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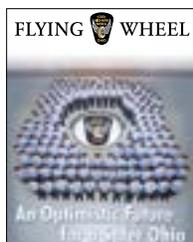


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In the midst of your daily work to contribute to a safer Ohio, it can be easy to lose sight of what is being accomplished by your efforts. Each day, as every Ohio State Highway Patrol employee sets out to make that day better than the day before, real life-changing results are occurring because of your efforts.

It is not overstating things to say 2012 has been a dramatic year of historic change. Here is a look at some of the highlights you helped make happen.

Criminal Patrol

- Drug seizures overall have significantly increased this year compared with the record-setting achievements of 2011. Through October 2012, state troopers seized 151 percent more marijuana and 295 percent more heroin than in 2011.
- By year's end, our canine complement will stand at 29, which is the most canines our agency has ever had in service. In addition to more canines trained and deployed, we have solidified certification standards.
- On August 15, during the 22nd Annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Training & Intelligence Sharing Meeting in Little Rock, Ark., we received the 2011 Outstanding Criminal Highway Interdiction Award. The Patrol received one of 10 such awards for our highway interdiction efforts as well as the support our agency provides to DIAP. Additionally, Tpr. Shaun Smart was awarded the 2012 El Paso Intelligence Center Directors Award for his lifetime involvement in interdiction, teaching and support to the El Paso Intelligence Center.
- We have more personnel on federal drug task forces and are more involved with drug task forces at the local level than ever in our history.
- A construction project began at the Crime Laboratory. The 5,000 square-foot expansion will provide a new toxicology lab, a new drug chemistry lab, one large instrument room with adequate space for existing instruments plus the four newly purchased GC/MS instruments, a new office complex to house the five newly-hired criminalists, more storage space for drug chemistry evidence and an expanded freezer for toxicology evidence. Con-

struction is expected to be completed in March 2013.

- Governor John Kasich declared a war on drug trafficking in Ohio during his commencement address to the 151st Academy Class in February. Governor Kasich selected us to be the leaders on the war on drug trafficking because of our historic criminal patrol accomplishments and the overwhelming success of our Shield Details, which are significantly impacting the criminal element in communities as we work side-by-side with our local law enforcement colleagues.
- #677 came online this year. Nearly 5,000 #677 calls are received each month.
- New roadway signs posted at all interstate entry points into Ohio promote the #677 number as a way to report drug activity. The blue highway signs were also changed to reflect the #677 number and carry a drug and OVI message.

The Hub/CIU

- The Hub represents our 24/7 Watch Desk, the Criminal Intelligence Unit and a direct link to Ohio's Strategic Analysis and Information Center (SAIC) resources. The Hub also serves as the after hours reporting location for all three of Ohio's Homeland Security Fusion Centers and serves as an intake point for Divisional evidence submissions to the crime lab during non-business hours.
- The 24-hour command center serves as a central operating point during critical incidents.
- In 2012, there was a 330 percent increase in requests made to the CIU. By November 5, 2011, the CIU had processed 692 requests. In the same time period for 2012, Intel has processed 2,311 requests. More than 80 agencies have requested assistance from the CIU. These agencies include federal agencies, state and local agencies from other states, Ohio Sheriff's Offices and municipal agencies.
- A new Intel center was constructed within EOC.

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War on Human Trafficking

- Governor John Kasich declared a war on the slave trade business in Ohio during his State of the State address on February 7 at Steubenville’s Wells Academy.
- The Patrol played an integral role in recovering two kidnap victims on I-75 in Northwest Ohio. Investigation of a possible juvenile kidnapping victim released at a Wood County rest area revealed her abductor had kidnapped a second victim who was still in the suspect’s vehicle. Troopers stopped the suspect’s vehicle in Shelby County and located the second missing juvenile. The suspect was arrested and charged with kidnapping. A further investigation was completed by the Northwest Ohio Crimes Against Children Task Force regarding possible human trafficking charges.
- A three-point plan for how the Patrol is attacking the human trafficking problem in Ohio includes *Truck Shield/Community Shield*, FBI task forces and intelligence resources at the Hub.

Personnel/Cadet Classes

- The 151st Cadet Class graduated 65 new troopers on February 24.
- The 152nd Cadet Class graduated 39 new troopers on August 30.
- The 153rd and 154th cadet classes began in the fall—the two largest overlapping classes in our history.
- The Trooper to Sergeant promotional process improved to make it more transparent and self-controllable.

Operational Advancements

- Through streamlining of operations, focused allocation of resources and the graduation of the 151st and 152nd cadet classes, Metro Posts were established in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus.

- Specialized Vehicle Theft Units (VTU) started during the summer in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus to coincide with Metro Posts in those areas. While organizationally separate, the VTUs are connected to the Metro Posts.
- OVI arrests continue to increase.
- Our district streamlining effort moved us to nine districts from 10. By January 1, 2013, we will have only eight. This organizational change will allow us to become more balanced and will provide opportunities to reduce future costs.
- Driver examination functions and related personnel shifted to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
- In May, the Patrol post at the Ohio Expositions Center gained another resource for patrolling large events through the formation of its Bicycle Unit.

Equipment Investments for Officer Safety

- New blue light bar installations.
- New Dodge Chargers are now being deployed to the field and assigned officers are undergoing additional training.
- M16s and new shotguns, along with mounts, training, installation and deployment.
- New Tasers.

Inter-Agency Operations

- In partnership with the U.S. Department of State, we hosted a visit from the Ecuador Transit Police (CTE) June 11-13.
- We became the first state law enforcement agency in the country to sign a partnership agreement with the U.S. Department of State—International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL). The partnership 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 improve civilian security.

- The 6-State Trooper Project conducted criminal patrol, traffic safety and intel-sharing operations throughout the year. The 6-State Trooper Project is a multi-state law enforcement partnership aimed at providing combined and coordinated law enforcement and security services in the areas of highway safety, criminal patrol and intelligence sharing. These high-visibility enforcement and information sharing efforts include the Indiana State Police, Kentucky State Police, Michigan State Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Pennsylvania State Police and the West Virginia State Police.
- Established a 3-4 year rotation for task force assignments. During the year, 14 troopers were assigned to nine task forces (federal, state and county):
 - o Joint Terrorism/FBI Task Force
 - o Attorney General's Pill Mill Task Force
 - o Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission
 - o Innocence Lost Project Task Force
 - o Cleveland Organized Crime Task Force
 - o Mahoning Valley Violent Crimes Task Force
 - o Fairfield/Hocking County Major Crimes Task Force
 - o DEA Task Force
 - o U.S. Marshals Service Task Force

Community Involvement

- *Truck Shield* began as a partnership with the Ohio Trucking Association to provide truck drivers with specific training on how to identify possible criminal behavior on Ohio's roadways, and tools for contacting the Patrol at #677 in order to help the Patrol to deploy troopers and resources to the problem area.

