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Governor Ted Strickland presents Colonel Richard H. Collins with his commission after he was sworn in as superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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This is an incredible time for me and my family. I am very excited about being the new superintendent of our great organization. Brenda and I have been overwhelmed by all of the telephone calls, e-mails, and notes of support. We appreciate them all.

Those of you who have worked with me in the Findlay District have heard me talk about the historic nature of the Findlay District Headquarters. Our district headquarters building was originally opened in 1935 and constructed as a Public Works Administration project. Identical buildings were constructed in Wilmington, Cambridge, and Massillon. Soon after my arrival in Findlay, more than six years ago, we were forced to move to a secondary facility so the grand old lady of District One could undergo a major renovation. The renovation took approximately one year.

With a slight makeover on the outside, the inside was new, vibrant, and modern. It was amazing to me what a positive impact this building renovation had on our employees. Everyone seemed to have this feeling of renewed commitment to their responsibilities and to each other.

Like our renovation, the selection of a new superintendent serves as an agent of change. Though an exciting time, it can also be a time of some apprehension. It is a time to evaluate the goals and the direction of our great organization. Though our fundamental purpose of traffic safety will always serve as our foundation, much of what we do is dictated by historical events. For example, following the terrorist attacks of 2001, we increased our commitment to state building security. In an effort to achieve our *LifeStat* initiatives, we have directed our enforcement efforts to our larger metropolitan areas. Like we are taught at the Academy, we must remain flexible and willing to adapt to a changing environment and changing circumstances.

As we continue to move through 2007, I would like everyone to think about your commitment and your contribution. Every position in our organization serves a purpose and is important to what we are trying to accomplish. We are blessed to have outstanding employees across the state. I look forward to serving with each of you, sworn officers and professional staff alike, as we achieve great things together.



Colonel Richard H. Collins
Superintendent



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Colonel Richard H. Collins

Upon taking the oath of office on April 20, Colonel Richard H. Collins became the 15th superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

After he was sworn in, he addressed the crowd of hundreds gathered in the Training Academy gymnasium, telling those assembled, "This is a tremendous day for me and my family. It is my great hope that someday history will tell us it was also a great day for the Highway Patrol."

Colonel Collins is a 28-year veteran of the Division, and served as commander of the Findlay District since November 2000. As commander, he was responsible for all operational and administrative aspects of the Patrol within the 12-county district. Under his command, traffic fatalities in the district have declined several times, most recently falling 10 percent from 2005 to 2006.

In a recent interview, Colonel Collins spoke of his excitement in leading the Patrol. He noted that it is somewhat uncommon for a field commander to be appointed superintendent, but said he believes he will bring a fresh perspective to General Headquarters. "I think it can be good to look at things with a fresh eye," he said, "But, I'm not going to pretend I know everything. There are a lot of smart and talented people in this organization, and I am willing to learn and listen."

He acknowledged the outpouring of well wishes he has received from around the state, including many from the retired ranks, saying he is humbled to think about the Division's 75 years of history and, "all of the great people who have made the Patrol what it is."

In the short term, Colonel Collins intends to continue pursuing Colonel Paul McClellan's *LifeStat 1.0* initiative to achieve a traffic fatality rate of one per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in Ohio by the end of the year. He noted that the Division is close to reaching this milestone and said he believes it can be reached by the end of the year.

In the future, he intends to continue making traffic safety the Division's first priority, keeping traffic fatality and crash numbers as low as possible by continuing and expanding metro traffic programs, including use of motorcycle units, while also exploring new ways to drive down urban traffic fatalities.



Colonel Richard Collins told the audience at his swearing-in ceremony: "I am excited about the opportunities that lie before us."

Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry Guzmán said, "Colonel Collins brings more than a decade of experience from his command assignments on the post and district level. He is a veteran trooper who has a unique understanding of the operational aspects of the Patrol and the challenges that our state continues to face in the areas of highway safety, homeland security, and criminal interdiction."

Colonel Collins began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher at the Marion Post in 1978. He trained as a member of the 108th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 1980. His first assignment was to the Mansfield Post where he served until February 1982 when he transferred back to Marion. In 1984, he earned a Certificate of Recognition for preventing an attempted suicide. He earned an Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny investigation in 1986, and also was voted Post Trooper of the Year by his peers.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in April 1988 and served as assistant commander of the Piqua Post. His first command assignment was at the Findlay Post after a promotion to lieutenant in July 1992. Three years later, he was promoted to staff lieutenant at General Headquarters in the Office of Field Operations. In March 1997, he transferred to Bucyrus District Headquarters as assistant commander.

He is a six-time winner of the Health and Physical Fitness Award and has been recognized for 25 years of safe driving. A native of Marion, he is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Bluffton University. He also earned a Master's degree in criminology from Tiffin University and completed advanced law enforcement training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

His wife, Brenda, is a staff lieutenant assigned to the Office of Field Operations. He has two adult sons, Richard and Alex, and one granddaughter, Cecilia.

After the Oath of Office, Colonel Collins' sons, Richard and Alex, pinned the eagle insignia on their father's shoulders.



Colonel Paul McClellan retires from Patrol after 32 years of service

On March 16, 2007, Colonel Paul McClellan, retired as superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, a position he held since January 10, 2003, when he was appointed by Governor Bob Taft.

Known nationally for his work to reduce traffic crash deaths, Colonel McClellan's tenure as superintendent was marked by several innovative initiatives and a series of impressive accomplishments. His *LifeStat 1.0* program has been recognized as one of the 10 best law enforcement initiatives in the United States, and stimulated a remarkable six-percent reduction in crash fatalities during 2006 — the lowest rate in the past 70 years.

Colonel McClellan believes the biggest impact of *LifeStat 1.0* has been the shift in decision-making. Instead of every edict trickling down from administration in Columbus, each employee is now responsible and accountable for decisions made on the job. According to Colonel McClellan, those changes are just the beginning for the Patrol.

"If we don't prepare for change, if we don't embrace change, then we're not going to be as relevant in the future," McClellan said.

Colonel McClellan is a 32-year

veteran of the Patrol. He also is prominent for his work developing commercial motor carrier enforcement programs and safety partnerships with the trucking industry. He is a member of the Ohio Trucking Association Hall of Honor, and is the only person outside of the trucking industry to ever receive this recognition.

As a trooper, he was Post and District Trooper of the Year twice. In 1981, he achieved recognition as State Trooper of the Year. He earned the Division's Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny investigation twice and was recognized with three Certificates of Recognition for efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

Colonel McClellan said he enjoyed his time as a trooper, learning what he could about auto larceny and about how things worked within the Division. "I've always tried to be a student of this organization and try to improve," he said. "I wanted to make a difference. It sounds corny, but I realized that I was part of something a lot larger than

myself and really embraced that notion. I always tried to just do the very best that I could."

His first command assignment was at the Springfield Post where he was recognized by the National Commission Against Drunk Driving for helping to establish the "Mock Fatal Crash" program now used in high schools throughout the nation. Over the last decade, he moved rapidly through four management level positions, including service as assistant superintendent.

A native of Columbus, Colonel McClellan is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and FBI National Executive Institute. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Franklin University. He and his wife, Margie, have one grown daughter, Amy. In retirement, he plans to travel and delve into volunteer work.

2006 marked the safest roads in Ohio in 70 years — and each of you played a part in that amazing success. As I transition into retirement, it has been the highlight of my life to serve as your superintendent. For the last 32 years, it has been my pleasure to work for the best law enforcement agency in the nation.

The success of last year speaks volumes to how each individual's commitment to the LifeStat 1.0 goal can make a huge difference throughout Ohio for the citizens we serve. I urge you to now build on that momentum, and focus your efforts this year to achieve the LifeStat 1.0 goal.

I know the troopers and professional staff across the state are dedicated to reducing traffic fatalities and injuries on Ohio roadways by educating drivers and enforcing Ohio's traffic laws. Your success in 2006 in reducing fatal crashes, along with positive contributions in criminal patrol and auto theft enforcement, shows you are making a difference toward a safer Ohio.

I want to thank everyone in the Ohio State Highway Patrol family for your sacrifice, dedication, and hard work toward fulfilling the Patrol's mission. I will be with you in spirit as you move toward the continual mission to reduce tragedy, build hope, and improve safety of Ohioans and all those who travel our great state.

On behalf of both Margie and I, best wishes to each of you as you focus on the mission of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Col. Paul D. McClellan

Colonel Paul D. McClellan



2006 finishes as Ohio's safest year on record

Last year, more than 100 fewer people died and thousands fewer were injured in traffic crashes in Ohio

According to provisional data, the Patrol achieved a significant reduction in traffic crash deaths in 2006. Although statistics have not been received from all law enforcement agencies, numbers to date show 1,237 people were killed on Ohio roadways in 2006, compared to 1,328 in 2005 – a decrease of about seven percent.

Using a projected increase in vehicle miles traveled in Ohio during 2006, Patrol researchers estimate that Ohio's traffic fatality rate will be approximately 1.10 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in the state, down from 1.19 for 2005, and within sight of our *LifeStat* goal of 1.0 by the end of 2007.

Our *LifeStat 1.0* initiative – which emphasizes education and enforcement efforts tailored to crash-causing factors in individual communities and also provides tools and resources to identify and address those factors – is one reason for the reduction in traffic fatalities. Post management teams and individual troopers are demonstrating knowledge of the crash picture in their areas and are working to effectively reduce crashes.

Still, as in past years, a trio of factors continue to be heavy contributors to fatal crashes in Ohio:

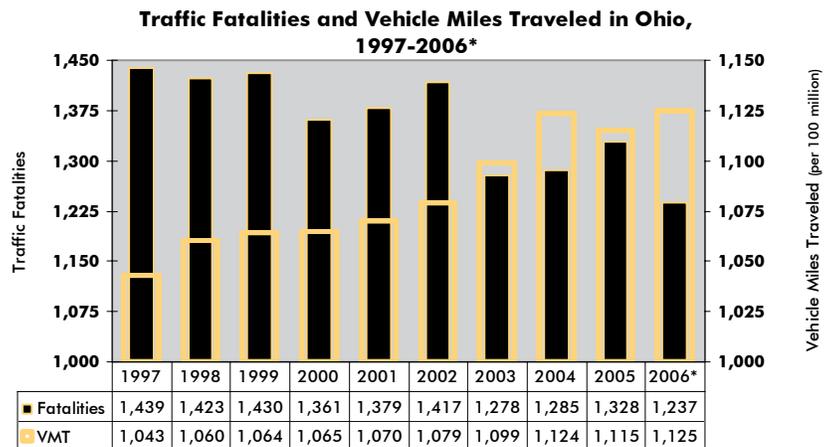
- More than 30 percent of fatal crashes last year occurred on urban roadways.
- Roughly one-third of traffic fatalities were alcohol-related.
- 66 percent of motorists killed in crashes in urban areas were not wearing safety belts, and 58 percent of motorists killed in crashes in rural areas were not wearing safety belts.

