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Our potential has yet to be defined

With the graduation of the 154th Academy Class, the Ohio State Highway Patrol is poised to lead Ohio and the United States for years. Your efforts, at all levels and positions, have resulted in establishing our organization as a worldwide leader. Those are the words of the former U.S. Secret Service Director, former U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Director, former FEMA Director and former Transportation Security Administration Director John Magaw.

Director Magaw said during his commencement address to members of the 153rd Academy Class his proudest days of public service occurred when he served in the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Likewise our greatest potential, even with our rich heritage, is in the years ahead.

In the last issue of the *Flying Wheel*, I recapped two years of incredible accomplishment. This issue will focus on our future that will build upon ideas we have developed together:

- We will break ground on the new Leadership building within the Academy. Completion and ribbon cutting is targeted for 2014. It will include a state-of-the-art lecture hall, adaptable training classrooms; meeting space, and offices. As part of that project, an eternal flame, dedicated to Reverend Richard and Linda Ellsworth, will be installed and forever watch over our Memorial Wall.
- We will begin and graduate our first leadership school for upper level commanders throughout Ohio. In partnership with The Ohio State University's John Glenn School of Public Affairs, we have developed a leadership course for law enforcement that replaces the previous courses offered by Northwestern University, the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute and a patchwork of previous leadership courses. Training will be provided to Ohio State Highway Patrol officers as well as law enforcement officers throughout Ohio.
- We will complete advanced officer safety high-speed driving training for the new Dodge Charger vehicles utilizing the internationally-recognized Mid-Ohio professional 2.4 mile driving track. While the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy provide training, current OPOTA facilities, instructors, and courses do not equal training programs offered by other state law enforcement agencies such as the California Highway Patrol and Michigan State Police. Training will be provided to Ohio State Highway Patrol officers as well as law enforcement officers throughout Ohio.
- We will move in to the Brook Park facility marking our first permanent home for operations in Cuyahoga County. The building, pictured on the back cover of this issue,

will combine the new Cleveland Metro Post, investigative services, vehicle theft unit, Ohio Investigative Unit, BMV investigators and other district functions into one facility to maximize operational efficiency.

- We will complete renovation of the Columbus Metro facility.
- We will open sub-posts for the first time since the 1950s. In establishing these sub-posts, we will enhance our over-all services in those counties where we do not already have an established post facility.
- We will reach our goal of increasing the number of canines and are approaching a canine complement of 34, which will mark the most canines our agency has ever had in service. In addition to more canines trained and deployed, we have solidified certification standards.
- We will lead the state and further establish Ohio as a leader in the Federal Highway Administration's Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program training and implementation. The Ohio QuickClear/TIM program is designed to promote the safe and efficient handling of traffic incidents throughout the state. It is built on the foundation that all first responders must work together as a team to be safe, effective and efficient. A program goal for 2013 is to reach 7,200 first responders in the state and have our training teams hold at least one four-hour training session in each of our 88 counties.
- We will reach our goal of doubling the number of DRE (drug recognition expert) officers within a two-year period. Currently there are 59 DREs in Ohio, with 24 DREs from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. By the end of 2014, we expect to have more than 125 DRE officers in Ohio dedicated to removing drug impaired drivers from our roadways. Additionally, nearly every sergeant and trooper has received Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training, which provides officers with general knowledge related to drug impairment.
- We will lead the more efficient and effective interagency utilization of federal traffic safety funds. Through the integration of the Ohio Traffic Safety Office into Patrol operations, more traffic safety partnerships and initiatives with local law enforcement will be funded with federal grant dollars.
- We will expand our already highly successful intelligence and information sharing services by assigning a full-time intelligence analyst to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program.

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New Brook Park facility will house all facets of Cleveland operations



On December 31, 2012, the Patrol purchased a building that will become the flagship facility in northeast Ohio. The Cleveland Operations building, also known as the Brook Park facility, will be the focal point of our future operations in that region of the state. The vision of Patrol leadership is to combine the Cleveland metro post, investigative services, vehicle theft unit, Ohio Investigative Unit, BMV Investigators and other district functions into one facility to maximize operational efficiency.

“The citizens of Ohio will immediately see an impact from the men and women assigned out of this facility. This building will provide the foundation for our employees to contribute to a safer Ohio,” said Colonel John Born.

Built in 2000, the 43,652-square foot building sits on 2.72 acres and offers more than 15,600 square feet of office space. With easy access to Interstate 480 in Cuyahoga County, the building



Colonel John Born signs papers related to the purchase of the Brook Park facility, the Patrol’s new base of operations in Cuyahoga County. Clockwise: Capt. Marla K. Gaskill, Colonel Born, realtor Steve Marcelli and title agent Kimberly McNally.

offers a unique location while providing the Patrol with a newer facility.

The money used to purchase this \$2.25 million dollar facility came directly from funds generated by criminal patrol efforts. The facility offers the

Department of Public Safety a unique opportunity to combine resources to maximize operations and eliminate multiple publicly-funded leased facilities with a combined cost savings of more than \$190,000 annually.

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- Our HUB services will grow dramatically with the expansion of the intelligence center and joint dispatching operations.
- Without sacrificing post operations, we will reach an all-time high in troopers assigned to federal and local task forces.
- We will complete construction of our expanded crime lab and evidence storage area.
- We will continue to expand collaborative efforts with the Ohio Investigative Unit, including trace-back investigations.

I am both humbled and honored to be a part of it. Contributing to a safer Ohio is the reality of what we’ve done for nearly 80 years. There is no better tribute to those who came before than to build on their foundation. There is no greater calling than doing what you do each day. Hold on—it’s only going to get better.

Colonel John Born
Superintendent

New assembly line at Central Install improves efficiency

When you think of Ford, Honda, Chrysler or Chevrolet, the “assembly line” comes to mind. Most of us have seen video of cars assembled from the smallest parts all the way up to the frame and body materials.

The auto industry has used this concept successfully for years. As the division looked at ways to increase cruiser installations to meet the challenges of increased personnel and to help decrease trade-in mileage for safety reasons, several installation methods were considered:

- Individual electronic technicians (ET) complete an entire install from start to finish;
- Two or more ETs work on an installation as a team;
- Set up an assembly line installation method; or
- Outsource the installation of cruisers.

The individual ET approach was the method previously employed by the division and the Office of Strategic Services studied it and each of the other methods.

The individual ET method produced between five and seven cruisers per week, which was not enough to help bring down trade-in mileage and produce the number of cruisers needed because of increases in personnel.

Central Install (CI) employed the team approach in the late 1990s and early 2000s, but the dynamics of personnel and administrative issues resulted in fewer cars installed weekly.

Research into outsourcing highlighted a potential increase in cost coupled with loss of control over the quality of installations. Currently, several other state agencies use CI to handle their installation needs to avoid outsourcing to a private vendor for similar reasons.

Through a survey of other agencies, it was found the Cali-

fornia Highway Patrol (CHP) uses an assembly line process. When considering CHP is three times larger than the Patrol in terms of personnel and cruiser numbers, its operation seemed to be one we could learn from.

A Patrol representative visited CHP and spent a day with assembly line technicians and supervisors. Not only did CHP face similar organizational challenges, but its assembly line solution addressed those needs in an efficient and effective manner. With this information, Patrol staff began developing an assembly line process for our cruisers.

With assistance from our Fiscal Section and from the Public Safety Procurement, Facilities and Fleet units, ET Manager Shawn Piper and ET3 Pete Flavin developed an assembly line that broke down installation processes into a natural progression of equally-sectioned time periods.

