

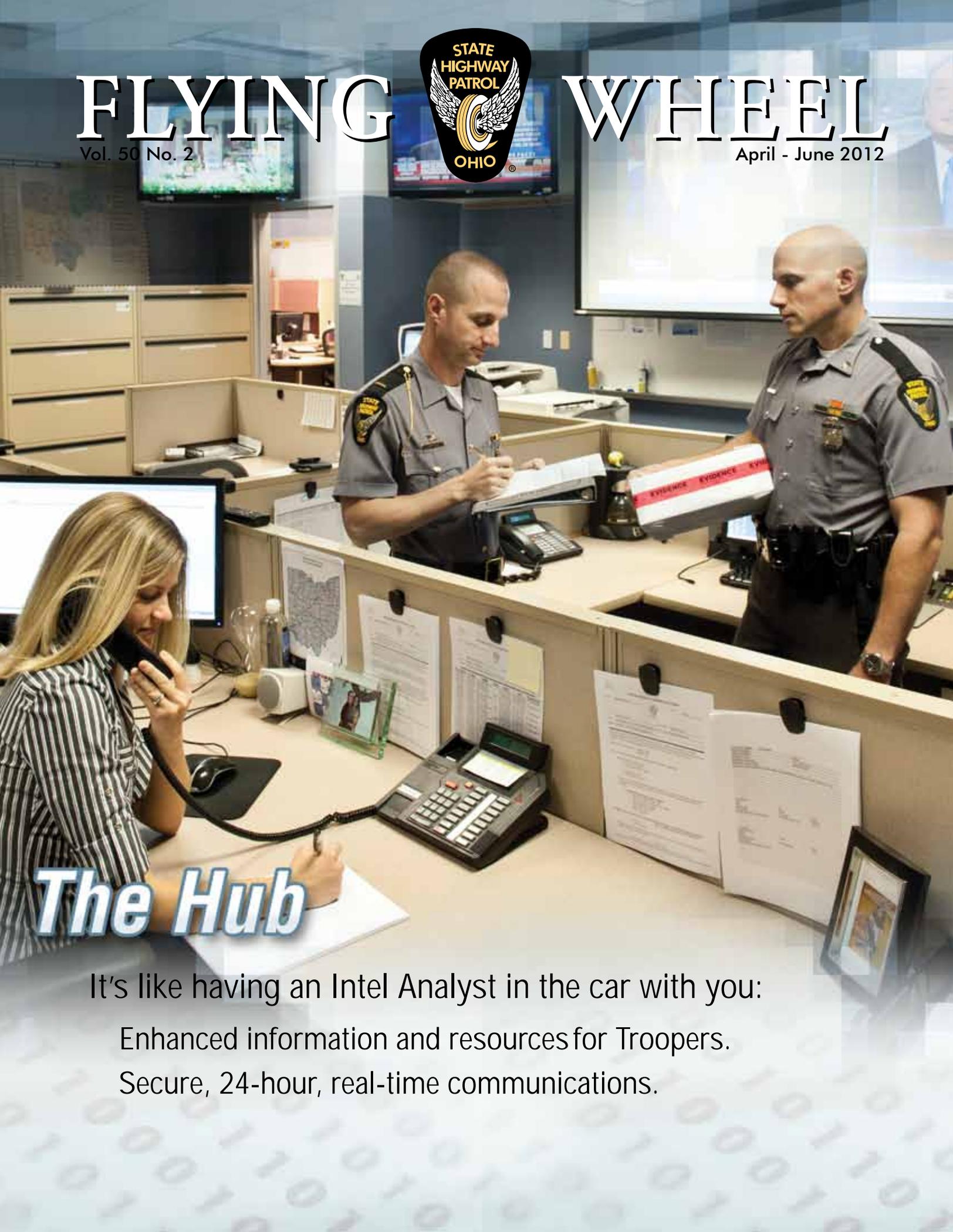
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The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) recently merged into the CICC to form The Hub. From the State Emergency Operations Center in Columbus, these components work with the Strategic Analysis Information Center to provide information resources to State Troopers like never before. Please see related story on page 4.

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You responded in great ways when challenged last year to identify how you can contribute to a safer Ohio each day. Whether you are a member of the 152nd Cadet Class, or an employee with more than 30 years of service, each of you continues to push toward finding even more ways to contribute.

What we do, every day on every shift, makes a difference on the highways of Ohio. What you may not realize, however, is you are contributing to a safer America. This *Flying Wheel* issue features some of the new ways we are contributing as an organization—not just to a safer Ohio, but to a safer United States.

Human trafficking is not just an Ohio problem. It is a nationwide, and even an international, problem. Governor Kasich believes we are part of the solution. As such, we now have officers assigned to FBI task forces that are already making arrests and freeing young girls entrapped in this horrible crime.

Our Criminal Intelligence Unit, which is now a 24/7 operation with its merger to the Critical Information and Communication Center to form The Hub, is now staffed by some of the top crime analysts in the country who are tirelessly working to help road officers and investigators bring criminals to justice. We are even training truck drivers in Ohio to help be the eyes and ears of law enforcement to bring about further justice to the criminal element and safer communities throughout the heartland. Soon members of the general public will be able to receive the same training.

A Shield Detail earlier this year in Franklin County was likely our largest effort and the results showed. The incredible operational success was dwarfed only by the inter-agency relationships that were fostered. Similar results have been achieved during a number of other Shield Details throughout the spring.

Those operations, and other Criminal Patrol successes, have already far exceeded last year's seizures and successes. As an illustration, we interdicted more heroin in the first three months of 2012 than the last three years combined. Now, even more new canines are deployed as we continue to invest in Criminal Patrol resources because we know the potential for our success in this area is still unrealized.

In terms of our international impact, a suspected hitman and assassin for the powerful Mexican Sinaloa Drug Cartel, who managed to hide for 10 years in Sandusky, was apprehended on January 5, 2012, by a trooper out of a traffic violation. Edgar Campos-Barraza was ultimately turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol. The man known as "El Cholo" to the Sinaloa drug cartel in Mexico was wanted in the murder of a state police officer in Baja California, Mexico, and on aggravated kidnapping and criminal conspiracy charges. Campos-Barraza was extradited to Mexico on April 12, 2012.

The highest frequency of crashes and crimes are occurring in our three largest metro areas of Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. This summer we are redirecting more resources to those areas where we can make the most significant difference. Metro Posts and Vehicle Theft Units in those three areas illustrate our commitment to getting more involved where we can have the most impact.

Our emergence back onto the global law enforcement stage is leading to additional opportunities to contribute toward a safer United States. We are now part of law enforcement leadership meetings regularly held in Washington, D.C., regarding Preventing Homegrown Violent Extremism.

We are also involved with a doctoral intern program agreement now between the Patrol, Ohio Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Purdue University to discover new methodologies for analyzing information in a meaningful way.

None of these things would be possible if we were not contributing to a safer Ohio every day. Each of you continues to respond to the need to do even more. As you will read in this issue, what we do each day to contribute to a safer Ohio is also contributing to a safer America and a safer world.



*What will you do today to  
Contribute to a Safer Ohio?*

Colonel John Born  
Superintendent

# 10 NEW WAYS OF CONTRIBUTING TO A SAFER OHIO

*Criminal Patrol, Human Trafficking & Homeland Security in the Patrol's Cross-Hairs*

## 1. Shields over Franklin County, Youngstown, Toledo, Cleveland

Recent law enforcement partnership activities and efforts around Ohio in places like Columbus, Youngstown, Toledo and Cleveland illustrate the positive impact of working with our local law enforcement colleagues.

The Franklin County Shield Detail, March 8-10, 2012, was not the first Shield Detail conducted, but it may go down as the one by which all others are measured. In fact, Colonel John Born described it as “likely our largest effort and the results showed,” and said, “the incredible operational success was dwarfed only by the inter-agency relationships that were fostered.”

