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Patrol Auxiliary Class begins tomorrow

COLUMBUS - The Ohio State Highway Patrol will begin training 23 unpaid volunteers tomorrow as part of the Patrol's Auxiliary program, which provides assistance to troopers in the course of their duties. Among the duties of an unarmed Auxiliary officer are crash scene and traffic stop assistance, traffic control, disaster relief, and special detail support. This is the first class in three years.

Courses taught by Patrol Academy staff over the eight-day training include firearm familiarization, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, cultural sensitivity and assisting in crash investigation.

The Patrol Auxiliary was formed in 1942 with members contributing thousands of hours a year in an assortment of functions. Each member is required to volunteer a minimum of 120 hours per year to remain active.

Applicants are required to pass a medical examination, background check and must pass written and physical tests, before attending Auxiliary training.

Each of the Auxiliary members will volunteer at posts in their home area. The new auxiliary members will be assisting 16 of the Patrol's 55 posts.

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