Central Install’s new design features prep and drilling templates completed by contract laborers. Installation stations for each step in the process, with the ability to eject a car from the line if unanticipated damage or issues are discovered, are positioned throughout the facility. A final re-assembly area, staffed by a contract laborer, and a final check station for quality control ends the approximate 19-hour process.

The benefit of the assembly line is that once all stations are fully charged, a new cruiser is produced every hour of operation. In the end, CI will go from five to seven cars a week to producing five cars per day, resulting in 15 cars installed per week over a three-day assembly line schedule, which reduces trade-in mileage, increases our fleet in the field and produces quality cruisers for our troopers.

During the other two days of the work week, ETs strip vehicles, work on specialty installations, restock parts, clean, train and complete other associated duties.

A new 19-station assembly line is being utilized to complete installation of new Patrol cruisers. The line has increased the number of cruisers installed each week from 5-7 to 15, which will help the division reduce trade-in mileage and meet demand created by an increase in personnel.



Crime Laboratory improvements support criminal patrol efforts

The past two years have been the busiest in the history of the Patrol Crime Laboratory as both 2011 and 2012 produced unprecedented growth in the criminal patrol function. As criminal patrol efforts continue, the efforts of laboratory staff will become more integral to this facet of organizational success.

The Patrol Crime Laboratory processes thousands of pieces of evidence and performs thousands of analytical tests each year. The quality of work is of the highest standard and continually validated by customers, jurisprudence and accreditation.

In 2012, evidence submissions reached an all-time high. Drug chemistry submissions are up about 24 percent to more than 10,000 cases; toxicology submissions are up about 10 percent to nearly 11,000 cases. Growth has been almost exponential in recent years and is expected to continue.



Criminalist Beth Wolford of the Toxicology Section analyzes urine samples for drugs.

Lab Structure

The Crime Laboratory employees are directly responsible for the successful adjudication of some of the most serious offenses the Patrol is charged to enforce.

Two scientific units, the Toxicology Section and the Drug Chemistry Section, are managed by three directors who oversee scientific reporting and ensure compliance in accordance with scientific best practices, accreditation, division standards, and Ohio Department of Health rules.

Two directors are assigned to Toxicology—one is responsible for the alcohol program and the other is responsible for the drug program. The third director oversees all solid dose drug chemistry and is responsible for the Drug Chemistry Section.

The Crime Laboratory now employs 13 criminalists, having hired six professionals in this classification since 2010. The criminalists' duties range from analytical work to providing expert testimony in court. Collegiate trained, validated by accreditation, licensed by the Ohio Department of Health, and proficiency tested throughout the year, these individuals are the standard bearers of laboratory best practices.

The five members of the Crime Laboratory management team are also highly-trained scientists and contribute to testing and provide scientific oversight. Five other employees manage the administrative functions of the laboratory.

Interagency Cooperation

In addition to services provided within the Division, the Crime Laboratory also serves hundreds of law enforcement agencies across Ohio in a variety of ways.

The Crime Laboratory is the officially-recognized toxicology laboratory for the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program, under which officers trained as DREs submit biological evidence to the laboratory. The program is supported by federal grants and no fee is charged to submitting agencies.

The Crime Laboratory also was designated as the liaison with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation relative to DNA collection under S.B. 77.

As part of another service provided, approximately 168 agencies currently use our K9 training aids. They are reclaimed and replaced every two years or as needed. The cost for individual police

agencies to obtain exemplar aids would be prohibitive. For example, if an agency would purchase actual chemical standards the cost would be approximately \$189,000 per kit.

Meeting Future Challenges

In addition to hiring additional staff, the Division is making other investments to help the Crime Laboratory meet increased demand for services:

- A renovation project will add a chemistry laboratory, a toxicology laboratory, an instrument room and office and storage space. This project will be completed in April.
- The 2012 purchase of the most modern and high-tech instruments and work stations available will aid staff and complement the renovation project.
- Several recent efforts have been aimed at decreasing turnaround time for all cases. These efforts include a Kaizen event, converting the Drug Chemistry Lab to "paperless", changing conventional operational practices to streamline casework, approving overtime for

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GRADUATION DAY

153RD ACADEMY CLASS

81 new troopers assigned to posts around Ohio

The Patrol's 153rd Academy Class graduated February 8, 2013, after 22 weeks of intense paramilitary training. The keynote address was provided by John W. Magaw, former director of the U.S. Secret Service and a 1959 graduate of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. Additional remarks were provided by Director Thomas P. Charles, Ohio Department of Public Safety; Colonel John Born, Patrol Superintendent, and Captain Brigette Charles, Academy Commandant. The Oath of Office was issued by Judge Peter B. Abele, Fourth Appellate District, Ohio Court of Appeals.

Courses completed by the 153rd class included Core Values, crash investigation, criminal and traffic law, detection of impaired drivers, firearms, physical fitness, and self-defense. The cadets also received training in motor vehicle operations.

Tpr. Brian J. Cowles, Poland, Ohio, was selected as class speaker and thanked the Academy and cadet family members for being supportive during their training.

Six of the graduates received special honors for top performance in various fields of study at the Patrol Academy. The honorees were:

- Overall performance - Tpr. Brian J. Cowles, Poland, Ohio.
- Top performance in academics - Tpr. Jeremiah J. Smith, Botkins, Ohio.
- Top performance in driving - Tpr. Timothy J. Shafer, Defiance, Ohio.
- Top performance in firearms - Tpr. Brent E. Hill, Franklin, Ohio and Jacob C. Morrison, Grove City, Ohio.
- Top performance in physical training - Tpr. Joshua P. Smith, Tiffin, Ohio.

Additionally, the following cadets were recognized for their leadership: Tpr. Bryan C. Cox, Oak Hill, Ohio; Tpr. Derek J. Cummins, Cardington, Ohio; and Tpr. Corey E. Ross, Wilmington, Ohio.

Each of the commissioned troopers reported to their posts on February 9, 2013. The graduates' first 60 working days will be a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new graduates are assigned to 37 of the Patrol's 57 posts.



Recent Criminal Patrol Successes

January 22: Troopers seize guns, crack and marijuana



Troopers stopped a Chevrolet Impala with Massachusetts registration for a speed violation on U.S. 23 in Scioto County. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed a loaded Springfield XD 40 caliber, a loaded .38 Special, 29 grams of crack cocaine and 45 grams of marijuana. The drugs have an estimated value of nearly \$10,000.

January 6: Troopers seize 225 balloons of heroin

Troopers stopped a GMC Sierra pick-up truck to investigate a warrant violation on State Route 13 in Richland County. The owner-driver of the vehicle was arrested on an outstanding warrant. A search incident to arrest revealed 225 balloons of heroin (approximately 40 grams) worth nearly \$6,000.

December 17: Troopers seize cocaine



Troopers stopped an Oldsmobile Delta 88 for turn signal and child restraint violations on Interstate 77 in Summit County. Troopers observed criminal indicators and, upon further investigation, determined contraband was being concealed in the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 750 grams of cocaine and \$17,955 in cash. Troopers also discovered several hypodermic needles and metal spoons.

December 13: Troopers seize 353 pounds of marijuana



Troopers stopped a Dodge 2500 pick-up truck with Washington registration for a following too closely violation on Interstate 80 in Erie County. Troopers detected the odor of raw marijuana and a probable cause search of the vehicle revealed eight large duffel bags containing 353 pounds of hydroponic marijuana worth an estimated \$1,588,500.

November 29: Troopers seize 743 pounds of marijuana



Troopers stopped a Ford F150 pickup with fictitious U.S. Government registration for an improper lane change violation on Interstate 70 in Preble County. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 36 vacuum sealed and shrink wrapped bundles of marijuana, weighing approximately 743 pounds, concealed in the cargo area of the van. The marijuana is worth an estimated \$1,686,610.

