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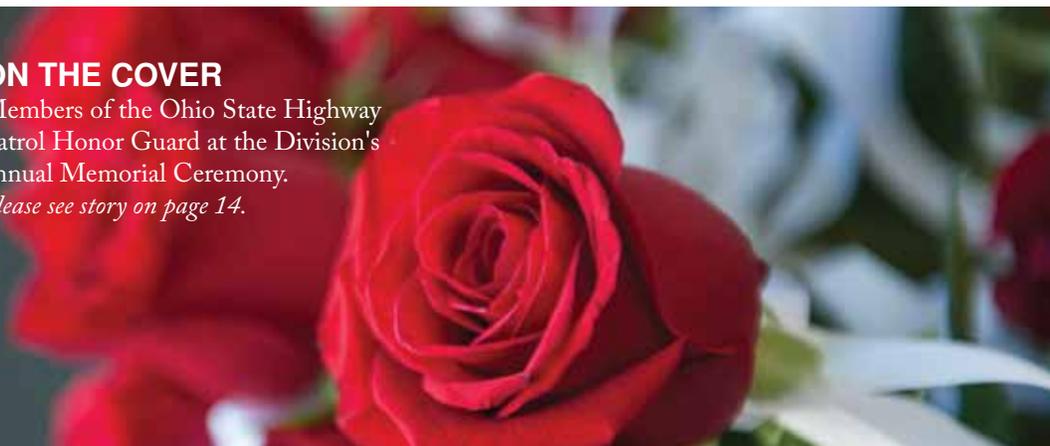
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Members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Honor Guard at the Division's annual Memorial Ceremony. Please see story on page 14.



OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Colonel's Letter



As we enter the summer months of 2016, we continue our mission to save lives and enforce Ohio's traffic laws with compassion and unbiased professionalism. Our intense focus on education and enforcement initiatives such as 5 Minutes for Life, the 6-State Trooper Project, Shield details, Operation CARE, the Memorial Day holiday and Click it or Ticket have proven successful and Ohio is a safer place because of your work. Personnel across the state are preparing for the Fourth of July weekend and the role we'll play at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

Troopers across the state patrol Ohio roadways every day conducting traffic stops that many call "routine," although we know the truth: even a stop that seems routine can escalate into a life or death situation. So far in 2016, we have experienced an increase in drug violations, weapon seizures and use of force situations initiated by those who are prone to be violent and aggressive toward law enforcement. A number of our personnel have experienced this assaultive, violent behavior first hand, and responded like trained, true professionals.

We talk a lot about officer safety. After stopping to remember our fallen officers during National Police Week and the Patrol's memorial ceremony, I hope you take time to consider why officer safety matters to you. We all think about our own well-being, but there's more to it. Anytime you're injured at work, either physically or mentally, the impact reaches your family and friends.

So the next time someone reminds you to watch your speed or to remember that complacency kills – (which are both Below 100 tenants) – they're doing more than following protocol. They're considering your well-being, your family's well-being and the well-being of the Highway Patrol as an organization, and a family!

This year, we're investing in a program called Ohio ASSIST, which you can read more about in this Flying Wheel edition. We often focus on physical fitness and preventing physical injuries, but we've become increasingly aware that even the strongest law enforcement officers can struggle with their mental health and "processing" much of the violence and tragedy we witness on the job. I strongly encourage you to read about the ASSIST program and consider how it could help you or a brother or sister who wears the uniform. Mental health has a major impact on your success at work and your overall quality of life. I am certain Ohio ASSIST will prove to be an invaluable asset to our force.

We recently celebrated Reverend Ellsworth's 25th year with the Patrol. "Rev" has served in the ministry for over 50 years and was appointed chaplain in 1991 by Colonel Thomas W. Rice. Rev Ellsworth has spent countless hours attending to the personal needs of our members, and has gained the respect and admiration of all. While considering Rev's genuine nature, and positive, uplifting influence on the Division, it caused me to reflect on the spiritual aspect of our profession and the potential impact we can have on others. Daily, we see the impact of your work on Ohio's roadways and throughout our communities. Promoting traffic safety, changing driver behavior, or making a drug arrest, makes our roads safer and sometimes, a traffic stop or an arrest, is the turning point for a person who was on a path to self-destruction. Your influence is real, it is measurable and it can be healing. Rev's presence reminds us that we have been given an opportunity to serve, and we shouldn't waste it. I want to encourage you to be purposeful and look for opportunities to have a positive impact on those you "serve" and come into contact with on a daily basis. Keep making a difference in the lives of others!

Noblesse Oblige....."the strong, helping the weak". U-364

As always, thank you for your hard work. I have great confidence in your ability to perform with strength, courage and character and I continue to be honored to serve as your superintendent.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colonel Paul A. Pride".

Colonel Paul A. Pride
Superintendent



First Cleveland Cadets Graduate from Academy

Cadets of the Cleveland Police Department graduated May 6, 2016, after 21 weeks of training at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy. The class was the first of its kind; Cleveland cadets have never trained outside their city, and Patrol staff has never trained a police department's entire new class of recruits. Graduation day for the 44 eager cadets marked the end of one chapter in a journey shared by both departments.

"Agencies can't operate in silos," said Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams. "We have to have similar training, policies, and procedures, and we have to all know that change is inevitable. We have to embrace it and make ourselves better."

The newly-graduated class returned home to train in Cleveland for several more weeks before officially joining the force. Simultaneously, the Patrol started preparing for another Cleveland class to arrive in the fall.

Basic police cadets at the Patrol Academy live on campus in Columbus Monday through Friday and learn fundamentals of police work established by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. They cover criminal law, physical training, community relations, and about 150 other subjects. Instructors adjusted training for the Cleveland cadets to focus on challenges specific to their city; officers needed to add water survival, for example,

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because of nearby Lake Erie.

Though this class is unprecedented, Patrol instructors have trained basic officers from local municipalities since 1968. Such classes consist of a handful of officers from multiple departments across the state. The program fosters unity among agencies as trainees from different backgrounds live in the same dorms and train in the same classrooms.

"We teach them that they're partners, and no one is left behind – that as a team they start together and finish together," said Captain Art Combest, commandant of the Patrol Academy.

Patrol instructors are known for holding their cadets to high standards, and the Cleveland class was no exception. The paramilitary training is both physically and mentally demanding to prepare cadets for the stressful job ahead. It's a culture shock at first, but before long, instructors see trainees

gaining confidence in themselves and their training that will serve as a foundation for the rest of their careers.

"It's a dramatic change," said Sergeant Aaron Morgan. "As an operations sergeant at the academy, they're like my children. There's nobody here that wants them to succeed more than I do."

The Patrol will continue adjusting the training for future Cleveland basic classes. As long as the program exists, both agencies are committed to the cadets, who are dedicated to serving their community through law enforcement. Instilling professionalism, skill, and resolve in these future police officers will benefit the agency they represent and the citizens they protect.

"Things are changing fast. We're at a time that people expect us to do more and different things," said Chief Williams. "I don't want to leave this profession knowing we had an opportunity to make it better and we didn't embrace that."





