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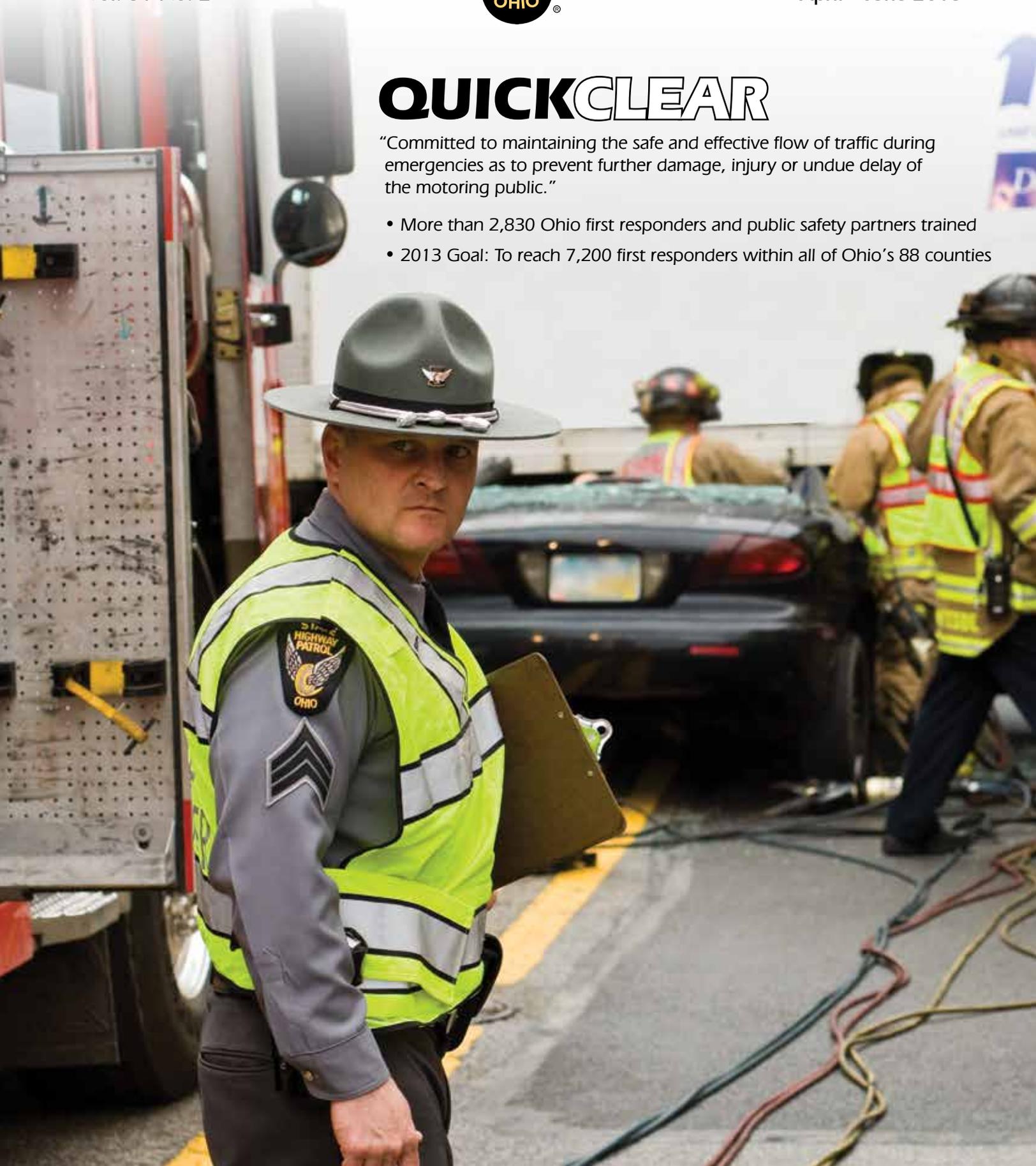
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- 2013 Goal: To reach 7,200 first responders within all of Ohio's 88 counties





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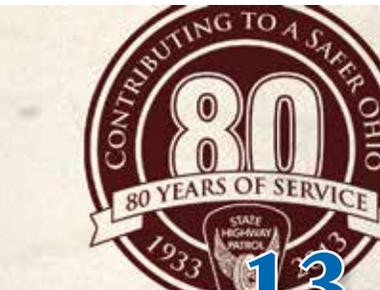
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Connecting the dots for a safer Ohio

We've made incredible progress over the last couple of years toward contributing to a safer Ohio while also positioning the Ohio State Highway Patrol for future success greater than our past accomplishments. The safest roads in Ohio's history while removing more than \$120 million in quality of life degrading contraband stand out among all others of what we've achieved together as a team. But our work will never end. New threats emerge that challenge our ability to protect those who want to enjoy life to the fullest and make the world better.

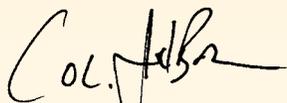
As we roll out the new commercial vehicle initiative to improve safety and quality of life, the dots of our core service of the future become more evident. Preventing horrific crashes, interdicting drugs and criminal enterprises, and protecting against attacks, will require a long-term strategy of focus, proper resource deployment, intelligence and collaboration. Our commercial vehicle initiative executes plans and efforts that aren't new but are connected with what we hope to accomplish. Drug interdiction, weight enforcement, speed and safety enforcement, cargo theft investigation, human trafficking detection and intervention, and homeland security are not new concepts. Pulling them together with a comprehensive strategy that is clear and achievable is long overdue. The details of this plan were released to post commanders in May. Look for a comprehensive overview of this initiative in the next *Flying Wheel*.

Ohio and your contributions are key to a safer world. Ohio's role in national elections underscores that fact. Ohio's economy and our transportation network are literally and figuratively in the heart of America. Protecting them is in your hands. The dots are there to be connected for the Ohio State Highway Patrol of the future:

- Fatality and injury crash prevention
- Improving the quality of life through criminal investigations and patrol
- Commercial vehicle safety
- Homeland security
- Intelligence
- Security and protective services
- Training
- Communication
- Support services
- Public safety leadership

The picture of the future Patrol is up to you regardless of position or rank. How many additional dots are needed for a complete picture? Each line we draw makes the picture clearer. But the most important element is a commitment by you. "How will you contribute?" is a less important question than, "Will you contribute?" Today is a new opportunity for you. Because when you leave this organization, you'll look back and determine your commitment and contribution. Did you truly care about the greater good or was it about you? Did you improve the quality of life or just put in your time? Did you provide an opportunity for someone you didn't know to live life to the fullest and in turn contribute to a better Ohio, America, and world?

As has always been the case, you will answer the question, "What will you do today to contribute to a safer Ohio?"



Colonel John Born
Superintendent



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

Ohio Traffic Incident Responders Participate in Safety Training

Ohio QuickClear saves lives, time and money

As traffic incident management (TIM) becomes more important to maintaining safe and efficient traffic flow on our highways, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) have partnered with the Federal Highway Administration to bring the first-ever TIM training to Ohio's first responders and public safety partners.

