patrol’s attention. Post 9/11 directives were given to troopers instructing them to not allow any disabled vehicles, especially tractor trailers, to remain along major routes for fear of another attack.

“Before 9/11 we stopped to check on disabled vehicles—to make sure they were okay—but it was certainly not in my conscience to check for their potential motivation to attack the country. But now it had to be at the forefront of everything I did,” explained Lt. Ralston.

With increased awareness, members of the public began to call into posts with tips they thought might help assist with a new threat or perceived suspicious activity. These tips were a prelude to a national program run by Homeland Security, now known as “See Something, Say Something.”

Since the attacks, the general public has become a key resource in the homeland security effort.

“Today we need to not only think of terrorism by a certain ethnicity or faith, but by more of an ideology or belief,” cautions Sgt. Jeffrey Bernard, a Patrol representative on the Joint Terrorism Task Force. “Investigations today are conducted not only on international terrorism, but on domestic terrorism as well. The most recent example of this is the July arrest of a soldier in Texas, who purchased large amounts of gun powder and other firearm ammunition and planned to attack a U.S. Army base in Fort Hood. Due to an observant citizen reporting the suspicious purchase to law enforcement, a domestic attack was prevented.”

The Patrol’s law enforcement counterparts throughout the world had been dealing with terrorism as part of their normally assigned duties for many decades before the United States became actively involved in this area of law enforcement, despite the bombings of the World Trade Center in 1993 and Oklahoma City’s Murrah Federal Building in 1995. Subsequently, the Patrol and

American law enforcement in general have adapted to this new threat.

Jeff Grayson, formerly of the Public Affairs Unit and currently working in the Office of the Superintendent, remembers, “There was a real sense, at the time, that the plane crashes were not the end—that something else was going to happen. In the afternoon of September 11, Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman held a press conference to cover the safety and security of the city. Along with many other first responder agencies, Lt. Gary Lewis, who was our PIO at the time, was there representing the Patrol. The press conference shifted from being about the city to what the Patrol was doing at the statewide level. Looking back, that was a key moment when it became apparent the Patrol was going to be looked at to lead the statewide law enforcement efforts.”

In the months following the attacks, the Patrol increased security measures on state property. Through overtime details, more troopers were assigned to the security duties at state office buildings in Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo. Troopers were visible and attentive to  
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I had left the office to go to a doctor’s appointment and I did not know the second tower had been hit. All of us at the doctor’s office were huddled around the small TV in the nurses’ break room. The day felt so strange, I called my son who was away at college to make sure he was okay. At that moment, I wanted him home and safe with me because everyone was scared, not knowing where the next attack would come from.

**Denise Hickson, Fiscal Services**

In the early afternoon, my wife called to make sure I was okay and asked if I was alone. She had something to tell me and I could tell she was afraid to speak. She told me she had spoken to the wife of one of my closest friends, John, who was in the South Tower when the second plane hit. He was between the 91st and 97th floors. Many calls to John’s phone followed, but with no answer. In 2009, my wife and I visited Ground Zero and spotted John’s picture immediately on the shrine at St. Paul’s Chapel.

**S/Lt. Monte Morgan, Berea District**

I was on vacation for the first time in about two years. My wife and I were in the Outer Banks with friends, and I was golfing with a few buddies when we heard about the attacks. Within a few hours, with the help of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, I was in a rental car and hurrying back to Ohio as quickly as I could.

**Ret. Colonel Kenneth Morckel**

I was working in the Public Affairs Unit on the fourth floor of the Shipley Building. It was a normal morning and, as was our practice, we had The Today Show on to monitor news coverage. When they broke into coverage to show the smoke coming from the first World Trade Center Tower, I stopped to watch. Then, I remember seeing the second plane crash into the other Tower. Every generation has those moments when you will always remember where you were when a historical event occurred. For me, I will always remember the Challenger shuttle explosion, and that second plane hitting the Tower.

**Jeff Grayson, Office of the Superintendent**

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 personnel at all state buildings, as well as to visitors in these facilities. Patrol officers also investigated incidents of suspicious mail received in state office mail rooms and facilitated training for state employees regarding the safe handling of mail. Troopers began to provide escorts for mail trucks traveling from Brentwood, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C., to Lima, Ohio. These mail trucks were en route to Titan Scan Industries, which decontaminated mail that may have been exposed to anthrax.

Prior to 9/11, state and local law enforcement did not have an active role in defending against foreign terrorists. After 9/11, that has become a shared responsibility, and state and local law enforcement have played a substantial role in that mission.

The Patrol became more dedicated to working with local and federal law enforcement as situations arose regarding safety throughout the state. The Division partnered with local and federal agencies to address safety issues, including precautionary measures developed with fire departments and emergency management agencies.

In addition, following the attacks the Patrol increased their cooperation with local Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) offices in Ohio and troopers were assigned to serve as members on the FBI's Terrorism Task Force. Membership on the task force—which would become known as the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)—marked the first time that troopers were assigned to other agencies, working on non-Patrol investigations and allowed to travel internationally to investigate crimes. Lt. Matt Warren, Office of Investigative Services, was the first trooper assigned to the JTTF.

“The day after the attacks, I was called into the office and FBI Supervisor Agent Nate Gray was there and Capt. Reitz asked me to sit down. The captain told me that for the foreseeable future I would be assigned to the FBI Terrorism Task Force,” said Lt. Warren. “I would work out of their office and assist them on a full-time basis in terrorism investigations. He also advised that I would be away from the Patrol for years, not weeks.”

During Lt. Warren's first couple of weeks assigned to the task force, he

recalls being “teamed up with federal agents from numerous agencies, working 16-hour days, seven days a week, conducting interviews and following-up on thousands of leads as they poured in from around the world.”

Currently in Ohio, there are four JTTF offices located in Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati. All Patrol officers assigned to these JTTFs receive extensive training and have served to significantly impact the overall safety and security of Ohio and the United States. Through sharing intelligence, experience has demonstrated that the concept of the JTTF is a highly effective counterterrorism tool.

As the Patrol's superintendent during the 9/11 attacks, Ret. Colonel Kenneth Morckel realized first hand that, “information sharing and interoperable communications went from a goal to an absolute necessity.” A couple of years later as the director of the Department of Public Safety, he was highly involved in the creation of Ohio's Homeland Security (OHS) division through House Bill 95 in September 2003. Since the terrorist attacks of 9/11, there have been  
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I was at my first civil defense training and had just finished firing when then-Capt. Costas alerted us to the planes hitting the Twin Towers. As soon as the attacks happened, I was anxious to see what the Patrol was going to do and what was going to happen with the military. I was assigned at the Ashtabula Post and right after the attacks we had 24-hour coverage mandated on Interstate 90. Shortly after 9/11, I was recalled to active duty and spent one year, six months and 10 days away from the Patrol deployed to Southwest Asia in support of operation Enduring Freedom. I returned to the Patrol in April 2003 and was called to active duty again in 2008 when I deployed to Iraq for more than six months.

**Sgt. Jason Bonar, Ashtabula Post**

at least nine arrests and convictions in Ohio of subjects with ties to international terrorist organizations, including disruption of an al Qaeda affiliated cell in the Columbus area.

In 2005, Capt. Richard Baron was assigned to work with Ohio Homeland Security in the capacity of Chief of Operations of the Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC), now known as the Fusion Center. The focus of the center was, and is, to communicate information and intelligence specific to terrorism and homeland security.

