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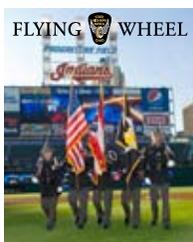


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Our reputation is based on what each of you are doing every day and what we have done as Ohio's state level law enforcement agency for more than 75 years. I hope each of you share the hope and confidence that we will individually and collectively emerge from these trying economic times as a stronger, better organization.

It is not a secret that Ohio's economy is impacting our department and the Patrol. We recently completed a difficult budget process that was not without its share of controversy. A number of issues were discussed during this process, including the possibility of moving the Department of Public Safety from the Transportation Budget to the General Revenue Budget. Without going into all of the details, the consequences of such a drastic change would have had an immediate negative impact. Thanks in large part to Governor Strickland's support of our mission and the Patrol, this change did not take place.

But the final version of the Transportation Budget did include language that requires a task force be formed to review the mission of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. I have been asked about the "Mission Task Force" almost daily since House Bill 2 (the Transportation Budget) was finalized. This amendment to House Bill 2 calls for a 17-member committee to review and compare our responsibilities with the local, state, and federal agencies that we work with. The focus of the group is to look for "overlaps" in responsibilities among agencies. The fundamental question, as I see it, would be, are these overlaps necessary? Can the patrol and law enforcement function in a more efficient way by isolating some of the responsibilities between agencies?

As a member of the Mission Task Force, I am looking forward to providing my input on this very important question. The law enforcement community, including the Ohio State Highway Patrol, has a fundamental responsibility to provide the best service possible in the most efficient manner possible. We have a responsibility to the public to look for ways to improve service but at the same time reduce costs and eliminate redundancies, when practical.

With that, I believe the upcoming public review of our critical role is an opportunity to showcase what we do every hour of every day and how it brings great public value to the citizens we serve and the law enforcement partners with which we work.

We have worked hard to develop and foster positive working relationships and open lines of communication with our law enforcement partners across the state. It is vitally important that we continue these partnerships. Though sometimes viewed by an uneducated eye as a redundancy or "overlap," this cooperation and collaboration is the key to keeping traffic deaths at a minimum and crime rates in check.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol, and each of you, provide one of the best products in the world. I am eager to be part of this Task Force to tell our story of value and success.



Colonel Richard H. Collins
Superintendent



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Patrol's driver license examiners provide valuable public services

For many, the driver license testing process is the first, and only, contact a person has with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Many people do not realize that when their teenage son or daughter goes to take a written or driving test for an Ohio driver license they are going to a Patrol facility and are tested by a Patrol employee.

Patrol driver license examiners staff 86 permanent driver exam (DX) stations across the state, several part-time locations and three mobile DXs – all of which are operated by the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Our examiners annually administer more than 250,000 driving tests, more than 275,000 maneuverability tests, and in excess of 575,000 written tests for non-commercial drivers. Exam station personnel also administer written commercial driver license (CDL) tests.

Scheduling a driving test can sometimes be a timely ordeal. To make the process faster and easier, the Patrol offers Web-based scheduling at www.ohiodrivingtest.com.

Internet users who have any questions or concerns about the Web-based scheduling, or who need assistance in scheduling an appointment are also urged to contact their local DX. A complete listing of DX locations is available on the Patrol's Web site at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/counties.

Patrol driver license examiners working from the three Mobile DXs conduct knowledge and skills driver licensing tests in areas of the state where services have not historically been available. Each Mobile DX is operated by a driver license examiner and has four testing kiosks available for customers to take knowledge tests in the morning. Mobile DXs are also equipped with a wheelchair lift for ADA compliance.

An area of increasing importance and public value in which our examiners are involved pertains to ID theft and ID fraud. A primary way criminals engage in ID theft is by using fraudulently obtained driver licenses.

The Federal Trade Commission reported that about 10.1 million people experienced identity theft in 2003, the most recent year of data. According to



a 2007 report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, in 2005, 6.4 million households, representing 5.5 percent of all households in the U.S., discovered that at least one member experienced one or more types of identity theft with 1.1 million households reporting misuse of personal information such as a social security number.

Our examiners are well-trained and proactive in addressing this problem during the driver testing process. Examiners are clear with customers on this issue – using false information to obtain an Ohio driver license is a form of ID fraud and ID theft and is a crime we take seriously.

Our driver license examiners are proud to serve Ohioans, and provide invaluable contributions toward making local roads and communities safer. From professionally administering tests that ensure a person is qualified to receive an Ohio driver license, to being a front-line deterrent to ID theft, the Patrol's driver license examiners provide invaluable public safety services everyday in communities across Ohio.



2009 Police Memorial activities

Highway Patrol Memorial

Family and friends of the Patrol gathered at the Academy on May 8 to honor our 38 officers and five support personnel killed in the line of duty as part of the annual Ohio State Highway Patrol Memorial Ceremony.

Each year the Patrol hosts this event to commemorate those who gave their lives in service and to reaffirm our commitment to making Ohio a safer place to live and work.

Colonel Richard Collins, superintendent, and George Maier, assistant director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, each addressed the audience before a 21-gun salute, the sounding of "Taps" and a fly-over by Patrol and Columbus Police helicopters.

Sgt. Timothy Root, Findlay District Investigations, tolled the Academy bell as retired Lt. Colonel Shel Senek, president of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, read the roster of the deceased.

Following the roll call, the Columbus Police and Fire Pipe and Drums provided an emotional performance of "Amazing Grace."

Ohio Peace Officers Memorial

Patrol personnel also attended and participated in other local, state and national memorial ceremonies.

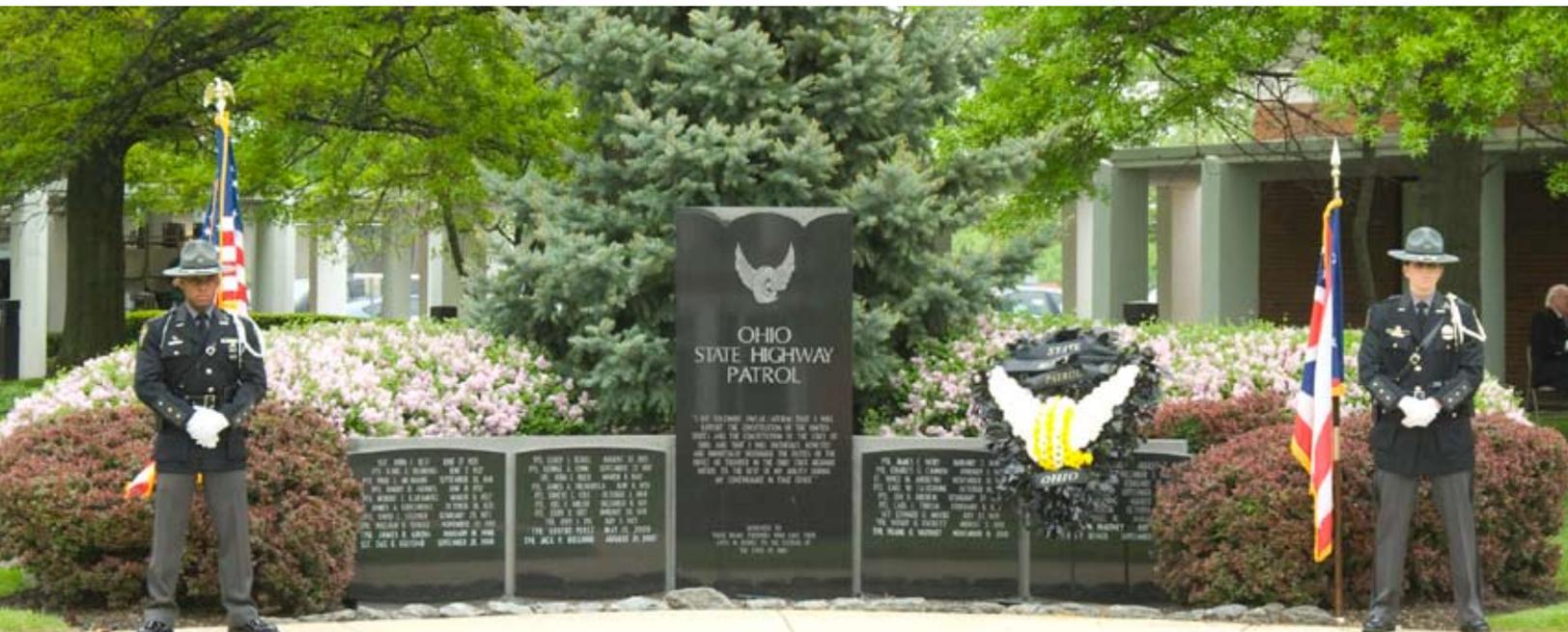
On May 5, Colonel Collins represented the Division at the statewide remembrance at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio, as did troopers who participated in the Color Guard for the ceremony to honor Ohio officers killed in the line of duty.



