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Contributing To A Safer Ohio



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5 stolen vehicles recovered—Ace Award
12 felony arrests—Criminal Patrol Ribbon
2010 State Trooper of the Year

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contribute to a safer Ohio?*



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What will you do today to Contribute to a safer Ohio?

It's not just a slogan or a mantra. It is a question each of us who are part of the Ohio State Highway Patrol should begin each working day by answering. It is also a question that we should revisit during the seams in our day to ensure we are focused on contributing through our individual role to the citizens we serve and the organization for which we work.

We are in a very optimistic time for the Ohio State Highway Patrol. This issue of the *Flying Wheel*, the first one printed in more than two years, is an illustration of this optimism. Following last year's *Flying Wheel* readership survey, we realized how much this publication means to the Patrol family and it is with great pride that the magazine is once again available in this printed format.

In this issue, we honor our own whose achievements in 2010 were deemed to be outstanding by their peers. This issue also further details our new direction – *Trooper Shield*.

We are uniquely positioned with strong support from Governor John Kasich, new House Speaker William Batchelder and Senate President Tom Niehaus. Our Department Director Thomas Charles has nearly 50 years of public service and has worn the gray and black of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

While we are all fortunate to have this opportunity for a new beginning, we will have challenges and obstacles along the way. I am confident we will overcome those hurdles and continue to move forward with a sense of urgency and professionalism our organization is internationally recognized for having throughout its ranks.

This issue highlights some of the significant elements of *Trooper Shield*. In reality, however, the essence of our new direction is not all together unlike the direction our founders had for the Patrol in 1933.

We will contribute to a safer Ohio by targeting impaired and dangerous drivers, concentrating on criminal patrol and major crimes occurring on roadways and highways, and looking beyond the traffic stop to make our communities safer.

This issue also contains updates on some of the key issues and questions many of you are most interested in having resolved. I encourage you to read about updates and decisions being made relative to carbines, light bars, the Critical Information and Communication Center, new metro operations, moving officers out of GHQ administrative positions and into key operational roles, development of a discipline grid similar in concept to a criminal sentencing grid, promotional ranking system development, dispatcher survey and a new statewide criminal patrol structure.

I know many of these topics are discussed before shifts amongst coworkers in posts and Patrol offices across Ohio. I will continue to communicate to all personnel as we resolve these issues, look at where we need to go and how we will get there.

We are going to measure progress toward our goal of a safer Ohio by making today better than yesterday – it's that simple. Whatever your job or role in our organization, you can contribute by doing just that one thing – making the personal commitment each day to make that day better than the one before.

I am honored to be your Superintendent and look forward to counting the Ohio State Highway Patrol among our nation's law enforcement elite.

Enjoy this new *Flying Wheel* issue and then when you go to work today, and each day, ask yourself the same thing I ask myself – What will I do today to Contribute to a Safer Ohio?



Colonel John Born
Superintendent



What will you do today to Contribute to a safer Ohio?

Patrol focusing on Contributing to a Safer Ohio

It is a new day in the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and troopers have recently been tasked with this question – “What will you do today to contribute to a safer Ohio?” The answer can be found in the Patrol’s new symbol of its efforts, Trooper Shield, which challenges troopers to measure progress one day at a time, one less fatality than the day before or one more dangerous driver removed from the roadway.

Troopers are targeting impaired and dangerous drivers while concentrating on criminal patrol efforts and major crimes occurring on Ohio’s highways. There is now an equal emphasis on traffic safety and criminal patrol. However, the Patrol will not be petty fault finders, as troopers are being directed to focus their efforts on the problems that are most important to the motorists they serve. Troopers are tasked with ensuring our children drive on roads safer than those we drive on today. To accomplish this, an increased emphasis is being placed on arresting impaired drivers. Provisional data indicates that in 2010 Patrol OVI arrests were their lowest in 25 years. This decrease in enforcement coupled with an increase in fatalities on Ohio’s roadways has been deemed unacceptable, in light of the fact that alcohol and impaired traffic crash deaths remain a significant problem in Ohio.

In an effort to improve public service, Colonel John Born swiftly moved to improve the organization’s internal structure upon assuming command on January 10. This can be seen through the reassignment of sworn officers taken out of General Headquarters and put into operational roles in the field.

By doing this, the Patrol is relying more on professional staff to manage and is providing civilian supervisors the tools to be successful at their jobs. In addition, the creation of the Critical Information and Communications Center (CICC) – which, under the management of Major Kevin Teaford, is the first federally compliant National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Com-

mand System (ICS) center in Ohio. In addition, post commanders may be given the option to designate one administrative sergeant at the post to handle administrative duties, and in-turn free up the other sergeants so they can focus on working the road and supporting their troopers.

The Patrol is investing in leaders. The senior staff designation has been replaced by the senior advisor designation. The senior advisor group consists of selected majors and GHQ and field captains. In addition, the promotional process for troopers to sergeant is going to be improved. Major George Williams, Office of Personnel, is overseeing the review of the promotional process for promotions to the rank of sergeant with a goal of creating a comprehensive system in which each trooper can see where they stand and know what steps are needed to improve their promotional ranking. There has also been more flexibility in scheduling created for lieutenants and above so that time is spent operationally instead of administratively.

The Patrol is building upon its partnerships near highly populated areas of Ohio while staying true to its statutory mission. Personnel and resources are being reallocated to provide core traffic safety and criminal patrol operations near high concentrations of population, business and infrastructure.

The Columbus Metro Unit, which began full operation in February under the management of Lt. Gary Lewis, has seen great success. In addition, the Patrol wants to build on partnerships between law enforcement and safety advocate groups, such as MADD, the insurance industry, health care and emergency providers.

The Patrol and the Ohio State Troopers Association recently conducted a dispatcher survey to weigh the opinion of every dispatcher regarding dispatching locations around the state. After these results are compiled, a cost analysis will be done for all options with a final decision expected in early spring.



Critical Information and Communications Center

The CICC, located in the Columbus Communications Center, in conjunction with the Emergency Management Agency and the Emergency Operations Center, is staffed 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year by command personnel who have received training and experience in coordinating assets and information during critical incidents. In the event of a critical incident, personnel from the CICC can also staff the Emergency Operations Center.

CICC personnel are using state-of-the-art equipment to monitor and disseminate critical information to and from operational units in the field and are assisting Homeland Security personnel in collecting and disseminating critical information with regards to criminal activity that could pose a security threat.

The center also serves as a 24-hour intake point for evidence during non-business hours.

Criminal Patrol Structure

Major Paul Pride, Office of Special Operations, has the assignment to successfully elevate Criminal Patrol to the same emphasis level as traffic safety. In so doing, troopers are tasked with stopping more vehicles and looking beyond the traffic stop to detect and interdict criminal activity.

Four new regional lieutenants are managing the criminal patrol units to ensure sergeants can focus on operations and investigations instead of administrative duties. The new regional lieutenants are:

- Lt. William Stidam, Northwest Regional Criminal Patrol Commander
- Lt. Michael Combs, Northeast Regional Criminal Patrol Commander
- Lt. Jon Payer, Southwest Regional Criminal Patrol Commander
- Lt. Richard Meadows, Southeast Regional Criminal Patrol Commander

Capt. Brigette Charles is assisting with the development of regional training to bolster criminal patrol efforts throughout the state. There will also be a new criminal patrol communications protocol to include reporting and documentation. In coordination with Capt. J.D. Brink, more personnel from the Office of Investigations will be incorporated into criminal patrol operations as investigators reduce time spent on cases in Ohio detention facilities.

Criminal Intel is also being moved to be closer to the Criminal Patrol and SRT units in Columbus to improve inter-office coordination.



Facilities and Fleet

New Facilities commander, Capt. Michelle Henderson, is working to ensure all staff lieutenants and below are assigned marked cruisers so they can operationally be on the road – be seen – be busy – and be accessible. All unmarked cars are also being outfitted with light packages to allow for officers driving those vehicles to stop with disabled vehicles and at crash scenes.

Officer safety is always of utmost importance, and in 2011 the Patrol will be replacing light bars and light packages on all Patrol cruisers using seized contraband money. With the age of the current light bars and the amount of repairs that were necessary, Colonel Born believes this was an investment that the Patrol had to make.

Among many new challenges facing the Patrol, the need for enhanced arms training for new ordinance, continued and expanded qualifying and the ongoing training of both Basic and Cadet classes will require improvements to the Training Academy Firing Range.