Patrol personnel assigned to the Fusion Center are issued security clearances by the federal government to allow for intelligence at the classified level. In turn, this access gives key personnel the opportunity for information sharing and investigative efforts to occur. Because of this information sharing, today's law enforcement personnel have a much higher level of knowledge and understanding of world events and how they relate to their area of responsibility.

In the months following the attacks, with the increased need for sharing information, the former Office of Technology and Communication Services, now a section under the Office of Strategic Services, worked with the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police to develop the State of Ohio Intelligence Report website. The site was set-up so that any subscriber to LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data System) could post information related to homeland security. This website, now overseen by Ohio Homeland Security, is currently known as the Contact Information Management System (CIMS) and is a secure web portal that serves as one of the primary communication tools with the public and private sectors. There are currently more than 6,700 users in the system, each granted a certain level of access that they are legally allowed to receive. Examples of information shared on this system include bulletins, alerts, officer safety issues and current situation reports.

To aide in the flow of information, earlier this year the Patrol opened the Critical Information and Communication Center (CICC) located in the Columbus Communications Center, in conjunction

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## Terrorism Connections to Ohio Since 9/11

### Iyman Faris – 2003

Iyman Faris, who lived in Columbus, Ohio, was arrested for scouting potential terrorist targets for al Qaeda, including a bridge in New York City. He was a U.S. citizen from Kashmir that allegedly not only attended a training camp in Afghanistan, but also met Osama Bin Laden. In 2003, Faris was convicted of providing material support and resources to al Qaeda.

### Fawaz Damra – 2004

Fawaz Damra was a former Imam at the Islamic Center of Parma, from Cleveland, Ohio. In a video aired by PBS, Damra was shown raising money for Islamic Jihadist groups. In 2004, Damra was convicted of concealing his connections to terrorist organizations when he applied for U.S. citizenship and was deported to West Bank, Israel.

### The “Toledo 3” – 2006

In 2006, Mohammad Zaki Amawi, Marwan Othman El-Hindi, and Wassim Mazloun, or the “Toledo 3”, were indicted for conspiracy to kill or maim persons in locations outside of the United States, including U.S. armed forces serving in Iraq and the President of the U.S. This marked the first time the local Muslim/Arab-American community reported a threat to local law enforcement.

### Nuradin Abdi – 2007

Nuradin Abdi, also a Columbus, Ohio resident, was arrested for plotting to blow up an Ohio shopping mall and discussing potential missile attacks against U.S. landmarks. Abdi entered the country illegally from Somalia and allegedly trained in guerrilla warfare in Ethiopia. Abdi pled guilty to conspiring to provide material support to terrorists in 2007.

### Christopher Paul – 2007

Christopher Paul, a Worthington, Ohio resident, was an American who plotted terrorist attacks with Faris and Abdi and allegedly attended terrorist training camps. In 2007, Paul pled guilty to conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction against U.S. citizens and property outside the U.S.

### Hor & Amera Akl – 2010

Hor and Amera Akl, a married couple residing in Toledo, Ohio, were arrested in 2010 and charged with providing material support to the designated terrorist organization Hizballah. In May 2011, the Akls pled guilty to conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

### Jerry & Joe Kane – 2010

Jerry and Joe Kane, father and son anti-government extremists from Forest, Ohio, were killed in a shoot-out with Arkansas law enforcement after fatally shooting two West Memphis police officers during a traffic stop on May 20, 2010.

### Ahmed Hussein Mahamud – 2011

Ahmed Hussein Mahamud, a 26-year-old American citizen from Columbus, Ohio, was charged in an indictment, unsealed in June 2011, with providing material support to Al Shabaab.

Tpr. Aaron Cooper and I were on our way to the Gallipolis Post to take our BAC Datamaster test. We arrived before 8 a.m. and were studying prior to the test. Someone said, "You have to see this," and we got up and saw the replay of the first plane striking the World Trade Center. As we continued to watch, we saw the live footage of the second plane hitting the second tower. We had to stop watching to take our test – which was hard to do. We completed our test and were on our way back to the Chillicothe Post when we heard over the radio about the plane crashing in Pennsylvania.

**Tpr. David Johnson, Chillicothe Post**

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with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Emergency Operations Center. The CICC is staffed 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year by command personnel who have received training and bring their experience in coordinating assets and information during critical incidents. In the event of a critical incident, personnel from the CICC can also staff the Emergency Operations Center.

CICC personnel use state-of-the art equipment to monitor and disseminate critical information to and from operational units in the field and are assisting Homeland Security personnel in collecting and disseminating critical information with regards to criminal activity that could pose a security threat.

Recently, the Criminal Intel Unit transferred from the Office of Investigative Services to the CICC. This merger has been integral to homeland security and the information sharing efforts. Criminal Intel personnel are now able to operate in a real-time environment resulting in better informational support to our officers.

In addition to increased intelligence, participation in the JTTF and the creation of Ohio Homeland Security, the Patrol also increased their emphasis on its Special Response Team (SRT) following the attacks.

S/Lt. Steve Rosta, SRT Tactical Commander, remembers two days after the attacks being, "summoned out of a class at the Academy by the then-Superintendent Colonel Ken Morckel. He instructed me to ramp-up the response capabilities of the Special Response Team to answer the call of providing a trained, well-equipped, proactive and response-driven capability to whatever lay ahead in the Division's response to the war on terror. And since then, we hit the ground running."

Units assigned to SRT, now a full-time operation, have been utilized to train Division personnel, as well as federal, state and local agencies in weapons of mass destruction awareness, active shooter response and a host of tactical courses. The increase in critical incident response, warrant service and assistance to other agencies has increased the capabilities and experience of the units to meet any scenario they are faced with in the future.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol has responded to the needs of Ohioans and has met obligations in matters of national concern dating back to World War II. The response to a post-9/11 world has been no different. Troopers patrolling Ohio's roadways have a significant role in the interdiction of all types of criminals.

"In Oklahoma, it was an Oklahoma State Trooper who stopped Timothy McVeigh for failing to display a license plate. In the events leading up to September 11, 2001, it was a Maryland State Trooper who stopped Ziad S. Jarrah for speeding on September 9, just two days before he and others hijacked United Flight 93," explains Capt. Baron. "Had the systems of today been in place then, it is reasonable to believe that Ziad, and perhaps others, would have never reached their target."

The vigilance of troopers who interdict individuals as they become vulnerable traversing the highway is perhaps the greatest of weapons in the defense of the homeland. It is this never ending effort that contributes to making Ohio a safer place.

As Tpr. Larry Bowman, a Columbus District investigator explained, "I have always believed that we—as first line defenders of freedom—have always played a vital role in homeland security. Remaining ever vigilant in any capacity is of the utmost importance to protecting the fragility of our freedom."

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*The Ohio Department of Public Safety produced a short film, "I Remember," featuring seven public safety professionals who were among the many first-responders from Ohio who participated in recovery and relief missions at the World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa. The film can be viewed online at: [www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/iremember/remember\\_index.htm](http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/iremember/remember_index.htm)*

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## REFLECTIONS FROM 2001

*Sgt. Steve Click traveled to New York City as a member of a Critical Incident Stress Management team. Ten years later, he reflects on his time in New York City.*

Officers were told to bring firearms, extra magazines, body armor and our badges. We were told to bring tactical uniforms, boots, gloves and any protective equipment we had, which in 2001, wasn't more than our riot helmet and a gas mask. I found out that I would be traveling with a Dayton Police officer, a deputy from Delaware County whom I had known for several years, and a mental health counselor.