Captain Brigette E. Charles greets the family of Tpr. Wendy G. Everett who was killed in the line of duty on August 5, 1988, when she was struck by a hit-skip driver while outside her patrol car completing an investigation on Interstate 270 at US Route 62 in Franklin County.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

The Patrol was well-represented at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Several members of the Drum & Bugle Corps volunteered their time to participate. In Washington, the Corps performed at the Police and Fire Unity Mass, held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and at the National Police Memorial as final preparations were made for the 21st Annual Candlelight Vigil.



FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYSIS UNIT: Examination, comparison and evaluation

As a utility of the Office of Strategic Services, the Ohio State Highway Patrol administers a fully functional video forensic analysis laboratory. The services of this laboratory are available to all personnel to enhance their ability to solve crimes as well as apprehend and prosecute criminals.

“What is forensic video analysis?”

Forensic video analysis is the scientific examination, comparison and/or evaluation of video in legal matters. It consists of evaluating, enhancing and examining recorded evidence from video systems such as CCTV cameras, dashboard cameras and surveillance operations. These and other systems record on to VHS, DVD, CD or digitally on hard disk drives, all of which can be analyzed by the Forensic Video Analysis Unit.

“What specific services are available?”

Laboratory personnel are capable of forensic analysis in areas that include:

- De-Multiplex – The isolation of multiple camera views that reside on consecutive frames or fields.
- Quad Isolation – The isolation of a single camera view when more than one appears on the screen at the same time.
- Time-Lapse Correction – The speed correction of video that is captured slower than 30 frames per second.
- Audio/Video Enhancement – The ability to increase the clarity and intelligibility of recorded evidence.
- Tape Repair – The repair of broken or damaged video tapes.
- Recovery from Damaged Media – The restoration of video images from broken and/or damaged media.

“Who can benefit from these services?”

The capabilities of the unit are available to any officer of the Division including field officers and



plainclothes investigators, as well as any other law enforcement agency or specialized group.

“Is there anything that can be done prior to contacting lab personnel that will assist them in their analysis?”

YES! There are several things that can be done to maintain and preserve the video which will enhance the analysis.

- Always submit the video on the original media if possible.
- Make a working copy if necessary to review the tape locally. Continually reviewing a tape degrades its quality over time.
- Remove the “record tab” on video tapes before submission.
- Always follow your agency’s chain of evidence when submitting video.

When in doubt, contact lab personnel immediately for guidance.

“How do I request the services of the Forensic Video Analysis Unit?”

Contact lab personnel at:

Ohio State Highway Patrol
Forensic Video Analysis Unit
P.O. Box 182074
1970 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43218-2074

614-752-3992 (office)
DSLee@dps.state.oh.us

Patrol goes green by equipping fleet with solar panels to save fuel and extend vehicle battery life

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is equipping its fleet of 1,150 Ford Crown Victoria cruisers with 5-watt solar panels in an effort to improve the vehicle's battery performance and conserve fuel consumption.

The Patrol researched and tested the effectiveness of both the 1.5-watt and 5-watt solar panels available and came to the conclusion that the 5-watt would be most efficient in improving the vehicle and battery performance.

Due to the magnitude of law enforcement specific equipment installed in each of the Patrol's cruisers a significant amount of drain occurs on the batteries even when the vehicle is off. The Patrol anticipates the life of the vehicle's battery will be extended with the use of the solar panels, resulting in a cost savings.

This green technology will allow the Patrol to not only sustain battery life, but conserve on fuel. Troopers will now be able to have the cruiser off when sitting in stationary patrol.

The Patrol has already conserved nearly \$1 million or 16.4 percent in fuel from fiscal year 2007 to fiscal year 2008, with the increase of stationary patrols.

With the installed solar panels, troopers will be able to operate the radio system with the vehicle's engine off, saving fuel and with no adverse effect on battery life.

The new solar panels will also aide in officer safety and service to the citizens of Ohio by supporting one of the most important communication tools a trooper on the roadway has: the radio system, which connects troopers with dispatchers.

If a trooper shuts off his cruiser during stationary patrol and cannot restart the vehicle due to a dead battery, the trooper may lose the ability to start his engine to respond to incidents.



Top: Patrol cruisers are now equipped with 5-watt solar panels in an effort to improve battery performance and to conserve fuel consumption.

Bottom: The Patrol recycled misprinted license plates to make brackets used to mount the solar panels.

The solar panels are installed in the rear deck of the cruiser, with direct wiring to the vehicle's battery. The Patrol recycled misprinted license plates to fashion brackets, which not only saved money, but allowed them to custom fit the panel to the vehicle. The panels cost \$36.99 each and should operate for five years.

50 Years of Service

Warren District's Fermina Sanchez joined the Patrol on June 8, 1959

Executive Secretary 1 Fermina Sanchez, the Patrol's longest-serving employee, was honored recently for her five decades of service. She agreed to answer a few questions about her career.

Q: What keeps you going?

A: (Laughs). That's a good question. What keeps me going is just being around people I enjoy and doing work I enjoy. It's a new experience every day. I've never been one who likes to sit at home, so just to have somewhere to go to do something that I enjoy is nice.

Q: What were your intentions when you started with the Patrol? Did you think you would spend your entire career with the Division?

A: Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be here 50 years! I never imagined it. But personal and family matters dictated that I stay close to home and I enjoyed my job and enjoyed the people I worked with, so I guess it's like they say, "If it's not broken, don't fix it."

Q: Do you remember your first day, what it was like?

A: Oh, I was scared to death. I didn't know anyone who worked here. My brother's father-in-law knew one of the girls that worked here, so I got in touch with her to see if we could ride together. I remember I walked in with her that first day and I was so scared.

Q: Have you ever considered taking another position, either with the Patrol or elsewhere?

A: Well, I hired in at what I am now. I was a stenographer 3, but I did then what I do now, which is being the district commander's secretary. I never wanted to do anything else. I was happy. I just always wanted to be a secretary.

Q: Of course there have been many changes within the Patrol over the last 50 years. For you personally, what has been the biggest change, either personnel-wise or with technology or something else?

A: Well, the personnel always changes, people coming and going. You expect that, but I do get attached to people, so that's always difficult.

I'd have to say, computers were the biggest change and the hardest thing for me. I had never worked with them before. One day they brought in the computers and said, "Okay, this is what you have to do now." Thank goodness for (Lt. Colonel) Bill Costas. He was a sergeant at the time and he



Fermina's personnel photo in 1959 and a recent photo.

knew about computers.

He came to DHQ one day and showed us the basics. I'm sure he wouldn't think it was anything, but it really helped.

We didn't have any other training at first. They gave us a three-inch manual and told us to read it. And of course, it didn't make any sense. I can remember calling my niece and asking her, "What does it mean to boot the computer?" And she laughed and said, "Oh Aunt Fermina, that just means turn it on." And I said, "Then why don't they just say that?"

Q: What does the future hold for you?

A: The future...I'm looking toward retirement in a year or so. I have a new house I built about five years ago, so there is still a lot to do there. I just want to enjoy life and my family. I have two sisters here and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews — we're very close. And I have good friends and I like to travel. So I'm looking forward to that as long as the money holds out.



Lt. Colonel William Costas presented Fermina with her 50-year service pin at a brunch in her honor on June 15.

149th Class commences

The first Patrol training class in two years entered the Training Academy on May 13. The 39 cadets are expected to graduate on December 11, 2009, after completing courses on topics including firearms, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, cultural sensitivity and crash investigation training.



Auxiliary Class graduates

The Patrol's second Auxiliary class in three years graduated April 4 after eight days of law enforcement training, which included firearm familiarization, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, cultural sensitivity and assisting in crash investigation.

The unarmed graduates assist troopers at crash scenes and traffic stops, traffic control, disaster relief and special detail support.



Guns-N-Hoses

Patrol joins blood donation campaign to fight summer blood shortages

It is that time of year again for baseball games, fishing trips, summer vacations and fireworks. This time of year also marks the beginning of trauma season here in Ohio - the time of year when motor vehicle crashes and traumatic injuries increase and often the need for blood exceeds the supply.

In addition, with all of the summer activities coming up, the amount of people who have time to donate blood decreases. That is why the Ohio State Highway Patrol is teaming up with the American Red Cross for the 14th Annual Guns-N-Hoses blood donor campaign which runs June 25 through July 31.

Troopers, as law enforcement officers and first responders see first-hand what the gift of donating blood can do for those injured in traffic crashes and other emergency situations.

"There are people alive today, people who are not suffering from debilitating injuries, and people whose quality of life has improved because of the decision made by people like you to donate blood," said Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent. "I am encouraging the entire Patrol family to donate blood this trauma season, and for them in turn to encourage their friends, family and communities to join us in helping to save lives."

Guns-N-Hoses began in 1996 as a friendly competition between police and fire officers to see who could bring in the most blood donations. Those who donate during the campaign can make their donation a vote for either fire fighters or police officers. In the

end, the patients who benefit from the available blood products are the real winners.