Already one of the largest indoor firing ranges in the United States, Academy range staff and users will be provided with a number of new physical improvements to enhance and maintain their world-class training facility. Lt. Ron Raines and staff have been diligently researching equipment needs and have determined new range target equipment. Additional bullet resistant baffles, lighting improvements, stall replacement, control room acoustic

improvements and replacement flooring materials will be included in this phase of the improvements. The new range target equipment will provide a wireless, battery-operated, self-contained motorized control unit, which will recharge with each return to the home position. Reasonable damage to the track component will no longer affect the control unit.

The additional baffles to be provided will allow larger caliber and more varied training programs, and provide additional deflection/protection of all range components. Lighting enhancements will improve visibility and allow greater variance and control of training scenarios.

The individual stall replacements will vastly improve range safety by providing bullet resistant materials at each stall location. Acoustic improvements within the range control room will improve training officer performance and reaction times. Although the range concrete floor surface has withstood a relentless and constant attack over the last 11 years, floor finishes at the firing line area have exhibited cracking at concrete control/expansion joints and will be replaced.

Improvements are now in the design process, and construction is anticipated to commence July 1, 2011, and completion is expected by September 7, 2011.

HVAC improvements are anticipated for the range in the future, and will likely coordinate with the range schedule in fiscal year 2012, pending funding approval.

Carbine Weapons

The committee that was formed after the contract negotiations in 2009 regarding carbine weapons in Patrol vehicles has come to a conclusion. In a February video, released to sworn personnel, Colonel Born and Ohio State Troopers Association president, Tpr. Larry Phillips, announced that troopers soon will be authorized to carry their own carbine weapon in their Patrol vehicle as long as it meets the specifications of the committee. The Patrol will supply the universal mount for the weapon, as well as the qualifying ammunition and familiarization training during in-service. For those who would like to carry the weapon but are unable to make the investment, the Patrol is looking into a military surplus program to try to procure the weapons. After the budget process is over, if the military surplus program is not an efficient solution, then the Patrol plans to re-examine the funds necessary to ensure that every car during each shift has a carbine weapon.

Training

Capt. Brigitte Charles and Staff Lt. Clifton Spinner's recent establishment of the Regional Training Unit (RTU), based at the Academy, have the responsibility to ensure professional training operations and continued development of quality courses are delivered via the Regional Education & General In-Service (REGIS) Institute.

REGIS is an outreach training program sponsored by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio State Highway Patrol to provide quality law enforcement training. The "regional" training concept was developed to assist in the delivery of training at the local post level. In the tradition of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy and our commitment to other agencies, the REGIS Institute opportunity is extended to allow other law enforcement agencies to attend regional training courses.

The RTU partners with the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission (OPOTC), various colleges, universities, vocational schools, and high schools to obtain logistical support and facilities for the training venues. Training courses provided include all mandated learning objectives established by OPOTC and reflect the current trends of our vocation.

Examples of courses offered by the RTU include: First Aid, Crash Investigation (basic & technical), Criminal Patrol, ADAP, Firearms, Tactical Driving, TASER, Self Defense, Leadership training, Dispatcher and Professional Staff training, Officer Involved Shooting Response, Critical and/or Criminal Investigation training, In-Custody Death Prevention & Investigation training, Executive Protection, Fraudulent Document training, BWC Injury Claims training and numerous others.

In addition to the new RTU, starting in the fall, all sergeants will once again have leadership training at the Academy. It has been over a year since this training has been provided.

Discipline

People look to troopers for hope at some of the worst times of their lives – at crash scenes – after losing a loved one – and troopers provide stability. That is why it is so important that the Patrol have a sense of urgency to get on the right path.

In his speech at the January 15 swearing-in ceremony, Colonel Born said, "I will not allow individual misconduct to become organizational misconduct."

As a result, several senior advisors are working to create internal standards for equal treatment with regards to discipline. Similar in concept to a criminal sentencing grid, a discipline grid is going to be produced that will be clear as to the consequences of misconduct. Discipline will be swift and fair; however, dishonesty during an investigation will not be tolerated and will result in recommended termination. Instead of personnel being placed on administrative leave, changes to the process will result in more employees being assigned to a facility on administrative duty.

Inspection Process

Major John Bistor has implemented the new inspection process that includes the recommendations from a committee that was formed last year to review the post inspection process. The committee recommended completing post inspections every two years. The current inspectors, S/Lt. Pat Vessels and S/Lt. Brenda Collins, are scheduling each inspection far in advance and their schedule can be found in policy.

As part of the new process, approximately one week before the actual inspection, the inspectors go to the post and conduct a risk assessment. The following week, the inspectors will arrive at the post and inspect a total of 16 items which were chosen by the committee. On the second day, the major of the Office of Field Operations will arrive in the afternoon to review the inspection with the post management team and the inspectors. Usually the district staff also will attend. The inspectors will read the report to the group and then everyone in the room will give comments related to the inspection. The conversation starts with the post sergeants and ends with comments from the major.

The post is given guidance throughout the process and it is considered a good learning tool for everyone involved. At the end of the process, the post management team can ask questions if any clarification is needed. In going back to this inspection process, the post is left with a clear understanding of the expectations from Field Operations.



Criminal Patrol Efforts Pay Off in First Months of 2011

With an equal emphasis on traffic safety and criminal patrol through Trooper Shield, troopers have already realized great success in detecting major crimes occurring on Ohio's highways. Here are summaries of some recent cases.

February 16

A man from Mexico is facing felony drug charges after troopers seized 871 pounds of marijuana, valued at nearly \$2 million, during a traffic stop in Preble County.

Troopers stopped a 2004 Ford F150 extended cab pick-up truck with Ohio registration for a cracked windshield and a following too closely violation on Interstate 70, near milepost 13, at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Criminal indicators were observed and troopers could see a large bundle of marijuana in the cab of the truck. A Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle and a probable cause search revealed 36 bundles of marijuana, weighing 871 pounds, located in the cab and cargo area of the truck.

The driver was charged with possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

February 15

Three men from Colorado are facing felony drug charges after troopers

seized a kilo of cocaine valued at \$100,000 and a semi-automatic pistol, during a traffic stop in Erie County.

Troopers stopped a 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 with Colorado registration for a marked lanes violation on the Ohio Turnpike, near milepost 115, at approximately 11:18 a.m. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the cocaine and the weapon.

The driver and passengers were charged with possession of cocaine and aggravated trafficking in cocaine, both first-degree felonies. The driver was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a fifth-degree felony.

February 3

A man from California is facing felony drug charges after troopers seized 53 pounds of hydroponic marijuana valued at more than \$240,000 during a traffic stop in Preble County.

Troopers stopped a 2008 Chevy Silverado for a moving violation on Interstate 70, near milepost 8, at approximately 1:32 p.m. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 53 pounds of hydroponic marijuana.

The driver was charged with possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony.

January 27

A New Yorker is facing felony drug charges after troopers seized 83 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$188,000 during a traffic stop in Preble County.

Troopers stopped a 2011 Kia Sorento SUV for an unsafe lane change on Interstate 70, near milepost 8, at approximately 9:28 a.m.

Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed three large bundles of marijuana, four marijuana cigarettes and 45 prescription pills.

The driver was charged with trafficking in marijuana, a second-degree felony. Other charges are possible.

January 26

An Ohio man is facing felony drug charges after troopers seized 4 kilos of cocaine valued at \$400,000 during a traffic stop in Erie County.

Troopers stopped a 2003 Ford F150 for a speed violation on the Ohio Turnpike, near milepost 110, at approximately 6:13 p.m. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 4 kilos of cocaine.

The driver was charged with possession of cocaine and trafficking in cocaine, both first-degree felonies.

Patrol Receives Award from Transportation Safety Administration

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was honored with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) National Partnership Award on Nov. 19, 2010, at a ceremony hosted by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano in Washington, D.C.

The National Partnership Award is one of the few awards given out annually by the TSA to an external organization or individual whose accomplishments and excellence in performance distinctly benefit the interests of the United States and clearly advance the TSA's mission.

The Patrol was nominated for the

award by Federal Security Director Donald Barker for the Patrol's support and continued assistance in protecting the nation's transportation systems.

"The partnership that exists with the Ohio State Highway Patrol is without parallel," said Barker. "If a significant transportation security- or terrorist-related incident should occur anywhere in Ohio, the Ohio State Highway Patrol is a true partner — who will without question — offer their very competent resources to support and assist the TSA in responding to the incident and mitigating the threat."