On Sunday, November 25, 2001, we packed into Max's cruiser and headed to New York City. We had 11 hours to get to know one another and we had no idea what we were headed toward or what we would find when we got there. We also quietly asked ourselves if we were up to the task, as we had all watched the news and had seen the devastation at each attack site. We had heard about the bodies, or more accurately, the parts of bodies, that had been found at these sites and the toll it was beginning to take on the personnel working there.

We all stayed at the YMCA at 63rd and Central Park. Max and I wore our badges and side arms openly displayed as per our instructions. As we walked to dinner, people came up and thanked us. They patted us on the back. Told us to hang in there and offered other words of encouragement. That first night, we ate without much conversation then walked quietly back to the YMCA and tried to sleep.

The next morning we made our way to the subway and with the help of the transit workers and the public, we found lower Manhattan. As we exited the subway cars, the smell hit us—a combination of bonfire, trash and the city. We walked to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and were greeted by representatives of POPPA (Police Officers Providing Peer Assistance). They all looked tired, but embraced each of us and thanked us for coming. At this point, any question about if we should have come to assist was gone.

That afternoon, prior to beginning sessions with the NYPD officers, representatives took us down to the site. To say it was overwhelming would be a tragic understatement. The smell and destruction were unimaginable, and despite demolition being done only a few hundred yards away, it was very quiet. The magnitude of what had taken place began to sink in.

For the next week, we talked to a small fraction of the 41,000 NYPD officers. Sometimes we had an officer who had been on-duty on 9/11, some had reported to Ground Zero to help—many had worked days and weeks without a break. For some, this was the first time they had been at work and not at the site. Some had been assigned to the makeshift morgues



**Sgt. Click's Critical Incident Stress Management Team in New York City in 2001, from left: Delaware County Sheriff Deputy Max Griffith, Sgt. Click, Debbie Shutt from the Ohio Employee Assistance Program and Mary Lou Goodwill from the Dayton Police Department.**

and others had found parts of the victims while digging and sifting through debris. We spoke with each of them and let each officer work through his or her issues, offering support and recourses.

In the evening, we would grab a hard hat, a radio and walk down to the site to spend the evening talking to officers who were either on security details or who were digging through the debris. Where we were from meant nothing—the fact we were there, talking to them about what happened was all that mattered.

Toward the end of the week, our hosts took us to the Christmas tree lighting at Rockefeller Center and I was approached by one of the executive protection officers. He noticed my POPPA jacket and said he had heard of us, and went on to explain that, "Some people needed to talk," but he didn't. He told me he hoped I could help some people. Two hours later, I knew everything he had done on September 11, everything he had experienced, seen and endured. As we parted ways, he again said, "I sure hope you can help some folks. Some people need to talk, but not me."

As I look back 10 years since that day in September and that conversation at Rockefeller Center, I am aware that I am still affected by the events of 9/11. I have been to the Pentagon (before it was repaired) and most recently I finally made it to Shanksville, Pa.

I remember vividly so many events of 9/11 and my trips to NYC. I remember the smells, the sights and the people. Mostly I remember how—for a short time—we all came together and moved through a horrible event. What we all did on 9/11 did not make any of us heroes. The fact that we all came back on 9/12—that's when we showed the world what we are made of.

## Recent Criminal Patrol Successes

### June 17, 449 pills and \$3,000 cash seized

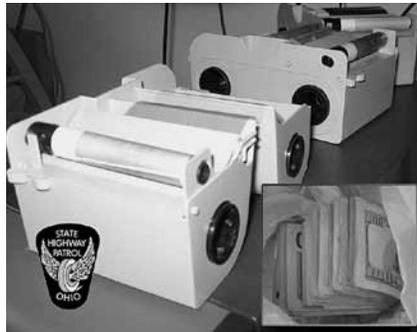
A Kentucky man is facing felony drug charges after troopers seized 240 Lortab tablets valued at \$720; 89 Lorcet tablets valued at \$445; 120 Oxycodone tablets valued at \$3,000 and an additional \$3,000 in cash during a traffic stop in Wood County.



Troopers stopped a 2011 Nissan Altima with Kentucky registration for a speed violation. Criminal indicators were observed and a Hancock County Sheriff's Office drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the illegal prescription medication and cash. A passenger was charged with three counts each of trafficking in drugs and possession of drugs.

### July 15, Joint investigation leads to fake ID maker

A joint investigation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Secret Service led authorities to an illegal immigrant who was providing fraudulent Ohio identification to other illegal immigrants. The investigation began after a suspect provided fraudulent identification to a trooper during a traffic stop in Madison County.



Further investigation revealed the location where the suspect had bought the fake ID and a search warrant was issued. Upon the search of the location, investigators located more than \$12,000 in cash and equipment used to make fraudulent Ohio driver licenses, resident alien cards and social security cards. The suspect was arrested and charged with forgery, a fifth-degree felony. He is also facing possible federal charges.

### July 22, 6 kilos of cocaine seized



A Texas man is facing felony drug charges after troopers seized six kilos of cocaine valued at \$600,000 following a traffic stop in Preble County.

Troopers stopped a 2003 Toyota Solara with Arkansas registration for a following too closely violation. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the six kilos of cocaine. The driver was charged with possession of cocaine, a first-degree felony and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

### July 28, 10 kilos of cocaine seized

A man from Chicago faced felony drug charges after troopers seized 10 kilos of cocaine valued at \$1 million during a traffic stop in Preble County.



Troopers stopped a 1999 Honda Accord for a speed violation. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the 10 kilos of cocaine. The driver was charged with possession of cocaine, a first-degree felony and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

### August 23, 34 pounds of BC Bud\* marijuana seized

Troopers stopped a 2011 Chrysler Town & Country for a following too closely violation in Lorain County. Criminal indicators were observed and a probable cause search revealed 34 vacuum sealed bags of BC Bud marijuana, worth \$170,000, and a bundle of U.S. currency totaling \$69,000. The male suspect from Bath, Maine, is facing felony drug charges.



\* BC Bud marijuana is one of the most potent strains of cannabis, which is usually cultivated in British Columbia. It has a THC content of 30 percent as compared to only four percent in traditional marijuana.

## Significant efficiency improvements for Division's Crime Lab

For a week in August, 11 members of the Crime Lab's Drug Chemistry section convened at the Patrol Academy to develop a new process to reduce drug chemistry analysis reporting time and improve customer service satisfaction while maintaining quality. Goals heading into the week-long discussions were to reduce the case backlog by 50 percent and issue reports on felony cases within 30 days.

As measurements of success, projections show that once the improvements are in place, evidence testing could go from the current timeline of 83 days down to as few as 14 days from receipt of evidence to issuance of a findings report. It will also result in a significant reduction in the case backlog, which exceeded 4,000 cases as of May 2011.

The faster testing and reporting times should come as welcome news to key stakeholders who rely on performance results from the Patrol's Crime Lab. Managers believe the process improvements will speed up investigations, help prosecutors move more quickly to build cases and ultimately put criminals behind bars. All of this continues the Patrol's ongoing commitment of contributing to a safer Ohio.

The improvements were developed by Crime Lab personnel with the aid of trained facilitators, who began by creating a detailed flow chart of the entire drug chemistry analysis process from the time a submission enters the Laboratory through to the time the customer receives a final analysis report. Then, they analytically broke apart every aspect of the model and found more than 60 improvement ideas for redesigning the process.

