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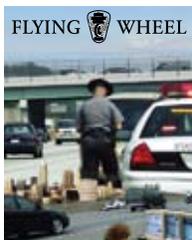
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On July 29, I officially completed my first 100 days in office. Some days have been longer than others, but all have been eventful and all have provided me with valuable insight regarding the current and future direction of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Ironically, my best day and worst day occurred in the same week. On July 10, Reverend Ellsworth, retired Colonel Robert Chiaramonte, and I paid a visit to retired Lt. Colonel Floyd Moon at his residence in Dublin. Lt. Colonel Moon is a graduate of the 2nd Academy Class and is our oldest living retiree. He is also from Marion, Ohio – my home town. We had a great time. It was a pleasure for Reverend Ellsworth and me to listen to two iconic figures discuss a number of events from years gone by. All of us who have been around for a while talk about how it was, “in the day,” but it was truly a privilege to listen to the experiences of these two great men. I am sure that Lt. Colonel Moon would love to hear from you. His address is:



Floyd Moon

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Just a few days later, on Friday, July 13 no less, I received the news that Major Lisa Taylor and Lt. Mary Pfeiffer had been involved in a serious motorcycle crash near Wheeling, West Virginia. The first reports were very disturbing regarding the seriousness of the injuries.



Lisa Taylor

Lt. Colonel Finamore, Major Minter, and I arranged for a flight to Morgantown, where Major Taylor had been transported. As we know today, Lt. Pfeiffer is well on her way to recovery, but Major Taylor suffered a very serious injury to her left leg. Her road to recovery will be long and tenuous.

Soon after her crash, friends of Major Taylor started an online blog, which provides updates on her condition and allows her to interact with friends and well wishers. The Web site is: <http://majorlisataylor.blogspot.com/>. Send her a note and keep her in your prayers.

Colonel Richard H. Collins  
Superintendent



Colonel Richard H. Collins



*Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Initiative*

## Troopers work with local law enforcement to battle traffic deaths in Cuyahoga County

In an initiative to reduce fatal and injury crashes in the Cleveland metropolitan area, the Patrol partnered with law enforcement agencies in Cuyahoga County from April 30 through June 1 and July 16 - 28.

In 2006, Cuyahoga County had the most fatal crashes among all Ohio counties, with 68 motorists killed. Cuyahoga County has had nearly 14,000 traffic crashes over the last four years with more than 25 percent involving an injury or death — an average of one injury or fatal crash every 51 minutes. There were 243 fatal crashes resulting in 264 deaths in the past four years on Cuyahoga County roadways.

The Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Initiative (CCMI) was statistically supported and used a combination of high-visibility enforcement, multi-agency OVI deterrence, as well as a strategic public information campaign to promote traffic safety on Cuyahoga County roads.

With excessive speed as a factor in many of those crashes, a consortium of law enforcement driven

by data targeted high crash areas of Interstate 480 and Interstate 90 in Cuyahoga County. During the high visibility traffic enforcement between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., troopers stopped more than 3,400 drivers, issuing 2,700 tickets and 830 warnings. During holiday weekend OVI enforcement, they arrested 20 drivers for OVI.

Troopers returned to Cuyahoga County for a second stint in late July, and arrested 83 aggressive drivers and 14 impaired drivers while issuing 586 citations. Troopers also conducted sobriety checkpoints in conjunction with the Cleveland Police Department on three consecutive nights from July 26 - 28. The Patrol plans to continue short-term metropolitan enforcement efforts in statistically specified areas for the next several months.

“With law enforcement in Cuyahoga County, we formulated a plan to improve traffic safety and the quality of life for people using Cleveland’s public roadways. Through development of a true working

relationship, information sharing, learning from each other, and teaming together on enforcement efforts, I am confident this initiative will make a difference,” Colonel Richard Collins, Patrol superintendent said.

The Patrol conducted a similar successful initiative in the Cincinnati Metro area from July through September 2006. That effort demonstrated that concentrated enforcement efforts on metropolitan interstates can produce meaningful declines in fatal and injury crashes. The Cincinnati initiative resulted in 44 fewer fatal and injury crashes and a 40 percent reduction in serious, alcohol-related crashes on Cincinnati interstates than during the same period in 2005.

The following local law enforcement agencies are participating in the Cuyahoga County initiative: Cleveland Police Department, Euclid Police Department, Brooklyn Police Department, Garfield Heights Police Department, Maple Heights Police Department, and Warrensville Heights Police Department.



# Cleveland-area residents endorse Patrol presence in Cuyahoga County

I travel on I-480 around Cleveland all of the time. I am happy to see more troopers in the area cracking down on speeders and other violations. There are too many cars, and people drive way too fast. It is good to see the Highway Patrol making its presence known. Keep up the good work.

**D.N.**

In the last couple of weeks, I have seen troopers patrolling in front of our building along I-90 on the east side of Cleveland. That's a good thing. Thanks for standing in front of us — stay safe.

**L.D.**

I am an 18-year police veteran in suburban Cleveland. It was great to have the troopers' presence here in this section of Cuyahoga County. I know some police chiefs do not want their officers on the local highways because of manpower issues, and quality of life issues have also become a problem in the suburbs and residents simply want to see patrol cars on their streets. Many of the drivers on our local highways know this and take advantage of little or no traffic enforcement. Thanks for the good job!

**R.P.**

I would like to thank you for increasing the policing of I-480 recently. It is a much needed service. There seems to be many irresponsible drivers on that stretch of road. I'm glad to see your presence!

**S.C.**

I want to thank you for your patrols in the I-480 and I-90 areas. I drive I-480 frequently and the drivers are aggressive. I have a 16-year-old son who has his temps and I won't let him drive I-480 at certain times of the day. I hope you spend more time in the area. Thanks again.

**A.H.**

## Long-Range Dispatching a Success

A unique aspect of the Cuyahoga County Metro Initiative was that, for the first time in the history of the Division, a major enforcement operation was dispatched from hundreds of miles away. The entire CCMI was dispatched from the Columbus Communication Center and used dispatchers from all areas of the state. This innovative approach proved to be a huge success.

Using the full capabilities of the MARCS radio system, dispatchers were able to provide dispatching services from Columbus to Cleveland for up to 25 troopers at one time with little or no difficulty. By being able to handle this task at the Communication Center through the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System, local post operations were uninterrupted by the additional units in their area.

The dispatchers working the detail were extremely busy handling multiple units, including the Central Ohio Motorcycle Unit working Interstate 90 and also Interstate 480. They handled pursuits, felony warrants, medical incidents, as well as having to deal with the different law enforcement agencies along these busy interstates. The troopers working the detail applauded the dispatchers for their sense of urgency and their ability to handle critical incidents without any difficulty.

The dispatchers were extremely busy but enjoyed the challenge of the detail. All of them did an excellent job and are excited for future opportunities to work this type of event again.

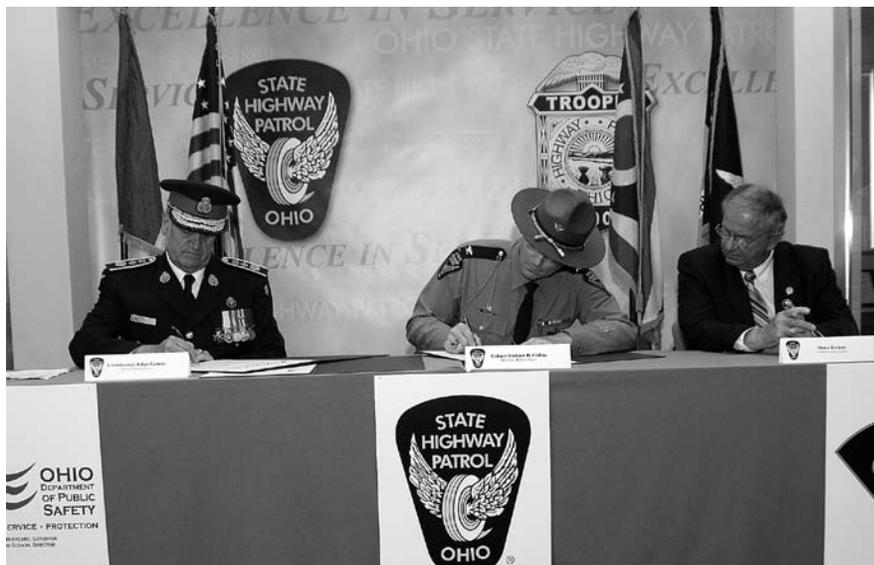
## Patrol and Ontario Provincial Police sign partnership agreement

The Patrol and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) signed a partnership agreement to complete a five-day visit by the OPP to Columbus, Ohio, in June. The relationship between our agencies began in 2004 when the OPP invited the Patrol to Ontario to brief officers on the Patrol's *LifeStat 1.0* initiative.

Our collaboration 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.

In addition to OPP administrators, members of the OPP Golden Helmets precision motorcycle team also visited Ohio, along with motorcycle units from the Georgia State Patrol. Meeting with members of our Division's Motorcycle Unit, the group shared information about training, riding techniques, motorcycle maintenance, traffic enforcement, and administering a motorcycle patrol unit.

OPP and Georgia motorcycle units also participated with our motorcycle units in several special events during the visit, including serving as escorts for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics (*please see full story on next page*), as



**Commissioner Julian Fantino of the Ontario Provincial Police and Colonel Richard Collins, superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, sign a partnership agreement between the two law enforcement agencies as Monte Kwinter, Ontario's Community Safety Minister, looks on.**

well as joining in a motorcycle safety ride and visit to the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum at the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) headquarters in Pickerington. For the third year in a row, the AMA is our partner for the *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* safety program (*please see full story below*).

The visit helped draw attention to our efforts to encourage motorcycle safety and the importance of sharing the road safely.

## Patrol and AMA continue motorcycle safety education program

To kick-off Motorcycle Awareness Month in May, the Patrol and American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) continued the *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* safety education partnership for a third riding season.

Throughout the spring and summer, the Patrol has provided a series of motorcycle safety tips from the AMA to help make it a safe and enjoyable motorcycle riding season in Ohio. Three key safety messages stressed through the program are:

**Ride trained/Ride licensed** – ensuring riders have a valid motorcycle endorsement, quality motorcycle training, and proper safety equipment. Also, resources are provided to find examination stations.

**Ride sober** – incorporating the AMA's national Ride Straight program.



**Motorcycle awareness** – Troopers are stressing the importance of drivers being aware of motorcyclists.

“Continuing our partnership with the AMA for *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* maintains a focus on motorcycle safety for all motorists in Ohio during the riding season,” Colonel Richard Collins, Patrol superintendent, said. “The only way to significantly reduce motorcycle fatalities is for everyone to share the road and to understand their responsibilities and contributions toward safe travel on our roadways.”

Emphasis on motorcycle safety is important when considering in 2006 there

were 4,232 crashes involving motorcycles, which included 157 motorcyclist fatalities that accounted for almost 13 percent of the state's traffic fatalities for the year.

Through a combination of focused enforcement, including the Patrol's Motorcycle Unit, and public awareness programs, motorcycle fatalities decreased by nearly nine percent in Ohio last year.

Ohio is among the top five states with the highest number of motorcycle riders in the nation, and motorcycle sales are growing at about 16 percent annually. Along with the increase of motorcycle riders comes the increased need for motorcycle awareness and safety education.