The Patrol will continue to focus on reducing crashes in urban areas. The success of the Division's Central Ohio Motorcycle Unit in patrolling metropolitan interstate areas in central Ohio will expand as another motorcycle unit will be added in southwest Ohio.

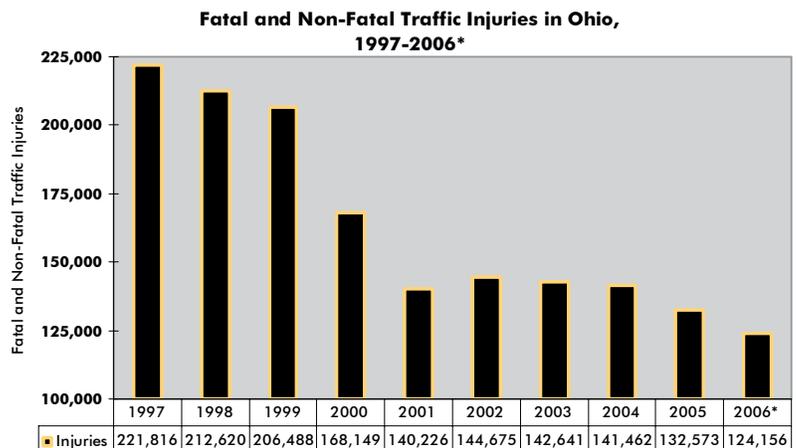
In addition, the Patrol will continue to use innovative statistical analysis (*please see story on next page*) and crash forecasting models to help our troopers know where and why crashes are occurring and to equip them to help prevent future crashes.



*Projections for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in 2006 are based on half the average percent change in VMT in Ohio since 1990. 2006 traffic fatalities are provisional as of 05/04/2007.



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*2006 fatal and non-fatal injuries are provisional as of 05/04/2007.

Statistical Analysis Unit

Where numbers are converted into products

In the last few years the Division has undergone a significant transition to capture and utilize more data with in-car computers, CAD, and GPS technology. With the increase in data capture there is an equal need to analyze that data for trends, predictions, and strategic planning. This is where the Division's Statistical Analysis Unit comes into the picture.

Within the Office of Strategic Services, the Statistical Analysis Unit examines data captured in traffic stops, crashes, and case activity to identify trends that can be turned back over to Field Operations to help stop violators, prevent crashes, and catch criminals.

The unit works daily on products delivered to field commanders, supervisors, and troopers, assisting them in their efforts toward achieving the Patrol's mission and strategic goals. Some of the products that are a result of the work done in Statistical Analysis are:

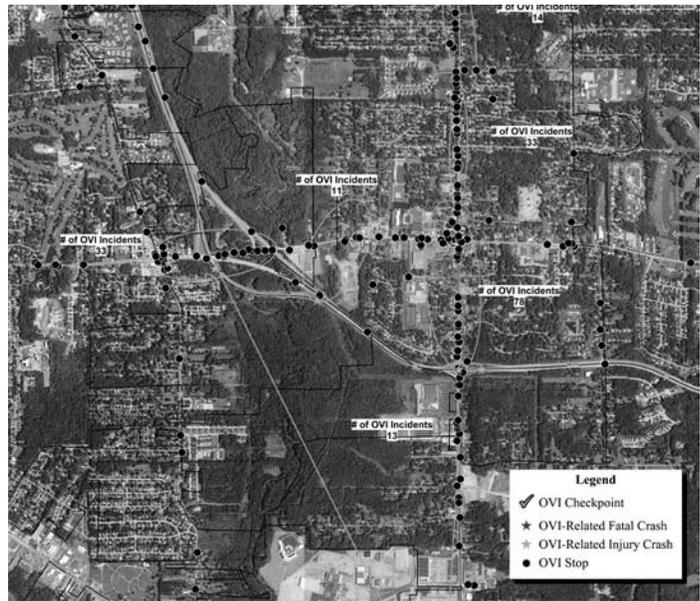
- Monthly business plans for the Division
- Patrol and Public Safety reports
- GIS maps of fatal crashes and OVI enforcement activity by county
- Hot spot analysis of serious crashes and impaired driving incidents
- Interactive Google Earth maps (fatal crash and OVI enforcement)
- Monthly Division statistical summaries
- Commercial fatal crash causation summary
- Weekly *LifeStat 1.0* fatal report
- District line inspections

For years law enforcement in general has captured mountains of data with little ability to form a useful product out of all that information. The Statistical Analysis Unit sifts, squeezes, and synchronizes that mountain of data into workable reports and maps that can be retrieved and used.

A testament to this ability is the work the unit has done



Geographic Information Specialists Christine Phillips and Gary Macklis look over crash data.



The Statistical Analysis Unit creates maps like the one above of OVI incidents to assist field commanders with crash prevention and enforcement activities.

for the *LifeStat 1.0* initiative. These efforts in data analysis have been reported on by national media outlets and are viewed as cutting edge. This has brought a lot of positive interest to the Division from many other state and local agencies.

The unit also continues to evaluate its abilities and how it can build better, faster, and more reliable reports for the Division. The Statistical Analysis Unit operates under the direct supervision of Sgt. Matt Lehman where he is assisted by a team of highly-motivated professional staff including Social Science Research Specialist Jon Heil, Programmer Specialist 2 David Baker, Programmer Specialist 1 Brandon Behlendorf, and Geographic Information System Specialists 2 Gary Macklis and Christine Phillips.

According to Sgt. Lehman, "The field captures a lot of data in their routine patrols and daily operations. It's our job as a support service to analyze that data so the troopers can get useful information from all the work that they do."

The services of the Statistical Analysis Unit are available to any district or post commander who has a general or specific need for data analysis or mapping. Requests, questions, and comments should be directed to Sgt. Lehman.



Programmer Specialist 1 Brandon Behlendorf analyzes a map of impaired driving enforcement activity.

Governor appoints Henry Guzmán new director of Public Safety

Kenneth Morckel, former Public Safety director and Patrol superintendent, to pursue other interests

On February 12, Governor Ted Strickland appointed Henry Guzmán to serve as the director for the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS). Director Guzmán advises the governor and staff on issues relating to the Patrol and the seven other divisions within ODPS: Homeland Security, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Medical Services, Ohio Investigative Unit, Criminal Justice Services and ODPS Administration.

Prior to his appointment, Guzmán served as director of the City of Columbus Department of Public Service where he oversaw the operations of the divisions of Fleet Management, Refuse Collection, and Transportation, and served as acting mayor when Mayor Michael Coleman was out of the city. In that capacity, he also served as vice chair of the executive board of the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency and as a member of the Policy Board of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

From 1999-2002, Guzmán was

director of the Department of Public Safety for the city of Cleveland, where he also served, from 1992-1999, as director of the Department of Public Service. From 1990-1992, he served as director of Program Development for the office of the Ohio Attorney General. From 1987-1990, he served as deputy director of the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.

A native of Villiaba, Puerto Rico, Guzmán was raised in Youngstown, Ohio. He is a U.S. Army veteran, earning a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for Valor for his service in Vietnam.

Guzmán received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Youngstown State University in August 1977, and pursued a year of graduate study in the Masters Program of the Antioch Law School in Washington, D.C., where he was awarded a Certificate in Equal Opportunity Law. He is a 2001 Graduate of the Leadership Cleveland Class and received Certification in the



Henry Guzmán



Kenneth Morckel

Senior Executives of State and Local Government from the JFK School of Government, Harvard University.

Guzmán takes over for Kenneth Morckel, who served as ODPS director from January 2003 until December 30, 2006. During his tenure as director, Morckel chaired the State of Ohio Security Task Force, oversaw the State Building Security Review Committee and served as Ohio's point of contact to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Prior to being named ODPS director, Morckel served as the superintendent of the Patrol from June 2000 through January 2003.

OhioSafe Commute to target high-crash locations statewide

Commuters in Ohio's largest cities will see increased law enforcement on congested, high-crash freeways this spring as state officials collaborate to reduce injuries and fatalities.

OhioSafe Commute is a joint effort by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Using ODOT's expert analysis of crash data and patterns, Patrol troopers and metro-area police officers are strategically stationed in high-crash corridors to enforce safer speeds and clear crashes quickly to prevent congestion.

In 2006, OhioSafe Commute corridors experienced a drop in crashes by up to 18 percent and decreased speeds by more than 7.4 percent.

"We want to build on OhioSafe Commute's past successes to make metropolitan interstates as safe as possible," Colonel Richard Collins, Patrol superintendent said. "Through focused enforcement and traffic safety services, along with the commitment from the motoring public to make driving safely a priority, we can reduce crashes and the associated economic impact of those crashes, to make everyone's commute safer."

OhioSafe Commute will kick off its 2007 effort in the following locations (crash data is for 2006 and ADT is Average Daily Traffic):

Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland

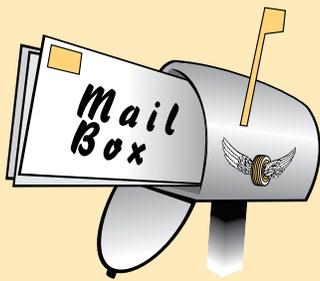
- I-75 in Dayton from East River to Needmore Road (10 miles, 535 crashes, 114,418 ADT).
- I-71 in Cincinnati from the state line to Fields-Ertel Road (20 miles, 1,273 crashes, 135,772 ADT).
- I-71 in Cleveland from SR 82 to I-480 (8 miles, 291 crashes, 104,779 ADT).

Columbus

- I-70 from Mound Street to I-270 (9 miles, 654 crashes, 121,518 ADT).
- I-270 from SR 161 in Dublin to US 23 (6.5 miles, 367 crashes, 141,853 ADT).
- I-270 from Morse Road to East Broad Street (6 miles, 372 crashes, 146,340 ADT).
- SR 315 from Lane Avenue to I-270 north (8 miles, 352 crashes, 107,335 ADT).

Toledo

- I-75 from Miami Street to Phillips Avenue (6 miles, 405 crashes, 98,534 ADT).
- I-475 from Talmadge Road to I-75 (4 miles, 150 crashes, 97,241 ADT).



Comments express gratitude for troopers' assistance, support, dedication to service

The family of Sgt. John Coressel would like to express sincere thanks to all of the members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol who took time to visit him during his lengthy illness. Thank you, also, to those who sent cards and notes of sympathy following his death. We offer a special thank you to members of the Springfield Post, especially Lt. Kocab, and also to Capt. Russ Johnson for their help and support during this difficult time. The OSHP has always been a strong presence in our family. We are grateful to have been a part of the OSHP family.