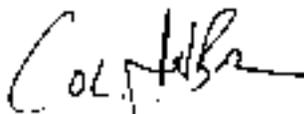
- *Community Shield* provides interested members of the general public with specific training on how to identify possible criminal behavior on Ohio's roadways, and tools for contacting the Patrol at #677 in order to help the Patrol to deploy troopers and resources to the problem area.
- *You Are in Control* debuted as a partnership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association to help teen drivers understand the responsibility, awareness and safety aspects associated with driving.

That's just a snapshot of our historic 2012. Looking forward to 2013—our 80th anniversary year—will be just as eventful. It all starts on January 1, 2013, as we complete our organizational restructuring to eight districts. We also will add sub-posts in those counties in which we do not already have post facilities. We also plan to add more canines to further bolster our criminal patrol operations.

And of course, the cadets of the 153rd and 154th Academy classes will be commissioned as troopers—which will bring our sworn personnel strength to the highest level in our history.

While 2012 will be remembered as a great year, I am confident we will all remember 2013 as historically significant in ways only imagined now. We are on the way to new heights, and I am honored to work with each of you as we become a sustained national model for law enforcement by utilizing and enhancing existing personnel and resources.

What we've done in 2012 is historic. Where we're going next year is even better.



Colonel John Born
Superintendent



Where we've been & where we're going:

It has been said that technology is rapidly changing our world all the time. In fact, the pace of development and change has accelerated exponentially since the beginning of the 20th century and continues today, affecting nearly every aspect of modern daily life.

The same can be said of the rapid pace, accelerated change and expectations within our organization in the past two years. More has been asked of our agency in the past two years than at any time in our history. We have risen to each new challenge, and in so doing, created an Ohio State Highway Patrol that is best-positioned to meet the new enforcement and technological challenges ahead.

As we enter our 80th anniversary year, it is appropriate to step back and appreciate our accomplishments in the previous 79 years. Since the inception of the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 1933, thousands of individuals have played a role in creating our rich and storied legacy.

The Division is recognized as one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the world. Our greatest strength today, and throughout our history, is the commitment and dedication of our troopers and professional staff. From the very beginning, our success has been linked to ordinary men and women working together to achieve extraordinary results.

The First 77 Years

O.W. "Whitey" Merrell, Director of the Ohio Department of Highways, is affectionately remembered as the granddaddy of the Ohio State Highway Patrol for his role in creating the Division as well as his paternal support of the agency and its officers throughout his life.

Colonel Lynn Black was Merrell's choice for heading up the Patrol. Merrell's insistence on courteous and fair treatment of the public meshed well with Black's emphasis on providing assistance and education to motorists.

Black went through more than 5,000 applications and interviewed nearly 300 men to narrow the first group of recruits down to about 125 men who comprised our first training class.

The First Class began training on October 3, 1933, at Camp Perry on the shores of Lake Erie. Rigorous motorcycle training and military-style discipline led many men to drop out. Ultimately, severe weather shortened the training, and on November 15, 1933, 60 men graduated with the First Class.

The life of a patrolman was not easy. They were required to live at the post, away from their families, and were on-call 24 hours a day.

Fortunately, people in Ohio's communities embraced the Patrol. They opened up their homes to patrolmen, renting the Patrol space for each post. Many homeowners cooked meals for the officers, and some even filled in as dispatcher much of the time.

While working toward their primary mission of improving traffic safety, patrolmen impressed citizens through a variety of other acts, including amazing feats of heroism. As a whole, the Division showed its worth in everything from leading manhunts of dangerous criminals to providing aid and recovery services during natural disasters.

Professional capabilities continued to expand in the early years of the Division, often in response to unforeseen circumstances or events. For example, when Patrolman George Conn was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1937, the massive investigation of his death ultimately led not only to the conviction of those responsible, but also to the creation



Looking back as we introduce the 80th anniversary year

of our Investigative Unit. Earlier this year, on the 75th anniversary of Patrolman Conn's death, a memorial was dedicated in his honor near the site of his fatal shooting.

Despite numerous successes, with the onset of World War II, the number of available officers began to shrink rapidly as men volunteered or were drafted into military service. In late 1941, Colonel Black decided to augment the Division with an all-volunteer auxiliary group and named Floyd Hartpence, state commander of the Ohio American Legion, the first commander of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary; 70 years later, our Auxiliary is still an integral component as volunteers across the state continue to help troopers in their daily service to Ohio motorists.

On April 26, 1944, Colonel Black died unexpectedly from complications stemming from a gunshot wound suffered 12 years earlier. In reporting the news of his death, the Patrol's Flying Wheel magazine reminded patrolmen, "We are his living memorial of a job well done. May his tradition be our standard."

With the end of the war in sight, the Division's attention quickly returned to resuming regular operations at full strength. Still, the performance of normal duties continued to be interrupted occasionally by urgent events. In 1952, an extended uprising at the Ohio Penitentiary required nearly 300 patrolmen to gain control of 1,600 rioting inmates.

Midway into the decade, the Patrol experienced another first—the Division's first black patrolman. In 1955, Louis Sharp graduated with the 44th Academy Class. Although not the first black cadet to enter the Patrol Academy, Sharp was the first to earn a commission. Also in 1955, the Patrol phased out the use of motorcycles, which had only been used for parade details since the beginning of the decade.

It also was around this time that portions of Ohio's highways were marked in quarter-mile sections and Patrol pilots first participated in traffic enforcement.

Other signs of growth were evident throughout Patrol operations. Post construction continued at a rapid pace. Enforcement activity also was on the rise. While manpower had increased only 33 percent, officers investigated 48 percent more crashes, issued 150 percent more citations, and performed hundreds more speaking and educational details in 1965 than they had 10 years before.

