

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### **48 Officers Graduate from Patrol's Basic Peace Officer Class**

COLUMBUS - Members of the 121<sup>st</sup> Basic Peace Officer Class received training certificates in a graduation ceremony held today at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. The 48 class members will assume duties as peace officers for 22 Ohio agencies.

The 18-week basic course began in February. The course was developed by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and offers comprehensive instruction in more than 150 topics, including criminal law, community relations, physical training, and patrol car operation.

Officer Jeffrey P. Wyss, Mason Police Department, was selected class speaker by his fellow class members and addressed the assembly.

Class honors went to the following:

- Overall Performer – Officer Brett A. Peeples, Wickliffe Police Department
- Academic – Officer Shawn M. Paynter, Upper Arlington Division of Police
- Firearms – Officer Douglas P. Laino, Brunswick Division of Police
- Physical Training – Officer Jason M. Gantt, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Driving – Officer Bobby G. Jackson Jr., Parma Police Department

Director Sean D. Logan, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, was the featured speaker for the ceremony and addressed an audience of graduates, friends, relatives, and law enforcement officers. Assistant Director George T. Maier, Ohio Department of Public Safety, also addressed the audience. Colonel Richard H. Collins, superintendent of the Patrol, provided remarks and presented the certificates of training to the graduates.

*Editor's note: Pages 2 and 3 contain a complete list of graduates and their agencies.*

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Joseph P. Catanese, New Albany Police Department  
Justin A. Chickey, Grandview Heights Police Department  
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Jeffery D. Cramer, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Randall W. Feesler, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Ryan A. Futo, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
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Brian T. Hawley, Kettering Police Department  
Walter J. Hodgkiss, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
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Natasha K. Mays, Upper Arlington Division of Police  
Patrick M. McGuffin, Perrysburg Police Division  
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Robert J. Nicholson, East Cleveland Police Department  
Louis A. Park, Parma Police Department  
Shawn M. Paynter, Upper Arlington Division of Police  
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Jared R. Rhoten, Centerville Police Department  
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Daniel M. Rosa, West Chester Police Department  
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Steven D. Seitzman, West Chester Police Department  
Jonathan C. Sever, Washington CH Police Department  
Michael N. Snode, Newark Division of Police  
James A. Thomas, Mentor Police Department  
Jared J. Thomas, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
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Kevin T. Tschantz, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Ryan T. Turner, Centerville Police Department  
Tammy J. Vanderwall, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Jessica N. Veselica, Grove City Police Department

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Chad C. Wood, Hilliard Police Department

Jeffrey P. Wyss, City of Mason Police Department

Reginald A. Young, Mt. Vernon Police Department

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