November 16: Troopers Dismantle Fake ID Ring

Troopers executed a search warrant on a residence located in Columbus and dismantled a fake ID ring. The residence was at the center of an investigation into the illegal manufacture and sale of fraudulent Ohio driver licenses. Fraudulent documents were being used to obtain vehicle titles, registrations, social security cards, utilities and bank accounts.

Among evidence seized was a large amount of hidden cash, data storage devices, digital cameras, cell phones, computers, printers, blank ID card stock, state and federal holograms, fake state & federal ID cards, vehicle titles, birth certificates and hundreds of personal identities. Three suspects were taken into custody.

Wilson appointed new Auxiliary leader, Rawlins retires

Colonel John Born, Patrol Superintendent, appointed Arthur L. Wilson as the Patrol Auxiliary's new Colonel. Commissioned into the Auxiliary in 2002, Wilson has served in various Auxiliary command capacities at the Patrol's General Headquarters and at the Columbus District Headquarters.

Wilson replaces Brent A. Rawlins, who retired as Auxiliary Colonel

in May 2012. He received his commission in 2002 and was assigned to the Piqua Post until his retirement. Rawlins twice received District Auxiliary Officer of the Year and was selected as the State Auxiliary Officer of the Year in 2003. Rawlins works for the Ohio Department of Public Safety and is currently Chief of the Information Technology Business Services Section.



Brent A. Rawlins



Arthur L. Wilson

New auxiliaries sworn in

A new Auxiliary class graduated on Sept. 8, 2012. The six new officers trained at the Patrol Academy in first aid, self defense, stops and approaches and other aspects of Auxiliary work. The Auxiliary is currently completing background investigations for a new class, which will be held in April.

The new officers are Mark Klopfenstein of Archbold; Mathew Moore of Painsville; Eric Dill of Columbus; Dennis Hetterscheidt of Grove City; Mark Rush of Columbus; and Emily Pinney of Logan.

Allison earns Military Service Award

Auxiliary Staff Major Emeritus Ray Allison was honored for his military service by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. Among other awards, he earned the Purple Heart and a Silver Star Medal, which is the third highest decoration for valor in the Armed Forces and is awarded for gallantry in action. He also served 16 years with the U.S. Army Reserve.

After his service with the Marine Corps, Allison served more than 25 years as a trooper in the Ohio State Highway Patrol. After his Patrol retirement, he served 16 years as a member of the Auxiliary. He currently serves on the Perry County Veterans Services Commission Board.

A sampling of messages received on the Patrol's Facebook and Twitter pages:

 www.facebook.com/ohiostatehighwaypatol

My greatest thanks to the female trooper of the Piqua Post who assisted a stranded motorist early this morning. In my opinion, she went way past the call of duty. Thank you!

I have encountered troopers twice while driving. Once, I was pulled over for speeding, which I was doing, and the second time, I had pulled off the side of the road because my windshield fogged over and I could not continue. One of your troopers stopped on his way to a disabled vehicle to make sure I was okay. During both encounters, the individual in question was kind, respectful, professional, compassionate, and above all, doing his job in an honorable fashion. Thank you so much for the service you provide.

I would like to thank two members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol near Ashtabula, Ohio. They helped my brother get out of a ditch in bad weather on Jan. 31 near Seven Hills Road on I-90. On behalf of my mother, myself and my brother, thank you!

Thank you to the officer that stopped and helped my wife and me on I-77N last evening. We were having trouble with the headlights on the truck and he helped get them back on and us back on our way. I wish I had gotten his badge number or name so I could thank him personally. Thank you for everything.

 www.twitter.com/oshp

I am really impressed as well as pleased as a taxpayer to learn of the tremendous amount of drug interdiction traffic stops that have been made recently on U.S. 23 in Lucasville, Ohio. Thank you and your organization for doing what you do, and for keeping us all safe! Keep up the good work!

This evening I had a scare with a car going off the road, then swerving towards us. In an attempt to save a life, we decided to follow them and call the cops. The dispatcher was amazingly helpful, kept us on the line, and routed a state trooper to our location. They pulled the individual over and whether they ended up being drunk or having some sort of other excuse for their driving, they needed to be off the road. I was really impressed with the extremely prompt reaction to our call! Thank you!

@OSHP just saw a trooper help push a disabled vehicle! Thanks for having such awesome officers!

OSP, thank you for everything you do out there on a daily basis. I know firsthand, and give much credit to Trooper Shockey, who 12+ years ago wrote me a ticket that woke me up and most likely saved my life. I never got to tell him thanks. I doubt he knows the difference he made for me in my life, but his decision impacted my life greatly in a very positive way.

Van Wert's Shawn Cook is 2012 State Trooper of the Year

The 2012 Ohio State Highway Patrol Leadership Awards culminated with Colonel John Born's announcement that Tpr. Shawn D. Cook of the Van Wert Post is the 2012 State Trooper of the Year.

More than two dozen past winners of the award were on hand in Columbus on February 1, 2013, to honor the Division's district troopers of the year and other employees recognized for efforts to contribute to a safer Ohio.

During an extremely busy 2012, Tpr. Cook led the Van Wert Post in OVI and seat belt enforcement, and was the post's top case investigator.

Lt. Leslie Brode, Van Wert's post commander, said "Shawn 'looks past the plate' on every one of his traffic stops, looking for indicators of a criminal nature or for signs that he may be able to assist someone."

He also served as the field training officer for three newly-graduated troopers and earned the Criminal Patrol ribbon for more than 12 felony case investigations that lead to felony arrests and the Ace Award for recovering five or more stolen vehicles with apprehensions.

In 2012, Tpr. Cook became a certi-

fied drug recognition expert (DRE), which is an officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. Tpr. Cook completed specialized training in detecting and identifying the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment. The process is based on observable signs and symptoms that are known to be reliable indicators of drug impairment. He is currently one of just 59 Ohio officers, including 24 troopers, to earn this certification.

In addition to earning recognition from the Division, Tpr. Cook also has been honored as one of Van Wert County's best law enforcement officers.

"Shawn is very diverse in his approach to working the road. He is routinely sought out by both senior and junior troopers because of his knowledge and expertise," Brode said.

Tpr. Cook is also involved in his community. He participates in food drives, fundraisers to support Special Olympics and volunteers his time by participating in a school reading program.

As State Trooper of the Year, Tpr. Cook will receive the Colonel Jack Walsh IACP Scholarship to attend the



Shawn D. Cook

IACP Annual Conference with Colonel Born. This privately-funded scholarship honors retired Colonel Jack Walsh, who is the only Ohio State Highway Patrol Superintendent to have served as chair the IACP/State and Provincial Division.

Tpr. Cook joined the Patrol in September 2003 as a member of the 141st Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Defiance Post. He transferred to Van Wert in 2005 where his peers previously voted him Post Trooper of the Year for 2007, 2008 and 2011.

Durham earns Blue Max Award



Timothy S. Durham

The Blue Max Award goes to the officer who recovers the most stolen vehicles with apprehensions during the year. Tpr. Timothy S. Durham, Springfield, is the 2012 Blue Max Award winner.

In 2012, Tpr. Durham recovered 16 stolen vehicles valued at \$138,550 and apprehended 17 suspects. He recovered stolen vehicles in the course of various patrol activities, including crash investigations and traffic stops, as well as observing vehicles that

were the subject of BOLO reports. Tpr. Durham also earned this award in 2006.