Agolda Coressel & Family Springfield

This is a note of gratitude to a trooper from the Wilmington Post. On my regular commute, only 35 miles into my 113-mile journey, my tire blew out. After waiting for nearly two hours for AAA to come, I gave up and called 911. No more than 10 minutes later, Trooper Gilliland came to my rescue. The red and blue flashing lights approaching my rear view mirror brought a smile to my face – it was a tremendous relief. Despite below freezing temperatures, Trooper Gilliland, with no hesitation, changed my tire. I only wish I could repay your act of kindness with more than this simple thank you.

Catherine Bauer Columbus

On the evening of January 12, my daughter was traveling from Columbus to Pittsburgh when she got a flat tire. During the two hours she waited for help, two different troopers stopped to ask the problem. Both told her they would remain in the area until AAA came, and both stopped more than once to make sure she was okay. They made my daughter, who was traveling alone, feel very safe. As I don't know

who the officers were, I would like to thank the people in charge for fostering this kind of attitude. The good you do is appreciated.

Alan Cropp Youngstown

I recently went to your Ironton Post to check on my daughter, who was overdue (later found) and helped by your Sgt Smith. He was very helpful and concerned about my daughter, which comforted us. I just wanted to make sure he got a thank you. Please pass along our sincere thanks for a super job.

Sam Caines Ashland, Kentucky

About a year and a half ago my husband and I moved out between Utica and Johnstown, and on that part of Route 62 in Licking County we saw a lot of drivers speeding and passing illegally. In the last few weeks we have seen about four troopers pulling someone over or watching the road and for this we are very thankful. Keep up the great work!

Jennifer Price Johnstown

I wanted to send a thank you message to you for allowing Trooper Shaffer to make a presentation to the Sidney Rotary Club on December 11, 2006. His talk was very educational and professional, and received many accolades afterward. With the holiday season upon us, it was also very timely. You are lucky to have a person like Trooper Shaffer on your staff!

Doug Borchers, president Sidney Rotary Club

I am sending a note to say thank you to the officer who was in car 1176 today. My car ran out of gas, and I was

in an unsafe spot on the highway. He pulled up behind my car and came to check on me. When I told him what was wrong, he stayed in his car with the lights on to make sure I was safe from oncoming traffic. I am so appreciative that an officer would take the time to make sure that someone is taken care of in such a seemingly small, unimportant situation. Without him there, I would have been very unsettled during my wait. Thank you so much for that officer!

Jennifer Galt Cincinnati

This is just a special thanks to the West Jefferson trooper who helped me retrieve my car at the Ohio State-Michigan game. He was one of the few responsible persons on traffic control that day when OSU officials declared that all lots were full and even those with valid parking permits should be denied entrance to partially filled lots for which they had prepaid \$40/game to park. Once again, the Ohio State Highway Patrol proves why its men and women rank so high in law enforcement.

Thomas Markworth Columbus

On November 22, 2006, my family and I were on our way from Tennessee to Michigan for Thanksgiving. We were 14 miles south of Dayton when I saw a lady in the "authorized vehicle only" turn around with an officer behind her with his lights flashing. I thought she had been caught using the turn around, but the officer wasn't giving her a ticket, he was changing a flat tire for her! I just wanted to say how nice it was to see such a nice deed being done. I'm sure the lady with the flat appreciated it very much. Thank you.

Debra Lemanski Rockvale, Tennessee

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State Trooper of the Year

Tpr. Joshua Eldridge, Piqua Post, was named 2006 State Trooper of the Year to culminate the Patrol's Annual Awards ceremony on February 9. Colonel Paul McClellan announced Eldridge's name to round out an afternoon when more than 50 employees received recognition for exemplary performance in fulfilling their duties.

Eldridge, who was clearly moved by the honor, told the crowd he had prepared a speech in case his name was called, but decided to speak spontaneously instead.

He made a point to thank his wife, Tina, for her support. He went on to thank Colonel McClellan, the senior staff, and Piqua District commanders for their leadership and conveyed his appreciation for all of the personnel at the Piqua Post, especially for their support and understanding as he fulfills his commitment to the Division's Special Response Team (SRT).

In nominating Eldridge for District Trooper of the Year, Piqua Post supervisors said they were impressed with his desire to continue learning despite achieving an impressive degree of operational success early in his career. According to Eldridge, "You are never too experienced for knowledge."

He was praised for taking a lead role in learning how to utilize the enhanced capabilities added to LINCS over the last year to gain a better understanding of the traffic crash picture in Miami and Shelby counties.

While Eldridge's commitment to the SRT means he spends less time on patrol than other troopers, his functional activity paints a picture of an officer dedicated to highway safety and the *LifeStat 1.0* goal. He is consistently among his post's leaders for safety belt, aggressive driving, commercial, and OVI enforcement among troopers not working the midnight shift.

He routinely shares his acquired knowledge with his peers. Lt. William Peck, Piqua Post commander, noted, "Josh has established a rapport with fellow troopers which allows them to feel comfortable approaching him on any issue."

Prior to joining the Patrol, Eldridge served in the U.S. Army. He joined the Patrol in 2001 as a member of the 137th Academy Class and has served at Piqua throughout his career. In addition to his selection to the SRT, he also was selected to be a field training officer after only three years as a trooper.

He and Tina live in West Milton with their son, Dorian.



In his remarks, Tpr. Josh Eldridge expressed gratitude for his coworkers at the Piqua Post.



Tpr. Eldridge and his wife, Tina.

Van Wert's Karen 'Jean' Myers is the State Dispatcher of the Year



Karen Myers

As the second most senior dispatcher in the state, Disp. Karen "Jean" Myers, Van Wert Post, has acquired a knowledge of the Patrol and its operations that is virtually unmatched.

She puts that wisdom to work every day, and coupled with her famously positive attitude, the results are a tremendously talented and competent dispatcher, who is respected at her post, in her community, and throughout

the state, as evidenced by her selection as the 2006 State Dispatcher of the Year.

Myers has announced her intention to retire later this year, which led Colonel Richard Collins, former Findlay District commander, to reflect on what she means to her post: "She is without a doubt the moral compass of the post, well-liked, and respected for her opinions."

Van Wert Post supervisors agree. Sgt. Michael McClain has worked with Myers for more than 10 years, both as a trooper and a sergeant. He explained, "Jean is an excellent dispatcher, and a very nice person, who I have relied on heavily in good times and bad."

The troopers on the afternoon shift at Van Wert appreciate her dedication to officer safety as well as her sharp perception, whether that means providing extra information before it is even requested, or intuitively knowing when a unit is in need of backup just by the tone in the officer's voice.

Myers joined the Patrol in 1973. In her career, she has been Van Wert's Dispatcher of the Year six times and District Dispatcher of the Year twice. She served as her post's TAC officer for nearly 20 years.



Disp. Myers on duty at the Van Wert Post

Skufca's humanitarian work honored with Chiaramonte Award



Chandra Skufca

The Robert M. Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award was established to recognize troopers' dedication to humanitarian efforts both professionally and personally. In both official and personal capacities, Tpr. Chandra Skufca, Ashtabula Post, has represented the Division with honor and integrity, and in a way befitting of this award's namesake, Retired Colonel Robert Chiaramonte.

Skufca is a tireless volunteer, who eagerly accepts speech details or other details that provide the opportunity to make a personal connection with the public we serve, particularly children and young people. After getting involved with a Special Olympics fund raiser several years ago, she has become a leader for the cause in northeast Ohio, and has helped raise thousands of dollars for Ohio Special Olympics.

She is an active participant in "Santa Shop" in Ashtabula, through which officers help elementary school students pick out and wrap Christmas presents for their families. In 2006, she also volunteered for the Buckeye Girls State detail and was praised by organizers for the way she conducted herself and for the positive influence she provided the young women participating in the event.

Her efforts while working on regular patrol are no less impressive as a series of commendation letters from grateful motorists show. One writer summed up her experience with Skufca as follows: "She was professional, courteous, polite – everything a trooper should be."

Skufca is currently serving at the Training Academy on a temporary assignment.



Tpr. Chandra Skufca and Ret. Colonel Robert Chiaramonte at the Annual Awards.

Two Findlay District troopers earn O.W. Merrell Award for valor

Tpr. Albert Leitenberger, Findlay, and Tpr. Charles Grizzard, Walbridge, each received the Patrol's highest award for valor, the O.W. Merrell Meritorious Service Award, for their heroic actions during the apprehension of an extremely dangerous and armed suspect.

On March 25, 2006, in an effort to obtain an Ohio Identification Card, a suspect presented fraudulent documents to employees at the Bowling Green Office of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The Bowling Green Police Department responded to question the suspect.

Upon being confronted, the suspect attempted to flee the building and became involved in a struggle with the officer. During the struggle, the suspect pulled out a handgun and fired once at the officer, then fled to an awaiting minivan. Troopers from three Patrol posts and officers from several other area law enforcement agencies participated in the pursuit of the suspect southbound on Interstate 75.

After a pursuit of almost 40 miles, Leitenberger deployed stop sticks that disabled the suspect's vehicle, leading the suspect to exit the interstate and eventually stop at a service station in the Village of Bluffton. The suspect exited the minivan, firing multiple weapons at officers while attempting to steal a second vehicle that was occupied by its owner. Leitenberger, Grizzard, and other officers at the scene were forced to return fire in an attempt to end the deadly encounter.

During the exchange of gunfire, Leitenberger was seriously wounded in the right forearm. Grizzard, who also was wounded in the right hand, assisted Leitenberger to an area of safety. A Wood County deputy sheriff effectively ended the



Colonel McClellan praises Tpr. Albert Leitenberger (left) and Tpr. Charles Grizzard (center) for their actions during the apprehension of an armed suspect.

threat to officers and bystanders at the scene when he hit the suspect with a round from his shotgun.

Because of the severity of his injury, Leitenberger, who was also the Findlay District's Trooper of the Year, entered disability retirement on October 29, 2006. Both officers previously received a Superintendent's Citation of Merit for their actions during this incident.

The Merrell Award is named for O.W. Merrell, who was the director of the Ohio Department of Highways in 1933, the year the Patrol was founded. As the Merrell Award winners, Leitenberger and Grizzard each received a certificate and an engraved ring.

Durham earns Blue Max Award



Timothy Durham

The Blue Max Award winner is the officer who recovers the most stolen vehicles with apprehensions during the year. Tpr. Timothy Durham, Springfield, is the 2006 Blue Max Award winner. He recovered 22 stolen vehicles and subsequently apprehended and charged 29 suspects with auto theft related charges.

He recovered two vehicles after responding to a report of a possible OVI on I-70 near Springfield. Durham observed that the suspect vehicle was traveling with another vehicle and also committing marked lanes and following too close violations. As he attempted to stop the first vehicle, the second vehicle moved into position to obstruct Durham. A pursuit ensued and three suspects were ultimately apprehended with assistance from Columbus police. Both vehicles were found to be stolen from Dayton.