Counties participating in this year's campaign include: Athens, Champaign, Coshocton, Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Guernsey, Hardin, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Richland, Ross, Tuscarawas, Union and Vinton.

The Patrol family statewide is encouraged to donate blood this summer, even if their county is not participating in the Guns-N-Hoses campaign. Any questions about the campaign or how to participate can be directed to Jessica Pierson in the Public Affairs Unit at 614-752-4331.

How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, visit www.BloodSavesLives.org, or contact your local Red Cross Chapter.



American Red Cross

**The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™**

IDRKIDS program gains more attention

When a child is reported missing, the first few minutes and hours are crucial. Parents must have accurate and current information about the child, including photographs. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) issues State ID cards, which include a digital photograph, to children of any age.

The photographs and information can be quickly accessed by law enforcement if a child is reported missing or abducted. When a State ID is issued, the photos become part of a statewide Operator's License/Identification database and can be readily accessed by law enforcement officials through the Ohio Attorney General's secure Web site, the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway. An Ohio BMV-issued State ID card costs only \$8.50 and is good for up to four years.

"The Ohio BMV is proud to offer services, and we want to make sure parents and guardians are aware that they can take advantage of our customer service center to make the whole family safer," said Ohio BMV Registrar Mike Rankin.

Any child under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must provide proof of name, date of birth and social security number, if ever assigned, for the child as well as proof of name, date of birth and social security number or their Ohio driver license for themselves.

On May 17, Cuyahoga Falls Mayor Don Robart along with Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio held an event at the new Cuyahoga Falls License Bureau to allow parents an to take advantage of the IDRKIDS program by providing them with an additional opportunity to obtain an ID card.

"This program is yet another safeguard for parents to protect their children. Knowing that information on your child is instantly accessible to every law enforcement agency in the nation should provide the parent and the child some peace of mind," said Judge Teodosio.

The program was highly successful with over 100 children receiving ID cards. For more information about the IDRKIDS program, log onto www.Ohio.BMV.gov.



Around 1973, I was driving my Karmann Ghia on the highway around Columbus when, because it was a nice day and I was having a good time not worrying about anything, I ran out of gas. I was rescued after only minutes by a State Trooper who had a cruiser equipped with the ability to transfer gas to my car. He gave me the enclosed envelope and said that I could voluntarily send in the amount of a gallon of gas sometime. Well, this is my sometime, and gas has gone up a bit. I never threw away the envelope because I was so very grateful for the help of the officer. I was alone on the highway that day. I was also grateful that some years earlier I was traveling with my father who had health problems and we had a flat tire. My dad was trying to change the tire when a trooper arrived and stepped in to change the tire. He was kind and good-natured, and he didn't make my dad feel useless. I have always remembered these two incidents, and although most people, including my husband, think it's pretty funny that I saved an envelope from 1973, it is a measure of my gratitude for the help I received in a time of need. I hope my contribution will send help to some other person in a similar predicament.

Toni Hover
South Royalton, VT

Ed. Note: The letter above arrived in an old HP-83 envelope (rev. 12/1/72), pre-printed with the former address of General Headquarters on East Main Street. Ms. Hover also enclosed \$20 to reimburse the Division for the gas that was provided to her 36 years ago.

On June 6, I was on my way to Indianapolis on I-70 when I had a blowout on my trailer just outside Urbana. Shortly after getting off the road, an Ohio State Trooper pulled in behind me, and asked if I needed any assistance. As I explained that this was the second blowout on the trip, and I didn't have another spare to put on the trailer, your Trooper offered to give me a lift to the closest store to purchase a new tire. I thankfully accepted and I was quickly back on my way to Indianapolis. I would like to extend a HUGE and sincere thank you to that trooper and to the entire Ohio State Police force.

Phillip J. Ferrell

I came across notes I misplaced from a 6/18/07 tire blowout I experienced while driving southbound on very busy interstate south of the Athens Post. Just about two years late to the day, but wanted to send appreciative feedback concerning two very kind and helpful officers that stopped and stayed with me while I changed the tire. It would have been very dangerous changing the tire without the troopers' assistance.

Les Cockram
Silver Springs, FL

On June 19, my grandfather passed away at the age of 86. We held the funeral on June 23 and I was quite surprised to see the two lieutenants of the Canfield and Lisbon posts at the funeral, Lt. Chris Heverly and Lt. Mike Orosz. These two gentlemen led the funeral procession from the funeral home, to the church and then led past my grandfather's old residence to the cemetery. It was such an honor to my family to have the post commanders of the two posts I dispatch for to have the respect not only for me but for my grandfather. This speaks very highly of the individuals in our organization.

It would have been an honor just to have troopers lead the procession, but these two men took time out of their busy days as the commanders of their posts to make the entire family feel special and honored. Please pass on my gratitude to these fine individuals, Colonel Collins and to the entire Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Dispatcher Anthony D'Apolito and Family

My name is Laurel Salamon, my husband is currently a cadet in the 149th training academy class. I wanted to take the time to thank Colonel Collins, S/Lt. Collins, Sgt. Johnson, Mr. Guzmán, and all the other participants of the family orientation on May 13.

I appreciate the effort put forth to help the families of the cadets to become more informed about their lives away from home. Although we will never fully understand what they go through each day, it was much appreciated to be given insight into their daily lives, and to receive answers to questions regarding the training.

My family and I are grateful to the Ohio State Patrol for providing this opportunity. Thank you.

Laurel Salamon



I wanted to thank the Ohio State Highway Patrol for their presence during the TOSRV ride, May 9 – 10. It was my first time doing this ride and I was pleasantly surprised to see Ohio's best driving the entire 105 mile route (both days), running interference and just keeping an eye out/watching our backs and fronts as well. With the number of riders, the route and opposing traffic, it was good to know that you were out there for us.

Don Bales

This is a follow-up to my phone conversation with Lt. Morgan on May 8. I contacted the local OSP office and requested the name of the person responsible for the OSP team monitoring traffic on 77 north and south last week. They transferred me to Lt. Morgan. I wanted to make sure the OSP and Lt. Morgan knew that they made a difference in the traffic on that stretch of road. I drive that road almost everyday and watch tailgating, excessive speeds, dangerous lane changes and weaving in and out of lanes. The day your team was there and at least the day after, there was a very noticeable modification in the driving habits of those drivers. They had slowed down, no lane weaving, no tailgating (I'm sure because they were busy looking for your team!). It was a pleasure to drive down that highway that day. Thank you again for the pleasant drive. Your guys did a great and needed job on that stretch. You probably saved a lot of damage to vehicle and body for your efforts.

Deb LeBarre
Akron

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the wonderful members of Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper's Coalition District 4. For the past three years, they have sponsored a very special golf outing at Walnut Run Golf for Children's Rehabilitation Center in Warren. They work tirelessly on behalf of our children, giving their precious time, energy and commitment to host this annual, successful event. We are very blessed to have such a warm partnership with this outstanding group of professionals!

Robert C. Foster, Executive Director

My brother was found by your troopers on I-77 and Jennings Road on April 6. The State Patrol was contacted

by my sister and my parents via 911, as my brother had suddenly become disoriented while driving to Cleveland. He had contacted my sister at work and was completely confused as to where he was, why he was there, etc.

Thankfully, he did not injure anyone, or himself. At any rate, your wonderful State Patrol was able to find him through his GPS and cell phone, and safely took him to MetroGeneral Hospital in Cleveland. He was subsequently taken to Cleveland Clinic for brain surgery.

I just wanted to thank your wonderful people on behalf my family for helping my brother in his time of desperate need. I do not know who these officers and dispatchers were, but they helped save his life and for that, we are so grateful! He has four little children, five siblings, and two elderly parents who are thanking you, too! We just wanted you to know, we do not take your kindnesses or caring for granted!

Deirdre Hill Brown
Butler

I would like to thank the Ohio State Highway Patrol officers who stopped to assist me and my daughter when my vehicle became disabled. I was in Columbus on I-71 northbound, between 17th Avenue and Hudson Street when my truck broke a gas tank strap causing the tank to drag on the pavement. I immediately pulled over to the shoulder, called AAA for assistance then waited.

Within 10 minutes or so, a trooper stopped to ensure we were okay and that help was on its way. He even took the time to put flairs behind my vehicle. After I assured him we were fine, he departed. Then about 30 minutes later, another trooper stopped to check our status and ensure help had been called. I assured him that it had and the tow truck should be along any time. Shortly after the second trooper stopped, the tow truck did arrive. Although our situation was not critical, I thought it was wonderful that not one, but two troopers stopped to check on our status.

Unfortunately, I didn't catch their names, but I can say both were friendly, courteous, professional, helpful and represented the Ohio State Highway Patrol in an outstanding manner. It's comforting to know that had we needed help and/or didn't have the means to get help, a trooper would have been along shortly to remedy the situation.