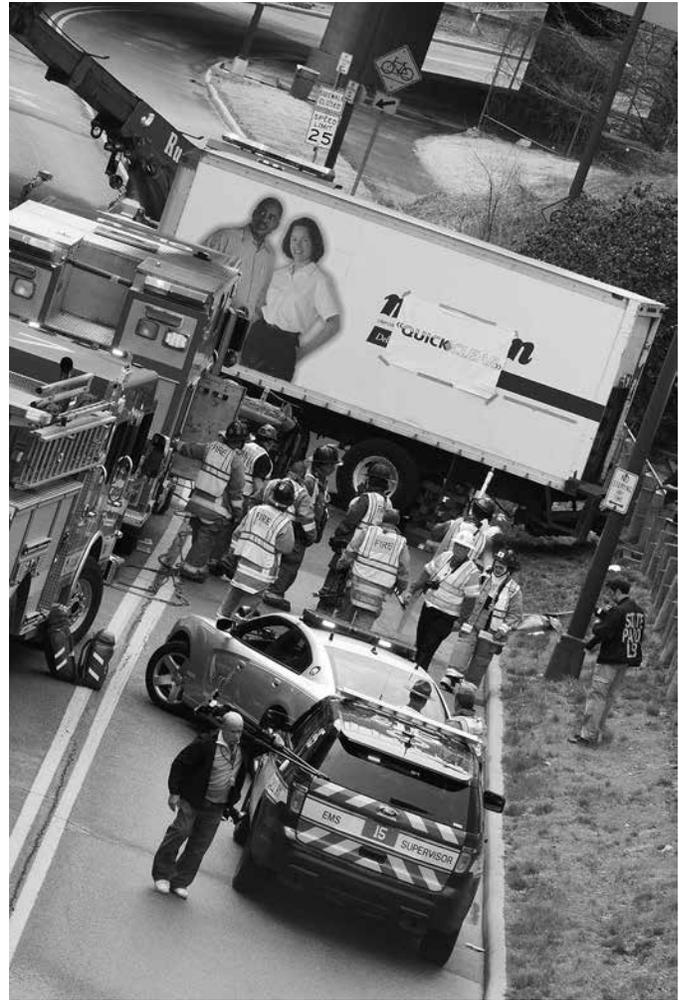
The state's TIM program—dubbed Ohio QuickClear—includes firefighters, emergency medical services, law enforcement, transportation personnel and towing and recovery services. These first responders are responsible for detecting, responding to, and clearing traffic incidents to restore traffic flow as safely and quickly as possible.

Traffic crashes create back-ups, delay, lost time and money, driver frustration, and also result in more deadly secondary crashes. QuickClear reduces the duration and impact of traffic incidents and improves the safety of motorists, crash victims and emergency responders.

"TIM programs save lives and money because they help speed clearance of the incident while protecting everyone's safety as the top priority," said Capt. Roger Hannay, who is heading up the training efforts with personnel from ODOT.

Consistent with the National Incident Command System model for response to critical incidents, more than 2,830 Ohio first responders and public safety partners have been trained so far. These regional trainers will be asked to conduct training sessions locally with an ultimate goal of ensuring that all Ohio first responders are trained.

The program's goal for 2013 is to reach 7,200 first responders in the state and have the regional training teams hold at least one four-hour training session in each of our 88 counties.



On April 10, 2013, the Patrol joined other first-responders to demonstrate a mock crash outside the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Ohio Safety Congress & Expo in Columbus. First-responders followed the incident command structure to clear the crash scene while their actions were narrated to bystanders.

Patrol Recognized by U.S. Department of State for Cooperative Efforts



On May 13, 2013, Colonel John Born, Patrol superintendent, attended a Partner Appreciation Ceremony at the U.S. Department of State. The Ohio State Highway Patrol was recognized for being the first state agency to sign a partnership agreement with the U.S. Department of State—International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL).

The Ohio Department of Public Safety and Ohio State Highway Patrol signed the partnership agreement on September 30, 2012. The agreement between INL and the Patrol enables INL to utilize the knowledge and expertise of active-serving Patrol troopers to train, advise and mentor foreign law enforcement personnel as part of the Department of State's numerous foreign assistance programs to further civilian security.

Troopers Participate in Remembrance Activities Around the State

Ohio State Highway Patrol Memorial

Several hundred family members and friends of the Patrol gathered at the Academy on May 10, 2013, 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 with troopers acting 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, and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas P. Charles both 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", which was followed by a flyover 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 a performance of "Amazing Grace".

State and National Memorials

Patrol personnel also attended and participated in other local, state and national memorial ceremonies. On May 2, 2013, troopers represented the Division at the statewide remembrance at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio, to honor Ohio officers killed in the line of duty. Troopers around the state also participated in county memorial events. In addition, a full week of events were held in conjunction with National Police Week in Washington, D.C.

OTC Scholarships

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

- Jaimee Davis, the Trooper Kenneth A. Maloney Memorial Ohio Troopers Coalition Scholarship
- Jade Knoll, the Trooper Robert Perez Jr. Memorial Ohio Troopers Coalition Scholarship
- Nicole Halverstadt, the Trooper James R. Gross Memorial Ohio Troopers Coalition Scholarship
- Olivia Pacheco, the Patrolman Robert E. Karsmizki Memorial Ohio Troopers Coalition Scholarship.

Top: Lt. Glenn Peterson and Sgt. Timmothy Hoffman at the Lorain County Police Memorial on May 16 in Elyria. **Center:** The Patrol provided the Color Guard at the Wood County Police Memorial Service on May 21 in Bowling Green. **Bottom:** Lt. Tony Dechoudens, Sgt. Eric Short, Sgt. Rick Reeder and Tpr. John McGlashan with the family of Tpr. Robert Perez at the Sandusky Police Memorial on May 5.



Patrol and Ohio Historical Society Offer Active Shooter Training

The Patrol partnered with the Ohio Historical Society’s Creative Learning Factory in April to broadcast “What To Do in an Active Shooter Situation” training as a free webinar series to school administrators and teachers across the state.

Two live interactive webinars were held, one on April 26 and one on April 30. Both sessions were recorded and archived so registered attendees can go back and review them.

“Using our Creative Learning Factory studio to teach history throughout the state is an important part of what we do. It is a natural extension of that program to use the technology to provide school administrators and teachers the training they need to keep their students safe,” said Jackie Barton, Director of Education and Outreach at the Ohio Historical Society.

The webinars were taught by



In April, S/Lt. Steve Rosta conducted two “What To Do in an Active Shooter Situation” webinars for teacher and school administrators. The Patrol worked in partnership with the Ohio Historical Society’s Creative Learning Factory to provide the free training.

S/Lt. Steve Rosta, commander of the Special Response Team (SRT), which is the Patrol’s full-time, full-service, tactical unit that is specially trained and

equipped to handle high-risk situations. The team is also the statewide response team for the Ohio Homeland Security Emergency Response Program.

TSO Commercial Aims to Educate



The end shot of the new Move Over, Slow Down commercial.

A partnership between Troopers for a Safer Ohio (TSO) and the Patrol resulted in TSO’s first commercial. The 30-second spot—available on the Patrol’s YouTube channel, youtube.com/oshp—features TSO President Sgt. Shane Johnson educating motorists about Ohio’s Move Over, Slow Down Law.

The commercial began airing April 22, 2013, on Fox Sports Net and Sports Time Ohio, primarily during Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians games.

In the commercial, Sgt. Johnson, who was struck three times within five weeks, explains to viewers that the purpose of the law is to protect those who protect the public.

The commercial was created and produced by the Patrol and filmed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Audio/Visual Studio. Funding to air the commercial was donated through TSO’s telephone solicitation program.

Behind the Flying Wheel Debuts



The first episode of Behind the Flying Wheel visits Central Install.

How does a Dodge Charger become a Patrol cruiser? What’s it like on a shift at the Hub and Criminal Intel Unit? How about being inside the command center during a Shield Detail?

The public now has an exclusive all-access pass that takes them behind the scenes with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

A new web series, *Behind the Flying Wheel*, takes viewers into some of our most interesting operations.

The series made its debut before Memorial Day weekend by featuring the new assembly line process through which our distinguishable marked cruisers are constructed.

Behind the Flying Wheel will be produced quarterly, with the next episode coming out prior to the Labor Day weekend. All *Behind the Flying Wheel* videos will be available on the Patrol’s YouTube channel, youtube.com/oshp.



63 NEW TROOPERS

154th Academy Class Graduates

The Patrol's 154th Academy Class graduated April 5, 2013, after 22 weeks of intense paramilitary training. The keynote address was provided by Senator Keith Faber, Ohio Senate President. Additional remarks were provided by Director Thomas P. Charles, Ohio Department of Public Safety; Colonel John Born, Patrol Superintendent, and Captain Brigette Charles, Academy Commandant. The Oath of Office was issued by Judge Peter B. Abele, Fourth Appellate District, Ohio Court of Appeals.

Courses completed by the 154th class included Core Values, crash investigation, criminal and traffic law, detection of impaired drivers, firearms, physical fitness, and self-defense. The cadets also received training in motor vehicle operations.