Bullock is Criminal Patrol winner



Timothy Bullock

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. Timothy Bullock, Springfield, who finished the year with 46 felony cases and 52 felony arrests.

Bullock generated 36 felony drug cases. In one case, he apprehended a suspect who was found with heroin, crack, powder cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and \$600 in his possession. He also generated three firearms cases. The rest of his felony cases were related to OVI arrests and identity fraud.

State Trooper Recognition Award goes to Ronald Schneider



Ronald Schneider

Tpr. Ronald Schneider, a plainclothes investigator assigned to Warren District Headquarters, won the 2006 State Trooper Recognition Award.

The Trooper Recognition Award recognizes the work of troopers whose assignments fall outside the normal 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.

Schneider's primary assignment in conducting computer crime and technology-related investigations, as well

as his experience in evidence collection and submission, have made him a sought after resource among other investigators. His work in 2006 included an extensive investigation that led to strong evidence against two murder suspects, while other investigations resulted in the successful prosecution of individuals who possessed and distributed child pornography.

District Trooper Recognition Award Winners

Findlay	Alejo Romero , <i>canine handler</i>
Bucyrus	Douglas Hamman , <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Massillon	Gary Wolfe , <i>motor carrier enforcement</i>
Warren	Ronald Schneider , <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Piqua	James Bennett , <i>load limit inspector</i>
Columbus	Jason Allison , <i>motor carrier enforcement</i>
Cambridge	Laura Taylor , <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Wilmington	Daniel Brown , <i>salvage inspector</i>
Jackson	Michael Maughmer <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Berea	Gregory Blake , <i>polygraph investigator</i>
GHQ	Jeffrey Davis , <i>plainclothes investigator</i>

Piqua group is State Electronics Technician Team of the Year

For the second time in four years, the Piqua District's Electronics Technician Team was selected best in the state. Led by ET3 Matthew Hunter, the team also includes ET2 John Trittschuh and ET2 Brian Oldham.

In addition to regularly assigned duties and the installation of MARCS radios in more than 200 patrol cars during 2006, the Piqua District Electronics Team provided assistance to five other districts working to complete sizeable projects.

The team assisted with personnel training in the Findlay, Bucyrus, and Jackson districts, helped with the installation of digital video cameras in the Columbus District, and also assisted the Wilmington and Jackson districts with the installation of MARCS equipment.

The team demonstrated a high level of service to field units, which has resulted in numerous positive comments from post commanders and the respect of personnel throughout the district.

Hunter joined the Patrol in 1993 and was promoted to his current assignment in 2002.

Trittschuh has been with the Division and the Piqua Team since 1985.

Oldham joined the Patrol and the Piqua Team in 2001.



Matthew Hunter



John Trittschuh



Brian Oldham



The Piqua team was recognized for providing outstanding service to the district in 2006.

Thomas Michael is Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector of the Year



Thomas Michael

For the second consecutive year, Thomas Michael 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.

Michael worked in the transportation industry for 27 years in a wide variety of positions from driver to inspector. He has previously served as a law enforcement officer and taught commercial vehicle familiarization and maintenance at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy.

This experience gives him a true understanding

of the inspection process and the ability to communicate fluently with carriers about the process and the safety ratings that result from inspections.

He joined the Division in 2004.

District Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Award Winners

- Findlay** MCEI Harold Emmett
- Bucyrus** MCEI Michael Byrne
- Massillon** MCEI Thomas Michael
- Warren** MCEI Richard Virant
- Piqua** MCEI Douglas Staudt
- Columbus** MCEI Brock Brown
- Cambridge** MCEI Robert Kernik
- Wilmington** MCEI Jackie Goins
- Jackson** Tpr. Steven Circle
- Berea** Tpr. Robert Sellers

Franklin and Benner win Employee Recognition Awards

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 James Franklin and Personnel Testing Specialist 3 Tanya Benner won the Patrol's Employee Recognition Awards, which honor employees whose positions fall outside the sworn officer and communications categories.

Franklin, who is assigned to the Gallipolis Post, is the 2006 Employee Recognition Award winner from the districts. He was selected for his contributions to the post's operations, but his coworkers are just as likely to speak of how much they value his friendship. While keeping the post

and its equipment in top condition, Franklin is just as instrumental in taking care of the people at the post, making sure they have everything they need to perform to the best of their abilities.

Benner works at GHQ in the Office of Human Resource Management. She won the overall Employee Recognition Award from among the GHQ sections. Benner is responsible for a wide array of duties, but her greatest contribution to the Division is her ability to help people regardless



James Franklin



Tanya Benner

of the situation. She also has been instrumental in the development of a database to facilitate essential employee reporting for all state agencies.

District Employee Recognition

- Findlay** Tammy Frazier
- Bucyrus** Mary Sue Peppard
- Massillon** Douglas Bell
- Warren** Lynette Rawlings
- Piqua** Kay Anderson
- Columbus** Brenda Amison
- Cambridge** Larry Eller
- Wilmington** Sandra Rhodes
- Jackson** James Franklin
- Berea** Ann Gambert

GHQ Employee Recognition

- Human Resource Management** Tanya Benner
- Tech. & Comm. Services** Randall Bogue
- Licensing & Commercial Standards** Linda Carson
- Strategic Services** Michael Coakley
- Finance & Logistic Services** Nancy Hite
- Field Operations** PO2 Virgal Neal
- Investigative Services** Marsha Rigbsby
- Recruitment & Training** Tina Stewart

Statewide Auxiliary award winners honored at Patrol luncheon

In addition to awards for Patrol employees, volunteers were also recognized as Colonel Paul McClellan and Aux. Colonel Brent Rawlins presented three statewide Auxiliary awards at the Patrol's Annual Awards luncheon.

William J. Duffy Award of Excellence

Auxiliary Officer Christopher Feeney, Delaware, received the Duffy Award. Feeney joined the Auxiliary in 2002 and has been an active member since that time. His volunteer time includes riding on patrol during all shifts and special details such as the State Fair, FAST training at the Academy, Shop with a Cop, and OVI checkpoints.

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. Only 16 Auxiliary officers met the criteria in 2006.

Auxiliary Officer of the Year

Auxiliary Lt. Colonel Steven Morgan, Columbus District, won the State Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award for his excellence and dedication as a volunteer. In 2006, he served 1,199 hours. Along with his patrol time, he worked on special projects including the acquisition of salvaged jumpsuits for Auxiliary use, the Special Olympics detail, and SRT training assistance. He also managed the Auxiliary's State Fair detail and two statewide training sessions.

Earl Ulmer Meritorious Service Award

The Ulmer Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an Auxiliary officer and is awarded for outstanding service, courage, valor, or heroism. Auxiliary Lt. Alex Pavluck, Athens, earned the Earl Ulmer Meritorious Service Award for his assistance to a victims of a lightning strike.

On June 22, 2006, a group of law enforcement officers and supporters were making their way from Athens to Lancaster as



Christopher Feeney



Steven Morgan



Alex Pavluck



From left: Aux. Colonel Brent Rawlins with Auxiliary statewide award winners Steve Morgan, Chris Feeney, and Alex Pavluck.

part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, when they stopped for a break at a school in Hocking County. Lightning struck the group, causing injury to nine participants, including two who were critically injured. Though suffering personal effects from the strike, Pavluck and other members of the group immediately took action to perform CPR and provide aid to those who suffered life threatening injuries. Despite the enormous potential for a tragic outcome, the quick action of Pavluck and the others at the scene saved the lives of the two most seriously injured victims.

Pizza Hut recognized as 'Partner for Safety'

Also in conjunction with the Annual Awards, representatives from Pizza Hut, a longtime supporter of Patrol safety programs aimed at young drivers, received a *Partners for Safety* Corporate Award for their continued commitment to the *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* initiative.

Pizza Hut committed hundreds of thousands of dollars in food and drink redemptions at more than 200 Ohio Pizza Hut locations. During unannounced visits to Ohio high schools, troopers awarded students who were wearing safety belts a coupon for a free Pizza Hut single topping Personal Pan Pizza and a cup that could be used for free soft drink refills with an in-store purchase.

The program, which is being repeated this spring, reached more than 100,000 high school students with a positive safety belt message.



Colonel McClellan and Public Safety Director Henry Guzmán present Sharon Cole, director of marketing for Pizza Hut, with a *Partners for Safety* Corporate Award.

2006

Post Troopers and Dispatchers of the Year

Troopers

Dispatchers

Troopers

Dispatchers

Findlay District

Lima	Michael Kinsinger	Julie Clink
Defiance	James Edwards	Amy Morton
Findlay	Albert Leitenberger*	Denise Duerk
Toledo	Timothy Coll	Jennifer Sabin
Van Wert	Shawn Cook	Karen Myers**
Walbridge	Christopher Hasty	Cheryl Babione

Bucyrus District

Bucyrus	Mark Menendez	Jennifer Scott
Sandusky	Shaun Robinson	Heidi Maloy
Norwalk	Philip Clemons	Scott Robenalt
Marion	Steven Walsh	Pamela Hershberger
Mansfield	Shane Morrow*	Jacquelyn Martin
Fremont	Nathan Henn	Terry Whitlock*

Massillon District

Ashland	Penny Beaty	Coleen Foss*
Elyria	Joran Cottom	Jennifer Hovinetz
Medina	Martina Jackson	Robin Case
Canton	Christopher Castellanos	Denise Peterson
Wooster	Charles Abbuhl*	Kevin Yoder

Warren District

Ashtabula	Jason Hayes	Margaret Sharp
Lisbon	Todd Jester*	Sandra Rafferty
Chardon	Daniel Kumor	Sharon Weigle
Canfield	Jack Reno	Cheryl Smith*
Ravenna	Robert Kawecki	Vicki Smith
Warren	Gregory Allen	Michelle Higgins

Piqua District

Wapakoneta	Mark Murray	Patricia Nelson*
Springfield	Timothy Durham	Cynthia Bentley
Piqua	Joshua Eldridge**	Marsha Carey
Dayton	Bryan Cook	Aimee Routson
Marysville	Matthew Himes	Douglas Webb

Columbus District

Delaware	Robert Curry	Kristina Jones
Lancaster	Christopher Goss	Erica Lanning*
Granville	Kevin Milligan	Brenda Heskett
West Jefferson	Eric Caudill	Monica Minter
Mt. Gilead	Justin Hurlbert*	Jared Reagh
Circleville	Misty Waller	Kimberly Aberts
Comm Center		Carol Singleton

Cambridge District

St. Clairsville	Brian McFarland	Dana Johnson
Cambridge	Scott Buxton	Kara Koscoe
Steubenville	Gregory Mamula*	Randall Gilbert
Zanesville	Travis Woodyard	William Wilson
New Phila	Roy Beach	Elizabeth Worrell
Marietta	Caleb Courson	Toni Roach*