A Shield Detail is law enforcements’ effort to “shield” the citizens of the counties and communities we are sworn to serve and protect. Using the traffic stop as a “gateway” to other criminal activity, the patrol officer makes contact with a criminal through a traffic stop and subsequent to an arrest, hands the suspect off to the investigator. The investigators then work with the suspect to see if he will “tag”

someone else who is involved in some type of criminal activity. This “tagging” goes on in an effort to interdict as many criminals as possible. Through these law enforcement efforts, the community is “shielded” from those involved in criminal activity.

Operationally, the Franklin County Shield Detail was led by Sheriff Zach Scott and Major Michael Black, Special Operations, and included personnel from the U.S. Marshal’s Office, Franklin County Prosecutor, Franklin County Clerk of Courts Office and the Franklin County Engineer’s Office.

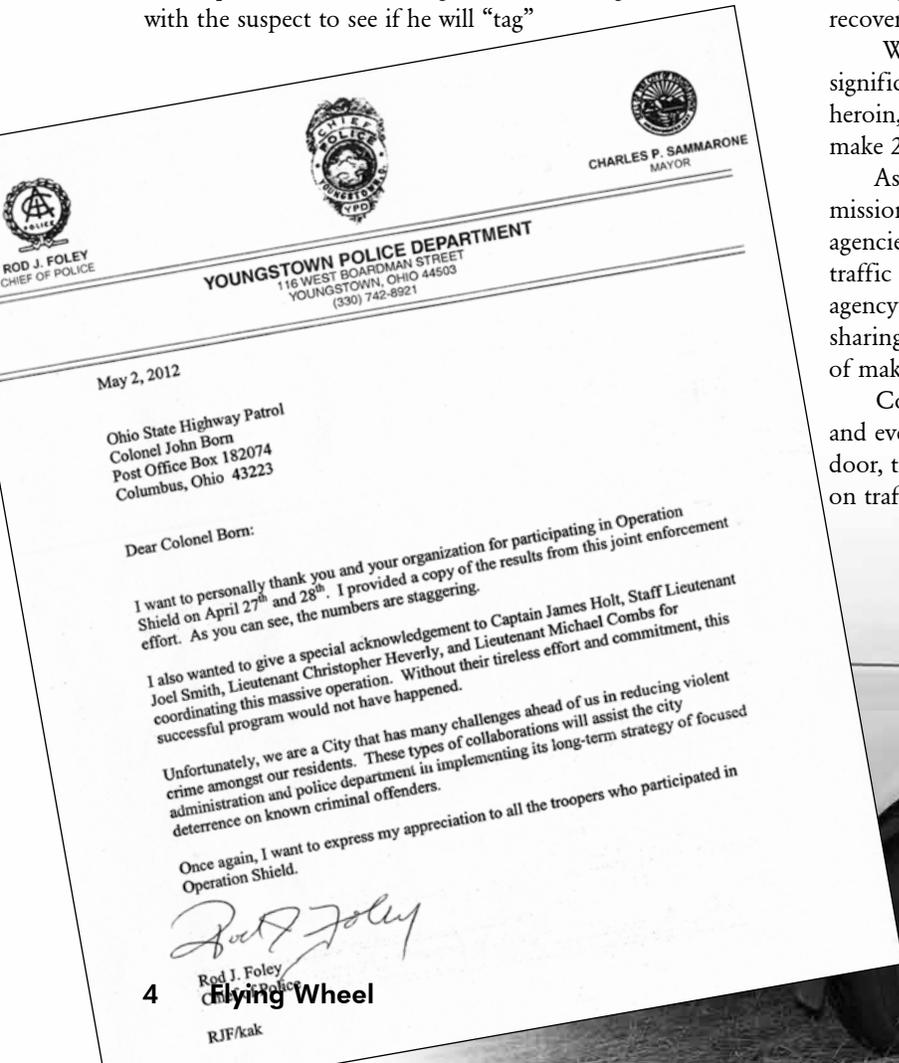
Within hours of the Shield Detail beginning, dozens of people were arrested in county areas known for drugs, OVI and other criminal activity.

Patrol Troopers and Sheriff Deputies arrested 55 impaired drivers, made 98 felony arrests, and investigated 42 drug cases, 23 felony drug cases, 12 other felony cases, recovered three stolen vehicles and seized nine illegal weapons.

With the help of drug-sniffing canines, officers seized significant quantities of marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, pills and bath salts. In total, officers combined to make 2,182 traffic stops during the three-day Shield Detail.

As was seen in the Franklin County Shield Detail, the mission of a Shield Detail is to bring law enforcement agencies together in an effort to address concerns regarding traffic safety and criminal activity. Each law enforcement agency brings a variety of resources to the table and the sharing of those resources is invaluable to the overall mission of making roads and communities safe.

Combining energy, enthusiasm, information, intelligence and every other available resource, and leaving egos at the door, these law enforcement efforts have a tremendous impact on traffic safety and the criminal element in every community.



### Franklin County Shield

Franklin County Sheriff's Office  
March 8-10, 2012

<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>2,182</b>
Total Arrests	976
OVI's	55
Felony Arrests	98
Drug Cases	2

**Significant drug category amounts:**

Marijuana gm	395
Marijuana lb	2
Cocaine gm	4
Crack gm	14
Crack lb	1
Heroin gm	40
Pills	197

### Allen County Shield

Allen County Sheriff's Office, Delphos Police Dept., Lima Police Dept.  
April 18-20, 2012

<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>508</b>
Total Arrests	204
OVI's	9
Felony Arrests	4
Drug Cases	11

**Significant drug category amounts:**

Marijuana gm	27
Heroin gm	10

### Pickaway County Shield

Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, Ashville Police Dept., South Bloomfield Police Dept., Circleville Police Dept.  
April 13-14, 2012

<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>635</b>
Total Arrests	403
OVI's	21
Felony Arrests	21
Drug Cases	29

**Significant drug category amounts:**

Marijuana gm	65
Crack gm	62
Heroin gm	14
Pills	118



Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott addresses the media on March 10, 2012, at the conclusion of the Franklin County Shield detail. From left: Franklin County Chief Deputy Gil Jones (retired Lt. colonel), Sheriff Scott, and Major Mike Black.

### Scioto County Shield

Scioto County Sheriff's Office, Portsmouth Police Dept., New Boston Police Dept.  
May 3-4, 2012

<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>598</b>
Total Arrests	194
OVI's	18
Felony Arrests	7
Drug Cases	14

**Significant drug category amounts:**

Heroin gm	24
Cocaine gm	53
Marijuana gm	35
Pills	2,076
Meth lab	1

### Auglaize/Mercer County Shield

Auglaize County Sheriff's Office, Wapakoneta, Celina, Buckland, St. Mary's, Cridersville and Waynesfield Police Departments  
April 10-11, 2012

<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>418</b>
Total Arrests	206
OVI's	1
Felony Arrests	9
Drug Cases	7

**Significant drug category amounts:**

Crack gm	168
Pills	538

### Youngstown Shield

Youngstown Police Dept., Mahoning Valley Violent Crimes Task Force, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, US Marshal's Office, Mahoning County Juvenile Probation, Ohio Adult Parole  
April 27-28, 2012

<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>407</b>
Total Arrests	48
OVI's	14
Felony Arrests	13
Drug Cases	4

**Significant drug category amounts:** No significant seizures, user amounts only.

### Interstate 70 Shield

Indiana State Police, Preble County Sheriff's Office, Lewisburg Police Dept.  
February 21-22, 2012

<b>Total Traffic Stops</b>	<b>1,661</b>
Total Arrests	781
OVI's	17
Felony Arrests	10
Drug Cases	36

**Significant drug category amounts:**

Marijuana gm	817
Pills	104



## 2. More canines = More drugs

Criminal Patrol Teams across the state continue to achieve unparalleled success. Most of that success can be attributed directly to the troopers and their canine partners who interdict illegal narcotics on Ohio roadways on a daily basis. Last year, the majority of the more than \$69 million in seized contraband was directly attributed to Patrol canines. Our criminal patrol successes in 2011 have already been dwarfed by this year's seizures and success. As an illustration, we interdicted more heroin in the first three months of 2012 than the last three years combined.