# 2007

## Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Patrol personnel from all over the state participated in the 2007 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run June 18 - 22.

Relay teams set out from Ashtabula, Athens, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Marietta and Toledo, running and biking their way toward Columbus and the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics at Jesse Owens Stadium at The Ohio State University.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run unites officers from numerous agencies and corrections departments in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Ohio. The Law Enforcement Torch Run extends beyond an annual run.

Hundreds of officers participate and organize events such as Polar Bear Plunges, Truck Convoys, Building Sits, and other special events throughout the year. All of these events generate additional dollars for Special Olympics Ohio.

The final leg of the relay traditionally begins at the Patrol's Training Academy just prior to the Opening Ceremony. Members of the 148th Cadet Class and many other Patrol officers, professional staff, and family members ran, walked, and biked together to complete the final leg, which culminated with the final passing of the torch to a Special Olympian.

This year, the run was named in

honor of Officer Nathan Van Oort of the Ohio University Police Department, who was critically injured during the 2006 Torch Run after a group of law enforcement personnel and volunteers, including several from the Patrol, were struck by lightning during the run from Athens to Columbus.

Before the final leg, Colonel Richard Collins presented Certificates of Recognition to nine officers and civilians involved with rescue and lifesaving efforts from the incident.

The Patrol is extremely proud of our employees' long-standing devotion to Special Olympics Ohio and the thousands of gifted athletes who have competed in the games over the years.



Colonel Richard Collins and Assistant Public Safety Director George Maier present a Certificate of Recognition to Andrew Murray. Andrew was part of a Torch Run group that was struck by lightning last year. He and eight other officers and civilians were recognized for their efforts to provide aid to those most seriously injured by the strike.



Members of the Xenia Post participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run as it passed through Greene County on June 21. Pictured left to right: Tpr. J.D. Pyles, Tpr. H.T. Myers, Sgt. G.S. Grewal, Tpr. B.K. Mangin, Lt. H.M. Fellure, Tpr. R.H. Hilderbrandt (Wilmington), Bob Hilderbrandt, Tpr. J.L. Hilderbrandt, and Angela Saylor.

## Declining traffic deaths lead to lowest fatality rate ever recorded

The number of people who died on the nation's roads fell last year, leading to the lowest highway fatality rate ever recorded and the largest drop in total deaths in 15 years, U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary Peters announced July 23.

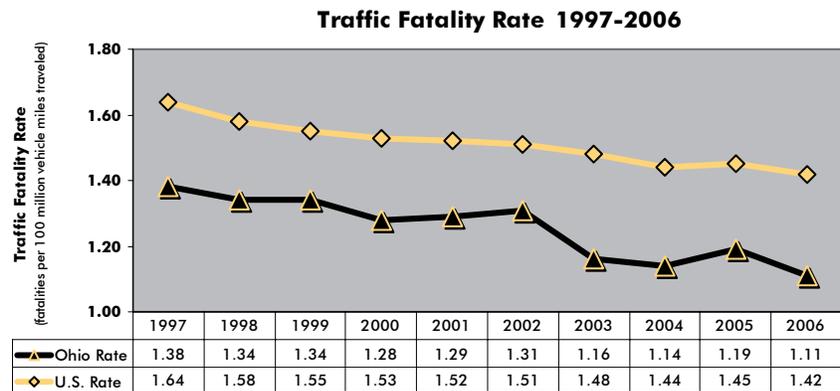
"Tough safety requirements and new technologies are helping make our vehicles safer and our roads less deadly," Peters said. "But we all must do more when so many are killed or seriously hurt on our roads every day."

In 2006, 42,642 people died in traffic crashes, a drop of 868 deaths compared to 2005. This two percent decline in traffic deaths contributed to the historic low fatality rate of 1.42 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Most significantly, fatalities of occupants of passenger vehicles — cars, SUVs, vans and pickups — continued a steady decline to 30,521, the lowest annual total since 1993. Injuries were also down in 2006, with passenger car injuries declining by 6.2 percent and large truck injuries falling by 15 percent.

As reported in the last *Flying Wheel*, 2006 was also Ohio's safest year on record, with a seven percent decline in traffic fatalities. Final 2006 statistics show Ohio's traffic fatality rate is 1.11 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

Peters cautioned that nationally,



Source: Traffic fatalities are from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Traffic Crash Facts, 1997-2006. Vehicle miles traveled are from the Ohio Department of Transportation's Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled Report, 1997-2006.

troubling trends continue in motorcycle and alcohol-related crashes. Alcohol-related fatalities rose slightly in 2006, while motorcycle deaths rose by 5.1 percent. This is the ninth year in a row the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has seen an increase in motorcycle deaths.

"Proper training, clothing, gear and, above all, helmet use are essential to reversing this deadly trend," Peters said.

Motorcycle-involved fatalities in Ohio declined nine percent from 2005 to 2006 as the Patrol employed a combination of enforcement, education, and public awareness initiatives, including the *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* program (please see page 6), to drive down motorcycle-involved fatalities.

Drunk driving enforce-

ment will continue to be a top priority for the U.S. Department of Transportation, said NHTSA Administrator Nicole Nason, noting no improvement in last year's alcohol-related fatalities numbers. In 2006, 15,121 fatalities involved a driver or motorcycle operator, pedestrian, or cyclist who had a .08 or above BAC (blood alcohol concentration) compared to 15,102 in 2005, she said.

"There is a personal story behind these statistics and for every alcohol related fatality, the family left behind is shattered forever," Nason said.

NHTSA collects crash statistics annually from the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to produce reports on fatalities and injuries. A similar report detailing Ohio traffic statistics is available at [www.ohiopublicsafety.com](http://www.ohiopublicsafety.com).

## 2007 first half statistics show further decline in Ohio traffic fatalities

After a very successful 2006, the Patrol is moving forward with efforts to drive down crash numbers in Ohio.

From expanding the Division's Motorcycle Unit to southwest Ohio to enforcement partnerships like the Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Initiative (please see page 4), troopers remain committed to making Ohio's roadways among the safest in the nation. Provisional data from the first six months of 2007 indicate that our efforts are paying dividends:

- 538 traffic fatalities (496 crashes) occurred on Ohio roads in January - June 2007 (there were 554 reported fatalities from January - June 2006).
- 28 percent of January - June 2007 traffic fatalities were related to impaired driving (compared to 31 percent reported from January - June 2006).
- Over half (55 percent) of January - June 2007 traffic fatalities were unbelted (compared to 60 percent reported from January - June 2006).

- 59 motorcycle fatalities were reported in the first quarter of 2007 (there were 64 reported from January - June 2006).
- 15 percent (83) of January - June 2007 traffic fatalities resulted from crashes involving commercial vehicles (compared to 16 percent reported from January - June 2006).

Statistics from the first five months of 2007 show that overall traffic crashes, including injury and fatal crashes, are down 11 percent from the four-year averages of January through May, 2003 - 2006.

Despite this positive start to 2007, several challenges remain. The number of speed-related traffic fatalities and the number of fatal crashes in urban areas are both higher than they were during the first half of 2006. We are optimistic that additional attention to these critical areas will help us continue to drive down crash numbers.

# PATROL OFFICERS

# MEMORIAL CEREMONY

MAY 4, 2007

Family and friends of the Patrol gathered at the Academy on May 4 to honor our 37 officers killed in the line of duty as part of the annual Patrol Officers 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.

The ceremony began as our District Troopers of the Year escorted family members of the deceased to their seats in the Academy courtyard while the Drum and Bugle Corps played. Sgt. Robert Jacks and Tpr. Nicholas Lunsford, both of the Gallipolis Post, were also on hand to escort and offer support to the families of Sgt. Dale Holcomb and Tpr. Joshua Risner, who were killed in an on-duty crash in Gallia County on September 28, 2006.

Tpr. Michael Maughmer, Jackson DHQ, performed the "Star-Spangled Banner," and State Trooper of the Year Joshua Eldridge, Piqua, led guests in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

In remembering our fallen officers, Colonel Richard Collins noted that the loss of Sgt. Holcomb and Tpr. Risner had been particularly difficult for many members of the Patrol.

Henry Guzman, Ohio Public Safety director, and Governor Ted Strickland also addressed the audience before a 21-gun salute, the sounding of "Taps," and a memorial fly-over by Patrol and Columbus Police helicopters.

Tpr. Timothy Root, Investigative Services, tolled the Academy bell as retired Tpr. Charlie Linek, 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."



Sgt. Robert Jacks, Gallipolis, escorts Connie Holcomb to her seat.



Anita Carrion, mother of Tpr. Robert Perez, takes a moment to greet S/Lt. Brian Landis and Colonel Richard Collins.

Editor's note: The following comments are excerpts from an essay Trent Holcomb, son of Sgt. Dale Holcomb, wrote for school late last fall. Lt. Richard Grau, Gallipolis, sent in the essay, noting that, "Trent's attitude is inspiring."

*"My father was killed in an automobile crash on September 28, 2006. The event was and still is devastating to my family and me. A preacher told me that good things would come out of the ordeal, but at the time I didn't believe him. Now that I think about it, I have a better outlook on life. I am thankful for each day I am given, and I don't take so many things for granted.*

*"I believe that people should live their lives to the fullest and do their best at whatever they do. Nobody knows how long they will be able to do the things they love. Often people don't think in such ways until something bad happens.*

*"Every morning when I wake up, I am happy and thankful. Before the accident, the only time I was happy when I woke up was on the weekend. I have realized that although I have to do some things I may dislike, it is much better that not being able to do anything.*

*"Although a countless number of bad things came from this event, I do know that at least one good thing was caused from it. I believe that my new philosophy will allow me to lead a much more meaningful and happy life."*

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 TPR. FRANK G. VAZQUEZ NOVEMBER 6, 2001

## Motorists driving dangerously near commercial vehicles draw Patrol's attention

Statistics in recent years for Ohio show approximately 70 percent of all commercial motor vehicle (CMV)-involved fatal and incapacitating injury crashes are caused by a non-CMV driver. Based on provisional statistics, through June of this year, there were 74 commercial vehicle-related fatal crashes resulting in 82 deaths in Ohio. Of these fatal crashes, a majority were the fault of the non-CMV driver.

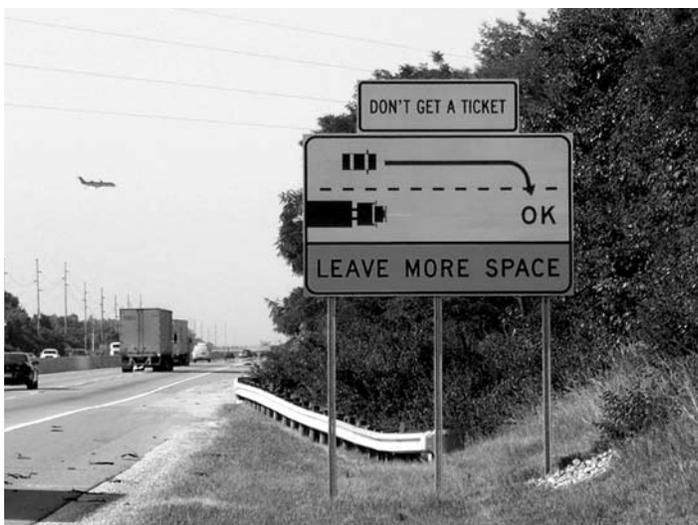
That is why from June 18 through September 30, troopers are focusing enforcement efforts in some of Ohio's most dangerous interstate corridors where CMV and passenger vehicles historically crash into each other. Violations including excessive speeding, improper lane changing, and not leaving sufficient space around a CMV will be strictly enforced.