Since the TSA opened its doors

in Columbus in 2002, the Patrol has offered the Patrol Academy for meetings and training exercises, as well as provided TSA officials training in the Patrol's West Point Leadership training program.

The Patrol also has formed a strong relationship by working alongside TSA officials at Ohio Homeland Security's fusion center, the Strategic Analysis Information Center, to share support staff, intelligence and daily briefings.

In addition, in recent years the Patrol has played a significant role in transportation safety training efforts — offering the resources and staff needed, as well as active participation.

Tpr. Barrett Earns National Drug Interdiction Officer of the Year

On Aug. 18, 2010, Trooper Larry "Rich" Barrett, a canine handler assigned to Piqua DHQ, won the National Drug Interdiction Officer of the Year Award presented in New Orleans, LA, at the 20th Annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction, Intelligence Networking and Training Conference.

The award is given by the Drug Interdiction Assistance Program (DIAP), which is administered by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's National Training Center and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's El Paso Intelligence Center, to the country's most successful drug interdiction officer.

Hundreds of qualified officers compete for this award. In addition to the number of seizures an officer participated in, the award committee also looks at the officer's teaching commitment and community involvement with the war on drugs.

Tpr. Barrett holds our state record for a marijuana seizure. He broke the previous record, which he also set, when he stopped a tractor trailer containing 3,281 pounds of marijuana. Tpr. Barrett also has instructed drug interdiction classes throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.



Tpr. Rich Barrett and his wife, Robin, with his National Drug Interdiction Officer of the Year Award.

This is the second time an officer from the Ohio State Highway Patrol has won this prestigious award. Tpr. Shaun O. Smart won the award in 2005.

OSHP supports MADD



Colonel John Born was a guest speaker at the Ohio MADD Awards of Excellence on Feb. 17, during which several Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers were honored with awards for their success in removing impaired drivers from the road. During the event, Colonel Born presented a check for \$18,655.73 from privately raised funds to Ohio MADD Executive Director Doug Scoles.

Patrol benefits from forfeited monies



On Feb. 22, Colonel John Born accepted a check for \$385,336 of forfeited monies resulting from a traffic stop that occurred on Interstate 71 in Mt. Sterling on March 14, 2008. The check was presented on behalf of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Columbus, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Attorney General's Office. Pictured from left to right are Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation; Colonel John Born; Carter M. Stewart, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Ohio; and Anthony C. Marotta, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration.

Hamilton's Christina Hayes is 2010 State Trooper of the Year



Christina J. M. Hayes

As several past winners of the State Trooper of the Year Award looked on, Colonel John Born announced that Tpr. Christina J. M. Hayes, Hamilton, is the Patrol's 2010 State Trooper of the Year. The award was given during the Patrol's Annual Awards Ceremony in Columbus on Feb. 11.

Upon accepting the award, Tpr. Hayes thanked her coworkers and supervision at the Hamilton Post, as well as Wilmington District staff, Colonel Born and Thomas P. Charles, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, for their support and leadership.

Tpr. Hayes' peers and supervisors identified her as an officer with tremendous potential when she was assigned to the Hamilton Post out of the Academy in 2007. According to Lt. Wayne V. Price, Hamilton post commander, Tpr. Hayes' field training officer, Tpr. Brian A. Bost, often told him, "We have a good one here, lieutenant."

Tpr. Hayes has not disappointed and was voted Post Trooper of the Year by her peers at Hamilton in her first year of eligibility for the award.

Working the night shift, she is among the leaders at her post in most functional activity areas and removed 139 impaired drivers from the road in 2010.

Tpr. Hayes frequently volunteers to work the Cincinnati Metro detail, as well as OVI checkpoints and any other assignments aimed at helping the Hamilton Post achieve its goals.

Lt. Price said, "Christina's future with the Division will be fun to watch. I have no doubt that she will become a prominent future leader."

In 2010, Tpr. Hayes also earned the Ace Award for auto larceny enforcement and the Criminal Patrol ribbon for felony case investigations.

Tpr. Hayes is a native of Caldwell. She joined the Division in 2007 as a member of the 148th Class, and she has served at Hamilton since earning her commission.

Prior to joining the Patrol, Tpr. Hayes served in the U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division in Washington, D.C., where she was assigned to the White House in the Clerk's Office and in the West Wing.

Tpr. Hayes is a graduate of Muskingum Area Technical College and earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice at Ohio University. She is scheduled to earn a Master of Business Administration from Thomas More College this winter. Tpr. Hayes resides in Lebanon.

Richendollar's work for children earns Chiamonte Award



David B. Richendollar

Tpr. David B. Richendollar, Portsmouth, earned the Robert M. Chiamonte Humanitarian Award for his efforts to positively impact the lives of the children of Scioto County.

The Chiamonte Award was established to recognize troopers' dedication to humanitarian efforts, both professionally and personally.

In addition to his excellent work for the Division, each year Tpr. Richendollar manages a number of special programs for the Portsmouth Post in Scioto County.

He coordinates "Shop with Teddy Trooper" to ensure low income children and their families receive winter clothing and gifts during the holiday season.

He also revived the Car Teens educational program for juvenile traffic offenders through the Scioto County Juvenile Court after the local 4H program had to eliminate it due to budget cuts.

Each spring, Tpr. Richendollar makes sure that each of Scioto County's 11 high schools has a prom program consisting of Prom Promise and/or mock crashes.

Tpr. Richendollar has used countless hours of vacation time and has spent money out of his own pocket to ensure the success of these annual programs.

In addition to the ongoing efforts described above, Tpr. Richendollar also worked with the Division's Special Response Team to initiate and stage an enormously successful multi-agency Direct-to-Threat training exercise at a local elementary school that was scheduled for demolition.

When that exercise revealed deficiencies with the school district's lock-down policy, Tpr. Richendollar scheduled and organized lock-down drills in each of Scioto County's 11 school districts.

Lt. Karla M. Taulbee, Portsmouth post commander, said it is hard to find someone in Scioto County who hasn't heard of Tpr. Richendollar, and with all he does for its citizens, and particularly its youth, it is easy to see why.

Tpr. Richendollar joined the Patrol in May 1993 as a member of the 125th Academy Class, and earned his commission in November of that year. He has served at the Portsmouth Post throughout his career and has been voted Post Trooper of the Year twice.

Tpr. Richendollar resides in Franklin Furnace with his wife, Kimberlee, and their two children, Josiah, 9, and Jaidah, 6.

Robirds earns Blue Max Award



Ryan E. Robirds

The Blue Max Award winner goes to the officer who recovers the most stolen vehicles with apprehensions during the year. Tpr. Ryan E. Robirds, Ironton, was the 2010 Blue Max Award winner.

In 2010, Tpr. Robirds recovered 12 stolen vehicles with a combined value of \$48,500 and apprehended 12 suspects.

Three of his recoveries came after he located vehicles that had previously been the subject of "Be on the Lookout" reports. In each instance, after hearing the "Be on the Lookout" broadcast earlier in his shift, Tpr. Robirds located the vehicles during the course of his normal duties.

He also identified stolen vehicles during crash investigations and after arresting suspect drivers for OVI.

Tpr. Robirds joined the Patrol in March 2006 as a member of the 146th Academy Class. He earned his commission in October of that year and has served at Ironton throughout his career. Tpr. Robirds currently resides in Wheelersburg.

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 2010 was Tpr. Michael R. Wilson, Granville, who finished the year with 86 criminal patrol points and 96 felony arrests.

Most of his cases were drug related, including two that resulted in the combined seizure of 72 marijuana plants. He also seized 1,016 illegally obtained prescription pills, 1.5 pounds of cocaine, 6 pounds of marijuana and 30 grams of heroin. His other case activity included firearms violations and identity theft.

Tpr. Wilson, who also earned his third Ace Award in 2010, joined the Patrol in May 2004 as a member of the 142nd Academy class. He earned his commission in November of that year and has served at Granville throughout his career. Tpr. Wilson currently resides in Granville with his wife, Sheena, and their son, Austin, 6.

State Dispatcher of the Year goes to Bowling Green's Barlow



James R. Barlow

Disp. James R. Barlow of the Bowling Green Dispatch Center was selected 2010 State Dispatcher of the Year from 10 district candidates.

With more than 23 years of service, Disp. Barlow was lauded for his knowledge and dedication to his job and was described as integral in the formation of the Bowling

Green Dispatch Center, which consolidated dispatching duties for the Bowling Green, Toledo, Defiance and Findlay Patrol posts.