Patrol Fallen Honored at Memorial Ceremony

Friends and family gathered at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on May 6 to honor division members who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The yearly ceremony keeps their memory alive and provides an opportunity to show appreciation.

Current and retired troopers escorted the honored guests to their seats in the Leadership Auditorium, continuing the tradition of retiree participation in the memorial.

Colonel Paul A. Pride, Patrol superintendent, and Director John Born of the Department of Public Safety both addressed the crowd.

Retired Lt. Colonel Gilbert H. Jones, now president of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, read the roll call of officers killed in the line of duty. A rose was placed on the Memorial Wall for each fallen officer as the memorial bell in the courtyard rang. *See more photos, page 27.*

Division members also participated in memorials across the state and country, including the National Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony in Washington D.C., (*see photo, opposite page*) and the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Memorial in London (*see page 19*).

Bagpipers Include Trooper

Trooper John McGlashan became the first division member to wear an official Ohio State Highway Patrol kilt at the 2016 Memorial Ceremony, as he joined bagpipers of the Columbus Division of Police.

He first picked up the pipes about six years ago. "Being Scottish, I have my own kilt at home and people always asked if I play," he said.

It takes about two years to learn a solid foundation of playing the bagpipe, he explained. Beginners play on practice channers resembling recorders for about a year to build up stamina before



picking up a full set up bagpipes.

Once he gained experience, Trooper McGlashan began playing at events like memorial ceremonies, funerals and high school graduations.

At the ceremony, the pipers played “Amazing Grace” together before Trooper McGlashan performed a “walkway,” in which he played the tune solo and led his peers out of the courtyard. The walkway is meant to carry the spirit of the deceased out of the ceremony and up to heaven.

“It’s a huge honor to be a part of it,” he said. “To honor our fallen is what we do. It’s a bagpiper’s job.”

OTC Scholarships

The Ohio Troopers Coalition awards four scholarships to high school seniors each year in the memory of Patrol officers. Students are selected from numerous qualified candidates based on criteria including class rank, test scores and involvement in school government and community service.

The Trooper Wendy G. Everett Memorial Scholarship

Emily Derikito, daughter of Alan Derikito and Sheri Divelbiss (Columbus Investigations)

The Chief Radio Operator Walter E. Dawson Memorial Scholarship

Sebastian Terrill, son of Trenton and Angela Terrill (Columbus District)

The Trooper Jody S. Dye Memorial Scholarship

Kyle Sizemore, son of David Sizemore and Gretchen Carpenter (Aviation)

The Sergeant Dale Holcomb Memorial Scholarship

Benjamin Howard, son of John and Amanda Howard (Portsmouth Post)

Patrol Prioritizes Mental Health with Ohio ASSIST Program

Ohio's safety services face dangerous and possibly life-threatening situations daily. From traffic crashes to assaults to handling devastating and horrific crime scenes, our personnel handle these situations professionally and with compassion toward the victims. However, the long-term effects of repeated exposure to these situations on our personnel is often overlooked.

For many years, we have taken the approach that it is a part of the job and we leave it at work with our uniforms. Over time, we have found these events often have a serious impact on the long-term mental health of our personnel, retirees and their families. It is with that in mind that Ohio ASSIST was created.

Ohio ASSIST – *Aiding Safety Services with Incident Survival Techniques* – is a statewide program that works with safety service partners to provide follow-up care and resources to safety service personnel. In close cooperation with partner agencies, Ohio ASSIST will bring a program of three-day seminars to Ohio and the Midwest. These Post Critical Incident Stress (PCIS) seminars are designed to provide personnel with a chance to talk through an incident with peers and professionals who have special training in dealing with trauma and its effects.

The Ohio program is patterned after a successful program already in place on the east coast. The PCIS program was created in cooperation with the FBI and is designed to meet a number of the needs of safety service personnel and their families.

In addition to providing



affected employees the opportunity to talk with others who have experienced similar incidents, ASSIST also seeks to provide assistance to families. We recognize families have an even bigger investment in the long-term mental health of safety service workers, as they strive to return to their "new normal."

No one "gets over" many of the traumatic events our personnel experience or witness; they just learn to deal with the events by working through them. Just as we look to provide our personnel with the very best training and equipment to keep them safe and allow them to serve in their chosen professions, we also recognize the need to look out for their mental wellbeing. Stress is unavoidable, but with training and assistance, we feel we can help mitigate the negative effects of stress on our personnel.

Likewise, the mental health of safety service personnel does not immediately become better once they discontinue wearing the uniform. Incidents have lasting effects on retired personnel as well, and we have a responsibility to continue to care for those who came before us in this profession.

Ohio ASSIST will work with the peer support and assistance teams already in place across Ohio to identify personnel who could benefit from attending a PCIS

program. ASSIST will work with agencies to find peer support programs if an agency does not currently have a program in place. We are also working with peer support programs in surrounding states, to include state, local and federal agencies, to bring PCIS to the Midwest. While the staff of ASSIST is currently made up of Division personnel, this is not a Highway Patrol program. We look to include other agencies in overseeing and helping make the PCIS program successful.

ASSIST will also handle a number of functions within the Division, including training and assisting our own personnel after a critical incident. The Division's Member's Assistance Team (MAT) will be a major part of the ASSIST program. The MAT will be receiving updated training as will first-line supervisors to help address issues affecting our employees. We will also be looking beyond the traditional definitions of critical incidents to address issues that we know affect our employees outside the work place. Again, the wellbeing of the employee is the first priority.

Ohio's first PCIS program will be held March 27-29, 2017. For more information, please contact Staff Lieutenant Heidi Marshall, Lieutenant Steve Click, or Pam Walker at (614) 752-7222.

— *From the Ohio ASSIST team.*

Civilians Learn Active Shooter Response

In the event of an active shooter in the workplace, it is essential that employees have a plan in place to act immediately and survive the attack. The Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy is helping teach civilians around the state that discussing these situations is not panicking; it's being prepared.

Personnel are now offering training sessions on demand to help civilians prepare for and respond during an active shooter scenario. Thus far, division personnel have taught civilians at large agencies including the Ohio Exposition Center, Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Department of Administrative Services and Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Instructors cover what to expect if an active shooter enters the work place – what it sounds like, how the adrenaline feels and the role law enforcement plays on arrival. Agency heads are strongly encouraged to develop response plans so employees can act immediately without wasting time, whether the course of action is to evacuate or shelter in place.

Civilians attending the classes respond positively. Given the well-publicized mass shootings across the country, many employees want to discuss the best strategies in their places of work to feel prepared. Organizations interested in this training should contact the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy.

Polygraph Unit Moves to New, Updated Office

This spring, the Patrol's Polygraph Unit moved to a brand new office in General Headquarters (GHQ) to better meet the needs of its personnel.

The unit conducts polygraph examinations related to ongoing investigations or for pre-employment purposes. In 2015, examiners administered 678 pre-employment examinations and 309 criminal examinations for multiple police agencies and prosecutor offices. An additional 115 criminal examinations required some type of preparation work. The unit consists of sworn officers and support staff operating from GHQ and five satellite locations.