This project is targeting known crash-causing violations by non-CMV drivers in six of the worst CMV-involved crash corridors in Ohio — listed below (statistics cover 2003-2005 fatalities and incapacitating injuries where the non-CMV driver was at-fault in crashes in each corridor area):

- **Clark County:** Interstate 70 (milepost 51-56), 11 fatalities and incapacitating injuries;
- **Franklin County:** Interstate 70 (milepost 96-101), five fatalities and incapacitating injuries;
- **Hamilton County:** Interstate 75 (milepost 0.2-10.2), 16 fatalities and incapacitating injuries;
- **Montgomery County:** Interstate 75 (milepost 61-66), seven fatalities and incapacitating injuries;
- **Summit County:** Interstate 76 (milepost 22-27), five fatalities and incapacitating injuries; and
- **Wayne County:** Interstate 71 (milepost 195-200), nine fatalities and incapacitating injuries.

This program, which is 80 percent federally funded, places troopers Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., in the listed corridors to aggressively enforce crash-causing violations of non-CMVs driving near CMVs. Areas in Hamilton and Franklin counties are being supplemented by troopers from the Patrol motorcycle units. Patrol aviation resources are also being utilized as part of this effort to operate in conjunction with ground officers.

The program also includes a federally funded public awareness initiative of radio advertising in the affected areas that began July 9 to further educate motorists on the importance of leaving more space around CMVs. The Ohio Department of Transportation is also erecting informational highway signs on each end of the targeted enforcement corridors (except in Franklin County where space did not permit sign posting) informing motorists, "Don't Get a Ticket, Leave More Space."



To supplement the Patrol's program, the Ohio Department of Transportation erected "Don't Get a Ticket, Leave More Space" highway signs along most of the targeted corridors.

Additional public awareness materials, including an mp3 of the radio commercial, on this important subject can be found on the Patrol's Web site at <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/media/2007/07-086.htm>.

Other commercial vehicle safety enforcement efforts this year have focused on the safety of commercial vehicles:

**Operation Air Brake** — Motor carrier enforcement inspectors placed 247 commercial vehicles out-of-service during a 12-hour inspection period focused on brake-related defects conducted on May 2. The Patrol, in cooperation with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and the Ohio Trucking Association, inspected 770 commercial vehicles.

**Roadcheck 2007** — The Patrol, PUCO inspectors, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration conducted 2,025 inspections June 5 - 7. Inspectors issued 4,740 safety violations in Ohio with 564 commercial vehicles and 109 drivers placed out-of-service for various violations.

**Multi-state enforcement** — On June 12, the Patrol joined state police and highway patrol agencies in Indiana, Kentucky, and Michigan for a combined enforcement project focused on commercial motor vehicle driver moving violations, vehicle equipment safety violations, and other commercial vehicle safety issues. In 757 inspections, inspectors issued 878 equipment violations and 232 driver violations with 47 drivers placed out-of-service for serious violations. A total of 367 citations and 166 warnings were issued.

**Motor carrier enforcement** — Motor carrier enforcement inspectors from the Patrol and the Indiana State Police participated in a passenger-carrying commercial vehicle enforcement effort on June 26 that focused on mechanical defects on passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles and driver errors. The effort in Ohio concentrated on destination inspections at Kings Island and Cedar Point amusement parks.

## Local-level safety marketing programs, ideas available online

Local-level safety marketing is a key way for Patrol posts to achieve traffic safety success. In that light, the Office of Strategic Services, with support from districts and posts across the state, has developed an online safety marketing program, *Local-Level Safety Marketing Programs That Get Results*.

This online catalog contains information on local-level safety marketing programs that have proven successful in addressing key areas of traffic safety education: <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/localmarketing.htm>

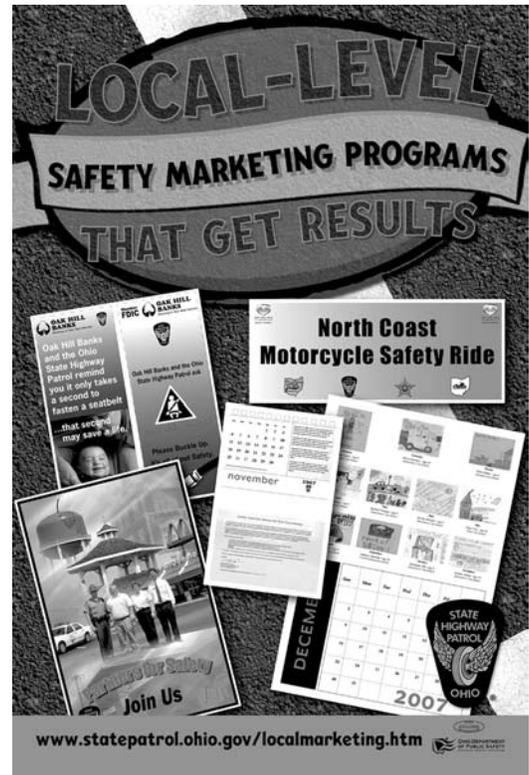
The online catalog was designed to improve internal communication and share ideas and programs across the state that can help address local problems and make a positive difference in local communities. When possible, supplemental materials including artwork/designs, PowerPoint presentations, videos, etc., are available with each program narrative listed. Specific sections provide successful program information in the areas including: Teen Driving; OVI; Targeted Enforcement; Local Business Partnerships and Community

Outreach; Motorcycle Safety; and Cards/Handouts.

Commanders interested in finding out more about these programs, can either contact the originating Patrol post, or the Public Affairs Unit. Members of the Public Affairs Unit are also available to assist with the development and implementation of local-level safety marketing programs to assist commanders in achieving traffic safety successes.

We will continuously add new and innovative local programs to this site, and commanders are encouraged to contact the Public Affairs Unit if they are interested in sharing program information on this site with their colleagues around Ohio.

Included with this program is an internal marketing poster that was developed by Visual Communications, which is currently being displayed in



areas visible to Patrol personnel in each DHQ and posts across the state.

## Math lesson helps students understand what happens in a crash

*Batavia trooper uses statistics, algebra, and physics to stress traffic safety and decision making messages*

What started as a casual conversation between a new trooper and his field training officer has developed into a series of programs that Tpr. John Thorne, Batavia, takes into Clermont and Hamilton county high schools to educate students about traffic safety and good decision making.

Thorne was just out of the Academy in 2004 when he and his coach, Mark Nichols, who is now a sergeant at Springfield, started discussing ways to deliver traffic safety information to a large audience in a positive environment.

Those discussions ultimately led to the creation of two presentations targeted at teenagers. Thorne explained, "There was some initial resistance from school administrators because they only have a set number of hours for instruction."

To alleviate concerns, Thorne developed a program that can be presented in math or physics classes.

First, he shows students that despite what they see in the media, teenagers are statistically far more likely to be traffic crash victims as opposed to victims of violent crime.

Next, he explains the physics at work during a crash, including Newton's laws of motion. "What really hits home with them is when I show them how their heart and lungs and liver are still moving forward when their rib cage stops," he said.

Finally, Thorne introduces the various formulas and

equations troopers use in crash investigation. What follows is a practical demonstration, usually in the school parking lot, where students measure skid marks and friction, then perform the related calculations.

"It's a hands-on, tangible example of how they will use what they are learning in school," he said.

Feedback from teachers and school administrators has been overwhelmingly positive and all of the schools where Thorne has made his presentation have asked him to do more.

"I've always gotten positive reactions and the kids always seem to be engaged." Thorne explained that his goal is also to show the students a different side of a police officer to help them really understand just what troopers are trying to accomplish through traffic enforcement and how their own decision making is also important.

"I really believe that the future of our organization and meeting our goals is dependent on education. It helps to show — Continued on next page.



**John Thorne**

## OSHP Aviation — A force multiplier for Ohio law enforcement

The Patrol's Aviation Section serves as one of the great force-multipliers available to Ohio law enforcement.

Recently, a joint marketing program between the Offices of Strategic Services and Field Operations provided further internal and external promotion of our aviation resources. The marketing effort included two new videos produced by Video Production personnel:

**Internal roll-call video on aviation services** — Provided information specifically for Patrol field personnel to further educate them on Patrol aviation resources, and special aviation-related considerations that field personnel should be aware of when working with Patrol pilots. This video was intended to be viewed by all Patrol personnel and made part of the post video library.

**External marketing video** — Includes everything from the internal roll-call video except the law enforcement sensitive information. This video can be shown by Patrol personnel at local and regional safety meetings, to local and county law enforcement partners, as well as to the general public during speech details and static aviation dis-



The Patrol's new Caravan aircraft is one aviation resource available to Ohio law enforcement. The Caravan is equipped with a state-of-the-art surveillance package for covert day or night surveillance of persons or objects on the ground.

plays. The video has also been posted to the Aviation Section of the Patrol's Web site at <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/operationalunits/fieldops/aviation.html>.

Additionally, Visual Communications developed an informational brochure as a supplement to the external marketing video. The brochure is being used by posts to promote inter-agency

cooperation, and is being distributed by Patrol personnel to other law enforcement agencies to further educate and inform on the availability of Patrol aviation resources.

This joint marketing initiative will further enhance our marketing efforts by internally and externally promoting one of our agency's most useful assets — our aviation resources.

### Math lesson

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people why we are doing what we are doing," he said.

Ultimately, it is Thorne's hope that as more people gain an understanding of the Patrol's goals, voluntary compliance will follow.

Thorne also has a presentation for health classes that examines how alcohol affects the body and how troopers detect and test impaired drivers.

"I like that I can reach all those kids in just an hour. Even the best trooper can't reach that number of people in one hour through traffic stops alone. And this way, I am getting the message out in a positive way in a short time," he said.

While Tpr. Thorne's crash program is featured on the Patrol's new local-level safety marketing online catalog at <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/localmarketing.htm> (*please see complete story on page 11*), he is not alone in using practical demonstrations to reach teens. Tpr. Steven Huck in Lima, troopers at the Ashland Post, and others around the state have conducted similar programs showing students how they use algebra and physics in crash investigation.