Disp. Supv. Angela R. Sisco explained, "Jim is a leader by example. He is always willing to assist his coworkers and gladly takes on additional duties and responsibilities."

Disp. Barlow, who also serves as a field training dispatcher, joined the Division in 1987 as a dispatcher at Toledo where he voted was Post Dispatcher of the Year nine times. This was the second time he was selected District Dispatcher of the Year.

He resides in Liberty Center.

Cambridge Duo earns Electronic Technician Team of the Year

In 2010, the Cambridge District Electronic Team distinguished itself by seeking out new and innovative ways to reduce costs and maximize resources wherever possible.

The team had success in extending battery life in patrol cars by adding a second battery to power installed electric equipment. They also initiated the testing and evaluation of LED spotlights for enforcement vehicles.

In addition, the team continues

to coordinate efforts related to the installation of MARCS and repeater radio systems among agencies in their area.

ET3 Jeffrey A. Burris has been with the Division since 2000 and was promoted to leader of the Cambridge Team in January 2010.

ET2 Michael C. Cover also joined the Patrol in 2000 when he joined the Cambridge Team after working 30 years in his family's communications business.



Jeffrey A. Burris



Michael C. Cover

State Trooper Recognition Award goes to Theresa Mikesh



Theresa A. Mikesh

Tpr. Theresa A. Mikesh of the Jackson District Criminal Patrol Unit was selected as the State Trooper Recognition Award winner from 10 regional recipients. The Trooper Recognition Award recognizes excellence among troopers who are assigned to specialty positions.

Tpr. Mikesh has served as a canine handler for 13 years. She is often sought out for her expertise in search and seizure, and she and her current canine partner, Marco,

are well known throughout southeast Ohio for their many successes.

Tpr. Mikesh joined the Patrol in May 1993 as a member of the 125th Class. She earned her commission in November of that year. She currently resides in Chillicothe.

District Trooper Recognition Awards

- Findlay**Stacy L. Stidham**, *plainclothes investigator*
- Bucyrus ... **Ronald E. Anderson**, *commercial enforcement*
- Massillon..... **Richard O. Menges**, *canine handler*
- Warren**Frank C. Gharky**, *commercial enforcement*
- Piqua**Larry R. Barrett**, *canine handler*
- Cambridge.....**Mark W. Stelzer**, *plainclothes investigator*
- Wilmington **Matthew R. Beccaccio**, *motorcycle unit*
- Jackson..... **Theresa A. Mikesh**, *canine handler*
- Berea **LeVente D. Berry**, *field recruiter*
- GHQ.....**Rebekka C. Robinson**, *plainclothes investigator*

Keefe is Driver Examiner of the Year



Mary M. Keefe

Mary M. Keefe, Toledo Driver Examination Station, was selected State Driver License Examiner of the Year from nine district winners.

DX Keefe has more than 26 years of service with the Division. She has distinguished herself by consistently providing the finest service possible to Toledo's driver examination customers.

She earned a Certificate of Recognition in 2010 for performing a life-saving maneuver on a seven-

month-old infant who was choking at the Toledo Examination Station.

She currently resides in Oregon with her husband, Andrew. They have one grown daughter.

Rhodes wins Employee Recognition



Sandra M. Rhodes

Sandra M. Rhodes, a secretary at the Batavia Post, received the award presented annually to recognize excellence in employees who are not troopers or dispatchers.

Lt. Randy McElfresh calls Rhodes his "fifth sergeant," and said that after she takes on all of the post's normal secretary duties and handles a large number of off-duty details, Rhodes then goes looking for more work.

Rhodes resides in Mount Orab with her husband, Lt. Brian Rhodes, and their three children.

District DX of the Year

- Findlay**Mary M. Keefe**
- Bucyrus **Jeffrey W. Boyd**
- Massillon.....**Brenda L. Ruhlin**
- Warren**Deborah A. Shreves**
- Columbus..... **James C. Hartsell**
- Cambridge..... **Jeffery L. Harper**
- Wilmington **Richard E. Wilson**
- Jackson..... **Kenneth E. Ward**
- Berea **Jerome J. Svitak**

Employee Recognition Awards

- Findlay**Cheryl A. Lee**
- Bucyrus**Keri A. Smith**
- Massillon.....**Patricia A. McLean**
- Warren**Charles E. Kantola**
- Piqua **Debra S. Clark**
- Columbus..... **Michelle L. Himes**
- Cambridge..... **Lowell C. Bonnette**
- Wilmington **Sandra M. Rhodes**
- Jackson..... **Christi M. Hawk**
- Special Ops. (uniform).....**PO2 Matthew L. Roaden**
- Special Ops. (civilian).....**Marlene L. Brightwell**
- Strategic Services.....**Virginia L. Bryant**

Lambert wins Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Award



Mark R. Lambert

MCEI Mark R. Lambert, Massillon DHQ, won the 2010 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 Lambert has more than 28 years of service with the state of Ohio. He has served as a motor carrier enforcement inspector in the Massillon District since 1983. He resides in North Olmstead with his wife, Elizabeth. They have five children.

District Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Award Winners

- Findlay MCEI Harold A. Emmett
- Bucyrus MCEI Jill C. Fox
- Massillon MCEI Mark R. Lambert
- Warren. MCEI Thomas J. Drawl
- Piqua. MCEI Alvin W. Holscher
- Columbus. MCEI Keith A. Morrison
- Cambridge MCEI Steven C. Johnson
- Wilmington MCEI Gary J. Moore
- Jackson MCEI Anthony R. Lester
- Berea. Tpr. Brett A. Mealer

Statewide Auxiliary award winners honored at Patrol ceremony

In addition to awards for employees, Patrol Auxiliary volunteers are also recognized as part of the Division's Annual Awards.

William J. Duffy Award of Excellence

Auxiliary S/Major B. Ray Allison, Lancaster, received the Duffy Award.

Aux. S/Major Allison joined the Auxiliary in 1995 after a 25-year career as a trooper. Since that time, he has been a very active auxiliary at the Lancaster Post. His volunteer time includes riding with troopers and participating in special details. In addition, Aux. S/Major Allison handles many of the Auxiliary's administrative duties.



B. Ray Allison

Since 2002, Aux. Capt. St. Clair has been involved in many aspects of Auxiliary program. His volunteer time in 2010 included riding on patrol as well as participating in special details including Ohio State football parking details, air shows and the state fair.

St. Clair also is a previous winner of the Duffy Award.



Thomas R. St. Clair

District Auxiliary Award Winners

- Findlay James L. Gilliam
- Bucyrus Gerald C. Flegal
- Massillon James C. Kalchert
- Warren. Thomas R. St. Clair
- Piqua. Aaron Rohrbaugh
- Columbus. William T. Forbes
- Cambridge Joshua D. Schlicher
- Wilmington Thomas S. Goodwin
- Jackson Brian Johnson

Auxiliary Officer of the Year

Auxiliary Captain Thomas R. St. Clair, Warren, 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 Auxiliary Officer who volunteers the most hours in a given year while demonstrating the core values of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary

2010

Post Troopers and Dispatchers of the Year

Troopers

Dispatchers

Troopers

Dispatchers

Findlay District

Lima	Timothy P. Grigsby	N/A
Defiance	Dennis A. Spangler	N/A
Findlay	Matthew N. Geer*	N/A
Toledo	Scott A. Gonzales	N/A
Van Wert	Shawn D. Cook	Bradley A. Saylor
Bowling Green	Ann M. Malone	James R. Barlow**

Columbus District

Delaware	Kevin W. Riley	Melissa S. Shipman*
Lancaster	Christopher B. Goss	Nathan E. Dennis
Granville	Jermaine D. Thaxton	Brenda S. Heskett
West Jeff.	Matthew D. Himes*	Monica A. Minter
Mt. Gilead	Mason P. Boyce	N/A
Circleville	Jerrold T. March	N/A

Bucyrus District

Bucyrus	Gary L. Griffeth	Brent W. Sigler
Sandusky	Shane R. Zehnder	Heidi J. Maloy
Norwalk	Steven J. Drew	N/A
Marion	Tawanna L. Young	N/A
Mansfield	Jason P. Murfield	Christopher D. Baker*
Fremont	Nathan L. Henn*	N/A