Wilmington District

Georgetown	Robert Hayslip*	Rebel Martin
Hamilton	Scott Bierer	Mary Robinson
Batavia	Christopher Krantz	Patty Downing*
Wilmington	Robert Hilderbrandt	Jennifer Seaman
Xenia	David Griffith	Pamela Kelly
Lebanon	Timothy Patton	Tiffany Wahl

Jackson District

Athens	Keith Allen	Rodney Robinson
Gallipolis	Danny Howard	Brett Hutchinson
Jackson	Robert Haislop	Carolyn McManis
Ironton	Randy Boggs	Drew Fry*
Chillicothe	Douglas DeBord*	Nicholas Barrows
Portsmouth	Bryan Conley	Jason Whitt

Berea District

Swanton	Scott Tanner	
Milan	Orlando Pagan*	
Hiram	William Dean	
Berea DHQ		Linda White*

* District Winners **State Winners

2006 Blue Max Program Awards

Four Bolt Winners

Tpr. Michael Jordan, Gallipolis
Tpr. Kenneth Metz, Lisbon
Tpr. Craig Polasky, Canton
Tpr. Nathan Ward, Hamilton

Three Bolt Winners

Tpr. Larry Anderson, Portsmouth
Tpr. James Belcher, Mansfield
Tpr. Jason Bittinger, Medina
Tpr. Chris Coverstone, Piqua
Tpr. Michelle Dorcey, Portsmouth
Tpr. Joshua Hunter, Georgetown
Tpr. Brian Jones, Lancaster
Tpr. Nicholas Shaw, Mt. Gilead

Tpr. Clinton Smith, Ravenna
Tpr. Joel Smith, Canton
Sgt. William Stidham, Walbridge
Tpr. Stephen Tharp, Piqua
Tpr. Rick Vitte, Fremont
Tpr. Donald Ward, Lancaster
Tpr. Jerad White, Marysville

2006 Criminal Patrol Awards

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

Tpr. Michael Akers	Tpr. Seth Douthitt	Tpr. Jeffrey Kaess	Tpr. Alejo Romero
Tpr. Shawn Allar	Tpr. Cliffton Dowell	Tpr. David Keener	Tpr. Rustun Schack
Tpr. Gregory Allen	Tpr. Chad Durfey	Tpr. Daniel Keller	Tpr. Matthew R. Schmenk
Tpr. Brian Alloy	Tpr. Timothy Durham	Tpr. Kevin Kelley	Tpr. Jeremy Schuldt
Tpr. Daniel Anandel	Tpr. Steven Duteil	Tpr. Kurt Kelley	Tpr. Timothy Scott
Tpr. Paul Appleman	Tpr. Matthew Dyer	Tpr. Christopher Kelley	Tpr. Rebecca Sexton
Tpr. Stacey Arnold	Tpr. David Dylag	Tpr. Christopher Kinn	Tpr. Nicholas Shaw
Tpr. Joshua Baker	Tpr. Daniel Edelbrock	Tpr. Kevin Kobi	Tpr. Thomas Shevlin
Tpr. Scotty Balcomb	Tpr. Timothy Ehrenborg	Tpr. Roger Kuhn	Sgt. Leo Shirkey
Tpr. Scott Bayless	Tpr. Jason Eiden	Tpr. Daniel Kumor	Tpr. Shawn Simms
Tpr. Roy Beach	Tpr. Sean Eitel	Tpr. Scott Kuntz	Tpr. Shaun Smart
Tpr. Penny Beaty	Tpr. Timothy Errington	Tpr. Michael Landers	Tpr. Joel Smith
Tpr. Jason Bittinger	Tpr. Marlin Folden	Tpr. Rusty Lanning	Sgt. Chris Smith
Tpr. Jason Bonar	Tpr. Anthony Fox	Tpr. Nathan Lawson	Tpr. James Sparkman
Sgt. William Boyd	Tpr. Richard Gable	Tpr. Nicholas Lewis	Tpr. Jennifer Stabler
Tpr. Robert Bradley	Tpr. Charles Gannon	Tpr. Tom Lish	Tpr. Ryan Stewart
Tpr. Kevin Brown	Tpr. Joseph Glascox	Tpr. Johnnie Maier	Sgt. William Stidham
Tpr. Justin Bryant	Tpr. Erik Golias	Tpr. Nicholas Malo	Tpr. Heath Strawser
Tpr. Timothy Bullock	Tpr. Timothy Gossett	Tpr. Gregory Mamula	Tpr. David Stuart
Tpr. James Burkhart	Tpr. Jeffrey Greene	Tpr. Andrew Masiella	Tpr. Matthew Them
Tpr. Jason Cadle	Tpr. Nathan Haas	Tpr. Robert McClelland	Tpr. Adam Throckmorton
Tpr. Shad Caplinger	Tpr. Robert Haislop	Sgt. Todd McDonald	Sgt. Timothy Timberlake
Tpr. Ricky Caraway	Sgt. Michael Harmon	Tpr. Charles Mendenhall	Tpr. James Tracy
Tpr. Christopher Castellanos	Tpr. Jason Hayes	Tpr. Paul Mercer	Tpr. Michael Trader
Sgt. Richard Chesar	Tpr. Robert Hayslip	Tpr. Theresa Mikesh	Tpr. Shannon Utter
Tpr. Byron Chute	Sgt. Terry Helton	Tpr. Shawn Milburn	Tpr. Kevin Veletean
Tpr. Jovito Cirilo	Tpr. Nathan Henn	Tpr. Kevin Milligan	Sgt. Brian Vierstra
Tpr. Timothy Coll	Tpr. Matthew Himes	Tpr. Jeffrey Moorhead	Tpr. Rick Vitte
Tpr. Shawn Cook	Tpr. Rocky Hise	Tpr. Jeremy Morris	Tpr. Maurice Waddell
Tpr. Bryan Cook	Tpr. Jason Hodge	Sgt. Mark Neff	Tpr. Donald Walker
Tpr. Justin Cooper	Sgt. John Howard	Tpr. David Norman	Tpr. Nathan Ward
Tpr. Caleb Courson	Tpr. Danny Howard	Tpr. Corey Pennington	Tpr. Glendon Ward
Tpr. Chris Coverstone	Tpr. Brent Hunter	Tpr. Patrick Pfouts	Tpr. Jeremy Wickman
Tpr. Stephen Crabtree	Tpr. Dana Hutton	Tpr. Phet Phong	Tpr. Marshall Williams
Tpr. Raul Cuellar	Tpr. Steven Ilo	Tpr. Craig Polasky	Tpr. James Williams
Tpr. Justin Daley	Sgt. Robert Jacks	Tpr. Jacob Pyles	Tpr. Michael Wilson
Tpr. Steven Daugherty	Tpr. Charles Jackson	Tpr. Ryan Randall	Tpr. Tawonna Woods-Hutton
Tpr. Jonathan Dewitt	Tpr. Daniel Jesse	Tpr. Richard Reeder	Tpr. Travis Woodyard
Sgt. Kevin Dillard	Tpr. Nicholas Johnson	Tpr. David Richendollar	
Tpr. Michael Dirr	Tpr. David Johnson	Tpr. Scott Roark	
Tpr. Richard Dixon	Tpr. Kacy Jones	Tpr. Michael Roe	

Meadows receives 2006 BCI Citizens Service Award

Sgt. Richard Meadows, Jackson District criminal patrol coordinator, was honored with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation's (BCI) 2006 Citizens Service Award December 12, 2006. John Monce, BCI superintendent, presented the award to Sgt. Meadows.

BCI Special Agent Scott Duff nominated Sgt. Meadows for the award, which recognizes a member of the public who assisted BCI in the furtherance of justice. In 2004, Sgt. Meadows created a partnership between state troopers under his command and BCI agents in southeast Ohio to assist in marijuana eradication. This working relationship has developed into an extremely effective and comprehensive law enforcement partnership that has served as a model for other agencies working together to reach a common goal.

"Sgt. Meadows and his troopers have been a tremendous asset to BCI over the last few years in combating marijuana growers and locating and dismantling methamphetamine labs, and I am positive that the relationship will continue for years to come," Monce said during the ceremony.

Sgt. Meadows is a member of the 117th Academy Class, and earned his commission in September 1988. In 2005, he earned the Robert M. Chiamonte Humanitarian for his public service to the community.



Sgt. Richard Meadows (center front), received a Citizens Service Award in part for his assistance with other law enforcement agencies' marijuana eradication efforts.

Ace Award

Tpr. Christopher Ward, Dayton, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$10,000 and apprehended five suspects to earn his first Ace Award, and the final Ace Award of 2006. He recovered a 1989 Chevrolet after he attempted to stop the suspect vehicle for a registration violation. A pursuit ensued, ending only after the suspect crashed the vehicle. The suspect fled on foot, but was located two blocks from the scene by local police.



Colonel Paul McClellan presents Tpr. Christopher Ward with the Ace Award during a ceremony at the Dayton Post. Tpr. Ward earned the final Ace of 2006.

Certificate of Recognition

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



Gary Wright

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

Jeremy Ebert, LEADS Network Administration, received a Certificate of Recognition for his leadership in developing an application to permit Bureau of Motor Vehicle Operator License Images to be retrieved by Ohio MARCS subscribers.



Jeremy Ebert

This ability is a breakthrough for law enforcement, and will not only help police officers and other first responders better perform their duties, but also will help ensure the safety of those individuals. Without Ebert's initiative and commitment, this technological advance would not have been possible.

Nine complete Northwestern’s School of Police Staff and Command

The Patrol was well-represented at the graduation of the 237th School of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety’s School of Police Staff and Command on March 22. Nine officers completed the 10-week program conducted in Columbus at the Patrol’s Training Academy:

- Lt. Chad Enderby, Wooster
- Lt. Marty Fellure, Xenia
- Lt. Shannon Gehrish, Lima
- Lt. Gordon Jackson, Piqua District LCS Unit
- Lt. Troy Johnson, Jackson District LSC Unit
- Lt. David Lee, Zanesville
- Sgt. Steve Click, Central Ohio Motorcycle Unit
- Sgt. Jerry Botdorf, Ashland
- Sgt. Chad Neal, Human Resource Management



Members of the 237th School of Police Staff and Command at graduation ceremonies on March 22 (from left): Lt. Gordon Jackson, Lt. Chad Enderby, Lt. David Lee, Sgt. Jerry Botdorf, Lt. Marty Fellure, Lt. Troy Johnson, Lt. Shannon Gehrish, Sgt. Steve Click, and Sgt. Chad Neal.

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.

Mack completes PELC program

Sgt. Mary Mack, Norwalk, graduated from the 48th Session of the Law Enforcement Foundation’s Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) on March 5. PELC is an intensive, three-week training program that helps law enforcement executives improve their leadership abilities.

Sgt. Mack is a member of the 113th Academy Class. She has 22 years of service.



