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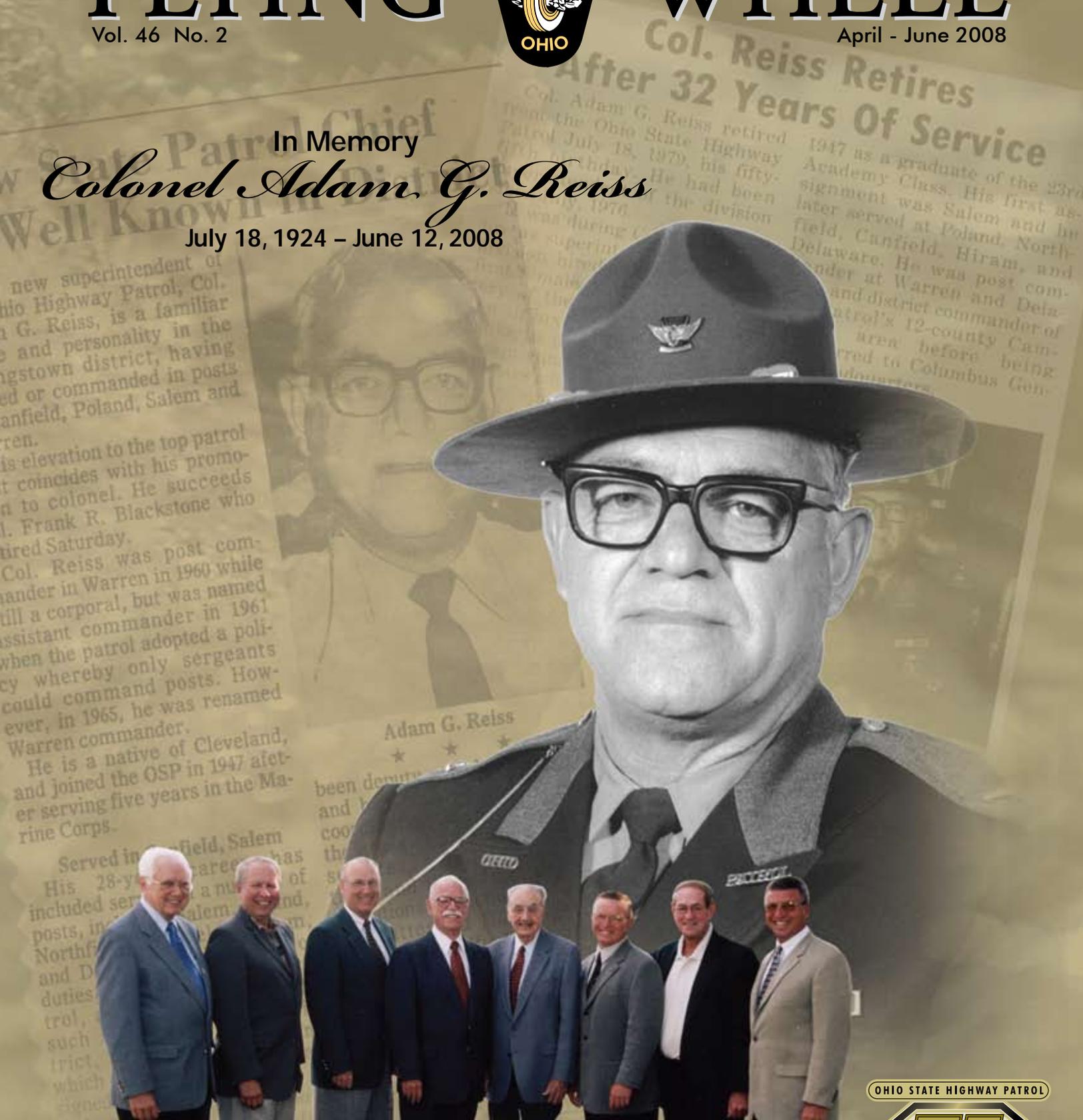
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July 18, 1924 - June 12, 2008



Adam G. Reiss





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## On the Cover



Colonel Adam G. Reiss served as superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol from July 1976 to July 1979. At bottom he is pictured in July 2000 with seven other Patrol superintendents: Colonel Robert Chiamonte, Colonel Thomas Rice, Colonel Warren Davies, Colonel Reiss, Colonel Anson Cook, Colonel Kenneth Morckel, Colonel Jack Walsh, and Colonel Kenneth Marshall.

This year, as we mark our 75th Anniversary of professional service to the citizens of Ohio, it is important to take time and reflect on those whose example of integrity paved the legacy for our organization.

Recently I asked each one of us to conduct a self-review to ensure we not only know and understand our Core Values, but are committed to displaying them everyday. Our Core Values are the guideposts by which we are able to provide value for the people who look to us for their safety and security.

Our history can also serve as our guide. The following is a "Superintendent's Letter" dated January 24, 1973, written by Colonel Robert M. Chiamonte. As you read the words of one of our former leaders, whose mark is still visible throughout today's Highway Patrol, I hope you note that 35 years later his message is still poignantly relevant.

*Honest - Integrity*

*Today there is a growing belief in our society that public employees, government career workers, bureaucrats, and elected officials are generally dishonest and cannot be trusted.*

*This premise is derived from what is read in the newspapers, seen on television, and heard on the radio. Thus, a generalization is developed that is further perpetuated by hearsay and personal experiences. The accusations are true in some cases. Even distrust is built up when the poor weatherman misses his estimated forecast.*

*The general public can be unfair to some extent, but is forgiving when good examples of service, courtesy, and consideration are displayed. It is extremely important that we constantly practice the above traits, on which we have established such a good record.*

*It is also very important that we are accurate to a point of perfection when administering law enforcement. There is no room for estimations, or guesses. We must be absolutely certain when we are dealing with suspected violations.*

*Anytime we are pacing a vehicle for speed, using VASCAR, Radar, or in an air speed check, we must be positive we are right. The slightest doubt of the accuracy of the method or the instrument must be yielded in favor of the accused, right there on the spot. If in doubt - don't! The slightest deviation from the absolute certainty causes a credibility gap that is impossible to bridge for many years.*

*The continued good image of the Patrol is dependent upon the man in the car on the road and how he performs his duties.*

I am confident the foundation of credibility that has been established by our current employees, and those employees who came before us, will allow us to remain focused and become stronger. I know that together we can make this happen.



Colonel Richard H. Collins  
Superintendent



*Our Core Values are the guideposts by which we are able to provide value for the people who look to us for their safety and security.*



*"Don't drive any faster than your guardian angel can fly."*

## Colonel Adam G. Reiss

*Superintendent, 1976–1979*

Colonel Adam G. Reiss, who served three years as Patrol superintendent, died June 12 at Grant Hospital in Columbus. He was 83.

During his years as superintendent, he initiated several important changes that shaped the substance and character of the Patrol. Most significantly, he oversaw the hiring and training of our first female officers. With the addition of women to the sworn ranks, he initiated the first and only change to the Patrol badge, changing the title, "patrolman," to "trooper."

Implementation of the Patrol's first federally-funded selective traffic enforcement program also came during Colonel Reiss' tenure. Called SMASH (Selective Management of Accident Site Highways), the crash reduction program was so successful that additional enforcement programs quickly followed and variations of the original exist yet today.

Colonel Reiss and his planners also worked to address other concerns. The COMMAND Team (Contingency of Men Managing And Negotiating Difficult situations) was a precursor to the Strategic Response Team the Division utilizes today and was formed to replace previous anti-sniper teams. COMMAND Team officers were subjected to regular, strenuous training sessions. Individual officers assigned to the highly skilled tactical unit were assigned throughout the state to assure their specialized skills were available to quickly respond to an emergency.

Another important achievement during Colonel Reiss' tenure was a hazard pay supplement to provide increased pay to officers for hazards faced in the line of duty. He also

placed strong emphasis on public information and education. The Junior Trooper program, first conducted in 1977 to teach safety concepts to children aged 6 to 12 years, reached thousands of youngsters throughout the state.

Colonel Reiss began his Patrol career in 1947 as a member of the 23rd Class. He served in the field for more than 20 years at Salem, Poland, Northfield, Canfield, and Hiram. He was a post commander at Warren and Delaware, and served as commander of the Cambridge District before transferring to General Headquarters in 1968.

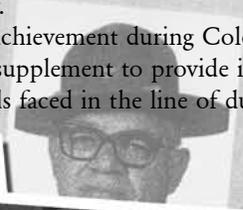
His extensive field experience eminently qualified him as commander of the Patrol's field operations, the position he held prior to being appointed superintendent in 1976. After 32 years of service, he retired on July 18, 1979, his fifty-fifth birthday.

In retirement, he remained an active member of the Patrol family. He was a regular at special events and retiree functions, and served as chaplain for the Retirees' Association. Proving that the mission of the Division never left him, his signature closing for benedictions at retiree events embraced a traffic safety theme: "Don't drive any faster than your guardian angel can fly."