Tpr. Durham joined the Patrol as a member of the 139th Academy Class. He earned his commission in October 2002. He has served at Springfield throughout his career and has been voted Post Trooper of the Year three times.

Wilson wins Criminal Patrol



Michael R. Wilson

The Criminal Patrol Award goes to the officer with the most investigations of felony cases that lead to felony arrests.

The winner for 2012 is Tpr. Michael R. Wilson, of the Columbus District Criminal Patrol Unit. He finished the year with 64 criminal patrol points and 85 felony arrests. Most of his cases were drug-related, and three cases involved firearms violations. Tpr. Wilson also earned the statewide

Criminal Patrol award in 2010.

Tpr. Wilson is a member of the 142nd Academy Class. He earned his commission in November 2004 and was assigned to the Granville Post. He transferred to the Columbus District Criminal Patrol Unit in November 2012.

Lauren Merz earns Chiaramonte Award for education efforts



Lauren E. Merz

Tpr. Lauren E. Merz of the Warren Post earned the Robert M. Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award.

The Chiaramonte Award recognizes troopers' dedication to humanitarian efforts, both professionally and personally.

Tpr. Merz has dedicated herself to educating young people about responsible driving. She is the creator or co-creator of three youthful driver education programs utilized in Trumbull County. One of the

programs was added to Trumbull County's 4H Carteens teen driving program. A video created through another program was adopted by the Ohio Department of Education to showcase around the state. Her efforts have undoubtedly resulted in safer driving behaviors in hundreds of youthful drivers in Trumbull County and around our state.

Tpr. Merz is a member of the 124th Academy Class. She

earned her commission in June 1993 and was assigned to Warren where her peers voted her Post Trooper of the Year in 2001. In her career, she also has served as a plainclothes investigator with the Warren District Office of Investigative Services.

Chiaramonte Award Nominees

Findlay	Tpr. Thomas J. Vaculik
Bucyrus	Tpr. Michael Weber
Massillon.....	Sgt. Robert E. Gable
Warren	Tpr. Lauren E. Merz
Piqua	Sgt. Veroman D. Witcher Jr.
Columbus.....	Tpr. John D. Chaney
Cambridge.....	Tpr. Edwin A. Weigand
Wilmington	Sgt. Donald W. Combs
Jackson.....	Lt. Karla M. Taulbee

Russell wins Trooper Recognition



Michael D. Russell

Tpr. Michael D. Russell, Warren District, was selected State Trooper Recognition Award winner from 10 regional recipients. The award recognizes troopers assigned to specialty positions.

Tpr. Russell is a plainclothes investigator and a member of the Vehicle Theft Unit. His investigations in 2012 resulted in the recovery of stolen cars and construction equipment worth more than \$2 million.

Tpr. Russell is a member of the 123rd Academy Class. He was the

Ravenna Post Trooper of the Year in 1996 and 2002.

Herron earns first Rice Award



Steven K. Herron Jr.

Sgt. Steven K. Herron Jr., Lancaster Post, won the first-ever Colonel Thomas W. Rice Award to honor a sworn supervisory officer for outstanding leadership. The award is sponsored by the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association.

Sgt. Herron is a member of the 133rd Academy Class and earned his commission in July 1999. He served at Lima and Circleville before transferring to the Polygraph Unit in 2004. In 2009, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to the Delaware Post. He transferred to his most recent assignment as an assistant post commander at Lancaster in 2010.

District Trooper Recognition Awards

Findlay.....	Tpr. William R. Bowers, <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Bucyrus	Tpr. Bryan L. Butler, <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Massillon...	Tpr. Richard T. Sprague, <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Warren.....	Tpr. Michael D. Russell, <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Piqua.....	Tpr. James R. Bennett II, <i>motor vehicle inspector</i>
Columbus.....	Tpr. Joel E. Smith, <i>motor vehicle inspector</i>
Cambridge	Tpr. Larry D. Gaskill, <i>crash reconstruction</i>
Wilmington...	Tpr. Jeffrey R. Crook, <i>plainclothes investigator</i>
Jackson.....	Tpr. Nicholas S. Johnson, <i>canine handler</i>
GHQ.....	Tpr. Nadi C. Graham, <i>Special Response Team</i>

Rice Award Nominees

Findlay	Sgt. Nathan L. Henn
Bucyrus	Sgt. Matthew L. Them
Massillon.....	Sgt. Robert E. Gable
Warren	Sgt. Ronald E. Bornino
Piqua	Sgt. Christopher Colbert
Columbus.....	Sgt. Steven K. Herron
Cambridge.....	Sgt. Mark A. Glennon
Wilmington	Sgt. Andrew R. Worcester
Jackson.....	Sgt. John R. Silvey Jr.

Zatvarnicky is Dispatcher of Year



Amy M. Zatvarnicky

Disp. Amy M. Zatvarnicky of the Warren Dispatch Center was selected 2012 State Dispatcher of the Year from 10 district and GHQ candidates.

In 2012, Disp. Zatvarnicky was instrumental to the Warren Dispatch Center's efforts to train new dispatchers. She was widely praised by her peers and supervisors for her work performance and teamwork.

Disp. Zatvarnicky joined the Patrol in September 1998. She has served at three different dispatch centers in the Warren District during her tenure.

Forbes wins Employee Recognition



Wendy C. Forbes

Wendy C. Forbes, a planner supervisor in the Office of Personnel's Regional Training Unit, received the award presented annually to recognize excellence by a civilian employee.

Forbes retired on December 31, 2012, after more than 31 years of service to the State of Ohio, most of those years with our Division. Most recently, she served with our Regional Training Unit, which she helped build. The unit and its

REGIS training institute are dedicated to providing training at the post level and to our law enforcement partners in communities around the state for the benefit of all Ohioans.

Employee Recognition Awards

Findlay	Mike A. Hankins
Bucyrus	Carolyn M. Rosario
Massillon.....	Patricia A. Hughes
Warren	Charlene M. Grady
Piqua	Terri L. Murray
Columbus.....	Tracy J. Miller
Cambridge.....	Shirley P. Fithen
Wilmington	Deanna S. Simpson
Jackson.....	Susan S. Balzer
Field Operations.....	Cynthia M. Bell
Personnel.	Wendy C. Forbes
Strategic Services	Victoria L. Dowdy

Shepherd is Tech of the Year



Brian E. Shepherd

ET2 Brian E. Shepherd of the Wilmington District Electronic Technician Team was selected 2012 Electronic Technician of the Year from nine district and GHQ candidates. Electronic Technicians supports the Division's multiple radio systems by testing, maintaining, aligning and programming radios and equipment. He started with the Patrol in 1999 and joined the Wilmington Team in 2005.

District ET Award Winners

Findlay	ET3 Kraig A. Kent
Bucyrus	ET2 Regena D. Brokaw
Massillon	ET2 Douglas A. Carnegie
Warren	ET3 William J. Hummel
Piqua	ET2 John V. Trittschuh
Cambridge	ET2 James K. Howell
Wilmington.....	ET2 Brian E. Shepherd
Jackson.....	ET2 Robert W. Graves
GHQ.....	ET3 Peter M. Flavin

Lester wins MCEI of the Year



Anthony R. Lester

Anthony R. Lester, Jackson District, won the 2012 State 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.

MCEI Lester joined the Division in May 1997 and has served as a motor carrier enforcement inspector since 1998.