In July 1966, the Patrol hired its first group of women to work as dispatchers. Until that time, women only occupied secretarial or clerical positions with the Patrol. By 1970, nearly 100 women were serving as a lifeline for patrolmen through their work as dispatchers.

The new dispatchers and all Patrol employees benefited from an enormous technological advancement at the end of the 1960s. With a large grant, Ohio developed and installed the Law Enforcement Automated Data System. Known as LEADS, the network became operational in 1968, providing officers with instant access to Ohio vehicle registration listings and Ohio operator license and arrest records.

In 1968, another massive riot at the Ohio Penitentiary required Patrol intervention. Colonel Robert Chiamonte, Lt. Colonel Cliff Reich and National Guard Commander General Sylvester Del Corso met with experts to devise a plan to use force to free hostages.

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The approach, similar to one used by Del Corso in World War II, consisted of two simultaneous explosions, one on the roof near the top floor where the hostages were and one in a side wall. Both blasts stunned rioters and allowed access to the inside for a successful rescue.

Societal shifts and U.S. military involvement in Vietnam also resulted in continued uprisings on college campuses. There were 63 such incidents between September 1967 and May 1970, including the incident at Kent State University when Ohio National Guardsmen shot and killed four students and injured nine others. Patrolmen were sent to the university's campus to help restore order. Although patrolmen were not at the shooting site at the time the tragedy occurred, our officers swept in afterward to maintain calm and prevent further incidents.

While civil defense details increased, things were changing in routine areas of duty as well. The introduction of the MR-7 moving radar in 1972 made it possible to calculate accurately a vehicle's speed while traveling the opposite direction. No longer did patrolmen need to be stationary to assess the speed of a car.

Ohioans faced a host of tornadoes on April 3, 1974. The city hardest hit by the storms was Xenia. Half the town was destroyed, and residents were forced to cope with 29 killed and 150 injured people. The Patrol's mobile command vehicle, along with 30 officers, supported Wilmington District patrolmen with disaster assistance and traffic control.

In 1976, the application process for the 100th class began. Due to a recent change in federal law, recruiters based weight limits proportionally on height to accommodate new applicants, which for the first time included women.

Two women entered the Academy with the 100th Class, Dianne Harris and Carol Ossman. Ossman did not finish the training, but Harris earned her commission and was the first female officer of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. As a result of the inclusion of women in the force, the title of officers changed from "patrolman" to "trooper." Badges changed to reflect this difference, marking the only time the design of the badge changed in the history of the Patrol.

Strong blizzards in 1977 and 1978 shut down Ohio for several days. Although drifting snow stranded hundreds of motorists and many state highways were blocked, efforts by the Patrol, Ohio National Guard, local police and fire crews, and heroic citizens saved many lives.

Throughout the energy crisis of the 1970s, the Patrol focused heavily on conserving gasoline. Energy conservation efforts also affected traffic safety. When the speed limit decreased to 55 miles per hour, there was a dramatic drop in highway fatal crashes.

During the 1980s, the Patrol employed new crime-fighting efforts to curb the drug trafficking known to exist on Ohio's highways. Operation Confiscate Illegal Narcotics was created in 1986, and with increased training in drug interdiction, the number of illegal drug seizures increased. Money confiscated from drug seizures paid for a new mobile command unit and drug-detecting canine units in 1990.

Troopers responded to another deadly prison riot on Easter Sunday, April 11, 1993. A fistfight at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville resulted in 11 days of chaos and 10 people killed, including one prison corrections officer.

Shortly after dark on the first day, troopers and prison officers took back the recreation yard, rescuing one guard who had been left outside for dead. Eleven days passed before good news finally arrived. After days of face-to-face negotiations, Colonel Tom Rice, Warden Arthur Tate, and Attorney Niki Schwartz announced the end of the siege.



Refocused on the primary mission of traffic safety, troopers continued to make aggressive enforcement the centerpiece of efforts to save lives on Ohio roadways. An overall increase in traffic arrests, coupled with a high level of visibility, coincided with another dramatic decline in crash deaths, including a 6 percent decrease in rural traffic fatalities.

As the Patrol entered the new century, more unforeseen events led to unprecedented changes.

For instance, in April 2001, Governor Bob Taft requested 120 troopers be sent to Cincinnati to help local police ease civil unrest. The governor's request marked only the second time in our history that troopers were called in to assist local police in securing and maintaining order.

These cooperative efforts led to increased collaboration in areas of traffic safety, as troopers began to regularly work with metropolitan police departments to jointly patrol interstates and highways within city limits, with a special focus on outerbelt freeway systems.

Troopers' efforts to ensure safety and provide security took on a whole new meaning in Ohio and across the country after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The Patrol's response was immediate. On 9/11, troopers were placed on a duty status of indefinite heightened alert, which meant they were paying extra attention to details in the behavior of individuals, providing increased security for state offices, and maintaining an increase in the number of officers assigned to interstate patrol.

Despite the increased demand for trooper services, fatal crashes continued to decline. Improvements in traffic safety continued with the *LifeStat 1.0* program, which called for troopers to make as much contact as possible with motorists to educate them and encourage changing dangerous driving behaviors. By 2006, troopers' efforts, along with the innovative use of geo-mapping and statistical analysis, resulted in the lowest number of Ohio traffic fatalities in the 70 years such statistics had been recorded.

Since January 2011

In introducing our 80th anniversary year, now look at what we have accomplished together since January 2011.

With an approximate 10 percent reduction in our work force, we accomplished the safest year in Ohio history in terms of traffic fatality reductions. That was directly attributable to the significant increase in OVI arrests and commitment to OVI checkpoints.

We elevated criminal patrol to the same level as highway safety, and in doing so made sweeping organizational changes in January 2011 to support our dual role in traffic safety and criminal patrol operations. We assigned K-9s where we previously did not have them and bolstered our criminal patrol supervision, which led to an unprecedented total of more than \$69 million in contraband seized during 2011. Led by a new concept called Shield Details, Patrol and local law enforcement agencies began collaborative work to address traffic safety and criminal activity in local communities.

The establishment of The Hub as our 24-hour command center staffed by command personnel allows for the coordinating of assets and information during critical incidents unlike any time in our history. State-of-the-art equipment is now used to monitor and disseminate critical information on a state and national level including criminal activity that could pose a security threat. The Hub also serves as the official after-hours watch center for all three state fusion centers.