As a result, the new drug chemistry process contains 45 fewer steps, five fewer decision points for Laboratory staff and 10 fewer handoffs of evidence. These improvements are

expected to result in a 57 percent reduction in storage and report issuance delays with an accompanying annual cost savings to Ohio taxpayers of \$82,300.

Other key improvements to the Crime Lab's new process include: Elimination of the 2,000 "Destroy" case backlog; a significant change in the case assignment process to analysts which will improve completion times and free-up access to Laboratory instruments; I.T. improvements including PCs at workstations and initiating a completely "paperless" reporting system; and changes to "bulk case" sampling to reduce the number of analyses completed in such cases.

S/Lt. Todd Lee and Crime Lab personnel, along with support staff from several Patrol and Public Safety offices, are working to implement these changes in order to improve analysis, efficiency and reporting processes as quickly as possible.

This full week of nonstop work from Aug. 8-12—dubbed the Kaizen event—used methodologies and tools for achieving big gains in efficiency, savings, and customer satisfaction. Kaizen is used extensively at successful private-sector companies throughout the world. In Ohio state government, it is among the tools that are a part of the LeanOhio improvement effort. Staff from the LeanOhio Program Office facilitated the Patrol's Crime Lab Kaizen event.

This was the first Kaizen event undertaken by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, and was supported by the Department's executive-level leadership. Additional events are planned for other Public Safety divisions in upcoming months. Further information on the Kaizen process, including more detailed results from the Patrol's Crime Lab experience, can be reviewed on <http://lean.ohio.gov>.

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## Leadership seminar offers lessons in overcoming adversity

On July 7, the Department of Public Safety and the Highway Patrol hosted Brigadier General James E. Sehorn, U.S. Air Force (ret.) and Colonel Thomas N. Moe, U.S. Air Force (ret.) for their presentation, "Leadership and Perseverance as Core American Values."

General Sehorn and Colonel Moe, who serves as director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, shared their incredible personal stories about their time as POWs during the Vietnam War with Highway Patrol commanders, members of the Ohio National Guard, and senior Ohio government officials.

During five years in captivity, General Sehorn and Colonel Moe became experts in overcoming adversity. Their stories of survival and determination provided attendees lessons that can be applied to the challenges facing executives in law enforcement and organizational administration.



**From left: Thomas P. Charles, director of the Ohio Department Public Safety; Brigadier General James E. Sehorn, U.S. Air Force (ret.); Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services Colonel Thomas N. Moe, U.S. Air Force (ret.); and Colonel John Born.**



Members of the Patrol's Motorcycle Unit and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Golden Helmets Precision Motorcycle Team put on a demonstration at the Ohio State University on June 23, 2011, as part of an OPP visit to Ohio.

## Patrol and Ontario Provincial Police renew Partnership Agreement

On June 24, Colonel John Born, Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and Commissioner Chris D. Lewis, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), signed a partnership agreement that completed a five-day visit by the OPP to Columbus, Ohio. This also marked the third Patrol Colonel to enter into this partnership (Colonel Paul McClellan in 2005 and Colonel Richard Collins in 2007).

The relationship began in 2004 when the OPP invited the Patrol to Ontario to brief officers on the Patrol's *LifeStat 1.0* initiative.

The relationship has developed over the years to include training and consultation on improved highway traffic safety and lowering traffic-related fatalities, as well as motorcycle safety, the use of aviation resources to supplement enforcement efforts, and vital information sharing for enhanced homeland security.



Colonel John Born and OPP Commissioner Chris D. Lewis sign a training and consultation agreement.

## Patrol presence contributes to safe and successful Ohio State Fair



Troopers helped this lost boy find his family at the Ohio State Fair.

An activity-packed Ohio State Fair gave troopers and Auxiliary officers the opportunity to provide safety and security to residents off the road. Besides providing security for the State Fairgrounds, the 12-day fair allows the general public to ask questions and meet troopers outside of their vehicles.

"The Fair's diverse set of entertainment and activities, with the safe environment created thanks to our partnership with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, help to create a great family-friendly atmosphere. This keeps people coming back year after year," said General Manager Virgil Strickler.

More than 830,000 people attended the fair this year.

To OSHP/ODPS staff members,

We want to thank the OSHP/ODPS personnel for all of the thoughtfulness and support we have received following Keith's accident. Many of you have never met us personally, but that didn't stop you from stepping up and helping us out.

We have received numerous phone calls, cards, visits at the hospital and home, monetary donations, well wishes,

and prayers. All of which are so greatly appreciated. It is such an honor to be part of the "Patrol Family."

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Keith & Mary Allen

*Note: Tpr. Keith Allen, Athens, was injured while working at the Ohio State Fair.*



## 2011 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Patrol personnel from all over the state participated in the 2011 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run June 14 - 24, 2011. Relay teams set out from Ashtabula, Athens, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Marietta and Toledo, with several community satellite legs throughout the state.

The teams ran and biked their way to Columbus and the Ohio State

Highway Patrol Training Academy. The final leg from the Academy to the Ohio Special Olympics Opening Ceremony at Ohio Stadium at The Ohio State University culminated with the final passing of the torch to a Special Olympian.

Troopers and police officers from all over Ohio carried the "Flame of Hope" through over 150 communities,

creating awareness of Special Olympics and raising funds for the program. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Ohio. The annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Ohio.



Auxiliary officers Bryon Doty, Jason Kidder and Stephen Martin with Special Olympian, Malayna, whose parents sent the thank you note at left.

## Patrol Adds Training Partners

Capt. Brigette Charles, Academy commandant, Lt. Steve Mahl, Regional Training Unit (RTU) commander, and Colonel John Born, superintendent, recently met with representatives from Cleveland's MetroHealth System, which will be an RTU training site.

The RTU oversees the Regional Education & General In-Service (REGIS) Institute, an outreach training program that is also available to other law enforcement agencies. Courses offered include: Crash Investigation, Criminal Patrol, ADAP, Firearms, Tactical Driving, Self Defense, Officer Involved Shooting Response, Critical and/or Criminal Investigation, In-Custody Death Prevention & Investigation and many others.



# Summer Programs Help Students Explore Law Enforcement Careers

## Buckeye Boys State/Buckeye Girls State

As part of the Division's long-standing affiliation with the American Legion, Patrol officers participated in the Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State programs to provide students entering their senior years of high school a hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic form of government, the organization of political parties and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Ohio government.

Both programs feature an Ohio State Highway Patrol made up of students under the direction of active troopers. The boys' program was held June 11-19, 2011, at Bowling Green State University and the girls' program was held June 12-18, 2011, at the University of Mount Union.



Top: Sgt. Amy D. Ivy, Ashland, prepares to march into the 2011 Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol graduation with the student troopers.