Mary Mack

Borden earns college degree

S/Lt. Scott Borden, Jackson DHQ, graduated from Ohio University on January 11 with an Associate of Applied Science in law enforcement technology.

S/Lt. Borden trained with the 109th Academy Class. He has 26 years of service.



Scott Borden

Sworn Promotions

- Colonel Richard Collins, Administration
- Staff Lieutenant Clifton Spinner, Strategic Services
- Sergeant Todd Belcher, Georgetown
- Staff Lieutenant Matthew Evans, Cambridge DHQ
- Staff Lieutenant Paul Hermes, Wilmington DHQ
- Lieutenant Christopher L. Johnson, Steubenville
- Lieutenant Randy McElfresh, Batavia
- Sergeant Frank Horvath, Field Operations
- Sergeant Timothy Timberlake, Steubenville
- Sergeant Joshua Weaver, Southwest Ohio Motorcycle Unit

Professional Promotions

- DX1 John Bennett, Jackson DHQ
- Executive Secretary 1 Lisa Clouse, Findlay DHQ
- DX1 Margie Nickles, Mansfield

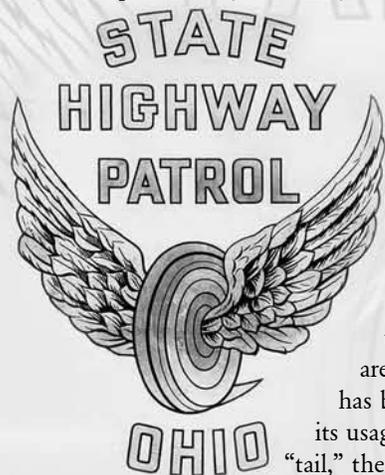
Logo, badge designs change little over time

By Michele Vaughan, Patrol Historian

Despite minor changes over the years, the trademarked Flying Wheel insignia and Trooper badge design remain basically as their original designer intended.

The Flying Wheel Logo

It may have been hard for officials to accept the Flying Wheel logo, but when Joseph Goldberg came up with the design in 1933, his focus was the quick assistance that would be provided by the newly formed Patrol. The wheel signifies traffic enforcement, while the wings show the swiftness of its Patrolmen, because the officers were using speedy motorcycles at the time. The words “State Highway Patrol” always are placed above the logo, while the state name remains at the bottom.



There have been times over the past 73 years that the small area below and behind the wheel has been left out of the insignia in its usage. Sometimes known as the “tail,” the interpretation of this piece of the artwork remains a mystery. Some Patrol personnel see it as a road on which the Flying Wheel travels, while others believe it to be a “swoosh,” denoting the rapid movement of the wheel.

According to the December 1962 edition of the *Flying Wheel*, Goldberg was given “full rein” to create the symbol of the Patrol by his boss, Harry Neal. Neal, head of Ohio State Highway Department’s Traffic Bureau, requested the logo be made due to prompting from Highway Department Director O.W. Merrell. Merrell also is known as the “granddaddy” of the Patrol for his intensely dedicated involvement in developing the state police agency.

Those wings were a hard sell to Neal, who jokingly asked Goldberg if they were duck, chicken, or eagle wings. But Goldberg’s Flying Wheel was approved by Neal.

Over time, there have been a couple of temporary changes in the logo. For instance, when Colonel Lynn Black, first superintendent of the Patrol, died in 1944, Patrol members erected his headstone. At the top of the stone, a Flying Wheel logo appears, but with a slight notch in the wheel itself. The hampered wheel conveys the idea that the Patrol would not be the same without Black’s influence.

There also was a significant variable developed on the Flying Wheel design in 1992. Colonel Tom Rice asked Captain Bob Welsh to come up with a similar, yet unique design for the Patrol’s Special Response Team. Welsh, who headed up the SRT at the time, went to his son, Robert Welsh, for design ideas. The younger Welsh was an industrial designer with DeWalt Tools at the time.

“He sent a couple of designs, and I took them to Colonel

Rice and discussed them with him,” retired Capt. Welsh said. “He felt that the SRT needed something different – you know, just for them.”

The result was a Flying Wheel atop a background of camouflage, with the words “Ohio State Highway Patrol” at the top of the insignia, and “SRT” below.

The Badge

Goldberg also came up with the design for the Patrol’s badge in 1933. The elaborate motif is full of symbolism: the eagle at the top represents our country and state freedom; pillars below the eagle are reminiscent of the dome of the state capitol building; and the center contains the state seal.

On the sides of the badge are two groups of rods, which denote authority, as originally indicated in the Roman word for the object – “fasces.” Fasces is defined as “a bundle of rods having an ax with a blade projecting, carried before ancient Roman magistrates as an emblem of authority.”

According to past interviews with Goldberg, there were four aspects of the Patrol emphasized by the symbolism of the badge: authority, simplicity, law enforcement, and respect. He wanted a design that would not change, but be used by all future Patrol law enforcement.

And, for the most part, Goldberg’s wish has remained fulfilled. The only change the badge has seen in 73 years is the word “Patrolman” at the top changed to “Trooper” in 1976, after the first female officer was commissioned.

Other badges were issued earlier in the Patrol’s history and changed to keep up with shifts in the Patrol’s personnel structure. For instance, there was a badge with the title “Secretary” on the top issued by Colonel Lynn Black, the Patrol’s first superintendent. No such badge has been issued since. Also, in 1965, First Sergeants were retitled as Lieutenants, changing their badges. There also was a badge developed for Patrol Auxiliary that is similar in design to the Trooper badge, but has “Auxiliary Police” on the outside of the center. The center contains the Flying Wheel insignia instead of the state seal.

The Patrol’s insignia and the badge design were made a registered trademark/servicemark with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. That means that, when the Flying Wheel symbol is used in conjunction with a combination of the words Ohio State Highway Patrol, or if the badge design is used, both are protected under U.S. trademark laws.

This was done to not only control any product licensing (including services, films, videos and the like), but to maintain the Patrol’s name and image. There are specific rules as to how the trademarks can be used; for more information on their use, or to report possible misuse, the Office of Strategic Services Section should be contacted at 614-382-7432. There also are procedures listed on the Patrol’s Web site at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.



Picayune Patrol Pieces

The Flying Wheel presents a new addition to its pages – Picayune Patrol Pieces – a diversion of Division drivel, or a ton of Trooper trivia, if you will. In each issue, these trivia-type questions will appear and you are to guess the answers. Got your History caps on? Here we go!

Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes

The Division had a “changing of the guard” in April, following the retirement announcement of Colonel Paul McClellan on March 16. There have been many times that the Patrol has seen change in its top leadership, sometimes resulting in many changes down the line for all personnel. See if you can answer the following questions:

1. Who was the superintendent with the longest tenure to date? How long was his tenure?
2. Who was the only civilian (non-sworn) superintendent to date? Hint: He also was the first Patrol employee.
3. There were two sets of “twins” on the superintendents’ list. Two of the superintendents were from the Academy Class 1 and two were from Academy Class 99. Can you name the two pairs?
4. This superintendent joined President George Bush during a visit to Columbus and even got to compete with Bush in a horseshoe pitching contest.
5. Who was the superintendent with the shortest time spent in that office? How long was his tenure?
6. Who was colonel when the Division graduated its first African-American?
7. Who instigated the 40-hour work week for Patrol officers?
8. This colonel spent some of his career as an administrative assistant to Patrol superintendents Robert Chiamonte, Frank Blackstone and Adam Reiss.
9. When the first woman graduated from the Academy, who was superintendent?
10. What was the name of the group with which Colonel Lynn Black served before joining the Patrol?
11. Which superintendent was a graduate of the Academy’s “Fighting 19th?”
12. Piqua Post has been home at some point in the careers of four superintendents. Name two.
13. Which superintendent was in office during the riots of the late ‘60s, early ‘70s?
14. Which superintendent headed the Division when disaster struck the United States on September 11, 2001?
15. Which superintendent plays the banjo?
16. Who was known for initiating the Partners for Safety program?
17. This superintendent realigned the command staff to have one major in command over the South Zone (Districts 5-9) and one over the North Zone (Districts 1-4 and 10).
18. After a successful campaign to reduce fatalities throughout the state, this superintendent took leave of his super-structured career for a vagabond life on the road.
19. After starting out as a dispatcher, this superintendent initiated the accreditation process of the Patrol with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.
20. This superintendent was the first to graduate from the then newly built Academy building.

Answers

1. George Mingle - 13 years 2. Fred Moritz 3. Class 1 - G. Mingle, Scott Raddiff; Class 99 - Kenneth L. Morkel and Paul D. McClellan 4. Jack Walsh 5. Frank Blackstone - 1 yr, 1 month 6. G. Mingle 7. G. Mingle 8. J. Walsh 9. Adam G. Reiss 10. Indian Hill Rangers 11. F. Blackstone 12. J. Walsh, Kenneth B. Marshall, P.D. McClellan, K.L. Morkel 13. Robert M. Chiamonte 14. K.L. Morkel 15. Thomas W. Rice 16. K.B. Marshall 17. Anson B. Cook 18. P.D. McClellan 19. J. Walsh 20. Warren H. Davies



Staff Lieutenant Jeffrey Greene



Jeffrey Greene

was commander of the Wilmington Post until his promotion to staff lieutenant in 2001.

In his career, he earned the Ace Award, a Certificate of Recognition, five Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. He also completed advanced training through Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

He and his wife, Lorie, reside in Cortland.

S/Lt. Jeffrey Greene, Wilmington DHQ, retired December 22, 2006, with 17 years of service. He is a member of the 118th Academy Class, which was commissioned in November 1989.

He served Mt. Gilead, Lancaster, and Granville before earning a promotion to sergeant in 1994. He was an assistant post commander at Delaware and Lancaster. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1999 and

Staff Lieutenant Virgil Wright



Virgil Wright

to lieutenant in 1999. After serving three years as commander of the Ashland Post, he earned a promotion to staff lieutenant and assistant commander of the Warren District. He transferred to the Cambridge District in March 2003.

In his career, he earned the Proficiency Award in Auto Larceny Investigation, a Certificate of Recognition, six Health and Physical Fitness Awards, and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He also completed advanced training through Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

He and his wife, Cindy, live in Cambridge.

After more than 25 years of service, S/Lt. Virgil Wright, Cambridge DHQ, retired January 5. He joined the Patrol as a member of the 110th Academy Class and earned his commission in July 1981.

After graduation, he was assigned to the Steubenville Post where he was Post Trooper of the Year three times and District Trooper of the Year twice. He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1991, and was promoted

Sergeant Charles Wright

Sgt. Charles Wright, Dayton, retired March 2 after more than 27 years of service. He is a member of the 107th Academy Class and earned his commission in May 1980.



Charles Wright

He served in the Piqua District throughout his career, first at the former Bellefontaine Post, then at Piqua, the former Eaton Post, and Dayton. He earned a promotion to sergeant at Eaton in January 2001 and transferred to Dayton when those two posts consolidated in 2002.