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The Criminal Intel Unit was merged into The Hub to serve as the primary intelligence resource for all sections of the Division. Analysts, who work directly with state troopers and officers from other Ohio law enforcement agencies during investigative operations, employ the most sophisticated resources and analysis.

Earlier this year Metro Posts in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus began positively impacting highway safety and criminal patrol by working the edges of Ohio's metros.

Organizational structure and changes helped bolster the importance of field operations. At General Headquarters, many officers were moved out into operational roles, and the Senior Advisor group was developed to provide strategic input into the Patrol's new vision of contributing to a safer Ohio.

None of these organizational

successes in the past two years would have been possible without the professionalism of our workforce. Personnel enhancements included development and implementation of a discipline grid, and the complete overhaul to a more objective-based promotion system for sworn officers.

The Time Efficiency Value program has resulted in a more efficient workforce whereby troopers' obligated and unobligated time and work is accounted for to ensure for maximum performance in our responsibilities to Ohio.

We are also coming out of a personnel shortage caused from the struggling economy and budget cuts in recent years. Just this year, we graduated the 151st and 152nd Academy classes, and currently have more than 160 cadets training with the 153rd and 154th classes, which represent the two largest overlapping classes in our history.

Running so many large cadet

classes in a compressed time period could not happen without a renewed commitment to the Academy and associated resources. Getting qualified applicants into the Academy was the first step, and a resulting Kaizen event dramatically streamlined the recruitment process.

Another challenge of completing the voluminous number of required background investigations was addressed through the development of an innovative approach of using qualified retirees on a contract basis to conduct background investigations on cadet applicants. A cadet intern program also was established to prepare candidates for entering the Academy.

When it came to training, Academy staff developed a new, streamlined 20-week Academy class schedule, which saved time, money and resources needed to properly prepare cadets to become state troopers. We also invested in the

Here's how we did it with less money...

The historic accomplishments by the Ohio State Highway Patrol since January 2011 occurred during two successive and significant budget reductions. The accomplishments also occurred amidst a trooper shortage and difficult cost-saving measures.

So, how did so much good happen in the past two years during a time of personnel and fiscal challenges that included an \$11 million budget cut in the current biennium budget in addition to a cut sustained in the previous budget?

The simple answer is to point to shifting resources such as organizational restructuring, moving GHQ commanders into more operational roles and becoming more efficient in our core mission of equalizing criminal patrol and traffic safety.

In order to appreciate the successes, it is important first to review the situation prior to January 2011.

Although the Ohio State Highway Patrol's number of full-time employees has been reduced in recent years, the organization is still paying for costs pushed from calendar years 2007-2010. These costs are expected to carry through the upcoming biennium budget cycle in terms of both personnel and equipment costs. To offset these costs, the number of civilian positions has been reduced, most notably through the move of the driver examination stations to the BMV and attrition in other positions.

Inflationary costs, particularly fuel and health care, have dramatically impacted operations and are expected to impact current services. Operational successes, most prominent in the

Patrol's drug interdiction efforts, have led to increased need of drug analysis personnel, capital equipment and general supplies to minimize a backlog of drug analysis used for criminal prosecution cases. Fully supportive of Governor Kasich's war on drugs and a mission of contributing to a safer Ohio, the Patrol has witnessed record level drug seizures since 2011. The cost of professional prosecution of these cases and to keep drug traffickers off the streets is necessary and critical.

Beginning in December 2010, the Patrol was also facing several other fiscal challenges. Replacement trooper classes (cadets) did not graduate in 2008 or 2010. This effectively placed Patrol trooper strength in a four-year hole based upon an average annual attrition of 60 troopers per year and a nine-month training period for new troopers.

As a result, the number of troopers at Patrol posts dropped to critical levels. At- or below-minimum staffing levels were the norm at many posts. In some counties, posts operated with one trooper per shift for two counties of coverage, and at others, no midnight shift could be staffed.

Adequate numbers of replacement patrol cars were not replaced and in turn, the mileage of in-service Patrol cars rose to 130,000. It also pushed a significant cost of replacing an aging fleet into calendar years 2011 and 2012.

Replacement of an aging inventory of shotguns was not undertaken. Those costs were also pushed into calendar years 2011 and 2012. In addition, the replacement of aging and ineffective (and many times poorly visible) light bars for patrol cars was pushed into calendar years 2011 and 2012. Furlough

Academy itself, including a massive renovation to the range and other building enhancement projects to provide a safer and more secure facility.

During this time of unparalleled operational success and growth, we have also achieved tremendous cost savings. Driver examination functions, including the move of 220 employee positions to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, led to significant cost efficiencies.

Through vendor contract renegotiation, deletion of nonessential phone and wireless internet services, condensed cadet training, use of contract workers and the elimination of a major's position, the division saved millions of dollars in less than two years.

Those savings translated into equipment upgrades to further enhance a commitment toward officer safety. Notably, the new Dodge Charger, blue light bars, M16s, shotguns, new Tasers and a new bomb-detecting robot for SRT represent

the commitment to providing troopers with the best possible equipment.

Honoring our history and heritage continue to be a priority, even as we move forward at a fast pace. As such, we paused this year to dedicate Heritage Hall to retired Colonel Robert Chiamonte. Also, as an agency we began a tradition of joining together active personnel and retirees to recognize the annual Ohio State Highway Patrol birthday with celebrations statewide on November 15 of each year.

Never forgetting those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to others, letters and calls to families of those killed in the line of duty on the anniversary of the death occur throughout the year. On the Patrol's website there is specific mention of each line-of-duty death highlighted on the anniversary of each loss.

During a time of nationwide economic struggles including often-contentious pension reform hearings,

we maintained important benefits for retirees and worked with the Highway Patrol Retirement System to develop the first-ever strategic plan for our retirement system. In so doing, we worked hand-in-hand with our active members at all ranks to develop a pension solvency plan and legislation to allow us to control our retirement system destiny.

80th Anniversary & Beyond

Our success and these incredible accomplishments have provided an opportunity to continue moving forward with innovations that will positively impact our core mission; 2013 will certainly be historically significant. Not only will our organizational map be re-drawn for the first time in six decades as we transition to eight districts on January 1, the cadets who are currently training with the 153rd and 154th Academy classes will be fully operational within the calendar year.