Originally from Cleveland, Colonel Reiss graduated from Cleveland West Technical High School in 1942. He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, attaining the rank of staff sergeant before his discharge in 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children, Michael (Theresa) Reiss, Janet (Gary) Armentrout, Ann (Gary) Sholl, Margaret "Meg" Worrall and Amy (Frank) Monaco; loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Colonel Adam G. Reiss devoted 32 years to the Highway Patrol, including 10 years as its superintendent. Col. Reiss was born July 18, 1904, in Cleveland. After his 1942 graduation from Cleveland West Technical High School, he served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps.



# *our guardian in your guardian angel can fly.*

## Col. Reiss Retires After 32 Years Of Service

Col. Adam G. Reiss retired from the Ohio State Highway Patrol July 18, 1979, his fifty-third birthday. He had been superintendent of the division since July, 1976.

It was during Col. Reiss' tenure as superintendent that the division hired and trained the first female officers in the history of the patrol. Because of the influx of women into the ranks, he implemented the first design change in the badge in 34 years when, in 1977, the word "Patrolman" was replaced with "Trooper".

1947 as a graduate of the 23rd Academy Class. His first assignment was Salem and he served in Poland, Northfield, Hiram, and Delaware. He was post commander at Warren and Delaware and district commander of the Patrol's 12-county Cambridge area before being transferred to Columbus General Headquarters.



Col. A. G. Reiss

**"In the old Patrol, there was no such thing as movers. We all pitched in and helped each other. When someone was transferred, everybody at the post helped load the truck, which was borrowed from the Patrol. When you got to the new post, everyone there helped you to unload. We were all poor as church mice and we depended on each other. When one guy got cut, all of us bled."**

**—Colonel Adam G. Reiss**



## Remembrance activities include local, state, and national events

### Highway Patrol Memorial

Family and friends of the Patrol gathered at the Academy on May 9 to honor our 38 officers and five support personnel killed in the line of duty as part of the annual Ohio State Highway Patrol Memorial Ceremony.

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

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.

A large contingent from the Massillon District also was in attendance to honor and offer support to the family of Tpr. Jack "Pat" Holland, who was conducting salvage inspections at the Seville CDL facility in Medina County when he was stung by a yellow jacket and suffered a fatal reaction on August 21, 2007.

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

In his remarks, Colonel Richard Collins said, "Part of remembering what the individuals named on our memorial stood for is recognizing their positive contributions to the safety and security of others. Across Ohio at this very moment, the legacy of our friends who were lost is being honored by Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers through their courageous actions to keep the citizens of Ohio safe."

George Maier, assistant director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, also addressed the audience before a 21-gun salute and the sounding of "Taps." Cloudy skies and the threat of thunderstorms precluded the traditional memorial fly-over by Patrol and Columbus Police helicopters.

Tpr. Timothy Root, Investigative Services, tolled the Academy bell as retired Lt. Colonel Shel Senek, president of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association read the roster of the deceased.

Following the roll call, the Columbus



**Top: The Academy bell is tolled for each member of the Highway Patrol family killed in the line of duty. Center: Tpr. Jason Bittinger and Sgt. Timothy Karwatske prepare to raise the American flag. Bottom: Memorial attendees reflect during the invocation.**

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

SOLEMNLY SWEAR/AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY AND HONESTLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF TROOPER IN THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY DURING MY CONTINUANCE IN THAT OFFICE.

PTL JAMES E IVORY	JANUARY 7 1936	PTL CHARLES W. TIMBERLAKE	AUGUST 7 1936
PTL CHARLES G. CANNON	JANUARY 1 1938	PTL JOHN G. HOUGH	DECEMBER 3 1940
LT. VANCE M. ANDREWS	NOVEMBER 21 1945	PTL JAMES P. GARDNER	FEBRUARY 28 1948
PTL EARL W. CASTERLINE	OCTOBER 19 1953	PTL FRANK J. HOSSLER	SEPTEMBER 22 1950
PTL JON D. BIRCHUM	FEBRUARY 27 1967	SGT HAROLD K. HANNING	AUGUST 6 1970
PTL CARL L. THURSH	FEBRUARY 6 1972	PTL WILLIAM J. KELLER	OCTOBER 14 1972
SGT EDWARD G. MOORE	JULY 23 1976	TFR CHARLES V. VOGEL, JR.	JANUARY 24 1980
TFR JEROME G. EVERETT	AUGUST 5 1988	TFR KENNETH A. MALONEY	JULY 28 1990



**Top: Troopers joined other peace officers to advance the colors at the Ohio Peace Officers Memorial. Center: Each flag honored an officer on the Ohio Peace Officers Memorial Wall. Bottom: Tpr. Willie Richardson places a memorial card on the Peace Officers Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.**

Police and Fire Pipe and Drums provided an emotional performance of “Amazing Grace.”

### **Ohio Peace Officers Memorial**

Nationally, 2007 was one of the deadliest years for U.S. law enforcement in nearly two decades with 181 officers killed in the line of duty. Patrol personnel also attended and participated in other local, state, and national memorial ceremonies.

On May 1, S/Lt. C. Lance Mathess drove a Patrol vehicle in a procession for the 21st Annual Fallen Officers Memorial ceremony at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio. Patrol Chaplain Reverend Richard Ellsworth also represented the Division in the statewide remembrance, as did troopers who participated in the Color Guard for the ceremony to honor seven Ohio officers killed in the line of duty during 2007.

### **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial**

The Patrol also was well represented at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Several members of the Drum & Bugle Corps volunteered their time to participate. At the national memorial site, the group performed a concert of appropriate memorial music as hundreds of visitors strolled through.

The group expressed thanks to Colonel Collins for allowing the officers to wear their uniforms while they participated in activities related to the memorial. In addition, the trip would not have been possible without the generous support of the Ohio Troopers Coalition (OTC), which sponsored \$1,000 in fuel expenses for the trip. Part of the agreement for the support from OTC was that the Drum & Bugle Corps transport Tpr. Aaron Cooper’s Ohio State Troopers Association Rolling Memorial to participate in the National Memorial Emerald Society Parade.

The Drum and Bugle Corps members also placed memorial cards with the service dates of Patrol officers on the national memorial wall and attended a candlelight vigil for all fallen law enforcement officers.

## Patrol and Cincinnati Police report successful enforcement initiative

*Impaired drivers, drug violators, and other criminals removed from roads during two-month joint effort*

Cincinnati roads and neighborhoods are safer today because the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Cincinnati Police Department concentrated their efforts in the Cincinnati metro area in a two-month effort that concluded last week. The partnership is part of an ongoing initiative to reduce fatal and injury crashes in urban areas while also apprehending wanted felons and interdicting drugs and weapons.

Working together during the initiative, state troopers and Cincinnati police officers issued 3,774 traffic citations and 1,581 warnings. They arrested 199 people for OVI, 25 for drug violations, and 47 with active warrants. In addition, 67 criminal arrests were made and two stolen vehicles were recovered.

The Highway Patrol worked with the Cincinnati Police Department for the third time after completing several highly successful initiatives over the course of the last two years. The Patrol will partner with the Cincinnati Police in October of this year as part of the continued initiative.

“In addition to showing noticeable reductions in fatal and injury crashes as well as serious alcohol-related crashes on Cincinnati interstates, the increased emphasis on removing dangerous individuals from Hamilton County roads has yielded positive results in and around the city,” Colonel Richard Collins, Patrol superintendent said.

“The partnership of the Cincinnati Police Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been effective in making our roadways safer. The joint efforts in enforcement and the public information campaign combine to get unsafe motorists off our roads and to spread the message that traffic safety will remain a priority as we enter the summer vacation season,” said Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.

The ongoing Cincinnati Metropolitan Area Initiative uses a combination of high-visibility enforcement, multi-agency OVI deterrence, specialized computer mapping, and a strategic public information campaign to promote traffic safety on Ohio roads.

### Citizen survey

## Ohioans satisfied with Patrol services, trooper professionalism

In June 2007 the Office of Strategic Services began administering a written survey through driver examination (DX) stations across the state. The Ohio Citizen Survey project, which is ongoing, is aimed at eliciting citizens' attitudes related to traffic safety and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Information from the survey is compiled and analyzed quarterly, and used to direct public information and education programs for improving traffic safety and services.

Questions on the Ohio Citizen Survey focus on three areas: perceptions, contact, and traffic safety opinions. At the end of the third quarter of data collection (March 12), 11,197 completed surveys were received and recorded. As the number of survey responses continues to grow through 2008, so will the accuracy of the results in representing the attitudes and behaviors of Ohio citizens.