He and his wife, Karen, live in Troy.

In his career, he earned the State Proficiency Award in Auto Larceny Investigation, two Ace Awards, a Certificate of Recognition, three Health and Physical Fitness Awards, and was recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

Sergeant John Lenkey



John Lenkey

Lenkey earned the Superintendent's Citation of Merit and the O.W. Merrell Meritorious Service Award in 1999 for saving the life of a suicidal man who was alternately pointing a gun at himself and officers at the scene. In his career, he also earned six Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Diane, live in Columbiana.

With 29 years of service, Sgt. John Lenkey, Lisbon, retired March 26. He began his career as a cadet dispatcher at Lisbon before training with the 107th Academy Class. He earned his commission in May 1980 and was assigned to Ravenna. He transferred to Canfield in 1989 before earning a promotion to sergeant in March 1990. He transferred back to Lisbon as an assistant commander in 1992.

Trooper Leslie Bauer



Leslie Bauer

In his career, he has earned a Superintendent's Citation

Tpr. Leslie Bauer, Massillon District, retired January 26 with 25 years of service. He trained with the 111th Academy Class and earned his commission in December 1981. He served at the Fremont and Mansfield posts before transferring to Mt. Gilead in 1990, where he was Post Trooper of the Year in 1992. He transferred to the Massillon District's Commercial Enforcement Unit in March 2000.

of Merit, the Saved by the Belt Award, and has been recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Kimberly, live in Bellville.

Trooper Dennis Gorski



Dennis Gorski
and his wife, Janet, reside in Lebanon.

Tpr. Dennis Gorski retired March 17 after more than 24 years of service. A member of the 112th Academy Class, he served at the Lebanon Post throughout his career. A former president of the Ohio State Troopers Association, he also was voted Post Trooper of the Year by his peers four times. He also earned three Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving in his career. He

transferred to Marysville in 1998 and was Post Trooper of the Year there twice. He transferred to the Piqua District's Commercial Enforcement Unit in 2004.

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

Electronic Technician 1 Dwight McGhee



Dwight McGhee

After more than 29 years of service, ET1 Dwight McGhee, Jackson District, retired February 16. He began his Patrol career in March 1977, and served as a dispatcher and a communication technician prior to being promoted to electronic technician in June 1991.

He resides in Jackson.

Trooper Michael Giuliano



Michael Giuliano
twice and won the State Trooper Recognition Award in 2000. In his career, he also earned a Certificate of Recognition, three Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Lakewood.

Trooper Michael Giuliano, Medina, retired January 10 after 25 years of service. He trained with the 109th Academy Class and earned his commission in February 1981. He served at the Milan and Medina posts before transferring to Cleveland Investigations as a plainclothes investigator in November 1991. As an investigator, he earned the State Proficiency Award in Auto Larceny Investigation

Dispatcher Dianna Green



Dianna Green

Disp. Dianna Green retired November 25, 2006, after 10 years of service. She served at the Toledo Post throughout her career. She resides in Swanton.

Trooper Timothy Jones



Timothy Jones

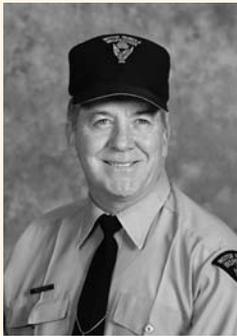
After 26 years of service, Tpr. Timothy Jones, Piqua District, retired February 23. He trained with the 110th Academy Class and earned his commission in July 1981. He served 10 years at Springfield and earned the Proficiency Award before transferring to West Jefferson, where he earned a Superintendent's Citation of Merit and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1992. He



Frank Gibson

PLLI Frank Gibson retired March 30 after more than 30 years of service. He began his Patrol career in 1976 as a maintenance repair worker at Wilmington DHQ. He was promoted to portable load limit inspector in August 1995. He has been recognized for 10 years of safe driving in his career. He and his wife, Mary, live in Wilmington.

Motor Vehicle Inspector Barry Phillips



Barry Phillips

MVI Barry Phillips, Piqua District, retired January 31 after 10 years of service. He started with the Patrol as a maintenance repair worker at the Dayton Post in 1997 before earning a promotion to motor vehicle inspector in 1999. He and his wife, Connie, reside in Kettering.

Driver Examiner 1 Shirley Augenstein



Shirley Augenstein

After more than 30 years of service, DX1 Shirley Augenstein, Canfield DX, retired March 31. She began her career as a dispatcher at the Canfield Post in 1981. She has served as a driver license examiner since September 1998.

She and her husband, Donald, reside in Canfield.

Driver License Examiner 1 Keith Wymer



Keith Wymer

After more than 21 years of service, DX1 Keith Wymer, Jackson District, retired December 30, 2006. He and his wife Mary Lou reside in Ironton.

Administrative Assistant 2 Elzie Fish



Elzie Fish

AA2 Elzie Fish retired March 30 with 30 years of service. He worked in Fleet Management at GHQ throughout his career. He resides in Grove City.

Tailor Wanda Megison



Wanda Megison

Tailor Wanda Megison, Logisitic Services, retired April 26 after more than 20 years of service. She served at the Tailor Shop throughout her Patrol career. She and her husband, Michael, live in Westerville.

Photo to come

Executive Secretary 1 Claudia Melton



Claudia Melton

After 19 years of service, ES1 Claudia Melton retired on April 30. She served in the Office of Technology and Communication Services throughout her Patrol career. She earned promotions in 1989 and 1991 and received a Certificate of Recognition in 1995. She resides in Columbus.

Management Analyst Supervisor 1 Bessie Smith



Bessie Smith

MAS1 Bessie Smith retired April 30 after more than 30 years of service. She has served in the Office of Human Resource Management since January 2000. She and her husband, Julian, reside in Pickerington.



Expressing sympathy

Jonathan P. Seabolt



Jonathan P. Seabolt
and Andrea.

Tpr. Jonathan P. Seabolt, 24, passed away March 13 as the result of an ATV crash. He was a member of the 143rd Academy Class, which was commissioned in June 2005. He served at the Georgetown Post.

A native of Fenwick, West Virginia, he is survived by his wife, Brittany; parents, Michael and Scarlett; brothers, Tpr. Michael Seabolt, Marietta, and Benjamin; and sisters, Tabitha, Teresa, Amber,

Donald D. Greenlee



Donald D. Greenlee

Retired S/Lt. Donald D. Greenlee, 80, passed away February 9 at his home in Warren.

He was a member of the 25th Academy Class, which was commissioned in 1948. He served at Massillon, Salem, Warren, Medina, Chillicothe, and Akron, and also served as an assistant commander of both the Warren and Jackson districts.

The WWII Navy veteran retired from the Patrol in February 1979. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, and children: Cathy, Larry, and Tami.

Glenn L. Mohler



Glenn L. Mohler

Glenn L. Mohler, MD, 65, died April 16 at his home in Centerburg. He served as medical director at the Highway Patrol Training Academy for 14 years after joining the Division in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Sarah.

Bernice S. Ridenour



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Secretary Bernice S. Ridenour, 59, died suddenly on January 12. She joined the Division as a dispatcher at the Piqua Post in December 1989, and also served as a drivers license examiner. Since August 1997, she had served as a secretary at Piqua District Headquarters. She is survived by her son, Kelly.

OSHP RETIREE NEWS

Former Findlay commanders gather to honor retiree

ES1 Lisa Warren retired recently after 30 years of service at Findlay DHQ. More than 100 of Lisa's friends and family honored her at a celebration of her years of service, including all six of the district commanders that Lisa worked with during her career.

From left: Ret. Lt. Colonel Sheldon Senek, Ret. Major Steve Friday, Colonel Richard Collins, Lisa Warren, Ret. Capt. Charlie Ireland, Ret. Capt. Charlie Clark, Ret. Capt. Dave Furiate, and Capt. Dan Kolcum, who was an assistant district commander at Findlay.



Ashland

Each year, troopers from the Ashland Post assist students from Hillsdale High School with the school's Safe Driving Program. The program is sponsored by students and targets safety belt usage.

This year, Tpr. Penny Beaty and Tpr. Kyle Ross assisted the students with taking a safety belt use survey as students and teachers arrived at the school in the morning. Those wearing safety belts were awarded gift certificates donated by the local Pizza Hut restaurant.

Right: Tpr. Beaty and Hillsdale students prepare to conduct their safety belt survey.



Toledo



Tpr. Justin Bryant and Sec. Patti Largent (Teddy Trooper) participated in a speech detail at the Toledo Christian School. They spoke to the kindergarten class about child safety and being a state trooper. Teddy Trooper was a big hit and pleased the children by handing out coloring books.

Findlay District



Plainclothes investigator, Tpr. Kent Stambaugh represented the Patrol recently at the graduation of the 21st Class of the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy. Tpr. Stambaugh's son, Michael, was a member of the class from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. Tpr. Stambaugh participated in the ceremony and pinned on his son's badge.

Dayton



State Representative Clayton Luckie (right), pictured with Tpr. Bryan Cook, visited the Dayton Post recently to participate in a trooper ride along. Post employees discussed the Division's *LifeStat 1.0* initiative with Rep. Luckie, who also reportedly learned a thing or two about troopers' mobile computer terminals (MCTs) and how to use a hand-held Laser.

Wilmington District

Troopers from several Wilmington District posts were joined by members of the Central Ohio Motorcycle Unit at the Cincinnati Auto Expo, held February 15-18 in Cincinnati. A Division display featuring a patrol car and motorcycle allowed thousands of visitors to inspect the equipment and technology troopers use on the road.

From left: Sgt. James Russell and Tpr. Matthew Beccaccio, Hamilton, and Sgt. Steve Click, Central Ohio Motorcycle Unit.



Georgetown



Tpr. Richard Gable received the Southwestern Ohio Madd Chapter's "Top Cop" award on February 15 for his efforts to remove impaired drivers from Ohio's roadways. He was one of 20 area officers honored for their dedication to enforcing impaired driving laws and prosecuting impaired drivers.

Chillicothe



On November 23, 2006, Sgt. Greg McKeever, Lt. Lee Darden, Secretary Dawn Forsythe, and Network Administrator Marcia Carroll-Duarte and her daughters, Rachel and Kaitlin, participated in Chillicothe's Turkey Trot, which is held in memory of Chillicothe police officer Larry Cox, with proceeds funding a scholarship in Cox's honor.

Posts support Scouts



Sgt. Brett Henderson and Aux. George Mancilovich recently hosted Cub Scouts from Bear Den 7 in Poland, Ohio, at the Canfield Post. The officers discussed the duties and responsibilities of the Patrol and provided the boys with a tour of the post and a patrol car, which was a big hit.