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days ("cost savings days") also were scheduled to contractually end in July 2011, significantly increasing costs.

In 2011, following the passage of 2012-2013 biennium budget signed by Governor Kasich, which reduced the budget by \$11 million over the previous budget, the Patrol took the following steps in order to contribute to a safer Ohio with a smaller budget.

Earlier this year, driver examination stations were, for the first time in 60 years, moved from the Patrol to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This move allowed for the hiring of replacement troopers and a long-term strategy of possible reduced operating costs through BMV/driver examination functions.

Personnel shortages began to be repaired after graduating the 150th, 151st and 152nd Academy classes. This fall we began the 153rd and 154th Academy classes, representing the two largest overlapping classes in the agency's history. Cadet class training was cut from 30 weeks to 20 weeks, saving money and resources through more efficient scheduling of cadet time.

The Patrol has continued to be cognizant of cost-saving measures to more effectively accomplish the core mission. The first major, statewide organizational field re-structuring since 1953 is underway and will reduce the number of Patrol Districts from 10 to eight effective January 1, 2013. An innovative, statewide computer model—TEV (time efficiency value)—was also established and used as a management tool to best allocate human resources and increase the operational efficiency of troopers.

Significant organizational changes were made in 2011,

merging homeland security, intelligence, and communications through the creation of The Hub, staffed 24/7/365 by Patrol commanders, intelligence analysts, and communication staff. A number of additional officers were moved from General Headquarters administrative roles into operational roles, the Senior Advisors Group was created to broaden field commander input in key decisions, and more drug-detecting canines were assigned to new locations throughout Ohio. Shield Details were implemented where troopers and local law enforcement officers work together to address traffic safety and criminal activity.

As a result, in 2011 Ohio recorded its fewest number of traffic fatalities ever, in part due to an increase in impaired driving arrests and a decrease in impaired driving crash deaths. A 2011 reprioritization of the Patrol's focus also elevated criminal patrol to the same mission level as highway safety and led to record seizures of drugs and contraband valued at over \$69 million.

This year, state troopers are on pace to significantly increase the amount of marijuana and heroin seized as compared to 2011. By year's end, the Patrol will have 29 canines supporting criminal patrol operations, which will be the most canines in agency history. Also, more state troopers will be on federal drug task forces and more involved at the local drug task force level than ever in the history of the Division.

There will also be significant increases at the end of the year in impaired driver arrests, overall enforcement contacts and safety belt arrests. Human trafficking is also expected to maintain its additional focus from troopers following Governor Kasich's leadership and related enacted legislation.

Patrol signs Partnership Agreement with U.S. Department of State

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio State Highway Patrol and the United States Department of State signed a partnership agreement on September 30, during the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference in San Diego, Calif. The agreement was signed by the Director of Public Safety, Thomas P. Charles, Colonel John Born, Patrol superintendent and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) William R. Brownfield.

The partnership 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.

Earlier this year, the Patrol, in partnership with the Department of State, hosted a visit from the Ecuador Transit Police (CTE). The CTE has been tasked by the Ecuadorian government to implement a highway patrol in their country and the Patrol was chosen as a model agency for the visit. During the three-day visit, they viewed equipment and facilities, learned how the Patrol conducts a training class and how day-to-day operations are handled.

The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs has established relationships with state and local law enforcement, corrections, prosecutorial and other specialized justice institutions to leverage their expertise in support of its foreign assistance goals. The State Department pays the salaries of the state and local officers while they are deployed.



From left: Colonel John Born, Director of Public Safety Thomas P. Charles, and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) William R. Brownfield. The Patrol, Public Safety and INL signed a partnership agreement on September 30.

Threat Management Presentation

On November 14, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio State Highway Patrol sponsored a presentation on "Threat Management and Workplace Violence" by Dr. Larry Barton. Dr. Barton is a leading expert in threat assessment and an instructor at the FBI Academy where he teaches courses in threat mitigation to federal and state law enforcement and corporate security leaders.



Larry Barton

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The ideas from so many of our current employees and retirees for the future of the Ohio State Highway Patrol reflect an impressive collection of innovation from all ranks and positions within our organization. There is no doubt the women and men of the Ohio State Highway Patrol care deeply about the direction of the organization and are eager to *Contribute to a Safer Ohio* in a wide variety of ways.

Our role in traffic safety directly impacts quality of life. Our role in criminal patrol directly impacts degradation to the quality of life caused by those affected by illegal drugs and substance abuse. It's easy to get lost in the day-to-day grind of our jobs and lives. It's important to acknowledge and realize the impact of the Ohio State Highway Patrol across eight decades of service to the state, nation and world.

This article began by drawing a parallel between the pace and impact of technological advances on modern society

and the change and expectations on the Ohio State Highway Patrol in the past two years. Just as technology will continue to advance and impact society at exponential rates, so too will the future operations and expectations of our organization.

Again, as we enter our 80th anniversary year in 2013, we should not overlook the work and events that helped shape the first 79 years of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Throughout our history there have been notable programs and events that have led us to this point. Our true success has always been rooted in the day-to-day efforts of the finest law enforcement professionals anywhere.

From the humble beginnings in 1933 to the innovations since January 2011, many things about the Ohio State Highway Patrol have changed. But while our methods and equipment may be different than those employed in 1933, the most basic question remains for each of us every day: *What will you do today to contribute to a safer Ohio?*

Findlay Post Dedicated in Honor of Retired Colonel Richard H. Collins

The public was invited to the Findlay Post on November 16 for the dedication ceremony of the facility to retired Colonel Richard H. Collins, who served more than 31 years in the Patrol, including two years as superintendent.

Colonel Collins began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher at Marion in 1978. He trained with the 108th Academy Class and earned his commission in 1980. As a trooper, he served at Mansfield and Marion, where his peers voted him Post Trooper of the Year in 1986.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1988 and served as assistant commander of the Piqua Post. His first command assignment was at Findlay after a promotion to lieutenant in 1992. Three years later, he was promoted to staff lieutenant in the Office of Field Operations.

In 1997, he transferred to Bucyrus District Headquarters as assistant commander. In November 2000, he earned a promotion to captain and was named commander of the Findlay District, a position he held until he was appointed superintendent in January 2007.