Cambridge District

St. Clairsville	Gary A. Wright*	Richard F. Skelly*
Cambridge	Brian R. Neff	Amy E. Tiongco
Steubenville	Joseph M. Parsons	N/A
Zanesville	Wesley F. Archer	N/A
New Philly	Christopher C. Demuth	N/A
Marietta	Luke C. Forshey	N/A

Massillon District

Ashland	Andrew T. Topp	N/A
Elyria	Cliffton D. Dowell*	N/A
Medina	John G. Beeler	Elizabeth A. Hyer
Canton	Johnnie H. Maier	Kenneth L. Bever*
Wooster	Nathan E. Haas	Timothy D. Kalbfell

Wilmington District

Georgetown	Lonnie M. Butler	N/A
Hamilton	Christina J. M. Hayes**	N/A
Batavia	James C. Taylor	Ronald W. Newman*
Wilmington	Jacob M. Daymon	Shannon E. Tackett
Xenia	Jaysen P. Kelly	N/A
Lebanon	Christopher P. Creech	Amy J. McCleese

Warren District

Ashtabula	Jared M. Klingensmith	Michelle D. Higgins
Lisbon	Barry L. Thompson	Anthony J. D'Apolito
Chardon	Ryan W. Pickett	N/A
Canfield	Timothy S. Dobbins	N/A
Ravenna	Nathan H. Krug	Josa T. Guarnieri*
Warren	Daniel J. Dubelko*	N/A

Jackson District

Athens	Christopher K. Davis	N/A
Gallipolis	W. Shannon Webb*	N/A
Jackson	Delmer K. Hurd	Aaron M. Music*
Ironton	Ryan E. Robirds	N/A
Chillicothe	Phillip M. Rutherford	N/A
Portsmouth	Bradley A. Johnson	N/A

Piqua District

Wapakoneta	Steven G. Posada	N/A
Springfield	Jason L. Cadle	Justin M. Booher*
Piqua	Jeremy W. Wheeland	Kimra J. Skelton
Dayton	Jerod L. Keys*	Brandy L. Johnson
Marysville	Timothy L. Ehrenborg	Dawn M. Heppard

Berea District

Swanton	Michelle L. Durliat	
Milan	Edwin Lopez Jr.	
Hiram	Troy J. Homrighausen*	
Berea DHQ		Tracey A. Doles*

GHQ

Post 98

Shirley L. Szumlic

* District Winners **State Winners

2010 Blue Max Program Awards

Ace Award

Tpr. Kurt D. Beidelschies
Tpr. David R. Chamberlin
Tpr. Jonathan S. Davis
Tpr. Wm. Scott Davis
Tpr. Timothy S. Durham
Tpr. Donald S. Edgington
Tpr. Nathan E. Haas

Tpr. Jason W. Halstead
Tpr. Christina J. M. Hayes
Tpr. Matthew D. Himes
Sgt. John R. Howard
Tpr. Steven R. Ilo
Tpr. Daniel H. Jesse
Tpr. Jeffrey A. Kaess

Tpr. Jared M. Klingensmith
Tpr. Johnnie H. Maier
Tpr. Jerrold T. March
Tpr. David A. Norman
Tpr. Michael S. Phipps
Tpr. Lawrence Roberts Jr.
Tpr. Ryan E. Robirds

Tpr. David G. Slanker
Sgt. Timothy J. Timberlake
Tpr. Adrian E. Wilson
Tpr. Michael R. Wilson
Tpr. Robert J. Wilson
Tpr. Gary A. Wolfe
Tpr. Zachary J. Yoder

Four Bolts

Tpr. Robert A. Curry
Tpr. Dexter T. Howard
Tpr. Aaron M. Morgan
Tpr. Jason P. Murfield

Tpr. Nathan A. Ward
Tpr. Robert N. Webb

Three Bolts

Tpr. Daniel J. Edelbrock
Tpr. Timothy M. Gossett
Lt. Nakia J. Hendrix
Tpr. Nicholas L. Lewis
Tpr. Matthew A. Murphy

Tpr. Brandon D. Ruhl
Tpr. Harley Steppenbacker
Tpr. Joshua M. Weiss
Tpr. Jeremy W. Wheeland

2010 Criminal Patrol Awards

12 Points

Tpr. Stacey L. Arnold
Tpr. Christopher S. Ausse
Tpr. James M. Baker
Tpr. Shaun J. Baskerville
Tpr. Scott W. Bayless
Tpr. Kurt D. Beidelschies
Tpr. Christopher H. Beyer
Tpr. Jason G. Bonar
Sgt. Shad E. Caplinger
Tpr. David R. Chamberlin
Tpr. Kristopher J. Conaway
Tpr. Robert A. Curry
Tpr. Steven P. Daugherty
Tpr. W. Scott Davis
Tpr. Jonathan S. Davis
Sgt. Kevin D. Dillard
Tpr. Timothy S. Dobbins

Tpr. Clifton D. Dowell
Tpr. D. Matt Dowler
Tpr. Christopher L. Ellison
Tpr. Michael K. Ervin
Tpr. Nickolas B. Goodnite
Tpr. Jeffrey S. Greene
Tpr. Shawn D. Grim
Tpr. David A. Grooms
Tpr. Nathan E. Haas
Tpr. Christina J. M. Hayes
Tpr. Matthew D. Himes
Sgt. John R. Howard
Tpr. Delmer K. Hurd
Sgt. Dana M. Hutton
Tpr. Steven R. Ilo
Sgt. Robert J. Jacks
Tpr. Daniel H. Jesse

Tpr. Nicholas S. Johnson
Tpr. Jeffrey A. Kaess
Sgt. Christopher S. Kelley
Tpr. Rusty A. Lanning
Sgt. Neil D. Laughlin
Tpr. Nicholas L. Lewis
Tpr. Kyle L. Mackie
Tpr. Jerrold T. March
Tpr. Sean T. McLaughlin
Tpr. Theresa A. Mikesch
Tpr. Shawn F. Milburn
Tpr. Aaron M. Morgan
Tpr. David A. Norman
Tpr. Craig M. Polasky
Tpr. Jack M. Reno Jr.
Tpr. Ryan E. Robirds
Tpr. Jody D. Sawyers

Tpr. Rustun K. Schack
Tpr. Benjamin R. Seabolt
Tpr. Shawn M. Simms
Tpr. Joel M. Smith
Tpr. Jacob M. Teal
Tpr. Jermaine D. Thaxton
Tpr. Adam B. Throckmorton
Sgt. Timothy J. Timberlake
Tpr. Michael S. Trader
Sgt. Ricky L. Vitte Jr.
Tpr. Terrence D. Vollmer
Tpr. Nathan A. Ward
Tpr. Jeremy S. Wickman
Tpr. Michael R. Wilson
Tpr. Travis H. Woodyard
Tpr. Tawanna L. Young

5 Points

Tpr. Shawn W. Allar
Tpr. Frank C. Applegate
Tpr. Robert T. Bailey
Tpr. Scotty J. Balcomb
Tpr. Larry R. Barrett
Tpr. Penny A. Beaty
Tpr. Aaron J. Beaver
Tpr. James C. Belcher
Tpr. Scott D. Bierer
Tpr. Joshua J. Bolduan
Tpr. Hector J. Burgos
Tpr. Danny M. Calhoun
Tpr. Glenn L. Carpenter
Tpr. Tyler P. Carr
Sgt. Richard C. Chesar
Tpr. Roger A. Cooper
Tpr. Tiffiany L. Coriell
Tpr. James D. Cress
Tpr. Eric J. Derrington
Tpr. Lance S. Deshuk
Tpr. Daniel J. Dubelko
Tpr. David L. Dylag

Tpr. Rachel B. Efav
Tpr. Timothy L. Ehrenborg
Tpr. Brad M. Evans
Sgt. Lawrence V. Firmi
Tpr. Byron D. Foxx
Tpr. Cameron M. Gallagher
Tpr. Matthew N. Geer
Tpr. Thomas J. Gerber
Tpr. Christopher B. Goss
Tpr. Timothy P. Grigsby
Tpr. Robert J. Grubb
Tpr. Thomas P. Halko
Tpr. Jason W. Halstead
Sgt. Michael A. Harmon
Sgt. Thomas J. Holbert
Sgt. Brent C. Hunter
Tpr. Jacques A. Illanz
Tpr. Charles M. Jackson
Tpr. Michael B. Jordan
Tpr. Jerod L. Keyes
Tpr. Matthew D. Kohus
Sgt. Scott J. Kuntz