Tpr. Daniel J. Schritter, South Point, Ohio 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 Patrol Academy.

The honorees were:

- Overall performance - Tpr. Justin P. Lister, Rodman, New York.
- Top performance in academics - Tpr. Clayton A. Grubb, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Top performance in driving - Tpr. Aaron M. Ross, Somerset, Kentucky.
- Top performance in firearms - Tpr. Lister.
- Top performance in physical fitness - Tpr. Lister.

Additionally, the following cadets were recognized for their leadership: Tpr. Schritter; Tpr. Cody K. Quattlebaum, Chesterhill, Ohio; and Tpr. Brittany N. Kenney, Sabina, Ohio.

Each of the commissioned troopers reported to their posts on April 8, 2013. The graduates' first 60 working days will be a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new graduates are assigned to 35 of the Patrol's 58 posts.



Recent Criminal Patrol Successes

May 14: Troopers seize heroin and pills



Troopers stopped a rented 2012 Chevy Cruze for a marked lanes violation on the Ohio Turnpike in Summit County. Upon contact with the driver, troopers detected an odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle and observed raw marijuana shake on the interior floor. Further investigation revealed the two female occupants were concealing two ounces of heroin, 192 oxycodone pills and one ecstasy pill worth approximately \$17,000 combined.

April 10: Troopers seize heroin

Troopers stopped a 2007 GMC Envoy for a marked lanes violation on the Ohio Turnpike in Lorain County. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 390 grams of heroin worth more than \$58,000.

March 4: Troopers seize heroin and pills from OVI driver



The Lima Post received a call of a possible impaired driver in Allen County. Troopers responded to the area and stopped a 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis for a left of center violation on State Route 309. The driver was arrested for OVI, and during a search of his person, the trooper located 18 oxycodone pills, 66 Xanax pills and \$650 in cash. Upon contact with the driver's wife she produced 165 individually wrapped units of heroin. Total value of the contraband was estimated to be more than \$107,000.

February 23: Troopers seize Ecstasy, documents, handgun

Troopers stopped a 2003 Chevy Impala for a speed violation on Interstate 75 in Auglaize County. During a pat-down for weapons, troopers discovered a loaded .22 caliber handgun

in the driver's front pocket. A search of the vehicle revealed a plastic bag containing 98 Ecstasy pills, various documents later found to be stolen and a small amount of marijuana.

February 12: Troopers seize cocaine, heroin and pills during two traffic stops

Troopers stopped a 2001 Cadillac for speed and marked lanes violations on U.S. 23 in Scioto County. Troopers observed the rear seat passenger grab an object and hide it between his legs under a coat. A protective sweep was conducted and revealed 1,004 oxycodone pills worth approximately \$24,096.

Roughly an hour later, troopers stopped a 2012 Ford Fusion for a marked lanes violation on U.S. 23. Criminal indicators were observed. Further investigation revealed the female occupant was concealing two ounces of cocaine and two ounces of heroin with an estimated value of \$13,104.

February 7: Troopers seize seven pounds of marijuana

Troopers stopped a 2012 Nissan four-door for a marked lanes violation on U.S. 35 in Jackson County. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed seven pounds of marijuana worth nearly \$32,000 located in a backpack in the vehicle's trunk.

February 1: Troopers seize Ecstasy, loaded handgun



Troopers stopped a 2002 Chevy Suburban for a speed violation on U.S. 33 in Mercer County. Troopers detected an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed several plastic bags containing Ecstasy pills worth nearly \$26,000 and a loaded 9 mm handgun.

January 30: Troopers seize kilo of cocaine on Turnpike

Troopers stopped a rented 2013 Toyota Camry for a marked lanes violation in Lake Township on the Ohio Turnpike. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the cocaine, valued at approximately \$100,000, inside a shoebox in the vehicle's trunk.

Recent Vehicle Theft Unit Successes

Warren District Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit



In March, the Warren Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit (VTFU) assisted the Ashtabula Post with a stolen excavator taken from a job site on Interstate 90 in Ashtabula County. The excavator's GPS unit had been removed, but unbeknownst to the thief, the excavator was equipped with an additional GPS unit.

With the assistance of Ashtabula Post troopers, the suspect was located and stopped. VTFU investigators obtained a confession, and a subsequent search of his property uncovered the excavator, valued at \$55,000, five stolen trailers valued at more than \$25,000 and a methamphetamine lab.

Columbus District Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit



The Columbus Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit (VTFU) investigated a tip from the FBI's Atlanta Office and determined a number of stolen vehicles from Georgia had cloned VINs. The vehicles were subsequently titled in Ohio using counterfeit out-of-state titles. In a joint effort with authorities in Georgia, three vehicles with a combined value of approximately \$182,000 were recovered, and Georgia authorities uncovered materials related to an identity theft ring and indicators of drug trafficking.

As of May 2013, the Columbus VTFU has recovered more than \$200,000 in stolen vehicles. Recoveries include

a 2013 Cadillac Escalade, 2013 GMC Yukon Denali and a 2012 Dodge Charger. The majority of the unit's investigations involve cloned VINs and title fraud.

Wilmington District Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit

In May, the Wilmington District Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit (VTFU) assisted the Clermont County Sheriff's Office with the investigation of a theft suspect and a search warrant that yielded stolen property including enclosed trailers, dump trailers, lawn equipment, several chainsaws and a Bobcat mini-backhoe.

Also in May, the Ohio Auto Theft Investigators Association awarded Wilmington VTFU Tpr. Dan Brown with the Law Enforcement Auto Theft Investigator of The Year award.

Findlay District Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit



Photo Courtesy of The Blade (Toledo)

The Findlay Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit (VTFU) recently detected and apprehended suspects involved in a large-scale vehicle and cargo theft operation spanning northern Ohio, eastern Indiana, southeastern Michigan and western Pennsylvania.

In August 2012, investigators began an investigation into the theft of semi-tractors, trailers and cargo in the aforementioned states. A group of thieves was suspected of operating two chop shops within the city of Toledo. A five-month, multiple-agency investigation into the theft operation utilized GPS devices, covert video surveillance and 24-hour monitoring. The suspects stole semi-trucks, trailers and cargo, transported the stolen units to the chop shops and ultimately cut them up and scrapped them for cash.

An arrest and search warrant operation was conducted by the FBI and Patrol investigators on February 7, 2013, on two chop shops and two residences. Six suspects were arrested and charged on a 17-count federal indictment including interstate transportation of stolen property. The property value of the stolen vehicles and cargo over the five-month investigation reached nearly \$2.5 million.

All troopers are encouraged to look closely at VIN plates and Federal Identification Decals as well as pay close attention for indicators of fraud. Troopers with questions are encouraged to contact their local VTFU.

Recent Ohio Investigative Unit Successes

Illegal Gambling Arrests



In April, Cleveland District agents coordinated plans to execute and process search warrants and evidence related to six Cuyahoga County internet casinos and two related locations in New Jersey. As the lead agency in this case, the District coordinated the involvement of more than 100 sworn law enforcement officers from 13 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The operation was a continuation of an almost two-year, joint investigation of illegal gambling activity relating to internet casinos. During the execution of the search warrants, more than \$70,000 in cash and more than 300 player terminals, TV monitors, network servers and related business documents were seized. Immediately before the execution of the search warrants, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office obtained a court order to freeze more than \$500,000 in funds associated with businesses that are the subject of the ongoing investigation.

Agents then continued to work on cases related to the April search warrants, which resulted in the execution of two gambling-related search warrants, nine people indicted and three people arrested. The search warrants were served jointly on May 9, 2013, with U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Parma Heights and Maple Heights police departments. The arrests on indictments were made by the U.S. Marshal Service. The charges related to gambling, money laundering, possessing criminal tools and operating a gambling house. A total of 199 player terminals and \$28,466 were seized.

Drug Arrests

A Cincinnati District agent testified in the Warren County trial of a suspect charged with trafficking in synthetic drugs—one of the first synthetic drug cases to go to trial. The defendant was convicted of drug trafficking and corrupt activities and faces over 40 years in prison at his sentencing.