Ken Fryman

Certificate of Recognition

Tpr. Kenneth A. Metz, Tpr. Michael S. Smith, Sgt. Thomas R. Hermann and Disp. Anthony J. D’Apolito, Lisbon, received Certificates of Recognition for their actions during a volatile situation on February 20. On that date, the officers responded when the Columbiana County Sheriff’s Office requested assistance at a residence in the city of Lisbon where a male suspect with a large knife was holding a woman and an 11-month-old child hostage in a bedroom.

As Tpr. Metz joined two Columbiana County officers inside the house, the female victim was allowed to exit the home with the child, but two other children remained in the home in a different bedroom as the suspect held the knife to his own throat and threatened officers in the house.

Tpr. Smith checked the condition of the female victim and child, then moved to the bedroom with the other children, while upon request from the Columbiana County officers, Sgt. Hermann gave Tpr. Metz permission to deploy his Taser. Tpr. Metz deployed his Taser, striking the suspect, who dropped the knife, fell onto a bed and was secured without further incident. Throughout the incident, Disp. D’Apolito managed the dispatching for the Patrol officers as well as the Columbiana County deputies, allowing those officers to continue efforts to engage the suspect in conversation without having to stop repeatedly to answer their radios. Disp. D’Apolito kept the Sheriff’s Office dispatcher advised of the situation while also maintaining contact with his own officers.



Thomas R. Hermann



Kenneth A. Metz



Michael S. Smith



Anthony J. D’Apolito

Tpr. Nicholas G. Hoffman received a Certificate of Recognition for his efforts to save a family from their burning home. On January 2, Tpr. Hoffman responded with Gallia County Sheriff’s deputies to the scene of a house fire in Bidwell. Tpr. Hoffman and the deputies were the first responders on the scene and quickly assisted two adults out of the house.



Nicholas G. Hoffman

The victims reported that a nine-year-old autistic boy was still in the home and was likely hiding in his upstairs bedroom. After several attempts to reach the child from inside the house were unsuccessful because of thick smoke and intense heat, the officers turned their attention to the exterior of the home. They moved to the rear of the building where Tpr. Hoffman, with assistance from one of the deputies, was able to reach the child’s bedroom window. He broke the glass with his baton to allow smoke to escape.

As firefighters arrived on the scene, they relied on the light from Tpr. Hoffman’s flashlight as well as his voice to guide them to victim’s bedroom and facilitate the boy’s rescue. Since his initial treatment at nearby hospitals and an extended stay at a pediatric burn unit in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the boy has returned home and is expected to make a full recovery.

DX1 Jeffrey W. Boyd, Bucyrus, received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions on February 20. On that date, DX Boyd was administering a driving examination to a man who suffered a seizure and became unresponsive during the test.



Jeffrey W. Boyd

From the passenger seat, DX Boyd pulled the vehicle’s emergency break, which slowed the vehicle before it struck several parked cars. As the vehicle stopped, DX Boyd moved the gearshift into park and turned off the ignition. He then attracted the attention of Mr. Mac Hall, who was walking near the scene, and requested his assistance.

DX Boyd used his radio to advise an Ohio State Highway Patrol dispatcher of his situation and location and requested emergency medical response for the driver. He and Mr. Hall made the victim as comfortable as possible until emergency personnel arrived on the scene.

106th Class members join 'Over the Hill' club for 30 years of service

Eleven new members recently joined the Patrol's "Over the Hill" club for achieving 30 years of service with the Division. The remaining members of the 106th Class achieved 30 years of service on May 16. They were honored at a ceremony at the Academy on May 20.

Active members of the 106th Class (standing): Sgt. Aaron W. Walker, Lt. Ronald E. Kuzmaul, Tpr. Michael Weber, Sgt. Alice L. Parks, Sgt. Dean A. Christ, Sgt. Terrance A. Duerr, Tpr. Michael D. Meyers and Lt. Daniel R. Greene. **(Kneeling):** Tpr. Dennis M. Matulin, Tpr. Carol M. Sanchez and S/Lt. Brian W. Girts.



OSHP TRAINING

Allwine is FBI National Academy grad

Lt. David R. Allwine, Jackson District LCS, graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, on June 12. The National Academy program provides 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected law enforcement officers with proven records of professionalism.



David R. Allwine

Meredith graduates SPI

Lt. Matthew B. Meredith, Fremont, graduated from the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville on May 8.

The Southern Police Institute is a 12-week Administrative Officers Course designed to develop competent law enforcement managers who are capable of assuming positions of leadership in their respective agencies.



Matthew B. Meredith

Schaffner completes PELC

S/Lt. Cliff L. Schaffner, Wilmington District, graduated from the Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) on March 13. PELC is an intensive, three-week training program that helps law enforcement executives improve their leadership abilities.



Cliff L. Schaffner

Two earn degrees



Carlos M. Smith



William R. Watkins

Sgt. Carlos M. Smith, Canton, earned a Bachelor of Arts in organizational management from Malone University in Canton on May 9.

Inventory Control Specialist Supervisor William R. Watkins, Logistic Services, earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration/public safety management from Franklin University in Columbus on May 10.

First patrolmen came from diverse backgrounds

So you think you know the Camp Perry Men? In 1933, sometimes a glorious career started out simply as a search for work to feed the family. Other times, men looked to return home after experiencing other places. The following describes some of the men who graduated in November 1933 as Ohio's first state patrolmen. These highlights appeared in several issues of the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1933 and 1934.



George Mingle, Mt. Vernon – 34 years old, married, father of one. He served 19 months overseas with the U.S. Navy in the World War and for two years as a deputy sheriff in Knox County. He also was an inspector for the state Highway Department for two years.



Charles A. Cover, Poland – 29 years old, married, father of two. Served as lifeguard at Lake Milton; investigator and adjuster for an insurance company; driver of an ice truck in Youngstown; and on an oil rig in California.



Ivan D. Defenbaugh, Circleville – 28 years old, married, no children. He was a former newspaperman, serving with the Columbus Evening Dispatch and a press association. He also was employed by oil, railroad and paper companies.



Fred F. Cherryholmes, Port William – 33 years old, single. He was a mechanic and shop foreman for a hardware and automobile company. He was a salesman and car dealer in Dayton and Wilmington.



Frank J. Crume, Wooster – 30 years old, single. Worked on family farm before enlisting in Kentucky National Guard. Served three months on mine strike duty and discharged as a sergeant. He was a foreman in a tobacco plant, a car salesman and a hotel manager.



Jack E. Darby, Sandusky – 24 years old, single. Attended The Ohio State University. He was forced to leave college because of the illness and death of his mother. Only employment was as a lifeguard at Cedar Point for two years.



Edwin A. Capell, Findlay – 30 years old, married, father of one. He was a lifeguard at a beach and a member of the Red Cross Examiner Corps. Worked as a clerk for a Texas oil company. Returned to Ohio to work as a truck driver, time keeper, plant clerk and foreman of a stone quarry and road contracting business. Later, he was assistant manager of the branch office of the City Loan and Savings Company in Findlay.



James E. Ivory, Bellefontaine – 26 years old, single. Worked with the big four railroads, but was furloughed at start of the Depression. Secretary of the Knights of Columbus Employment Association and assistant editor of Hi-Point Magazine, he also worked as a secretary of the United Relief Association.



Ralph S. Harrod, New Hampshire, Auglaize County – 30 years old, married, no children. He was a teacher in agriculture in St. Mary's. Principal of the new Knoxville High School, and later, he was superintendent of Goshen Township Schools.



Floyd E. Bollia, Louisville – 29 years old, single. He was a mechanic for numerous garages in Louisville and later a garage superintendent. He also served as a mechanic for a transportation company for two years.



Marion Curry, Richwood – 27 years old, single. Worked in construction and manufacturing, then later worked for a tree surgery company. At the time he applied for the Patrol, he was a truck driver.



Ralph E. Davis, Xenia – 30 years old, married, no children. He was a bookkeeper for a Springfield grain company. For eight years, served as a bus operator for the Cincinnati and Lake Erie Railroad and Bus Company.

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OSHP REFLECTIONS



DeForest W. Lewis, Ashland – 27 years old, single. He was associated with a tree surgery company. After graduation from college, he taught school in Ashland County and operated a confectionery store in Barberton.



Walter P. Creviston, Columbus – 33 years old, married, no children. He served three years in the Infantry during the World War and as a sergeant in the 50th Aero Squadron after the war. He drove a truck, worked as a credit manager for a Columbus clothing company, worked as an evangelist, as a driver and station manager for the Greyhound Bus Lines, and as a laborer in the State Highway Department.



Charles E. Jonas, Glouster – 24 years old, single. He worked for the Sunday Creek Coal Company at Glouster and later as a garage mechanic. He also was sworn in as a peace officer during a 1932 mine disorder. He served three years as an enlisted man in the West Virginia National Guard at Charleston.



