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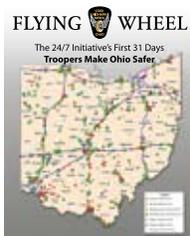
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We in the Ohio State Highway Patrol have been blessed with an all-volunteer Auxiliary force offering assistance and thousands of hours of donated service to the citizens of Ohio each year since they were founded during World War II.

Our Auxiliary plays a major role in supporting our mission to protect life and property, promote traffic safety and provide professional public safety services with respect, compassion and unbiased professionalism.

Every day, on every shift, our Auxiliary is there to assist in whatever capacity needed to help get the job done. Whether in traffic safety, education, or administrative capacities, the men and women of our Auxiliary enrich our ability to provide public value. And they willingly give of their time for no other reason than their dedication to the Division and to the citizens of their community. Their selfless dedication is inspiring, and I can think of no greater tribute to the Ohio State Highway Patrol than to have such people.

I can vividly recall through my years of service Auxiliary officers who have gone out of their way to make sure our sworn officers and professional staff had an added level of support to ensure the quality of our services remained at the highest level expected by the public. Whenever and wherever needed, our Auxiliary has responded to the call of service.

As we continue to evolve as an agency, and our responsibilities within the 24/7 Initiative increase in their complexity and scope, I know that under the leadership of Auxiliary Colonel Brent Rawlins, our Auxiliary will continue to be integral to our future success.

One of our Core Values is "Team Oriented." I can think of no better example of the personification of this key value than our Auxiliary. As members of the Patrol, Auxiliary officers are all part of our team, of which the individual components are not as valuable as the whole.

As we move forward in 2008, and the 24/7 Initiative now becomes part of our everyday operations, I hope you join me in honoring the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary for their contributions to making Ohio safer.



Colonel Richard H. Collins
Superintendent



Every day, on every shift, our Auxiliary is there to assist in whatever capacity needed to help get the job done.

State Trooper of the Year



Robert Hayslip

After earning recognition as the Wilmington District's Trooper of the Year for the second year in a row, Trooper Robert "Bobby" Hayslip, Georgetown, is the Patrol's 2007 State Trooper of the Year.

He is a leader at his post, where his fellow troopers voted him Post Trooper of the Year for the third time in his five years of eligibility for the award. According to his post commander, Lt. Brian Rhodes, "Tpr. Hayslip's level of excellence exemplifies the meaning of Ohio State Trooper."

He is a post leader in activity, including both non-enforcement and enforcement contacts, from OVI arrests, safety belt and commercial enforcement to case investigations and motorist assists. He also is a leader in terms of being someone who constantly works hard and exhibits professionalism. Of his efforts to set a good example for younger troopers, Tpr. Hayslip says, "I try to treat everyone with respect. If anybody needs any help whatsoever, I am there to assist them."

It is that selfless disposition coupled with his drive to make a difference on Ohio's roadways that make him admired and respected by peers and supervisors alike. Tpr. Hayslip says, "We have an opportunity to make a difference with people. Our job is to be responsive to the needs of the citizens of Ohio and to try to make people safer on Ohio roadways. We have the ability to influence people on a daily basis. If you treat people with respect and compassion, you can make a difference in their lives."

Wilmington District commander Capt. Daniel Kolcum says Tpr. Hayslip really understands "what we as a Division and a District are attempting to accomplish. He is hardworking and aggressive, but also compassionate and professional. He takes pride in the work he does each day and knows that what he does makes a difference."

Tpr. Hayslip joined the Division in 2001 as a member of the 138th Academy Class. A native of Adams County, he has served at the Georgetown Post throughout his career. He and his wife, Krista, reside in West Union.

His dedication to his community often goes beyond his job duties. He volunteers hundreds of hours each year at North Adams High School where his wife teaches at-risk students, and also has participated with local courts in the Carteens program to educate juvenile traffic offenders.

His family still operates a farm in West Union and attends East Liberty Church, where they also are active in many church and community activities.

Lt. Rhodes says, "Tpr. Hayslip displays all the attributes a person expects to see from an Ohio State Trooper. Bobby has demonstrated that he is a hard working and dedicated officer, not only to the Patrol, but also to his fellow officers, the public and his family."

Thorne's work with high school students earns Chiamonte Award



John Thorne

The Robert M. Chiamonte Humanitarian Award was established to recognize troopers' dedication to humanitarian efforts both professionally and personally. Tpr. John Thorne's dedication to educating young people to help prevent death and injury due to motor vehicle crashes is exactly the type of effort befitting of this award's namesake, Retired Colonel Robert Chiamonte.

Seeking to deliver traffic safety information to a large audience in a positive environment, Thorne created a presentation to educate teenagers about traffic safety and good decision making. Armed with a Power-Point suitable for math or physics classes, 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 and how they relate to injuries suffered by crash victims. Finally, he introduces the 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.

Since he began using the program, he has reached more than 2,000 people during 150 hours of presentations given mostly on his own time. Feedback from teachers and school administrators has been overwhelmingly positive and all of the schools where he has made his presentation have asked him to do more. In 2007, his program was made available

statewide along with the Division's other local-level safety marketing programs (statepatrol.ohio.gov/localmarketing.htm).

Tpr. Thorne has said 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.



Tpr. Thorne prepares for a presentation.

Hodge earns Blue Max Award



Jason Hodge

The Blue Max Award winner is the officer who recovers the most stolen vehicles with apprehensions during the year. Tpr. Jason Hodge, Springfield, is the 2007 Blue Max Award winner.

He recovered 12 stolen vehicles and subsequently apprehended and charged 12 suspects with auto theft related charges. The total recovered property value related to the recoveries was \$36,200.

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.

Lewis is Criminal Patrol winner



Nicholas Lewis

The Criminal Patrol Award is given to the officer with the most investigations of felony cases that lead to felony arrests.

The winner for 2006 is Tpr. Nicholas Lewis, Portsmouth, who finished the year with 36 felony cases and 40 felony arrests.

During one apprehension, he seized crack cocaine, marijuana, 150 Oxycodone pills, 103 Hydrocodone pills, 169 Xanax pills and approximately \$9,000 in cash. His felony cases were related to OVI arrests, forgery and tampering with evidence.

State Dispatcher of the Year goes to St. Clairsville's Holubeck



Diane Holubeck

When speaking of Diane Holubeck, St. Clairsville post commander Lt. Roger Norris says, "We simply could not excel without her." Through her consistency and determination to keep her officers safe, Disp. Holubeck has helped troopers at her post excel for nearly 20 years.

Disp. Holubeck joined the Division in June 1988 and has served at St. Clairsville throughout her career. In that time, she has been instrumental in solving problems and foreseeing and overcoming challenges.

Her peers have voted her Post Dispatcher of the year 13 times in 19 years, and this is the second time she has been Cambridge's District Dispatcher of the Year.

Patrol dispatchers are often asked to balance operational and administrative duties while staying one step ahead of our units on the road. On top of this, law enforcement in general and dispatching in particular, continue to evolve and change—especially technologically.

Disp. Holubeck has embraced each change to the dispatching position, readily learning how to use each new program and technology to better keep her officers safe and to impact enforcement efforts to keep Ohio motorists safe.

Tpr. Joe Weaver says, "I always feel safe working the road knowing Diane is watching my back. She remains calm in emergency situations and obtains all the information needed to send help."

In addition to her work duties, Disp. Holubeck has been called the "lifeblood" of the St. Clairsville Post. She reinforces the post's familial atmosphere as Tpr. Weaver explains: "She always shows concern and cares for post personnel and their families. She knows all the names of our family members as well as what's going on in their lives. Diane's positive attitude is contagious and spreads to those in her presence."

Diane is a lifelong resident of Belmont County and resides in Martin's Ferry.



Disp. Holubeck on duty at the St. Clairsville Post

Findlay group is State Electronic Technician Team of the Year

The Findlay District's Electronic Technician Team was selected best in the state for 2007. Led by ET3 Shawn Piper, the team also includes ET2 Thomas Fowler and ET2 Kraig Kent.

The Findlay District Electronic Team excelled by completing numerous projects, providing assistance to other districts and overcoming many challenges along the way. During the year the team achieved the following notable accomplishments:

- Relocated radio communications for the Walbridge Post to the new Bowling Green Post;
- Completed MARCS and DATA installation and assumed routine maintenance of MARCS equipment for the Swanton Post;
- Began repairing MARCS portable radios in-house instead of returning them to the manufacturer, thereby erasing a four-month turnaround time;
- Assisted numerous agencies with communications during



Shawn Piper



Thomas Fowler



Kraig Kent

the intense flooding in Findlay, Bluffton and Ottawa during the summer, including helping Findlay Post dispatchers field calls; and

- Provided assistance to the Bucyrus and Warren districts during MARCS installations.

Piper joined the Patrol in 1989. Fowler has been with the Division and the Findlay Team since 2005. Kent joined the Patrol and the Findlay Team in 1999.

State Trooper Recognition Award goes to Gerald Gibson



Gerald Gibson

Tpr. Gerald Gibson, a plainclothes investigator assigned to Findlay District Headquarters, won the 2007 State Trooper Recognition Award.