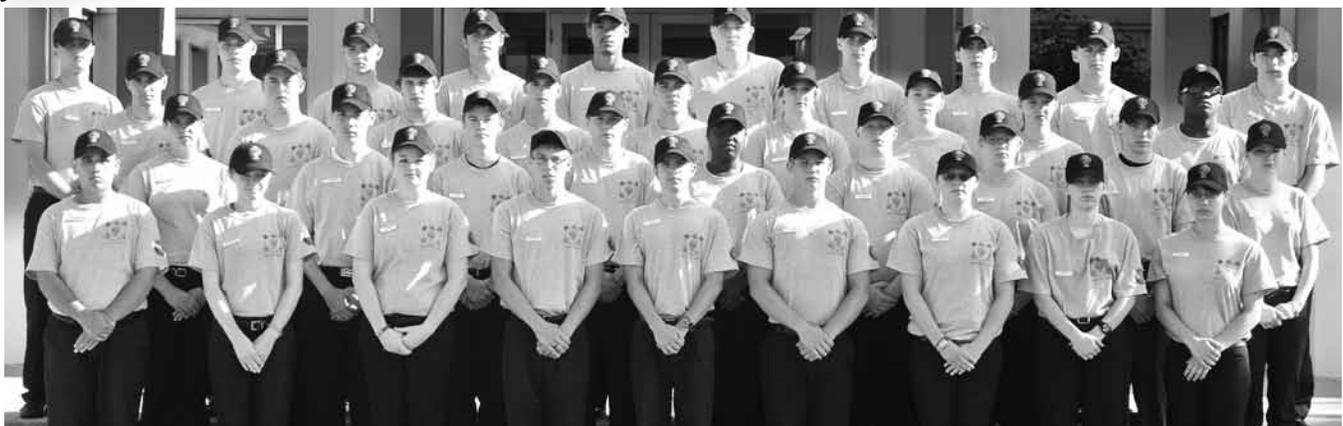
Bottom: The 2011 Buckeye Boys State Highway Patrol is sworn in. Travis Coll, son of Tpr. Timothy Coll, Toledo, is pictured at far right. Travis wrote the letter at left about his Buckeye Boys State experience.

Dear Gerald White,  
I would like to thank you and the Legionnaires great experience I had at the American Legion Buckeye Boys State. I had the opportunity to be an Ohio State Trooper while I was there. I made many friends. I also, received the Outstanding Citizen Award in which I was surprised and honored. For the first time in my life I felt I could do anything I wanted to do. I also learned that I CAN do anything I want as long as I fight for it and never give up on it. This will be helpful for my future. I learned how important the Veterans are in giving us our freedom. Thank you for fighting for our freedom. I would also like to thank you for making the accommodations to allow me to be part of Boys State. I am grateful for having this opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious program. This program has and will change my life forever. I am really proud I went, and if I could, I would do it all over again.

Sincerely Grateful,

Travis Coll

## Junior Cadet Week



Jointly sponsored by the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, the Ohio American Legion and the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, the Junior Cadet program provides young men and women with an interest in law enforcement insight into the issues peace officers face in their jobs. Junior Cadet Week 2011 was June 27 - July 1.

During their time at the Academy, the teen participants experienced aspects of the same training as an Ohio State

Trooper. The week included daily physical training, military drill, firearms training, officer-violator contacts, self-defense tactics, canine and criminal patrol operations and crash investigation.

Junior Cadet Week is a one-time opportunity available only to Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State attendees during the year of their participation in those programs. Relatives of Patrol employees are also eligible.

## Division Earns Highest Honors from Accreditation Agency

*Patrol celebrates 20 years of accreditation with Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies*

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was selected to receive the Accreditation with Excellence Award and received the Meritorious Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement

Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) during a recent conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Patrol was also selected to receive the Accreditation with Excellence Award, the most prestigious award offered to accredited agencies.

The Accreditation with Excellence Award, formerly called Flagship Agency program, was created to acknowledge the achievement and expertise of some of the most successful CALEA-accredited public safety agencies, and also to provide as "examples" to assist other agencies.

Accreditation with Excellence Agencies are selected by agency type

and program, and based primarily on their past performance. The Patrol has received successful reaccreditation six times since their initial accreditation award in July 1989.

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*"Through the hard work and dedication of our sworn officers and professional staff we remain ever-committed to our work in ensuring the safety and security of Ohio, and these honors further validate our place as a national law enforcement leader."*

*— Colonel John Born*

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"Verification by CALEA that the Patrol continually meets national standards further illustrates our ongoing commitment to law enforcement excellence," Colonel John Born, Patrol superintendent, said. "Through the hard work and dedication of our sworn officers and professional staff we remain ever-committed to our work in ensuring the safety and security of Ohio, and

these honors further validate our place as a national law enforcement leader."

The Meritorious Award was given to the Patrol as recognition of 15 or more continuous years of successful reaccreditation. The Patrol was originally accredited in 1989 and has been re-accredited in 1994, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008 and 2011. Maintaining this status is an ongoing process and requires constant monitoring and updating of policies and procedures to ensure compliance with CALEA standards.

CALEA was established as an independent accrediting authority in 1979 by the four major law enforcement membership associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; National Sheriffs' Association; and the Police Executive Research Forum.

The Executive Directors of these four associations appoint members to the Commission annually; an endorsement requires a majority vote for each appointment.

### Auxiliary takes on Video Project

As part of a concerted effort to continue marketing the public value of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Trooper Shield successes, the Division is producing two new website videos. Similar to the success several years ago when Auxiliary officers shot video for the film, "Signal 30 - Part 2: Tragedy and Hope," our Auxiliary captured video of OVI drivers and arrests and criminal patrol cases resulting from successful operations of Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers this summer.

Sworn personnel selected for the OVI video include: Sgt. Chris Colbert, Dayton; Tpr. Jermaine D. Thaxton, Granville; Tpr. Cliff Dowell, Elyria; and Tpr. Richard Gable, Georgetown. Sworn personnel selected for the Criminal Patrol video include: Tpr. Nick Lewis, Portsmouth; Tpr. Kurt Biedelchies, Findlay; Tpr. Mike Wilson, Granville; and Tpr. Michael Trader, D-10 Criminal Patrol.

The videos will be edited by the DPS Audio/Video Studio and should debut in the near future.

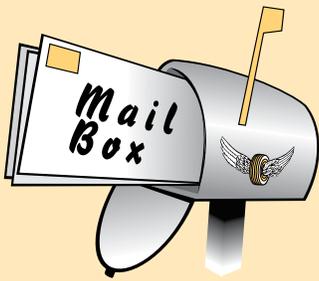
## OSHP TRAINING

### *School of Police Staff and Command*

The Patrol was well-represented at the graduation of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Police Staff and Command on July 8, 2011. Ten officers completed the 10-week program, which was conducted at the Patrol Training Academy in Columbus:

Sgt. Kelly D. Weakley, Licensing and Commercial Standards  
Lt. Steven R. Rine, Zanesville  
Sgt. Aaron E. Vollmer, Lancaster  
Sgt. Todd J. Cunningham, Bucyrus  
Sgt. Timothy D. Dawson, Employee Relations  
Sgt. Jeffrey S. Davis, Administrative Investigation  
Sgt. Charles J. Gullett, Elyria  
Sgt. Robert E. Gable, Wooster  
Lt. James E. Tracy, Cambridge  
Sgt. Timothy J. Karwatske, Jackson

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level instruction in several management areas and is designed to provide graduates with the knowledge and skills to assume increased responsibilities.



## Public safety partners, motoring public appreciative of Patrol assistance

7/28/2011

I am writing to report the high quality of service and kindness I received from Tpr. Jose Franco (West Jefferson). My husband and I had a blown tire on I-270 on 7/26/11. In an attempt to change the tire, we found we didn't have a tire iron. After several attempts to contact family and wave another motorist down, we were exhausted.