John M. Kratzer, Van Wert – 27 years old, married, no children. He was a salesman for produce, soft drinks, and sporting goods manufacturers, and later returned to restaurant work. He was employed two years as an attendant at a gasoline station for two companies.



Raymond T. Sommers, Dayton – 25 years old, single. While working in manufacturing plants at Sidney and Dayton, he played semi-pro baseball. He was selected for a Detroit Tigers farm team and played one year. He returned to Dayton and started working as a service man for an oil company. He served three years in the Ohio National Guard.



Willmer B. Vance, Byesville – 26 years old, single. He was employed by his father in a retail meat and grocery business. He sold automobiles for one year and then purchased a restaurant. After selling the business, he worked part-time in two other restaurants.



George A. Kasson, Centerburg – 34 years old, married, father of four. He was an armature winder for a Columbus factory. He also was a salesman for a meat packing company and later for an oil company. He was a hog buyer before applying for the State Patrol.



Delmer I. Lorah, Defiance – 26 years old, single. Worked as a motion picture operator for a Defiance theater, then in the cheese manufacturing division of a nationally known packing house. He was let out at the start of the Depression and returned to Defiance as a motion picture operator.



Ted R. Myers, Gibsonburg – 32 years old, married, father of one. He spent three years in the production department of a Toledo automobile manufacturing plant. He was a traffic manager for a lime company and a salesman for an automobile company.



James C. Ulmer, Columbus – 28 years old, single. He was a yard brakeman and foreman for the Pennsylvania Railroad for six years. Later, he served as a salesman and sales manager for a direct selling manufacturer.



Alvan O. Smith, Belmont – 35 years old, married, no children. After five years of working on a farm, he entered the U.S. Army during the World War and was discharged as a sergeant. He served as a lineman and foreman for telephone and telegraph companies.



Leo Lochary, Stockport – 28 years old, married, father of one. He followed three occupations: construction, oil field work, and factory work. He was last employed by the federal government at Huntington, W.Va.



Scott B. Radcliffe, Columbus – 29 years old, divorced, father of one. He was a truck driver for the Highway Department when injured. After recovering, represented insurance and manufacturing companies.

Major Mark R. Atkeson



Mark R. Atkeson

Major Mark Atkeson, commander of the Office of Technology and Communication Services, retired June 30 after more than 31 years of service. He joined the Division as a cadet dispatcher at Mansfield and trained with the 104th Class. He served at Gallipolis and Marion before transferring to Mansfield where he was Post Trooper of the year in 1983.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in September 1987 and was an assistant commander at Massillon before he transferred to the Office of Human Resource Management at General Headquarters in September 1991. He also served in Strategic Services before earning a promotion to lieutenant in January 1997. He spent the next eight years serving in Logistic Services and earned promotions to staff lieutenant and captain. In October 2005, he was promoted to major and named commander of the Office of Technology and Communication Services.

In his career, he earned a Certificate of Recognition, a Saved by the Belt Award and the Governor's Award, as well as the Health and Physical Fitness and Safe Driving awards. He also completed advanced training through Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He and his wife, Susan, reside in Galena.

Major Robert E. Brooks



Robert E. Brooks

With more than 32 years of service, Major Robert Brooks, commander of the Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards, retired on May 22. He began his Patrol career in 1976 as a member of the 100th Class. After earning his commission in February 1977, he was assigned to Portsmouth where he was Post Trooper of the Year in 1980 and Post and

District Trooper of the Year in 1982. He earned a promotion to sergeant in January 1984 and transferred to the Akron Post.

He was promoted to lieutenant in November 1987 and served as commander of the Massillon Post until March 1990. At that time, he earned a promotion to staff lieutenant and transferred to General Headquarters in the Office of Inspection and Standards. He also served in Investigative Services, Human

Resource Management and Support Services at General Headquarters and in the field at Columbus District Headquarters before he was promoted to captain in Licensing and Commercial Standards in December 1998. He earned his promotion to major in April 2002.

He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. During his career, he has earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and has been recognized for 30 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Mildred, live in Hilliard.

Captain Bernard L. Dodd



Bernard L. Dodd

After more than 27 years of service, Captain Bernard "Skip" Dodd, executive officer of the Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards, retired on May 15. He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher at the Portsmouth and Gallipolis posts before entering the Academy as a member of the 112th Academy Class. After graduation in March 1983, he

was assigned to Portsmouth where he served six years. In October 1989, he earned a promotion to sergeant. He served as an assistant commander at the New Philadelphia and Gallipolis posts before transferring to Jackson District Headquarters as the commercial enforcement coordinator.

In November 1998, he transferred to General Headquarters in the Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards. He was promoted to lieutenant in July 2000 and staff lieutenant in December 2002 before earning his promotion to captain in October 2004.

In his career, he has earned our Health and Physical Fitness Award and has been recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He also completed advanced training at the FBI National Academy. He and his wife, Melva, reside in Circleville.

Staff Lieutenant C. Lance Mathess



C. Lance Mathess

With more than 30 years of service, S/Lt. Lance Mathess retired on June 26. He joined the Division in December 1978 with the 105th Class, which graduated in April 1979. He served at the Milan Post on the Ohio Turnpike and at the Delaware Post before transferring to General Headquarters in 1983. He earned promotions to sergeant

in September 1991, to lieutenant in June 1999 and to staff lieutenant in February 2003.

In his career, he earned a Certificate of Recognition and the Health and Physical Fitness and Safe Driving awards. He also completed advanced training through Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He and his wife, Dianne, reside in Gahanna.

Lieutenant William G. Thompson



William G. Thompson

Lt. William Thompson, Warren District LCS commander, retired on June 5 after 30 years of service. He joined the Division in December 1978 as a cadet dispatcher. He trained with the 109th Class and earned his commission in February 1981. He served at the Chardon and Warren posts before earning a promotion to sergeant in August 1989. He served as an assistant

commander at the Lancaster and Lisbon posts, and then earned a promotion to lieutenant in October 1992. He served as commander of the Warren Post for 10 years before he transferred to Lisbon in 2002. He was commander of the Warren District LCS Unit from October 2006 until his retirement.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He also completed advanced training through Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He and his wife, Beatrice, live in McDonald.

Sergeant Terry L. McGill



Terry L. McGill

With more than 30 years of service, Sgt. Terry McGill, Marietta, retired on June 29. He is a member of the 105th Class, which graduated in April 1979. He served at Granville for seven years before transferring to Marietta where he was Post Trooper of the Year in 1989. He earned his promotion to sergeant in January 1990.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 15 years of safe driving. He also completed advanced training through Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He and his wife, Marjolaine, reside in Marietta.

Sergeant Steven C. Sherrod



Steven C. Sherrod

After more than 26 years of service, Sgt. Steven Sherrod, Massillon District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on June 26. He trained with the 112th Class, which graduated in March 1983. His first assignment was to Wooster. In December 1985, he transferred to Massillon where he served more than 11 years and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1994. He transferred to Massillon District Headquarters in May 1997, then earned a promotion to sergeant in June 1999. He was an assistant commander at the Massillon, New Philadelphia and Wooster posts before he transferred to the Commercial Enforcement Unit in September 2006.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Massillon.

Trooper Shawn T. Bailey



Shawn T. Bailey

Tpr. Shawn Bailey, Delaware, entered disability retirement on April 26 after seven years of service. He is a member of the 138th Class and also served at West Jefferson and Capitol Operations during his career. He and his wife, Carly, reside in Marion.

Trooper Bradley J. Fiala



Bradley J. Fiala

Tpr. Bradley Fiala, Elyria, retired May 15 after more than 26 years of service. He trained with the 112th Class and earned his commission in March 1983. He served at the Zanesville Post for three years before transferring to Elyria where he was Post Trooper of the Year for 1999. In his career, he was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Melony, reside in Amherst.

Trooper Daniel F. Halliburton



Daniel F. Halliburton

Tpr. Daniel Halliburton, Cleveland Investigations, retired June 19 after more than 22 years of service to the Patrol. He trained with the 116th Class and earned his commission in September 1987. He served more than 12 years at the Hiram Post on the Ohio Turnpike, then transferred to Cleveland Investigations in March 2000.

In his career, he earned a Certificate of Recognition and the Health and Physical Fitness and Safe Driving awards. He and his wife, Patricia, reside in Randolph.

Electronic Technician 3 David L. Bailey



David L. Bailey

After six years of Patrol service, ET3 David Bailey retired on June 5. He joined the Division in 2003 as an electronic technician 2 in the Bucyrus District. He earned a promotion to electronic technician 3 in July 2004 and was part of the team that earned the State Electronics Technician Team of the Year. He transferred to the Cambridge District in July 2006. In his career, he also was recognized for five years of safe driving. He and his wife, Patricia, reside in McConnelsville.