So far, several interesting points have been identified:

- Respondents expressed positive impressions or sentiments regarding troopers. The majority of respondents considered troopers to be courteous (82 percent), professional (87 percent),

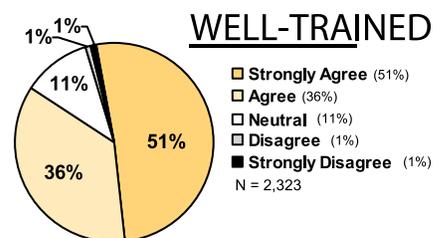
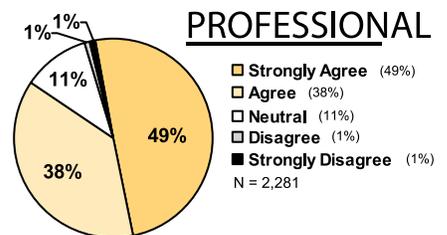
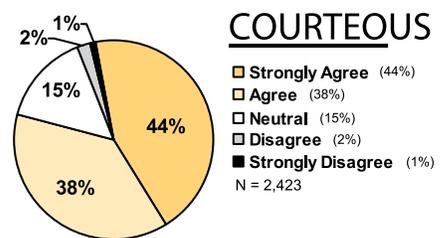
and well-trained (87 percent). Moreover, satisfaction with the Patrol is high as 95 percent of respondents reported being satisfied with the Patrol in the area of traffic safety enforcement.

- In the surveys collected as of March 12, drunk (or drug-impaired) driving is rated as the most important traffic safety issue identified by Ohio citizens. Reckless/aggressive driving is the second most important; child safety seat violations is the third most important; and distracted driving behavior such as cell phone use is the fourth most important.

- Increasing Patrol enforcement in city/metropolitan is supported by 93 percent of respondents.

Citizens expressed a variety of opinions on the Ohio Citizen Survey. When compared with a study done in conjunction with researchers at Miami University in 2004, impaired driving remains a strong concern for Ohioans, while issues such as aggressive driving and child safety seats appear to be gaining importance as traffic safety issues. Ohioans felt less strongly — and are

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## Eight complete Northwestern’s School of Police Staff and Command

The Patrol was well-represented at the graduation of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety’s School of Police Staff and Command on May 9. Eight officers completed the 10-week program, which was conducted at the Patrol Training Academy in Columbus:

- Lt. John Carrico, Wapakoneta
- Lt. Michael Combs, Ashland
- Lt. Christopher Johnson, Steubenville
- Sgt. William Haymaker, Canton
- Sgt. Jon Payer, Marysville
- Sgt. Toby Smith, Manfield
- Sgt. John Tibbs, Batavia
- Sgt. Karla Taulbee, Portsmouth



Patrol officers at the School of Police Staff and Command graduation. Top: Lt. Christopher Johnson, Sgt. William Haymaker, Sgt. Jon Payer, Lt. Michael Combs. Bottom: Sgt. Toby Smith, Lt. John Carrico, Sgt. Karla Taulbee, Sgt. John Tibbs

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

## Commanders graduate Southern Police Institute

Lt. Richard Baron, Investigative Services, and Lt. Eric Sheppard, Canton post commander, graduated from the Southern Police Institute’s 119th Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville on May 9.

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.

Baron is a member of the 116th Academy Class and Sheppard is a member of the 122nd Academy Class.



Richard Baron



Eric Sheppard

## Sworn Promotions

- Major Daniel Kolcum, Recruitment & Training
- Captain Robert Johnson, Wilmington DHQ
- Lieutenant Darryl Edge, Sandusky
- Lieutenant Joseph Mannion, Executive Protection
- Lieutenant William Stidham, Defiance
- Lieutenant Charles Williams, Massillon DHQ
- Sergeant Michael Akers, Jackson
- Sergeant Christopher Kelley, Gallipolis
- Sergeant Christopher Kinn, Findlay
- Sergeant David Robison, Dayton
- Sergeant Ronald Schneider, Warren DHQ
- Sergeant Michael Utter, Hamilton
- Sergeant Ricky Vitte, Toledo

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perhaps more divided – about the issues of safety belt laws and distracted driving. In general, Ohioans feel relatively safe traveling on Ohio roads.

We will continue to collect citizen feedback in the coming months to assist the Division in recognizing and addressing organizational needs and goals. Strategic Services staff would like to express gratitude for the efforts of DX station staff and supervisors, as well as post and district personnel, in directing survey cards to their proper destinations, helping to get the cards completed and returned in a timely manner, and for facilitating the project in numerous other ways. Their continued assistance is greatly appreciated.

## Two classes, first female officer, join Patrol's 'Over the Hill' club

Seven new members recently joined the Patrol's "Over the Hill" club for achieving 30 years of service with the Division, including the first female officer in Patrol history to earn

the award.

S/Lt. Virginia Fogt, Investigative Services, is the last remaining member of the 102nd Academy Class, and achieved 30 years of service on

December 14, 2007. She was honored at a ceremony at the Academy in April along with five members of the 103rd Academy Class, which entered "Over the Hill" status on March 22.



S/Lt. Virginia Fogt receives her Over the Hill Award from Colonel Richard Collins. Fogt is the first female officer to serve 30 years.



Members of the 103rd Class received Over the Hill awards from Colonel Collins and retired Colonel Tom Rice. From left: Colonel Collins, Capt. Robert Johnson, Tpr. Gary Wright, Lt. John Boster, Tpr. Gary Neitzelt, Sgt. Donald Dunbar, and Colonel Rice.

### Certificate of Recognition

Sgt. Kevin Dillard and Tpr. Jerrold March, Circleville, received Certificates of Recognition for their efforts to prevent a distraught man from committing suicide.

On February 8, Sgt. Dillard and Tpr. March responded to a request for assistance from the Circleville Police Department. Circleville Police Chief Wayne Gray was negotiating with a suicidal suspect at a local bar, trying to convince the man to surrender.

The suspect was armed with a large knife that he alternately waved at officers and used to slice at his own wrists. Chief Gray asked Sgt. Dillard and Tpr. March to be ready to deploy their Tasers on his order.

With the bleeding from his self-inflicted wounds increasing, the suspect became more and more agitated and he began yelling for officers to shoot him. When the suspect gripped the knife in a combat fashion and advanced on Chief Gray, Sgt. Dillard and Tpr. March deployed their Tasers to stop the suspect.

After a brief struggle, officers on the scene successfully disarmed the suspect and placed him in handcuffs.



Kevin Dillard



Jerrold March

### Ace Award

Tpr. Anthony Pearcy, Batavia, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$29,500 and apprehended five suspects to earn the first Ace Award of 2008 and the first Ace Award of his career.

He recovered a 2007 Chevrolet valued at \$18,000 after the vehicle was involved in a crash. Tpr. Pearcy's investigation revealed that the owner of the vehicle is a member of the U.S. Air Force who is currently deployed to Iraq. The suspect driver had taken the vehicle from Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina without the owner's permission.



Anthony Pearcy



## Mark your calendars...

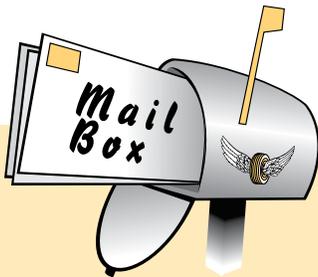
To mark the 75th Anniversary of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Highway Patrol Retirees' Association is hosting a commemorative celebration planned for November 15, 2008, in Columbus at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

There will be a social hour followed by dinner, a formal program and dancing afterward. A block of nearby hotel rooms will be made available for those who wish to stay. Please plan on joining us to celebrate 75 years of excellence and to remember the work of everyone, past and present, who contributed to making our organization internationally recognized as one of the highest in terms of professionalism and integrity. Additional information will be available as plans are finalized during the summer months.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email S/Lt. C. Lance Mathess at [lmathess@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:lmathess@dps.state.oh.us).



## November 15, 2008



### Roadside assistance, inspections help ensure safety

On May 10, my daughter's car broke down along State Route 32 in Brown County. She was stopped on the side of the road when Tpr. Hayslip stopped to assist. She had a six-month-old baby and two other small children with her, and had called me, her father, to come and help her. I was about 40 minutes away and Tpr. Hayslip remained with her and the children until I arrived.

I deeply appreciate his assistance and concern for their safety. There are any number of drug users and others just looking for an opportunity to victimize anyone they can find in our society. It is reassuring to know we have a great cadre of troopers along Ohio highways to assist drivers in need.

**Dave Stratton**  
Hillsboro

My girlfriend was on her way to work on April 26, at 6:50 a.m. She was traveling on I-77, heading south, between the Fulton Road exit and the Whipple Avenue exit outside of Canton. She experienced a flat front left tire. As soon as she got her car to the side of

the interstate, she called me for help.