The new office allows examiners to contain interview subjects in an easy-to-access space separate from other GHQ functions. Those individuals can include suspects, victims or witnesses involved in a crime, as well as potential job candidates.

Investigative Services held an internal opening for current and retired members on March 15. Senior staff from the Patrol and the Department of Public Safety attended to acknowledge the unit's hard work that is critical to bringing criminals to justice and exonerating the wrongly accused.

"I just wanted to thank you for what you've done to bring us here," said John Born, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, "and for the people here now, to thank you for what you do."



Polygraph Unit veterans including (from left) Retired Sergeant Phil Osborne, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Art Rietz, Retired Staff Lieutenant Doug Wells, Retired Sergeant Jack Lonier, Retired Staff Lieutenant Don Holtz, and Retired Sergeant Chuck Bower were welcomed to the unit's new office space by Colonel Paul Pride (far right).

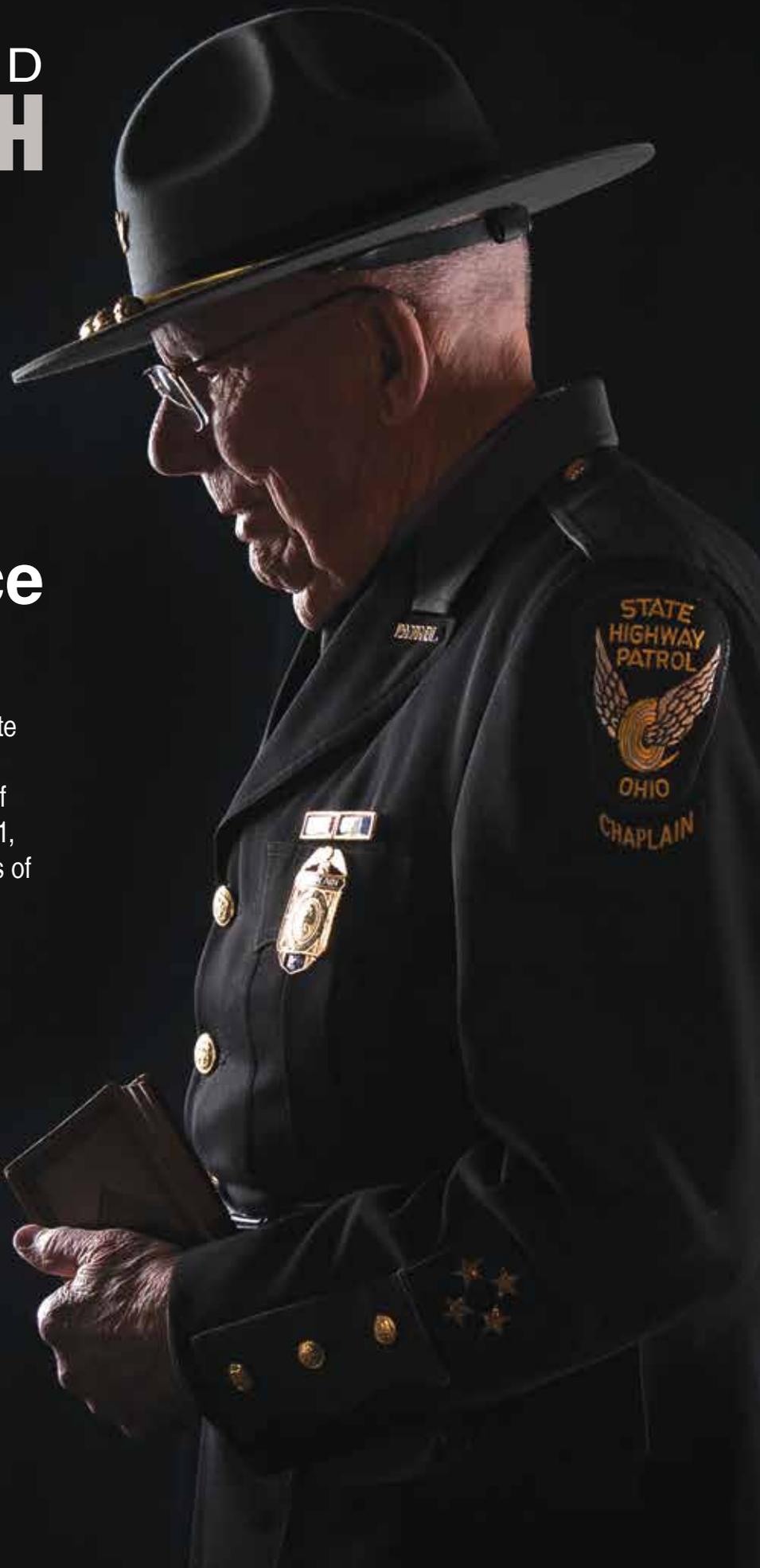
Retired Sergeant Jack Lonier found artwork in the new office featuring his younger self.



REVEREND ELLSWORTH

25 years & a Lifetime of Service

Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth celebrates his 25th year as a chaplain for the Ohio State Highway Patrol this year. On May 24, about 150 people attended a ceremony in honor of his impact on the Patrol since joining in 1991, and he will surely continue to touch the lives of Patrol members as long as he serves.





The following is transcribed from a conversation with Reverend Richard Ellsworth on May 11, 2016.

Q: Tell me the story of being asked to work for the Patrol.

Rev: I was minding my own business, I think, and then received a phone call from then-Colonel Tom Rice, whom I knew, who had worshiped here [at Central College Presbyterian Church] with us. He asked me if I knew of somebody who would be interested in being a chaplain, or would I be interested. And I reminded him at that time I was already chaplain for Columbus Police and Fire. He said, "I don't think that would be a problem. You're not too old. I'll get back to you in a little while."

I heard nothing from Colonel Rice for about four to six months. I thought, well, he'd found somebody else. It was a good idea but it wouldn't work out. Then I went into the bank, and the manager asked me if I was in trouble, because the Patrol had been in asking questions about me. I discovered later Colonel Rice had decided I was a poor risk, so he ran an evaluation and background check before he appointed me.

Q: Why did you accept the offer to work with the Patrol?

Rev: Always admired the Patrol, always appreciated law enforcement. Been connected with law enforcement through Columbus, and met a number of members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol who were here at the church. So I thought if I could make any contribution, it would be something I would want to do, plus the privilege, the honor and really the joy of being a part of the Patrol.

Q: Before this, you were in the military?

Rev: Well when I was 18, there was a war going on known as the World War, so I took what was called voluntary draft. Soon as I was 18 I joined with my two brothers who were already in the service.

Q: Was it meaningful to you to serve in that capacity?

Rev: Yes it was. Of course the goal at that time was to defeat the enemy and reestablish freedom and get back to our normal way of life here in America. And I have a great passion for America, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Q: Is your church service connected to your passion for the country?