Trooper Bobby W. Phillips



Bobby W. Phillips

Tpr. Bobby Phillips, a plainclothes investigator at Cincinnati Operations, retired March 27 after more than 29 years of service. He is a member of the 107th Class and earned his commission in May 1980. His first assignment was to Lebanon where he served 13 years. He also served at Wilmington District Headquarters, as an assistant

commander at the Wilmington and Lebanon posts and at the Hamilton Post before transferring to Cincinnati Operations in June 2006.

In his career, he was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Tammy, reside in Clarksville.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Supervisor Raymond M. Soloman



Raymond M. Soloman

MCEIS Raymond Soloman retired May 29 after more than 40 years of service. He served in the Warren District throughout his career and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Phyllis, reside in Hubbard.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Elbert J. Whitright



Elbert J. Whitright

MCEI Elbert Whitright, Warren District, retired June 30 after more than 21 years of service. He joined the Division in June 1988 as a stationary load limit inspector at Chardon. He then served as a portable load limit inspector from April 1994 until his promotion to motor carrier enforcement inspector in April 1998.

In his career, he was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Catherine, reside in Chardon.

Police Officer 2 James A. Sansone



James A. Sansone

After more than 32 years of service to the state of Ohio, PO2 James Sansone, retired on April 30. He served as a police officer at the Ohio Expo Center throughout his career. He and his wife, Patricia, reside in Columbus.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Donn B. Jackson



Donn B. Jackson

MCEI Donn Jackson, Bucyrus District, retired April 30 after 12 years of service. He joined the Division in December 1996 as a dispatcher at the Norwalk Post. He earned his promotion to motor carrier enforcement inspector in February 1999. In his career, he was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. He resides in Clyde.

Dispatcher Stephanie A. Atchison



Stephanie A. Atchison

Disp. Stephanie Atchison, Jackson Dispatch Center, entered disability retirement after more than 32 years of service. She joined the Division in January 1977 and entered the Training Academy in September 1978 as a member of the 104th Class, which graduated in January 1979.

She served as a trooper at Athens before taking a position as a communications technician at Jackson District Headquarters in 1980. She transferred to Chillicothe in March 1983 and served as a dispatcher there for more than 25 years. She resides in Frankfort.

Dispatcher Matthew Knutson



Matthew Knutson

Disp. Matthew Knutson, Piqua Dispatch Center, entered disability retirement on February 28 after two years of service. He joined the Division in May 2006 as a traveling dispatcher in the Findlay District and was assigned to Piqua in September 2007. He and his wife, Betty Jo, reside in Anna.

Dispatcher Paula J. Peterson

After 31 years of service, Disp. Paula Peterson, St. Clairsville Dispatch Center, retired on May 8. She joined the Division in May 1978 and served at the Steubenville



Paula J. Peterson

Post until dispatch operations ceased there last year. She was Steubenville's Post Dispatcher of the Year for 2004 and 2005. She resides in Brilliant.

Driver License Examiner 2 Lois D. Holdcroft



Lois D. Holdcroft

DX2 Lois Holdcroft, Jackson District, retired on April 30 after more than 31 years of service. She began her Patrol career in 1979 as a dispatcher at the Athens Post. She accepted a position as a driver license examiner in December 1989. She resides in Athens.

Driver License Examiner 1 Sharon L. Fink



Sharon L. Fink

DX1 Sharon Fink, Toledo DX, retired June 30 after more than 34 years of service. She joined the Division in April 1975 as a clerk at Findlay District Headquarters. She was promoted to driver license examiner in January 1990, and served six years at Walbridge in addition to Toledo. She resides in Toledo.

Driver License Examiner 1 Lee R. Swisher



Lee R. Swisher

With more than 30 years of service, DX1 Lee Swisher, Springfield DX, retired on June 30. He joined the Patrol in June 1979 as a cadet dispatcher and ultimately spent 17 years as a dispatcher at the Dayton Post. He earned a promotion to driver license examiner in November 1997. He lives in Springfield.

**Driver License Examiner 1
Jodie L. Williams**



Jodie L. Williams

After 30 years of service, DX1 Jodie Williams retired on May 30. She served at the Delaware Post throughout her career, first as a dispatcher and then nearly 12 years as the post's secretary before her promotion to driver license examiner in 2006. She and her husband, Charles, live in Marysville.

Telephone Operator 1 Dale L. Gruendler



Dale L. Gruendler

After more than 30 years of service, telephone operator Dale Gruendler retired on June 19. He joined the Division in May 1979 as a driver license examiner and has served as a telephone operator for the Cuyahoga County driver license examination stations since August 1998. He worked in the Berea District throughout his career and he resides in Brooklyn.

**Information Technology Manager 1
Joey Brooks**



Joey Brooks

With more than 30 years of service, ITM1 Joey Brooks retired on April 30. He served with LEADS throughout his career. He and his wife, Cheryl, reside in Kingston.

Secretary Kimberly J. Speedy



Kimberly J. Speedy

After more than 30 years of service, Secretary Kimberly Speedy, Canfield Post, retired on June 24. She joined the Division in 1979 as a dispatcher at the Warren Post. She transferred to Warren District Headquarters in 1984 as part of the administrative staff. She served as a clerk at the Warren Post from 1987 until September 1991 when she transferred to Canfield.

She was promoted to secretary in June 1994. She was the Warren District's Employee Recognition Award winner for 2008. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Canfield.

**Accountant/Examiner Supervisor 1
Terry E. Ernst**



Terry E. Ernst

Terry Ernst, accountant/examiner supervisor 1, retired June 30 after more than 32 years of service. She has served in Fiscal Services throughout her Patrol career. In her career, she earned the Employee Recognition Award for the Office of Finance and Logistic Services twice. She and her husband, Robert, reside in London.

Secretary Linda K. Wolf



Linda K. Wolf

Secretary Linda Wolf retired June 30 with 19 years of service to the Patrol. She served at the Findlay Post throughout her career. She joined the Division in March 1990 as a dispatcher, a position she held for a total of 15 years. She was voted Findlay Post Dispatcher of the year eight times and earned recognition as District Dispatcher of the Year in 1992. In her career, she also

served as a driver license examiner for one year. She accepted the position of secretary in July 2006. She and her husband, James, reside in Findlay.

Aviation section recognition planned by Retirees' Association

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association recently purchased a seven-foot wingspan Beechcraft Bonanza model airplane.

"We are going to replicate the Patrol's first aircraft, a 1948 Beechcraft Bonanza," said Shel Senek, President of the Retirees' Association. Patrol Pilot, Tpr. Darwin Justice is in the process of finalizing the painting and modifications to the model. The goal is to complete the modifications by October.

Patrol Superintendent Colonel Richard Collins and Academy Commandant Major Dan Kolcum are planning to display the model aircraft in the Training Academy's Heritage Hall.

"Besides being an attractive piece of Patrol history on display, it serves as a symbol for the contributions of the Aviation Section" Senek said.

When the model is completed, plans are being considered for a commemoration ceremony. Senek concluded by saying the Retirees' Association is grateful that we had the opportunity to purchase and donate the replica to the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

DROP employees eligible for Retirees' Association membership

Some active Patrol employees are in the DROP program. These members have retired according to the

records of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirement System however they have elected to continue as active members of the Patrol.

Questions were asked whether DROP employees were eligible to join the Retirees' Association. From the Superintendent's perspective, Colonel Richard Collins said active DROP members could join the Retirees' Association with a notation that these persons must abide by the rules, regulations and policies applicable to active Patrol members.

From the Retirees' Association perspective, President Shel Senek welcomes any Patrol DROP employees who opt to begin Retiree Association membership. Dues are \$12.00 per year. Interested persons should contact Doris Blosser at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirement System.

Communications event planned

The Third Annual Communication Technician/ Dispatcher Get-together will be held on Monday, August 31, 2009, from 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

It will be at the shelter, same as before, under the dam at Alum Creek Lake, 5905 Lewis Center Road, between Columbus and Delaware, off of Interstate 71. Follow the signs to Alum Creek Lake Dam.

Any active, retired, friends of the Patrol, etc., are welcome. We have a great time!!!! For more information, call Ruth Ann Emerick, 440-839-2178, or Norma Hughes, 740-894-3053. Bring a covered dish.

OSHP AROUND THE STATE

Sworn Promotions

Lieutenant Chad J. Neil, Zanesville
Sergeant Chris A. Coverstone, Wapakoneta
Sergeant Robert M. Hayslip, Georgetown

Professional Promotions

Disp. Supv. James R. Barlow, Bowling Green
Disp. Supv. Patty J. Downing, Wilmington DHQ
Disp. Supv. Christine L. Freund, Medina
Disp. Supv. Jennifer D. Moran, Columbus DHQ
Disp. Supv. Dane P. Mowen, Piqua DHQ
Disp. Supv. Dorothy E. O'Neil-Meleski, Warren DHQ
Disp. Supv. Jason M. Whitt, Jackson DHQ
Disp. Lisa A. Roberts, Dayton
ET2 Peter M. Flavin, LEADS
ET2 James D. Jones, Findlay DHQ
DX1 Stacy L. Mullen, Springfield DX

Findlay



Lt. Jerrold A. Savidge and MRW2 Michael Hankins of the Findlay Post delivered more than 1,500 pounds of food to the Chopin Hall Food Pantry of Findlay. The food was raised as part of an Operation Feed contest with local schools.