However, due to the aging process, health, and tenure

of some of our current canines, earlier this year there was an immediate need to purchase new canines to maintain the core strength and operational success of the Criminal Patrol Program throughout the state.

The good news is training for replacement canines is expected to be completed early this summer, which will bring the total up to 24 canines actively working across the state. There are additional plans to increase the total of canines to 30 by the end of the year, with even further expansion planned for 2013.

## 3. Patrol Posts in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus? Absolutely.

What seemed far-fetched just a few years ago now is a reality. Through streamlining of operations, focused allocation of resources and the graduation of the 151st and 152nd Cadet Classes (set for August 30), Metro Posts are up and running in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. The Post locations are going into existing facilities at Cincinnati Operations, Alum Creek in Columbus and Cleveland Investigations.

Historically, the Patrol has always strived to provide 24/7 service in all 88 Ohio counties. This new movement provides opportunity for a more sustained effort and presence in Ohio's three most populous counties.

Of course, the Patrol is not new to these areas. In the mid-2000s an extremely successful partnership with the Cincinnati Police Department led to a significant reduction in fatal crashes and crime in Cincinnati. Metro patrolling on the interstate perimeters of each city was also commonplace in the months following the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Full-time staffing of these three new Metro Posts is possible due to the reallocation of personnel resources that began in January 2011. Moving officers out of GHQ, a reduction in senior staff-level positions and other streamlining led to fewer management positions and more troopers. Additionally, troopers once assigned to the Riffe and Rhodes buildings in Columbus are now allocated to the field, and their positions are now occupied by police officers. Overall, there has been a strategic reinvestment in the trooper position which is resulting in a more balanced and cost-efficient Highway Patrol.

Using the template from Cincinnati/Hamilton County for successful local and county law enforcement partnerships, the commander of each new Metro Post will look to forge relationships with area agencies to address the common goal of fatality reduction efforts through OVI enforcement, checkpoints and Shield Details.



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#### 4. If it works once, then we can make it work twice.

Everything that went into the new Criminal Patrol organizational structure and philosophy in 2011, which led to unprecedented drug interdiction successes is now being applied to vehicle theft enforcement.

Specialized Vehicle Theft Units (VTU) will start up early this summer in Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus to coincide with Metro posts in those same areas. While organizationally separate, the VTUs are connected to the Metro Posts.

The message for the general public, law enforcement partners and criminals is the same: We are coming to the big cities and bringing the full-force of our resources to help make Ohio's largest population centers safer.

VTUs will organizationally work under the OIS umbrella in direct collaboration with Metro Units. Personnel will also develop networking relationships with local law enforcement agencies in the three large metro areas, and in doing so share resources and intelligence information to develop and solve vehicle theft cases.

This has recently been exemplified in Cleveland where

vehicle theft rings and "chop-shop" operations were identified and broken-up. The tentacles of these criminal operations stretched into Detroit and Patrol investigators worked closely with numerous local agencies in both Ohio and Michigan to bring down a significant vehicle crimes operation.

The establishment of formal VTUs in the metro areas is likely to result in increased vehicle theft cases for officers assigned to the new Metro Posts. VTU personnel will be tasked with developing intelligence information on large cases and feeding the information to Metro Post Units working the interstate areas on the perimeter of the big cities.

VTUs will be able to get intelligence information such as the types of cars being stolen and the neighborhoods from where cars are being stolen to the road officers. That information will enable Metro Post commanders to know which sides of the cities to deploy officers to apprehend the criminals. A related benefit to this new collaboration should be an increase in drugs and weapons cases as Metro post units become more involved in criminal patrol cases resulting from VTU tips.





**TRUCK SHIELD**

**5. “It is a scourge.” – Governor John Kasich**

Governor John Kasich declared a war on the slave trade business in Ohio during his State of the State address on February 7, 2012, at Steubenville’s Wells Academy. Going so far as to call it a, “scourge,” he said there are 1,000 Ohio children, the average 13 years old, in the slave trade business in our state.

Governor Kasich then tasked the Department of Public Safety, and the Patrol specifically, to “snuff this out in our state.”

There is a three-point plan for how the Patrol is attacking the human trafficking problem in Ohio.

**• Truck Shield**

Since Highway Watch was disbanded several years ago, there has not been a coordinated effort to include commercial drivers in the highway safety and homeland security work of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. That changed with the introduction of Truck Shield prior to Memorial Day weekend.

This new partnership between the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Trucking Association (OTA) features OTA-member companies and drivers receiving training from the Patrol’s

Regional Training Unit on highway safety, human trafficking, criminal patrol and homeland security indicators of a threat to public safety.

Certified commercial drivers are trained to report what they are seeing on the roads by calling the new #677 number, which allows for the appropriate deployment of law enforcement resources to the area.

Training for drivers was developed by the Regional Training Unit, in association with Licensing and

Commercial Standards staff. Drivers who complete the training receive a Certificate of Training, Truck Shield key fob containing the #677 phone number and a Truck Shield all-weather decal for display on the commercial vehicle.

Marketing for training is being coordinated with the OTA and through local Patrol Posts. External promotion of Truck Shield is on the Patrol’s website, as well as Web-ready Truck Shield marketing elements for participating companies.

**• FBI Task Forces**

In Toledo and Cleveland, troopers are part of the FBI’s Innocence Lost Program. According to the FBI website, in June 2003, the FBI launched the Innocence Lost National Initiative in conjunction with the Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Their combined efforts were aimed at addressing the growing problem of domestic sex trafficking of children in the United States. In the eight years since its inception, the initiative has resulted in the development of 44 dedicated task forces and working groups throughout the U.S. involving federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working in tandem with U.S. Attorney’s Offices.

Task Forces in Toledo and Cleveland have recently added State Troopers to the investigatory work to successfully rescue children, and collaborate on investigations of those involved with the crimes of exploiting children through prostitution.

**• Intelligence Resources and the Hub**

The same resources and capabilities (described on next page) that are used to develop information for all crimes and homeland security matters are now being applied to the human trafficking problem.

ANSWER WILL SHOCK YOU.

near people are deceived or forced into a  
 one would choose - sold into the sex trade,  
 up in sweat shops, made to work for little



## 6. The 24/7 Hub

Critical Information and Communication Center (CICC) is a 24-hour command center staffed by command personnel for coordinating assets and information during critical incidents. Utilizing state-of-the-art equipment, staff can monitor and disseminate critical information on a state and national level including criminal activity that could pose a security threat.

Recently the Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) completed a merger into the CICC to form the Hub. Situated at the State Emergency Operations Center in Columbus, these components work with the Strategic Analysis Information Center to provide information resources to troopers like never before.

Notably, all the CIU capabilities are now readily available to troopers connected from the side of the road to analysts staffing the CIU's 24/7 operation at The Hub.

To accomplish this direct link, communications capabilities of the CIU and CICC have been enhanced to allow troopers to take advantage of

available information, augmenting the officers' effectiveness in responses and investigative responsibilities during road operations. Whether through the voice radio system or mobile in-car computers, secure and direct communications are now possible. This means that any trooper in the state, at any time of the day or night, has direct real-time access to the primary intelligence resource for all sections of the Patrol with the most sophisticated resources and analysis that extends to the national level.

As if that's not good enough, the same Hub-related resources available to troopers are available to all Ohio law enforcement officers. Because the intelligence information capabilities are part of the CICC, the CIU has become the nexus for local community safety. CIU tools for any law enforcement officer include: identification information; drug interdiction stop support; ID photo requests nationwide; suspect background data and location research; expedited gun tracings; financial investigative information; warrant service summaries; and

analytical work for large-scale case investigations involving organized criminal activities such as human trafficking, drug trafficking, identity and white-collar crimes, auto larceny and public corruption.