The Trooper Recognition Award recognizes the work of troopers whose assignments fall outside Trooper of the Year consideration. In addition to plainclothes investigator, some examples of the assignments of troopers in this category included load limit inspector, canine handler

and motor vehicle inspector.

Tpr. Gibson has been recognized as a performance-oriented officer who works very hard to accomplish investigative section goals. His dedication and professionalism motivate other employees in the section. According to his supervisor, Sgt. Gene Jarvi, "Tpr. Gibson is a vital part of Findlay District Investigations. He has established himself as one of the best investigators in the state, and is well respected by his supervisors, coworkers and other officials."

His thorough investigations result in numerous positive comments from local courts and prosecutors, as well as officials from state institutions. Paul Custer, an investigator at the Oakwood Correctional Facility said, "Tpr. Gibson's cooperation has been unending in the five years we have worked together. His diligence has resulted in many prosecutions of crimes committed on state property. His communication skills have allowed him to develop an excellent rapport with inmates, staff and prosecutors when gathering information and intelligence for cases."

Douglas Staudt wins Motor Carrier Inspector Award



Douglas Staudt

MCEI Douglas Staudt, Piqua DHQ, won the Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector of the Year Award.

Commercial motor vehicle troopers, load limit inspector troopers and motor carrier enforcement inspectors are eligible for the award. The winner is selected based on a written test, personal interview and review of qualifications.

Staudt joined the Division in 1989 as a load limit inspector. He has served in his current position since October 2000.

He and his wife, Connie, reside in Piqua.



MCEI Staudt performs an inspection.

District Trooper Recognition Award Winners

FindlayGerald Gibson, *plainclothes investigator*
 BucyrusRonald Anderson, *commercial enforcement*
 Massillon.....Kevin Weber, *plainclothes investigator*
 Warren William Bancroft, *plainclothes investigator*
 PiquaMica Hatcher, *commercial enforcement*
 Columbus.....Joel Smith, *motor vehicle inspector*
 Cambridge.....Bruce Mac Laine, *canine handler*
 Wilmington.....Donald Rack, *commercial enforcement*
 Jackson.....Lee Burnem, *motor vehicle inspector*
 Berea Andre Bradford, *plainclothes investigator*
 GHQ.....Mark Leach, *training instructor*

District Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Award Winners

Findlay Tpr. Robert Pargeon
 Bucyrus MCEI Jonathan Holzworth
 Massillon MCEI Thomas Michael
 Warren. Tpr. Alan Ogden
 Piqua. MCEI Douglas Staudt
 Columbus. MCEI Stephen Daniel
 Cambridge MCEI James Underation
 Wilmington MCEI Richard McCollister
 Jackson MCEI Anthony Lester
 Berea. Tpr. Frank Benett

David Kisor and Laura Mourné win Employee Recognition Awards

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 David Kisor and Researcher 3 Laura Mourné won the Patrol's Employee Recognition Awards, which honor employees whose positions fall outside the sworn officer and communications categories.

Kisor, who is assigned to Jackson DHQ, is the 2007 Employee Recognition Award winner from the districts. In a year of personal difficulties, he maintained the same dependable, productive work habits that have made him a trusted and valued resource throughout his 35 years of service to the Division.

He is beloved within the Jackson District for his willingness to go out of his way to help out in any situation

Mourné works at GHQ in the Office of Human Resource Management. She won the overall Employee Recognition Award from among the GHQ sections.

She has been praised for thinking and working "outside the box," and has come up with several creative, workable solutions to difficulties that have cropped up as the Patrol updates its human resource management software.



David Kisor



Laura Mourné

Mourné pushes the limits and strives for excellence, much to the advantage of every employee in the Division.

District Employee Recognition

Findlay Alan Jospheh
 Bucyrus Robert Jordan
 Massillon Gina Ovendorf
 Warren Stephanie Hartman
 Piqua Heather Gebhart
 Columbus Harold Deck
 Cambridge Jona Scott
 Wilmington Deanna Simpson
 Jackson David Kisor
 Berea William Anderson

GHQ Employee Recognition

Strategic Services Sherri Allen
 Licensing & Commercial Standards Linda Carson
 Tech. & Comm. Services Jeremy Hansford
 Finance & Logistic Services Tina Massey
 Human Resource Management Laura Mourné
 Recruitment & Training Kristi Samples
 Field Operations PO2 Wesley Wells

Statewide Auxiliary award winners honored at Patrol ceremony

In addition to awards for employees, Patrol Auxiliary volunteers are also recognized as part of the Division's Annual Awards.

William J. Duffy Award of Excellence

Auxiliary Lt. Thomas St. Clair, Warren, received the Duffy Award. St. Clair joined the Auxiliary in May 2002. Since that time, he has been a very active officer, averaging more than 1,400 hours of volunteered time per year for the past three years. His volunteered time includes riding on patrol during all shifts, State Fair, assisting with FAST training at the Patrol Academy, Boys' and Girls' State and participating in special details such as "Drive to Survive" and the Cuyahoga Metro Initiative.

St. Clair was the Auxiliary's State

Officer of the Year in 2005 for his dedication and commitment to the Auxiliary program.

The Duffy Award is named for the late Aux. Lt. Colonel William Duffy. To be eligible for the award, members of the Auxiliary must have a minimum of 300 volunteer hours per year over three consecutive years, maintain physical fitness and respond to emergency calls and special details when needed.

Auxiliary Officer of the Year

Auxiliary Sgt. Christopher Feeney, Delaware, won the State Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award for his excellence and dedication as a volunteer. Feeney volunteered 1,173 hours during 2007, which includes riding on patrol during



Thomas St. Clair



Christopher Feeney

all shifts, State Fair, Ohio State football games and participating in special details such as "Shop With A Cop" and performing as Teddy Trooper.

In 2006, Feeney was awarded the William J. Duffy Award of Excellence because of his personal sacrifice and outstanding service to the Auxiliary program.

2007

Post Troopers and Dispatchers of the Year

Troopers		Dispatchers	Troopers		Dispatchers
Findlay District			Columbus District		
Lima	Michael Kinsinger	Matthew Johns	Delaware	Chris Appollonio	Rebecca Lay
Defiance	Chad Durfey*	Denise Blue	Lancaster	Chad McMunn	Fay Wedlund
Findlay	Matthew Dyer	Linda Dantuono	Granville	Michael Wilson	Beverley Wells*
Toledo	Timothy Coll	Jennifer Sabin*	West Jefferson	Raul Melo	Monica Minter
Van Wert	Shawn Cook	Trena Bartz	Mt. Gilead	Matthew Them*	Jared Reagh
Bowling Green	Gene Samson	Barbara Welsh	Circleville	David Chamberlin	Kimberly Aberts
Bucyrus District			Cambridge District		
Bucyrus	Mark McLaughlin	Brent Sigler	St. Clairsville	Ralph Hendershot	Diane Holubeck**
Sandusky	Erika Englund	Heidi Maloy	Cambridge	Maurice Waddell*	Richard Skelly
Norwalk	Brian Gockstetter	Scott Robenalt*	Steubenville	Joseph Parsons	Randall Gilbert
Marion	Geoffrey Freeman	Pamela Hershberger	Zanesville	Trenas Weaver	Gavin Kurtz
Mansfield	Ryan Randall	Jacquelyn Martin	New Phila.	Clinton Armstrong	Rebecca Goudy
Fremont	Nathan Henn*	Brian Flahiff	Marietta	Charles Robinson	Toni Roach
Massillon District			Wilmington District		
Ashland	Darrell Dowler	Christopher Baker	Georgetown	Robert Hayslip**	Rebel Martin
Elyria	Jeffrey Kaess	Elizabeth Hyer	Hamilton	Michael Williams	Martin Miller
Medina	Byron Foxx	Robin Case*	Batavia	Christopher Krantz	Ronald Newman
Canton	Anthony Maroon	Kathryn Pond	Wilmington	James Cress	Darla Johnson
Wooster	Charles Abbuhl*	Kevin Yoder	Xenia	Harold Myers	Susan Hamilton
Warren District			Jackson District		
Ashtabula	Jared Klingensmith	Sharon Bradley*	Athens	Steven Daugherty	Sandra Belyus
Lisbon	Stephen Pacheco	Amy Williams	Gallipolis	Danny Howard	Brandy Laudermilt
Chardon	Randy Petersen	Lauren Lingruen	Jackson	Paul Mercer	Jason Saunders
Canfield	Stephen Murphy*	Cheryl Smith	Ironton	Robert McClelland*	Drew Fry
Ravenna	Darrell McClain	Vicki Smith	Chillicothe	Troy Sexton	Nicholas Barrows*
Warren	James Quinlan	Michelle Higgins	Portsmouth	Theodore Neal	Jason Whitt
Piqua District			Berea District		
Wapakoneta	Matthew Schmenk	Patricia Nelson	Swanton	Robert Ashenfelter*	
Springfield	Jason Hodge	Thomas Faris	Milan	Edwin Lopez	
Piqua	Christopher Ellison	Marsha Carey*	Hiram	Lewis Finsen	
Dayton	Kristin Welk*	Brandy Parks	Berea DHQ		Tracey Doles*
Marysville	Jeremy Allen	Douglas Webb			

* District Winners

**State Winners

GHQ

Columbus Communications Center

Lori Pallante

2007 Blue Max Program Awards

Four Bolt Winners

Tpr. Brian Alloy
 Tpr. Chris Coverstone
 Tpr. Jeremy Nellist
 Tpr. Kyle Shearer
 Tpr. Nathan Ward

Three Bolt Winners

Tpr. Rachel Ankeney
 Tpr. Charles Gannon
 Tpr. Kacy Jones
 Tpr. Robert McClelland
 Tpr. Kenneth Metz

Tpr. Shawn Milburn
 Tpr. David Norman
 Tpr. Kyle Pohlable
 Tpr. Ryan Wilson
 Tpr. Tawonna Woods-Hutton

2007 Criminal Patrol Awards

These officers earned Certificates of Recognition for achieving at least five felony case investigations that resulted in felony arrests.