I was able to get to her location within 10 minutes, but saw that a State Highway Patrolman was already there. He had changed her tire and was tightening the lug nuts when I got there. He finished changing the tire on his own, no complaints from him at all. I did not get his name or badge number but, I believe he is from the Canton Post. I wanted to send a big THANK YOU for his help and for the help ALL the troopers give.

**Jim Brockway and Sandi Bair**  
North Canton

I am a commercial truck driver and have been driving for the good part of 20 years. On March 3, I was pulled over at the eastbound rest area on US 30 near Upper Sandusky. I had a marker light out. It was time for an inspection.

With the wheels chocked and brakes released, the officer told me to wait until he was on his rolling bed and then when he gave me the okay push on the foot brake. When I did, I heard what sounded like a boom and then a

massive air leak. Long story short, I was put out-of-service.

Before I pulled in for the inspection, nothing was defective except the marker light. Several days before, I had a new brake chamber installed and the road side mechanic said they did not tighten the clamps enough, so the chamber pancake failed when the officer asked me to apply the brake. The mechanic repaired it in five minutes.

This e-mail is to thank the officer for doing his job so well. If he decided not to pull me over, the brake chamber would have failed the very next time I used the brake. When the brake chamber failed, it caused low air pressure through the valve and prevented the trailer brakes from working. I was empty at the time, but loaded on the return trip. I may not have been able to stop in a hurry if that situation presented itself.

Thanks to the officer again for a needed inspection and God be with all of you as you serve your State.

**Chris Gerding**  
Roanoke, Indiana

## Technology advances mark progress of Crash Reconstruction Unit

By Michele R. Vaughan, Historian

In the first few decades of the Patrol, officers gathered information, took photos, and interviewed witnesses to figure out exactly how an accident happened. But after the crash that killed Ptl. William Keller, crash reconstruction took on a different, more scientific approach.

According to Sergeant Frank Horvath, who leads the Crash Reconstruction Unit (CRU), the more modern technology used today combines computer analysis with information taken from electronic control modules onboard cars and trucks.

But it still requires a trooper to get crash reconstruction training, take a proficiency exam and undergo an in-depth interview process to be a part of the CRU.

"We do have reconstructionists in each district," Horvath stated. "There are currently 35 throughout the state. There are three in the CRU itself (at GHQ) occupying full-time positions."

Horvath said the CRU established its curriculum, which is based on national standards, mainly due to the specific training needed to analyze crashes and to operate the equipment. Plans are to run the course again in the near future.

Although the CRU offers its services to other agencies that request assistance, the crash reconstruction course has not been offered to outside groups as of yet, Horvath stated.

"We have assisted the AG (Attorney General's) office, BCI (Bureau of Crimi-

nal Identification), NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration), FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), and a multitude of police agencies throughout Ohio and West Virginia," Horvath said. "We receive weekly requests for assistance from other agencies."

Today's CRU uses an upgraded vericom computer (VC3000); computer-aided diagramming (CAD) software called Crash Zone; what are known as total stations, which are optical instruments that take measurements of scenes; crash data retrieval (CDR) systems or kits that get information from vehicles' air bag control modules in newer vehicles; and Detroit Diesel Electronic Controls (DDEC), which allow the download of information from electronic control modules in Detroit Diesel engines in many trucks.

Horvath said the CRU has one robotic total station, which allows for more accurate measurements. This is cutting edge technology in the crash reconstruction field, however, and the Patrol only has one. But Horvath said it cuts the time taken to measure a scene in half.

"If we are offered the opportunity, additional units will be purchased," Horvath stated. "This will significantly reduce the time the roads are shut down for the information to be collected."

There also are plans to purchase more CDR and DDEC kits, he said. "As more of the auto manufacturers release their information, more of the vehicles on the roadway have

the ability to collect pertinent information for the crash reconstructionist," Horvath stated. "We currently have 20 reconstructionists throughout the state who have successfully completed the CDR Technician Course which we ran at our yearly in-service last year."

It was a different story when the beginnings of modern crash reconstruction surfaced in the early 1970s. It was the investigation into the death of Ptl. Keller that served as the catalyst for the CRU that exists today. And it began with retired S/Lt. Jack Holland.

Holland said the first in depth crash reconstruction assignment was to help prosecute the person who struck and killed Ptl. Keller. Keller, a member of the Ravenna Post, died on October 14, 1972, after he was hit by a pickup truck. At the time, he was standing outside of his Patrol car, handling a traffic stop on I-76 in Rootstown in Portage County.

Holland, who worked for an engineering company in Korea and studied civil engineering at various institutions there, said his interest in science and math blossomed in high school.

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**S/Lt. Jack Holland was the first commander Patrol's Crash Reconstruction Unit.**



**Major Lowell Ridenour was an early champion of scientific crash reconstruction.**



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“I took the scientific curriculum in high school,” he explained. “While others were playing tic-tac-toe in study hall, I was working square roots, cube roots, and simultaneous equations with five unknowns.”

And there was inspiration within the Division, as well. “My interest in scientific investigation was developed and nurtured by then Major Lowell Ridenour, a class act if there ever was one,” Holland said.

The next time crash reconstruction became integral was in the January 30, 1974, death of Ptl. Jerry Neff of the Circleville Post. Neff was on patrol on U.S. Route 62 below an overpass on I-71 in southwestern Franklin County when a reckless driver operating a stolen vehicle on the interstate lost control and veered off of the overpass, crashing into the officer’s patrol car below.

It was around 1974 that Holland was asked to introduce to the Patrol the coordinate measurement system – an intricate set of math and engineering formulas used to analyze the scene of an accident to determine what actually took place. He served as a part-time crash reconstruction instructor at the Academy, and later, he became a field instructor for the Northwestern University Traffic Institute (NUTI) and assisted in updating the in-depth crash investigation curriculum.

“I taught a lot of the math and physical mechanics,” Holland said. “Sergeant (Thomas) Bidlack and Major Teddy Gentry helped strengthen the program. Later on, (ret. Major) Fred Goldstein took the lead in teaching the subject.”

Meanwhile, he spent a lot of time traveling throughout the state helping troopers, deputies and other police officers, prosecutors, and others with analyzing traffic-related manslaughter cases. He did this even after he transferred to GHQ

in 1979 and served in Planning and Research.

“In this time period, I reviewed every fatal crash that occurred in the state of Ohio. I also assisted the Cleveland Police Department and the Toledo Police Department with the development of their scientific crash investigation units,” Holland added.

In 1989, Colonel Tom Rice got wind that the Kentucky State Police went to the Minnesota Highway Patrol instead of Ohio’s Patrol for help in forming a CRU of their own. That is when the CRU officially formed, Holland said.

“He decided to form a reconstruction unit then,” he said of Colonel Rice. “He was disappointed that Kentucky would go all the way to Minnesota instead of coming across the river to us.”

In forming the unit, Holland said the goal was to have at least one reconstructionist per post. So he trained more than 100 troopers and developed a crash reconstruction curriculum in conjunction with the Institute of Police and Technology Management at the University of North Florida. He also equipped the reconstruction unit with the latest in technology at the time – the VC 2000 Crash Performance Analyzer. It was first used to investigate a triple fatality crash on I-71 at the Warren and Hamilton county lines.

Holland continues to work in crash reconstruction. In his retirement, he consults, testifies in court, and analyzes crash information for his own business. “I get a lot of work,” he said. “There are more trained officers out there than ever before. I usually work the civil end of the case and rarely get involved in criminal actions.”

**Crash investigation training in the Academy gymnasium, January 1969.**



## Lt. Colonel Michael Finamore



**Michael Finamore**

After 30 years of service, Lt. Colonel Michael Finamore, assistant superintendent of administration, retired on March 29. He joined the Patrol in 1978 as a member of the 103rd Academy Class. After graduation, he was assigned to the Steubenville Post where he served for three years. At Steubenville, he earned an Ace Award and was named Post Trooper of the Year in 1979. He also earned two

Certificates of Recognition, in 1980 and 1981.

In September 1981, he transferred to the Academy. He received the O.W. Merrell Meritorious Service Award in 1982 for saving the life of a fellow officer.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1984 and served as assistant commander of Cadet and Patrol Training Programs. In 1989, he was promoted to lieutenant and assumed command of the Division's training programs for other law enforcement agencies.

That June, he transferred to the Delaware Post where he served as commander for two years. He was promoted to staff lieutenant in September 1991 and commanded the Office of Recruitment and Minority Relations at the Academy. In April 1994, he transferred to the Planning Services Section, which he assumed command of that November after his promotion to captain. He transferred to Logistic Services in March 1997 and assumed command of the Office of Finance and Logistic Services in April 2000 when he earned a promotion to major. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in November 2001.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He also completed advanced training at the FBI National Academy. He and his wife, Charlene, live in Lewis Center.