A native of Marion, he graduated



Retired Colonel Richard H. Collins (left) and Colonel John Born display the plaque the will be affixed to the Findlay Post dedicating it in Colonel Collins' honor.

from The Ohio State University and Bluffton University. He holds a Master's degree in criminology from Tiffin University and completed advanced law enforcement training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.

Since retiring from the Patrol in

September 2009, Collins has worked for Ohio House Speaker William G. Batchelder as an assistant Sergeant at Arms.

His wife Brenda is a captain in the Patrol. He has two sons, Richard and Alex, a daughter-in-law, Jill, and grandchildren, Cecilia and Blaine.

79th Anniversary Message Delivered on Each Shift Around State

Commanding officers at each facility delivered this message from Colonel Born in recognition of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's 79th birthday on November 15, 2012.

Since the inception of the Ohio State Highway Patrol 79 years ago today, thousands of individuals have played a role in creating our rich and storied legacy.

Our organization is recognized as one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the world. Our greatest strength today, and throughout our history, is the commitment and dedication of our troopers and professional staff. From the very beginning, our success has been linked to ordinary men and women working together to achieve extraordinary results.

2013 will certainly be historically significant. Not only will our organizational map be re-drawn for the first time in six decades as we transition to eight districts on January 1, the cadets who

are currently training with the 153rd and 154th Academy classes will be fully operational within the calendar year.

There is no doubt that the women and men of the Ohio State Highway Patrol care deeply about the direction of the organization and are eager to contribute to a Safer Ohio in a wide variety of ways.

Our role in traffic safety and criminal patrol directly impacts the quality of life for so many people every day.

It's easy to get lost in the day-to-day grind of our jobs and lives. It's important to acknowledge and realize the impact of the Ohio State Highway Patrol across eight decades of service to the state, nation and world.

More has been asked of our agency in the past two years than at any time in our history. We have risen to each new challenge, and in so doing, created an Ohio State Highway Patrol that is best-positioned to meet the new enforcement

and technological challenges ahead.

As we enter our 80th anniversary year, we should not overlook the work and events that helped shape the first 79 years of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. In many places across Ohio today, our active personnel are spending time with retirees, who throughout our history developed notable programs and took part in historic events that have led us to this point and time. Our true success has always been rooted in the day-to-day efforts of the finest law enforcement professionals anywhere.

From the humble beginnings in 1933, to the innovations of today, many things about the Ohio State Highway Patrol have changed. But while our methods and equipment may be different than those employed on November 15, 1933, the most basic question remains for each of us on the birthday of our organization: *What will you do today to contribute to a safer Ohio?*

Recent Criminal Patrol Successes

November 8-10: "All Out Days"



The Patrol conducted "All Out Days" November 8-10 during which all sworn officers from all ranks patrolled Ohio roads. During the enforcement effort, troopers made 119 drug arrests, 33 felony arrests, apprehended 67 wanted individuals and initiated 82 criminal cases. In addition, troopers arrested 281 impaired drivers.



During one traffic stop in Ashtabula County on November 9, troopers seized 36 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, worth an estimated \$230,000 (above left). Less than an hour later, troopers in Wood County seized 1,430 Oxycodone pills, 182 Alprazolam pills and 60 Levetiracetam pills, worth an estimated \$31,000 (above) following a traffic stop.

November 6: Troopers seize 186 pounds of marijuana



Troopers stopped a Chevrolet cargo van for a following too closely violation on the Ohio Turnpike in Erie County on November 6. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle revealed 123 vacuum-sealed packages of marijuana, weighing approximately 186 pounds. Troopers also discovered 24 oxycodone hydrochloride tablets and drug paraphernalia. The drugs are estimated to be worth more than \$425,000.

October 4: Troopers apprehend bank robbery suspect

Troopers stopped a Chevy Cobalt on the Ohio Turnpike after its speed was checked in an air-speed zone at 89 mph in a 70 mph zone. A check of the driver's license revealed an active felony warrant for armed robbery. The suspect is alleged to have committed the robbery at a bank in Akron on October 3. During an inventory of the vehicle, troopers discovered drug paraphernalia containing suspected heroin and cash in the suspect's wallet that appeared to be dye stained as if a bank dye-pack had exploded.

September 20: #677 drug tips aid in seizure of cocaine

Troopers stopped a Ford Escape for a speed violation on Interstate 70 in Madison County. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the 1.5 kilos of cocaine and a Smith and Wesson .380 handgun hidden in a natural void in the vehicle's dashboard. Both suspects were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation.

Prior to the stop, the Patrol received two separate drug tips on the # 677 hotline regarding this suspected drug trafficker. The information was processed by the Patrol's Criminal Intelligence Unit and disseminated to road units for further investigation.

September 18: Troopers seize concealed marijuana



Troopers stopped a Honda Civic for a following too close violation on the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas County. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 65 pounds of hydroponic marijuana worth an estimated \$416,000 sealed in vacuum-sealed packages and concealed in the bumpers of the vehicle and inside the door panels.

Patrolman Conn Memorial



A granite memorial marker to recognize Patrolman George A. Conn was dedicated in Freeport on September 27—the 75th anniversary of his death. Members of the Conn family were on hand for the unveiling, including Harry Conn (above center), who was 15 years old when his brother was killed. The murder of Ptl. Conn in 1937 touched off the Patrol's first major investigative case and laid the groundwork for the eventual creation of the Division's investigation section.

 www.facebook.com/ohiostatehighwaypatol

 www.twitter.com/oshp

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

I was heading south on I-77 near New Philadelphia and noticed an 18-wheeler drifting back and forth on the highway. I was able to get around the truck, but noticed the truck continued to drift across both lanes. I figured he was either drunk or tired, but either way he was a danger to others, so I called 911. The dispatcher asked me what the problem was and I told her the mile marker I had just passed. She told me she would notify troopers right away. I continued south and within a short period of time, I saw a trooper on the side of the road. I flashed my lights to give the trooper a heads-up and as soon as the truck passed the trooper, he/she began to follow the truck. After following the truck for a while, the trooper pulled it over. About 30 minutes later, the dispatcher called me back to let me know the truck driver had been arrested for OVI. I cannot tell you how much I appreciated getting the call back. That follow-up made all the difference. Kudos to the troopers and the dispatcher. Thank you! Keep up the great work!