Tpr. Michael J. Landers
Tpr. William F. Lee
Tpr. Michael T. Mahaffey
Tpr. Mark L. Masters
Tpr. Robert D. McClelland
Tpr. Mark A. McFann
Tpr. Mark G. McNeely
Tpr. Richard O. Menges
Tpr. Paul T. Mercer
Tpr. Jason R. Metzger
Tpr. Jeremy L. Morris
Tpr. Shane M. Morrow
Tpr. Theodore H. Neal
Tpr. Ivan Nunez
Tpr. Cristian A. Perrin
Tpr. Randall W. Petersen
Tpr. Michael S. Phipps
Tpr. Ryan W. Pickett
Tpr. Brandon J. Richardson
Tpr. Matthew P. Robinson
Tpr. Michael J. Roe
Tpr. Stephen W. Roe

Tpr. Phillip M. Rutherford
Tpr. Anthony J. Scherley
Sgt. Jeremy J. Schuldt
Tpr. Troy D. Sexton
Tpr. Dwayne H. Shephard
Tpr. Shaun O. Smart
Tpr. Mark D. Starnes
Tpr. Harley Steppenbacker
Tpr. David W. Stuart
Tpr. James M. Trelka
Tpr. Robert V. VanDyke
Tpr. Michael J. Vitullo
Tpr. Christopher A. Ward
Tpr. Robert N. Webb
Tpr. Jerad L. White
Tpr. Aaron M. Williams
Tpr. Chris J. Williams
Tpr. Robert J. Wilson
Tpr. Gary A. Wolfe

Superintendent's Citation of Merit

Sgt. Michael K. Hasson and **Tpr. James W. Bryner**, Marysville, were awarded the Superintendent's Citation of Merit, and **Disp. Jason L. Kidder** earned a Certificate of Recognition for their actions during and after the pursuit of an armed suspect.

On Aug. 10, 2010, Sgt. Hasson and Tpr. Bryner joined Union County sheriff's deputies in the pursuit of a domestic violence suspect in Union County. The suspect, who was armed with a shotgun, had fled his residence after a dispute with his father.

Officers disabled two tires on the suspect's vehicle and were ultimately successful in ending the pursuit just outside a neighborhood in the city of Marysville. When the suspect exited his vehicle and began firing at officers with the shotgun, Sgt. Hasson, Tpr. Bryner and the other officers were forced to return fire.

The suspect was seriously wounded to end the exchange,



Michael K. Hasson



James W. Bryner



Jason L. Kidder

and the officers immediately provided first aid to him until they were relieved by emergency medical personnel.

Throughout the incident, Disp. Kidder was instrumental in coordinating efforts and relaying critical information to the officers involved and directing units to the proper locations.

Sgt. Leslie D. Brode, Hiram, earned a Superintendent's Citation of Merit for his life-saving actions at the scene of a crash.

On Aug. 11, 2010, Sgt. Brode and Ohio Turnpike Assistant Foreman Mark Kinzer were first on the scene of a fiery one-car crash on the Turnpike. As they arrived, each man took a fire extinguisher from his vehicle and ran down an embankment to the burning car. As Sgt. Brode fought back flames, Mr. Kinzer opened the driver-side door, revealing two people inside.

The driver was unresponsive, but the passenger was conscious. Sgt. Brode pushed through debris

and tree limbs to open the passenger door and found the elderly female passenger alert, but confused. He pulled the woman out of the vehicle and carried her to Mr. Kinzer, who moved her farther away from the fire.

Sgt. Brode and Mr. Kinzer then returned to the vehicle and pulled the driver out. Sgt. Brode performed CPR on the woman until EMS arrived, but despite the efforts of all involved, she died at the scene.

The passenger was flown to a hospital where she was treated for her injuries with a full recovery expected.



Leslie D. Brode

Sgt. J. Adam Burkhart, **Sgt. Justin C. Hurlbert** and **Tpr. Paul J. Shore**, Mt. Gilead, were awarded the Superintendent's Citation of Merit for their life-saving actions at the scene of a two-vehicle crash on Sept. 11, 2010, in Morrow County.

Sgt. Burkhart pulled up to a smoking, heavily damaged compact sedan and saw three teenage girls inside, all bloodied and crying. He told the girls to exit the vehicle through the driver's door, then, as he got closer, he saw a fourth girl lying in the back seat.

The girl had suffered serious trauma to her head, and Sgt. Burkhart could find no signs of life. He quickly retrieved his automated external defibrillator, attached it to the girl, and activated the device. When the girl began breathing, Sgt. Burkhart asked a bystander to monitor the defibrillator, and then turned to retrieve his fire extinguisher.

He then realized two of the other passengers had been unable to exit the vehicle. Sgt. Burkhart helped both girls move away from the car, and then worked to put out the engine



J. Adam Burkhart



Justin C. Hurlbert



Paul J. Shore

fire. With the fire controlled, Sgt. Burkhart and the bystander continued to monitor and provide aid to the seriously injured victim until emergency medical personnel relieved them.

As Sgt. Hurlbert arrived at the scene, he approached the second vehicle, which had heavy damage and a fire in its engine compartment. The doors were locked and the lone female occupant was unresponsive. Sgt. Hurlbert broke a window with his baton, but he and a bystander could not pry

Superintendent's Citation of Merit continued

open the door enough to rescue the driver.

As the fire moved toward the passenger compartment, Sgt. Hurlbert broke a window on the opposite side of the car and opened that door. While bystanders battled the fire with extinguishers, Sgt. Hurlbert entered the vehicle, which was filled with smoke and fire retardant dust. He forcefully pulled on the driver seat, breaking it backward to allow access to the driver.

Sgt. Hurlbert carefully pulled the woman through the back seat and out the rear door where bystanders helped move her a safe distance away from the fire. Sgt. Hurlbert then provided first aid until emergency medical personnel relieved him.

As Tpr. Shore arrived on the scene, Sgt. Hurlbert reported a dog was still trapped in the car. Tpr. Shore approached the burning vehicle and reached in to find an extremely fright-

ened, barking and growling dog that bit him numerous times as he attempted to rescue it. Tpr. Shore got hold of the dog and carried it away from the fire, calming it as he held it tightly against his chest.

He left the dog in the care of a bystander, and then retrieved his fire extinguisher. After fighting back the flames as best he could, Tpr. Shore helped move the injured driver farther away from the still dangerous fire.

Certificates of Recognition



Jerad R. Sutton



Daniel H. Jesse

Sgt. Jerad R. Sutton and **Tpr. Daniel H. Jesse**, Ashtabula, received Certificates of Recognition for their life-saving actions at during a traffic stop in Ashtabula County on June 26, 2010.

When the vehicle's passenger had a seizure and stopped breathing, Sgt. Sutton and Tpr. Jesse performed CPR until emergency medical personnel arrived. Medical personnel reported the woman would have died without the intervention of Sgt. Sutton and Tpr. Jesse.

Tpr. Joseph M. Parsons, Steubenville, received a Certificate of Recognition for apprehending a bank robbery suspect in Jefferson County on Oct. 25, 2010.

Tpr. Parsons saw a vehicle matching a description of the suspect's vehicle. Tpr. Parson's activated his pursuit lights and quickly apprehended the suspect.



Joseph M. Parsons

Tpr. Jason G. Bonar, Warren, received a Certificate of Recognition for his efforts to prevent a sexual assault on Oct. 10, 2010, along a rural road in Trumbull County.

Tpr. Bonar was off-duty, riding his motorcycle when he came upon the scene of an attempted rape. From a distance, Tpr. Bonar observed what he thought was a bicycle accident ahead. As he got closer, he saw a man walk onto the road from an adjacent field. Seconds later, a woman came from the edge of the field, yelling that the man had tried to rape her. As Tpr. Bonar tried to stop the suspect, the man quickly got in his vehicle and sped off, striking Tpr. Bonar and causing injury to his right shoulder.

The victim reported she was riding her bike when the suspect drove alongside her and asked for directions. He pulled ahead and parked, approached the victim, and violently attacked her. When the suspect heard Tpr. Bonar's motorcycle approaching, he punched the victim and started toward his car. Local law enforcement credited Tpr. Bonar with preventing a sexual assault and possibly a homicide.



Jason G. Bonar



James K. Speicher

Tpr. James K. Speicher, Mansfield, received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions at the scene of a crash on Nov. 2, 2010.