Tpr. Franco then pulled up to check on us. He was very courteous and friendly. In a routine check of our drivers' licenses, it was found out that I had a warrant for my arrest out of Marysville because even though I had paid a past speeding ticket in full, there was a \$50 fee I hadn't realized and so not paid.

Tpr. Franco did everything he could to help me settle it without going to jail. But out of his control he had to bring me in. He paid such close attention to my two little children that were in the car and calmed them down. They were crying for me. He also helped my husband change the blown tire and used his tire iron to change it. When the kids were all settled, he came back to the car, had to put me in cuffs and placed me in the car.

He was very careful and kind. I really appreciated his kind demeanor during this scary time for me. I was crying of course and scared to death. I had never been arrested before and didn't know what would happen. He explained everything to me and also calmed me down. I certainly know that in a terrible situation he was an angel to help me.

I believe he should be commended and receive special recognition for his "beyond the call of duty" style of law enforcement. He carried out his duties and more in a superior fashion all the time having control of the immediate situation and our safety. I am truly grateful the he decided to become an Ohio State Highway Patrolman.  
— C.G.

7/19/11

On Tuesday, July 5, my sister and I were driving to St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville from Portsmouth to take our brother for hip surgery. Our brother was to be at the hospital at 10 a.m. At 10 minutes before 9 a.m., I had a flat tire just inside the Franklin County line. AAA was called and would respond to help in approximately 1-1½ hours, a real problem!

Tpr. Jason Allison (District 6 LCS) was passing our vehicle and stopped immediately. Without knowing AAA's time frame, he insisted on changing the tire and then even followed us to a nearby service station to add air to the "donut" spare.

Because of his compassion, his professionalism and assistance, we were at the hospital at 10 a.m. He made me promise I would not drive the speed limit on the spare. We are all so grateful to Tpr. Allison and we want everyone to know what an asset he is to the state of Ohio.

— S.L.

6/27/2011

My wife and I live in Pandora, Ohio. We recently drove through Kentucky and Tennessee on our way down to Georgia recently and returned going through each said state.

We travelled on I-40 east of Knoxville and on I-75. The contrast between Ohio and those states could not be more pronounced. The speed limit on curvy and mountainous road was posted at 70. Drivers routinely drove 80 to 90 mph in a hazardous and reckless manner. We had to be constantly aware of kamikaze NASCAR-type drivers who would be on our bumper not more than two feet away, zipping from lane to lane without using signals and without enough safe clearance between vehicles when making lane changes.

We did not see one Kentucky or Tennessee state trooper on these roads traveling in either direction.

I know we are in our 60s and fast driving is more exhausting, but when we returned to Ohio, we saw four Highway Patrol cruisers within the first 30 miles we were in Ohio on I-275.

We were never so thankful to be back where the traffic laws are enforced. Immediately, the speed of the average driver was within five mph of the posted speed limit and the kamikaze NASCAR method of driving ended.

I know there were some exceptions, but if it was not for your wonderful folks, driving would be a dangerous and hazardous means of transportation like in Tennessee and Kentucky. We appreciate the Ohio State Highway Patrol patrolling our roads and not, as in many other states, just sitting in one place.

My wife and I do not intend to spend any of our tourism dollars in those two states. We will keep our tourism dollars in Ohio. Thank you very much for the wonderful job you do.

— J.D.

6/8/2011

I would just like to send a compliment to Tpr. Douglas Bitler (Springfield). He pulled me over today and cited me for speeding. He was extremely professional and efficient. I respect his and all law enforcement's commitment to safety and public service.

I understand first-hand the dangers and risks of having a career in law enforcement. I lost my husband, who was a deputy sheriff in Oklahoma, in the line of duty. I was 24 at the time and was left with our 11-month-old daughter. The law enforcement community all across the nation has helped my baby girl and me get by day-to-day over the past year and a half.

Thank you and Tpr. Bitler for your continuing service to the State of Ohio. Job well done!

— A.M.

*Certificates of Recognition*

**Sgt. Michael A. Harmon**, Warren, received a Certificate of Recognition for life-saving actions. On July 31, 2011, Sgt. Harmon was at the Warren Post when a man came to the door and reported a woman was unconscious in his vehicle in the parking lot. Sgt. Harmon found the unconscious subject breathing slowly. He reclined the vehicle seat and made sure the woman's airway was clear. When informed the victim was a known drug user, Sgt. Harmon requested a rescue squad. As he continued to monitor the victim, she suddenly stopped breathing. Sgt. Harmon retrieved a rescue flow mask and administered rescue breaths until emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene.



**Michael A. Harmon**

**Tpr. Anik M. Lepage**, Piqua, received a Certificate of Recognition for assisting a kidnapping and robbery victim. On July 6, 2011, Tpr. Lepage was off-duty with David A. Stanley at a service station in Huber Heights when a speeding vehicle occupied by two females pulled into the parking lot. The car came to a sudden stop, with the driver yelling she was being robbed as she tried to exit the vehicle. As the passenger pulled the driver back into the car, Mr. Stanley approached the passenger side and Tpr. Lepage approached the driver side. The passenger said the driver was her mother, but the driver told Tpr. Lepage the passenger said she had a gun and was going to kill her. The passenger then fled into a wooded area nearby. Tpr. Lepage called 9-1-1 and stayed with the victim while Mr. Stanley tried to find the suspect. When police arrived, Tpr. Lepage provided a description of the suspect. The officers searched the woods and found the suspect, who was identified by Tpr. Lepage and Mr. Stanley.



**Anik M. Lepage**

**Tpr. Kyle D. Chamblin**, Georgetown, received a Certificate of Recognition for rescuing a motorist stranded in high water. On May 3, 2011, Tpr. Chamblin was en route to his residence after completing his shift when he received a report of high water on Russellville Winchester Road. Tpr. Chamblin responded to the scene and found a stalled vehicle in the water on the roadway. The female driver was standing on the window seal of the vehicle as the rapidly rising water was already at the vehicle's door. Tpr. Chamblin grabbed his rescue rope and secured it to a tree along the embankment, removed his gun belt, and waded into waist-high water to retrieve the victim. He successfully reached the woman and carried her to an embankment out of the water. Soon after, the force of the water carried the vehicle off of the roadway and pushed it against a guardrail.



**Kyle D. Chamblin**

**Tpr. Marlin E. Folden**, Jackson, received a Certificate of Recognition for his efforts to extend the life of a victim of cardiac arrest. On April 26, 2011, Tpr. Folden responded to a report of a man suffering a medical emergency at a rest area in Jackson County. He found the victim unconscious on the floor while the man's daughter performed CPR. Tpr. Folden made sure emergency medical personnel were dispatched and then performed CPR on the man for 10 minutes until relieved by emergency medical personnel. The victim was transported to a local hospital and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. Although the man died the next day, family members expressed their appreciation for Tpr. Folden's efforts, which afforded them the opportunity to see their loved one before he passed away.



**Marlin E. Folden**

**Sgt. Ryan S. Chapman, Sgt. Gamel S. Brimah, Tpr. Douglas D. Elliott, Tpr. Stacy L. Stidham, Tpr. Eric A. Weaver and ES1 Melissa J. Fellure**, all of the Office of Investigative Services, received Certificates of Recognition for their efforts in a complicated criminal investigation for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In April 2010, DAS asked the Patrol to assist in an extensive criminal investigation involving state employees who knowingly added ineligible dependents to their healthcare plans. Investigators ultimately identified 431 suspected incidents of fraud, found 70 state employees with ineligible dependents and uncovered fraudulent claims totaling \$94,525. ES1 Fellure was a valuable resource throughout the investigation and her input was instrumental to the success of the investigation.