District MCEI Award Winners

Findlay	Tpr. Willie E. Richardson
Bucyrus	MCEI Richard D. Bell
Massillon	MCEI John J. M. Walker
Warren	MCEI John T. Rammel
Columbus.....	MCEIS Harold M. Smith
Cambridge	Tpr. Jeffrey P. Jirles
Wilmington.....	MCEI Kevin M. Swartz
Jackson.....	MCEI Anthony R. Lester

Boldin is OIU Agent of the Year

The Ohio Investigative Unit Agent of the Year award recognizes the agents who enforce state, federal and local laws with emphasis on liquor, food stamp and tobacco offenses.

The first-ever OIU Agent of the Year is Agent Robert Boldin from the Cleveland District. In 2012, Agent Boldin led a gambling investigation that evolved into an international case. Agent Boldin oversaw eight search warrants related to the investigation and commanded a briefing of more than 100 local, state and federal police officers.

OIU District Award Winners

Athens	Agent Byron Guinther
Canton	Agent Kenneth Van Horn
Cincinnati	Agent Christopher Moyers
Cleveland	Agent Robert Boldin
Columbus.....	Agent Phillip Williams
Toledo.....	Agent Michael Hakeos Jr.

Statewide Auxiliary award winners honored at Patrol ceremony

Earl Ulmer Meritorious Service Award

The Ulmer Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an Auxiliary officer for outstanding service, courage, valor or heroism. Aux. Sgt. Thomas G. Dittoe, Lancaster, earned the Ulmer Award for his life-saving efforts at the scene of a crash.

On May 27, 2012, Aux. Sgt. Dittoe and Tpr. R. J. Wilson were patrolling SR 668 in Perry County when they came upon a two-vehicle crash involving a 13-year-old riding a minibike. The boy suffered traumatic injuries and was lying motionless in the road.

Aux. Sgt. Dittoe jumped from the patrol car and ran to the boy while Tpr. Wilson retrieved the first aid kit and called for emergency medical response. The boy was not breathing, so Aux. Sgt. Dittoe cleared his airway and positioned him for CPR. The boy gasped for air, and within a few minutes, began breathing normally and responding to his pain.

Aux. Sgt. Dittoe continued to provide aid until the boy was airlifted to Nationwide Children's Hospital where the team treating him said the care provided at the scene was crucial to the boy's survival and recovery.

Aux. Sgt. Dittoe also received a Certificate of Recognition from the Patrol for this incident.



Thomas G. Dittoe

William J. Duffy Award of Excellence

Aux. Major Ross A. Leider, Springfield, received the Duffy Award. He joined the Auxiliary in 2002. Over the last three years, he has volunteered an average of 687 hours per year, including riding on patrol, working at sobriety checkpoints and special details.

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.



Ross A. Leider

District Auxiliary Award Winners

Findlay	Aux. Ofc. Matthew C. Butler
Bucyrus	Aux. Maj. Gerald C. Flegal
Massillon.....	Aux. Sgt. Antwan D. Armstrong
Warren	Aux. Maj. Denis M. Hite
Piqua	Aux. Maj. Ross A. Leider
Columbus.....	Aux. Lt. Bryon M. Doty
Cambridge.....	Aux. Ofc. George Hails
Wilmington	Aux. Ofc. Jeremy D. Gale
Jackson.....	Aux. Lt. Timothy S. Massie

Auxiliary of the Year

Aux. Lt. Bryon M. Doty, Delaware, won the State Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award for his excellence and dedication as a volunteer.

The Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award is presented to the officer who volunteers the most hours in a given year while demonstrating the core values of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary.

Aux. Lt. Doty joined the Auxiliary in 2011. In 2012, he volunteered 1,650 hours, including time riding on patrol, assisting at the Ohio State Fair, Ohio State University football game details, OVI checkpoints, Shield details and working at the Academy Store.



Bryon M. Doty

Post Troopers and Dispatchers of the Year **2012**

Troopers

Dispatchers

Troopers

Dispatchers

Findlay District

Lima	Kellie J. Jackson
Defiance	Michael P. Dirr
Findlay	Matthew N. Geer
Toledo	Shawn D. Grim
Van Wert	Shawn D. Cook**
Bowling Green	Evan M. Slates
Swanton	Gregory A. Harkey

N/A
N/A
Denise S. Blue*
N/A
Lori D. Yaney
Brian J. Gettinger

Columbus District

Delaware	Robert A. Curry
Lancaster	Chad M. McMunn
Cols. Metro	Christian J. Niemeyer
Granville	Robert L. Franks Jr.
West Jeff.	Jason R. Hofmann
Mt. Gilead	Coby L. Holloway*
Circleville	Melanie L. Provenzano

Kristina Jones
Teresa J. Elswick*
N/A
N/A
Catherine Route
N/A
N/A

Bucyrus District

Bucyrus	Gary L. Griffeth
Sandusky	Kent D. Jeffries
Norwalk	Thomas P. Halko
Marion	Mark A. Menendez*
Mansfield	Stephen D. Gillum
Fremont	Jordan L. Schwochow
Milan	John J. Williams

Pamela J. Hershberger*
Heidi J. Maloy
N/A
N/A
Carrie L. Wolford
N/A

Cambridge District

St. Clairsville	Dennis S. Wilcox
Cambridge	Shawn W. Allar
Steubenville	Mason P. Boyce*
Zanesville	Todd L. Henry
New Philly	Ryan D. Rainsberger
Marietta	Eric C. Knowlton

Melissa J. Rath*
David M. Spratt
N/A
N/A
Richard F. Skelly
N/A

Massillon District

Ashland	Richard M. Pollard II
Clev. Metro	Lawrence Roberts Jr.
Elyria	Cliffton D. Dowell
Medina	Harley Steppenbacker*
Canton	Clinton O. Smith
Wooster	Brandon J. Richardson
Berea	

N/A
N/A
N/A
Jennifer J. Smolka
Trevor L. Heavlin*
Heather A. Carr
Brittney N. Horning

Wilmington District

Georgetown	Lonnie M. Butler
Hamilton	Cristian A. Perrin*
Batavia	Drew A. Untied
Wilmington	Jeremy B. Priest
Xenia	Jacob M. Daymon
Lebanon	James D. Sparkman

N/A
N/A
Jennifer L. Werring
Susan E. Hamilton
N/A
Sarah C. May*

Warren District

Ashtabula	Daniel H. Jesse
Lisbon	William J. Sattler
Chardon	Brian M. McGill
Canfield	Brent L. Hartley*
Ravenna	Robert E. Kawecki
Warren	Donald E. Walker Jr.
Hiram	Tony D. Stephens

N/A
Amy L. Williams
N/A
Tamara A. Scheetz
Sharon L. Moore
Amy M. Zatvarnicky**

Jackson District

Athens	Dennis D. Brunton Jr.
Gallipolis	James M. Trelka
Jackson	Brooks L. Knechtly
Ironton	Darrin L. Webb
Chillicothe	Phillip M. Rutherford*
Portsmouth	Christopher M. Newman

Mitchell P. Saunders
N/A
Aaron M. Music
N/A
N/A
Scott N. Caudill*

GHQ

Statehouse

Bama R. Davis*

Piqua District

Wapakoneta	Jason A. Barhorst
Springfield	Richard A. Dixon
Piqua	Jeremy L. Morris*
Dayton	Christopher L. Ellison
Marysville	Joshua M. Beynon

N/A
Renee M. Kohl
Dawn M. Heppard*
Carol A. Stinnett
N/A

* District Winners **State Winners

2012 Auto Larceny Enforcement Awards

Ace Award

Tpr. Kristi J. Comstock
Tpr. Shawn D. Cook
Sgt. Clifton D. Dowell
Tpr. Timothy S. Durham
Tpr. Byron D. Foxx
Tpr. Edward G. Franke
Tpr. Matthew D. Himes
Tpr. Chad M. Lyons
Tpr. Craig A. Malone
Tpr. Kevin R. Morgan