Tpr. Gregory Allen
 Tpr. Brian Alloy
 Tpr. Richard Anderson
 Tpr. Stacey Arnold
 Tpr. Joshua Baker
 Tpr. Scotty Balcomb
 Tpr. Larry Barrett
 Tpr. Scott Bayless
 Tpr. Kurt Beidelschies
 Tpr. Robert Bodo
 Tpr. Jason Bonar
 Tpr. Shane Borton
 Tpr. Robert Bradley
 Tpr. Justin Bryant
 Tpr. Timothy Bullock
 Tpr. Christopher Capizzi
 Sgt. Shad Caplinger
 Tpr. Ricky Caraway
 Tpr. Tyler Carr
 Tpr. Eric Caudill
 Tpr. David Chamberlin
 Tpr. Byron Chute
 Tpr. Shawn Cook
 Tpr. Chris Coverstone
 Tpr. Stephen Crabtree
 Tpr. Jeffrey Crook
 Tpr. Steven Daugherty
 Tpr. Jonathan Dewitt
 Sgt. Kevin Dillard
 Tpr. David Dingeman
 Tpr. Mike Dirr
 Tpr. Darrell Dowler
 Tpr. Matthew Dyer
 Tpr. Timothy Ehrenborg
 Tpr. Jason Eiden
 Tpr. Erika Englund
 Tpr. Jason Fantone
 Tpr. David Garber
 Tpr. Joseph Glascox
 Tpr. Nadi Graham
 Tpr. Joseph Griffith
 Tpr. Jason Halstead
 Sgt. Terry Helton
 Tpr. Samuel Hendricks
 Tpr. Matthew Himes
 Tpr. Rocky Hise

Tpr. Nicholas Hoffman
 Sgt. John Howard
 Tpr. Danny Howard
 Tpr. Delmer Hurd
 Tpr. Kyle Hurles
 Tpr. Paul Isgett
 Sgt. Robert Jacks
 Tpr. Charles Jackson
 Tpr. Daniel Jesse
 Tpr. Nicholas Johnson
 Tpr. Michael Jordan
 Tpr. David Keener
 Tpr. Daniel Keller
 Tpr. Christopher Kelley
 Tpr. Roger Kuhn
 Tpr. Michael Landers
 Tpr. Nathan Lawson
 Tpr. Nicholas Lewis
 Tpr. Scott Louive
 Tpr. Bruce Mac Laine
 Tpr. Johnnie Maier
 Tpr. Gregory Mamula
 Tpr. Bryan Mangin
 Tpr. Allen Marcum
 Tpr. Adam McKenzie
 Tpr. Sean McLaughlin
 Tpr. Chad McMunn
 Tpr. Raul Melo
 Tpr. Charles Mendenhall
 Tpr. Richard Menges
 Tpr. Paul Mercer
 Tpr. Theresa Mikesh
 Tpr. Rachel Mizer
 Tpr. Aaron Morgan
 Tpr. Stephen Murphy
 Tpr. Jeremy Nellist
 Tpr. Patricia Nemeth
 Tpr. David Norman
 Tpr. Charles Obryon
 Tpr. Joseph Parsons
 Tpr. Corey Pennington
 Tpr. Patrick Pfouts
 Tpr. Edward Pfouts
 Tpr. Michael Phipps
 Tpr. Phet Phong
 Tpr. Craig Polasky

Tpr. Logan Putnam
 Tpr. Ryan Randall
 Tpr. Willie Richardson
 Tpr. Todd Roberts
 Tpr. Ryan Robirds
 Tpr. Michael Roe
 Tpr. Stephen Roe
 Tpr. Alejo Romero
 Tpr. Gene Samson
 Tpr. Jody Sawyers
 Tpr. Rustun Schack
 Tpr. Matthew Schmenk
 Tpr. Jeremy Schuldt
 Tpr. Kyle Shirer
 Tpr. David Shockey
 Tpr. Paul Shore
 Sgt. John Silvey
 Tpr. Shawn Simms
 Tpr. David Slanker
 Tpr. Shaun Smart
 Tpr. Christopher Smith
 Tpr. James Sparkman
 Tpr. Lana Spriggs
 Tpr. Lee Sredniawa
 Tpr. Jennifer Stabler
 Tpr. Jeffrey Staples
 Tpr. Daniel Stephens
 Tpr. David Stuart
 Sgt. Karla Taulbee
 Tpr. Matthew Them
 Tpr. Adam Throckmorton
 Sgt. Timothy Timberlake
 Tpr. Michael Trader
 Tpr. Michael Utter
 Tpr. Ricky Vitte
 Tpr. Terrence Vollmer
 Tpr. Maurice Waddell
 Tpr. Nathan Ward
 Tpr. Glendon Ward
 Tpr. Jeremy Wickman
 Tpr. Aaron Williams
 Tpr. James Williams
 Tpr. Michael Wilson
 Tpr. Travis Woodyard

Certificate of Recognition

Sgt. Thomas Bloomberg, Lebanon, received a Certificate of Recognition for his efforts to prevent a distraught man from committing suicide. On September 2, 2007, Sgt. Bloomberg responded to a report of a man on the catwalk of the Jeremiah Morrow Bridge in Warren County.



Thomas Bloomberg

Sgt. Bloomberg and Lt. Mark Worley of the Warren County Sheriff's Office arrived at the scene and found the man about halfway across the bridge, over the Little Miami River, readying himself to jump. Sgt. Bloomberg and Lt. Worley also used the catwalk to get close to the suspect and engage him in conversation. After talking to the man for about 40 minutes, the officers convinced him to exit the bridge with them. Sgt. Bloomberg then transported the man to Bethesda Hospital for medical evaluation.

Tpr. Joseph Wentworth, Fremont, received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions at the scene of a crash in Woodville. On November 16, 2007, Tpr. Wentworth attempted to stop a suspect for a speed violation. Before Tpr. Wentworth could catch up to the suspect's vehicle, the suspect fled into the city of Woodville, making turns down several streets and finally heading west on College Avenue at a high rate of speed.



Joseph Wentworth

The suspect then ran a stop sign, lost control of his vehicle and struck three utility polls, causing the vehicle to roll over several times. As Tpr. Wentworth approached the scene, the suspect fled on foot, leaving behind his teenage girlfriend

and two daughters, ages two and four. All three girls were hurt, and the four-year-old was seriously injured and trapped under the wreckage. Despite the danger from power lines that were down around the crash scene, Tpr. Wentworth and several residents of College Avenue rushed to assist. Tpr. Wentworth and two bystanders lifted the vehicle while two others pulled the girl from under the wreckage. Tpr. Wentworth then provided aid and comforted the girls until emergency medical personnel arrived.

Tpr. Shaun Robles and Tpr. Paul Shore, Mt. Gilead, received Certificates of Recognition for their efforts to locate and apprehend a murder suspect in Morrow County. On October 16, 2007, Tpr. Robles and Tpr. Shore responded to a request for assistance from the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, which was investigating a stabbing.



Shaun Robles

As officers at the scene developed leads, they needed assistance locating the man suspected of committing the crime. Robles and Shore began following up on possible locations where the suspect might be and found his vehicle at a Morrow County residence.



Paul Shore

After requesting back-up, the officers moved to clear the perimeter around the residence. They encountered two male suspects, one sleeping in a vehicle and one who attempted to run out of a barn on the property. While securing the suspect on foot, the suspect in the vehicle woke up. The troopers ordered the second suspect out of the car and found he was covered in blood.

Disp. Lori Stine, Steubenville, received a Certificate of Recognition for her skilled handling of an emergency call that led to the rescue of a heart attack victim. On December 15, 2007, Disp. Stine answered a 911 call from a man using a cellular telephone. The caller stated he was hunting in Harrison County and believed he was having a heart attack.