**Sgt. Ryan S. Chapman, Sgt. Gamel S. Brimah, Tpr. Stacy L. Stidham, ES1 Melissa J. Fellure, Tpr. Douglas D. Elliott and Tpr. Eric A. Weaver.**

### Findlay District

Tpr. William R. Bowers, Findlay Investigations, was awarded the Accessible Parking Enforcement Award—the first of its kind in the country—by the Governor’s Council on People with Disabilities. Attorney General Mike DeWine presented the award during a ceremony at the Statehouse on August 18, 2011.

Tpr. Bowers’ outstanding efforts began in early 2010 when the combined campuses of The Ohio State University and Rhodes Community College in Lima, Ohio, requested assistance with students parking in accessible spots illegally. The illegal parking forced students and visitors with disabilities to park in the rear of the lot. Tpr. Bowers adjusted his normal work schedule in order to be on campus during the times when most of the violations were occurring. He used both

educational and enforcement efforts to bring awareness to the students and gain compliance regarding the proper use of accessible parking placards.

Tpr. Bowers began his Patrol career in February 1997 as a cadet dispatcher at the Lima Post. He began training as a member of the 130th Academy Class in October 1997 and earned his commission in May of that year. He remained at the Lima Post, before transferring to the Findlay District’s Office of Investigative Services in August 2011.



**William R. Bowers**

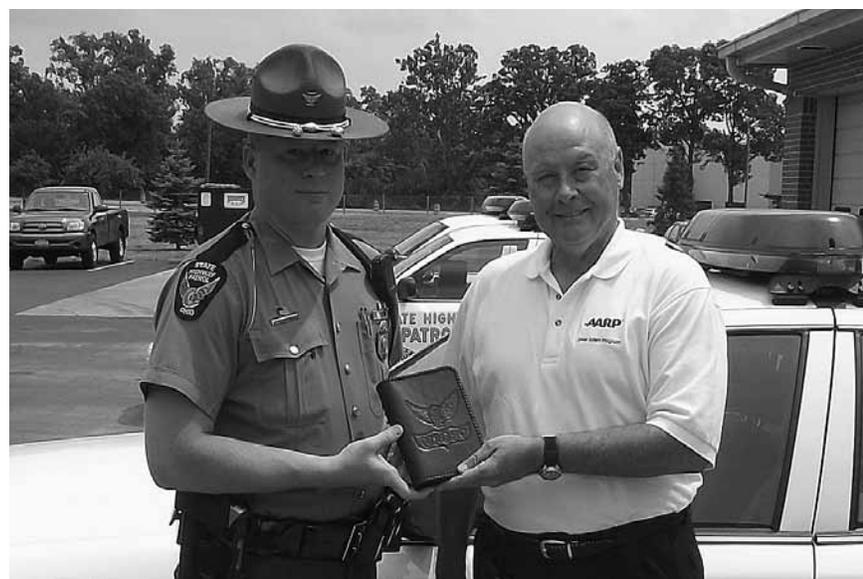
### Over the Hill

Three new members joined the Patrol’s “Over the Hill” club for achieving 30 years of service with the Division.

The remaining active members of the 111th Class achieved 30 years of service on July 8, 2011.



**From left: Colonel John Born, Sgt. Paul R. Weber, Major John H. Bistor, S/Lt. Chester L. Engle and Public Safety Director Thomas P. Charles.**



### Dayton

On July 7, 2011, Harold Sterling, a graduate of the 62nd Academy Class, paid a visit to the Dayton Post and met with Tpr. Steve Ilo, 136th Academy Class.

Mr. Sterling shared some great stories from his service at Dayton in the 1960s and brought items from his days with the Patrol including signal cards and a Dayton Daily News article dedicated to “a day in the life of a state trooper.”

Mr. Sterling presented Tpr. Ilo with a custom-made leather ticket book that he used as a young trooper. The black leather case is embossed with the Flying Wheel and U-1039, the unit number Sterling and Ilo share.

## Patrol Mourns Loss of Two Canine Units

The Patrol is mourning the loss of two successful and dedicated drug-detecting canines, Cheisa, who passed away on July 16, 2011, and Hans, who passed away on June 3, 2011, each following a brief illness.

K9 Cheisa, born in the Netherlands in 2002, had been with the Patrol since April 2004. Her handler was Tpr. Ryan Stewart, Northwest Regional Criminal Patrol.

In 2004, K9 Cheisa was awarded the Hero of the Year Award, for the sniff and seizure of \$1,456,092 of U.S. Currency. K9 Cheisa currently holds an Ohio State Highway Patrol record for a 15-pound heroin seizure. During K9 Cheisa's tenure with the Patrol, she was responsible for having seized \$16,539,736 in recovered assets and illegal drugs.

K9 Hans, born in the Netherlands in 1999, had been with the Patrol since May 2001. His handler was Tpr. Al Romero, Northwest Regional Criminal Patrol.

In 2003 K9 Hans was awarded the Recognition Award for Meritorious Service from the American Police Hall of Fame. K9 Hans currently holds two Ohio State Highway Patrol records. He detected the largest amount of psilocybin



**K9 Cheisa**



**K9 Hans**

mushrooms — 23 pounds — and the largest cash seizure of \$1,032,980, both from single traffic stops. During K9 Hans' tenure with the Patrol he was responsible for having seized \$59,686,829.00 in total assets.

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## Drum and Bugle Corps

Sgt. Paul March, Elyria, was one of three conductors at the Cleveland Police Memorial Ceremony in May, along with directors from a Canadian band and the U.S. Marine Corps Band.



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## Canfield

Joey D'Apolito, son of Dispatcher Anthony D'Apolito, Lisbon Dispatch Center, chose Colonel Lynn Black for his "Famous American" project at Canfield Hilltop Elementary.

For the third grade project, Joey had to research and author a presentation about someone who was influential in American History. Joey chose Lynn Black because of his family ties with the Patrol. Not only does his father dispatch, but his grandfather, Rudy Zemelka is a retired lieutenant and his uncle, Lt. Brant Zemelka, is the current commander at the Lima Post.

In the picture with Joey are Trooper Eric Brown (left) and Trooper Darrell Johnson (right).



**Christopher K. Minter**  
Major Christopher K. Minter, Strategic Services commander, retired August 26, 2011, after 37 years of service. He is a member of the 101st Academy Class.



**Michael A. Harmon**  
Sergeant Michael A. Harmon, Warren Post, retired August 5, 2011, after 21 years of service. He is a member of the 119th Academy Class.



**Thomas A. Dean**  
Captain Thomas A. Dean, Jackson District commander, retired July 1, 2011, after 28 years of service. He is a member of the 112th Academy Class.



**Vernon G. Pringle**  
Sergeant G. Pringle, Capitol Operations, retired July 29, 2011, after 23 years of service. He is a member of the 117th Academy Class.



**Richard E. Grau**  
Lieutenant Richard E. Grau, Gallipolis Post commander, retired June 18, 2011, after 28 years of service. He is a member of the 112th Academy Class.



**Harry E. Schwind**  
Sergeant Harry E. Schwind, Investigative Services, retired June 3, 2011, after 36 years of service. He is a member of the 96th Academy Class.



**Michael J. Stein**  
Lieutenant Michael J. Stein, Aviation Unit, retired July 15, 2011, after 36 years of service. He is a member of the 100th Academy Class.