## Major Bruce Ludlow



**Bruce Ludlow**

Major Bruce Ludlow, commander of the Office of Human Resource Management, retired June 13 after more than 27 years of service. He is a member of the 110th Academy Class and earned his commission in July 1981. He served six years at the Athens Post before earning a promotion to sergeant in 1987. He was an assistant post commander at Zanesville, Bellefontaine, and Springfield. After

his promotion to lieutenant in 1994, he served as commander

of the Walbridge and Wilmington posts.

He served as both assistant commander and commander of the Piqua District with his promotions to staff lieutenant and captain, respectively.

He assumed command of the Office of Human Resource Management in August 2006.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He also completed advanced training at the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute.

He and his wife, Tamara, reside in London.

## Major Lisa Taylor



**Lisa Taylor**

Major Lisa Taylor, commander of the Office of Finance and Logistic Services, entered disability retirement on April 27 after 25 years of service. She began her career as a cadet dispatcher at the West Jefferson Post and trained with the 114th Academy Class. After earning her commission in September 1985, she served seven years at Bucyrus and was Post Trooper of the Year there for 1990.

She earned a promotion to sergeant and served as an assistant commander at Norwalk and Marion. She was promoted to lieutenant in August 1996 and served as commander of the Norwalk and Mt. Gilead posts.

She served as both assistant commander and commander of the Jackson District with her promotions to staff lieutenant and captain, respectively.

She assumed command of the Office of Finance and Logistic Services in August 2004. She was the first woman in Patrol history to achieve the command ranks of lieutenant, staff lieutenant, captain, and major.

In her career, she earned the Saved by the Belt Award, the Health and Physical Fitness Award, and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. She also completed advanced training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

She resides in Grove City.

## Lieutenant Edward Stevenson

Lt. Edward Stevenson, commander of the Massillon District Licensing and Commercial Standards Unit, retired May 9 after 27 years of service. He earned his commission in July 1981 as a member of the 110th Academy Class. He served at the former Massillon Post for seven years and was Post Trooper of the Year there in 1987.



**Edward Stevenson**

He earned a promotion to sergeant in June 1988 and transferred to Steubenville as an assistant post commander. He also served as an assistant commander at the Massillon and Wooster posts.

In June 1998, he transferred to our Massillon District Headquarters and as the district's commercial enforcement coordinator. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2004 and served as commander of the

Wooster Post until transferring back to Massillon District Headquarters in January 2006.

In his career, he earned a Certificate of Recognition, the Health and Physical Fitness Award, and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Massillon.

### **Sergeant James Hutton**



**James Hutton**

With 25 years of service, Sergeant James Hutton retired on March 29. He was a member of the 112th Academy Class and earned his commission in March 1983. He served at Ironton throughout his career. He was the post's Trooper of the Year in 1989 and earned his promotion to sergeant in June 1995.

In his career, he was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Sally, live in South Point.

### **Sergeant John Smith**



**John Smith**

Sgt. John Smith retired May 10 after more than 31 years of service. He is a member of the 100th Academy Class, which graduated in February 1977. He served at Ironton throughout his career. He was the post's Trooper of the Year three times and earned his promotion to sergeant in April 1997.

In his career, he earned a Certificate of Recognition, the Health and Physical Fitness Award, and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Ironton.

### **Trooper Jennifer Hickok**



**Jennifer Hickok**

Tpr. Jennifer Hickok, Delaware, entered disability retirement on April 27 after 18 years of service. She is a member of the 120th Academy Class and earned her commission in November 1990. Before transferring to Delaware in May 2007, she served at the Hamilton and Batavia posts, at the Training Academy, in the Crash Reconstruction Unit at GHQ, and in the Columbus District Commercial Enforcement Unit.

In her career, she earned the Ace Award, the Saved by the Belt Award, the Health and Physical Fitness Award, and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving.

She resides in Westerville.

### **Trooper Leisa Miller**



**Leisa Miller**

Tpr. Leisa Miller, Wapakoneta, retired March 29 after 25 years of service. She trained with the 112th Academy Class and earned her commission in March 1983. She served at Wapakoneta throughout her career and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1989.

In her career, she earned the Saved by the Belt Award and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. She resides in Spencerville.

### **Trooper Jeffrey Moseley**



**Jeffrey Moseley**

Tpr. Jeffrey Moseley, Columbus DHQ, entered disability retirement on March 2 after more than 27 years of service. He is a member of the 108th Academy Class. In his career he also served at Marion, Bucyrus, Mt. Gilead, and Ravenna. He was Post Trooper of the Year twice at Bucyrus and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Kathleen, reside in Centerburg.

## Trooper James Quinlan



**James Quinlan**

After 25 years of service, Tpr. James Quinlan, retired on April 21. He is a member of the 112th Academy Class and served at Warren throughout his career. He was Post Trooper of the Year for 2007, and also has earned two Ace Awards, a Certificate of Recognition, the Health and Physical Fitness Award, and the Safe Driving Award.

He and his wife, Susan, live in Youngstown.

## Dispatcher Kathleen Latimer



**Kathleen Latimer**

After more than 17 years of service, Disp. Kathleen Latimer, Wapakoneta, retired on March 31. She joined the Division in 1990 and served at Wapakoneta throughout her career.

She and her husband, Randy, reside in Wapakoneta.

## Trooper Scott Widder



**Scott Widder**

Tpr. Scott Widder, Massillon Investigations, retired May 9 after 25 years of service. He trained with the 112th Academy Class and earned his commission in March 1983. He served at Steubenville for seven years before transferring to Wooster, where he was Post Trooper of the Year four times. He has served as a plainclothes investigator at Massillon DHQ since March 2000.

In his career, he also earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Lorri, reside in Orrville.

## Dispatcher Mary Robinson



**Mary Robinson**

Disp. Mary Robinson, Lebanon, entered disability retirement January 1 after seven years of service. She joined the Division in April 2000 as a dispatcher at Hamilton where she was Post Dispatcher of the Year three times. She transferred to Lebanon in August 2006.

She and her husband, Michael, live in Hamilton.

## Electronic Technician Manager Charles Morrison



**Charles Morrison**

ETM Charles Morrison, Office of Technology and Communication Services, retired April 25. He joined the Division in March 1985 as a dispatcher at Circleville. He was promoted to ET2 in 1986 and transferred to Columbus DHQ.

He earned a promotion to ET3 in 1990 and transferred to GHQ. He has served in his current position since April 2001. He and his wife, Rhonda, live in Ashville.

## Dispatcher Vicki Smith



**Vicki Smith**

After more than 21 years of service, Disp. Vicki Smith, Ravenna, retired on May 23. She served at Ravenna throughout her service and earned nine Post Dispatcher of the Year awards.

She and her husband, Ronald, live in Ravenna.

## Dispatcher Terry Steck



**Terry Steck**

Disp. Terry Steck entered disability retirement on April 1 after 10 years of service. She served at the Mt. Gilead and Delaware posts during her career.

She and her husband, Robert, reside in Marengo.

### **Portable Load Limit Inspector David Leffel**



**David Leffel**

PLLI David Leffel, Warren DHQ, retired March 31 after 28 years of service. He was hired as a dispatcher at Lisbon in 1980. In November 1997, he was assigned as a Load Limit Inspector. In his career, he was Post Dispatcher of the Year five times, District Dispatcher of the Year twice, and was recognized for five years of safe driving. He makes his home in Leetonia.

### **Building Maintenance Supervisor Dennis Beaven**



**Dennis Beaven**

Dennis Beaven retired April 25 after 25 years of service. He joined the Division in 1983 and served as the building maintenance supervisor at the Training Academy throughout his career.

He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Westerville.

### **Driver License Examiner Carolyn Bush**

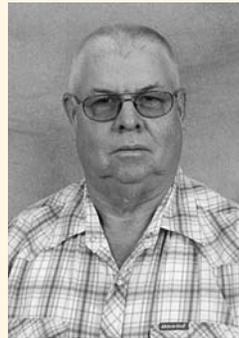


**Carolyn Bush**

After more than 34 years of service, DX1 Carolyn Bush retired on May 31. She joined the Division in August 1973 as a dispatcher at the Mansfield Post and has served as a driver examiner since March 1986.

She lives in Crestline.

### **Maintenance Repair Worker 2 Vernon Scott**



**Vernon Scott**

After 30 years of service, MRW2 Vernon Scott, Batavia, retired on May 30. He joined the Division in 1978 and served as a motor vehicle inspector at the Georgetown and Batavia posts. He transferred to his current position in June 1988.

He and his wife, Darlene, reside in Sardinia.

### **Driver License Examiner Darlene Matlock**

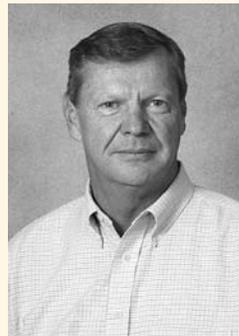


**Darlene Matlock**

After more than 30 years of service, DX1 Darlene Matlock retired on May 31. She joined the Division in June 1977 as a clerk at the Dayton Post and has served as a driver examiner since April 1978.