He advised he was alone in a hunting cabin and was only able to provide a general description of the location of the cabin. Disp. Stine kept the man calm and helped him recall and describe landmarks to help emergency personnel locate the cabin, which does not have a street address. With direction from Disp. Stine, emergency personnel found the cabin and quickly determined the victim was indeed suffering a heart attack. The man was transported to the hospital by helicopter and received life saving emergency surgery.

Disp. Stine greets the hunter whose life she helped save. He and his children visited the Steubenville Post to thank her in person.



Ace Award

Tpr. Patrick Abel, Hiram, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$43,000 and apprehended five suspects to earn his third Ace Award.

He recovered a 2007 Honda after stopping the suspect for a speed violation on the Ohio Turnpike. His investigation revealed that the vehicle was an overdue rental. Contact with the rental company confirmed that the vehicle should have been returned several weeks earlier and that multiple attempts to contact the suspect had been unsuccessful.



Patrick Abel

Tpr. Christopher Carpenter, Mt. Gilead, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$32,000 and apprehended five suspects to earn the first Ace Award of his career.

His first recovery came after he stopped a vehicle for not having a front license plate. After making contact with the suspect, Tpr. Carpenter arrested him for OVI. Subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect did not have permission to have the vehicle.



Christopher Carpenter

Sgt. Ronald Cox, Lisbon, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$24,000 and apprehended three suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

Three of his recoveries came after one investigation. When Sgt. Cox attempted to initiate a traffic stop for a speed violation, the suspect pulled into a private residence in Youngstown. The driver was arrested for driving under suspension. Subsequent investigation revealed that three vehicles at the residence were stolen and the vehicle the suspect was driving had parts from the stolen vehicles.



Ronald Cox

Tpr. Jonathan Davis, Wilmington, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$61,500 and apprehended six suspects to earn the Ace Award just six months after earning his Patrol commission.

Each of his recoveries came after routine traffic stops. One suspect was subsequently arrested for OVI and another was found in possession of marijuana. Three of his recover-



Jonathan Davis

ies were rental vehicles where the suspect was not the person listed on the rental agreement, and in two of those instances, the suspects did not even know the name of the person on the rental agreement.

Tpr. Timothy Grigsby, Lima, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$10,300 and apprehended five suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

Four of his recoveries came after routine traffic stops. Two suspects were subsequently arrested for OVI, with each also found in possession of marijuana. Another recovery came as he investigated a one-vehicle injury crash and found the suspect driver had stolen the vehicle and license plates from a car dealership in Lima.



Timothy Grigsby

Tpr. Joseph Griffith, Wilmington, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$9,000 and apprehended six suspects to earn the first Ace Award of his career.

Two of his recoveries involved the same suspect. On January 30, Tpr. Griffith arrested the suspect as a passenger in a stolen vehicle he stopped after a traffic violation. In addition to having an active warrant through the Bellbrook Police Department, the suspect passenger also was charged with receiving stolen property. A little more than a month later, the same suspect was the driver of another vehicle, also stolen, that Tpr. Griffith attempted to stop for a traffic violation. The suspect fled on foot, but was arrested a short time later after he was located with assistance from a Highland County canine unit.



Joseph Girffith

Tpr. Delmer Hurd, Jackson, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$32,500 and apprehended seven suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

His final recovery was a 2006 Chevrolet valued at \$17,000. Tpr. Hurd stopped the vehicle for speed and marked lanes violations. Contact with the suspect driver revealed he was a 12-year-old boy who took the vehicle without his mother's consent.



Delmer Hurd

Ace Award continued

Tpr. Kyle Hurles, Wilmington, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$18,500 and apprehended five suspects to earn his second Ace Award.

Each of his recoveries came during different activities while on routine patrol: checking on an abandoned vehicle, investigating a crash, checking the registration of a parked vehicle, making a traffic stop and observing a vehicle that was the subject of an earlier stolen vehicle broadcast.



Kyle Hurles

Tpr. Michael McCarthy, Massillon, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$14,500 and apprehended six suspects to earn the third Ace Award of his career.

He recovered a 1997 Mitsubishi valued at \$10,000 after he stopped the vehicle for multiple traffic violations. The suspect, age 16, did not have a driver license, or the owner's permission to have the vehicle. In addition, a passenger in the vehicle was found in possession of marijuana and was the subject of an active warrant through the Canton Police Department.



Michael McCarthy

Tpr. Jermaine Thaxton, Granville, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$11,500 and apprehended seven suspects to earn the first Ace Award of his career.

His fourth recovery came as a check on a vehicle at a rest area on I-70 came back as having stolen license plates. The suspect driver was located and taken into custody without incident. He was found to be the subject of an active warrant through the Perry Township Police Department in Massillon. In addition, a check of the vehicle's VIN revealed the car was stolen, and a LEADS check on the suspect's passenger revealed that she was a juvenile reported missing through the Stark County Sheriff's Office.



Jermaine Thaxton

Tpr. Maurice Waddell, Cambridge, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$44,000 and apprehended four suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

Two recoveries resulted from a single investigation. Tpr. Waddell attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding when the suspect fled. The suspect ultimately crashed the vehicle, which was found to be stolen. Inside the vehicle, Tpr. Waddell found stolen checks and other evidence that led to the identification and recovery of another stolen vehicle. The suspect also was the subject of felony warrants through two other agencies. He ultimately pled guilty to crimes including receiving stolen property, forgery and passing bad checks.



Maurice Waddell

Tpr. Michael Wilson, Granville, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$19,487 and apprehended five suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

His fifth recovery was a 1994 Ford. Tpr. Wilson responded to a report of a vehicle in a ditch and found the car abandoned. A witness reported that the suspect driver had walked to a nearby gas station. Tpr. Wilson located the suspect at the gas station and found her in possession of keys that fit the vehicle, which had been reported stolen after a car jacking at gunpoint. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with drug abuse and receiving stolen property.



Michael Wilson

Sworn Promotions

Sergeant Douglas DeBord, Chillicothe

Sergeant Jeffrey Redden, Marion

Professional Promotions

ET3 Jeffery Boatman, Wilmington DHQ

Disp. Mgr. Lydia Wagner, Technology and Communication Services

Disp. Supv. Davius Reichelderfer, Bucyrus

DX1 Jean Donkin, Delaware

Trng. Ofc. Patrick Wilson, Human Resource Management

Early success shows 24/7 Initiative is making Ohio safer

Troopers use effective traffic enforcement to remove criminal elements from roadways

If January is any indication of the success our agency will achieve with the 24/7 Initiative, then the Ohio State Highway Patrol is extremely well-positioned to continue providing public value through our professional public safety services.

Among the many highlights achieved in January, state troopers were directly responsible for a reduction in fatal crashes and traffic fatalities compared with January totals from last year. Based on preliminary totals, there were 51 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 59 deaths in Ohio this January. This is 18 fewer fatal crashes (-26 percent) and 13 fewer traffic fatalities (-18 percent) than was reported in the January 2007 business plan slides.

Troopers also set a pace in January ahead of last year when it came to professional law enforcement traffic contacts. In January, troopers made 110,505 Signal 3 contacts, which included 43,395 enforcement and 67,110 non-enforcement contacts. Impressively, total contacts were up 11 percent from January 2007 and 2 percent from the previous 3-year average (2004-06). Enforcement contacts rose 18 percent from January 2007 and 19 percent from the previous 3-year average (2004-06).

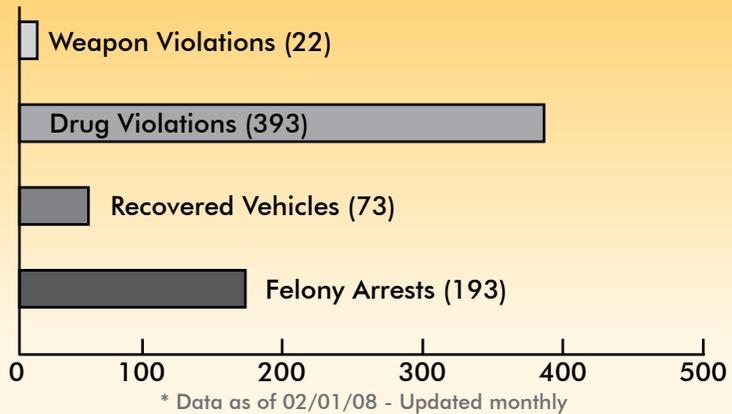
Detecting and apprehending impaired drivers, who represent some of the most dangerous criminals on Ohio roads, remained a primary focus as state troopers achieved great results in January. Troopers made 1,877 OVI arrests this January, which was 148 more OVI arrests than in January 2007. January traffic enforcement also included 8,751 safety belt arrests, which totaled 1,695 more safety belt arrests for a lofty 24 percent increase in this key life-saving category compared with January 2007 activity.

One of the integral changes brought about with the 24/7 Initiative is the added attention on criminal patrol operations. Troopers responded to the decrease in administrative tasks, which has resulted in the intended increase of time and created opportunity for more criminal patrol successes. In January, that added emphasis and opportunity resulted in troopers making 393 drug arrests, which was 34 more drug arrests than in January 2007.

Troopers also made 193 felony stops in January, including 101 felony arrests and 92 felony warrant apprehensions.