### Sworn Promotions

**Lieutenant Douglas Eck**, Dayton

**Sergeant John Chesser**, Dayton

**Sergeant Justin Hurlbert**,  
Wilmington

**Sergeant Eric Gonzalez**, Toledo

**Sergeant David Dillon**, Bucyrus

**Sergeant Shad Cplinger**,  
Delaware

**Captain George Williams**,  
Cambridge DHQ

**Staff Lieutenant Chester Engle**,  
Warren DHQ

**Staff Lieutenant Daniel Lay**, Field  
Operations

**Lieutenant John Carrico**,  
Wapakoneta

**Lieutenant John Maxey**, Milan

**Sergeant Jennifer Burkhart**,  
Ashland

**Sergeant Richard Reeder**, Piqua

**Captain David Gillespie**, Findlay  
DHQ

**Staff Lieutenant Michael Sharp**,  
Findlay DHQ

**Lieutenant Michael Marchek**,  
Defiance

**Lieutenant Steven Rine**, Academy

**Sergeant Gregory Blake**,  
Cleveland Investigations

**Sergeant Thomas Bloomberg**,  
Lebanon

**Sergeant Leslie Brode**, Academy

**Sergeant Kevin Kelley**, Hamilton

**Sergeant Tony Stephens**, Lisbon

### Professional Promotions

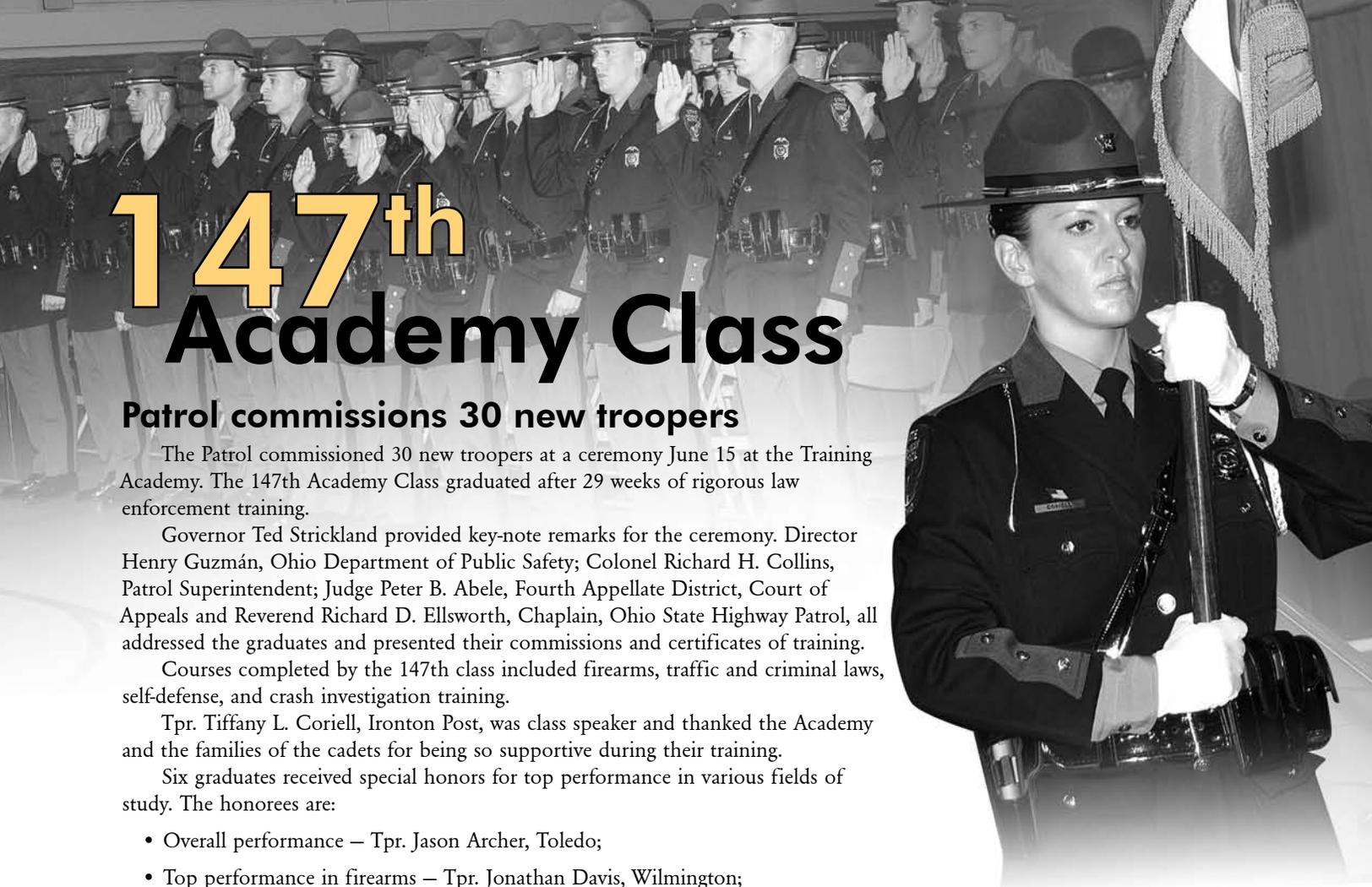
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**ET3 Frederick Lust**, Bucyrus  
DHQ

**ET2 Roger Starnier**, Jackson DHQ

**PLLI Kelly Thompson**,  
Wilmington DHQ



# 147th Academy Class

## Patrol commissions 30 new troopers

The Patrol commissioned 30 new troopers at a ceremony June 15 at the Training Academy. The 147th Academy Class graduated after 29 weeks of rigorous law enforcement training.

Governor Ted Strickland provided key-note remarks for the ceremony. Director Henry Guzmán, Ohio Department of Public Safety; Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol Superintendent; Judge Peter B. Abele, Fourth Appellate District, Court of Appeals and Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth, Chaplain, Ohio State Highway Patrol, all addressed the graduates and presented their commissions and certificates of training.

Courses completed by the 147th class included firearms, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, and crash investigation training.

Tpr. Tiffany L. Coriell, Ironton Post, was class speaker and thanked the Academy and the families of the cadets for being so supportive during their training.

Six graduates received special honors for top performance in various fields of study. The honorees are:

- Overall performance – Tpr. Jason Archer, Toledo;
- Top performance in firearms – Tpr. Jonathan Davis, Wilmington;
- Top performance in driving – Tpr. David Grooms, Georgetown, and Tpr. Jacob Tidaback, Fremont;
- Top performance in physical training – Tpr. Jeremy Kindler, Van Wert; and
- Top performance in academics – Tpr. Tiffany L. Coriell, Ironton.

The new troopers reported to their posts June 18. Their first 60 working days were a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new troopers were assigned to 20 of the Patrol's 55 posts.



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## Lisbon Post dedicated to former superintendent Kenneth Morckel

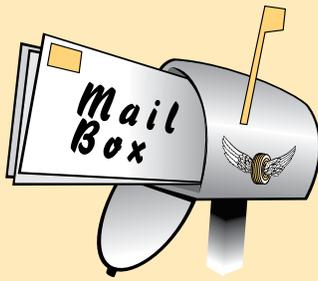
The public and the media were invited to the Lisbon Post on April 28 for the dedication ceremony of the facility to retired Colonel Kenneth Morckel, who served more than 28 years in the Patrol, including three years as superintendent.

Morckel, who led the Division as demands for trooper services expanded after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, served five years as a trooper at the Lisbon Post and was District and Post Trooper of the Year there in 1979.

Please see our *OSHP Reflections* on page 18 for more information on Colonel Morckel's contributions to the Patrol.

**Colonel Richard Collins unveils the Lisbon Post dedication plaque to former superintendent Retired Colonel Kenneth Morckel.**





## **Writers praise troopers' support, presence, excellence in service**

The family of Specialist Nicholas Scott Hartge, U.S. Army, would like to express sincere gratitude to all members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and its affiliated organizations who sent each heartfelt card, letter, thought, and prayer following Nick's extremely untimely death. Please know that each of you has helped ease our burden in these most difficult times. The support and appreciation for Nick's efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom have been an overwhelmingly pleasant experience, which we were not expecting. Nick was an extraordinary son who dearly loved God, family, life, friends, and most of all, his country. He was a true American patriot. He is our hero, yet he is no different than each one of the thousands of American veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us. He will be deeply missed by all.

### **Tpr. Scott Hartge and family Delaware**

*Ed. Note: Specialist Nicholas Hartge, 20, died in combat in Baghdad, Iraq, on May 14.*

Doc's family and I want to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you in the Patrol family. He was proud and pleased to be member of your family all these years. So many of you called, visited, and sent the most wonderful notes both before and after his death. You touched us deeply with your thoughtfulness, warmth, and sincerity. We wish to extend a special recognition and thanks to Captain John Bistor, Trooper Milan Milosevic, and all the troopers of the Massillon post. You went above and beyond with your personal attention and profound respect during Doc's funeral. And to Chaplains Richard Ellsworth and David Redding for your heartfelt and comforting words before and after Doc's death. Lastly, there are not words to express our appreciation for the honor bestowed on Doc, me, and our entire family

by Major Darryl Anderson, Major J.P. Allen, Sergeant Terry Staderman, Lieutenant Daniel Greene, Tom Chodzin, and Patrick Lingo. You blessed us tremendously. Thank you.

### **Sarah Mohler and family Centerburg**

*Ed. Note: Retired Patrol physician, Glenn Mohler, MD, passed away April 16.*

I was traveling from Dayton to Cleveland on Memorial Day. You guys were everywhere! Traffic flow was great! There was no weaving in and out trying to get ahead, no tailgating, crazy speeders, etc. I never felt safer making this trip. Thanks for a great job.

### **Kathy Tomazic Cleveland**

As a morning/evening commuter, I have noticed that traffic is horrific on the Interstate 75/475 loop. Monday, June 11, I noted the presence of Highway Patrol motorcycle units. Traffic was more controlled and speeding was visibly reduced. Thank you to everyone involved in the effort to make the interstate safer and much less stressful during the drive home.

### **Cheryl Kertesz Toledo**

I just wanted to express my thanks. On June 10 around 2:30 a.m., my car broke down on I-71. I did not know who to call, so I called the Highway Patrol in Mansfield. The dispatcher called a tow truck for me and got me off the road. I wish I had asked her name, but she was very helpful and courteous.

### **Mark Archambeau Cleveland**

On April 14, my family and I were broken down on I-71N, and the

officer who helped us was so very helpful, courteous, and professional. I just wanted to thank your department for having an exemplary employee as this working for you. His assistance was instrumental in getting my family safely back to a location where further assistance could be obtained.

### **William Martin Canfield**

Just a complimentary note to Tpr. M.R. Beccaccio, Hamilton, regarding his investigation of a six-vehicle, rear-end accident on February 26. I work for a major insurance company and for years have felt the Patrol's crash reports stood "head and shoulders" above other law enforcement agencies in clarity, thoroughness, and detail of reporting accurately the facts surrounding the accident. However, in my 40 years of experience in claims, I have never seen such a detailed and thorough report as Tpr. Beccaccio completed in this case. A couple of the parties involved even complimented his professionalism and attention to detail at the scene. Later in a phone interview, he was quite cooperative, exhibiting a very professional attitude in reviewing questions I had regarding this accident. I appreciate his service very much and it certainly helped in what could yet prove to be a complex liability situation.

### **James Bright Newark**

I would like to commend Tpr. Robert Ashenfelter for his help in aiding me on February 14 on the Ohio Turnpike east of Toledo. I feel that the trooper not only did everything he could to help get me on my way, he did so in a courteous manner.

### **Joe Podufal Girard, Pennsylvania**

## Memorial Day support expanded



From left: Aux. Lt. Ron Scott, Aux. S/Major Ray Allison, Aux. S/Major Rick Spencer, Tpr. Tim Sankoe, Aux. Ofc. D. Indorf, Aux. Capt. Ed Warstler, Aux. Lt. Joseph Fyda and Aux. Major Mike Coleman.

