

What we have to offer

Opportunities

Specialty positions are available for troopers after they have learned the core job. Some of those include:

- Criminal Investigator
- Police Instructor
- Aircraft Pilot
- Executive Protection
- Commercial Motor Carrier Inspector
- Crash Reconstruction
- Traffic and Drug Interdiction
- Motor Vehicle Inspector
- Recruitment and Minority Relations

Advancement rests in each trooper's own hands. Troopers may take a promotional exam after four years of service. Depending on the exam score, troopers are given the opportunity to attend an assessment center to rate the skills required to be a supervisor.

Benefits & Retirement

Troopers work a 40-hour week and are entitled to 10 paid holidays, four personal days, and 10 paid sick leave days per year.

Vacation

Troopers receive two to six weeks per year based on seniority.

Insurance

Troopers receive paid vision and dental insurance. A variety of health insurance plans are available to all employees and their families. Also, troopers receive paid life insurance.

Other Benefits

- Worker compensation protection
- Tuition reimbursement program
- Uniforms and equipment provided
- Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union

Retirement

Troopers are eligible to retire at a minimum age of 48 with 25 years of service. The pension benefit is currently 61-79 percent of the average salary of the officer's highest three-year period of service.

Qualifications

To become an Ohio State Trooper, each applicant must fulfill the following minimum qualifications:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be an Ohio resident (may be waived)
- Have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate
- Have a valid Ohio driver license
- Be 21 to 34 years of age

Academy & Training

Once selected as a State Patrol Cadet, individuals will report to the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus. Cadet trainees are required to live at the Academy five days a week for 145 training days. Cadets receive extensive training in Ohio laws, misdemeanor and felony arrest techniques, human relations, crash investigation, self-defense tactics, firearms, defensive driving and patrol techniques, as well as many other areas.

Upon successful completion of the classroom training, cadets graduate to the rank of trooper. New troopers report to their post assignments and begin a 12-week on-the-job training period with a Field Training Officer. Upon completion of the training period, troopers return to the Academy for one week of additional training in specialized areas, then return to their post assignments to begin their careers.

Thank you for considering the Ohio State Highway Patrol. We take pride in all of our personnel being where they are needed, when they are needed, to do what is needed.

Recruitment and Selections Section

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Women in the Highway Patrol



Oath of Office

I do hereby swear and/or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Trooper in the Ohio State Highway Patrol to the best of my ability during my continuance in said office.



HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is a statewide law enforcement agency charged with enforcing traffic and criminal laws on public roadways and on state-owned or -leased property. On average, 1,500 troopers patrol over 113,000 miles of roadways in the Buckeye State.

In 1977, Dianne Harris became the first female trooper as a member of the 100th Academy Class. Today, women make up about 10 percent of the Patrol's sworn officer force and serve in a wide variety of positions including specialty and command assignments.

Women Behind the Badge



Captain Michelle Henderson



Prior to joining the Highway Patrol, I was a single parent working part-time and attending Muskingum Technical College. I was encouraged by a trooper from the Zanesville Post to pursue a career with the Highway Patrol. I accepted the challenge and graduated with the 118th Academy Class in 1989. My assignments have included working as a road trooper, as an investigator, and as administrative assistant to two superintendents. Currently, I am the Executive Officer in Investigative Services. Women can have successful careers in law enforcement. Working for the patrol has afforded me the ability to financially support my family and pursue educational opportunities while serving Ohio.



Staff Lieutenant Brenda Collins



After a year of college, I was working two minimum wage jobs. I knew I needed a more rewarding future. A trooper from my hometown encouraged me to join the Highway Patrol. During my 20+ years, I have worked in drug and criminal interdiction, as a police instructor, a public information officer and a post commander. Every trooper has the opportunity to make her career diverse and exciting while making a difference in the community. Does the heart of a trooper beat inside you?



Lieutenant Judy Wynn-Neel



Currently, I am the commander of the Cleveland Office of Investigative Services, which is very rewarding. Our organization offers opportunities for learning and job advancement that are not available in smaller agencies.



Lieutenant Robin Schmutz



I began my career as a single parent and have enjoyed opportunities that may not have been available otherwise, such as working in investigations and public affairs. I also earned a Master's degree while working full-time. I am grateful that my career helps me be a positive role model for my children and others.



Trooper LaDonna Klocinski



I graduated from the Academy in 1998. It has proven to be a rewarding career with new challenges every day. Over the years, the Patrol has been accommodating through my military obligations and two pregnancies. The variety of shifts available has enabled me to spend more time with my family and avoid day care completely.



Trooper Tiffany Coriell



I was attracted to the Patrol's history as an elite agency that stresses accountability and professionalism, and the many career opportunities for women. I am proud to be a part of this organization, which has accommodated my military requirements allowing me to serve my country while giving me the chance to influence people and make a difference.



Trooper Dora Gonzalez



The Highway Patrol has afforded me the opportunity to live my dream as a trooper. Working as a Hispanic female and single mother can be challenging, but the Patrol has been very supportive. I have enjoyed being part of an organization that promotes family values and community service.