Every day, we are proudly promoting the many 24/7 Initiative successes being achieved by state troopers in both

Criminal elements removed from Ohio roadways as a result of effective traffic enforcement.



traffic safety and criminal patrol areas. Internal and external visitors to our Web site, statepatrol.ohio.gov receive daily traffic fatality statistics, along with monthly updates of criminal patrol efforts related to weapon violations, drug violations, recovered vehicles and felony arrests.

Mapping links from the Web site front page take visitors to statewide and county-specific mapping of Ohio traffic fatalities, as well as maps depicting where criminal elements were removed from Ohio roadways as a result of effective traffic enforcement. We encourage visitors to view those successes at the following links:

http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/fatals/FatalMap_08.htm

http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/statistics/Criminal/Weapon_Violations.pdf

http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/statistics/Criminal/Drug_Violations.pdf

http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/statistics/Criminal/Stolen_Vehicles.pdf

http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/statistics/Criminal/Arrests_Warrants_Summons.pdf

It is apparent that not only has the 24/7 Initiative been embraced throughout the state by Patrol personnel, but the practical application of its professional traffic enforcement, criminal patrol and administrative elements are contributing to a safer Ohio.



WHITEOUT

conditions reported in Marysville

What is a "Whiteout?" Definitions can range from a weather condition to a sports tradition, but Lt. Rick Zwyer, commander of the Patrol's Marysville Post, defines a "Whiteout" as, "Extreme patrol visibility through high-volume saturation patrols in selected enforcement areas."

Beginning this January, troopers from the Marysville Post are attacking crash causing violations in Champaign, Logan and Union counties with a quick-strike, high impact method. Troopers are looking for violations such as following too closely, failure to yield, improper lane use, speed and failure to properly wear safety restraints. While this part of a sustained effort to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities is not new - the operational strategy behind the effort is different.

"We want to create a shock value by coming in with higher numbers of troopers, aggressively enforcing a target area, and then move to another," Lt. Zwyer said. "When we come into an area relatively unannounced with numerous state troopers in marked cruisers, with the mission to save lives, it gains attention and the community talks about it."

The Whiteout was developed from a concept created by Marysville troopers and sergeants. Lt. Zwyer asked the post sergeants to come up with a strategy for 2008 by working with troopers to find solutions that will work. Results from those discussions were then brought to a supervisors' meeting when designing the post's 2008 strategic plan. From that, a month-by-month timetable was created to direct the post's focus toward a certain problem(s) each month. The Whiteout is a key enforcement component of Marysville's overall strategic plan.

The Whiteout occurs during peak crash hours, at a specifically designated location within the three-county area. During its operation, troopers also focus their enforcement efforts toward stopping and apprehending dangerous and impaired drivers throughout the area.

Local troopers focus on problem crash areas by utilizing crash data analysis, along with information obtained from the crash forecasting model created through a partnership with the Ohio State University.

"A key to success is the emphasis our troopers have in working together, knowing what the problem is in detail, and moving to the enforcement area in mass. Five to 10 patrol cars moving into a specific problem area can send a powerful message," Lt. Zwyer said. "And, once we have their attention, we educate them on the problem so the motorist can be part of the solution."

Through taking a zero tolerance-high volume enforcement approach, contacts with motorists not only

mirror the crash picture or problem behavior for the specific area, but are yielding impressive results.

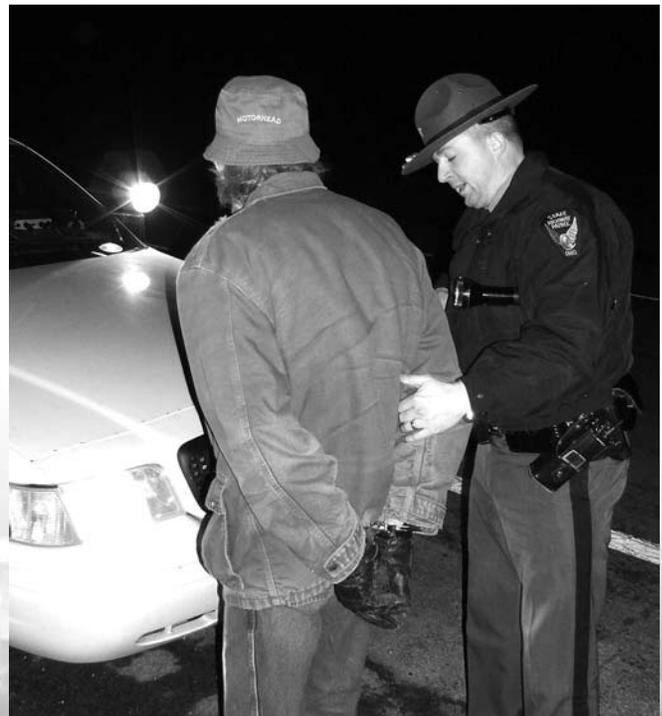
Through February 20, Marysville Post fatal crashes were down 300 percent year-to-date in 2008 compared to 2007. There had been no serious injury or fatal crashes in the target areas since Whiteouts had been implemented.

Troopers volunteer to adjust their shift hours for this important effort and this greatly helps limit scheduled overtime for this unique type of saturation patrol.

The first Marysville Whiteout occurred on January 5, and included personnel from all three shifts working together to target a specific location. The opportunity for troopers to work with colleagues from other shifts is a way Lt. Zwyer is using the Whiteout approach to build a sense of teamwork and camaraderie at Marysville.

"The Whiteouts are appealing to our units because it gives shifts the opportunity to work together to help each other reduce fatal crashes and modify problem behaviors unique to their shifts," Sgt. Jon Payer, Marysville assistant post commander, said.

Whiteouts are scheduled throughout the year in Marysville's tri-county area, and can also be utilized when operationally necessary.



Tpr. David Handschumacher makes the first of two OVI arrests during the afternoon detail on February 15.

148th Academy Class graduation: 47 cadets complete training

The Patrol held a graduation ceremony for 47 cadets December 13, 2007. The 148th Academy Class graduated after 31 weeks of rigorous law enforcement training.

G. Michael Payton, Executive Director, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, 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, Ohio 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 148th class included firearms, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, cultural sensitivity and crash investigation training. Cadets also drove on the performance track at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy in London.

Tpr. Michael Hively, Lebanon Post, was class speaker and thanked the Academy and the families of the cadets for being so supportive during their training.

Five of the graduates received special honors for top performance in various fields of study at the Patrol Academy. The honorees are:

- Overall performance - Matthew Robinson, Xenia;
- Top performance in firearms - Nickolas Goodnite, Canton;
- Top performance in driving - Thomas Halko, Norwalk;
- Top performance in physical training - Nathan Morris, Lancaster; and
- Top performance in academics - Christopher Seambos, Swanton.



Members of the 148th Academy Class take the Oath of Office during graduation exercises on December 13, 2007. Forty-seven cadets completed the training.

Each of the graduates reported to their posts on December 17, 2007. The graduates' first 60 working days were a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new graduates are assigned to 23 of the Patrol's 55 posts.

Two troopers complete polygraph training

Tpr. Daniel Bionci and Tpr. Daniel Halliburton each recently completed the basic polygraph examiner's training course from the Kentucky Institute for Polygraph Studies.

After a brief internship at GHQ, Tpr. Bionci will be stationed at Findlay DHQ and Tpr. Halliburton will be stationed at Cleveland Operations.

Edge completes PELC program

Sgt. Darryl Edge, Mt. Gilead, graduated from the Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) on March 7. PELC is an intensive, three-week training program that helps law enforcement executives improve their leadership abilities.

Sgt. Edge is a member of the 118th Academy Class. He has 19 years of service.



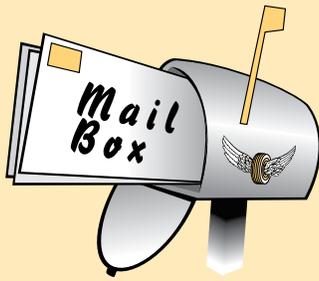
Darryl Edge



Daniel Bionci



Daniel Halliburton



Thank yous pour from OSHP mailbox

To the Patrol Family and Friends,

I want to thank everyone for their concern for myself and my daughter in light of a fire in our home that took everything we had.

I am humbled and grateful to know that people are so caring in this world. The people who help people for a living are the people who continue to give way beyond expectation.

My daughter and I now are living in a different apartment and have everything we need and then some, thanks to gifts of items, money and support from our family, church family and the family of the OSHP. I have never been prouder to be a part of such a great organization. There just aren't words enough to express the debt I feel to those who gave so much to help us.

Thanks again, and I know God will continue blessing you and this organization for its generosity.