To Sgt. Frank E. Simmons Jr.—Thank you for your professionalism and compassion this past Saturday, Oct. 20th. My husband and I were going out for our anniversary dinner when we drove up on a horrific accident scene near Hillsboro, on St. Rt. 247. We recognized my father-in-law's vehicle and knew we were about to accidentally stumble upon some very bad news. You handled the situation very calmly and patiently. You handled our emotional reactions very delicately. I will never forget your words, 'I'm very sorry, he did not make it'. I will also not forget grabbing your arm and holding it until I could collect myself. Our family could not have asked for anyone more composed and compassionate than you. I hope you and your team receive

this message because all of you need to know how much we appreciate what you do on a daily basis. My father-in-law was a GREAT man that so many loved.

I just passed one of your troopers at the I-70 eastbound mile marker 86 helping a motorist change a tire in pouring down rain. This type of exemplary effort should not go unrecognized and is what makes your organization a model for public service and professionalism. Thank you.

I was helped out by a very nice trooper last night on my way home from work. He changed my flat tire, which I couldn't manage to get the lug nut off of. It was dark, and I was on the side of a 4-lane highway in Lorain County. I didn't catch his name, but just wanted to say, you were my "Knight in Shining Armor" and I wanted to THANK YOU again!!

Comments from the 153rd Academy Class Open House

I would like to congratulate all of the cadets of the 153rd Class. The Open House was great. We are all very proud of each and every one of you. That feeling when we "heard" you before we saw you was overwhelming. It was great to meet other families. I'm happy to have been able to be a part of it. Keep up the hard work and God Bless!

Congrats to all those in the Class 153 on Family Day. It was wonderful to see so many proud loved ones stand tall next to their cadets. Thank you to the OSHP Academy for inviting us to share in this event. Excellent work and it was a pleasure meeting many of you!

Certificate of Recognition

Tpr. Jonathan H. Weasner, Fremont, received a Certificate of Recognition for preventing an attempted suicide. On September 21, Tpr. Weasner and Fremont police officers Peter Bush and Brian Kingsborough responded to a report of a suicidal subject threatening to jump from the State Street Bridge over the Sandusky River in Fremont.



Jonathan H. Weasner

At the scene, the officers found an intoxicated woman sitting on the bridge railing. When she saw the officers, the woman moved to a pillar and prepared to jump. Officer Bush recognized the woman and successfully engaged her in conversation while Tpr. Weasner quietly moved behind her. When he was close enough, Tpr. Weasner grabbed the woman around her torso. The woman struggled and tried to jump, but Officer Kingsborough and Officer Bush quickly helped pull her over the railing to safety.

The Fremont officers took the woman into custody and transported her to Fremont Memorial Hospital for evaluation.

Tpr. Matthew H. Gramlich, Norwalk, received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions on September 9. Tpr. Gramlich was stopped with a disabled vehicle on Baumhart Road at State Route 2 when a second vehicle came to a stop on the west-bound exit ramp. Three occupants exited the vehicle and were frantically waving him down. As Tpr. Gramlich approached the second vehicle, a woman explained that her daughter was not breathing.



Matthew H. Gramlich

Tpr. Gramlich called for emergency medical services, then he and the victim's mother moved her from the car to the ground. Tpr. Gramlich began performing CPR. A passerby, Ms. Joan O'Malia, stopped to assist Tpr. Gramlich just as the victim began to breathe on her own. Tpr. Gramlich and Ms. O'Malia continued to provide aid as the victim became responsive and emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene. The hospital where the victim was treated reported she had suffered cardiac arrest and the CPR likely saved her life.

Over the Hill

Ten new members joined the Patrol's "Over the Hill" club. The remaining active members of the 112th Class achieved 30 years of service on November 10, 2012.

From left: Tpr. Michael A. Click, Lt. John L. Thompson, Tpr. Gary L. McKenna, Sgt. Keith D. Palmer Jr., Lt. Glenn L. Peterson, Tpr. James R. VanCamp, Capt. Jeffrey R. Dickey, Tpr. Mark W. Stelzer, S/Lt. Joel P. Smith, and Tpr. Michael E. Forshey.



Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Awards

Attorney General Mike DeWine recognized five Patrol officers at the Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference on October 26, 2012. The officers were part of teams earning the Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award.

Northwest Ohio Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force

Formed in 2006 to combat juvenile sex trafficking in Toledo, the task force is one of 44 operating under the FBI's Innocence Lost National Initiative. The task force has recovered or identified more than 100 juvenile victims of prostitution and is involved in 35 active investigations. **Tpr. Stacy L. Stidham**, Findlay District Investigations, is a member of the task force with representatives from seven other agencies.

Chardon High School Shooting

Lt. James T. Sivak, Tpr. William A. Davis Jr., Tpr. Matthew C. Rifici and Tpr. Kenneth Hall were among dozens of local and state first responders and investigators recognized in relation to the deadly shooting at Chardon High School in Geauga County on February 27, 2012.

While members of the Chardon Police Department and Geauga County Sheriff's Office were on the scene within minutes of the 911 call, Patrol officers and responders from other agencies were on the scene while the school was being cleared and participated in the manhunt for the suspect who was tracked through the woods and apprehended about two miles from the school within the first hour.

David L. Gillespie

Captain David L. Gillespie, Findlay District Commander, retired on September 21, 2012, after nearly 28 years of service. Ret. Capt. Gillespie began his Patrol career in November 1982 as a member of the 112th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March 1983 and was assigned to the Milan Post.



As a trooper he also served at the Canton and Sandusky Posts, where he was named Post and District Trooper of the Year by his peers in 1993. In December 1993 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Van Wert Post to serve as an assistant post commander. Five years later he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Defiance Post to serve as post commander.

In February 2000, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Wilmington District to serve as an assistant district commander. In November 2000, he transferred to the Findlay District to serve as an assistant district commander. In May 2007 he was promoted to the rank of captain and remained in the Findlay District to become the district commander.

Ret. Capt. Gillespie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in history from Youngstown State University in 1982 and a certificate from Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2003. Originally of West Virginia, he currently resides in Van Wert with his wife, Lori. They have two sons and a daughter.

Charles R. Bower Jr.

Sergeant Charles R. Bower Jr., Polygraph Examiner, retired October 19, 2012, after more than 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in April 1987 as a member of the 116th Academy Class. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Portsmouth Post, where in 1989 he was named Post Trooper of the Year by his peers.