She and her husband, Howard, reside in Eaton.

### **Maintenance Repair Worker 2 William Thomas**



**William Thomas**

MRW2 William Thomas retired April 30 with 18 years of service. He joined the Division in 1990 and served at the Norwalk Post throughout his career.

He and his wife, Joyce, live in New London.

### **Driver License Examiner Victoria Pelletier**



**Victoria Pelletier**

After more than 30 years of service, DX1 Victoria Pelletier retired on May 31. She joined the Division in July 1977 and has served as a driver examiner in the Jackson District throughout her career.

## 2008 Retirees' Association Snowbird Reunion a big success

Ninety-nine Patrol retirees, spouses and active members attended the 2008 Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association Snowbird Reunion held in Ocala, Florida. Ernie and Darla Wilson hosted the three day event.

While many enjoyed golf the first day at the Juliette Falls Country Club, spouses attended a special program sponsored by the Munroe Regional Medical Center. The first day culminated with a pizza party.

The following day everyone gathered for a special luncheon at the Ocala Ramada Inn. Master of Ceremonies Ernie Wilson welcomed the group and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Don Slemmer with the Invocation.

Dick Curtis, Executive Director of the Patrol's Retirement System reported on Investments, legislation, board membership and health care issues. Colonel Richard Collins gave an overview of the active ranks and the 24/7 Initiative noting we should be proud of our troopers and what they are accomplishing. In addition to Colonel Collins, active members, Capt. John Bistor, S/Lt. Brenda Collins and S/Lt. Joel Smith also attended.

Special guest, Major Richard Carpenter, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper B Commander, welcomed everyone and noted that the Florida and Ohio highway patrols have many things in common. He congratulated the Ohio State Highway Patrol on our 75th Diamond Anniversary and said Florida will celebrate their Diamond Anniversary in six years.

Darryl Anderson and Larry Davis, both representatives on the Retirement System Board of Directors, provided an update from the board perspective. Because of many issues and the transition



**Attending the 2008 Snowbird Reunion Luncheon (from left): Retired Colonel Bob Chiaramonte, Retired Colonel Tom Rice, Colonel Richard Collins, Retired Colonel Paul McClellan and Retired Colonel Jack Walsh.**

of new appointed officials to the board, Dick Curtis has agreed to continue as director through 2009.

Shel Senek offered the President's Report. Shel said when the Association was founded, its purpose as stated in the bylaws was non-political, fraternal, patriotic, historical, to assist members, widows, widowers, orphans, support law and order, and a maintain a strong relationship with active members. Shel reiterated his goal to encourage more retired troopers to be involved in the Association.

Shel reported that Gabe Ferencz and Matt Manley will host the Sunbird Reunion in Sandusky on August 16, and the Annual Meeting will be at the Aladdin Shrine Complex on October 18. Shel concluded by noting the Association is sponsoring the Patrol's 75th Diamond Anniversary Jubilee on November 15, also at the Aladdin Shrine Complex.

Russ Miller and Tom Bilang offered

to host the 2009 Snowbird Reunion. Thanks Russ and Tom for taking on these host duties. It was also suggested the 2010 Snowbird Reunion include a cruise. Steve Brode is exploring this possibility.

The luncheon concluded after Don Slemmer offered the Benediction. Larry Pilzecker handled the 50/50 drawing. Ernie Wilson and Tim Mahoney handled the door prizes.

Association logo clothing items were made by Kris Goodman, spouse of retired Don Goodman, and provided by the Association. Other door prizes were donated by the Ohio Trucking Association, Ohio State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union, Ohio Operation Lifesaver, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirement System.

A special thanks to Ernie and Darla Wilson for hosting the 2008 Snowbird Reunion, arranging the facility, hospitality, events, and program. The Reunion was enjoyed by everyone.

### Communications Event Planned

The 2nd Annual Comm. Tech./Dispatcher Get-together will be held on Monday, August 25, 2008, at noon. The first event was such a huge success, it had to be an annual event. It will be held at the same place, Alum Creek Park (below the dam), 5905 Lewis Center Road, between Columbus and Delaware, off of Interstate 71. Follow the signs to Alum Creek Lake Dam. Bring what you want to grill and a covered dish. We will have drinks and grilling supplies. Contact Ruth Ann Emerick, 440-839-2178, or Norma Hughes, 740-894-3053 for more information. Both active and retired members are welcome!

## Retirees breakfast invitation

Retired, active, and former Patrol personnel in the Wayne County area have been meeting at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month at the Amish Door restaurant for breakfast, reminiscing, and fellowship.

While past attendance has consisted mostly of those living or working in the area, all are invited to attend and enjoy the camaraderie that is always present when those who are a part of the Patrol are together.

If not one of the regular attendees, please contact J.P. Allen at 330-264-3970, or Stan Carmean at 330-345-5534 or sjc485@aol.com, to ensure a place will be set for you.

The Amish Door of Wooster is located at 6655 E. Lincoln Way, about four miles east of Wooster on old U.S. Rt. 30.



Attendees at the March breakfast. Seated: Chris Eckstein, Herb Homan, Jim Homan, Al Carpenter, Bill Keating. Standing: Joe Arthur, J.P. Allen, Ty Moore, Larry Meredith, Dale Shingleton, Bruce Sheppard, Stan Carmean, and John Baker.



# Expressing sympathy



Dwight M. Carey

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Retired Capt. Dwight M. Carey, 89, died May 25. He joined the Patrol in 1946 as a member of the 19th Class and served at Mansfield, Perrysburg, Bellevue, Findlay, Lima, Van Wert, Swanton, Ashtabula, Massillon, and Bucyrus before retiring as commander of the Wilmington District in 1973. He is survived by his wife, Wilma, and children: Cheryl, Angel, Charlene, Tamra, Darrel, Terry.



Clifton Isaacs

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Retired Sgt. Clifton Isaacs, 66, died March 1 in Davenport, Florida. He joined the Patrol in 1962 as a member of the 62nd Class. He served at Swanton, Xenia, and Dayton, and was serving as an assistant commander of the Hiram Post at the time of his retirement in June 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, and children: Judy, Todd, and John.



Walter A. Egerton

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Retired Tpr. Walter A. Egerton, 83, passed away February 16. He joined the Patrol in 1951 with the 32nd Class. He served at Lancaster, Zanesville, and Wooster, and with the Massillon District Motor Vehicle Inspection Team. He retired in November 1976 after a 25-year career. He is survived by his children: Karen, Cathy and Jeffrey.



Walter R. Jones

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Retired Sgt. Walter R. Jones, 81, died July 21, 2007. He joined the Patrol in 1952 with the 37th Class. He served at Lancaster, Xenia, Circleville, and Wilmington, where he was an assistant post commander at the time of his retirement in March 1978.

## Pre-prom activities help troopers stress personal responsibility

### Athens — IMPACT 2008

The Athens Post joined Reed & Baur Insurance Agency to present a dynamic program for more than 6,000 high school juniors and seniors from 13 southeastern Ohio counties. On April 11 at Ohio University, nationally-recognized motivational speakers offered a sobering look at what can happen when poor choices are made involving alcohol and drugs, poor driving habits, or peer pressure.

Tpr. Jeremy Mendenhall was in charge of the event. Other major sponsors were Holzer Clinic, Chi Omega, Globe Metallurgical, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio University Athletics, Pizza Baker/Domino's Pizza, Pepsi Bottling Company/Athens, Solvay Advanced Polymers, and Time-Warner Cable.



### Xenia

The Xenia Post worked with the Xenia fire and police departments to present a mock fatal crash at Xenia High School. The message was presented in dramatic fashion as the players involved in the crash were taken away via Carflight, ambulance, police cruiser, and a body bag. Players pretended to be under the influence and the “at-fault” driver performed field sobriety tests before being placed under arrest. After the crash portion of the program, students were provided information about the consequences of impaired driving as well as overall traffic safety.

### Jackson District

On March 14, off-duty Jackson District employees and Oak Hill High School faculty and seniors participated in a charity basketball game and raised \$833 for Oak Hill's safe after-prom party. Oak Hill won the game 105-104.

At halftime, Tpr. Mike McManis delivered a safety speech and varsity boys and girls basketball team members attempted foul shots while wearing Fatal Vision goggles, which simulate the effects of alcohol.



### Batavia

On April 25, Tpr. Marc Glover participated in a mock crash demonstration that was presented to the students of Williamsburg High School. The mock crash was to remind the students of the dangers of aggressive driving on the day before their prom activities. More than 500 students were present for the demonstration.

## MADD honors troopers for work arresting impaired drivers

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

On April 11, the Ross County chapter of MADD honored Tpr. Adam Throckmorton for having the most OVI arrests in the county. Tpr. Tawonna Woods-Hutton was also honored that evening by the Ross County Safe Communities group for her safety belt enforcement efforts.