The Patrol Auxiliary bolstered its long-standing partnership with the American Legion by providing traffic control for the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Medina County over the Memorial Day weekend. The Auxiliary has provided the same support for the National Cemetery in Dayton over the Memorial Day weekend for many years and this expansion of service to Western Reserve strengthens the Auxiliary's commitment to supporting American Legion activities.

Auxiliary Major Mike Coleman worked with District and local Patrol staff to plan and organize the detail, and Auxiliary officers from several districts participated in making this operation a success.

## Auxiliary assists at Dayton Air Show



Aux. Ofc. Jim Ray and Aux. Major Ross Leider were part of the Auxiliary detail at the Dayton Air Show.

Auxiliary volunteers assisted Patrol officers with setting up displays and distributing safety education literature at the Dayton Air Show on July 28 and 29 at The Dayton International Airport.

The Patrol had an impressive display of equipment, which included fixed-wing and helicopter aircraft, the mobile command center, a B.E.A.R. vehicle, patrol cars, and motorcycles.

Auxiliary officers assisting with the detail were Aux. Ofc. Jim Ray, Aux. Capt. John Cunningham, and Aux. Major Ross Leider.

## Junior Cadet Week lets teens explore careers in law enforcement



Thirty-six teenagers from across Ohio gave up a week of summer vacation to experience the excitement and rigor of life as a Patrol cadet during the 34th annual Junior Cadet Week, June 25 - 29, at the Training Academy.

Jointly sponsored by the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, the Ohio American Legion, and the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, the program provides young men and women with an interest in law enforcement insight into the issues peace officers face in their jobs.

During their time at the Academy, the teens 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. Children of Patrol employees are also eligible.

Tpr. Chandra Skufca, Ashtabula, and Tpr. Douglas DeBord, Chillicothe, served as class advisors.

## Two commanders complete Southern Police Institute

Lt. **Kenneth Ward**, West Jefferson post commander, and Lt. **Richard Zwayer**, Marysville post commander, graduated from the Southern Police Institute's 117th Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville on May 11.

The Southern Police Institute consistently is ranked among the top law enforcement educational and training schools in the nation. The 12-week Administrative Officers Course is designed to develop competent law enforcement managers who are capable of assuming positions of leadership in their respective agencies.

Ward is a member of the 118th Academy Class and Zwayer is a member of the 124th Academy Class.



**Kenneth Ward**



**Richard Zwayer**

## Sharp receives polygraph certification



From left: Tpr. **Eric Sharp**; Major **Robert Booker**, Investigative Services commander; and Capt. **Michelle Henderson**, Investigative Services executive officer.

Tpr. Eric Sharp, Investigative Services, recently received polygraph certification from the Pennsylvania State Police/Harrisburg Area Community College Polygraph Institute at the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania.

## Schmutz is FBI National Academy graduate

Lt. **Robin Schmutz**, commander of the Toledo Post, graduated from the FBI National Academy Program in Quantico, Virginia, on June 6. The National Academy program provides 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training for selected law enforcement officers with proven records of professionalism.

It's mission is "to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world."

Schmutz is a member of the 127th Academy Class. She joined the Division in 1995.



**Robin Schmutz**

## Thompson graduates Northwestern's School of Police Staff and Command

Lt. **Mark Thompson**, Jackson post commander, graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University. He completed the 10-week program in Evanston, Illinois, on June 1.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in areas including management, organizational behavior, human resources for law enforcement, and budgeting.

Thompson is a member of the Patrol's 118th Academy Class. He has been with the Patrol for 17 years.



**Mark Thompson**

## Norman completes PELC program

Sgt. **Stephanie Norman**, Wooster, graduated from the 49th Session of the Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) on June 15. PELC is an intensive, three-week training program that helps law enforcement executives improve their leadership abilities.

Sgt. Norman is a member of the 126th Academy Class. She has 13 years of service.



**Stephanie Norman**

*Certificate of Recognition*

**Tpr. Gary Wright**, St. Clairsville, received a Certificate of Recognition for his quick actions to save a crash victim from a burning vehicle. On December 19, 2006, Tpr. Wright responded to a one-vehicle crash on Hell’s Kitchen Road in Colerain Township, arriving at the same time as members of the Barton Fire Department.



**Gary Wright**

The responders found the vehicle partially down an embankment and engulfed in flames. A bystander reported that two people were trapped inside. Barton Fire Chief Kirk Smolenak reached the car first, released a four-year-old girl from her car seat, and carried her to safety. Meanwhile, Tpr. Wright and firefighter Charles Thompson forced open the driver’s door and pulled the driver out and moved him to safety.

**MCEI Harold Emmett**, Findlay District, received a Certificate of Recognition for initiating a significant narcotics seizure.



**Harold Emmett**

On April 11, 2007, MCEI Emmett stopped a commercial tractor for a vehicle defect. He quickly identified numerous indicators of criminal activity, which led him to call for a drug detecting canine from the Hancock County Sheriff’s Office.

The canine alerted to the trailer, and officers subsequently discovered and seized 543 pounds of marijuana.

*Ace Award*

**Tpr. Byron Chute**, Ashtabula, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$70,000 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.



**Byron Chute**

In January, he made his first recovery when he responded to reports of a possible road rage incident. After stopping two tow trucks, he discovered one of the trucks had been taken without the owner’s permission. He recovered the 2002 Ford truck valued at \$40,000 after confirming the driver did not have permission to use the vehicle.

**Tpr. Christopher Ellison**, Piqua, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$39,000 and apprehended seven suspects to earn the first Ace Award of his career.



**Christopher Ellison**

Five of the suspects he apprehended were juveniles. Of the three who were the suspect drivers, one was 13 years old, two were 16 years old, and none were licensed to drive. The 13-year-old also was charged with possessing drug paraphernalia. One of the 16-year-olds was a missing juvenile with an active warrant out of Michigan. He was driving a Lincoln valued at \$17,000 that had been reported stolen out of Florida.

**Tpr. Timothy Durham**, Springfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$7,300 and apprehended five suspects to earn the third Ace Award of his career.



**Timothy Durham**

Three of his recoveries were vehicles that were listed on the LEADS Web site as stolen vehicles from Clark County. In each recovery, he encountered the stolen vehicle while on routine patrol, initiated a traffic stop, and waited for back up to arrive before taking each suspect into custody without incident. Tpr. Durham’s other two recoveries came after registration checks revealed that the vehicles were stolen.

**Tpr. Jason Hodge**, Springfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$10,500 and apprehended five suspects to earn the first Ace Award of 2007 and the first of his career.



**Jason Hodge**

Three of his recoveries were vehicles that were listed on the LEADS Web site as stolen vehicles. Another recovered vehicle was reported stolen by the Clark County Sheriff’s Office. In each instance, Tpr. Hodge observed the suspect vehicles while on routine patrol, confirmed the stolen entry, and took the suspect driver into custody without incident.

## Colonel Kenneth L. Morckel

*Superintendent, 2000-2003*

Colonel Kenneth L. Morckel was born and raised near Carrollton, a rural community in eastern Ohio. He entered the Patrol's Training Academy in October 1974 as a member of the 99th Academy Class. His fellow cadets elected him Class Speaker and after graduating on February 7, 1975, he was assigned to the Lisbon Post. At Lisbon, he earned Post Trooper of the Year honors in 1978 and Post and District Trooper of the Year honors in 1979.

Promoted to sergeant in 1980, he served as assistant commander of the Springfield Post before transferring to Piqua in October 1986.

Colonel Morckel's first command assignment was at the Elyria Post after he was promoted to lieutenant in 1988. Two years later, he was promoted again and assigned to the Columbus District as assistant district commander. He transferred to General Headquarters in administration in 1992, and earned a promotion to captain in April 1993. During that time, he served as commander of Colonel Thomas Rice's support staff.

The following January, Colonel Morckel transferred to Columbus District Headquarters as district commander. He earned the rank of major and was named commander of the Office of Field Operations in March 1997. That September, Colonel Kenneth Marshall promoted him to lieutenant colonel.

On June 30, 2000, Colonel Morckel became the thirteenth super-

intendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. As superintendent, Colonel Morckel's contributions to professional police services and homeland security will have a lasting impact on the safety of motorists in Ohio. He coordinated the innovative bias-based policing strategy that included the implementation of policy and training initiatives, an eight-step development process, and added Web pages to the Patrol Web site listing all traffic stop diversity data and statistics, along with complaint statistics.

He also directed the Patrol's homeland security efforts, and served as chair of the State of Ohio Security Task Force's Law Enforcement Subcommittee. To further enhance homeland security, Colonel Morckel directed the establishment of the LEADS Intelligence Information System and oversaw a partnership among law enforcement and trucking organizations to implement Highway Watch, a national effort to enable truck drivers to alert law enforcement officials to highway safety and security concerns.

In addition, through an increased emphasis on combining public education with effective enforcement, Ohio experienced a reduction in rural traffic fatalities during 2000 and 2001.

Colonel Morckel is a graduate of both the FBI's National Executive Institute and the Southern Police Institute Command Officer Development Course at the University of Louisville. He also earned a bachelor's degree in human re-

source management and organizational leadership from Franklin University.

In 2002, Colonel Morckel received the Ohio Women in Law Enforcement Mentor of the Year Award and the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's Award for Exceptional Contributions to Public Safety and Security.

On three occasions during his career, Colonel Morckel was recognized for actions above and beyond the call of duty. In 1977, he saved the life of a little girl whose heart and breathing had stopped at the Ohio State Fair. As a sergeant in 1981, he risked his life to stop a possible head-on crash by using his cruiser to force a fleeing vehicle off Interstate 70 into a ditch, thus avoiding oncoming traffic. Then, in 1989, as commander of the Patrol's Elyria Post in northern Ohio, he pulled a suicidal AIDS patient down from a highway railroad overpass.

After retiring from the Patrol in January 2003, Colonel Morckel continued his commitment to safety for Ohioans by serving as director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety until his retirement at the end of last year.

Colonel Morckel and his wife, Sandy, reside in Dublin. They have two adult children, Kenneth and Karmen, and four grandchildren.

# Hear the honorable history of our hallowed Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall has displayed Ohio State Highway Patrol artifacts ever since its official opening more than 20 years ago. Recently, the nameplates listing those photographed in each Academy Class graduation photo (in the Academy's hallways) were corrected and redone, increasing the accuracy of the

information available to the public.

More changes are coming – the displays in Heritage Hall will be going through changes this fall, and different items in the Division's historic coffer will be available for public viewing.

As it was stated at the dedication of Heritage Hall, the museum serves as

a place to focus on a collection of mementos that recall the most important aspects of our past – the people who have worked so hard for nearly 75 years to make the Patrol what it is today.

The following trivia questions center on Heritage Hall; see how much you really know about the Patrol's museum.