CIU personnel also develop link and analysis charts, which are graphs and diagrams that put the criminal activity into a visual format. Specialists analyze large amounts of quantitative data to help guide the investigator in the case, guide the prosecutor in filing charges or prosecuting the case, and assist a jury in understanding complex case investigations.

Additionally available to all Ohio law enforcement officers are Ad hoc bulletins on topics such as officer safety, officer awareness, be on the lookout (BOLO), wanted persons and requests for information. The CIU even disseminates monthly intelligence briefings on officer safety and awareness concerns, and collects and distributes intelligence information to all levels of Ohio law enforcement on a regular monthly schedule.

The new #677 number, which replaced 1-877-7-PATROL for reporting drug couriers, criminal activity and impaired drivers, is proving to be a very valuable resource. During the initial months—March and April—the new tip line received 3,449 calls.

## 7. It's called what? Calamityville?

Calamityville is a preparedness center owned and operated by Wright State University that focuses on a variety of topics and offers a unique environment for the purposes of collaborative training for Patrol officers and other law enforcement agencies.

It is through the use of this facility that the Patrol is providing training opportunities for current Patrol staff and outside agencies. The training for 2012, offered at no cost to participating agencies, includes:

- Direct-to-Threat—June 18-22 and September 10-14;
- Homeland Security—March 21, and July 10, Classroom presentations involving response to terrorist bombings. The fourth quarter date is yet to be set; and
- Catastrophic Event—Will be worked in conjunction with EMA and other entities at a time to be determined.

The Calamityville site infrastructure provides water,

power and high bandwidth IT capabilities. It also features such things as railways, towers and a multilevel structure for response tactics.

Utilization of the facility is being directed through the Regional Training Unit (RTU). The RTU is responsible for preparing correspondence, facilitation, marketing, scheduling, registration and overall behind-the-scenes operations of the training. The Special Response Team is responsible for facilitating the logistics of its personnel, equipment and other necessary equipment to execute the Direct-to-Threat training. RTU is also responsible for course content and instructors for Homeland Security Training. The Strategic Analysis Information Center is even responsible for the logistics involving the catastrophic incident training.

A memorandum of understanding for the use of Calamityville was put in place to encompass the 2012 training sessions.

## 8. Trooper Shield goes to the White House

In January, and again in May, Colonel John Born joined IACP Leadership for a meeting with the Obama Administration at the White House regarding Preventing Homegrown Violent Extremism.

Federal officials believe the main terrorist threat facing the United States has evolved significantly in the last 10 years. The main threat now emanates from within the borders of the United States in the form of the Homegrown Violent Extremists (HGVEs).

HGVEs will not be detected by the intelligence community and the U.S. Department of Defense because of the lack of international travel and the lack of communication with persons overseas. HGVEs will be detected by state, local and tribal (SLT) police in their everyday interactions with the public.

That threat assessment led Colonel Born, and IACP leadership, to a meeting at the White House, during which they provided insight on how the Obama administration's

recently released Strategic Implementation Plan for Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States can be implemented at the state, county and local levels.

The chiefs and state police colonels representing the IACP at the White House meeting agreed with the administration's plan that empowering SLT partners is integral to protecting communities against violent extremists, and efforts should build upon existing local partnerships; on information-driven, community-based solutions; and on community-oriented policing strategies.

Colonel Born's inclusion in this national homeland security advisory committee reflects the Patrol's nationally-recognized commitment and accomplishments toward ensuring the prevention of terrorism, and also reflects our organization's role to SLT law enforcement partners in ensuring we are fully engaged as partners in dealing with homegrown threats.

## 9. Boilermakers and Flying Wheels

Through a memorandum of understanding, a doctoral intern program agreement now exists between the Patrol, Ohio Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Purdue University to discover new methodologies for analyzing information in a meaningful way. The goal is to better utilize information already in our possession to more efficiently deploy resources to combat criminal activity in the Patrol's jurisdiction.

Although still in the early stages, this partnership should improve the Patrol's operational efficiencies by seeking new ways to solve new problems.

Patrol personnel are also involved, working directly with the doctoral students and administrators to identify specific topics and potential projects that may include a research project focusing on data integration and mining from traffic stops.



## 10. Did you see that story about the Patrol?

The Patrol's homepage was recently reorganized to feature important news coverage story links. Now located immediately under the Trooper Shield symbol on the website front page, an updated "Feature Stories" compilation of positive stories is in the forefront of our website viewers.

Media coverage regarding Patrol operations including Criminal Patrol, SRT and critical incident responses has been on national newscasts and in newspapers across the country this year. Coordinated through the Public Affairs Unit, traditional and social media platforms are being maximized to promote the quality of service provided by Patrol personnel, as well as the success of our operations. Over a span of just a few days in February, Ohio Troopers were on the front page of the New York Times, CNN.com, and the Salt Lake Tribune in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Furthermore, daily news coverage involving the Patrol is easily accessible through the Google news link on the Patrol's homepage. The Patrol also provides social media updating through its own Facebook page and on Twitter.

### Visit the Patrol at:



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To Members of the Benefit Fund:

We cannot thank you enough for the overwhelming kindness and generosity shown us by the gift from the Ohio State Highway Patrol Benefit Fund. We were so surprised by

this generous gift and so appreciative. We are all so touched! So, thank you from the Moore children!

The State Patrol meant a great deal to Dad. He was very proud to be a State Trooper in Ohio, and we, as his children, were extremely proud of him! We grew up respecting what the Ohio State Highway Patrol stands for, and to this day, you have our utmost respect.

Our funeral services for Dad would not have been as great without the services the Marion Post provided. The troopers standing guard and the escort to the cemetery touched our hearts immeasurably and would have made Dad so proud. And it wouldn't have been the same without so many of the Patrol "family" paying respects to Dad. We love and thank all of you.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Mauk  
(daughter of retired Sgt. Garnet "Tiny" Moore)

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

Just wanted to leave a message to thank the State Highway Patrolman who helped me with my flat tire on 224 this morning. He was calm, courteous and professional, and he made sure that I stayed safe along a busy stretch of road. It's greatly appreciated - I just wish I'd gotten his name.

Thanks to the trooper who pulled over a car on US Rt 30 by Fourth St Exit, Mansfield, about 5:45pm, for tailgating and speeding out of control.

Thank You for being out on our roads. Without you guys and gals it would not be safe for any of us!!!! Thank You to the ones who cover Noble County. It is nice to see you on SR 78 :) It is needed. They drive like crazy out this way!!

On Wednesday, April 25, 2012, troopers from the Warren Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol participated with the Burghill Vernon, Kinsman, Hartford, Gustavus, and Orangeville Fire Departments along with STAT MedEvac and Trumbull County Safe Communities to deliver a great Prom Promise message to the students of the Joseph Badger High School (Vernon Township, OH). We are deeply appreciative.

## Recent Criminal Patrol Successes

### May 1: Troopers seize \$17,000 worth of Codeine

Troopers stopped to assist a rented 2012 Jeep on Interstate 75 in Allen County. Troopers observed a strong odor of raw marijuana when approaching the vehicle and the renter of the vehicle was not present. A probable cause search revealed five 24-ounce bottles of Codeine worth an estimated \$17,000 hidden in a cooler in the backseat. The Codeine was concealed in various soft drink bottles. Through officer training and expertise, troopers were able to identify the substance by its unusually dark color and the uneven fill of the bottles.

### April 30: Troopers seize cocaine from hidden compartment



Troopers stopped a 1998 Honda for a following too closely violation on Interstate 71 in Warren County. Criminal indicators were observed and a Warren County Sheriff's Office drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 5 kilos of cocaine worth more than \$420,000 in an electronic hidden compartment behind the airbag in the dashboard.