**Paul R. Weber**  
Sergeant Paul R. Weber, Piqua Post, retired August 27, 2011, after 30 years of service. He is a member of the 111th Academy Class.



**Timothy D. Dawson**  
Sergeant Timothy D. Dawson, Employee Relations Unit, retired July 29, 2011, after 30 years of service. He is a member of the 109th Academy Class.



**Mark D. Ball**  
Trooper Mark D. Ball, Jackson Investigations, retired July 12, 2011, after 18 years of service. He is a member of the 124th Academy Class.



**Richard B. Graber**  
Sergeant Richard B. Graber, Massillon Investigations, retired August 1, 2011, after 37 years of service. He is a member of the 100th Academy Class.



**Jeffrey A. Burroughs**  
Trooper Jeffrey A. Burroughs, Circleville Post, entered disability retirement on April 28, 2011, after 13 years of service. He is a member of the 129th Academy Class.



**Russell A. Cantrell**

Trooper Russell A. Cantrell, Columbus Commercial Enforcement, retired May 13, 2011, after 28 years of service. He is a member of the 112th Academy Class.



**Willard M. Nelson**

Trooper Willard M. Nelson, St. Clairsville Post, retired August 10, 2011, after 25 years of service. He is a member of the 114th Academy Class.



**Marc S. Glover**

Trooper Marc S. Glover, Batavia Post, retired June 24, 2011, after 32 years of service. He is a member of the 110th Academy Class.



**Lana D. Spriggs-Conley**

Trooper Lana D. Spriggs-Conley, Portsmouth Post, retired August 1, 2011, after 20 years of service. She is a member of the 125th Academy Class.



**Nicholas G. Hoffman**

Trooper Nicholas G. Hoffman, Gallipolis Post, entered disability retirement on June 23, 2011, after seven years of service. He is a member of the 141st Academy Class.



**Clark P. Wilson**

Trooper Clark P. Wilson, Massillon Commercial Enforcement, retired August 25, 2011, after 30 years of service. He is a member of the 110th Academy Class.



**Daniel L. Keller**

Trooper Daniel L. Keller, Ashtabula Post, entered disability retirement on May 8, 2011, after 13 years of service. He is a member of the 131st Academy Class.



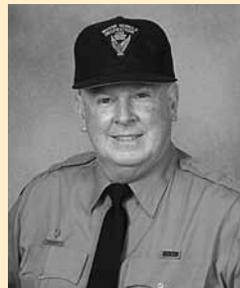
**Larry R. Nanna**

Motor Carrier Enforcement Supervisor Larry R. Nanna, Piqua Commercial Enforcement, retired August 5, 2011, after 44 years of service.



**Thomas W. Lemmon**

Trooper Thomas W. Lemmon, Massillon Investigations, retired July 1, 2011, after 32 years of service. He is a member of the 104th Academy Class.



**Charles B. Beasley**

Motor Vehicle Inspector Charles B. Beasley, Bucyrus Commercial Enforcement, retired June 17, 2011, after 40 years of service.



**Gary E. Mitchell**

Trooper Gary E. Mitchell, Piqua Commercial Enforcement, retired August 26, 2011, after 30 years of service. He is a member of the 110th Academy Class.



**Harry S. Stefansky**

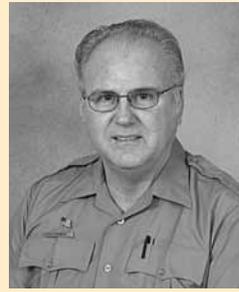
Motor Vehicle Inspector Harry S. Stefansky, Warren Commercial Enforcement, retired July 29, 2011, after 26 years of service.

# OSHP RETIREMENTS



## **Edward J. Krcal**

Communications Technician Edward J. Krcal, Berea Communications Center, retired September 30, 2011, after 26 years of service.



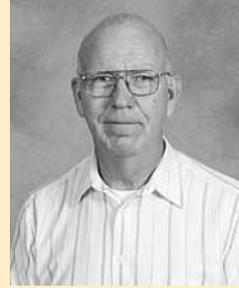
## **Paul B. Rogers**

Security Officer 1 Paul B. Rogers, Training Academy, retired August 31, 2011, after 15 years of service.



## **Stanley G. Wnoroski**

Dispatcher Stanley G. Wnoroski, Ashtabula Post, retired June 1, 2011, after 40 years of service.



## **James T. Gilkey**

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 James T. Gilkey, West Jefferson Post, retired September 30, 2011, after 30 years of service.



## **Todd A. Bennett**

Driver Examiner 2 Todd A. Bennett, Jackson LCS, retired July 29, 2011, after 30 years of service.



## **Dianna K. Raubenolt**

Administrative Assistant 1 Dianna K. Raubenolt, Investigative Services, retired September 23, 2011, after 27 years of service.



## **Florence L. Eberle**

Driver Examiner 1 Florence L. Eberle, Lima Exam Station, retired September 1, 2011, after 27 years of service.



## **Jacqueline K. Sweitzer**

Executive Secretary 1 Jacqueline K. Sweitzer, Piqua DHQ, retired August 31, 2011, after 28 years of service.



## **Janet Hirst**

Driver Examiner 1 Janet Hirst, Sharonville Exam Station, retired July 1, 2011, after 12 years of service.

One of the stories that I enjoyed having read to me by my father was, "The Little Engine That Could."

Maybe the title is a little different, and I could not find a copy, but the story is imbedded in my mind. There was the challenge of getting the Christmas toys up and over the mountain to the children in the valley on the other side. After big engines refused to help, the little engine responded to the challenge and began the journey.

My father would depart from the script and add his own expressions as the little engine huffed and puffed up the mountain with the exclamation, "I think I can. I think I can." Dad would draw out those words and I could just see that engine exerting all the energy it could to make it to the top, and then down the other side with the cheerful exclamation, "I thought I could. I thought I could."

As I grew older and engaged in engineering studies and work, I thought back to the story and decided that the engine was able to accomplish the task because all of its parts were functioning harmoniously. All the wheels were well lubricated and running smoothly. The brakes were off and the cylinders were operating with total efficiency to power the pistons. Every part of the engine worked in a cooperative and efficient

manner and in partnership with the other parts.

What does this have to do with the operation of the Ohio State Highway Patrol? It seems to me that the story is a reminder of how the Patrol is functioning and accomplishing what some might say was an impossible mission. It is great to hear from Colonel Born that Ohio is on the way to having less than 1,000 fatalities on the highways this year.

Some have said that such a goal was not possible to accomplish, but the Patrol, like the little engine, moves from an "I think I can" attitude to a "I thought I could" accomplishment. All the statistics reveal how the Patrol is functioning efficiently and accomplishing great things to provide a safer Ohio for all its citizens. The goals are being met and exceeded not because of one person. It is the result of everyone working in a committed and harmonious manner. It is the result of team effort.

Perhaps the role of the chaplain is to move from a child's story to the authority of Scripture. Let me quote the words of a great leader, the Apostle Paul. He stated, "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body." (I Corinthians 12:12)

When the Patrol continues to function as one body with common commitment to the mission of providing a safer



Ohio, even greater accomplishments will take place. My fellow chaplains Hurlbert and McNerney join with me in affirming our support of the mission. Our prayers are with every one of you in the marvelous family known as the Ohio State Highway Patrol as you continue to accomplish great things by putting service above self.

Respectfully,

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