Agents from the Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo offices closed a year-long investigation of synthetic drug trafficking. Agents assisted the Hamilton Police Department and Butler County Sheriff's Office with search warrants at five non-permit locations. During the course of serving the search warrants, agents and officers seized approximately 51,000 unit doses of synthetic marijuana, numerous instruments of drug parapher-

nal, material believed to be used in the manufacture of synthetic drugs and more than \$300,000. In May, a Butler County grand jury issued an 87-count indictment on 14 individuals.

Trace-back Investigations

In December 2012, agents cited the Quaker Steak & Lube in Union Township, Clermont County with sale of beer or intoxicating liquor to an intoxicated person and furnishing beer or intoxicating liquor to an intoxicated person. The citations were the result of a trace-back investigation that began after a man attending a Christmas party at the liquor permit establishment crashed his vehicle and was killed.

Agents from the Toledo District Office completed a trace-back investigation of a March 10, 2013, fatal ATV accident. A violation notice was issued to S&K Landeck Tavern for sale of beer or intoxicating liquor to an intoxicated person and furnishing beer or intoxicating liquor to an intoxicated person.

An Athens agent issued a summons to one suspect for allowing underage consumption of alcohol and to another for a person under 21 being under the influence of alcohol. The charges were the result of an injury crash in Perry County that involved an underage intoxicated female. Through a trace-back investigation, agents determined the underage female purchased the alcohol at Stop 22 Market in Mount Perry. The clerk was charged with sale of beer to a person under 21 and the Stop 22 Market's liquor permit was cited.

Moonshine seized



Agents charged at least three people in connection with moonshine stills in two unrelated cases. On April 27, 2013, agents in Athens received consent to search property in Gallia County. Agents charged one suspect with illegal manufacture of spirituous liquor. On May 3, 2013, agents conducted a search warrant in Hamilton County and charged two suspects with two counts each of illegal sale of intoxicating liquor, keeper of the place, illegal manufacture of spirituous liquor, illegal possession of moonshine and receiving stolen property.

The Evolution of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Police Officer

By Lt. Gary Lewis

In 1987, the Ohio Exposition Center experienced an increase in incidents on state-owned property and sought measures to create a law enforcement presence for security purposes. The Patrol responded by providing uniformed personnel with the creation of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Police Officer.

Thomas P. Charles, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, worked as a staff lieutenant at the Patrol's Columbus District Headquarters during the Police Officer initiative and worked with the other district staff members to make the program a reality.

Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) Section 5503.09 defines the special police officers who serve on state property: "The superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, with the approval of the director of public safety, may designate one or more persons to be special police officers to preserve the peace and enforce the laws of this state with respect to persons and property under their jurisdiction and control."

The officers are vested with the same powers of arrest as police officers under O.R.C. 2935.03 when exercising their responsibilities on lands owned by the Ohio Exposition Commission and on those state properties and institutions owned or leased by the state where the officers are assigned by the superintendent. The police officers are required to complete peace officer basic training for the position as required by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

"Today, the Patrol police officers are a critical component to answering the call for homeland security efforts at state-owned facilities and have proven to be a vital asset in our public relations efforts due to their constant interaction with the general public," Director Charles said.

Retired Patrol Police Officer James Sansone spent 33 years in law enforcement, including 22 years with the Patrol. In 1987, Sansone was one of the original seven police officers commissioned to provide security at the Ohio Exposition Center.

"As I reflect over the course of my career, the first prior-



The seven original Patrol police officers were commissioned in 1987.

ity was to learn the duties and responsibilities associated to being a commissioned police officer for the Patrol," Sansone explained. "As the end of my tenure approached, the evidence of the impacts we made during high-profile events like the Ohio State Fair are some of my greatest memories."

Patrol police officers' areas of responsibility eventually expanded to the Ohio Statehouse, the Alum Creek Facility, the Charles D. Shipley Building, the DiSalle Government Center (Toledo) and the "201" Governor's Residence Detail.

The officers also handle large-scale events at the Ohio State Fair, rallies and protests at the Ohio Statehouse and concerts at the Columbus Crew Stadium, adjacent to the Expo Center.

In 2012, the Patrol introduced the Police Officer Bicycle Unit with a focus on response and maneuverability while handling duties at the Ohio Expo Center grounds.

"We are continually impressed with the high level of professionalism and the visible presence we experience at the Ohio Expo Center with our police officers," said Virgil Strickler, Ohio Exposition Center General Manager.

The Patrol police officer units' para-military structure mirrors that of posts throughout the state with a commander and sergeants responsible for administrative and operational components. Today, there are 31 Patrol police officers assigned to handle law enforcement responsibilities at state-owned facilities and one police officer lieutenant.

Recent Police Officer Successes

1. Created a Safety and Security Committee with Expo personnel which will meet monthly to address trends and concerns specific to public safety.
2. Conducted a security risk assessment survey of the Ohio Expo Center with staff members, and then implemented suggested changes subsequent to those findings.
3. Built upon the relationship with the Ohio Expo Center and implemented safety/security signs on the fairgrounds.
4. Created a partnership with Columbus Police Department during the re-certification of the bicycle unit.
5. Experiencing significant reduction of reporting incidents on the grounds with new safety measures.



The Patrol's Bicycle Unit has partnered with Columbus Police.

Patrol Out for Blood in Guns-N-Hoses Donation Competition

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 often the need for blood exceeds the supply.

With so many summer activities, the number of people who have time to donate blood decreases. That is why the Patrol is teaming up with the American Red Cross for the 18th annual Guns-N-Hoses blood donation campaign which runs June 27 through July 31.

As law enforcement officers and first responders, troopers 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 am encouraging the entire Patrol family to donate blood this trauma season and to encourage their friends, family and communities to join us in helping to save lives.”

About Guns N Hoses

Guns-N-Hoses began in 1996 as a friendly competition between police and fire fighters to see who could bring in the most blood donations. Those

who donate during the campaign can make their donation and 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.

Counties participating in this year's campaign include: Athens, Campaign, 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.

Great gifts

Community participants who donate blood and vote for either 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 one of two \$500 Marathon gas gift cards and four tickets to Zoombezi Bay.

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 the campaign or 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 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.

Crime Lab Transfers Equipment to State Fire Marshal

Recently, the Patrol Crime Laboratory transferred a sophisticated instrument to the State Fire Marshal's Office. The instrument is a Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (FTIR). It was purchased with a federal grant in 2007 to support the lab's trace evidence program. Due to changes in accreditation standards, the Patrol no longer supports trace evidence applications.

Many forensic services are provided by the State Fire Marshal's Forensic laboratory, including scientific examinations of ignitable liquids, fire debris, explosives, latent prints and general examination of any physical evidence involved in a suspected arson fire, explosive incident, hazardous situation or other criminal activity. The Fire Marshal's Office is a leader in this area of forensic science and maintains the highest standards relative to management, personnel, operations, health and safety, instrumentation, methodology and laboratory best practices. The Patrol is pleased to be partners with the State Fire Marshal's Office as we work to contribute to a safer Ohio.



Chad Wissinger, Forensic Laboratory Chief for the State Fire Marshal and the Fourier transform infrared spectrometer.

PATROL FAMILY & FRIENDS, PAST & PRESENT:

YOU ARE INVITED

To mark the 80th Anniversary of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary and the State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union are sponsoring and hosting a celebration on November 16, 2013, at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus.

A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. The cost for the event is \$50 per person. Apparel for the evening is cocktail attire. Patrol merchandise and 80th Anniversary items will be available for purchase during the event.

Reservations

Registration forms are available on the Highway Patrol Retirees' Association's website at oshpretiree.org; at the main office of the State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union; or the Auxiliary Store or the satellite office of the State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union, both located at the Patrol's Academy. Registration and payment are due by November 1, 2013, and should be forwarded to the State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union, 6161 Busch Blvd #215, Columbus, OH 43229. Checks should be payable to the "State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union". Please include an e-mail address or phone number on the registration form or enclose a self-addressed postage-paid envelope to receive confirmation of your reservation.

