

# Ohio State Highway Patrol



## MEDIA RELEASE



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### Highway Patrol graduates 25 cadets in ceremony today

COLUMBUS - The Patrol's 163<sup>rd</sup> Academy Class graduated today after 24 weeks of intense training. The keynote address was provided by Ohio University Chillicothe Chief James R. McKean, PhD, Associate Professor. Additional remarks were provided by Director John Born, Ohio Department of Public Safety; Colonel Paul A. Pride, Patrol Superintendent and Captain Chuck A. Jones, Academy Commandant. The Oath of Office was issued by Judge Everett H. Krueger, Delaware County Court of Common Pleas.

Courses completed by the 163<sup>rd</sup> class included, crash investigation, criminal and traffic law, detection of impaired drivers, firearms, physical fitness, self-defense and emergency vehicle operations.

Trooper Brandon R. Blackwelder, Pensacola, Fla., was selected as class speaker and thanked the Academy and cadet family members for being supportive during their training.

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

- Overall performance – Trooper Michael P. Herdman, Lancaster
- Top performance in academics – Trooper Cidney R. Molina Mendez, Elyria
- Top performance in driving – Trooper Michael P. Herdman, Lancaster
- Top performance in firearms – Trooper Michael P. Herdman, Lancaster
- Top performance in physical fitness – Trooper Ravonne R. Lawrence, Diamond

Each of the graduates will report to their posts on Sunday, June 25, 2018. The graduates' first 60-working days will be a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new graduates are assigned to 17 of the Patrol's 58 posts.

*Editor's Note: Academy Class Roster Attached*

FIRST	MI	LAST	HOMETOWN		Assignment
Jose	A	Alcantara Rodriguez	Cleveland	OH	Warren District, Hiram Post
Fernando		Arriago	Galloway	OH	Findlay District, Findlay Post
Brandon	R	Blackwelder	Pensacola	FL	Bucyrus District, Marion Post

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Josef	M	Brobst	Plain City	OH	Findlay District, Findlay Post
Holly	M	Chesnick	Lorain	OH	Cambridge District, Steubenville Post
Margaret	M	Clay	Fort Wayne	IN	Bucyrus District, Fremont Post
Samantha	T	Cuellar	Walbridge	OH	Findlay District, Swanton Post
Jarid	I	Fitzpatrick	Grove City	OH	Wilmington District, Wilmington Post
Efrain		Gonzalez III	Lorain	OH	Warren District, Canfield Post
Marisa	A	Guyton	Powell	OH	Cambridge District, Steubenville Post
Michael	P	Herdman	Lancaster	OH	Jackson District, Jackson Post
William	P	Holmes II	Chillicothe	OH	Jackson District, Ironton Post
Ravonne	R	Lawrence	Diamond	OH	Columbus District, Delaware Post
Son	T	Le	Tampa	FL	Findlay District, Van Wert Post
Matthew	E	Magistri	Athens	OH	Cleveland District, Canton Post
Eduard		Manu	Tallmadge	OH	Warren District, Hiram Post
Balla		Mbengue	Blacklick	OH	Warren District, Hiram Post
Shannon	E	Mohney	Medina	OH	Cleveland District, Canton Post
Cidney	R	Molina Mendez	Elyria	OH	Bucyrus District, Norwalk Post
Anthony	S	Pingitore	Mansfield	OH	Columbus District, Mt. Gilead Post
Arslan		Qaisar	Struthers	OH	Warren District, Canfield Post
Damian	M	Roose	Maumee	OH	Findlay District, Findlay Post
James	L	Tarver III	Springboro	OH	Findlay District, Findlay Post
Carissa	M	Webb	Waipahu	HI	Bucyrus District, Bucyrus Post
Bradley	A	White	Wheelersburg	OH	Jackson District, Ironton Post

*Note: Photos of the newly commission troopers are available upon request. To request photos, please e-mail [wwwohp@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:wwwohp@dps.ohio.gov)*

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