Rev: No, growing up, when I was all the way through school, and after I went to the war and came back and finished college, I was always choosing between engineering and ministry. And I finally decided I would try to do the best I could as an engineer, and serve the Lord in whatever capacity came my way. But then later, after about five and a half years of engineering, I felt the tug and went into the ministry.

Q: Do you remember the moment you decided to go into the ministry? Was there a certain event?

Rev: It was sort of a process, but I suggested it to my wife, Linda, because being a married man with two children I couldn't just pack up and do what I wanted to do. So she had to feel called to the ministry. And she did. It was at a youth retreat when we were advisors.

Q: How do you see the service you provide help the OSHP officers?

Rev: Well along with Kelly and Phil, two district chaplains, we make certain we're not in the role of a pastor to the members of the Patrol. We're chaplains, and the role is different. We're support; we're there in times of emergency; we're there in times of joy. We just sometimes serve by presence, reminding those serving in the Patrol that there is a spiritual aspect to the work.



Q: What do you enjoy most about the Patrol work?

Rev: I think being accepted and recognized as a friend and a part of the Patrol family. The Patrol has ministered to me more than I've been able to minister to the Patrol, because they've been there in times of challenge and times of celebration.

Q: Do you think your role as chaplain has changed over time?

Rev: It's probably changed because I have become more comfortable in my role and feeling accepted. When I first started nobody knew me, and some even wanted to know what a chaplain was. But as I became acquainted and people came to know me – I think Lucasville, I spent ten of the 11 days at Lucasville, integrated me into the life of the Patrol in a meaningful way. I wouldn't wish or ask for another Lucasville, but it was an opportunity to show the members of the Patrol that I was there for them. It's a ministry of presence as much as a ministry of words.

Q: Is Lucasville one of the memories that would stand out in your service with the Patrol?

Rev: Well, Lucasville will always stand out as a significant experience. Also the way the Patrol family surrounded me at the time of my loss of my wife. It was very meaningful. There the Patrol ministered to me, I didn't do anything back to the Patrol.

Q: Would you tell me more about your wife?

Rev: Well she was the perfect minister's wife, and I would probably say a perfect wife. She told me once she wanted to either be married to an engineer or to a minister, and she got both.

Q: In life generally, what is important to you?

Rev: I think it's important to me that individuals are accepted as individuals and given every opportunity to, I would say in my theological terms, grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. To have a sense of freedom and be protected, but also respect authority. I have a heavy heart for those who are being persecuted, those who are hungry and starving and suffering, many of whom of course we never know all the way around the world. And whatever can be done to give hope and help and life to those is a passion.

Q: What else is important to talk about, whether with your time with the Patrol, or any other role you've served throughout your life?

Rev: No, it's amazing to think that I'm still functioning at 90 and three quarter years and I still get away with riding a motorcycle – but have switched from two wheels to three. You want to go for a ride with me? One of my approaches that I've started doing more actively, is when I get up in the morning to ask, "All right Lord, what do you have in mind for the two of us today?" And being without my wife, I just think of it as a journey with the Lord. Wherever he will go, I'll try to go with him.

Q: What else do you do for fun?

Rev: Well I like boating. If you want to go fishing I'll take you fishing, but you got to bait your own hook and catch your own fish.



Q: You have a great sense of humor and manage to interject your humor into a lot of things you do, whether you're talking at a graduation or anything else. How do you use your sense of humor when you're talking to people or trying to help counsel people? How does your sense of humor play a part in it?

Rev: Well in studying the life of Jesus, he had a great sense of humor. And humor can defuse stressful situations. And we also find that humor or laughter is a part of bringing comfort to people. So I think my family, my children would say I have a strange sense of humor. But I still believe in life, love, and laughter – the three L's – that are important. So whenever there's a chance, particularly if I can laugh at myself, I will do that. And I think it helps us get through difficult times. Even through times of sorrow.

Q: Over your life you've touched a lot of people through the Patrol or ministry.

Rev: Well it's been a blessing to have met all the people I have met. I've been involved in alcohol treatment center activities, in the Patrol and ministry to Honduras, Buckhorn Children's Ministry in both Ohio and Kentucky. So I've met many different individuals in many different situations. And it's a joy to have somebody come back and say, "Remember me? You had the funeral for my father, you married my grandparents." See, I'm getting third generation, so I've been around a long time.

Q: I'm sure a lot of those people feel that you affected them positively. Have those people affected you positively?

Rev: Oh yes. My life's been impacted by all the different people I've met. I got to meet one of the presidents of our nation, I've been able to meet many in the military and many in the ministry, but just many people from all walks of life. I had the joy of teaching in college part time, and that was an amazing experience. And not long ago I attended a 50th year reunion and had some of the students come up who I'd had over 50 years ago in college – and they all turned out to be liars because they all said I hadn't changed. But it was amazing to see them as 65-year-olds, and I had them in college.

Q: How do you think you've changed since then?

Rev: Oh, I've become less mobile. Less physically fit. I hope not less mentally, but only somebody else can be that judge. But I think I've gained some experience, wisdom from experience.

Q: When you leave the Highway Patrol, obviously you'll have touched the lives of a lot of troopers that have come through here. What is probably one thing you would want those people whose lives you've touched to say, that "when I was there and the reverend was there, this is what the reverend meant to me."

Rev: Well, everyone in the Patrol is important to me, from the newly graduated trooper on up to the Colonel. And the retired. I'm glad to see that we have such a recognition and support for the retirees. But I'd like to think that the individuals, everyone on the Patrol would recognize the importance of what I call the triangle of life, where we take care of ourselves physically, we take care of ourselves mentally, we take care of ourselves spiritually. And I would like to believe and hope that somehow the chaplaincy program could be of help and support in them growing in the spiritual aspect of life.

CRIMINAL PATROL

Troopers seize marijuana, THC shatter in Lucas County

May 3, 2016: Troopers stopped a 1995 Dodge pick-up truck, with Oregon registration, for a following too closely violation on the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas County at 12:38 p.m. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed a false compartment in the vehicle. Troopers also discovered four large packages of suspected marijuana, 17 rubber tubs containing THC Shatter, a baggy containing suspected methamphetamine residue, and several pieces of drug paraphernalia. The contraband has a street value of \$100,000.



Troopers seize \$600,000 worth of cocaine

May 6, 2016: Troopers stopped a rented 2016 Chrysler 200, with New Jersey registration, for a following too closely violation in Madison County at 9:37 a.m. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed more than 13 pounds of cocaine, worth approximately \$600,000.



Troopers seize heroin in Scioto County traffic stop

May 9, 2016: Troopers stopped a 2000 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, with Ohio registration, for an equipment violation in Scioto County at 2:13 p.m. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 200 grams of heroin. The contraband has a street value of \$20,000.



VEHICLE THEFT AND FRAUD UNIT

The Columbus VTFU was requested to assist the Newark Police Department with an investigation into a scrap yard believed to be illegally purchasing vehicles without titles. These vehicles are subsequently crushed and never reported to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is believed a number of these vehicles had liens placed on them, thereby allowing the seller to default on the lien. It is also believed several vehicles purchased by the company had been reported stolen, preventing recovery of the vehicles.