Michele Vaughan, OSHP Historian

My wife and I are originally from Cleveland. We have lived in Michigan for many years, and recently went back to Cleveland for a funeral. Driving from Toledo to Cleveland, we saw a number of Patrol cars on the Turnpike, and they nailed a lot of obnoxious drivers. So we want to thank the officers for making our trip much more enjoyable and safer. I wish your department could give lessons to the Michigan State Patrol.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barbour

I wish to thank Tpr. Hummel for his assistance and the professional courtesy he exhibited when my van ran out of gas on 33 North today. We (my autistic son, Jacob and our dog, Angel) had been sitting for quite a while when Tpr. Hummel stopped to check on us. He was most helpful, calm and very congenial. Tpr. Hummel called our roadside service company to check on

the time they would arrive, set out a flare (my flashers had quit working due to low battery) and said that he would make a loop around in approximately 30 minutes to make sure we had received our assistance. Thank you to not just Tpr. Hummel, but also to all that help in such a thoughtful manner! It is very heartening to know that travelers can rely on our state troopers!

Jeanne Szabo, Jacob and Angel Columbus

This morning (1/13/2008) at 6:30 a.m., my wife had a flat tire on North US 23 near Central Avenue. After receiving the initial call from her, I received a second call minutes later letting me know that an Ohio State Trooper had stopped to offer aid. I was unable to leave the house to travel to her location, so knowing that there was a trooper there to offer assistance was a huge relief. A short time later I learned that this trooper didn't just call for a tow truck, he actually changed the tire for her. Now this in itself is wonderful, but this morning was the coldest of the year at only 6 degrees, yet he still changed the tire! This trooper is Jason Metzger from the Toledo Post. I believe he truly exemplifies your "Core Values" of a trooper! What an incredible gesture that this trooper made on such a cold and frigid morning. Please ensure that Tpr. Metzger knows how much his gesture means to me and my wife!

Greg & Tina Lazette Michigan

On December 24, 2007, I received a telephone call from my step-daughter. She was on Route 11 en route to Steubenville from Akron where she attends school. She was a bit excited and said that her tire had gone flat. I contacted Post 41 (Steubenville) and talked to Dispatcher Peterson, who

contacted the Lisbon Post where Tpr. Jones responded to my step-daughter's location and changed the tire so she could get home safe. Being a deputy sheriff in Jefferson County, I know that law enforcement is not always thanked for what they do, so I would like to acknowledge Tpr. Jones and Dispatcher Peterson for their actions in this matter.

Robert Rauch Jefferson County

I am writing to thank Tpr. Vilay Sayarath who assisted me on December 17, 2007, after my vehicle became stuck in a ditch on Route 25 South. Road conditions were terrible. Tpr. Sayarath was prompt, professional and courteous. He went over and above his duties to ensure my safety as well as the other motorists' safety. I appreciate all of his assistance.

Cecilia Castellano Bowling Green

I was assisted last night by a wonderful State Trooper. I was on the I-71 in Cleveland, experienced a blowout, got to the side of the road, and was immediately followed by a State Trooper who happened to be behind me. He set down flares, called the Auto Club for me (saying that they would come faster if he called – and they did!), advised me the name of the company that was coming to assist me and told me to keep my doors locked and not to open my door to anyone other than the company responding to the call. He asked me if I was okay or if I wanted him to stay until they came and would only leave when I assured him I would be fine. It was dark and rush hour traffic was only just beginning to thin out – I am ever grateful for his kind assistance.

Mary Culbertson

IN MEMORIAM

Lt. Colonel Floyd C. Moon

September 12, 1908 — February 4, 2008

Note: The information below was compiled from interviews recorded between 1994 and 2007. With Lt. Col. Moon's death, our oldest living retiree is now a graduate of the Twelfth Class. That means the first eight years of Patrol history are set; any more information obtained will not be verifiable by first-hand testimony. How wonderful that Lt. Col. Moon shared his meticulous memory with us.

— Michele Vaughan, Patrol Historian

Retired Lt. Colonel Floyd C. Moon, 99, was the Patrol's oldest retiree at the time he passed away early in the morning on February 4.

Things have changed quite a bit since Moon's days in the Division, to say the least. He graduated in 1934 with the Second Academy Class — the Delaware Men. During visits from a handful of comrades, Moon recalled stories from those days with amazing clarity and detail, including names, dates and commentary. The lucky ones who stopped to listen to those stories always heard an impassioned chronicle

of another time and place, filled with heroes who achieved awesome feats, despite incredible hardships.

"It's a different world that we were in," Moon said of early patrolmen in a 2006 interview. "Basically you have it in your heart that (fellow patrol officers) are close buddies."

Prior to Moon joining the Patrol, the Great Depression loomed on the horizon. Nevertheless, Moon continually worked from the age of 11 — everything from odd jobs to a position with an engineering firm. He attended The Ohio State University, but had to discontinue his academic career.

"After two years, it was right at the start of the Depression. I'd used up all the money I'd saved working at the Fairfield Engineering Company," Moon said. "Even the Columbus Police Department laid off a number of men at the time. Those who were laid off were pushing push carts and hauling ashes in

the alleys just to make a living."

Moon obtained a job with Delbert Murphy, who owned a small auto body paint shop at the corner of Fifth and Long streets in Columbus. The most he ever earned at that job was 50 cents an hour — after three years.

"Few people realize just how bad it was during the early '30s," Moon said. "And it wasn't until about 1935 that things started to look up again."

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Timeline of the career of Lt. Colonel Floyd C. Moon

1933 – Moon applies to the new Ohio State Highway Patrol.

1934 – Moon graduates with the Second Class. He serves as a weighman at Medina before moving up to patrolman.

1939 – After eight transfers, Moon is promoted to corporal and returns to the Columbus Post.

1941 – Moon is promoted to sergeant and becomes the Patrol's first plainclothes investigator.

1944 – Moon provides security for Ohio Gov. John Bricker during his nationwide campaign for the vice-presidency.

1946 – Moon is promoted to first sergeant.

1947 – Moon investigates fraudulent private club permits, which results in 140 permits revoked. He serves as interim chief of the Liquor Control Department.

1952 – Moon is promoted to captain and commands the Plainclothes Investigation Division.

1957 – Moon is asked by Ohio Gov. C. William O'Neill to lead the Liquor Control Department until June.

1958 – Moon is asked by Ohio Gov. O'Neill to lead the Liquor Control Department again.

1959 – Moon is promoted to major and placed in command of line operations. In August, he accepts a promotion to become the Patrol's first lieutenant colonel and serves as assistant superintendent for Colonel Scott B. Radcliffe.

1963 – On January 14, Moon retires from the Patrol. On January 15, he reports for duty as Deputy Director of the Liquor Control Department.

1971 – Moon works as chief investigator for a probate judge.

1975 – Ohio Liquor Control Commission names Moon vice chairman.

1979 – At age 73, Moon retires from the commission.

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After reading about the formation of a new Highway Patrol, Moon said he went with a friend who wanted to sign up. He didn't plan on applying, but figured he would, since he was there. His friend didn't pass the physical exam, but Moon did, and got the job.

Moon became the Patrol's first plainclothes investigator in 1941. Also, soon after his promotion to major, then Colonel Scott Radcliffe named Moon assistant superintendent, and added the rank of lieutenant colonel – the first time that rank was associated with that position.

During his career, Moon took several leaves of absence at the request of Ohio governors for different assignments. He provided security for Gov.

John Bricker during his nationwide campaign for vice-president; he investigated fraudulent liquor permit abuse in northeast Ohio; and led the Ohio Liquor Control Department more than once on an interim basis, until finally securing the position full-time after retiring from the Patrol.

After 29 years with the Patrol, four years with a Franklin County Probate Judge and 16 years with the Ohio Liquor Control Department and Commission, Moon finally retired in 1979.

Even after retiring, Moon never seemed to let go of old Patrol habits. He enjoyed investigating and getting to know people – and he used the skills learned as a patrolman to learn more about those with whom he came in contact. In fact, during Moon's

memorial service, one speaker said he hoped St. Peter and the rest of Heaven were ready to be investigated, now that Moon resides there.

"I value how you're able to evaluate people. You learn how to evaluate people. I'll give the Patrol credit for that. It sticks with you," Moon said with a chuckle. "It might not always be right, but you have the privilege of doing it."

Moon's contribution to the state of Ohio is labeled "legendary" by some. For Moon, he did what he loved doing, and he repeatedly told visitors he'd be more than happy to do it all again.

"Working for the Patrol was the best time of my life. It was a lot of fun. It really tries a man's mettle," Moon said. "It's very interesting work. Every day was different. I'd like to do it all over again."

Corrections

Note: In our last issue, I unintentionally rewrote Patrol history. Many thanks to Ret. Lt. Colonel Gil Jones and Ret. Capt. John Rohal for contacting us to set things straight.
– Michele Vaughan

From our list of Patrol "firsts," Lt. Colonel Jones correctly pointed out that the first African-American Patrol applicant to train at the Academy was Sanford Roan.

From our "Reflections" article about the Division's Executive Protection Unit:

- Captain John W. Rohal was in charge of Governor John J. Gilligan's protection detail;
- Officers James Solt and Vernon Metz were not part of Governor Gilligan's protection detail, but, along with Charles Shipley, were assigned to protect Governor James A. Rhodes when he took office in 1975.
- Ptl. Carl F. Strayer was part of a detail to protect Governor John Bricker at the 1944 National Convention of the Republican Party in Chicago.