Tpr. Speicher found a vehicle on its top submerged in the Black Fork River off of U.S. Route 30. He took a rescue rope and the rear seat flotation from his patrol car and entered the river with two sheriff's deputies. As Tpr. Speicher dove underwater trying to determine if anyone was trapped inside the vehicle, the deputies worked to open a door. As the officers labored, a bystander reported there was a person floating face down about 40 yards south of vehicle. As the deputies continued efforts to access the vehicle, Tpr. Speicher rushed to the known victim, placed her on the float and moved her to the side of the river where rescue personnel were waiting. The officers in the water were relieved by rescue divers, who determined no other people were in the river. Although the victim did not survive, the officers on the scene showed great courage with their rescue attempts in intensely cold waters.



Mailbox overflows with gratitude, compliments

2/10/2011: On the way to work this morning I had the misfortune of a flat tire. Of course it had to be on I-70 at 5:45, 1 degree above zero and a wind chill of 10 below. I was able to pull off the road at the Dayton Airport exit. I was in the process of bundling up when a patrol car pulled up behind me and turned on his emergency lights. The patrolman got out of the car and grabbed his tire wrench and helped me change the tire. We got it done in less than 10 minutes and I was on my way. I did not get the officer's name but I wanted to tell someone of my experience this morning and to say, "Thank you." That young man sure did help me out. — K.S.

2/9/2011: I am a truck driver for May Trucking out of Salem, OR. I ran out of fuel on I-80 W at the 96 mile marker on 2/2/11, and I just wanted to thank the patrolman of your state for being there when I was in trouble. As I was waiting for road service, I found out my wife was in an emergency at home with her life in danger, so it was good to see a friendly face in my world of despair. My wife is doing great now, but as I wanted to say you have some wonderful patrolmen in your state. — M.H.

2/7/2011: My daughter attends Xavier University and was on her way home to Buffalo on Feb. 1, 2011. She was involved in an accident when a tractor trailer hit the right rear of her car. I want to thank you all for your assistance that day. I understand that one of your officers pulled behind her with lights on to protect her from further injury/damage until AAA came. — A.W.

1/30/2011: I was so happy to hear about the extra coverage on I-270 in Columbus. I have driven on it and remember people driving incredibly fast. My wife will have to start using the route soon and I was very worried. I try to tell everyone I know to "slow down and enjoy the ride." Anyway, thank you so much for your efforts. — D.B.

1/29/2011: I am fully in support of OSHP increasing its visible presence on I-270 in Franklin County. As a former deputy sheriff, I feel there could never be enough units placed on the outer belt if to do nothing more than to get people to slow down and to stop aggressive and dangerous drivers. I remember my friends Troopers Wendy Everett and Jody Dye who gave their lives on the outer belt and I hope this decision to increase enforcement on I-270 will be done in their memory and that all troopers will be reminded of the danger of making traffic stops when we are seeing more distracted drivers and many more speeding and driving aggressively. — T.D.

1/12/2011: I'm from Waverly and recently had the privilege of volunteering for three events for John Kasich's Inauguration. All I want to say is your officers made me proud to be an American. They were extremely professional and courteous. Both the uniformed and non-uniformed officers looked excellent in their uniforms and suits. I could ramble on about all the pluses, but will just say I'd be proud if any of them were my son or daughter! — P.B.

12/2/2010: Yesterday, I was driving north on I-271, and I got a flat tire. It was getting dark and extremely cold. I pulled over as far to the right as I could but it's frightening to be sitting there as others pass at 60+ mph. I hadn't changed a tire in more than 20 years and frankly didn't want to attempt it again in those conditions. Plus I only had a sports jacket on and no gloves. So I called 911 and they connected me to you. Your officer came and changed it, showing me what to do so next time I will remember. He also showed great concern for me being out in the cold but I assured him I was OK. — B.G.

11/26/2010: I am contacting you in reference to my experience with an Ohio State Trooper on Thanksgiving Day, approximately 9 a.m. on 161/Little Turtle/Hamilton Rd. area. The Trooper was

extremely professional, compassionate and had a great personality. He was friendly and it was obvious that he enjoys his job. I wanted to let you know that you have a great officer and to thank him for working the holiday and keeping the roadways safe. — D.G.

10/16/2010: On 10-12-10 I was involved in a collision with a deer on SR 117 just south of SR 235. Tpr. Bryner was the investigating officer. I just wanted to inform his supervisors that he conducted himself in a very professional and courteous manner. He ensured that my wife and I suffered no injuries and assisted us within his capabilities. He conducted his investigation very thoroughly, professionally and efficiently. Tpr. Bryner is a credit to the OSP and the law enforcement community as a whole. — J.T.

9/29/2010: We want to extend our thanks and gratitude to Trooper Williams for his help at exit 160 on Sept. 25. He was extremely professional and helpful. Having a flat tire on a busy highway is no fun and was, in fact, very scary, but Trooper Williams made it much easier and safer. He certainly represented the State of Ohio well. — J.N.

8/29/2010: I was stopped by Trooper Halvorsen about a week ago and I just wanted to pass along how professional and respectful he was. It is nice to know that there are still those that want to do a good job and treat the public in a good way. He represented the Patrol in a fashion you should be proud of. — K.H.

8/28/2010: My wife struck some road debris on 8-27-10, blowing her left front tire, stopping on a island between six lanes of traffic on I-71 N at Polaris. She was scared to death being exposed to all the traffic. Tpr. Taylor changed her tire and helped her safely off the island across the heavy traffic so she could exit. Above and beyond and appreciated! Our tax dollars well spent! — H.D.

Piqua

With the guidance of Sgt. Paul R. Weber, Piqua, members of Northmont High School’s SADD Program participated in a seat belt “checkpoint” on Dec. 19, 2010, in Englewood.

Samuel Murray, a junior SADD member at Northmont and the son of Sec. Terri L. Murray, Piqua DHQ, planned the detail with Sgt. Weber, who made a big impression on all the teens who helped with the event. Despite freezing temperatures, Sgt. Weber and the Northmont students educated the public about the importance of safety belts and restraining children in moving vehicles.

The kids learned safety tips regarding seat belts and did an amazing job talking with the public as Sgt. Weber “flagged” cars over to praise the drivers for wearing seat belts. The SADD members handed out coupons donated by local restaurants to drivers who were wearing



Sgt. Paul R. Weber instructs Northmont High School SADD members before a safety belt checkpoint on Dec. 19, 2010.

their seat belts, candy canes to children, and brochures regarding traffic safety and related issues.

Over the Hill

Eighteen new members joined the Patrol’s “Over the Hill” club for achieving 30 years of service with the Division.

Five members of the 109th Class achieved 30 years of service on October 8, 2010, and 13 members of the 110th Class achieved 30 years of service on February 25, 2011.

Members of the 109th Class from left: Sgt. John J. Lumpcik Jr., Sgt. Ronald N. Cross, Sgt. Timothy D. Dawson, S/Lt. R. Scott Borden and Sgt. David L. Durr.



Members of the 110th Class from left: Capt. Robert W. Markowski, Sgt. Kelly A. Worstall, Sgt. Joseph G. Little, Tpr. Marc S. Glover, Tpr. Larry K. Phillips, Tpr. Philip R. Sheaffer, Sgt. Patrick W. McDonald, Sgt. Donald W. Combs, Tpr. Gary E. Mitchell and Lt. Douglas S. McKinney



Not pictured: Tpr. Ronald A. Kisner Jr., Tpr. Michael R. Naufel and Tpr. Clark P. Wilson.