1. What date and year was Heritage Hall dedicated?  
a. July 4, 1976    b. Dec. 18, 1962    c. Sept. 6, 1985
2. Approximately how many items did the museum boast when it first opened?  
a. 1,000    b. 200    c. 5,000
3. About how many artifacts (excluding photos, documents and books) have been donated to the Patrol, as of today?  
a. 220    b. 1,053    c. 550
4. Approximately how many photos does the History Department keep in its system?  
a. 7,000    b. 350    c. 10,000
5. What are the most popular items displayed in Heritage Hall?  
a. motorcycle and car    b. uniformed mannequins  
c. badges and insignia
6. How many Academy Class photos are located on the Academy's hallway walls, just beyond Heritage Hall?  
a. 100    b. 150    c. 147
7. What model and year of motorcycle is on display there?  
a. 1934 Indian SL, nicknamed "The Chief"  
b. 1938 Harley-Davidson EL, nicknamed "Knucklehead"  
c. 1940 Indian HC, nicknamed "Winner"
8. Who was superintendent at Heritage Hall's dedication?  
a. Colonel Jack B. Walsh  
b. Colonel Adam G. Reiss  
c. Colonel Thomas W. Rice
9. What is the model and year of the car on display there?  
a. 1928 Chevrolet Sedan  
b. 1941 Ford Deluxe Wagon  
c. 1938 Ford Club Cabriolet Convertible
10. According to the "Colonel's Corner" display at Heritage Hall, there are 14 former colonels of the Patrol. Name three.

## Answers

1. c    2. b    3. a    4. b    5. a    6. c    7. b    8. a    9. c  
10. The 14 former colonels are: Lynn E. Black, George Mingle, Fred Moritz, Scott B. Radcliffe, Anson B. Cook, Robert M. Chiararonte, Frank R. Blackstone, Adam G. Reiss, Jack B. Walsh, Thomas W. Rice, Warren H. Davies, Kenneth B. Marshall, Kenneth L. Morckel, and Paul D. McClellan

## Mystery Photo

Periodically, the *Flying Wheel* will present a photo or group of photos that readers can write in to identify. These are photos about which we have very little archival information. With hopes to save the loss of important, historical information, the Mystery Photo idea was born.

We are seeking information pertinent to the Patrol, such as names of personnel and others shown, approximate time and location, makes and models of vehicles, and maybe even some stories that connect with the photo – personal experiences and/or funny anecdotes.

If you know the details, or know where to look them up, please contact me. I look forward to talking about Patrol history with you!

Sincerely,  
Michele Vaughan, Patrol Historian  
mrvaughan@dps.state.oh.us  
614-387-1479



This sergeant is making sure these youngsters understand the importance of a school traffic patrol. We have no information as to who the officer is, who the children are, what year this was taken, in what town, or what school the children attended.

## Captain George Maier



**George Maier**

After 24 years of service, Capt. George Maier, Jackson District commander, retired on May 18, 2007, to accept the position of assistant director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Capt. Maier began his career with the Patrol as a member of the 112th Academy Class and earned his commission in March 1983. As a trooper, he served at the Wooster and Massillon posts, and was State

Trooper of the Year in 1991.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in April 1993 and served as an assistant commander at Cambridge and New Philadelphia before he was promoted to lieutenant and named commander of the Steubenville Post in March 1998.

After a promotion to staff lieutenant in July 2002, he served as assistant commander of the Massillon District until August 2004 when he earned a promotion to captain and assumed command of the Jackson District.

He is a graduate of the University of Louisville Southern Police Institute. In his career, he has earned the Ace Award, two Superintendent's Proficiency Awards, a Certificate of Recognition, and the Health and Physical Fitness Award. He also was recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Misty, reside in Wellston.

## Lieutenant Craig Seitz



**Craig Seitz**

Lt. Craig Seitz, Executive Protection Unit, entered disability retirement on July 8 after 21 years of service. He is a member of the 114th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 1985. He served at the Warren and Delaware posts before transferring to Columbus District Headquarters in July 1997.

He transferred to the Office of Investigative Services at GHQ

in 1998, and earned a promotion to sergeant within the Executive Protection Unit that December. He earned his promotion to lieutenant in 2002.

In his career, he earned the Ace Award, two Certificates of Recognition, and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Veronica, live in Lewis Center.

## Sergeant Walter Davis



**Walter Davis**

After more than 28 years of service, Sgt. Walter Davis, Criminal Intelligence Unit, retired June 7 when he was appointed Delaware County Sheriff. Sgt. Davis began his Patrol career in 1979 as a motor vehicle inspector at the Medina Post. He entered the Academy with the 111th Class and earned his commission in December 1981. He served at the Elyria and West Jefferson posts before transferring

to GHQ as a plainclothes investigator in 1991. He earned a promotion to sergeant and transferred to the Academy in the Recruitment Section in 1999. He had served as an investigator with the Criminal Intelligence Unit since 2004.

In his career, he won the State Proficiency Award for Auto Larceny Investigation in 1983, earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award, and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Brenda, live in Westerville.

## Sergeant James Kertesz



**James Kertesz**

Sgt. James Kertesz, Toledo, retired July 27 after more than 30 years of service. He trained with the 100th Academy Class and earned his commission in February 1977.

He served almost 16 years at Defiance and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1989 before he earned a promotion to sergeant in 1992 and transferred to Toledo.

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

## Trooper Richard Reaver



**Richard Reaver**

After more than 27 years of service, Tpr. Richard Reaver, Van Wert, retired on July 13. He is a member of the 108th Academy Class, which graduated in September 1980. He served at the Lima Post for 10 years and was District and Post Trooper of the Year in 1989. He earned a promotion to sergeant in October 1990 and served as an assistant post commander at Milan and Lima before returning to the

road as a trooper at Wapakoneta where he was Post Trooper of the Year in 1997. He transferred to Van Wert in December 2001 and earned Post Trooper of the Year honors two more times.

In his career, he also earned four Ace Awards, three Certificates of Recognition, and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Brenda, live in Spencerville.

### **Trooper Kevin Riley**



**Kevin Riley**

Tpr. Kevin Riley entered disability retirement on April 29 after six years of service. He trained with the 137th Academy Class and served at West Jefferson throughout his career. He resides in Hilliard.

### **Trooper James Sears**



**James Sears**

recognized for 10 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Karen, live in Clarksville.

Tpr. James Sears, Wilmington DHQ, entered disability retirement on July 8 after more than 14 years of service. He is a member of the 124th Academy Class and earned his commission in June 1993.

His first assignment was to Wilmington where he was Post Trooper of the Year in 2000. He served as a member of the district's commercial enforcement unit for the last seven years. In his career, he was

### **Personnel Officer 2 Cynthia Kennedy**



**Cynthia Kennedy**

After 30 years of service, PO2 Cynthia Kennedy, Human Resource Management, retired on May 31. She began her Patrol career in 1976 as a clerk in Logistic Services. She transferred to Human Resource Management in 1985 and was promoted to her current position in May 1993.

She and her husband, Donnis, reside in Columbus.

### **Dispatcher Karen Myers**



**Karen Myers**

Dispatcher Karen Myers, the second most senior dispatcher in the state, retired April 30 after 34 years of service. She joined the Division in April 1973 and served at the Van Wert Post throughout her career. She was voted Post Dispatcher of the Year six times and won District Dispatcher of the Year twice. Most recently, she was honored as the 2006 State Dispatcher of the Year.

### **Driver License Examiner Marsha Myles**



**Marsha Myles**

DX1 Marsha Myles, Piqua District, retired June 30 after more than 33 years of service. She began her career at the Dayton Post in November 1973. She resides in Dayton.

### **Facilities Planner Sandra Stellmack**



**Sandra Stellmack**

After 11 years of Patrol service, Sandra Stellmack retired on June 29. She joined the Division in June 1996 and served as a facilities planner throughout her career. She and her husband, Walter, reside in Gahanna.

**Driver License Examiner 1  
Joyce Telakowicz**



Joyce Telakowicz

After 33 years of service, DX1 Joyce Telakowicz, Ashland, retired June 2. She began her Patrol career as a dispatcher at Ashland in 1974, before becoming a driver examiner in 1979. She resides in Nankin.

**Dispatcher Terry Whitlock**



Terry Whitlock

Disp. Terry Whitlock retired July 31 after more than 17 years of Patrol service. She joined the Division in 1989 and served at the Fremont Post throughout her career.

She was her post's Dispatcher of the Year 11 times and earned District Dispatcher of the Year honors twice. She resides in Graytown.



**Expressing sympathy**

**Richard D. Delagrange**



Richard D. Delagrange

Retired Tpr. Richard D. Delagrange, 71, passed away June 12 at his home in Hartville. He was a member of the 49th Academy Class, which graduated in 1958.

He served at the Lisbon, Massillon, and Sandusky posts during his career, and retired from the Patrol in September 1988 as a member of Massillon's district portable scale team.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, and children, Richard and Vicky.

**Robert A. Hilston**



Robert A. Hilston

Retired Tpr. Robert A. Hilston, 62, passed away June 7 at Hospice House in Cleveland. He served as a cadet dispatcher before training with the 70th Academy Class.

After earning his commission in June 1966, he served at the Walbridge and Chardon posts before transferring to Warren District Headquarters. He retired in May 1990 after 25 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, and children: Scott, Dawn, and Sharyl.

**Ronald E. Dyer**



Ronald E. Dyer

Retired Electronic Technician 2 Ronald E. Dyer, 63, died May 9. He began his Patrol career as a communications officer in June 1970. He served at Cambridge District Headquarters throughout his 25-year career and retired in January 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Della, and daughters: Lori, Traci, and Jodi.

**Robert F. Humphrey**



Robert F. Humphrey

Retired Radio Technician 4 Robert F. Humphrey, 74, died April 28 at his home in Byesville.

He joined the Patrol in January 1956 and worked his way up to become the senior communications officer in the Cambridge District. He retired in September 1984 after 28 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, and children: Robert, Donald, and Denise.

## Something for everyone at retirees' 2007 Snowbird Reunion

By **Charlie Linek**,  
OSHPRA president

The 2007 Ohio State Highway Patrol Retiree's Association Annual Snowbird Reunion was held March 1-4, in The Villages, Florida. Many thanks to our hosts, Ralph and Carolyn Rizzo – assisted by Charlie and Paula Miner and Hank Williams – for all their hard work, which made this year's Snowbird a memorable one. Thanks also to the hotel staff at the Holiday Inn Express who made our stay enjoyable. A special thanks to all who attended, without whom there would not be a Snowbird reunion.

Ralph provided membership guest passes to all Thursday arrivals so we could dine and access all the numerous facilities. Many ate at the private restaurants and danced to the music in the town square. The facility and hospitality room were all first class, as was the free breakfast each morning in the lobby.

Friday's golf outing was held at The Del Webb-Eagle Ridge golf course. We were given a special price for our 28 golfers and the course was great, except for the cold rain that blew in about halfway through.

The ladies enjoyed a day shopping at the many stores and shops within The Villages. Many took the very informative trolley tour. We all joined together that evening for our traditional "Pizza Party" held in the Paradise

Recreation Center.

Saturday's luncheon was held at the La Hacienda Recreation Center across the street from the hotel and was well attended with 118 members, spouses, and friends present. Many new faces were in attendance this year and all said they would be back next year. The social hour was noisy and filled with laughter as old acquaintances were renewed. Ralph Rizzo welcomed everyone and Charlie Miner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Don Slemmer gave the invocation without a glitch this year.

After an excellent lunch buffet, Ralph introduced the speakers. Dick Curtis gave an update on the Retirement System and legislation affecting retirees. Captain John Bistor gave an update from the active ranks. Darryl Anderson spoke on issues that the board is currently addressing.

Ernie Wilson gave an update on next year's Snowbird that he and Darla will be hosting in Ocala, Florida, March 13-16, 2008. Charlie Linek gave a report on the state of the Association and then presented our hosts with special association golf shirts. Don Slemmer gave the benediction.