Capt. Rohal also provided some additional clarification regarding the history of the Executive Protection Unit:

"Prior to 1964, protection of Ohio's governors was limited to requests 'as needed.' After the assassination of President Kennedy, it was decided to provide protection, which became the responsibility of the GHQ Investigation Section, and we all 'took turns.' The protection of the Governor's residence in Bexley became a 24-7 detail for the posts in District Six.

"In 1971, when John Gilligan was elected governor, four officers were assigned from the Investigation Section to provide protection to the Governor and Mrs. Gilligan. This was not on an 'as needed' basis; we were there all the

time, from the early morning drive to the Statehouse to the return to the residence."

Capt. Rohal recalls that the four officers assigned to the detail remained part of the Investigation Section and were required in their "spare time" to conduct background investigations and other assignments. He said in 1975, the officers assigned to protect the governor were formally separated from the Investigation Section and became solely responsible for the protection of the governor and his family.



Ptl. John W. Rohal (driving) and Captain Joseph Seryak (standing to the right) were part of a detail that provided protection to presidential candidate John F. Kennedy, who is seated next to Ohio Governor Michael DiSalle.

Lieutenant Michael Marchek



Michael Marchek

Lt. Michael Marchek, Defiance, retired December 21, 2007, after 28 years of service. He began his career as a communication technician at Warren DHQ in 1979. He trained with the 111th Academy Class and earned his commission in 1981. He served seven years at the Akron Post and was State Trooper of the Year in 1987. He was also District and Post Trooper of the Year at Akron in 1984. He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1989 and served as an assistant commander at Dayton and Lima. He also served as commander of the Springfield Post. In his career, he earned the Ace and Health and Physical Fitness awards and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He resides in Van Wert.

Sergeant Grant Carper



Grant Carper

After 29 years of service, Sgt. Grant Carper, Chillicothe, retired on December 8, 2007. He is a member of the 109th Academy Class, and received his commission in February 1981. He served at Portsmouth, earning Post Trooper of the Year honors twice and winning District Trooper of the Year in 1987. He earned the Merrell Award in 1985 for subduing and apprehending a man who was trying to kill a woman. He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1987 and served as an assistant post commander at Gallipolis and Athens before transferring to Chillicothe.

In his career, he also earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He resides in Kingston.

Sergeant Gerald Funelli



Gerald Funelli

Sgt. Gerald Funelli, Warren Investigations, retired on February 29 after more than 29 years of service. He joined the Division as a member of the 103rd Academy Class. After earning his commission in July 1978, he served two years at Akron before transferring to Warren where he was Post Trooper of the Year twice and District Trooper of the Year in 1986. He transferred to

Warren Investigations in 1997 and earned a promotion to sergeant in March 2005.

In his career, he earned the Ace and Proficiency awards, three Certificates of Recognition, the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Theresa, live in Vienna.

Trooper Gregory Schnelle



Gregory Schnelle

Tpr. Gregory Schnelle, Dayton, retired January 4 after more than 26 years of service. He is a member of the 110th Academy Class, which graduated in July 1981. After earning his commission, he was assigned to the Eaton Post. He transferred to the Dayton Post in 2002 when the Dayton and Eaton posts consolidated.

In his career, he earned a Certificate of Recognition and received the Saved by the Belt Award. He also earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Jane, live in Eaton.

Electronic Technician 2 Dale Flanigan



Dale Flanigan

After 10 years of service, ET2 Dale Flanigan, Bucyrus DHQ, entered disability retirement on December 1, 2007. In his career, he was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Mansfield.

Dispatcher Karen Keifer



Karen Keifer

After more than 32 years of service, Disp. Karen Keifer, Canton, retired on January 31. She started her Patrol career as a dispatcher at the Marietta Post in September 1975. She also served at the Akron Post, the Columbus Communications Center and the West Jefferson Post. She was voted Post Dispatcher of the Year three times at Akron, where she currently resides.

Dispatcher Gail Lutman



Gail Lutman

Disp. Gail Lutman, Fremont, retired December 31, 2007, after more than 31 years of service. She joined the Patrol in May 1976 and served at Walbridge until transferring to Fremont in 1993. She earned Post Dispatcher of the Year twice at Walbridge and three times at Fremont. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Genoa.

Network Services Technician 3 Gwendolyn Y. DeJarnett



Gwendolyn DeJarnett

NST3 Gwendolyn DeJarnett, Technology and Communication Services retired November 30, 2007, after more than 30 years of service. She joined the Patrol in 1977 and served at LEADS throughout her career. She resides in Columbus.



Expressing sympathy



Floyd C. Moon

Floyd C. Moon

Retired Lt. Colonel Floyd C. Moon, 99, died February 4. He was a member of the 2nd Academy Class. He served at Medina, Massillon, Columbus, Marion, Chillicothe, Troy, Middletown, Springfield and Wilmington before retiring as assistant superintendent in January 1963. He is survived by his son, Merlin. *Please also see OSHP Reflections, page 18.*



James B. Taylor

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Retired Sgt. James B. Taylor, 63, passed away November 27, 2007. A member of the 72nd Academy Class, he earned his commission in 1966. He served at New Philadelphia before earning a promotion to sergeant in 1974. He served as an assistant commander at Georgetown until his retirement in December 1991. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and sons, James and Jason.



Albert S. Smolko

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Retired Tpr. Albert S. Smolko, 72, passed away November 25, 2007. He joined the Patrol in 1959 with the 51st Class. He served at Medina before transferring to the Massillon District motor vehicle inspection team in 1980. He retired in February 1988. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and children: Matthew, Theresa, Sheryl, Carol, James, Jeffrey and Kimberly.



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Retired Tpr. George Zenuch, 75, passed away December 26, 2007. He joined the Patrol in 1958 as a member of the 49th Class. During his career he served at Chardon and Ashtabula. He retired in January 1985 after 27 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and children: Michael, Patricia and Kathleen.

Zanesville

VFW Post 10275 honored Tpr. Leroy Bethel as its Law Enforcement Officer of The Year. VFW Commander Jack Drake presented Tpr. Bethel with a plaque commemorating the honor on February 21 at the Zanesville Post.

Tpr. Bethel was selected based on his work as a trooper, service to his country and his community involvement. Tpr. Bethel is a Master Sergeant in the Army National Guard. In April, he will be deployed to Iraq for a 12-month tour of duty.



Norwalk

Lt. James Bryan of the Norwalk Post received the Summit Motorsports Park “Guy of the Year” award at their annual awards banquet on January 19.

The park hosted the National Hot Rod Association national event for the first time in 2007. Lt. Bryan was instrumental in designing and implementing a traffic plan to enable the huge crowds to get to and from the park during the July race weekend.

The plan he implemented went so well that track owner Bill Bader stated at the ceremony that the park, “would never put on a large event again without the assistance of Lt. Bryan and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.”

Wooster

In an ongoing effort to encourage safe driving throughout the holiday season, the Wooster Post once again worked with Wooster Motor Ways (WMW), to spread the message utilizing billboards scattered throughout the Wayne County area.

This year there were five billboards emphasizing two themes. As shown below, one of the themes was, “Protect Life’s Greatest

Gifts - Buckle Up for a Safe Holiday,” featuring Tpr. Ron Allen and his children, Brody and Morgan. The second theme, “Partners for a Safe Holiday Season - Please Drive Carefully,” featured Tpr. Todd Roberts and WMW’s Doc Ramage, and was designed to catch the public eye by touting a sincere partnership for safety between troopers and truckers.



Batavia/Georgetown

On February 13, units from Batavia and Georgetown participated in a TESTS (Troopers Educating Students Through Sports) basketball game against the faculty of Felicity-Franklin High School.

At half time, a traffic safety message was given to the students by Skip Phelps, who lost his 15-year-old daughter in a crash last summer. His tragic story brought silence to a gym filled with over 800 students.

The Patrol team won the game 59 to 49, and more importantly, received very positive comments about the game and the safety presentation.

Top row from left: Tpr. Tracy Callahan (coach), Disp. Joey Darnell, Tpr. James Sparkman, Tpr. Wade Lewis, Jeff Mitchell, Tpr. Joe Westhoven, Officer Russ Kenney and Tyler Utter. Bottom row from left: Lt. Randy McElfresh, Sgt. Jack Tibbs, Tpr. David Grooms, Tpr. Jim Taylor and Tpr. Steve Taylor.



Ironton

Tpr. Tiffiany Coriell, Ironton, visited Drew Scarberry's fifth grade class at McDermott Northwest Elementary for Veterans Day. The students and staff honored local members of the military and veterans with a program and light snack.

Tpr. Coriell is a member of the Army National Guard. Drew is the son of Secretary Trish Scarberry, also of the Ironton Post.

Granville

Granville Post troopers attended a MADD Luncheon on January 24 in recognition of the Post's efforts to remove impaired drivers from our roadways.