Reserved Seating

Reserved seating for eight will be given first priority. However, to guarantee seating, full payment must be received

at the time of reservation. Additional reservations for couples and individuals wishing to sit together as a group will also be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to honor small group requests, all names and payment in full must be submitted together on one registration form. Every effort will be made to honor group seating requests, however, seating is not guaranteed unless a table of eight is paid in full. Early bookings are recommended, particularly for groups.

If you have questions about the event, please contact Sylvia Martinez at smartinez@dps.state.oh.us or 614-752-4672.

ENTER TO WIN!

At the event, the sponsors will be raffling a Remington 870 12-gauge shotgun, engraved with the 80th Anniversary logo. This shotgun will be one of only two produced. The other shotgun will be housed in the Patrol's armory. Sponsors will also raffle a Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 40 Caliber semi-automatic pistol and a case engraved with the Patrol's 80th Anniversary logo. Tickets will only be available at the event and will be \$10 each. You must be present to win.

The State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union also will raffle a basket of 80th Anniversary merchandise. Tickets will be \$5 each and 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Ohio. Tickets will be available the night of the event and you will not need to be present to win.

GET YOUR ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE!

The Auxiliary Store at the Academy has 80th Anniversary items, including limited-edition challenge coins, lapel buttons, T-shirts and engraved knives. The Auxiliary Store is open Mondays from 5–7 p.m. and Wednesdays from noon–1 p.m.



Challenge coins have the Patrol patch on one side and the 80th logo on the other for \$9 each.



T-shirts come in two designs:

- The \$10 gray silkscreen shirts feature a large faded version of the 80th logo.
- The \$12 transfer-print shirts come in black or gray and feature a small 80th logo.

Knives are laser engraved with the 80th logo:

- \$15 for the popular "rescue" knife.
- \$35–40 for high-quality Kershaw knives.



Lapel pins feature the 80th logo with U.S. and Ohio flags for \$3 each.

Annual OVI Recognition



In 2012, troopers contributed to a 13 percent reduction in the number of alcohol-related fatal crashes in Ohio and arrested 24,465 drivers for OVI.

The 2012 leaders in OVI enforcement were recognized

Tpr. Frank C. Applegate
Sgt. Thomas M. Bloomberg Jr.
Tpr. Joshua J. Bolduan
Tpr. Joshua C. Craft
Tpr. Robert A. Curry
Tpr. Brad M. Evans
Tpr. Jonathan A. Ganley

Tpr. Scott A. Gonzales
Tpr. Alexis A. Guilkey
Tpr. Rocky J. Hise
Sgt. Dexter T. Howard
Tpr. Charles M. Jackson
Tpr. Jerod L. Keyes
Tpr. John L. Lamm

at the Academy on February 28, 2013. The top OVI officers in Ohio, to include the top officer from each district, were recognized by Colonel Born and members of the senior staff. The 2012 OVI leaders are:

Tpr. Kyle L. Mackie
Tpr. Johnnie H. Maier
Tpr. Jason R. Metzger
Sgt. Christopher Midkiff
Tpr. Nathan J. Pabin
Tpr. Melanie L. Provenzano
Tpr. Steven L. Shafer Jr.

Tpr. Evan M. Slates
Tpr. Keith G. Smith
Tpr. Tammy D. Soto
Tpr. Mark D. Starnes
Tpr. Jermaine D. Thaxton
Sgt. Andrew R. Worcester

Certificate of Recognition

Sgt. Joseph J. Luebbers, Wilmington Criminal Patrol, received a Certificate of Recognition for his efforts at the scene of a fire. On March 11, 2013, Sgt. Luebbers was en route to quarterly training when he observed an active fire at an apartment complex in Columbus.



Joseph J. Luebbers

He immediately pulled into the complex, activated his siren and used his public address system to alert residents. He ensured the Columbus Fire Department had been called, and then quickly set about making sure residents were exiting the building.

As he ran through a breezeway to the area where the flames were the most intense, he found a woman lying on a concrete walkway and several bystanders trying to assist her. The woman had jumped from a third floor window and suffered a broken leg. With intense heat in the area and hot embers falling all around them, Sgt. Luebbers and two bystanders moved the woman to a safer location. He then continued to look for other residents in need of assistance.

A person calling from a third floor window told Sgt. Luebbers he could not escape because the fire had reached his

front door. Sgt. Luebbers convinced the subject not to jump and stayed in contact with the subject until firefighters were able to rescue the man with a ladder.

Tpr. Robert V. VanDyke, Canton, received a Certificate of Recognition for his assistance to a motorist. On March 23, 2013, Tpr. VanDyke was providing security and monitoring traffic on I-77 in Stark County while a motorist attempted to make a minor repair to his disabled vehicle.



Robert V. VanDyke

While the motorist was working under his car, his floor jack failed, causing the vehicle to fall and pinning him under it. Tpr. VanDyke immediately called for emergency medical services and then tried to raise the vehicle with the floor jack. Unable to get the jack to function properly and aware the victim was having trouble breathing, Tpr. VanDyke ran to the right front of the vehicle and lifted the car enough for the man to crawl out.

Emergency responders arrived on the scene and transported the victim to the hospital for treatment. He was expected to make a full recovery from injuries to his chest.

Patrol Dispatchers Earn Ohio Gold Star Recognition

Patrol radio dispatchers from around the state were nominated for the 2012 Ohio Solid Gold Award, which recognizes contributions made by public safety communications professionals toward the safety and well-being of the citizens of Ohio. The nominees were honored at a luncheon on April 17, 2013, in Columbus.

Dispatchers Jason Whitt, Scott Caudill and Robert Isgett, Portsmouth, were recognized for their professional handling of an officer-involved shooting on November 9, 2012. The dispatchers coordinated responses from nearby agencies and maintained constant radio contact with the trooper at the scene under extreme circumstances.

Dispatcher Denise Simon, North Canton, was recognized for professionalism in handling the report of a missing three-year-old boy and coordinating



Patrol dispatchers, their supervisors, and Colonel John Born at the 2012 Ohio Gold Star Awards. The Gold Star Awards recognize the work of the public safety communications professionals who are the backbone of Ohio's 9-1-1 system.

a response of available units, which resulted in the safe recovery of the child on October 13, 2012.

The following Patrol dispatchers were recognized for exceptional professionalism in the field of Public Safety

Telecommunications:

- Pamela Hershberger, Bucyrus
- Heidi Maloy, Sandusky
- Carrie Wolford, Mansfield
- Emily Gerhart, Wooster
- Darla Johnson, Wilmington

Electronic Technicians Recognized for Work on Cruiser Assembly Line Process

ET Manager Shawn A. Piper and ET3 Peter M. Flavin developed a 19-station assembly line process that increased the number of Patrol cruisers installed each week from 5-7 to 15, which is helping the division reduce trade-in mileage and meet demand created by an increase in personnel.

Piper and Flavin broke down the installation processes into a natural progression of equally-sectioned time periods. The assembly line features prep and drilling templates completed by contract laborers, installation stations for each step in the process, a re-assembly area staffed by a contract laborer, and a final check station for quality control.

Their certificates read in part, "The new assembly line process enabled Central Install to dramatically increase the number of car installations. This unprecedented success can be directly attributed to your tremendous efforts."



ET Manager Shawn Piper and ET3 Peter M. Flavin were recognized for their work to develop the cruiser assembly line process at Central Install. From left: ET3 Flavin, Colonel John Born, ETM Piper and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas P. Charles.

New Auxiliaries Sworn in

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary appointed 12 new volunteers on April 13, 2013. The Auxiliary class graduated after eight days of law enforcement training, which included firearms familiarization, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, cultural sensitivity and assisting in crash investigations. The graduates will assist troopers at crash scenes and traffic stops, provide traffic control, disaster relief and special detail support.

Colonel John Born, Patrol superintendent, and Auxiliary Colonel Arthur Wilson addressed the graduates. Judge K. Michael Foley gave the Oath of Office and Auxiliary command staff presented appointments and certificates of training to the new graduates.