### April 20: Troopers find 3,929 Rx pills in Wood County



Troopers stopped a rented 2012 Mazda for a marked lanes violation on Interstate 75 in Wood County. Criminal indicators were observed and it was discovered that the occupants did not have consent to use the rental vehicle. A Hancock County Sheriff's Office drug-sniffing canine was called to the scene and alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed three bottles of liquid codeine and 3,929 illegal prescription pills worth an estimated \$30,000.

### April 4: Troopers seize 538 pounds of marijuana

Troopers stopped a 2008 Chrysler minivan for a registra-

tion violation on Interstate 71 in Clinton County. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 538 pounds of marijuana worth more than \$2.1 million.

### March 27: Troopers seize meth lab in Stark County



Troopers stopped a 1999 Honda for a red light violation in the village of Hartville. The vehicle quickly drove into a driveway and the passenger fled on foot. The driver exited the vehicle, and was immediately apprehended. Troopers located the passenger hiding near some trees. Both occupants admitted chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine were in the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed components to manufacture methamphetamine in the vehicle's trunk. The Hartville Fire Department and Stark Metro Drug Task Force were called to the scene to assess the mobile lab and a hazardous material clean-up crew disassembled the fully-equipped mobile lab.

### March 22, 2012: Troopers seize 6 kilos of cocaine

Troopers stopped a 2008 Infiniti for a speed violation on the Ohio Turnpike in Wood County. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 6 kilos of cocaine worth more than \$500,000 in a hidden compartment built into the rocker panels of the vehicle.

### March 20: Troopers seize \$1.2 million worth of heroin



Troopers stopped a 2001 Honda for a speed violation on Interstate 70 in Preble County. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 8 kilos of heroin in an electronically-controlled hidden compartment in the rear bumper.

## Recent Vehicle Theft Unit Successes

The Patrol now has full-time Vehicle Theft Units in Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati. Troopers are encouraged to utilize the Vehicle Theft Unit (VTU) for assistance and guidance in handling auto theft and title fraud investigations or vehicle identity cases. The supervisors of the VTUs are:

- Sgt. Jim Mendenhall, Columbus
- Sgt. Denny Goodhart, Cleveland
- Sgt. Tracy Callahan, Cincinnati

Through the end of April, troopers have recovered 100 stolen vehicles valued at more than \$600,000 and arrested 109 suspects statewide. Some notable cases follow.

**March 8:** Tpr. Daniel Andel was working with the Cleveland VTU, conducting follow-up at a local business, when he observed a piece of heavy equipment that appeared to be missing its vehicle identification plate. He asked the property owner for permission to inspect the vehicle, and he was able to locate a serial number. After no record of the number was found through NCIC, Tpr. Andel made contact with the National

Insurance Crime Bureau, which located a past stolen report. The vehicle had been reported stolen in 2003 by the Willowick Police Department, but stolen entries are only active through NCIC for four years unless they are re-entered by the original reporting agency. The property owner advised the equipment belonged to a contractor who was doing some work on site. Tpr. Andel contacted Willowick police, who recovered the vehicle.

**March 4:** Tpr. Brooke Adkins, West Jefferson, was dispatched to check on a possible parole violator at a highway rest area. Tpr. Adkins located the suspect and also found that the vehicle he was driving was entered in NCIC as a stolen vehicle. The suspect was arrested, charged with receiving stolen property, and incarcerated at the county jail.

**March 14:** Tpr. Jason Metzger, Toledo, ran a registration check on a car and discovered it was entered as a stolen vehicle. While Tpr. Metzger was waiting for back-up to arrive, the vehicle pulled into an apartment complex and five occupants fled on foot. Four of the

five were subsequently apprehended by Toledo police. All were charged with receiving stolen property and obstruction and were incarcerated at the Lucas County jail.

**March 22:** Tpr. Craig Malone, Cleveland Metro, ran a check on a vehicle registration and discovered the plate was entered as stolen by the Cleveland Police. The suspect was stopped and taken into custody. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was also stolen. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and reported that the vehicle was supposed to be in the possession of a local repair shop.

**March 25:** Tpr. Charles Mendenhall, Canfield, stopped a commercial vehicle for a lanes violation. The driver was subsequently found to be impaired. Tpr. Mendenhall then discovered a vent window had been removed from the vehicle. The owner was contacted and advised that the vehicle was last seen parked and secured at another location. A theft report was filed and the suspect was charged with receiving stolen property.

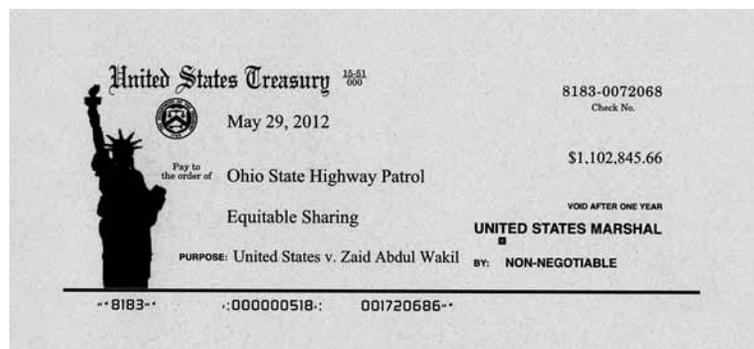
## Patrol benefits from forfeited monies

U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart met with Colonel Born and Cambridge District personnel on May 29, 2012, to present the Ohio State Highway Patrol with a document representing an equitable sharing amount of \$1,102,845.66.

The money came from a cash seizure during a traffic stop on January 20, 2011. Sgt. Mark Glennon, Tpr. Scott Bayless, Tpr. Kurt Kelley and narcotics detection canine Helga conducted the search and subsequent seizure.

The money was seized from Zaid Wakil, who is currently facing criminal charges in other jurisdictions. Fred Alverson, Law Enforcement Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office – Southern District of Ohio, joined Mr. Stewart. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Burns and forfeiture specialists Michele Gwin and Michelle Gable also attended.

**From left: Tpr. Kurt Kelley (D7 Criminal Patrol); Capt. Cory Davies (Cambridge DHQ); Sgt. Mark Glennon (Cambridge); Lt. James Tracy (Cambridge); Lt. Richard Meadows (SE Criminal Patrol).**





# OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

## *In Memoriam*

### Ohio State Highway Patrol Memorial

Several hundred family members and friends of the Patrol gathered at the Academy on May 4, 2012, to honor our 39 officers and five support personnel killed in the line of duty as part of the annual Ohio State Highway Patrol Memorial Ceremony.

The day began under cloudy skies as troopers acted as honor escorts in guiding the families of our fallen officers to their seats in the Academy courtyard while the Drum and Bugle Corps played.

Colonel John Born, Patrol superintendent, opened the ceremony and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas P. Charles also addressed the crowd.

Following the director's comments, the Honor Guard lowered the American flag to half staff, the Saluting Battery performed a 21-gun salute, and two Patrol buglers sounded "Taps." A moment of silence was followed by a fly-over of Patrol and Columbus Police Department helicopters.

Retired Lt. Arnie Schropp, president of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, read the roster of the deceased and the Columbus Division of Police Pipers closed the ceremony with an emotional performance of "Amazing Grace."

### State and National Memorials

On May 3, 2012, at the 25th annual Ohio Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony on the grounds of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, six Ohio law-enforcement officers who died in the line of duty were added to the memorial wall. Members of the Patrol participated in the ceremony with law

enforcement representatives from around the state.

In addition, a full week of events were held in conjunction with National Police Week, May 13-19, 2012, in Washington, D.C.