OSHP RETIREMENTS



Lieutenant Colonel
Peyton L. Watts
 Administration
 December 27, 2010
 33 years of service



Major
Russell N. Johnson
 Western Command
 January 28, 2011
 32 years of service



Captain
Andrew J. Sritmatter
 Special Operations
 September 24, 2010
 32 years of service



Staff Lieutenant
Timothy J. Bally
 Columbus DHQ
 February 18, 2011
 28 years of service



Staff Lieutenant
Richard S. Borden
 Jackson DHQ
 January 28, 2011
 32 years of service



Staff Lieutenant
Robert K. Knauff
 Field Operations
 December 3, 2010
 28 years of service



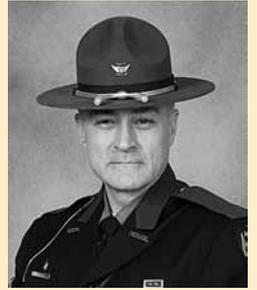
Lieutenant
Donald E. Grimwood
 Strategic Services
 December 30, 2010
 25 years of service



Lieutenant
Michael J. Orosz
 Warren
 February 25, 2011
 28 years of service



Sergeant
Thomas B. Brookhart
 Wapakoneta
 January 1, 2011
 30 years of service



Sergeant
Lawrence F. Firmi
 Warren
 December 30, 2010
 29 years of service



Sergeant
Michael P. Kasler
 Marion
 November 11, 2010
 25 years of service



Sergeant
Charles W. Lamberts
 Swanton
 February 25, 2011
 30 years of service



Sergeant
Janet Mulder-Yeagley
 Special Operations
 October 1, 2010
 26 years of service



Trooper
Myron A. Board
 Elyria
 September 23, 2010
 30 years of service



Trooper
Carl D. Cardinal
 Warren DHQ
 October 8, 2010
 25 years of service



Trooper
Samuel Crist
 Medina
 October 1, 2010
 29 years of service



Trooper
James P. Danaher
 Steubenville
 November 20, 2010
 28 years of service



Trooper
Jeffrey B. Davis
 Wilmington DHQ
 January 28, 2011
 29 years of service



Trooper
Thomas P. Esenwein
 Executive Protection
 January 10, 2011
 30 years of service



Trooper
Peter A. Gardner
 Ashtabula
 August 28, 2010
 25 years of service



Trooper
Timothy C. Jones
 Lisbon
 October 8, 2010
 25 years of service



Trooper
James W. Kilgore
 Cambridge DHQ
 January 21, 2011
 32 years of service



Trooper
Jean A. Stanfield
 Piqua DHQ
 September 10, 2010
 26 years of service



Trooper
Jeffrey L. Starling
 Marietta
 November 30, 2010
 25 years of service



Trooper
Lisa M. Weston
 Dayton
 November 3, 2010
 22 years of service



Trooper
Scott R. Wolford
 Marion
 October 18, 2010
 15 years of service



Dispatcher Supervisor
Crystal L. Fletcher
 Strategic Services
 December 30, 2010
 34 years of service



Dispatcher
Barbara A. Bohland
 Mansfield
 October 31, 2010
 20 years of service



Dispatcher
Jennifer J. Scott
 Bucyrus
 May 1, 2010
 14 years of service



Dispatcher
Renee M. Strickland
 Berea DHQ
 September 30, 2010
 30 years of service



Dispatcher
Connie L. Taylor
 West Jefferson
 December 31, 2010
 22 years of service



Dispatcher
Sharon J. Terwilliger
 Wooster
 November 5, 2010
 29 years of service



Dispatcher
Patricia A. Weigel
 Bowling Green
 September 30, 2010
 22 years of service



Dispatcher
Beverley D. Wells
 Granville
 August 31, 2010
 25 years of service



MCEI
Gerald L. Miller
 Piqua DHQ
 December 31, 2010
 20 years of service



MCEI
Dale A. Webster
 Cambridge DHQ
 August 31, 2010
 24 years of service



PLLI
Joel M. Estes
 Cambridge DHQ
 November 30, 2010
 31 years of service



PLLI
Kenneth E. Krotky
 Massillon DHQ
 November 30, 2010
 12 years of service



SLLI
Joseph A. Hrubik
 Warren DHQ
 September 30, 2010
 25 years of service



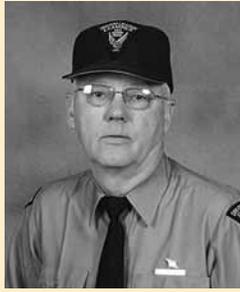
SLLI
Bonnie E. Jacobs
 Cambridge DHQ
 December 30, 2010
 20 years of service



Driver Examiner 1
Diane M. Brown
 Hilliard DX
 August 31, 2010
 22 years of service



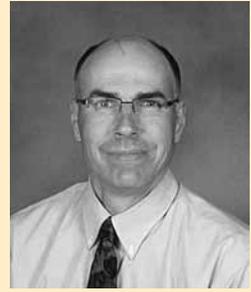
Driver Examiner 1
Thelma S. Kreischer
 Van Wert DX
 December 29, 2010
 30 years of service



Driver Examiner 1
Richard L. Moore
 Lisbon DX
 December 30, 2010
 26 years of service



Secretary
Vicky Coburn
 Georgetown
 October 29, 2010
 25 years of service



Info. Technician 2
David D. Dillon
 Strategic Services
 December 31, 2010
 30 years of service



Infrastructure Spec. 3
Tyloretta Grimwood
 Strategic Services
 December 30, 2010
 30 years of service



Secretary
Patti A. Largent
 Toledo
 October 29, 2010
 30 years of service



Secretary
Patricia A. Latimer
 Piqua DHQ
 December 31, 2010
 30 years of service



Maint. Rep. Worker 2
Robert P. Rohr
 Massillon DHQ
 August 31, 2010
 29 years of service



Secretary
Bonnie K. Smith
 Canton
 November 30, 2010
 26 years of service



Expressing sympathy



Timothy D. Hall

Division mourns Lebanon Post Trooper Tim Hall

Tpr. Timothy D. Hall, 48, died February 2, 2011, at his home in Montgomery County from apparent carbon monoxide poisoning. Tpr. Hall's wife, Molly, also died.

Tpr. Hall was assigned to the Lebanon Post. His peers voted him Post Trooper of the Year three times, in 1994, 2005 and 2008.

A member of the 115th Academy Class, Tpr. Hall was assigned to Wapakoneta after he earned his commission in March 1986. He transferred

to Lebanon in January 1989.

Tpr. Hall is survived by his parents, Cliff and Jackie Hall; sister, Debbie (David) Thaeler; niece, Allison Thaeler; nephew, Benjamin Thaeler; step-children, Sarah J. Wooding and David A. Wooding; step-grandson, Avery E. Wooding; father-in-law, Thomas P. Shea, and mother-in-law, Marilyn A. Shea; and many loving family members and friends.

Dear Friends,

The other day during the Bible study I have once a week at the Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, a question arose about the beginning of the Apostles' Creed. This Creed is one of the first to be developed and it is used in many churches of various denominations. It begins with the statement: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth."

As we began the study someone spoke up and questioned the first-person pronoun, "I." She said that her pastor always had the congregation use the third-person pronoun, "We."

The question caught me off guard for a moment and the only quick response was the fact that in spelling I had learned that "I always goes before e except after c." I thought that "we" sounded like "e" so the rule would apply. That did not satisfy the lady, but it did cause me to ponder the choice of pronouns.

As I thought about the difference in stating the Apostles' Creed my thoughts went to the stating of the Core Values of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Do we make the Core Values

personal or do they apply only to the Patrol as an organization? The answer is, obviously, both. But I suggest that before they can become more than just words on a poster or card, until they can become the very way by which the public sees the Patrol functioning and interacting, the Core Values have to be fully appropriated by everyone in the Patrol—sworn officers, dispatchers, examiners, investigators, secretaries and clerks, maintenance workers, communication specialists, tailor shop personnel, and, yes, even volunteer chaplains. Even one person associated with the Patrol can weaken the image by not adhering to the values.

Many years ago I had Congressman Sam Devine talk to the youth at the church. One of the young boys was very tough on the Congressman because he had not voted for a bill which the boy thought was good. Sam responded that he too thought that the bill was good but an amendment had been added which destroyed its value. Sam went on to explain that if you had a barrel of 55 gallons of pure water and added one cup of poison the result would be 55 gallons of poisonous water. This analogy



is true for the image of the Patrol.

When all the "I's" in the Patrol accept and fully live by the Core Values than the "We" will have the positive image it should have for the State of Ohio. Together we can; together we will.

Respectfully,

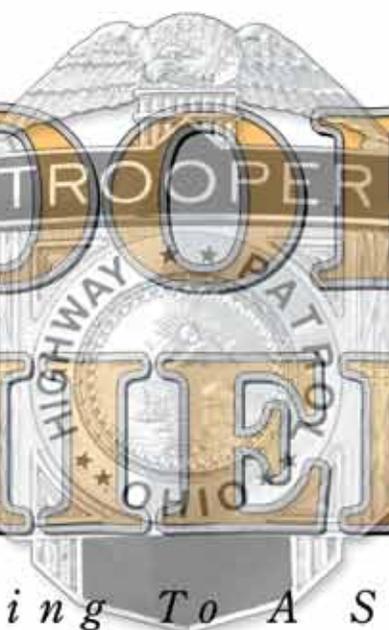
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Chaplain

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