Auxiliary members contribute thousands of hours a year in an assortment



Twelve new volunteers were sworn in to the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary on April 13, 2013. The new members completed eight days of law enforcement training.

of functions. Each member is required to volunteer a minimum of 120 hours per year to remain active.

Each of the new Auxiliary members will volunteer at posts in their home area. The new officers are: Vicky L. Etzler, Payne; Raymond J. Johnson, Cleveland; Robert B. Holdsworth, Miamis-

burg; Joshua B. Murray, Middletown; Eric L. Ross, Springfield; Stephanie H. Coleman, Groveport; Jhamee A. Elliott, Canal Winchester; Emily J. Gibson, Lancaster; Samuel C. Gould, Galloway; Amanda N. Hostetter, Logan; Johnson M. Roberts, Columbus; and Timothy D. Campbell Jr., Oak Hill.

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

 www.facebook.com/ohiostatehighwaypatol

Special thanks go out to the Ohio State Patrol for the recovery of most of our equipment that was stolen. These guys put their heart and soul into what they do!

On May 4 at 5:30 a.m. on MLK off 422 in Youngstown, the car I was driving blew a tire. I saw blue flashing lights ahead, so I headed toward them in hopes of finding help. Trooper Hoskins walked toward me as I explained my situation. Without hesitating, he changed my tire and got me on my way so I could tend to my residents. It is nice to know when you need help, it is a relief to see that symbol and the blue lights.

On a recent trip to our State Capitol, I could not help but notice the "sharp" looking, professional members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. I needed help, they extended courtesies and appreciated my thank you with a smile. Excellent presence.

I would like to thank the troopers near Wooster. I rolled my truck tonight and they were there to help out. I would also like to apologize for my stupidity. I have learned a valuable lesson tonight. Thank you and God bless.

Thanks to Sgt. Chavez of the Defiance Post and Sgt. Cisco of the Van Wert Post for the great Traffic Incident Management training last night at South Richland Fire Department in Defiance.

Thank you OSHP for your trooper's help in changing my tire blowout yesterday! It is so much appreciated!

 www.twitter.com/oshp

As a resident of Belmont County, I would like to applaud the troopers for jobs well done on and off the interstate. I travel I-70 every day and I am so glad the troopers are out catching the speeders, and also along Rt. 147. Just your presence alone slows people down and for that I am truly thankful.

Yesterday, my vehicle broke down on SR 86 in Leroy Township. Even though we were pulled to the side, there wasn't much space between us and the white line. It was just past 6 a.m., so it was obviously dark. I was nervous someone may clip our vehicle. I called the Chardon Post to request a trooper come out and use his light bar to attract the attention of passing motorists. The dispatcher remained on the line with me until the trooper arrived and the trooper allowed us to sit in his patrol car to warm up. Unfortunately, he was called to I-90 for another problem. Luckily for us, daylight made our vehicle more obvious to passing motorists. The tow truck finally came and as we were en route to our mechanic, the dispatcher called to ask about our safety. I can't thank the OSHP enough for the courtesy and professionalism that was demonstrated.

Going home last night, I noticed a man standing at the side of the road with his dog holding a "will work for food" sign. A few seconds later a trooper pulled up, turned on his lights and I thought, "Oh, he's going to get busted!" The trooper walked up to the man and handed him a bag of food from Taco Bell. That is how a law enforcement officer should conduct himself! GOOD JOB whoever you were!

Patrol Stresses Safety Belt Use During *Click It or Ticket*

The Patrol and more than 900 law enforcement partners around Ohio participated in the national *Click It or Ticket* safety belt enforcement mobilization from May 20–June 2, 2013. Law enforcement and other safety partners held awareness events and educational activities around the state to stress the importance of safety belt use.

Tri-State Law Enforcement Council



On May 17, 2013, members of the Patrol and the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, in conjunction with the Tri-State Law Enforcement Council – which includes law enforcement agencies from Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky – joined together at the Gallipolis City Park along the Ohio River to showcase their combined commitment to *Click It or Ticket*.

Lebanon



Nearly all of Warren County's law enforcement agencies, including the Lebanon Post, were represented at the Warren County Safe Communities *Click It or Ticket* kick-off event at the Atrium Medical Center on May 8, 2013.

Ironton



On May 8, 2013, Sgt. Chris Smith and Kentucky State Trooper Mike Murriel were on WKEE's Morning Show with Dave and Jenn to talk about the *Click It or Ticket* campaign.

Xenia



Sgt. Anthony Lauer, with the help of Xenia High School students, addressed the media on May 21, 2013, about the importance of wearing a safety belt.

Medina



Medina troopers participated in a mock crash at Buckeye High School on May 1, 2013, with the Medina County Sheriff's Office, Litchfield Fire Department, Erhart Fire Department, Valley City Fire Department, Medina Life Support Team and University Hospital's MedEvac.

Ironton



The Ironton Post participated in a mock crash for Rock Hill High School on April 16, 2013, with St. Mary's Medical Facility Huntington, Lawrence County EMS, Elizabeth/Upper Townships Volunteer Fire Department, Slack and Wallace Funeral Home, Lawrence County Juvenile Court, Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office and Carteens.

Ironton

On May 1, 2013, the Ironton Post awarded Fairland School District Bus Driver Bethel Wall with a certificate of appreciation for 50 years of safe driving while operating a school bus throughout Lawrence County. Over the last 50 years, Mr. Wall drove for Symmes Valley and Fairland school districts without any incidents in which he was at fault. He was awarded a certificate from the Patrol and a Hometown Hero award from WSAZ in Huntington.



Technology and Communication Services

On February 17, 2013, 52 bowlers descended on Sawmill Bowling Lanes to participate in the first annual Flying Wheel Kids Bowl. The event was coordinated by the Office of Strategic Services, Technology and Communication Services (TCS) to raise money for Nationwide Children's Hospital Trauma Unit.

Major Kevin Teaford challenged section personnel to work together to develop a community service project, and TCS proposed this event to raise money for the wonderful work the hospital does for children, while also providing a fun event for employees, auxiliaries, retirees and their families to enjoy. The donation, specifically to support the trauma unit, was designated because many times our troopers are at the scene of tragic crashes involving children and trauma units such as these are our partners in contributing to a safer Ohio. TCS raised \$661 and plans are underway for next year's event.



Gabby Crissinger (TCS-LEADS) and Ed Grimm (TCS) present Courtney Cahill a \$661 check for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Trauma Unit.

History Unit

By Cynthia Bell

In the fall of 2010, the History Unit received a box of items donated by Tara Rupp that had been collected by her late father, Cpl. Lawrence Alexander. Among the items were a Colt .38 Detective Special revolver and many photos and news articles related to it.

The revolver belonged to a felon captured on May 12, 1940, by Ptl. Alexander, who was posted at the Kent Sub-Station at the time. In its day, the story was front page news.

While responding to a 3 a.m. radio call about an armed robbery and shooting of a deputy sheriff by four men in a Plymouth heading west from Youngstown, Ptl. Alexander with Ptl. Edward Meyer saw the fleeing Plymouth and gave chase.

As the cruiser closed in, the men in the Plymouth broke out its back windows and began shooting. As the senior officer, Ptl. Alexander instructed Ptl. Meyer to knock out the windshield on the right side of the patrol car and return fire with a .351 automatic rifle.

Traveling 85-90 m.p.h as the gun battle continued, both cars entered the Cleveland area. The Plymouth's driver, attempting to elude the cruiser, made one turn too fast and crashed.

The driver ran, but was later apprehended by Cleveland police. Alexander and Meyer, both with weapons drawn, ran to either side of the Plymouth. They found both the men in the back seat had been shot and were unconscious.

Meyer ran after the driver. As Alexander came up on the front-seat passenger, the suspect aimed the Colt .38 at him and fired repeatedly, only to hear the click of empty chambers. When the passenger refused to drop his gun and exit the car, Alexander shot to wound the man, took him from the car and handcuffed him.

Alexander and Meyer each received letters of commendation from then Colonel Lynn Black, and the following year, each received an O.W. Merrell Valor Award Revolver.