### OTC Scholarships

Every year the Ohio Troopers Coalition (OTC) awards four scholarships to high school seniors. The scholarships are awarded based on the student's class ranking, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, involvement in school government and community service work. In June, OTC awarded four Memorial Scholarships:

- Britney March, the Sergeant John F. Best Memorial Ohio Troopers Coalition Scholarship
- Peyton Miller, the Patrolman Ernest E. Cole Memorial Ohio Troopers Coalition Scholarship
- Caitlyn McClelland, the Patrolman John G. Hough Memorial Ohio Troopers Coalition Scholarship
- Casey Mowen, the Chief Radio Operator Walter E. Dawson Memorial Ohio Troopers Coalition Scholarship.



SGT. JOHN F. BEST	JUNE 17, 1935	PTL. LEROY S. BEDELL	
PTL. KARL E. BUSBONG	JUNE 7, 1937	PTL. GEORGE A. CONN	
PTL. DALE L. MCMAHANS	SEPTEMBER 20, 1941	CPL. JOHN F. REICH	
PTL. HARRY D. GRIMES	JUNE 8, 1952	PTL. JAMES A. FREDERICK	
PTL. ROBERT L. KARSMIZKI	MARCH 31, 1957	PTL. ERNEST E. COLE	
LT. JAMES A. KIRKENDALL	OCTOBER 28, 1970	PTL. JERRY F. MILLER	
PTL. DAVID L. STERNER	FEBRUARY 25, 1973	PTL. JERRY B. MITT	
TPR. WILLIAM R. BENDER	NOVEMBER 20, 1987	TPR. JOEY S. DYE	
TPR. JAMES R. GROSS	JANUARY 19, 1998	TPR. ROBERT PEREZ	MAY 15, 2000
SGT. DALE R. HOLCOMB	SEPTEMBER 28, 2006	TPR. JACK P. HOLLAND	AUGUST 31, 2007

## RECRUITMENT NEWS

### Patrol is looking for qualified candidates—and you can help!

Do you know someone who can make a difference in your community and in the State of Ohio? Do you think they have the skills and abilities necessary to be a State Trooper and work in a career field that is both challenging and rewarding?

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Recruitment Section is entering a significant recruiting phase that will run through the spring of 2013. This effort is calling upon current Patrol staff and retirees to help recruit quality applicants who have what it takes to perform the duties and responsibilities of a State Trooper.

If you know of someone between the ages of 20 to 34 who is interested, encourage them to apply online or contact their local field recruiter at [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/recruit/index.html](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/recruit/index.html).



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### Division unveils Cadet Internship Program for college students

In April 2012, the Division began taking applications for the new Cadet Internship Program. The primary goal of the program is to provide training and experience in the field of law enforcement to qualified college students who have a desire to pursue a career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

In just one month, the Division received over 200 applications from candidates interested in becoming a cadet intern with the Highway Patrol. Currently, applications are being reviewed by members of the Recruitment Staff.

Candidates who are selected will complete a series of processing requirements. These requirements include an oral review board interview, a multi-domain assessment, and an application process which includes a background and polygraph examination, a medical examination, a physical fitness evaluation and a psychological evaluation.

Candidates that successfully complete each processing requirement will be hired as a cadet intern and will be paid \$14.72 per hour with no benefits. Cadet interns will be assigned to a metro post location or a post with a dispatch center and work between 10 to 39 hours per week, while completing their college degree. The Division plans to hire 19 cadet interns in 2012.

Before reporting to their assigned location, cadet interns will attend an orientation session at the Training Academy. Each cadet intern will meet with their post mentor, complete

the online new employee orientation course, receive their Cadet Internship Training Manual, and purchase the required cadet uniform.

While at the post, the cadet intern will work closely with the post mentor and perform various duties, such as assisting in traffic control at OVI checkpoints, crime scenes, and at Patrol community events; filing correspondence, reports, documents or other materials; ensuring the care of patrol cars, and assisting Field Recruiters at various public functions.

Also, each cadet intern will be responsible for completing the Cadet Internship Training Manual. The program manual will contain copies of pertinent Division policies, program expectations, training modules, and exams. Cadet interns must successfully complete each component of the Cadet Internship Training Manual before entering an Academy class.

At no time are cadet interns allowed to make arrests, issue citations, or confront persons of suspected criminal behavior.

Due to the large number of applications, the Division has temporarily stopped taking applications for the cadet intern position. Applications will be accepted again in August 2012.

Information about the Cadet Internship Program is available on the Recruitment website or interested candidates can contact Sgt. Levente Berry at 614-387-6107 or Tanya Benner at 614-752-4152.

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### 152nd Class commences

The second Patrol training class of 2012 entered the Training Academy on April 4, 2012. The cadets are expected to graduate August 30, 2012, after completing courses on topics including firearms, traffic and criminal laws, self defense, cultural sensitivity and crash investigation training.

The 151st Class graduated on February 24, 2012, with 65 new troopers. The 153rd Class is expected to begin training before the end of the year.

**Tpr. Garry Odom with the newest cadets on their first day of training.**



## New aviation exhibit added to Heritage Hall

*Model replica of Patrol's first duty aircraft, a 1948 Beechcraft Bonanza, marks Aviation Unit founding*

A model replica of the Patrol's first duty aircraft was unveiled at in Heritage Hall in the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy during a dedication ceremony on May 4, 2012. The new exhibit was dedicated on the 64th anniversary of the date the original 1948 Beechcraft Bonanza was placed into service.

Past and present members of the Division's Aviation Section, Patrol retirees' and many members of the Patrol family were on hand for the event. Adding the replica of the original aircraft, and commemorating an important piece of Patrol history, was made possible through the generous donations of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, retired Sgt. Will Presley, and the State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union.



Retired Sgt. Will Presley, Retired Lt. Colonel Shel Senek, and Colonel Born with the model replica of the Patrol's first duty aircraft.

## Patrol joins Guns-N-Hoses Blood Donation Competition

*American Red Cross enlists police and firefighters to help fight against summer blood shortages*

Summer often means a beach vacation, baseball games, fireworks and other outdoor activities. But it also marks the beginning of trauma season in Ohio—the time of year when motor vehicle crashes and traumatic injuries increase and the need for blood often exceeds the supply.

With all of the summer activities coming up, the amount of people who have time to donate blood decreases. That is why the Ohio State Highway Patrol is teaming up with the American Red Cross for the 17th Annual Guns-N-Hoses blood donor campaign, which runs June 28 through July 31, 2012.

Troopers, as law enforcement officers and first responders, see first-hand what the gift of donating blood can do for those injured in traffic crashes and other emergency situations.

“Just one donation can save up to three lives and impact countless others,” said Colonel John Born, Patrol superintendent. “I encourage the entire Patrol family to donate blood this trauma season, and for them in turn to encourage their friends, family and communities to join us in helping to save lives.”

Guns-N-Hoses began in 1996 as a friendly competition between police and fire officers to see who could bring in

the most blood donations. Those who donate during the campaign can make their donation a vote for either firefighters or police officers. In the end, it's the patients who benefit from the available blood products who are the real winners.

Community participants who come to donate blood and vote for either the firefighters or police officers can receive a Columbus Zoo and Aquarium buy-one-get-one free entry coupon, a Guns-N-Hoses voting sticker, a T-shirt (at specific Guns-N-Hoses drives) and a chance to win up to \$1,000 in free gas from Marathon and for four tickets to Zoombezi Bay.

Counties participating in this year's campaign include: Athens, Champaign, Coshocton, Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Guernsey, Hardin, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Richland, Ross, Tuscarawas, Union and Vinton.

The Patrol family statewide is encouraged to donate blood this summer, even if their county is not participating in the Guns-N-Hoses campaign. Any questions about how to participate can be directed to Jessica Pierson in the Public Affairs Unit at 614-752-4331.



**American  
Red Cross**

### How to Donate Blood

To schedule an appointment to donate, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS or contact your local Red Cross Chapter.