The Columbus VTFU sold several vehicles to the scrap yard without a title, including one which had the VIN tag removed. A search warrant was executed on February 11, 2016. Investigators from the Newark Police Department, National Insurance Crime Bureau, Columbus Division of Police, Ohio Homeland Security and the Columbus VTFU located numerous documents supporting charges against Ohio's scrap metal laws. The case remains under investigation.

An innocent purchaser contacted the Cincinnati VTFU after purchasing two jet skis and a trailer, then never receiving the title for them. He thought the hull number had been removed from one of the jet skis and wanted to know how to obtain a title. The VTFU identified the jet skis and the trailer, and learned one jet ski had a purged NCIC entry from 2008. Further investigation revealed all three were stolen during the same theft.



Thank Yous

A sampling of messages received or through social media and mail

I had just left my neurologist and was told I needed yet another back surgery and was feeling like the end of the world, then while driving home, I blew out a tire. I didn't have a lug wrench, but I'm not physically capable of changing a tire anyway. I stayed on the side of the road thinking about my kids, ages 16-11, home alone and panicking that I had nobody to call for help.

Then a State Highway Patrol car from South Point, Ohio, pulled up behind me. He gave me a big, goofy grin and grabbed my spare tire and a lug wrench from his car. He told jokes and laughed the whole time. All I know is his last name was Wells, but he totally changed my mood with smiles and his generosity.

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Today I'm driving down the highway and I see flashing lights ahead. As I pass, I see it's an Ohio Highway Patrol Officer behind a car. The driver of the car is changing a tire on the highway side. The trooper has his cruiser parked at an angle to shield the driver. The trooper himself is standing next to the car, basically standing watch as the traffic is passing. Nicely done, Trooper. Here's a salute to all the officers who put their lives on the line every day to protect the public.

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Experienced a van vs. deer incident this morning around 4 a.m. and thank you to the two troopers that stopped separately to assist me south of Jefferson on Route 11. Both troopers were helpful and professional and I appreciated the assistance with the accident.

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Driving the boys to school today, I was pulled over by an Ohio State Highway Patrolman. David was extremely upset because his brother ate his Lunchable and would have to buy his lunch, I wasn't paying attention and was speeding. So I received my ticket from the man, who was extremely nice. He even told the boys to listen to mom when she drives so as not to distract me.

I dropped the boys off at school and watched David walk down the hallway wiping his tears because he was pretty upset. I felt awful.

Upon returning home, the same State Trooper had followed me and pulled in my driveway. I thought, "Oh,

what did I do?!" Let me tell you something: This man had followed me to pick up David's lunch box and said he wanted to get him a Lunchable! He told me that he was happy to see that I had not yelled at David or blamed him for getting pulled over. He then said, "You're a good mom."

The respect and amazement I have for this man is through the roof! Ticket or not, he made my day. He is about to make the day of a little, upset 6-year-old boy. Going above and beyond when he is already putting his life on the line for all of us is amazing! It brought me to tears. I can't express how crazy-unexpected and amazing this experience was.

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I just want to say that tonight my battery died at Mapfre Stadium and two State Patrol officers jump started my Jeep and stuck around to make sure my Jeep was okay. And I must say as a Michigander, your officers were a total class act with helping me.

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Left work sick and it took me an hour to get home because I kept having to stop on side of the road. I'm not posting this for me though, but to the State Highway Patrolman who stopped and checked on me as I was hanging out of my passenger door getting sick. When he was sure I wasn't drunk or impaired, he brought me a bottle of water, some wet wipes and a barf bag, then said he was going to escort me home because pulling over to get sick on the side of the highway wasn't the safest, by any means.

Once I got close, I had to stop again at a gas station to get sick, and this man walked into the store bought me ginger ale to settle my stomach, crackers to snack on and Pepto tablets to help, and refused to let me pay him back! He escorted me home and even helped me get into my garage and walked me up my stairs to my door because he said I looked pale and weak!

This man took time out of his shift and life and money out of his pocket to make sure I was safe and so I could recuperate at home in bed! Not every person wearing a badge is mean or racist, they are simply doing their job and this man put some faith back in my heart today when I was alone in a very unsafe situation! Thank you Officer Smith! I never got his first name, but he was extremely kind to me and for that, I wanted to share this!

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

On January 4, 2016, **Lieutenant Timothy J. Karwatske** was traveling northbound on US 23 in Pickaway County when he observed a vehicle drift off the roadway and continue down a grassy embankment.



Timothy J. Karwatske

Lieutenant Karwatske immediately pulled to the right lane and activated his overhead lights. By this time the vehicle had struck a large utility pole, caught on fire, and had come to rest at the bottom of the embankment. Lieutenant Karwatske approached the burning vehicle and noticed an unresponsive female inside.

With the flames starting to overtake the engine compartment, Lieutenant Karwatske pried the driver's door open, cut the seatbelt off of the driver, and dragged her to safety. Lieutenant Karwatske retrieved a rescue flow mask from his first aid kit and began to monitor the driver's pulse and breathing until Harrison Township EMS arrived on the scene.

On January 7, 2016, **Trooper Alison R. Schmotzer**, while shopping at the Great Lakes Mall in Mentor, observed an elderly man attempting to perform chest compressions on an elderly woman on the ground.



Alison R. Schmotzer

Trooper Schmotzer immediately approached the couple and attempted to get the attention of the unconscious victim. When she received no response, Trooper Schmotzer began to administer CPR and called out to bystanders on the scene to call 9-1-1.

Shortly thereafter, mall security arrived with an AED. Once the AED was administered, the victim took a large gasp of air and appeared to be breathing faintly, but remained unconscious. Paramedics arrived at the scene and transported the victim to a local hospital where she made a full recovery.

On January 17, 2016, **Sergeant David S. Garber** responded to a call regarding a wrong way driver on Interstate 77 traveling northbound in the southbound lanes in Stark County.



David S. Garber

After several attempts to stop the vehicle, Sergeant Garber made the critical decision to forcibly stop the vehicle before it caused a serious injury or fatal crash.

He positioned his patrol car to the left rear of the suspect's vehicle and performed a PIT maneuver. The PIT maneuver was successful, causing the suspect's vehicle to spin out, roll off the roadway, land against cement barrier wall, and come to a complete stop.

Additional units, used to slow traffic, immediately arrived at the scene. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect was transported to the Canton Post where he tested .23% BAC.

On February 17, 2016, at approximately 1246 hours, **Trooper Dwayne H. Shephard** stopped a 2000 Honda for failing to display a front license plate on the US30 in Stark County. During the course of the traffic stop, Trooper Shephard determined the rear license plate was fictitious and the driver was under suspension.



Dwayne H. Shephard

Trooper Shephard advised the male driver that he would be cited for a traffic violation and the vehicle would be towed. Upon arrival of the tow truck, Trooper Shephard observed the driver of the vehicle in medical distress and immediately requested medical assistance.

