

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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

COLUMBUS - Members of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Basic Peace Officer Class received training certificates in a graduation ceremony held today at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. The 37 class members will assume duties as peace officers for 19 Ohio agencies.

The 18-week basic course began in August. 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 Cynthia L. Drerup, Miamisburg Police Department, was selected class speaker by her fellow class members and addressed the assembly.

Class honors went to the following:

- Overall Performer – Officer Kevin M. Current, Miamisburg Police Department
- Academic – Officer John D. Murphy, Strongsville Police Department
- Firearms – Officer Eric J. Scott, Fayette County Sheriff's Office
- Physical Training – Officer Holly A. Tube, Lakewood Police Department, and Officer Steven Laman, The Ohio State University Police Department
- Driving – Officer Christopher T. Hedrick, Portsmouth Police Department

Chief Paul Denton, The Ohio State University Police Department, was the featured speaker for the ceremony and addressed an audience of graduates, friends, relatives, and law enforcement officers. Director Henry Guzmán, Ohio Department of Public Safety, and Assistant Executive Director Deborah M. Furka, Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, 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: Page 2 contains a complete list of graduates and their agencies.*

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Michael D. Bertz	Strongsville Police Department
Michael A. Blankenship	West Chester Police Department
Kyle L. Brookover	Zanesville Police Department
Joe J. Bugaj	Brooklyn Police Department
Robert E. Campbell	Reynoldsburg Police Department
Ettor A. Canestraro Jr.	Steubenville Police Department
Jeffrey A. Carnine	Forest Park Police Department
Nicole C. Conn	Mansfield Police Department
Chad R. Cruset	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Kevin M. Current	Miamisburg Police Department
James M. Davenport	Springfield Police Division
Cynthia L. Drerup	Miamisburg Police Department
John Fuduric	Richmond Heights Police Department
Jeffery P. Gieski	West Chester Police Department
Colin W. Grace	Strongsville Police Department
Christopher T. Hedrick	Portsmouth Police Department
Justin J. Hibbitt	Bexley Police Department
Amanda C. Hnizdil	Parma Police Department
Kevin L. Huff	The OSU Police Department
DuWayne K. Hush	Springfield Police Division
Jeffrey K. Kaercher	Centerville Police Department
Jonathan S. Kaniecki	Parma Police Department
Steven M. Kopniske	Parma Police Department
Steven Laman	The OSU Police Department
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Ryan A. Mink	Springfield Police Division
John D. Murphy	Strongsville Police Department
Jerrold L. Osborne	Springfield Police Division
Joel Robinson	Portsmouth Police Department
Thomas A. Schill Jr.	Brooklyn Police Department
Eric J. Scott	Fayette County Sheriff's Office
Cassandra L. Shaffer	The OSU Police Department
Timothy Stewart	Portsmouth Police Department
Holly A. Tube	Lakewood Police Department
Toneli J. Webb	Mansfield Police Department
Paul J. Wendling Jr.	Springfield Police Division
Robert A. White II	Forest Park Police Department

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