Dayton Post/Piqua District

The photo below is of the U.S. Army Reserve 342nd Military Police Company, 1st Platoon at Smokey Base, located on Contingency Operations Base Speicher, Tikrit Iraq. The 342nd is charged with training Iraqi Police.

Tpr. Jason Hutchison of the Dayton Post is the Platoon Sergeant and holds the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve. Tpr. Hutchison is standing on the bumper of the truck in the center of the photo to the left of the smaller platoon commander.

Tpr. Hutchison has been in Iraq since December 2008 and will hopefully return to the Dayton Post

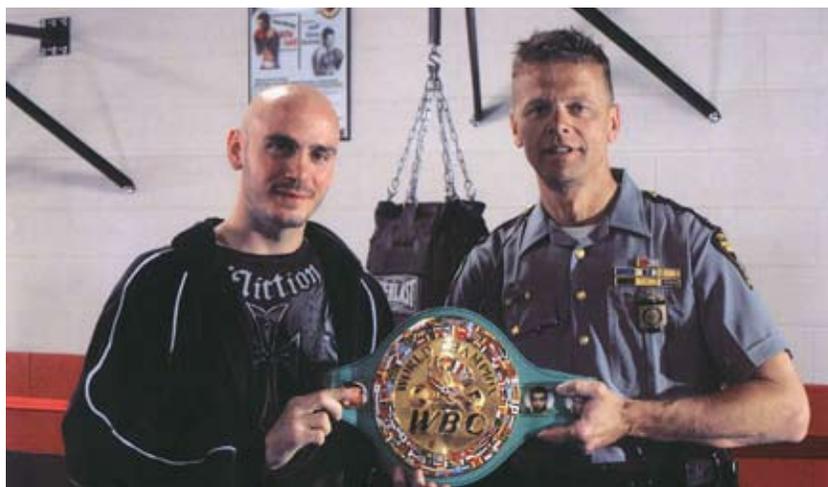
sometime this December or early in 2010. Tpr. Hutchison's unit is based in Troy and he has already recruited 10 of his fellow soldiers to apply to the Highway Patrol upon returning to Ohio.

Capt. Russ Johnson, Piqua District Commander, sent Tpr. Hutchison an OSHP flag, which he flew over the base headquarters. The flag and this photo will be proudly displayed in the lobby of the Dayton Post. The entire Dayton Post and Piqua District salute Tpr. Hutchison and his fellow soldiers for their sacrifice and service to our nation.



Ashtabula

On April 28, Ashtabula Post Commander Lt. Mike Harmon met with World Middleweight Boxing Champion Kelly Pavlik to record a public service announcement concerning drunk driving. The PSA was recorded at the Southside Boxing Club in Youngstown by students enrolled in the Communications Department at Youngstown State University and was done at no cost to the State of Ohio. The PSA will air in the Youngstown and Cleveland viewing markets this summer.



Drum and Bugle Corps

The Drum and Bugle Corps represented the Patrol at several functions during the 2009 National Police Memorial Week. Rehearsals for Memorial Week began in February and included a practice session at Broad Street Presbyterian Church in April. The Corps also provided buglers for the OPOTA Memorial on May 7, the OSU Memorial Ceremony on May 13 and the Orient Military Memorial on May 21.

The Corps' Police Week travels started on May 8 at the OSHP Memorial Ceremony at the Academy. The Corps provided a prelude and postlude and appreciated the members and retirees who commented on the performance. Then on May 11, they performed at the Lorain County Police Memorial, which was held this year on the Vermilion River in honor of Tpr. Bobby Perez, who was struck and killed by a motorist in 2000.

After performing in Lorain County, the Corps departed for Washington, D.C., and performed at the Police and Fire Unity Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The parish pastor, Monsignor Sal Criscuolo, is also the chaplain of the D.C. Metro Police and a commissioned motorcycle officer. He and the congregation were impressed with the Corps' rendition of "Mansions of the Lord," showing their appreciation with a standing ovation at the conclusion of the service. Monsignor Criscuolo requested a return engagement in 2010. The Corps is honored by the invitation.

May 13 was an important day in the Corps' Police Week travels. Members played at the National Police Memorial as final preparations were made for the 21st Annual Candlelight Vigil. On May 15, the Corps arrived in Cleveland for their final performance of the week at the Cleveland Police Memorial.

The Corps was fortunate this year to secure the support of OSHP and OSTA for this participation, which was truly appreciated.



MADD honors troopers

Troopers from several posts around the state were honored recently by various MADD chapters for their work to detect and arrest impaired drivers.

The Tuscarawas County chapter of MADD honored Tpr. Roy R. Beach for having the 96 OVI arrests in 2008.

On April 16, the Miami Valley Chapter of MADD held their annual awards, and recognized Tpr. Jason L. Cadle, Springfield, Tpr. Mark G. McNeely, Hamilton, and Tpr. Nathan J. Pabin, Batavia. In addition to the individual awards, the Hamilton Post received an Award of Excellence from MADD.



Roy R. Beach



Jason L. Cadle



Mark G. McNeely



Nathan J. Pabin

Jackson

In order to show the effects of impaired driving and failing to wear a safety belt, troopers from the Jackson Post joined with concerned citizens to place a display on the main street of Jackson. The display consisted of a crashed car and several banners that targeted high school students to remind them to drive safely during prom and graduation season. Also, it was hoped the public as a whole would take note and drive in a safer manner.

The idea for the display was conceived by Glenna Reed, who is the mother of two Jackson High School students. She contacted Tpr. Mike McManis and together they worked to make the display a reality. The vehicle was donated by Bob Nicholson, owner of Ron’s Garage and Towing. The lot on which the vehicle was placed was provided by Appalachian Realty through the generosity of Nea Henry. The banners were designed by the Patrol’s Photo Lab. The World Outreach Church generously supplied financial support so a local print shop could produce the banners on all-weather material. Finally, the local Ohio Department of Transpor-



tation garage supplied the signposts for the banners.

The display was featured in local newspapers and stayed in place until after the last local high school graduation when it was put in storage so it can be used again next year. According to Tpr. Mike McManis, “This display served as a reminder to local students of the consequences of failing to buckle up and drive responsibly. It is also a wonderful example of what can happen when the community and the local Patrol post partner together to promote traffic safety!”

Criminal Patrol Canine News

Tpr. M. Landers, Warren District Criminal Patrol, received his first canine, Darco, a Dutch Shepherd in March 2003. Canine Darco was utilized numerous times throughout his career in the effort to remove illegal narcotics from Ohio’s roadways. Sadly in August 2008, canine Darco had to be put down due to medical reasons. Tpr. Landers was issued another canine, Hondo, a German Shepherd, in October 2008. Hondo is trained in narcotics detection, aggression work and tracking.

Tpr. D. Norman, Bucyrus District Criminal Patrol, received his first canine, Saba, a German Shepherd in April 2005. Throughout Saba’s career, she was utilized countless times in the search for narcotics on Ohio’s roadways. Sadly in February 2009, after developing a medical condition, she had to be put down. Tpr. Norman was issued another canine, Storm, a German Shepherd trained in narcotics detection, in March.

Tpr. S. McLaughlin, Jackson District Criminal Patrol, received his first canine, Robbie, a German Shepherd, in April 2005. Sadly, in April 2009, she developed cancer and had to be put down after a short illness. Tpr. McLaughlin received, Vestly, a German Shepherd, in June. Vestly is trained in narcotics detection, aggression work and tracking.

Tpr. S.L. Arnold, Findlay District Criminal Patrol, received her first canine, Ringo, a Dutch Shepherd in April 2000. In May 2009, due to health conditions, Ringo went into retirement after many years of faithful service. Tpr. Arnold received her replacement canine, Rony, a German Shepherd, in June.



Darco



Saba



Robbie



Ringo

Sandusky



The Ohio State Highway Patrol partnered with McDonalds during "All American Buckle Up Week" this year. Units greeted over 500 people and presented them with coupons generously donated by McDonalds to those patrons who were wearing their safety belts along with information about the dangers of driving without safety belts.

Pictured: Lt. Darryl Edge, McDonald's marketing representative Jennifer Grude and Tpr. Angel Burgos.



Disp. Brian Flahiff presents a volunteer from Victory Temple Soup Kitchen with gift certificates and money plus 128 pounds of food for this year's Operation Feed.



Sgt. Reeder, along with two motorcycle units, were educating the public at Bike Week where people from all over the country congregate.