On May 9, the Central Valley Chapter of MADD held their annual awards, and recognized several Patrol officers.

Troopers were also honored at the Annual MADD Recognition and Top Cop Awards for Southwest Ohio for being leaders in OVI enforcement and education.



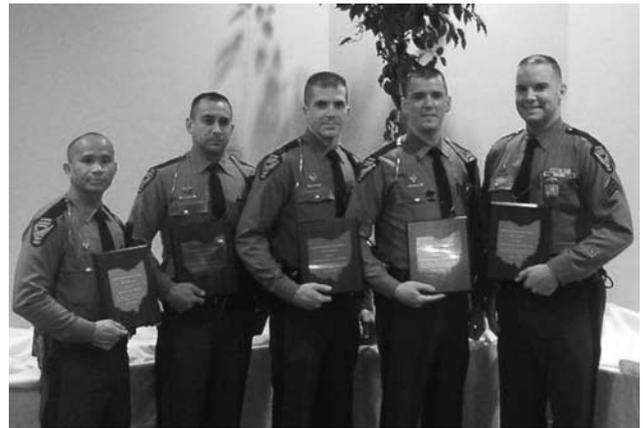
Adam Throckmorton



Tawonna Woods-Hutton



Officers attending the Central Valley MADD awards (bottom): Tpr. Donald Ward, Sgt. Josh Weaver, Tpr. Sean Eitel. (Top): Tpr. Morris Johnson, Tpr. Troy Hale, Tpr. Rodney Hart, Lt. Larry Roseboro, Tpr. Chad McMunn, Lt. Gary Lewis, Tpr. Chad Maines, Sgt. Cornelius Cross, and Sgt. Joseph Walker.



MADD Top Cops from the Piqua and Wilmington districts (from left): Tpr. Phet Phong, Dayton; Tpr. Nathan Pabin, Batavia; Tpr. Joshua Hunter, Georgetown; and Tpr. Sean Wickman and Sgt. Brian Welling, Hamilton.

## Patrol commissions new volunteer chaplain for northern Ohio

On April 28, Colonel Richard Collins commissioned a new Patrol chaplain. Reverend Philip Hurlbert will serve as chaplain for the northern part of the state. He is the brother of Sgt. Justin Hurlbert of the Wilmington Post.

The role of a Patrol chaplain is one of support, encouragement, and friendship. Chaplains serve in a voluntary capacity, and in a supportive role to all members of the Patrol family. They are not involved in evangelizing, but are available to answer questions and participate in discussions initiated by an employee.

Upon request, and as deemed appropriate by the superintendent, Patrol chaplains may also provide the invocation and benediction at special events; officiate at funerals of active or retired employees (upon the request by the next-of-kin); and ride with troopers on patrol after receiving permission from the trooper, post commander, and district commander.



All of the Patrol's volunteer chaplains were on hand as Reverend Philip Hurlbert received an honorary commission on April 28 at the Training Academy. From left: Colonel Richard Collins, Reverend Kelly McInerney (southeast Ohio), State Chaplain Reverend Richard Ellsworth, Reverend Hurlbert (northern Ohio), and Reverend Robert Fulton (southeast Ohio).

## Crime Lab earns accreditation

On March 20, the Patrol's Crime Laboratory was awarded accreditation by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD/LAB).

Accreditation Board of Directors member Jami St. Clair presented the accreditation certificate to Captain J.D. Brink, commander of the Crime Laboratory, on behalf of ASCLD/LAB Executive Director Ralph Keaton.

The Patrol Crime Laboratory is the 19th highway patrol/state police crime laboratory to achieve accreditation and one of 337 laboratories internationally to achieve this honor.

Most laboratories take 18 months to achieve accreditation. The Patrol's crime lab achieved accreditation in a little over 12 months, with the inspection process taking three days.



**Crime Lab professional staff (from left): Criminalist Edward Yingling, Criminalist Joseph Jones, Crime Lab Director Brandon Werry, Crime Lab Director Paul Boggs, Criminalist Deana Nielsen, Criminalist Mark Hiatt, AA1 Marlene Brightwell, Crime Lab Quality Assurance Administrator Tammy Bonner, and Criminalist Jeffrey Turnau.**

ASCLD/LAB is a nonprofit professional society devoted to the improve-

ment of crime laboratory operations through sound management practices.

## Findlay

The Findlay Post, in cooperation with Liberty Benton School, McComb School and Van Buren School made an impact with two local charities during the 2008 Operation Feed Campaign.

This year, the Findlay Post solicited help from fourth and fifth graders at the three local schools. Tpr. Jacob Fletcher headed the program for the Findlay Post and initiated a friendly competition among the schools to see which home-room could donate the most food in a one-week time period.

As an incentive for the challenge, the Findlay Post provided a pizza party for the winning class as well as an engraved plaque that will remain in the winning classroom until next year's event.

The students stepped up to the challenge: McComb School donated 169.5 pounds of food; Van Buren donated 722 pounds of food; and Liberty Benton donated 1,284 pounds of food. Mrs. Sparling's fourth grade class at Liberty Benton won the competition with a classroom donation of 331.5 pounds of food.

The food collected was donated to two local charities, the Hope House of Findlay and C.H.O.P.I.N. Hall.



**Top: Tpr. Jacob Fletcher (far left) and Capt. David Gillespie (far right) presented Mrs. Sparling's fourth grade class at Liberty Benton Elementary School with a plaque for the students' winning effort in a the food drive competition.**



**Bottom: Tpr. Fletcher unloads food items donated to the C.H.O.P.I.N. Hall in Findlay.**

## Batavia/Wilmington District

### Destination Cycle Safe

Lt. Randy McElfresh, Tpr. Marc Glover and Tpr. Jason McElfresh participated in the First Annual Destination Cycle Safe event on May 18 at Midland Insurance Company. The event was sponsored by Clermont County Safe Communities to raise awareness of motorcycles on our highways and to promote motorcycle safety.

Troopers Glover and McElfresh displayed a patrol car and a motor unit. Roadway Express provided a “No Zone” truck to show the blind spot dangers around a tractor-trailer. Well over 600 people attended the event.



### Peebles Elementary

On April 9, Tpr. John Thorne and Disp. Amanda Myers, along with Teddy Trooper, presented a safety speech to a kindergarten class at Peebles Elementary School. Tpr. Thorne spoke to the children about bicycle safety and the importance of always wearing a safety belt in a vehicle. All of the children were very responsive to the questions that Tpr. Thorne asked them about safety topics and also eagerly asked about a trooper's responsibilities, what the items on his duty belt were, and about his patrol car.



### Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs

Tpr. Marc Glover participated in the Cincinnati Cavalcade of Customs car show at the Cincinnati Convention Center March 14-16.

Tpr. Glover displayed a patrol car and all of its equipment, the Ohio State Trooper Association's Rolling Memorial IROC, and one of the motor units from the Southwest Ohio Motorcycle Unit. He also displayed a 75th anniversary board and a recruitment board.

More than 55,000 people attended the event during the weekend. Tpr. Glover received a lot of positive comments about the equipment that was on display.





### Hamilton

On March 11 and 12, Tpr. Michael Williams and Tpr. Brian Bost represented the Hamilton Post at Miami University’s Oxford campus. Our troopers assisted the Miami University Police Department in handing out safety literature to college students in preparation for the Spring Break and the annual St. Patrick’s “Green Beer Day.” Troopers from the Hamilton Post also assisted local departments in patrolling roadways around the college on “Green Beer Day” in a successful attempt to keep the students, faculty, and community safe.

**Tpr. Bost and Miami University officers prepare to pass out safety information to students.**

### Drum and Bugle Corps

Members of the Drum and Bugle Corps who traveled to Washington D.C., in May for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial also participated in a couple of special tours.

The group toured the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Technology Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and enjoyed the unique opportunity to visit the ATF Gun Vault, where more than 7,000 different firearms from zip guns to machine guns and rocket launchers are stored. The weapons are used for research by ATF’s firearms technology experts. The units were permitted to tour the vault and handle any weapon that they wanted to learn more about.

Members also toured the Pentagon and visited the memorial there to those who lost their lives on 9/11. The troopers had the opportunity to see the courtyard and learn more about the Pentagon and the many offices that exist there.



**Members of the Drum and Bugle Corps during a tour of the Pentagon. From left: Tpr. Wil Richardson, Tpr. Brian DePizzo, Tpr. Aaron Cooper, Sgt. Rudy Zupanc, Drum and Bugle Corps Director Tom Anderson (retired ET3), Tpr. Roger Cooper, Tpr. Chris Krantz, and Tpr. Marc Glover.**



### Jackson District

Jackson District personnel played a charity basketball game against River Valley High School (Gallia County) faculty and seniors. The game raised money for the second annual Sgt. Dale Holcomb memorial scholarship fund. Sgt. Holcomb was a frequent volunteer and loyal supporter of River Valley High School. He was killed in a patrol car crash in September of 2006. The memorial fund has now awarded three \$500 dollar scholarships to River Valley students. River Valley won the game 58-57.