### About the American Red Cross

The Central Ohio Blood Services Region serves 27 counties, and needs 800 blood donors each day to meet patient needs in 41 hospitals.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies more than 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that help save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

## U.S. Army War College

In April, 12 Patrol commanders completed the Strategic Leader Staff Ride conducted by the U.S. Army War College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Strategic Leader Staff Ride program brings together premiere U.S. Army War College faculty, historians and lecturers to educate small groups of business, academic and government leaders for a unique leadership development experience.

The three-day seminar examines the intricacies of strategic leadership, critical thinking, personality in command and resourcing issues providing direct applicability to the dilemmas facing senior executives. The officers who completed the program are:

- Colonel John Born, superintendent;
- Major Mike Black, Office of Special Operations commander
- Capt. Daniel Lay, Piqua District commander
- Capt. Paul Hermes, Wilmington District commander
- Capt. Chris Zurcher, Massillon District commander
- Capt. Shawn Davis, Field Operations executive officer
- Capt. Marla Gaskill, Fiscal Services commander
- Capt. Rob Jackson, Strategic Services executive officer
- Capt. Rick Fambro, Criminal Patrol commander
- Capt. Carl Roark, Jackson District commander
- Capt. Arthur Combest, Field Operations executive officer
- Capt. Brenda Collins, CICC commander.

# OSHP AWARDS

## Certificates of Recognition

**Tpr. M. Brett Claxon, Canton,** received a Certificate of Recognition for saving the life of a motorist in distress.

On March 28, 2012, Tpr. Claxon was providing traffic control in Stark County when a man ran into the intersection yelling that help was needed at a nearby parking lot. Tpr. Claxon responded to the parking lot and found a vehicle stopped in the drive-through lane of a fast food restaurant.



**M. Brett Claxon**

The 21-year-old male driver was unresponsive. A bystander had pulled the man out of his vehicle and was attempting to gain a response from him. Tpr. Claxon requested emergency medical response and then initiated CPR. Using the rescue flow mask from his patrol car, Tpr. Claxon administered rescue breaths while the bystander performed chest compressions.

After several breaths and compressions, they detected a pulse. Tpr. Claxon continued to administer rescue breaths until the victim began to breathe on his own and responded to Tpr. Claxon by squeezing his hand. Emergency medical personnel arrived shortly thereafter and transported the man to the hospital where he was treated and ultimately released.

## Annual OVI Recognition

Arresting impaired drivers is one of the most important jobs of an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper. It is hard to quantify how many lives have been saved because a trooper removed an impaired driver from the roadway. The 2011

Tpr. Ann M. Malone  
 Tpr. Shawn D. Cook  
 Tpr. Keith G. Smith  
 Tpr. Jordan L. Schwochow  
 Tpr. Brad M. Evans  
 Tpr. Johnnie H. Maier  
 Sgt. Christopher Midkiff  
 Tpr. Mark D. Starnes

Tpr. Jonathan A. Ganley  
 Tpr. Steven G. Posada  
 Tpr. Jermaine D. Thaxton  
 Tpr. Rusty A. Lanning  
 Tpr. William S. Davis  
 Tpr. Rustun K. Schack  
 Tpr. John D. Chaney  
 Tpr. Isaac L. Saunders

leaders in OVI enforcement were recognized at the Academy on March 21, 2012. The top OVI enforcement leaders in the state, with each district represented, were presented a certificate and an OVI challenge coin. The 2011 OVI leaders are:

Tpr. Matthew D. Himes  
 Sgt. Justin C. Hurlbert  
 Tpr. Frank C. Applegate  
 Tpr. Roy R. Beach  
 Tpr. Dexter T. Howard  
 Tpr. Nathan J. Pabin  
 Sgt. Andrew R. Worcester  
 Sgt. Thomas M. Bloomberg Jr.

Tpr. Nathan A. Ward  
 Tpr. Michael T. Shimko  
 Tpr. Christina J. Hayes  
 Tpr. Christopher M. Newman  
 Tpr. Richard L. Anderson



## Academy

Students from the Ohio State School for the Blind toured the Training Academy on April 3, 2012. Tpr. Tiffany Coriell led the tour and helped the students experience a number of the Academy's functions.



Students from the Ohio State School for the Blind feel the glass outside the firing range while an Academy instructor shoots inside.

The students' teacher, Tara McCarthy, reported that the tour "was an experience that our students will surely remember. We truly appreciate it and we look forward to bringing more of our students to visit!"



Tpr. Tiffany Coriell and students from the Ohio State School for the Blind.



## Fremont

On May 18, 2012, Tpr. Matthew W. Davis, Fremont, was presented the Kiwanis Fremont Exchange Club Sandusky County Law Officer of the Year Award for 2011. Tpr. Davis was selected over other officer nominations because of his dedication to the communities and citizens of Sandusky County.

Tpr. Davis was also the recipient of the Patrol's 2011 Robert M. Chiaramonte Humanitarian Award for his dedication to humanitarian efforts, both professionally and personally.

From left: Robert Gable of the Kiwanis Fremont Exchange Club, Tpr. Matt Davis and Sgt. Russell Clark.

## Bucyrus District



In March, Infrastructure Specialist Dan Hall (lower left) and friends sent greetings from Afghanistan. Dan was deployed from January to May and returned to work in early June.

## Norwalk



Lt. Doug Hamman, Tpr. Shawn Wiley, and Tpr. Ryan Thomas participated in charity run for Christie Lane Schools, which provide care, service and opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities.

## Pickaway County

Retired Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte was able to share some fond memories and wonderful experiences of days gone by with his good friend Pickaway County Sheriff Dwight E. Radcliff during his recent visit with the Col. Chiaramonte in Columbus.

Col. Chiaramonte was also able to congratulate one of Sheriff Radcliff's newest deputies—retired Major Darryl Anderson. Anderson was recently appointed to his position with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office after completing update training at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

Sheriff Radcliff, the longest serving sheriff in Ohio, and Col. Chiaramonte, one of the Patrol's longest serving superintendents, reminisced about changes in technology in law enforcement over the past five decades and the importance of law enforcement cooperation when public resources are scarce.



From left: Pickaway County Sheriff Dwight Radcliff, retired Colonel Bob Chiaramonte and retired Major Darryl Anderson, who is now a deputy with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office.



## Massillon District

Officers from the Canton Post and Massillon DHQ participated in the Stark County Safe Communities "Seat Belt Challenge" on May 19, 2012 at Fawcett Stadium. The event kicked off the "Click it or Ticket" initiative in Stark County.

From left: Tpr. Bill Lee, Lt. William Weirtz, Shannon Weirtz (daughter of Lt. Weirtz), Tpr. Otis Smith, Tpr. Brett Claxon and Sgt. John Thorne.

## Norwalk



Lt. Douglas Hamman and Norwalk troopers presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Branigan Fannin. After witnessing a one-vehicle crash, Ms. Fannin called 911 and provided aid to the injured driver. She also alerted traffic on U.S. Rt. 20 to low power lines stretching across the roadway due to the crash.

## Sandusky



Sandusky Tpr. Hector Burgos participated in a mock crash set up by Forensic Science students at the EHOVE Career Center in Milan. The event illustrated the dangers, responsibilities and outcomes of distracted and impaired driving. *Photo by Jason Werling, Chief Photographer, Sandusky Register.*

## The Mid-Ohio School receives Patrol's Partners for Safety Award

The Mid-Ohio School received the Ohio State Highway Patrol's 2011 Partners for Safety Award May 15, 2012, during the Morrow County Click-it or Ticket event.

The Patrol's Partners for Safety Award recognizes local-level partnerships that help in the development of state and local programs to increase the overall safety on Ohio roadways. The Patrol established the Award in 2005 to recognize private-sector organizations that take an active role in promoting traffic safety initiatives.

During the past year, the Patrol and the Mid-Ohio School have promoted traffic safety to Ohio teens through the Key to Safe Teen Driving program, sponsored by Key Bank and Kumho Tire U.S.A. This was the third year of the program and first year in partnership with the Patrol. The program travels throughout the state, offering free defensive driving instruction to teenagers with a valid learner's permits.