He rendered first aid and CPR until Canton Fire EMS arrived on scene and transported the driver to Aultman Hospital, where he was treated and released.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

On March 9, 2016, Trooper Jordan T. Butler responded to a dispatch call regarding a vehicle operating recklessly on US22 just east of Zanesville. Trooper Butler located the vehicle, observed several lane violations and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to stop and continued eastbound on US22 at approximately 45 mph.

By this time, Sergeant Melanie R. Appleman joined Trooper Butler in the pursuit. The vehicle continued to swerve on the roadway forcing other cars off of the road including a loaded school bus.

Knowing they were approaching a school zone, Sergeant Appleman drove alongside the suspect vehicle and observed a distraught child in the passenger front seat. Sergeant Appleman then positioned her cruiser in front of the vehicle and began slowing down allowing the vehicle to strike the rear of her cruiser.

When the vehicle came to a stop, Sergeant Appleman and Trooper Butler made contact with the driver and the child. Perry Township EMS arrived at the scene and while tending to the driver, found his blood sugar to be extremely low.



Melanie R. Appleman



Jordan T. Butler



Robert L. Burd



J. Sean Wickman



James D. Williams

On March 30, 2016, Ohio State Highway Patrol officers were dispatched to investigate a possible suicidal subject walking southbound on IS-71 in Warren County.

Trooper James D. Williams arrived in the area and observed the subject walking on the Jeremiah-Morrow Bridge. As Trooper Williams cautiously approached, the subject climbed onto the concrete wall.

Trooper Williams calmly engaged the subject in conversation while Sergeants J. Sean Wickman and Robert L. Burd began to coordinate a plan. Trooper Williams continued to distract the subject as Sergeants Wickman and Burd stealthily came behind the subject, pulled him from the concrete wall, and secured him.

About the Bridge

The Jeremiah-Morrow Bridge is the tallest bridge in Ohio, at 239 feet high. It spans the Little Miami River gorge between Fort Ancient and Oregonia in Warren County. A six-year project to replace the bridge is expected to be completed this year.

Over the years, a number of troopers have been honored for preventing people from jumping from the bridge.

In 2010, Sgt. Anthony Lauer told the *Dayton Daily News*: "It's not uncommon to get those calls about an individual walking to or from the bridge. We get someone there quickly because there's no other reason for them to be there."

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Auxiliary

Meet Paul Rodocker, Retired Auxiliary

Paul Rodocker has some words of wisdom for current auxiliaries: learn the job from the ground up.

That’s what he learned from 21 years of volunteering as an auxiliary from 1959-1980, primarily at the Massillon Post. Rodocker is the oldest retiree of the auxiliary, turning 98 in July. He joined because it was something he could do to “stay on the right side of the world instead of the wrong side.”

Rodocker earned 11 Merit Awards for dedicating the most hours to his post. He rode along with troopers, eventually worked as a dispatcher, and helped with a little bit of everything. “When I went to work, I would walk down the aisle, and the first guy to pick me to ride with him – that’s the guy I rode with,” he said.

He remembers fun times as well as some heart-racing moments, from a shift riding along with a trooper who drove too fast on a road with a sudden drop, resulting in a nosedive – “I said, ‘Do you know where you are?!’” – to the time he had to grab the shotgun from a cruiser to help two troopers handling a heated traffic stop with a motorcycle gang.

Rodocker still keeps in touch with some retired division members. He lives in Massillon and meets up with a few every month.

From his work as an auxiliary – as well as a mechanic in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a major at the Canal Fulton Police Department and several positions providing security – Rodocker says he learned how to live an honorable life.

He also advises current auxiliaries to become someone that the officer you’re with can trust.

“Sometimes, a trooper’s life is depending on what you do,” he said.



Retired Auxiliary Paul Rodocker and a 1975 Plymouth on a recent visit to the Canton Post.

Retiree Recognition

Posts around the state celebrated their retirees this April by hosting luncheons and gatherings, including these celebrations at (clockwise): Marion Post, Delaware Post, Hamilton Post and Findlay Post and District Headquarters.



London



OPOTA: Trooper Andre Thomas, Trooper Dee McInerney, Trooper Ryan Stanley, Trooper Steve Drew and Sergeant Troy Sexton acted as honor guard for the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy Officer Down Memorial in May.

Cincinnati



Trooper Nick Lauer returned from overseas service with the United States Army in Operation Enduring Freedom on May 26. He was deployed on July 6, 2015. Troopers from the Kentucky State Police and Cincinnati Metro Post met him at the Cincinnati International Airport in Kentucky and escorted the unit back to their base in Cincinnati. From left: Sergeant Shannon Jones and Trooper Zachary Lusk (KSP), Trooper Jeff Madden, Trooper Nick Lauer, Trooper Brad Hess, and Sergeant Josh Patrick.

The Hub



Pictured from left: PSIA John Brown, Professor Scott Blough, Vickie Wilkins (Director of TU Alumni Relations), PSIA Katelyn Mason, TU Interim President Lillian Schumacher, PSIA Seth Dodson, Retired Captain Brenda Collins, Retired Colonel Richard Collins, TU Dean of Criminal Justice Gordon Crew

The OSHP Hub – Intelligence Unit has several outstanding young analysts who are Tiffin University alumni. On May 17, Tiffin University Interim President Lillian Schumacher visited the OSHP Hub for a visit to meet the alumni and discuss ideas regarding the curriculum of the university. Lieutenant Michael Hasson led the tour and discussion. PSIA Alyssa Newell, who is also an alumni, was not able to attend.

IACP



Washington D.C.: Captain Art Combest, Lieutenant Andre Swinerton and Colonel Paul Pride attended the 2016 International Association of Chiefs of Police State & Provincial Midyear Meeting in Washington D.C.

Warren

Personnel from the Special Response Team, D4 Radio shop, Warren Post and Cleveland Post teamed up for a great day of community contact and education at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Buckeye Regional Competition on March 18. FIRST is a nationally recognized robotics program for 9-12th grade students.

At the event held at Cleveland State University, SRT troopers Mike Landers and Randy Peterson and District 4 ET3 Bill Hummel demonstrated the SRT robot for 60 high school robotics teams and spectators, giving them a chance to see a real-life practical use of their robotics skills.

The SRT robot also teamed up with a robotics team from Champion Ohio called the Lightning Bots to distribute “Don’t Text and Drive” car magnets to the students and team mentors. Trooper Tim Grimm from the Warren Post and Trooper Jose Reyes from the Cleveland Post were on hand with a distracted driving simulator. They also promoted the 5 Minutes for Life program to the 2,000 high school students, family and friends who attended the competition. All personnel on hand promoted recruitment by encouraging students and spectators to check out job opportunities available within the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

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Trooper Michael Vitullo participated in Yes Fest at Cardinal Mooney High School, an event encouraging high school students to say “yes” to positive activities in life instead of drugs and alcohol. He discussed decision-making, future employment with the division and safe driving techniques with different attendees.