Tpr. Rocky Hise, Portsmouth, met with more than 100 local Boy Scouts at Camp Oyo to talk to them about traffic safety, impaired driving, and crash investigation, which featured a practical exercise of taking measurements with a roll-a-tape. As a youngster, Tpr. Hise accomplished the rank of Eagle Scout.

Bucyrus

After Don Cherry, vice president of Wooster Motor Ways trucking company, was honored with a safety award by the Ohio Trucking Association, he contacted Capt. Herb Homan to request that the \$1,000 award honorarium be used by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for a *Partners for Safety* billboard project. The proposed project will consist of several billboards displaying a safety message, targeting traffic on U.S. Route 30 and Interstate 71 in Wayne, Ashland, and Richland counties.

From left: S/Lt. Ken Garloch, S/Lt. Chris Zurcher, Capt. Herb Homan, Don Cherry, and Sgt. Bradd Field.



Granville



The Granville Post recently hosted its Annual Auxiliary Dinner. The dinner is conducted as a tribute to the dedication of the post's auxiliary unit. Included in the picture are: Aux. Mike Stickle, Aux. Brian Simpson, Aux. Bill Simpson, and Aux. Jason Sanford, Sgt. Joseph Walker, Sgt. Steve Mahl and son, Sgt. Russ Pasqualetti and son, Sgt. Mary Cosgrove, Tpr. Aaron Reimer and family. Sgt. Mahl said, "The dedication and selflessness of the Auxiliaries assigned to the Granville Post and around the state does not go unnoticed. We truly appreciate their support and willingness to support the cause of the Division without asking for a thing in return."

Posts fight hunger



Ashtabula Post employees and their families donated over \$500 to provide 10 local families with food baskets. The baskets included a turkey and everything needed to make a holiday feast and were delivered to families in need the week prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Above, Sgt. Jerad Sutton delivers a basket.

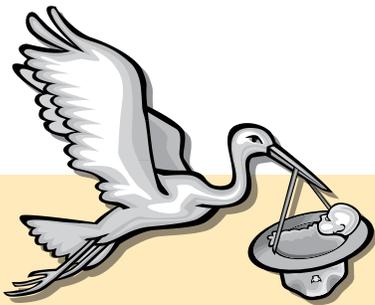


The Elyria Post coordinated a holiday food drive with two local schools to collect more than 5,100 pounds of food, which was distributed to three local food banks. Above, Tpr. Joran Cottom, Sgt. Paul March, and Sgt. March's family help collect food from one of the schools.

Van Wert

Top: Van Wert County Extension Agent Greg Homan presents CARTEENS awards to (from left) Lt. Gene Smith, Van Wert County Juvenile Court Judge Rex Fortney and retired Sgt. Lou Hohman, director of the program. Now in its twelfth year, Van Wert County CARTEENS is a diversion program for youthful traffic offenders. The four-hour program provides education on topics ranging from seat belt safety and traffic laws, to learning good decision-making and how to drive defensively. The program has graduated 1,560 teens since it began and Hohman noted only about 13 percent of participants become repeat offenders.

Bottom: Santa Claus and Tpr. Michael Dirr handed out treats to Lincolnview Elementary School students as the students brought donations for the local Toys for Tots program. *Photos by: Dave Mosier/Van Wert Independent*



Stork Visits

Tpr. Butch & Carrie Wilson, Lancaster, a girl, 12/5/06.
 Tpr. Jennifer (Academy) & Tpr. Adam Burkhart, Mansfield, a boy, 12/7/06.
 Tpr. Donald & Laura Kelley, Lancaster, a boy, 12/12/06.
 Disp. Rebecca & Paul Lay, Delaware, a boy, 12/13/06.
 Tpr. Curtis & Ginger Bryant, Hamilton, a girl, 12/13/06.
 Tpr. David & April Dingeman, Springfield, a boy, 12/14/06.
 Tpr. Ebon & Deborah Harrison, Chardon, a girl, 12/16/06.
 Disp. Diana Faunda (Sandusky) & Sgt. James Faunda, Norwalk, a boy, 12/20/06.
 Tpr. Steven & Elizabeth Landes, Xenia, a boy, 12/20/06.
 Sgt. Gene & Lisa Jarvi, Investigative Services, a boy, 12/22/06.
 Tpr. Matthew & Michele Davis, Fremont, a boy, 12/23/06.
 Sgt. Ronald & Kimberly Cox, Lisbon, a girl, 12/28/06.
 TT2 Shawn & Breana Hafford, Technology & Communication Services, a girl, 12/31/06.
 NA Ryan & Jennifer Blankenship, Piqua District, a girl, 1/8/07.
 Tpr. Vern & Keri Pickering, Wooster, a girl, 1/10/07.
 Tpr. Chris & Jill Kinn, Findlay, a boy, 1/18/07.
 Tpr. Delmer & Kimberly Hurd, Ironton, a girl, 1/17/07.
 Sgt. Rudy (Investigative Services) & Lani Zupanc, Fiscal Services, a boy, 1/22/07.

Tpr. Mark & Jennifer Wells, Wilmington, a boy, 1/22/07.
 Tpr. Ryan & April Stanley, Marysville, a boy, 1/23/07.
 DSS Thomas & Alice Brisco, Technology & Communication Services, a son, 2/2/07.
 Tpr. Rocky Julianna Hise, St. Clairsville, a boy, 2/3/07.
 Sgt. Jason & Rhonda Greenwood, St. Clairsville, a girl, 2/9/07.
 Lt. Jerrod & Michelle Savidge, Findlay, a boy, 2/12/07.
 SLLI Kristina & Benjamin Adams, Dayton, a boy, 2/13/07.
 Sgt. Clint & Stacey Arnold, Lebanon, a girl, 2/14/07.
 Sec. Amy & Mike Silvaggio, Ashtabula, a boy, 2/14/07.
 Tpr. Dan & Alison Edelbrock, Lima, a girl, 2/15/07.
 Tpr. Chris & Jennifer Newman, Wilmington, a boy, 2/20/07.
 Tpr. Steven & Michele Drew, Norwalk, a girl, 2/22/07.
 Tpr. Jeffrey & Shelley Redden, Bucyrus DHQ, a boy, 3/5/07.
 Tpr. Matthew & Jody Schmenk, Wapakoneta, a boy, 3/7/07.
 Tpr. Ken Hall, Warren District, & Tpr. Colleen Coyne-Hall, Chardon, a girl, 3/8/07.
 Disp. Dorothy O'Neil-Meleski & George Meleski, Ravenna, a boy 3/13/07.
 Tpr. Shawn & Wendy Milburn, Canton, a girl, 3/14/07.
 Sgt. Antonio & Rosalia Matos, Hiram, a girl, 3/16/07.
 Tpr. Tyranda (Mt. Gilead) & Tpr. Anetra Franklin, Investigative Services, a girl, 3/22/07.
 Tpr. Mark & Christine Starnes, Bucyrus, a girl, 3/22/07.
 Tpr. Nick & Nicki Malo, Marion, a boy, 3/25/07.

As I organize my thoughts and attempt to send them for publication in the *Flying Wheel*, my mind goes to the award's banquet which will be history when you read this. However, because it is a time of celebration and recognition, it seems to me that it has a significance which lasts well beyond the actual event. It has been, and always will be, a marvelous blessing to be present when so many wonderful and committed individuals are honored.

Yes, as the awards are announced and presented, I fully realize that there are many well-deserving individuals who will not be recognized. In spite of that fact, there is never a public complaint or threatened boycott. The truth is that there is always a sense of unity and a respect for one another that is the result of the concept of family in the life of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

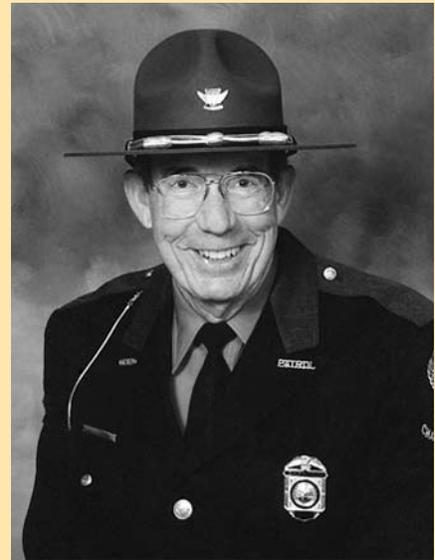
The support of the Patrol has been real to me and all the members of the Ellsworth family. It has been my experience as your State Chaplain to have seen the overwhelming support offered in times of tragedy and sorrow. Yes, there have been disappointments and various ways of handling grief and sorrow. However,

over the years, in spite of tragic events, no one has ever been lost from the Patrol family. It is my hope and prayer that no one will ever be excluded in any way from the sense of strength and unity which come from being together in an organization that truly lives by its Core Values.

Many years ago I used a Roman symbol which conveyed the message of "strength through unity." The symbol consists of a bundle of birch rods tied together with a red ribbon as a cylinder around an axe. Even though the individual birch rods might be fragile and easily broken if handled one at a time, together there is the strength to stand up to any challenge or adversity.

It seems to me that this symbol applies to the life and operation of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. There may be disappointments and different approaches, but there is the common mission that unites and the Core Values that bind everyone together so that, as the Apostle Paul declared: "We become more than conquerors."

As the Patrol moves into the future, may it do so with the knowledge of a rich tradition that



values the involvement of each member of the family and an assurance there is strength in unity. Also, may each one of you know that you are in the prayers and have the support of each one of your chaplains.

Richard D. Ellsworth

Richard D. Ellsworth
Chaplain



A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

House Bill 34

On April 6, House Bill 343 took effect, requiring children 4 to 15 years of age to be restrained in an approved child restraint system or safety belt, and regardless of seating position in a motor vehicle.

From 2004 to 2006, there were 107 fatalities, 1,297 incapacitating injuries, and 9,727 non-incapacitating injuries among child passengers 4 to 15 years of age. Of the 107 total fatalities 24 (22 percent) were among 4-7 year olds; 21 (20 percent) were among 8-11 year olds; and 62 (58 percent) were among 12-15 year olds. Passengers 14 and 15 years of age accounted for over one-third (36 percent) of the occupant fatalities. Nearly 39 percent of all 4- to 15-year-old passengers killed from 2004-2006 were seated in the vehicle's rear and not wearing a safety belt.



Southwest Ohio Motorcycle Unit

After a successful pilot program in central Ohio last year, the Patrol is adding a second motorcycle unit to our traffic enforcement and education efforts. The new unit will be based out of Cincinnati Operations and will patrol the greater Cincinnati metro area.

As with the original unit, members of the Southwest Ohio Motorcycle Unit will focus on metropolitan interstate enforcement and conducting motorcycle safety education efforts. The motorcycle units operate at one-third the cost of a patrol car tactical squad, and can efficiently and effectively move in metropolitan interstate areas to target both reckless driving and traffic congestion-related issues, which are contributing to crashes on metropolitan area outer belts and interstates.



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