Tpr. Matthew J. Ortiz
Tpr. Lawrence Roberts Jr.
Sgt. Matthew R. Schmenk
Tpr. Benjamin R. Seabolt
Tpr. David G. Slanker
Tpr. Justin N. Slusser
Tpr. Tammy D. Soto
Tpr. Drew A. Untied
Tpr. Vic L. Wolfe
Tpr. Tawanna L. Young

Three Bolts

Tpr. Kevin A. Beringo
Tpr. David M. Dingeman
Tpr. Aaron C. Doerfler
Tpr. Matthew A. Dyer
Tpr. Shawn D. Grim
Sgt. Jacob L. Fletcher
Tpr. Kyle L. Mackie
Tpr. Jason R. Metzger

Tpr. Jason P. Murfield
Tpr. Joseph M. Parsons
Tpr. Yvette M. Renicker
Tpr. Rustun K. Schack
Tpr. Timothy S. Tillman
Tpr. Timothy B. Williamson
Sgt. Andrew R. Worcester

Four Bolts

Tpr. John T. Baranowski

Award Of Excellence

Tpr. William R. Bowers
Tpr. Daniel R. Brown
Tpr. John A. Johnson

Tpr. Michael R. McCarthy
Tpr. Michael D. Russell
Tpr. Richard T. Sprague

2012 Criminal Patrol Awards

12 Points

Tpr. Frank C. Applegate
Tpr. Stacey L. Arnold
Tpr. James M. Baker
Tpr. Scott W. Bayless
Tpr. John G. Beeler
Sgt. Kurt D. Beidelschies
Tpr. Christopher H. Beyer
Tpr. Joshua M. Beynon
Sgt. Christopher M. Brock
Tpr. Ricky T. Caraway
Tpr. Tyler P. Carr
Tpr. Shawn D. Cook
Tpr. Joshua C. Craft
Tpr. Steven P. Daugherty
Sgt. Kevin D. Dillard
Tpr. Timothy S. Dobbins
Tpr. Donald S. Edgington

Tpr. Christopher L. Ellison
Tpr. Michael K. Ervin
Sgt. Lawrence V. Firmi
Tpr. Erik A. Golias
Tpr. Joseph R. Griffith
Tpr. David A. Grooms
Tpr. Jared L. Haslar
Tpr. Matthew D. Himes
Tpr. Delmer K. Hurd
Tpr. Nicholas S. Johnson II
Tpr. Jeffrey A. Kaess
Tpr. Kurt A. Kelley
Sgt. Donald P. Kelley
Sgt. Neil D. Laughlin
Tpr. Nicholas L. Lewis
Tpr. Bruce A. Mac Laine
Tpr. Jerrold T. March

Tpr. Shawn F. Milburn
Tpr. Jeremy L. Morris
Tpr. Daniel W. Morrison
Tpr. Shane M. Morrow
Tpr. David A. Norman
Tpr. Cristian A. Perrin
Tpr. Michael S. Phipps
Tpr. Matthew P. Robinson
Tpr. Alejo Romero
Tpr. Matthew A. Ruth
Tpr. Juan R. Santiago Jr.
Tpr. Rustun K. Schack
Tpr. Benjamin R. Seabolt
Tpr. Shawn M. Simms
Tpr. David G. Slanker
Tpr. Evan M. Slates
Tpr. Nikki N. Snead

Tpr. Harley Steppenbacker
Tpr. Ryan F. Stewart
Tpr. Joshua G. Stryker
Tpr. Adam B. Throckmorton
Sgt. Timothy J. Timberlake Jr.
Tpr. Michael S. Trader
Sgt. Aaron E. Vollmer
Tpr. Terrence D. Vollmer
Tpr. Casimir A. VonSacken
Tpr. Christopher A. Ward
Tpr. Robert J. Wilson
Tpr. Michael R. Wilson
Tpr. Travis H. Woodyard
Tpr. Zachary J. Yoder

5 Points

Tpr. Jason N. Archer
Tpr. Robert T. Bailey
Tpr. Jason A. Barhorst
P.O.2 William H. Baron
Tpr. L. Rich Barrett
Sgt. Jeffery L. Bernard
Tpr. Charles R. Bower III
Tpr. Bobby D. Brown
Tpr. James W. Bryner
Tpr. Lonnie M. Butler
Tpr. Jason L. Cadle
Sgt. Shad E. Caplinger
Tpr. Jeff S. Carpenter
Tpr. David R. Chamberlin
Tpr. Kristopher J. Conaway
Tpr. Justin G. Craig
Tpr. Wm. Scott Davis
Tpr. Anthony R. Day
Tpr. Michael P. Dirr
Tpr. Richard A. Dixon
Sgt. Clifton D. Dowell
Tpr. M. Darrell Dowler
Tpr. Matthew A. Dyer

Tpr. Daniel J. Edelbrock
Tpr. Timothy L. Ehrenborg
Sgt. Jacob L. Fletcher
Tpr. Shawn G. Fosgate
Tpr. Byron D. Foxx
Tpr. Kaitlin D. Fuller
Tpr. Matthew N. Geer
Tpr. Andrew P. Geer
Tpr. Timothy M. Gossett
Tpr. Robert J. Grubb
Tpr. Thomas P. Halko
Tpr. Jason W. Halstead
Tpr. Christina J. Hayes
Sgt. Terry T. Helton
Tpr. Samuel K. Hendricks
Sgt. Nathan L. Henn
Tpr. Jason R. Hofmann
Tpr. Jacques A. Illanz
Tpr. Charles M. Jackson
Tpr. Michael B. Jordan
Tpr. Jeffrey A. Kaess
Tpr. Eric C. Knowlton
Lt. Cassandra L. Kocab

Sgt. Rusty A. Lanning
Tpr. Bryan D. Lee
Tpr. Talmadge W. Lewis
Sgt. Joseph J. Luebbbers
Tpr. Kyle L. Mackie
Tpr. Michael T. Mahaffey
Tpr. Johnnie H. Maier
Tpr. Craig A. Malone
Tpr. Brian M. McGill
Tpr. Sean T. McLaughlin
Tpr. Jason R. Metzger
Tpr. Aaron M. Morgan
Tpr. Jason P. Murfield
Tpr. Christian J. Niemeyer
Tpr. Ivan Nunez
Tpr. Matthew J. Ortiz
Tpr. Joseph M. Parsons
Tpr. Patrick J. Pfouts
Tpr. Kyle E. Pohlable
Tpr. Craig M. Polasky
Tpr. Jeremy B. Priest
Tpr. Lawrence Roberts Jr.
Tpr. Ryan E. Robirds

Tpr. Jody D. Sawyers
Sgt. Matthew R. Schmenk
Tpr. Chris G. Seambos
Tpr. Marquis J. Shannon
Tpr. Paul J. Shore
Tpr. Justin N. Slusser
Tpr. Shaun O. Smart
Tpr. Keith G. Smith
Tpr. James D. Sparkman
Tpr. Nathan D. Stanfield
Tpr. Heath G. Strawser
Tpr. Eric M. Stroud
Tpr. Jacob M. Teal
Tpr. Drew A. Untied
Sgt. Ricky L. Vitte Jr.
Tpr. Donald E. Walker Jr.
Tpr. Nathan A. Ward
Tpr. Robert N. Webb
Tpr. Mathew T. Whims
Sgt. Jeremy S. Wickman
Tpr. Adam C. Williams
Tpr. Jason C. Williams

Certificates of Recognition



Members of the Patrol's Motorcycle Unit received Certificates of Recognition on January 24, 2013, for their exemplary service during the 2012 Presidential Motorcade detail in Ohio. From left: Colonel Born, Tpr. Jeremy Grillot, Tpr. James Hutchinson, Tpr. Andy Bennett, S/Lt. Shawn Lee, Tpr. Tim Sankoe, Sgt. Reggie Streicher, Sgt. Eric Widmyer, Tpr. Jody Salyers, Tpr. Merrill Thompson, Sgt. Scott Coomer, Tpr. Chris Williams, Capt. Paul Hermes, Tpr. Cory Diehl, Capt. Pat Vessels and Tpr. Jeremy Garner.