Troopers Rodney Hart, Sean Eitel, Jermaine Thaxton, Rusty Lanning, Samuel Hendricks and Chad Maines; Licking County Deputy Randy Morton; and Newark Police Officer Ray Lewis were each recognized for their efforts.

Colonel Richard Collins and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry Guzmán also attended and spoke on behalf of the troopers.



Zanesville

Post Trooper of the Year Trenas Weaver and Post Dispatcher of the Year Gavin Kurtz (also an auxiliary unit) manned a booth at the Coshocton County Career Fair on February 7. More than 1,500 students, parents and members of the public toured the event. Tpr. Weaver and Disp. Kurtz answered questions and handed out recruiting literature during the event.



Ravenna

Troopers from the Ravenna Post decorated a “Tree of Life” during the holiday season. The tree was decorated with red ribbons provided by MADD and breath test results from all OVI arrests for the month of December. Each ribbon represented a potential life saved in Portage County.

Pictured are Disp. Mike Decker, Tpr. Rob Kawecki, Tpr. Jon Ganley and Tpr. Ken Worner.

Lebanon

The Lebanon Post took up a collection to help less fortunate families in Warren County during the holiday season. Post units donated nearly \$500 to purchase Christmas gifts. This annual event is conducted with the hope of providing others with a happy holiday.



Columbus District

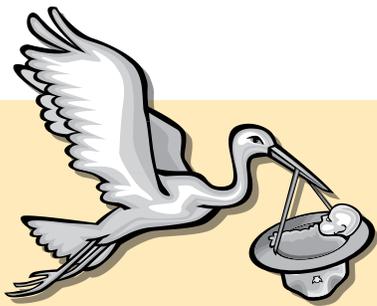
The District 6 Ohio Troopers Caring (OTC) organized five events for central Ohio children for the 2007 holiday season. With the generous support of Wal-Mart, Meijer, Polaris Fashion Place and OTC, 85 underprivileged children enjoyed a shopping experience with Patrol volunteers and Teddy Trooper.

Although the sponsorships are invaluable, the events would not have been successful without volunteers from the Patrol and Auxiliary, ODPS personnel, OTC office staff and the Westerville Central High School cheerleaders and Key Club. Everyone that participated had a great time; Post 65 even invited the Pickaway County Prosecutor's Office to help out with one of the events.

The final event was for children who would be spending the holidays in the hospital. Volunteers and Westerville Central students used \$2,000 worth of donations from Polaris Fashion Place and OTC to buy as many gifts as they could from wish lists provided by Nationwide Children's Hospital. The high school kids also provided needed "expertise" on what would really be popular with teens.

Through the five programs, \$12,375 was distributed to children in the central Ohio area.

Above: Volunteers and participants at a Columbus area Wal-Mart. Right: Auxiliary volunteers help two young shoppers make their purchases.



Stork Visits

Tpr. Terrence & Erinn Vollmer, Circleville, a boy, 6/28/07.
 Tpr. Michael & Karolyn Seibel, Hamilton, a boy, 11/13/07.
 Tpr. Chris & Sindee Williams, Wilmington, a girl, 11/28/07.
 Disp. Kristy Jones, Delaware, a boy, 12/7/07.
 Tpr. Dallas (Springfield) and Disp. Kari Root, Dayton, a boy, 12/10/07.
 DX1 Shelly & Dennis Rushing, Garfield Heights, a boy, 12/17/07.
 Sgt. Brent & Tammy Hunter, Marysville, a boy, 12/24/07.
 Sgt. Jeffrey & Jill Conley, Findlay, a girl, 12/27/07.
 Tpr. Jason Turner & Laquita Watkins, Hiram, a girl, 12/28/07.
 Tpr. A.J. & Autumn Beaver, Jackson, a boy, 12/28/07.
 Tpr. Debra & Andy Tracey, Van Wert, a girl, 1/3/08.
 Tpr. Nikki & Shawn Snead, Columbus DHQ, a girl, 1/8/08.

Disp. Adam & Kelly Daab, Xenia, a girl, born 1/10/08.
 Tpr. Luke & Terri Forshey, Marietta, a boy, 1/14/08.
 Tpr. Jason & Heather Bittinger, Medina, a girl, 1/18/08.
 Tpr. Mark & Bethany McFann, Gallipolis, a girl, 1/19/08.
 Tpr. Matt & Breanna Murphy, Lima, a girl, 1/23/08.
 Tpr. Jason & Carrie Cummins, Piqua DHQ, a boy, 1/24/08.
 Tpr. Eric & Lindsey Businger, Findlay, a boy, 1/28/08.
 Disp. Dana & Gregory Doersam, Bucyrus, a boy, 1/29/08.
 Disp. Rebecca & Paul Lay, Delaware, a boy, 1/29/08.
 Tpr. Bryan & Elissa Lee, Granville, a boy, 1/31/08.
 Tpr. Todd & Megan Henry, Zanesville, a boy, 1/31/08.
 Tpr. Stan & Elizabeth Bittinger, Canfield, a girl, 2/4/08.
 Sgt. Ron & Alyson Raines, Academy, a girl, 2/8/08.
 Tpr. John & Alisha McGlashan, Sandusky, a boy, 2/9/08.
 Sgt. Andy & Denise Worcester, Bowling Green, a boy, 2/13/08.
 Tpr. Ryan & Julie Born, Xenia, a boy and a girl, 2/17/08.
 NA Bill & Jennifer Anderson, Berea DHQ, a girl, 2/18/08.
 Disp. John & Malea Young, Jackson, a girl, 2/18/08.
 Tpr. Mike & Stephanie Helmick, Hiram, a girl, 2/28/08.

The other day I read about a person who had given up believing in God because he could not reconcile the idea that there was a God and still there could be so much suffering and tragedy. It was the old statement that: "If God is good, He can't be God, and if He is God, He can't be good."

How could a good and loving God permit so much in the way of tragic circumstances which lead to so much sorrow with the unanswered question, "Why?" The individual about whom I read seemed to have been caught up in the belief that a good and loving God would make certain that all His children would live together in peace and harmony, with no tragic circumstances interrupting the living of fulfilling and sorrow-free lives. After all, if God is in control, He should not permit evil people to do evil things – nor for natural catastrophes to occur.

It all sounds good for those who desire to be stripped of the gift of freedom of choice and just live as puppets or robots. By giving us love, God had to give us freedom to reject that love as a way of life, otherwise it would not be love. Love always gives the freedom of the loved to say no to the lover. That is true in our human relationships. It is true in the relationship God has with all His children.

We have the freedom to reject God's way of life – including the commandments He has given us. Everyone has that freedom. God granted that because He loves us and

does not desire to control us. If He mandated our response to Him, then it would not be a loving relationship.

This truth does not provide all the answers as to why there has to be suffering, but it goes a long way toward being able to accept the reality of life and move beyond the "why" to the "how" we will make it through the trying circumstances of life. If we believe in God, then we have to let Him be God – beyond our total understanding.

We are called upon to walk by faith and not by knowledge. This I believe although I confess that I still struggle with issues like the Holocaust, or child abuse, or natural disasters, or hideous and cruel actions of some individuals which rob others of life itself. It should be well known by all of you in the Patrol family that even as I believe that God gave freedom of choice, so He also ordained a ministry of law enforcement knowing that some would make bad choices and would need to be stopped and punished. You who serve in that ministry are part of God's plan.

Not long ago I read a book entitled *Night*. It was an easy book to read because it was relatively small. It was difficult to read because the author was a survivor of the Holocaust and his story brought back memories of what I had seen during the war – and I only saw the tip of the iceberg. How could one group of individuals inflict so much torture and suffering upon other human beings? Why were not the



fanatic and cruel actions stopped before so many had to suffer and die? The question is still valid in our day, isn't it?

We probably will not have all the answers this "side of glory." But we can have faith that there is a God Who understands our suffering and our questions, a God Who does not seek to control us by taking away freedom of choice, and a God Who calls upon us to strive to be part of the answer rather than part of the problem by the way we live our lives each day. Let us learn to love and respect one another as God loves and respects us.

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Chaplain



A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

75th Anniversary merchandise available

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

The 2008 yearbook will include a portrait of every employee. Also available is the 75th Anniversary History Book, which takes the reader from 1933 to present-day. The books are scheduled to be delivered in September.

Order forms will be out soon. Only the number of books sold will be published. There will be no other opportunity to purchase these books.

The following companies among the Patrol's licensed vendors are offering 75th anniversary merchandise:

Added Touch Creations

Apparel and embroidery

330-871-2331

www.addedtouchcreations.com

Action Accessories - Custom Embroidery

Apparel

800-327-2779

www.actionembroidery1.com

Eagle Bay Distribution, Inc.

Knives

706-587-6113

www.eaglebaycutlery.net

Idegy

Apparel

614-545-5000

www.idegy.com

SymbolArts LLC

Pins and Collectible Coins

801-475-6000

www.symbolarts.com

Trademark Solutions

Apparel and accessories

740-374-9779



Several licensed Patrol vendors are offering 75th Anniversary apparel, like the above shirt from Idegy.



Eagle Bay Distribution is offering this engraved knife.



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