The Patrol's Mt. Gilead Post and the Mid-Ohio School have offered driver training instruction to Morrow and Knox County students for several years, but this was the first year of collaboration on the Key to Safe Teen Driving program. The partnership is part of the



**Mid-Ohio President Craig Rust accepts the Partners for Safety award from Staff Lt. Chad McGinty.**

Patrol's effort to continue the downward trend of teen car crashes and has local-area troopers helping teach at the events.

"We have been honored to work with the Ohio State Highway Patrol on the Morrow County Click it or Ticket campaign the past couple years," said President Craig Rust. "Expanding that relationship statewide was a natural addition to the Key to Safe Teen Driving program in 2011 and we're happy to have them on board again in 2012 as

the program continues to grow."

The free training focuses on helping new drivers make swift decisions and keep better control of their car in the instance of a crash. The three hour training event involves classroom education as well as in-car practice for hazardous driving situations. The 2012 program will travel to seven Ohio cities, offering 10 free training opportunities. For more information visit <http://www.keytosafeteendriving.com/>

## Gold Star Banquet

Patrol radio dispatchers from around the state were nominated for the 2011 Ohio Solid Gold Award, which recognizes contributions made by public safety communications professionals for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Ohio. The nominees were honored at a luncheon on April 11, 2012, in Columbus.

They are: Mary A. Lute, Findlay; Trevor Heavlin, Canton; Jennifer Wendell, Canton; Elizabeth Hyer, Medina; Amy Tiongco, Cambridge; David Spratt, Cambridge; and Rebecca Rufo, Berea.

**Dispatchers, their supervisors, and Colonel John Born at the Ohio Gold Star Awards in April.**





## **Richard C. Baron**

Captain Richard C. Baron, Critical Information Communications Center commander, retired April 20, 2012, after 25 years of service. He is a member of the 116th Academy Class.



## **Toby L. Wagner**

Sergeant Toby L. Wagner, Executive Protection, retired April 28, 2012, after 26 years of service. He is a member of the 115th Academy Class.



## **Daniel R. Greene**

Lieutenant Daniel R. Green, Critical Information Communications Center, retired April 20, 2012, after 33 years of service. He is a member of the 106th Academy Class.



## **Bradley W. Alexander**

Trooper Bradley W. Alexander, Jackson District LCS, retired May 18, 2012, after 25 years of service. He is a member of the 116th Academy Class.



## **Howard R. Craft**

Sergeant Howard R. Craft, Warren, retired March 15, 2012, after 26 years of service. He is a member of the 115th Academy Class.



## **Brian J. Darby**

Trooper Brian J. Darby, Bucyrus, retired April 23, 2012, after 27 years of service. He is a member of the 114th Academy Class.



## **Cornelius K. Cross**

Sergeant Cornelius K. Cross, Mt. Gilead, retired April 27, 2012, after 29 years of service. He is a member of the 112th Academy Class.



## **Robert A. Farabaugh**

Trooper Robert A. Farabaugh, Cleveland Investigations, retired April 6, 2012, after 29 years of service. He is a member of the 113th Academy Class.



## **Gregory E. Greggila**

Sergeant Gregory E. Greggila, Fremont, retired June 8, 2012, after 29 years of service. He is a member of the 112th Academy Class.



## **Frank C. Gharky**

Trooper Frank C. Gharky, Warren, retired May 11, 2012, after 26 years of service. He is a member of the 115th Academy Class.



## **Mark E. McDonald**

Sergeant Mark E. McDonald, Canton, retired March 9, 2012, after 29 years of service. He is a member of the 112th Academy Class.



## **Gary A. Hawkins**

Trooper Gary A. Hawkins, Cambridge District LCS, retired June 1, 2012, after 32 years of service. He is a member of the 108th Academy Class.

# OSHP RETIREMENTS



## **John J. Smith**

Trooper John J. Smith, Marietta, entered disability retirement on February 22, 2012, after 10 years of service. He is a member of the 137th Academy Class.



## **Stephen A. Gerish**

Stationary Load Limit Inspector Stephen A. Gerish, Warren District LCS, retired March 30, 2012, after 29 years of service.



## **Ira J. Walker**

Trooper Ira J. Walker, Athens, entered disability retirement on April 22, 2012, after 15 years of service. He is a member of the 128th Academy Class.



## **Dale E. Robirds**

Driver License Examining Supervisor Dale E. Robirds, Jackson District LCS, retired March 30, 2012, after 39 years of service.



## **Carmen D. Riggle**

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Carmen D. Riggle, Massillon District LCS, retired March 23, 2012, after 26 years of service.



## **Allen R. Chetto**

Driver License Examiner 1 Allen R. Chetto, Massillon District LCS, retired March 13, 2012, after 23 years of service.



## **Shannon E. Yockey**

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Shannon E. Yockey, Massillon District LCS, retired April 27, 2012, after 30 years of service.



## **Kimberly L. Anderson**

Dispatcher Kimberly L. Anderson, West Jefferson, retired May 5, 2012, after 28 years of service.



## **Terry L. Anderson**

Motor Vehicle Inspector Terry L. Anderson, Wilmington District LCS, retired April 6, 2012, after 26 years of service.

At the present time I am serving as Interim Pastor while the church goes through the process of calling a “real pastor.” It is always interesting to reflect upon the desires of a congregation as the people search for someone who is young, but has a lot of experience; who can relate to all ages, who preaches profound sermons, but has a great sense of humor; who is always available in the office, but makes many pastoral calls; and who never fails to acknowledge a church member no matter where he or she may meet the person. Then the final qualification is added: “The pastor should be able to walk on water.”

That is, of course, a reference to Peter walking on the water to greet Jesus in the midst of a storm. (Matthew 14:22-33)

There have been many stories and jokes told about walking on the water. In one joke, the pastor who could not do what his companions did was finally told where the stones were just below the surface of the water. I claimed success when I learned how to ski.

But no matter how much fun or serious discussion there can be about walking on water, the fact remains that to do so one must get out of the boat.

The other evening I started to read a book by that title which someone had given to me. The author makes a strong case for the simple fact that if we are going to accomplish something great, we have to run the risk of failure. There can be no satisfaction or accomplishment if we are just content to stay in the boat and become “boat potatoes.” It may seem to be safe but it can become

boring in quiet times and fearful if there is a storm.

There is a tremendous truth to the statement that a person has more fulfillment in trying to do something great for God and failing than to try nothing and succeed at doing nothing significant. Thomas Edison once wrote to a friend that he knew nearly a thousand ways not to make an electric light bulb. He was persistent, however. He did not stay in the boat of failure. He got out of the boat and finally learned how to accomplish what others might call impossible.

An important fact to remember from the experience of Peter is that the disciple did not ask for assurance of success before he got out of the boat. He did not say: “Promise me that I will not sink and drown if I get out of the boat.” He simply responded to the command of the Lord.

There was no promise or guarantee. There was just the command for Peter to take action. So often we want the assurance of success before we try something new or run the risk of being involved in a new venture. After all, we may survive if we just stay in the boat and hang on until the storm subsides...or we are able to retire.

The wonderful aspect of life in the Ohio State Highway Patrol is the fact that there is a spirit of commitment to the mission which inspires everyone to get out of the boat and do great things... even walk on water! We are living in a time of great change and challenge. That is an understatement, I know. But my



sense is that the Patrol is responding every day to the changes and challenges which come like a storm. In the midst of the storm there is the command to get out of the boat and do great things for others. There is no guarantee of success every time we try something bold and innovative, but it certainly beats staying in the boat and just hanging on.

It is great for us—your three chaplains—to be associated with all of you who live and work each day to make Ohio safer for others. Let’s get out of the boat together and discover the joy of knowing “it is not why we can’t, but how we will succeed.”

Respectfully,

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