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FBI National Academy Program

Lt. Jerrod A. Savidge was one of 260 law enforcement officers who graduated from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia, on December 14, 2012. The 251st Session of the National Academy consisted of chiefs, sheriffs and commanders from 49 states, the District of Columbia, 29 countries, four military organizations and six federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program at the FBI Academy offers 11 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for officers with proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

Training is provided by the FBI Academy staff, special agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

Lt. Savidge is a member of the 124th Academy Class. He earned his commission in June 1993 and was assigned to the Findlay Post, where he was Post Trooper of the Year three times. In 2001, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to the Fremont Post where he served as an assistant post commander. In 2006, he was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to the Findlay Post as the post commander. In 2012, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Bowling Green Post.



Jerrod A. Savidge

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staff and encouraging field commanders to work more closely with the laboratory to better manage important, time-sensitive cases.

- Staff also prepared for the implementation of a new law relative to acquiring standards and methodology for solid dose drug chemistry.

Accreditation

The Crime Laboratory is accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) and is licensed by the Ohio Department of Health to conduct alcohol and drug testing of biological substances.

The Crime Laboratory first earned accreditation in 2008. In 2012, the laboratory applied for the pinnacle of accreditation under the International Standards Program. The Division expects to be accepted into the top tier of ASCLD/LAB's accreditation in 2013.

Circleville



Sgt. Shad Caplinger spoke to the kindergarten and preschool classes at the New Hope School in Circleville where his children are students. Sgt. Caplinger focused on traffic safety and always wearing a safety belt. He reported that many students said they wanted to be troopers when they grow up.



Van Wert



The Van Wert post sponsored a coloring contest for National School Bus Safety Week with the Van Wert Area Cushman Club. From left: Tpr. Alec Coil; Roger Jamieson, vice president of the Cushman Club, and Tpr. Clayton Williams presented prizes to the winners.

Capitol Operations



Tpr. Marty Schmalzried completed the 2012 Columbus Marathon. This marks the fourth marathon he has competed in and the second following his serious injury in 2009.

Tpr. Schmalzried was the victim of a hit-skip crash in September 2009. He suffered numerous broken bones including multiple vertebrae in his neck. He was hospitalized for an extended time and off of work for three months. Tpr. Schmalzried's pursuit of his personal goal to make a full recovery revitalized his interest in distance running. The Columbus Marathon marks his best finish to date, with a time of 3:24.50.

Posts work to make holiday season brighter

Ironton Post

Ironton Post personnel joined members of the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office and the Lawrence County Adult Probation Department for the 2012 Shop with a Cop program. During the event, officers helped 35 less fortunate children have a better Christmas with \$7,000 they raised throughout the year (including one anonymous donation of \$3,800 from a local business owner).

Officers shopped with the children at Walmart and then traveled to Allmans Giovannis in South Point for pizza and a visit from Santa Claus.



Hiram Post

Lt. J.E. Mannion and Sgt. A.M. Doles were contestants in the 13th Annual Safe Communities Mocktail Contest with their Super Trooper Punch. Cuyahoga County law enforcement agencies, area colleges and University Hospitals of Cleveland also competed. Proceeds from the event went to the Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition, which works to prevent injuries to children in the greater Cleveland area and includes the Cuyahoga County OVI Task Force.

Sandusky Post

Members of the Sandusky Post each brought a toy along to the post's off-duty holiday dinner. Toys were donated to Maj. Lenny Wacenske of the Sandusky Salvation Army to make up gift baskets for area children. Major Wacenske was very happy to pick up the toys and said they were just in time to be included in the last of the gift baskets.



Medina



From left: retired State House Representative Chuck Calvert, Rob White (Feeding Medina County), AP1 Patty Hughes, MRW Joe Sullivan and Lt. Bill Haymaker.

The Medina Post donated a total of 8,200 pounds of food to Feeding Medina County, including more than 7,000 pounds raised through the first annual "Can The Cruiser" event. Troopers asked patrons of Buehler's Fresh Foods to donate canned goods and other non-perishable food to help feed the hungry in Medina County.

153rd Class



This photo was posted to the Patrol's Facebook page shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday by a family member of one of the cadets of the 153rd Academy Class.

CICC



Patrol personnel at the Critical Information and Communication Center prepared for a busy New Year's Eve.

James D. Brink

Captain James D. Brink, Office of Strategic Services, retired on January 25, 2013, after 33 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in January 1980 as a member of the 107th Academy Class.

He earned his commission in May of that year and was assigned to the Georgetown Post. As a trooper he also served at the West Jefferson Post and the Wooster Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1987. In 1991, he transferred to the Office of Special Operations where he served as a plainclothes investigator. While in the Office of Special Operations, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1994 and the rank of lieutenant in 1999, and received a Certificate of Recognition Award in 1995 and 1996.

In 2001, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Patrol's Crime Lab. While at the Crime Lab, he was promoted to the rank of captain and earned a Certificate of Recognition in 2004.

As a captain, he also served as commander in the Office of Special Operations and in the Office of Strategic Services. In March 2012, he transferred to his most recent assignment in the Office of Homeland Security where he served as an administrative officer.

Capt. Brink earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Capital University in 1989, a master's degree in management from the Ohio State University in 1992, and his doctorate in criminal justice from the Southwest (Louisiana) University in 1999. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy.



Robert D. Fulmer

Sergeant Robert D. Fulmer, Ashland Post, retired on January 11, 2013, after 34 years with the Patrol.

He joined the Patrol in August 1978 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Ashland Post. He became a member of the 104th Academy Class in September 1978. He earned his commission in February of the following year and was assigned to the Dayton Post.

In 1987, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Ironton Post, before transferring back to the Ashland Post 1996.



Dennis L. Goodhart

Sergeant Dennis L. Goodhart, Cleveland Operations, retired on February 8, 2013, after more than 34 years with the Patrol.

He joined the Patrol in March 1978 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Ravenna Post. He began training as a member of the 106th Academy Class in May 1979. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the former Castalia Post.

In 1981, he transferred to the Hiram Post, where he was selected as Post and District Trooper of the Year in 1990 and Post Trooper of the Year in 1992. As a trooper, he also served at Warren District Headquarters as a plainclothes investigator.

In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to his most recent assignment in Cleveland Operations where he supervised investigations.



Raymond W. Joseph

Sergeant Raymond W. Joseph, Training Academy, retired on February 22, 2013, after more than 35 years with the Patrol.

He joined the Patrol in May 1977 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Wooster Post. He became a member of the 101st Academy Class in September 1977. He earned his commission in January of the following year and was assigned to the former Akron Post.

As a trooper, he also served at the Wooster and Circleville Posts; Columbus District Headquarters, where he earned the Trooper Recognition Award in 1996; and the Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards, where he again earned the Trooper Recognition Award in 2002.

In 2007, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to his most recent assignment at the Training Academy, where he served as an instructor.



Keith F. Allen

Trooper Keith F. Allen, Athens Post, entered disability retirement on June 30, 2012, after 11 years of service.