Charlie Miner conducted our 50/50 drawing and Ernie Wilson won the first 50 and to everyone's surprise, Darla Wilson won the second 50. The final event was raffling off the numer-



**Ralph Rizzo welcomes Patrol retirees and guests to the 2007 Snowbird Reunion at The Villages, Florida.**

ous door prizes (everyone received something from jackets and golf shirts to umbrellas and bath and beauty items).

Thanks to all those that donated the many door prizes. The hospitality room was buzzing that evening as everyone swapped stories and said their goodbyes until next year. A few die hard golfers went out again Sunday morning while everyone else was catching breakfast in the lobby and heading for home.

You missed a great time if you didn't attend, so put next year's Snowbird on your calendar – it's sure to be a great one.

## Expressing Sympathy

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### Walter R. Jones



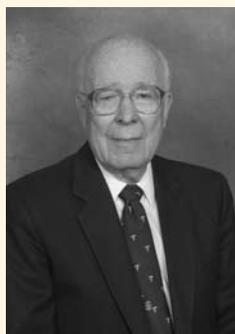
**Walter R. Jones**

Retired Sgt. Walter R. Jones, 81, died July 21 at his home in Springfield.

He was a member of the 37th Academy Class, which graduated in October 1952. He served at Lisbon, Lancaster, Xenia, and Circleville before retiring as an assistant commander at the Wilmington Post in March 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche, and children, Linda and Brian.

### Norris E. Lenahan



**Norris E. Lenahan**

Norris E. Lenahan, MD, 99, passed away July 1 after a short illness. He served as state physician for the Patrol for 27 years.

He joined the Division in 1957. In appreciation of his service, he received an honorary Patrol commission and in 1986, the new Health and Fitness Center at the Academy was dedicated with special recognition and appreciation to him. He is survived by his children: Florence, Jan, and Norris.

## Granville trooper receives military honors for community relations

On May 18, Tpr. Larry Bowman, Granville, was honored as one of the Armed Forces Community Relations Council's Outstanding Service Persons of the Year for 2006. He received a plaque for being named the Outstanding Service Person of the Year for the U.S. Marine Corps, and also was named the overall winner out of all individual winners representing each division of the armed forces.

Tpr. Bowman, who served as a gunnery sergeant with the Marine Corps Reserve, was singled out for his commitment to community service. It was noted that while serving as 3rd Platoon Sergeant, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he aggressively led his Marines against enemy forces until he was wounded. Although his injuries were severe, he visited with all Marines that were evacuated with him due to his concern for their needs.

While recovering from his wounds in 2005 and 2006, he insisted on working full-time with the active duty Inspector Instructor staff and served as the Wounded Warrior Program Coordinator. He coordinated and supervised visits to The National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, and the Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to visit wounded Marines from throughout the Corps.

He also served as the Gold Star Families Liaison and has



Granville Tpr. Larry Bowman with his military awards.

been a prominent speaker to many groups throughout central Ohio. He was recently cleared medically, deactivated, and assigned to the United States Marine Corps Individual Ready Reserve.

## Trooper of the Year Josh Eldridge accepts honor from Ohio House



Rep. Joe Uecker presents Tpr. Josh Eldridge with a House Resolution as Ohio House Speaker Jon Husted looks on.

The Ohio House of Representatives recently honored Tpr. Joshua Eldridge, Piqua, for his selection as 2006 State Trooper of the Year. Rep. Joe Uecker presented Tpr. Eldridge with House Resolution 30.

As adopted by the House, the resolution affirms that Tpr. Eldridge “has combined civic concern and commitment with selfless initiative to become a dynamic leader in the field of law enforcement” and salutes him as one of “Ohio’s finest law enforcement officers.”

## Lima

Two Lima troopers were recognized by the Allen Putnam Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) as “top cops” this Spring for their success in detecting and arresting impaired drivers in 2006.

Tpr. Gerald Manley made 134 impaired driving arrests last year, the most of any officer in the MADD chapter’s two-county area. Manley is a 16-year veteran of the Patrol and has been assigned to Lima throughout his career.

Tpr. Mike Kinsinger made 130 impaired driving arrests in 2006. He joined the Division in March 2001 and also has served at Lima throughout his career.

MADD handed out awards to 27 area officers who combined for more than 690 impaired driving arrests in 2006.



Gerald Manley



Mike Kinsinger

## Warren

Two Warren Post troopers earned recognition from the Mahoning Valley Chiefs of Police Association for Developing and implementing a teen traffic safety program. Troopers Lauren Merz and Donald Walker, who is now assigned to Massillon DHQ, created the “Drive to Survive” program, which is used as a diversion tool by the Trumbull County Juvenile Court. More than 500 teens and interested adults have completed the three-hour program.

Capt. James Holt, Warren District commander, also was recognized at the association’s awards ceremony in May. He was honored for his efforts at a crash scene. While off-duty on January 17, Capt. Holt came to the aid of a crash victim who was trapped in her vehicle. Capt. Holt broke a window to reach the injured woman, then kept her calm and warm until emergency rescue personnel arrived.



**Tpr. Donald Walker, Capt. James Holt, and Tpr. Lauren Merz each received the Community Policing Award from the Mahoning Valley Chiefs of Police Association at an awards ceremony in May.**

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## Bucyrus District



The North Central Correctional Institution in Marion dedicated an Employee Memorial on May 29 to honor staff members who have passed away while employed at the facility.

In recognition of the Division’s long relationship with the institution, Lt. David Church, Capt. Herb Homan, S/Lt. Ken Garloch, and Tpr. Doug Hamman represented the Patrol at the event.

Network Administrator 2 Dan Hall recently completed the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Tennessee. The school’s curriculum includes instruction in communication skills, leadership, and the profession of arms. The training is considered a major milestone in an airman’s career.

NA2 Hall is a member of the 179th Airlift Wing from Mansfield.



**NA2 Dan Hall (top row, far right) recently completed the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy.**

## Batavia

On April 26, Lt. Randy McElfresh and Tpr. Marc Glover participated in a mock crash at Felicity-Franklin High School to bring the students a safety message two days prior to their prom. More than 250 students were in attendance, and school administrators were delighted that the event helped them achieve a safe prom weekend.

The Felicity-Franklin Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services also assisted with the mock crash. *Photo courtesy of Ralph Adams.*



## Training Academy



After Lt. Steve Rine discovered that Scioto Ridge Elementary School in Powell no longer had a Dare Program due to funding cuts, he took the steps to help. With Tpr. Molly Clemens and Aux. Steve Morgan (Teddy Trooper), he started a program at the school to teach the children about stranger danger, 911, poison control and home safety, gun safety, and inappropriate touching. Four details with two classes each day reached more than 100 students. Tpr. Tiffany Appollonio and the Delaware Post also assisted in the program to make it a success.

**Lt. Rine, Tpr. Clemens, and Aux. Morgan (Teddy Trooper) are pictured with the Scioto Ridge Elementary School kindergarten class.**

## Sandusky

On April 26, Tpr. Christopher Capizzi participated in a speech detail at Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic St. Peter & Paul Campus. He spoke to the kindergarten class about safety belts and being a trooper.



## Massillon District



As part of the TESTS (Troopers Educating Students Through Sports) program, a team of Patrol officers play members of a local high school's faculty in basketball with a pre-prom safety presentation at half time. This year, Tpr. William Lee, Canton, set up eight games around the district and warned more than 5,000 students about the dangers of impaired driving.

**The TESTS team (front row from left): Tpr. Eli Rivera, Tpr. Dave Garber, Tpr. Chris Castellanos, Sgt. Tim Dearmitt, Lt. Mike Combs, Tpr. Rob Stotzer. Back row (from left): Capt. John Bistor, Tpr. Joel Smith, Tpr. William Lee, Sgt. Carlos Smith, Tpr. Brian Hawkins, Lt. Josh Swindell.**

The Massillon District recently held "Late Night Disco Bowling" to raise money for Operation Feed. Couples from throughout the district donated money to bowl with proceeds going to Operation Feed. The couples with the high scores for the night were (from left): Coleen and Capt. John Bistor (DHQ), Sarah and Tpr. Shaun Baskerville (Canton), and MVI Rick and Kathy Lamp (DHQ).

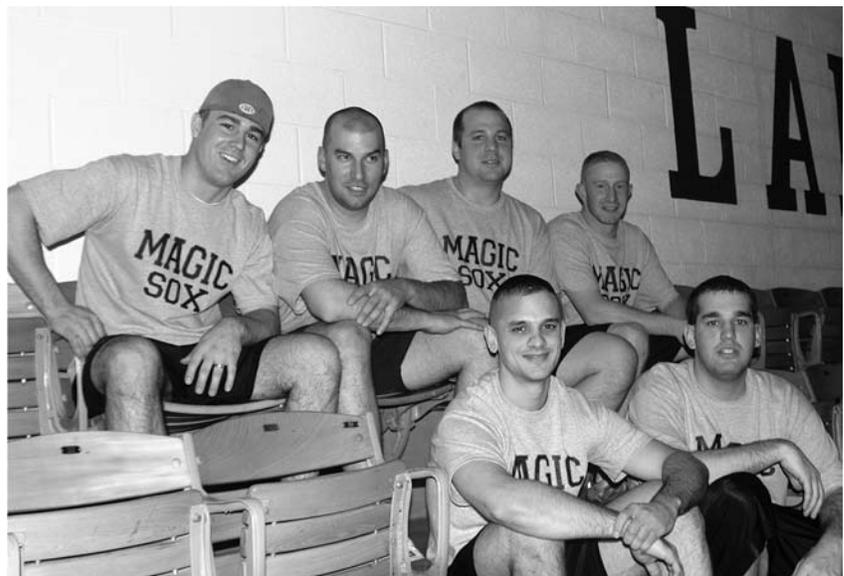


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## Van Wert

Troopers from the Van Wert Post participated in this year's annual Dodge Ball Tournament at Lincoln View High School sponsored by the National Honor Society to raise money for Toys-for-Tots. A total of 22 teams from around the area participated in the event that helped raise more than \$900 for the charity.

**Members of the Van Wert team were: (top from left) Adam Brincefield, Chad Spallinger, Michael Dirr, Josh Weiss; (bottom from left) Shawn Cook and Tyler Hoghe (nephew of MVI Tina Eley).**



## Drum and Bugle Corps

### Rolling Memorial

Members of the Drum and Bugle Corps opened Waterville’s Concert in the Park Series on June 10. The concert was attended by more than 100 members of the community, who were treated to many patriotic pieces and a visit from Teddy Trooper. Following the concert, troopers interacted with audience members who wanted to see some of the marked vehicles.

The concert also was the Findlay District debut of the OSHP Rolling Memorial. First unveiled at the Greater Cleveland Police Officers Memorial this year, the memorial has an Honor Roll of troopers killed in the line of duty on its rear window.

The vehicle was the idea of Tpr. Aaron Cooper, who began thinking of making a memorial after seeing a 1957 Chevrolet memorial at the Cleveland Police Memorial a few years ago. After seeing the many historic rolling memorials at the National Peace Officer Memorial ceremony in Washington, D.C., he and some other troopers decided to create one that would look like one of the four Camaros seized through an auto theft investigation, which the Patrol utilized in the mid 1990s.