Columbus



Trooper-in-a-Truck: The Columbus District LCS and the Columbus Post partnered with Marathon Petroleum Company to reduce commercial-related crashes by focusing on violations that occur around a commercial vehicle. A trooper rode along with Marathon and radioed other units.

Steubenville



Trooper Eric Derrington (far right) received a plaque for Outstanding Community Service for his efforts in building youth baseball fields in East Liverpool. Derrington helped secure 25 acres for the project, and thanks to generous monetary and equipment donations, three out of seven fields were built before opening day.

Xenia

Lieutenant Doug Eck joined Fairborn Police and Greene County Safe Communities to congratulate student drivers at Fairborn High School who won the Greene County Safe Communities High School Seat Belt Challenge.

Each high school in Green County was challenged to compete for the highest seatbelt compliance rate, determined by unannounced seatbelt surveys at each school. The winner, Fairborn High school, received a cash prize of \$250 donated by local businesses and individuals as a result of their 100 percent compliance rate.

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On April 29, students from Xenia Christian Elementary visited the Xenia Post as part of their Day of Service program. They thanked the troopers for their service to the community and brought handmade thank you cards and cupcakes. Pictured: Trooper Brad Huffman and Trooper Ron Dear.



Gallipolis



From left: Marisa Sanders, Kate Yeager, Trooper Corey Cottrill, Selina Mitchell and McKinsey Mitchell.

The Gallipolis Junior Women's Club donated stuffed animals to the Gallia/Meigs Post to help calm down children that the Troopers come in contact with from crashes or traffic stops. This group is community minded and supportive of the Gallipolis community as a whole.

Georgetown

Trooper Nathan K. Timberlake, who is also a National Guard Staff Sergeant in B Troop, 1-150th Cavalry, West Virginia, placed third in the West Virginia Army National Guard's Best Warrior of 2016 competition.

The competition demands physical and mental fitness, representation of Army values and expert soldiering skills. Trooper Timberlake excelled in events such as the Army Physical Fitness Test, an obstacle course, night land navigation, soldier skill tasks, a 6-mile ruck march, weapons qualification, and an oral review board. He was one of only six NCOs to move onto the regional level of the competition.



David W. Dicken

Captain David W. Dicken, Crime Lab, retired on May 27, 2016, after 26 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1990 as a member of the 120th Academy Class. He earned his commission in December of that year and was assigned to the Portsmouth Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1994.



In 1996, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Georgetown to serve as an assistant post commander. In 1999, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Swanton Post to serve as commander. In 2000, he transferred to Logistic Services. A year later, he was promoted to staff lieutenant and remained in Logistic Services. In 2010, he was promoted to the Patrol 16th Colonel and served as commander of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. In December 2010, he transferred to the Office of Strategic Services to serve as captain. In 2011, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Patrol's Crime Lab.

Captain Dicken earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from the University of Cincinnati in 1989. He completed advanced training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2004.

Jeffrey R. Carman

Staff Lieutenant Jeffrey R. Carman, Office of Personnel, retired on April 1, 2016 after 30 years of service. He joined the Patrol in November 1985 as a member of the 115th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Portsmouth Post. In 1987, he transferred to the St. Clairsville Post.



In 1993, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Lisbon to serve as an assistant post commander. In 1994, he transferred to the Steubenville Post. In 2000, he was promoted the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Chillicothe Post to serve as post commander.

In 2004, he was promoted to staff lieutenant and transferred to the Office of Field Operations. In 2006, he transferred to Jackson District Headquarters. In 2014, he transferred to the Office of Personnel.

Staff Lieutenant Carman graduated from Wheeling Jesuit University in 1998. He completed training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2003.

Todd E. Lee

Staff Lieutenant Todd E. Lee, Crime Lab, retired on April 29, 2016 after 28 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 1988 as a member of the 117th Academy Class. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Wapakoneta Post.



In 1990, he transferred to the Xenia Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. In 1996, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Wilmington Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2001, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and remained at the Wilmington Post to serve as commander. In 2008, he transferred to the Patrol's Crime Lab. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and remained at the Patrol's Crime Lab.

Staff Lieutenant Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Cedarville College in 1993. He also completed training at the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2004.

Steven M. Rosta

Staff Lieutenant Steven M. Rosta, Columbus District Criminal Patrol, retired on May 28, 2016 after 27 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 Chillicothe Post.



In 1992, he transferred to the Circleville Post. In 1994, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Batavia Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 1998 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Granville Post to serve as post commander. In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Office of Field Operations. In 2010, he transferred to the Office of Special Operations. In 2015, he transferred to his most recent assignment at Columbus District Criminal Patrol.

He completed training at the Administrative Officer's Course at the Southern Police Institute in 1998.

Kevin S. Long

Lieutenant Kevin S. Long, Cincinnati Post, retired on May 20, 2016, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1991 as a member of the 121st Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Springfield Post. In 1993, he transferred to the Batavia Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1995, and Post and District Trooper of the year in 1996. In 1998, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and remained at the Batavia Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2012, he transferred to Wilmington District Criminal Investigation. In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Cincinnati Post to serve as post commander. He also served as a Task Force Officer on the Joint Terrorism Task Force at the FBI Cincinnati Field Office. In 2015, he earned the prestigious Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award.

Lieutenant Long earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in management from the University of Cincinnati in 1988.



criminal justice and law enforcement from Washington State Community College in 2010. She also earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in business administrations from Wheeling Jesuit University in 2012.

Ronald J. Greenwood

Sergeant Ronald J. Greenwood, St. Clairsville Post, retired on March 4, 2016, after nearly 26 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1990 as a member of the 120th Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Portsmouth Post. He earned the Certificate of Recognition in 1992, 2000, and 2001. In 1997, he transferred to the Athens Post. He was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1998 and 1999. In 2000, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Portsmouth Post to serve as assistant post commander. Later that year, he returned to the Athens Post. In 2002, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the St. Clairsville Post.



Mary A. Pfeifer

Lieutenant Mary A. Pfeifer, Cambridge District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on March 18, 2016, after 33 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in November 1982 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Zanesville Post. In April 1984 she became a member of the 113th Academy Class. She earned her commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Wooster Post. As a trooper, she served at the Zanesville Post, Office of Special Operations, and Office of Field Operations. In 1997, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Athens Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In January 1999, she transferred to the Mt. Gilead Post. Later that year, she was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Marietta Post to serve as commander. In 2012, she transferred to her most recent assignment at Cambridge District Commercial Enforcement Unit.

Lieutenant Pfeifer completed training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2002. She earned two Associate of Applied Science degrees in



Michael R. Knoll

Sergeant Michael R. Knoll, Sandusky Post, retired on May 24, 2016, after 37 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in December 1978 as a member of the 105th Academy Class. He earned his commission in April of the following year and was assigned to the former Castalia Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1987. In 1992, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Norwalk Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 1998, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Sandusky Post.