He is a member of the 138th Academy Class and earned his commission in April 2002. He served at the Athens Post throughout his career and was voted Post Trooper of the Year in 2006.



Charles J. Morsher

Trooper Charles J. Morsher, Milan Post, retired on November 13, 2012, after 28 years with the Patrol.

He is a member of the 113th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 1984. He has served at the Milan Post throughout his career and earned a Certificate of Recognition there in 1987.



Jeffrey M. Brindley

Trooper Jeffrey M. Brindley, New Philadelphia Post, retired on February 22, 2013, after 20 years of service.

He joined the Patrol in January 1993 as a member of the 124th Academy Class. He earned his commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Chardon Post. He transferred to the New Philadelphia Post in 1994.



David B. Dvorak

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector David B. Dvorak retired on December 31, 2012, after more than 26 years of service. He joined the Patrol in August 1986 and has been assigned to the Warren District throughout his career. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cleveland State University in 1974.



Del-Ray L. Feagin

Trooper Del-Ray L. Feagin, Capitol Operations, retired on December 28, 2012, after 27 years of service.

He joined the Patrol as a member of the 114th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 1985. He served at the Sandusky Post and transferred to Capitol Operations at the Ohio Statehouse in 2002.



Kit C. Walter

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Kit C. Walter retired on December 31, 2012, after 30 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1982 and was assigned to the Bucyrus District throughout his career.



Ronald A. Kelvington

Trooper Ronald A. Kelvington, Lisbon Post, retired on January 3, 2013, after more than 23 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1989 as a member of the 118th Academy Class.

He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Ashtabula Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Cambridge, Canfield, Lisbon and New Philadelphia posts.



Sharon L. Moore

Dispatcher Sharon L. Moore retired on December 28, 2012, after 24 years with the Patrol.

She joined the Patrol in January 1988 and served at the Ravenna Post throughout her career. She was voted Post Dispatcher of the Year in 1989, 1994, 2000 and 2012. She also earned a Certificate of Recognition and the Gold Star Award in 2004.



Catherine Route

Dispatcher Catherine (Kay) Route retired on December 31, 2012, after 32 years of service. She began her career in October 1980 with the Ohio Board of Regents.

She joined the Patrol in 2002 at the West Jefferson Post. She was voted Post Dispatcher of the Year and earned the Gold Star Award in 2006. She also was the Columbus District Dispatcher of the Year for 2012.



Wendy C. Forbes

Planner Supervisor Wendy C. Forbes, Regional Training Unit, retired on December 28, 2012, after more than 31 years of service.

She joined the Patrol in October 1981 as a Dispatcher assigned to the Xenia Post. While at Xenia, she also served as a Driver License Examiner before transferring to the Wilmington Post in 1986.

In 1990, she transferred to the Lebanon Post and served as a Clerk 3. In 1992, she transferred to the Columbus District Headquarters and served as a Clerk 2 and a Clerk 3. In 1994, she was promoted to a Word Processing Specialist 2 and transferred to the Office of Special Operations, where she also served as a Records Management Officer. In 1999, she was promoted to an Executive Secretary 1 and transferred to the Office of the Superintendent.

In 2003, she was promoted to a Management Analyst Supervisor 1 and transferred to the Ohio Traffic Safety Office. She transferred to the Office of Personnel, Regional Training Unit in 2011.



Thomas I. Ball

Program Administrator 2, Thomas I. Ball, Office of Strategic Services, Technology & Communication Services, retired on December 31, 2012, after 37 years with the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS).

The majority of his employment was spent with the BMV where he served as Personnel Chief and Support Services Administrator. He joined the Patrol in 2000, and as the Telecommunications Service Request Coordinator, he received the Employee Recognition Award. In 2004, he was promoted to Program Administrator 2. In his career, he also earned a Certificate of Recognition from ODPS in 2008 and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Patrol in 2012.



Denise Y. Hickson

Accountant/Examiner 3 Denise Y. Hickson retired on December 31, 2012, after more than 23 years with the Patrol. She joined the Division in August 1989 and has been assigned to the Patrol's Fiscal Services Section throughout her career.



Louella Day-Jeter

Customer Service Assistant 2 Louella Day-Jeter, Central Records, retired on December 31, 2012, after more than 38 years of service.

She joined the Patrol in March 1974 as a Clerk 2 assigned to the Office of Technology and Communications. In 1983, she was promoted to a Clerk 3. In 1990, she transferred to the Office of Strategic Services where she was promoted to a Customer Service Assistant 2 in 2000.



Stacey L. Lucas

Administrative Professional 1 Stacey L. Lucas, Ashland Post, retired on December 31, 2012, after 33 years with the Patrol. She joined the Division in February 1980 as a Dispatcher assigned at Ashland, where she was Post and District Dispatcher of the Year in 1986.

In 1987, she transferred to the St. Clairsville Post. Later that year, she transferred to the Lisbon Post, where she served as a Clerk 3. In 1990, she returned to the Ashland Post and earned the Employee Recognition Award in 1994.



With lingering memories of the Patrol Annual Leadership Awards Ceremony, I attended the Red Cross Heroes Breakfast in Lancaster. As I listened to the accounts of what the recognized individuals had done, my mind went back to what I had heard about the award winners at the Patrol Leadership Awards.

It became clear to me that each person recognized, for whatever reason, was actually preaching a sermon which was given to inspire others to move out of comfort zones and accomplish great things. It was a call to not accept the routine or average. It was a challenge for each person to excel in and of herself or himself, and thus strengthen the team approach. It gave real meaning to that line from one of Edgar Guest's poems: "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day."

Driving home after the Heroes Breakfast and reflecting upon the wonderful celebration at the Patrol Leadership Awards, my thoughts began to crystallize around a portion of Scripture. (Is that a surprising reaction for a pastor?) I thought about the young shepherd boy named David who responded to the challenge of the giant Goliath.

David was of normal height but Goliath was over nine feet tall—a great candidate for the OSU basketball team. Goliath wore a coat of armor which weighed about 125 pounds and carried a spear the head of which weighed 15 pounds. He was a formidable challenge as he called out for one warrior from the Israelite army to meet him

in a one-on-one contest. None of the professional soldiers of the Israelite army made any move in response to the challenge. Then the shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers in the army heard the challenge and responded. With only a sling shot and five smooth stones he went forth to meet the giant who laughed at David; but David had the last laugh. The Biblical account goes on to tell of how fear struck the hearts of the Philistines who had put their faith in Goliath and the army of Israel, emboldened by the action of David, went forth to victory. Was David a leader? A hero? Call him by any name you desire but realize that he was the spark which set a fire going. (I Samuel 17)

The recognition of a person as a leader or hero is important for the individual who deserves the tribute. But the message given through the recognized individual should never be lost or forgotten. It should be a reminder to all of us that there is a task to be done to make Ohio safer for all of its citizens. All of us are involved in the fulfillment of that task. Everyone—sworn officer or civilian personnel, active or retired, young or old, salaried or volunteer—is called upon to answer the question of our Superintendent, Colonel Born: "What will you do today to Contribute to a Safer Ohio?"

The forces which come to destroy the quality of life at times seem to be overwhelming. However, the forces of good unleashed through the daily opera-



tion of the Patrol are bringing victory in the form of safety to Ohioans each day. Thanks to the leaders among us who inspire each one of us to step up, to accept the challenge to settle for nothing less than doing our best each day, and send a resounding word of warning and ultimate defeat to the forces which destroy the quality of life.

May we always realize that we are in this together to make Ohio safer and a better place to live each day. Never forget that you have the prayers and support of your chaplains.

Respectfully,

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