Patrol Historian Cynthia Bell and Tara Rupp behind a display of historical items that belonged to Rupp's father, Cpl. Lawrence Alexander.

It is not known how Alexander came to keep the Colt .38 Detective Special, but it was a prized possession.

Cpl. Alexander graduated with the 5th Class in 1935. He served at several locations including Kent, Mansfield and Findlay. He was promoted to corporal in 1941, and then left the Patrol in 1943 to serve in World War II. After his military service, he elected not to return to law enforcement and became a successful businessman. He retired in the 1980s and passed away in 1994 at the age of 82.

In 1967, Alexander donated his Merrell revolver to the Academy where it was displayed for a time before retiring to the Academy vault as a historical artifact. On April 8, 2013, Alexander's two revolvers and their stories went on display in Heritage Hall.

Mrs. Rupp visited the Academy recently to view the exhibit and was very moved and proud to see her father's story passed on to another generation.

Findlay



On April 14, 2013, units from Findlay Post participated in the Battle of the Badges basketball game to help raise money for the Hancock County Center for Safe and Healthy Children. From left: Lee Pargeon, Matt Geer, Travis Rothenbuhler, Brett Hannum, Carl Daniel, Adam Hartford, Jacob Fletcher, Larry St. Clair, Justin Craig, and Dave Schultz.

Wilmington



Wilmington District LCS, the Wilmington Post and the Aviation Section put on a Vehicle Day event for Happy Day Pre-School, at the Clinton County Airport. Tpr. Donald Rack, Tpr. Kyle Hurles, and Sgt. Christopher Hasty showed the students the vehicles they use every day. They also explained the different jobs they do and showed the students the different equipment they carry.

Monte R. Morgan

Staff Lieutenant Monte Morgan, Warren District Headquarters, retired on April 5, 2013, after nearly 31 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in April 1982 as a cadet dispatcher and served at the Circleville and Lancaster Posts. He became a member of the 113th Academy Class in April 1984. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the former Akron Post. In 1990, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Medina Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2000, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to Cleveland Investigations to serve as commander. In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the former Berea District Headquarters. That same year, he completed leadership training at the FBI National Academy. As a staff lieutenant, he also served at the Massillon and Warren District Headquarters.



through 1994. In 1995, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Jackson Post where he served as an assistant post commander. Less than a year later he transferred to the Chillicothe Post. In 2000, he returned to the Lancaster Post. In 2003, he transferred to LEADS Data Security, before transferring to the Central Ohio Motorcycle Unit in 2006. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and started his most recent assignment at the Chillicothe Post to serve as post commander.



Brent T. Devery

After more than 27 years with the state of Ohio, Agent-in-Charge Brent Devery, Ohio Investigative Unit, retired on May 24, 2013. He began his career in October 1985 with the Ohio Department of Liquor Control's Toledo District Office. In 1986, he transferred to the Cincinnati District Office. The Department of Liquor Control's enforcement actions were moved to the Ohio Department of Public Safety in 1995. In 1997, Devery was promoted to Assistant Agent-in-Charge. In March 2001, Brent was promoted to Agent-in-Charge of the Cincinnati District Office. He is a graduate of the University of Dayton. In his career, he completed the Case Western Reserve University Police Academy, Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and its Executive Management Program.



Glenn L. Peterson

Lieutenant Glenn L. Peterson, Milan Post, retired on May 23, 2013, after nearly 31 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in November 1982 as a member of the 112th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Sandusky Post where in 1985 he earned a Certificate of Recognition. In 1990, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Mansfield Post where he served as an assistant post commander. In 1991, he transferred to the Sandusky Post. In 2004, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Elyria Post where he served as post commander. In 2009, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Milan Post.



John M. Moore

Lt. John M. Moore, Chillicothe Post, retired on May 31, 2013, after 26 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1987 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the West Jefferson Post. He became a member of the 117th Academy Class in March 1988. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Mansfield Post. In 1990, he transferred to the Lancaster Post, where in 1991 and 1994 he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. He was also a member of the Special Response Team (SRT) during its inception in 1990

Jerry A. Botdorf

Sergeant Jerry A. Botdorf, Mansfield Post, retired on May 10, 2013, after more than 23 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in January 1990 as a member of the 119th Academy Class. He earned his commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Mansfield Post where in 1990 he earned the prestigious Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award and in 1996 was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. In 1998, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Norwalk Post where he served as an assistant post commander. In 2006, he transferred to the Ashland Post, before he returned to his most recent assign-



ment at the Mansfield Post in 2011. Sgt. Botdorf completed training at the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2007.

George J. Jutze

Sergeant George J. Jutze, Defiance Post, retired on March 1, 2013, after nearly 29 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in April 1984 as a member of the 113th Academy Class. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Portsmouth Post. In 1987, he transferred to the Lebanon Post, where in 1988 he earned a Certificate of Recognition. During his career, he also served at the Toledo Post. In 1990, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to his most recent assignment at the Defiance Post, where he served as an assistant post commander.



Dana L. Steele

Sergeant Dana L. Steele, Aviation, retired on March 29, 2013, after nearly 28 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in April 1985 as a dispatcher assigned to the Circleville Post. He became a member of the 117th Academy Class in March 1988. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Swanton Post. In 1992, he returned to the Circleville Post and in 1994, he transferred to the Aviation Section to serve as a pilot. In 2001, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and remained in the Aviation Section throughout his career.



Eric B. Widmyer

Sergeant Eric B. Widmyer, Cincinnati Metro Post, retired on May 31, 2013, after more than 27 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1985 as a member of the 115th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Batavia Post, where in 1988, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. In 1991, he transferred to the Dayton Post. In 1992, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and



transferred to the Piqua Post where he served as an assistant post commander. In 1994, he returned to the Dayton Post. In 2004, he transferred to the Wilmington Post, before transferring to the Wilmington District's Motorcycle Unit in 2007. In 2012, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Cincinnati Metro Post. Sgt. Widmyer earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in liberal arts from Sinclair Community College in 1997.

Tito Duran

Trooper Tito Duran, Columbus District LCS, retired on April 29, 2013, after 18 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1995 as a member of the 127th Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Jackson Post. He also served at Lancaster and Circleville in addition to his most recent assignment in commercial enforcement. While serving at Lancaster, he earned the Ace Award for auto larceny enforcement in 1998.



Michael E. Forshey

Tpr. Michael E. Forshey, Zanesville Post, retired on May 3, 2013, after more than 31 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in August 1981 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Zanesville Post. He became a member of the 112th Academy Class in November 1982. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Athens Post. As a trooper he served at the Cambridge, Zanesville and Marietta Posts, and at Cambridge District Headquarters. He was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1988 and 1990, and as Post and District Trooper of the Year in 1994.



Mark L. Masters

Trooper Mark L. Masters, Cambridge Post, entered disability retirement on May 5, 2013, after 15 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1997 as a member of the 130th Academy Class. He earned his commission in May of the following year and was assigned to the Cambridge Post where he



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earned the Ace Award for auto larceny enforcement in 2001. In 2005, he transferred to the Zanesville Post, and in 2010, he returned to the Cambridge Post. He was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 2000 and 2005.

Michael R. Naufel

Trooper Michael R. Naufel, Fremont Post, retired on May 31, 2013, after more than 34 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 1979 as a cadet dispatcher and served at the Elyria and Sandusky Posts. He became a member of the 110th Academy Class in February 1981. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned to the Defiance Post. In December 1985, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Fremont Post.



Phillip A. Rickard

Trooper Phillip A. Rickard, Fremont Post, retired on March 21, 2013, after more than 22 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1990 as a member of the 120th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March 1991 and was assigned to the Lima Post. In February 1992, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Fremont Post, where in 1993, he earned a Certificate of Recognition. In 1998, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year.



Jeffery D. Ruddle

Trooper Jeffery D. Ruddle, Ravenna Post, retired on May 10, 2013, after more than 27 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1985 as a member of the 115th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Swanton Post. During his career he served at the Hiram, Ravenna and New Philadelphia Posts.