Brian R. Cupp

Trooper Brian R. Cupp, Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on March 4, 2016, after 30 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1985 as a member of the 115th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Findlay Post. While at the Findlay Post, he earned the prestigious Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award in 1989, the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 1992; Post Trooper of the Year in 1992, 1995, and 1997; and District Trooper of the Year in 1995. In 1998, he transferred to his most recent assignment in the Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



at Cambridge District Commercial Enforcement Unit. In 2015, he was selected as Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year.

Lindsey S. Woodward

Trooper Lindsey S. Woodward, Warren Post, retired on May 14, 2016, after 22 years of dedicated service with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1994 as a member of the 126th Academy Class. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned to the Mansfield Post. In 1996, he transferred to the Ravenna Post. In 2004, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Warren Post. Prior to joining the patrol Trooper Woodward served in the U.S. Army for three years.



Scott R. Hartge

Trooper Scott R. Hartge, Aviation Section, retired on May 13, 2016, after 30 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1985 as a member of the 115th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Swanton Post. In 1997, he transferred to his most recent assignment in the Aviation Section.



Trooper Hartge earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in business administration from Bowling Green State University in 1984.

William R. Moore

Police Lieutenant William R. Moore, Patrol's General Headquarters, retired on March 31, 2016, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in April 1991 as a Police Officer 1 assigned to the Office of Personnel. Later that year, he transferred to the Expo Center. In 1992, he was promoted to Police Officer 2 and remained at the Expo Center. In 1993, he transferred to the Statehouse. In 2000, he transferred to the Patrol's General Headquarters. In 2003, he was promoted to Police Sergeant and remained at Patrol's General Headquarters. In 2005, he was promoted to Police Lieutenant and returned to the Expo Center, and finally in 2010 he transferred back to General Headquarters. As a Police Lieutenant, he has served in Capitol Operations, Security Services and at the Patrol's General Headquarters.



Michael E. Stevens

Trooper Michael E. Stevens, Cambridge District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on May 19, 2016, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1991 as a member of the 121st Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Gallipolis Post. In 1993, he transferred to the Marietta Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in January 2001. Later that year, he transferred to his most recent assignment



Jenny R. Russell

Motor Vehicle Inspector Jenny R. Russell, Bucyrus District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on May 31, 2016, after 20 years with the Patrol. She began her Patrol career as a Dispatcher assigned to the Bucyrus Post. In 1997, she was promoted to a driver license examiner 1 and transferred to the Marion Post. In 2003, she transferred to Bucyrus District Headquarters. In 2013, she was promoted to a motor vehicle inspector and transferred to the Bucyrus District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Brenda G. Gregory

Administrative Professional 1 Brenda G. Gregory, Portsmouth Post, retired on March 31, 2016, after 14 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in November 2001 as a Customer Service Assistant 2 assigned to the Jackson Reinstatement Center. In 2005, she was promoted to a driver license examiner 1 and transferred to New Boston Driver License Exam Station. In 2007, she was promoted to an Administrative Professional 1 and transferred to the Portsmouth Post.



Linda M. Magrey

Dispatcher Linda M. Magrey, Cleveland Dispatch Center, retired on April 30, 2016, after nearly 30 years with the Patrol. She began her Patrol career in May 1987 as a Dispatcher assigned to the Berea District Headquarters.

As a dispatcher she has been assigned to Cleveland Operations, Elyria Post, Berea District Headquarters, Cleveland District Headquarters, Berea Dispatcher Center and Cleveland Dispatch Center. She was selected as Dispatcher of Year in 2005 and 2006.

Dispatcher Magrey earned an Associate of Arts in Business degrees in law enforcement in 1984 and in computer science in 2004 from Cuyahoga Community College.



Rhonda K. Hagans

Administrative Professional 4 Rhonda K. Hagans, Cambridge District Headquarters, retired on May 27, 2016, after 30 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in May 1986 as a dispatcher assigned to the Cambridge Post.

In 1992, she was promoted to a Word Processing Specialist 2 and transferred to Cambridge District Headquarters. In 1996, she earned the Employee Recognition Award. In 1997, she was promoted to an Administrative Professional 4 and remained at Cambridge District Headquarters.



Brian J. Bender

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 Brian J. Bender, Marion Post, retired on April 29, 2016, after 30 years with the Patrol. He began his career with the Patrol in March 1986 as a Dispatcher assign to the Bucyrus Dispatch Center. In 1990, he transferred to the Marion Post. While at the Marion Post, he also served as a Maintenance Repair Worker 2. He earned the Employee Recognition Award in 2011 and 2015.



James E. Hamilton

Photographer James E. Hamilton, Photographic Services, retired on April 29, 2016, after 5 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in January 2011 and has been assigned to Photographic Services throughout his career.



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Chaplain's Comments



The other day, I was trying to schedule a lunch meeting with someone who said that we could negotiate a time, but that I should not compromise on what I had agreed to do with the grandchildren. That set the wheels whirling in my head as I pondered the difference between negotiation and compromise.

The issue was taken to a conversation with four very intelligent friends, but I was still left with the question concerning my personal life, not what happens in an organization. How much room is there for me to negotiate my daily activities and decisions without compromising my principles or core values?

My search for an answer took me to a familiar passage of Scripture from the Old Testament. In fact, it became so familiar over the years of my ministry that my lovely wife Linda once told me that if I preached on the episode one more time, she would get up and walk out of church. The truth is, I did and she did not. She always sat through and endured my many messages and would stretch the truth by always telling me I did a great job. I was truly blessed with my partner, who was a gift from God.

In 1 Kings, chapter 18, we are given the account that has been called "The Trial By Fire." The prophet Elijah confronted the wicked King of Israel as "the troubler of Israel." As truthful as it may have been, it took a lot of courage to address the king in such harsh words. After all, Ahab had the power to silence Elijah by putting him to death. I have often wondered why the king did not. Perhaps he did not want to compromise what little was left regarding his belief in the guidance and authority of God.

The account of what took place after this greeting is both exciting and challenging, but I leave it for your personal reading. The passage that always rings loud and clear for me is the challenge of Elijah to the people of his day: "How long will you go on limping between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him."

There was no room for negotiation when it came to the foundation of the faith declared by the prophet. It seems to me that the challenge comes to us as individuals as we live our daily lives.

There are the Core Values, which are important to not only know and be able to recite, but by which to live each day. As we interact with others, and as we seek harmony in our relationships, we may need to negotiate certain aspects of life. We can certainly negotiate schedules as well as issues as to what to eat and where to go in both family, work, and recreational activities. But it becomes important to decide upon the principles which serve as the foundation for all our decisions – principles which cannot be negotiated or compromised. Each person has to set the principles by which she or he will live every day. When it comes to the difference between negotiation and compromise, I would suggest that one is free to negotiate the color of the shingles, but not to compromise the fact that there needs to be a roof.

Remember that it is not the direction the wind is blowing, but it is the set of the sail that determines the direction the ship will go. Set uncompromising principles by which to live each day, and don't, in the words of Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, "be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles." (Ephesians 4:14)

Chaplains Hurlbert and McInerney join with me in assuring you of our prayers, support, friendship, and admiration for all you do each day to make Ohio safer by putting service above self.

Respectfully,

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