The replica was purchased by Tpr. Cooper and put together with supplies and labor provided by troopers and retirees, local sheriffs and police officers, and some retired military. The Ohio State Troopers Association Combined Board voted to give permission for use of the group’s name on the doors.

### National Peace Officer Memorial

A brass quintet representing the Patrol was filmed by the television’s “America’s Most Wanted” at this year’s National Peace Officer Memorial in Washington, D.C. The members of the group volunteered their time to play at the May memorial.



**Members of the Drum and Bugle Corps with the OSHP rolling memorial in Waterville.**



**From left: Tpr. Aaron Cooper, Tpr. Roger Cooper, Sgt. Paul March, Tpr. Brian Depizzo, and Tpr. Marc Glover in Washington, D.C.**

## West Jefferson

In his very first competition, Tpr. Vince Shirey won the lightweight novice class at the 2007 Northern Kentucky bodybuilding competition in March.

As someone who had always worked out, Tpr. Shirey began to seriously pursue bodybuilding in March 2006. After five months, he started to consider entering a competition and ultimately set his sights on the Northern Kentucky competition.

Learning as much as he could about nutrition, training, and performing paid off for Shirey as he not only won the competition, but also realized his goal of improving his physique.



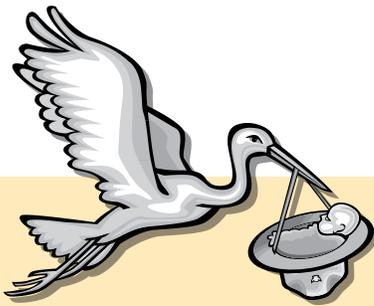
**Tpr. Vince Shirey (third from left) placed first in his class at the 2007 Northern Kentucky bodybuilding competition.**

## Mansfield

Alumni of the Mansfield Post meet for breakfast at 8 a.m. on the second Saturday of every month at the Cracker Barrel restaurant at State Route 13 and Interstate 71. Colonel Collins attended the June breakfast and enjoyed the opportunity to reminisce with some old friends. Colonel Collins' first assignment out of the Academy was at the Mansfield Post, where he served from 1980-1982.



**Front Row: Ret. Richland County Sheriff (and former P-70 trooper) Jim Stierhoff, Ret. Lt. Arnie Schropp (who served as Colonel Collins' coach), Ret. Disp. Gloria Stewart, Ret. Sgt. Kevin Titler, Ret. Lt. Gary Smith, Ret. S/Lt. Ken Wellendorf. Back Row: Mansfield Safety Service Director (and Ret. S/Lt.) Ron Kreuter, Ret. Lt. Colonel Art Reitz, Ret. Sgt. Jim Fleming, Ret. Lt. Dick Miller, Colonel Richard Collins, Ret. Lt. Paul Hutchison, Ret. Tpr. Jim Hindman.**



## Stork Visits

AA1 Shelia & Corey Morris, Strategic Services, a boy, 3/24/07.  
 Tpr. Shawn & Missy Bowers, Van Wert, a boy, 3/27/07.  
 DX1 Joshua & Heather Hodges, Wilmington District, a boy, 4/4/07.  
 Tpr. Stephen Williams & Amber Mohler, Zanesville, a girl, 4/5/07.  
 ET3 Eric & Teri Devoe, Technology & Communication Services, a girl, 4/6/07.  
 Tpr. Eric & Lisa Derrington, Steubenville, a girl, 4/19/07.  
 Sgt. Timothy & Katie Karwatske, Jackson, a girl, 4/23/07.  
 Tpr. Matthew & Mary Hamilton, Batavia, a boy, 4/24/07.  
 Tpr. Ronald & Fredrea Anderson, Bucyrus DHQ, a boy, 4/26/07.  
 Tpr. Jeff & Melissa Staples, Lebanon, a boy, 5/2/07.  
 Tpr. Bryan & Shonacy Conley, Portsmouth, a boy, 5/4/07.  
 Sgt. Rick & Christy Alonso, Springfield, a boy 5/10/07.  
 Disp. Chris & Alicia Lortz, Jackson, a boy, 5/15/07.  
 Tpr. Gary A. & Tammi Wolfe, Bucyrus DHQ, a boy, 5/15/07.  
 MCEI Alvin & Lou Ann Holscher, Piqua DHQ, a boy, 5/15/07.  
 ET1 Roger (Dan) & Cammie Starner, Jackson DHQ, a girl, 5/15/07.  
 Sgt. Scott & Tiffany Wyckhouse, Field Operations, a girl, 5/19/07.  
 DX1 Kenni & Bronson Barker, Wilmington District, a girl, 5/23/07.

Disp. Nathan & Amber Dennis, Lancaster, a boy, 5/26/07.  
 Sgt. Bill (Bowling Green) & Tpr. Stacy Stidham, Findlay DHQ, a girl, 6/4/07.  
 MAS1 Amber & Frank LaPoint, Human Resource Management, a girl, 6/19/07.  
 Tpr. Caleb & Tracy Courson, Marietta, a boy, 6/17/07.  
 Sgt. Kevin & Aimee Long, Batavia, a boy, 6/21/07.  
 Tpr. Jason & Aimee Bonar, Warren, a boy, 6/23/07.  
 Tpr. Chad & Sascha Durben, New Philadelphia, a girl, 6/23/07.  
 Tpr. Scott & Mandy Moore, St. Clairsville, a girl, 6/27/07.  
 Tpr. Richard & Calista Gable, Georgetown, a girl, 6/30/07.  
 Sgt. Steve (Granville) & AA4 Kathy Mahl, Strategic Services, a girl, 7/4/07.  
 Tpr. Shawn & Cyndi Martin, Canfield, a boy, 7/5/07.  
 Sgt. Carlos & Carrie Smith, Medina, a girl, 7/6/07.  
 AA4 Krista & Bob Weida, Human Resource Management, a boy, 7/7/07.  
 MCEI Jon & Lori Holzworth, Bucyrus DHQ, a girl, 7/10/07.  
 DX1 Judy & Richard Garinger, Cuyahoga Falls DX, a girl, 7/13/07.  
 Tpr. Phillip & Bethany Rutherford, Chillicothe, a girl, 7/14/07.  
 Sgt. Wesley & Staci Stought, Mt. Gilead, a boy, 7/16/07.  
 Tpr. Heath & Angela Shaner, Jackson, a girl, 7/19/07.  
 Tpr. Matthew & Paige Them, Mt. Gilead, a boy, 7/22/07.  
 Tpr. Tara (Canton) & Tpr. Ken Worner, Ravenna, a boy, 7/24/07.  
 DX1 Earl & Karen Stovall, Mayfield Heights DX, a boy, 7/25/07.  
 Disp. Shannon Colyer, Xenia, a boy, 7/27/07.  
 Tpr. Michael & Lisa Phipps, Ironton, a girl, 8/1/07.  
 Disp. Jennifer & Craig Seaman, Wilmington, a boy, 8/2/07.

While sitting at the table with a bratwurst sandwich at a recent golf outing – and wishing that I would have had a second chance to rephrase the prayer I was requested to offer – I wondered how many of us would like a second chance once in a while. Even second chances are no guarantee of success.

In a friendly and non-competitive game of golf when I have been offered a second chance on a drive, I usually do worse than on the first lousy shot. I fully realize that I am a not-so-special golfer. But I did not dwell on the second chance very long before I looked around at the troopers present at the golf outing and asked myself what made an Ohio State Trooper so special.

Yes, you are special. It is not just my personal opinion; it is the opinion of most of the citizens of this great State of Ohio.

You know and live by the Core Values. That is what makes you special – a cut well above the average. But there is something more. There is a quality that takes a person above mediocrity and sets him or her apart from the crowd. In reflecting upon the aspects of character that describe a state trooper who is a leader among leaders, my mind went – as a chaplain/pastor's mind should – to the authority of the Scripture.

Probably most of you know

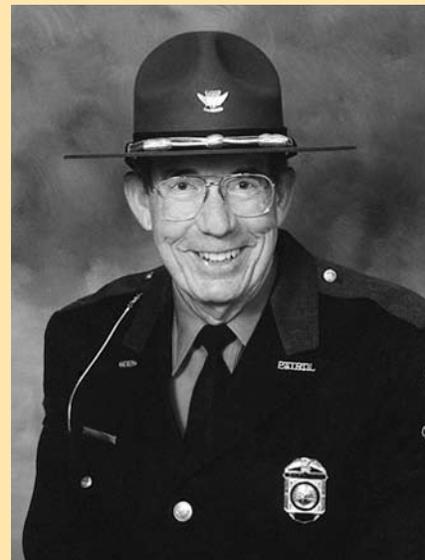
the popular portion of Scripture contained in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. It is the familiar description of the fact that there is a time for “every activity under heaven.” Please feel free to look up the entire passage in your Bible. For the sake of brevity, let me highlight certain verses as I see them describe what it means to be a great state trooper.

“There is a time to kill and a time to heal”... and you have to make a split-second decision as to whether or not to use force to save a life. There is a time and you are trained and have the instinct to know what to do in a given situation.

“There is a time to search and a time to give up”... and although you never want to give up in a search, you know that there is a time to move on with other duties. That is part of your training and instinct.

“There is a time to be silent and a time to speak”... and that is a difficult one, isn't it? But as quality individuals, you learn and practice the art of when to express yourself and when to keep it to yourself. Too often, however, we are usually a little slow at learning to control our thoughts expressed in words which can not be retracted.

The entire passage applies to you individuals who make up the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Why



not take time to read it and then check yourself on how well you measure up to doing the right things at the right time?

I, along with chaplains Kelly McInerney and Robert Fulton, hold you in high esteem and support what you are doing each day to make life safer for others. You are the great individuals who make the Ohio State Highway Patrol the wonderful organization that it is.

*Richard D. Ellsworth*

Richard D. Ellsworth  
Chaplain



## A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

### *Educational crash lesson created with Patrol input*

The Patrol is partnering with the educational company Edheads to create a Web-based, animated presentation to teach middle and high school students the principals of what happens in a crash and how crashes are investigated.

Edheads is a non-profit organization, and offers educational Web experiences that are free to teachers, students, and parents. They strive to deliver in-depth content in a fresh, exciting style allowing the user to learn intuitively in an online environment.

The Edheads Web site, <http://www.edheads.org>, currently offers activities ranging from virtual hip or knee replacement surgery to weather and simple machines. Each activity features strong graphics, sound, and animation.

Although Edheads activities are available to anyone in the world with Internet access, when completed, the crash activity, which is expected to debut this fall, will feature guides who closely resemble Ohio troopers. Our involvement in the project includes helping Edheads developers research, design, and test activities. In particular, the Crash Reconstruction Unit provided the technical support and consultation on the crash investigation process.

Carmax, the nation's largest retailer of used cars, is also an Edheads partner, and provided the majority of the funding that made the organization possible.



### *Patrol's 75th Anniversary plans*

Plans for the Patrol's 75th anniversary next year are well underway and will include the opportunity for **Patrol employees and retirees** to purchase a variety of commemorative keepsakes.

Among other things, a commemorative handgun (pictured at left) with optional presentation box, a yearbook, a history book, and licensed clothing with the 75th anniversary logo will be available.

More information related to this milestone anniversary and the related items available for purchase will be communicated to Patrol employees and retirees in upcoming months.



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