Owen R. Adkins

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Owen R. Adkins,

Jackson District, retired on March 8, 2013, after nearly 30 years with the Patrol. He began his state career with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in April 1983 as a PUCO inspector. In 1995, his position transferred to the Patrol and he was assigned to the Jackson District, where he has served throughout his career as a motor carrier enforcement inspector.



Lanny B. Lemmon

Stationary Load Limit Inspector Lanny B. Lemmon, Findlay District, retired on March 29, 2013, after 28 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 1985 as a custodial worker at the Van Wert Post. In 1992, he was promoted to a stationary load limit inspector and transferred to the Findlay District.



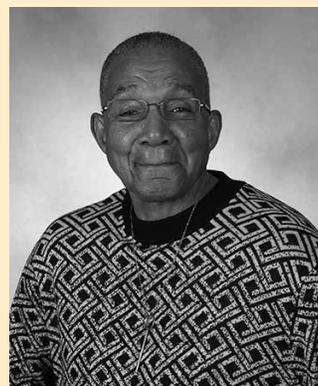
Elaine V. Shaffer

Dispatcher Elaine V. Shaffer, Wooster Post, retired on May 31, 2013, after nearly 40 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in September 1972 as a dispatcher 1 and was assigned to the Wooster Post. As a dispatcher 1, she also served at the Ashland Post. In 1985, she was promoted to a dispatcher 2 and returned to the Wooster Post, where in 1993 and 2008, she was selected as Post Dispatcher of the Year.



Gordon C. Ward

Custodial Worker Gordon C. Ward, Training Academy, retired on March 17, 2013, after 21 years with the state of Ohio. He began his state career in March 1992 with the Ohio Statehouse as a custodial worker. He joined the Patrol in June 1994 and has been assigned to the Patrol's Training Academy throughout his career.



One person can make a difference—both positive and negative. This was verified for me on a very hot and sunny afternoon many years ago at our training base in San Luis Obispo, California. We were being given a Division inspection by a visiting general. Standing at parade rest for what seemed to be eternity, we in the rifle and weapons company wondered why there was such a long delay before we heard the relieving and welcome command: “Pass in review.” To come to attention and be able to move after such a long delay was a great blessing. But the question still remained as to why the inspection took so long.

When we were dismissed and allowed to return to our barracks, we finally obtained an explanation.

It came to light that when the general was inspecting a jeep in the motor pool, he told the driver it was dirty and the driver needed to be disciplined. While standing at attention, the driver replied to the criticism with the statement, “Sir, if you think my jeep is dirty, you should see the others.” That was the only invitation the general needed; he inspected every vehicle with no regard for all of us standing at parade rest in the hot sun on a 90-plus degree afternoon. Needless to say, the jeep driver went into hiding for a few hours.

One person does make a difference. One person cannot do everything, but he or she can do something. That “something” can impact an entire organization. What one person does can provide either

a good or bad reputation for all the others with whom he or she works.

Quite often I am told by someone who knows of my relationship to the Patrol about the courteous treatment received from a trooper. I often hear the positive accounts of how a person was assisted along the highway or even ticketed in a reaffirming manner. There is the expression of appreciation as people thank me for the manner in which they were treated by troopers.

It is tragic that all too often we remember the bad apples and forget all of the good ones. It is my guess that almost everyone can name the traitor Judas but cannot name all of the other 11 disciples as well as the one who replaced Judas. The negative easily makes the front page and the positive all too often finds its place on the back page. That is why the appearance and actions of each person on the team makes a difference. It is an old cliché, but a true one which reminds us that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Everyone has a contribution to make.

In the Gospel record according to Luke, there is the account of the feeding of a multitude of people with only five small loaves and two small fish. We are told that this was given to the Lord by an unnamed boy. Perhaps it was the “brown bag lunch” his mother had made for him. In some way, that small contribution was able to feed over 5,000 individuals. How could this have been possible? That is a subject for a



theological discussion or sermon. The point I would make now is that this lad may not have realized that what he was contributing would make such a difference and be remembered down through the ages.

Never discount what you can do each day to make Ohio a safer and better place for all of its citizens. Each one of us—sworn officer and civilian, paid or volunteer, active or retired—can make a difference. Let’s make certain that it is a positive one!

Respectfully,

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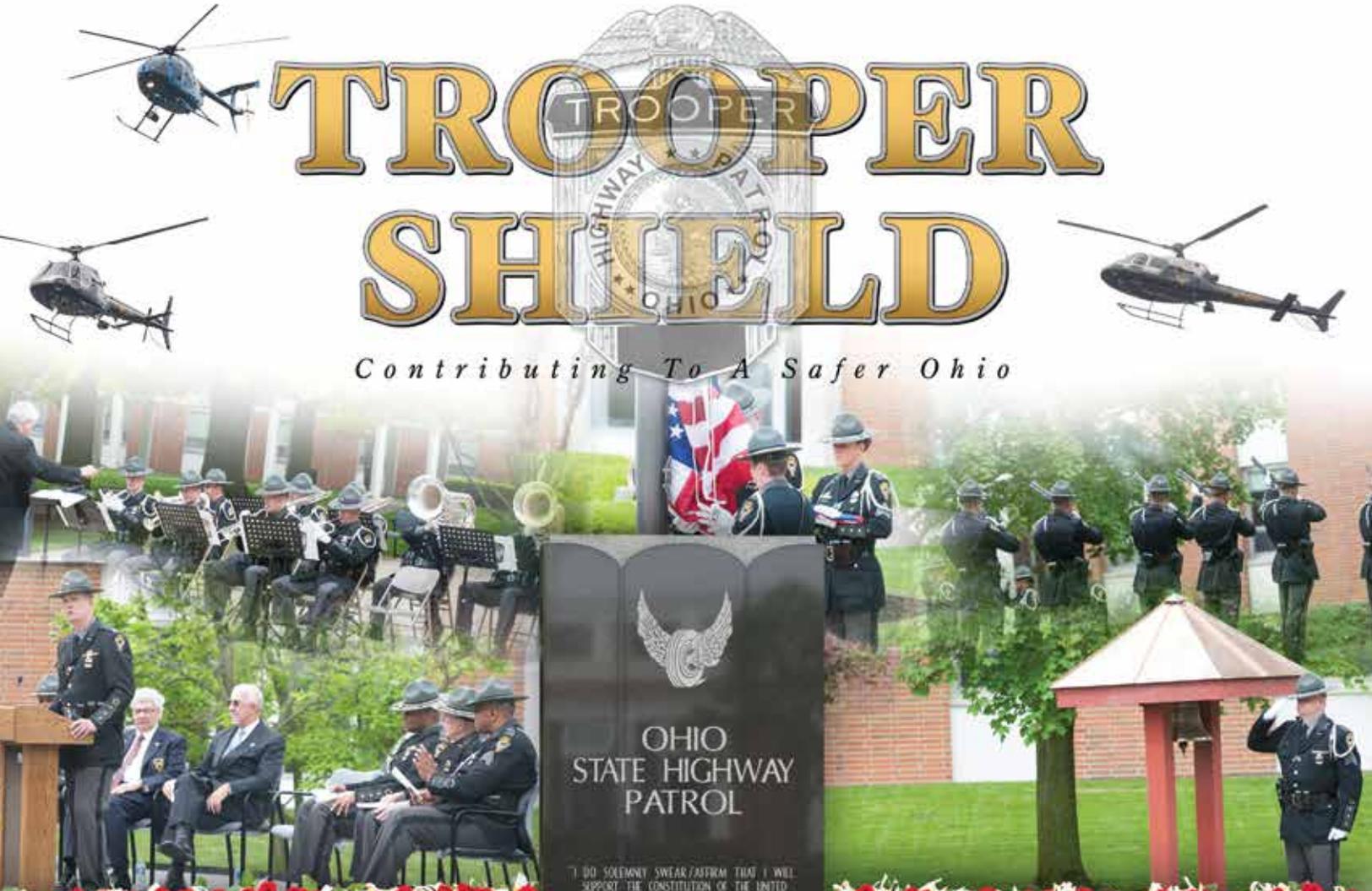
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