**Members of the Jackson District and River Valley charity basketball teams.**

## Ironton

Members of the Ironton Post along with two officers from the Southwest Ohio Motorcycle Unit participated in the Ironton Memorial Day Parade. The parade draws about 20,000 people each year and is the longest running continuous annual parade in the United States at 140 years.

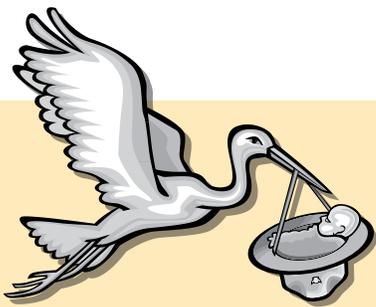
The parade detail included a mini patrol car, which is a recent *Partners for Safety* project involving a former Citgo distributor and county school board member Kenny and Jeannie Shafer, Geer Brothers Body Shop and DC Auto Salon.

Several children of Ironton officers handed out candy during the parade while the marked units drove the parade route. Governor Ted Strickland also participated in the festivities.



**Top: A motorcycle unit greets a young fan along the parade route.**

**Bottom: Tpr. Andrew Bennett, Tpr. Tiffany Coriell, Hunter Boggs (son of Tpr. Randy Boggs) Tpr. Darrin Webb, Junior Tpr. Drew Smith (son of Sgt. C.R. Smith) Teddy Trooper (Sgt. Chris Smith), Kelsey Webb (daughter of Tpr. Webb), Tracy Smith (wife of Sgt. Smith), Lexi Smith (daughter of Sgt. Smith) and Tpr. Jason McElfresh.**



## Stork Visits

Tpr. Brian Alloy & Brittney Hyett, Circleville, a boy, 3/4/08.  
Tpr. Christopher & Melissa Fitzgerald, Bowling Green, a girl, 3/10/08.  
Tpr. Brad & Lesley Bucey, Canfield, a girl, 3/18/08.  
Tpr. Joshua & Jennifer Patrick, Lebanon, a girl, 3/23/08.  
Tpr. Scott & Erica Powers, Elyria, a girl, 3/31/08.  
MRW Jack Coates & Rachel Mitchell, Wilmington, a girl 3/30/08.  
Tpr. Matt & Melanie Dyer, Findlay, a boy, 4/3/08.  
Tpr. Chad Maine & Cindy Melick, Granville, a boy, 4/4/08.  
Lt. Anthony & Lainie Bradshaw, Strategic Services, a girl, 4/7/08.  
Tpr. James & Shelley Barlock, Athens, a girl, 4/9/08.  
Sgt. Scott & Tami Rike, Canton, a boy, 4/12/08.  
Tpr. David & Crystal Francway, Milan, a boy, 4/15/08.

Tpr. Brent & Jennifer Christensen, Chardon, a girl, 4/17/08.  
Tpr. John & Kim Lamm, Ravenna, a girl, 4/19/08.  
Tpr. Eric & Sara Stroud, Swanton, a girl, 4/20/08.  
Tpr. Jeremy & Amber Grillot, Wilmington, a girl, 4/23/08.  
Tpr. Gene & Julie Folden, Jackson, a boy, 4/22/08.  
Tpr. Shaun & Julie Powell, Marysville, a girl, 4/23/08.  
Tpr. Brett & Jennifer Claxon, New Philadelphia, a boy, 4/27/08.  
Sgt. Chris & Lisa Crisafi, Wilmington, a girl, 4/28/08.  
Tpr. Matt & Amber Franzdorf, Defiance, a boy, 5/10/08.  
Tpr. Tim & Kristen Bullock, Springfield, a boy, 5/10/08.  
Tpr. Kamal & Audra Nelson, Marion, a girl, 5/12/08.  
Sgt. Jerad & Amy Sutton, Ashtabula, a girl, 5/16/08.  
Sgt. William & Laurel Weirtz, New Philadelphia, a girl, 5/19/08.  
Tpr. Justin & Minda Cromer, Aviation, a boy, 5/19/08.  
Tpr. Mark & Jessica Menendez, Marion, a girl, 5/21/08.  
Tpr. Matthew & Jody Schmenk, Wapakoneta, a boy, 5/21/08.  
Tpr. Luke & Katherine Young, Wilmington, a boy, 5/21/08.  
Sgt. William & Kristi Bowers, Bowling Green, a girl, 5/22/08.  
Tpr. Scott & Kristie Miller, Hiram, a girl, 5/23/08.  
Tpr. Charles & Libby Jackson, Elyria, a boy, 5/26/08.  
Tpr. Matthew & Kylee Uran, a boy, Defiance, 5/28/08.  
Sgt. Dana Hutton, Jackson, & Tpr. Tawonna Woods-Hutton, Chillicothe, a girl, 5/29/08.

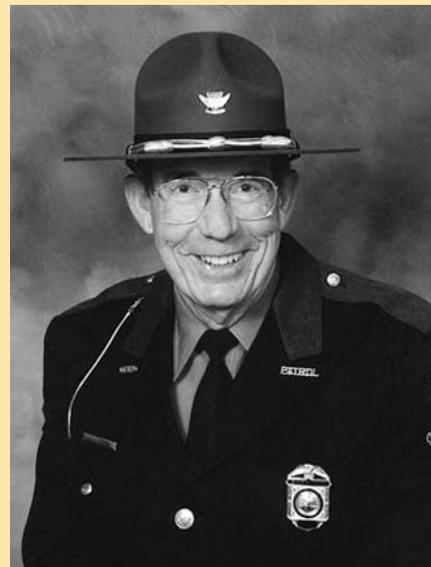
They knew the challenges and risks, they knew the hazardous conditions under which they might have to function, and they knew that they would not always be popular much less safe, but they responded to the call of God to be His servants and ministers.

A reading of the Bible reminds us that we have been blessed in our day by the responses of men and women, young and old, in days gone by. God called and used Abraham and Sarah, the daughter of Pharaoh, Moses, Deborah, Hannah, Samuel, David, Esther, Mary, the Disciples, Paul, Timothy – and many, many other common men and women. They responded and went forward not knowing exactly what would happen to them in the future, but they were committed to the mission they had accepted.

What was true for these individuals whose ministries are recorded in the Bible is also true in our day for those who respond to the call of God to be ministers of justice. (Romans 13:3-5) Law

Enforcement is a ministry. Those who respond to the call because of a desire to serve and protect others will find fulfillment. Those who respond only to seek power and exercise control over others will be miserable. But all who respond, who accept training and discipline, and live by the Core Values so as to not tarnish the badge of honor and authority, will experience a reward. It will not be a reward measured by earthly standards, but by having an inner feeling of satisfaction because service was put above self. There will also be the words of the Almighty: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

All of you serving in the Ohio State Highway Patrol have been called to live and serve by the highest of standards. May all of us – sworn officers and civilians alike – hear the call more clearly, respond more fully, and serve more faithfully so that the Patrol will continue to be what it has been, and what it always will be: the most premier law

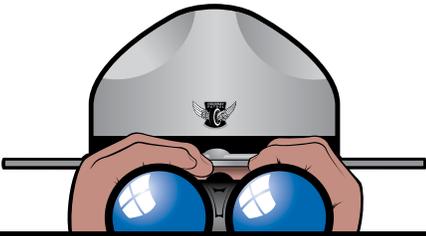


enforcement agency in all the world.

Thanks from your four chaplains for the honor and privilege of being associated with all of you – retirees and active personnel alike. May God bless you as you serve Him each day.

*Richard D. Ellsworth*

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Chaplain



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## A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

### Posts begin hosting 75th Anniversary open houses

As part of the activities to commemorate the Patrol's 75th anniversary, posts around the state were offered the opportunity to host open houses and invite members of their communities to learn more about the Division and Patrol operations in local areas.

Several events already have taken place with more scheduled for the remainder of the summer and into early fall. Below is a list of upcoming events. For more information, please contact the post.

#### Upcoming Open Houses

- June 28 – Chillicothe
- July 12 – Sandusky
- July 27 – Hamilton
- August 3 – Norwalk
- August 9 – Findlay
- August 10 – Ashland
- August 10 – Georgetown
- August 17 – Batavia
- September 13 – New Philadelphia
- September 14 – Lebanon
- September 28 – Wilmington
- October 5 – Mansfield



**Top:** A variety of Patrol vehicles and displays were part of the Xenia Post open house on May 4. In addition to touring the posts, guests were able to get up close to the a Patrol motorcycle, an SRT vehicle, and others.

**Bottom:** The Patrol helicopter was a big hit with youngsters at the Athens Post open house on June 7.





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