Mansfield

Lucas Elementary School and the Mansfield Post teamed up to help fight domestic violence in Richland County. Students collected food to help feed the women and children assisted by the Richland County Domestic Violence Shelter, which provides shelter, food and counseling to over 150 woman and children each year. The combined efforts of the post and students resulted in 800 pounds of food collected. The top two were rewarded with a pizza party and an ice cream party sponsored by the post.



Massillon/Canton

On January 31, Sgt. Dick Graber of Massillon DHQ hosted a group of 10 cub scouts and their parents at our Canton Post.

The scouts were provided information on the job of a trooper, shown the various tools utilized by troopers and investigators in their daily activities and provided a tour of the post and a patrol car.



Jackson District



D9 off-duty personnel participated in three charity games with Unioto, Adena, and Oak Hill high school faculties. A total of \$1,680 dollars was raised for these schools for their safe after prom events.

Strategic Services

The Ohio Natural Bodybuilding Federation held it's annual bodybuilding competition on May 2 in Heath. Two GHQ officers competed once again and did outstanding. Capt. Brigette Charles competed and took first place in the Lightweight Division, first overall and received the best poser award. Staff Lieutenant Shawn Davis competed and took fifth place in the Men's Masters Division. This was S/Lt. Davis' ninth bodybuilding competition of his career.

Both officers attribute their success to staying focused and dedicated to eating a strict meal plan and following a regimented workout routine, sometimes three workouts in one day. The awards presented were warrior swords indicating "strength and perseverance."

After the show, both officers commented this was their "last one" due to the toil of the training. But we all know they'll be back!

Portsmouth



Members of the Portsmouth Post hosted six families with 19 children for their 2008 Shop with a Cop program. Teddy Trooper entertained the kids and OTC donated money, stocking stuffers, teddy bears and plastic stetsons for the children.

Toledo

On March 20, Tpr. Justin G. Bryant participated in a wrestling tournament in Holland, Ohio, with more than 300 participants age 30 and over. Tpr. Bryant wrestled in four matches and won third place in his weight division.



Justin G. Bryant

General Headquarters

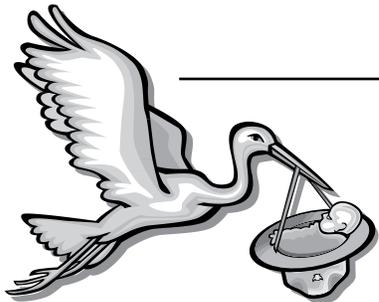
On April 14, Tpr. Libby Petro, Investigative Services, and Tpr. Chris Hasty, Aviation, met with Girl Scout Daisy Troop 487 in Chesterville. The Daises were earning their "Respect Authority" badges, so the officers talked about using manners with adults, including, sir and ma'am, which the scouts enjoyed using toward their troop leaders.

Tpr. Petro also showed the scouts some investigative tools and taught them how to take fingerprints. During a brief Q&A session, the first question for Tpr. Petro was, "Are you on CSI?"

Tpr. Petro said it was rewarding to watch the Daises leave the meeting with their parents and render them speechless when they used their new respect skills, holding doors and using sir and ma'am.



Tpr. Libby Petro demonstrated investigative tools for Girl Scout Daisy Troop 487 in Morrow County.



Stork Visits

Tpr. Larry & Corey Jones, Warren, a boy, 3/6/09.
 Tpr. Mark & Christine Starnes, Canton, a boy, 3/11/09.
 Tpr. Donald & Cindy Rack, Wilmington LCS, a boy, 3/11/09.
 Tpr. Gerard & Georgia Newton, Hiram, a girl, 3/23/09.
 Tpr. Jeremy & Lorna Parks, Ashland, a boy, 3/24/09.
 Tpr. Brad & Amber Bishop, Ashland, a girl, 3/30/09.
 Tpr. Nick & Elizabeth Lewis, Portsmouth, a boy, 4/2/09.
 Tpr. Ed Franke, Steubenville, a boy, 4/3/09.
 Tpr. Allen & Melissa Marcum, Elyria, a boy, 4/8/09.
 Sec. Amy & Michael Silvaggio, Ashtabula, a boy, 4/20/09.
 Sec. Rachel Ray, Investigative Services, & Dig. Photo Tech. Phil Savage, Strategic Services, a boy, 4/22/09.
 Tpr. Dexter & Jamie Howard, Hamilton, a girl, 4/24/09.
 Sgt. Steven (Granville) & AA4 Katherine Mahl, Strategic Services, a boy, 5/6/09.
 Tpr. Harley & Amy Steppenbacker, Medina, a girl, 5/7/09.
 DX1 Judy Garinger, Cuyahoga Falls DX, a girl, 5/7/09.

Tpr. Adam & Alisha Brincefield, Van Wert, a boy, 5/15/09.
 Tpr. Raul & Adrianna Melo, West Jefferson, a boy, 5/18/09.
 Tpr. Ty & Melissa Skaggs, Marysville, a boy, 5/18/09.
 Disp. Stephanie & Matthew Evans, Bucyrus, a girl, 5/19/09.
 Tpr. Jeremy & Rachel Burgett, Ashland, a boy, 5/19/09.
 Tpr. Matt & Amber Ruth, Bucyrus, a boy and a girl, 5/26/09.
 Sgt. Matt & Lori Crow, Fremont, a girl, 5/30/09.
 Tpr. Shaun & Maria Robinson, Sandusky, a girl, 6/4/09.
 Tpr. Debra & Andy Tracey, Van Wert, a boy, 6/3/09.
 FCS1 Joe Lopez, Investigative Services, & Krysten McElfresh, a girl, 5/28/09.
 Tpr. Jim & Jaime Boysel, Piqua DHQ, a girl, 6/8/09.
 Tpr. Chad & Kim Spallinger, Van Wert, a boy, 6/9/09.
 Tpr. Christopher (Delaware) & Tpr. Tiffany Appollonio, Academy, a girl, 6/9/09.
 Tpr. Travis Woodyard, Cambridge, & Tpr. Jennifer DeLong, Zanesville, twin boys, 6/10/09.
 Tpr. Jeremy & Angel Allen, Marysville, a boy, 6/11/09.
 Tpr. Justin Powell, Marion, a girl, 6/17/09.
 Sec. Nancy & Mark Garey, Wilmington, a girl, 6/23/09.
 Tpr. A.J. & Autumn Beaver, Jackson, a boy, 6/23/09.
 Tpr. Dan & Holly Andel, Hiram, a boy, 6/24/09.

The other day I had a conversation with a good friend which led to thoughts about conditions at the present time. We agreed that we had moved from the easier times of the past to the challenging time of the present. We both knew individuals and families who were facing difficulties because of current economic factors. We discussed the sacrifices which were having to be made and compared the complaints which we had heard. But our conversation did not stay on the negative. We agreed that even though there may be many challenges at the present time we, as people living in this great nation and wonderful state, did not have the difficulties and challenges which confronted others—both in the past and in other areas of the world.

This conversation led me to Scripture. What would you expect a pastor/chaplain to do? When I arrived home I turned to the book of Lamentations. It is not used very often for sermons or devotional reading. It is the lament of the people in a most challenging time. It tells of the suffering of the people of Israel when Jerusalem was captured in 586 BC. Poverty led to starvation and even the horror of cannibalism. It was truly a dark and dreary time when it seemed that God had forsaken His people. Then into this seemingly hopeless darkness there is at least a small window of light and hope. Tucked into the message is the following: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never

come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." (Lamentations :22,23) When I compare my present situation to that of others who have lived through much more challenging times, I can only come to the conclusion that I am a blessed person living at a wonderful time in a wonderful place.

But knowing who we are—and how blessed we are—is not really enough to lift us out of a feeling of despair. We need to focus on why we are the people we are, living when we do, and where we are. What is our purpose, our mission? Yes, there is the mission of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. But what is your personal mission in life? What is mine?

A very successful business man once told me of the time in life when he had lost everything financially. He shared the utter despair he had felt when he watched his father-in-law drive off with his wife and their children and he was left to close up the house which he had lost because he could not make the payments. With a quarter in his pocket he went into a coffee shop and sat down next to a stranger who listened to my friend tell his tale of woe wrapped in self-pity. He said that after that person had listened with compassion he stood up, put his hand on my friend's shoulder, and said: "Become a giver, my friend, become a giver." With no money to give but the quarter in his pocket, this seemed to be cruel advice. But as he reflected upon that



brief message he realized that he had something to give even though it was not money at that time. He recovered and has become not just financially secure but personally secure in his life with his wonderful family. He discovered the truth that we are blessed to be a blessing—not just to survive.

Perhaps that is the secret to making it through the challenging times in our lives. When Abraham was called upon to move from the familiar surroundings of his homeland into a new dimension of life he was told by God that he was blessed to be a blessing to others. (Genesis 12:2) Could that be God's message to us today? Let us seek the positive and discover ways to reach out with a helping hand and a message of hope to others less fortunate than we thus claiming a real purpose for living each day.

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