As a trooper he also served at the Circleville Post and in the Office of Special Operations. In February 2000 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred back to the Circleville Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In September 2001 he transferred to the Administrative Investigations section. In October 2003 he transferred back to the Circleville Post and in March 2004 transferred to his most recent assignment as a Polygraph Examiner in the Office of Special Operations.

Originally of Tennessee, Ret. Sgt. Bowers currently resides in Mt. Sterling with his wife, Sharon. They have two grown sons.

Joseph T. Walker

Sergeant Joseph T. Walker, Capital Operations, retired on September 21, 2012, after 31 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in September 1981 as a cadet dispatcher at the Granville Post. He became a member of the 112th Academy Class in November 1982 and earned his commission in March of the following year.



He was assigned to the St. Clairsville Post, where in 1987 he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year by his peers and in 1988 he was awarded the Certificate of Recognition. In October 1990, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Gallipolis Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In May 1992, he transferred to the Circleville Post. In December 1994, he transferred to the Lancaster Post, before returning to the Granville Post in September 1999. In November 2011, he transferred to his most recent assignment in Capital Operations, located at the Ohio Statehouse.

Ret. Sgt. Walker currently resides in Heath with his wife, Kimberly.

Richard J. Dietz

Trooper Richard J. Dietz, Milan Post, retired on December 6, 2012, after 36 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1976 as a member of the 100th Academy Class.



He earned his commission in February the following year and was assigned to the Milan Post, where in 1978, 1980, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1994 he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. He was awarded the Certificate of Recognition in 1984 and 1992, and the Employee Recognition Award in 1991.

He was selected as Post Trooper of the Year by his peers in 1993 and 1994. In July 2004, he transferred to the Sandusky Post, before returning to the Milan Post in March 2009.

Originally of Avon Lake, Ret. Tpr. Dietz currently resides in Bellevue with his wife, Susie. They have two daughters, one son, and three grandchildren.

Megan E. Ferguson

Trooper Megan E. Ferguson, Mt. Gilead Post, entered on-duty disability retirement on July 1, 2012. She began her Patrol career in March 2001 as a member of the 137th Academy Class.

She earned her commission in September of the same year and was assigned to the Governor's residence detail. As a trooper she also served at the Hiram, Medina and Mt. Gilead Posts.

Originally from Cleveland, Ret. Tpr. Ferguson and her husband, Ret. Captain Bob Ferguson, currently reside in Marengo.



John N. Oliver Jr.

Trooper John N. Oliver Jr., Springfield Post, retired on September 21, 2012, after 35 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in September 1977 as a member of the 101st Academy Class.

He earned his commission in January 1978 and was assigned to the Dayton Post, where in 1980 he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement, and was selected as Post Trooper of the Year by his peers. In 1981, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Springfield Post, where in 1984, 1985, and 1991 he was again selected as Post Trooper of the Year.

He resides in Springfield with his wife, Mary.



Lora K. Holbert

Trooper Lora K. Holbert, Marietta Post, entered disability retirement on August 26, 2012, after 20 years with the Patrol. She began her career in May 1992 as a member of the 123rd Academy Class.

She earned her commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Norwalk Post. In October 1997 she transferred to her most recent assignment at the Marietta Post.

Originally of Marietta, she currently resides in Belpre.



Thomas A. Shevlin

Trooper Thomas A. Shevlin, Cleveland Operations, retired on August 31, 2012, after 24 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 1988 as a member of the 117th Academy Class.

He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Ravenna Post, where in 1991 and 1995, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year by his peers. In January 2002, he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. In 2007, he transferred to his most recent assignment as an investigator at Cleveland Operations.

Originally of Canton, Ret. Tpr. Shevlin currently resides in Uniontown with his wife, Lori. They have an adult son and daughter and three grandchildren.



Kenneth A. Metz

Trooper Kenneth A. Metz, Lisbon Post, retired on November 3, 2012, after 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 November of that year and was assigned to the Lisbon Post, where in 1993, 1994, 1997, 1999 and 2001 he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. Additionally in 2001, he was also selected as District and State Trooper of the Year.

He was awarded the Certificate of Recognition in 2000, and earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 2001, 2003 and 2004. In October 1997, he transferred to the Warren Post, before returning to the Lisbon Post in August 1998.

Ret. Tpr. Metz currently resides in Warren with his wife, Tracey, and their son.



William J. Sattler

Trooper William J. Sattler, Lisbon Post, retired on November 16, 2012, after 27 years with the Patrol. He is a member of the 115th Academy Class, and earned his commission in March 1986. He was assigned to the Ashtabula Post. In December 1989, he transferred to his most recent assignment at the Lisbon Post.

Originally from Youngstown, Ret. Tpr. Sattler resides in East Liverpool with his wife, Julie. They have two sons, eight daughters and two grandchildren.



Jennifer J. Stabler

Trooper Jennifer J. Stabler, Chillicothe Post, entered disability retirement on November 4, 2012, after 15 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in October 1997 as a member of the 130th Academy Class.

She earned her commission in May the following year and was assigned to the Jackson Post. In 1999, she transferred to the Chillicothe Post, where in 2002 and 2003 she earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement, and in 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007 she earned the Criminal Patrol Award. In September 2007, she transferred to the Office of Investigative Services, where she served as a plainclothes investigator, before returning to the Chillicothe Post in November 2011. Jennifer earned a diploma in accounting from the Bradford School of Business in 1990.

Originally from Galion, Ret. Tpr. Stabler currently resides in Chillicothe.



Mark W. Stelzer

Trooper Mark W. Stelzer, Investigator, retired on November 30, 2012, after 32 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1980 as a cadet dispatcher at the Lancaster Post. In February 1981 he transferred to the Granville Post. He began training as a member of the 112th Academy Class in November 1982.

He earned his commission in March the following year and was assigned to the Marietta Post, where in 1986 he was awarded the Superintendent's Citation of Merit. In 1987, he was voted Post Trooper of the Year by his peers and also was selected District Trooper of the Year.

In April 1990, he transferred to the Cambridge District Headquarters as part of the first Drug Interdiction Canine Handler Unit. In June 1993, he transferred from the canine team to become a member of the Traffic/Drug Interdiction Team. In September 1998, he transferred to his most recent assignment in the Office of Investigative Services. Additionally in 1998, he was awarded the Certificate of Recognition and earned the Trooper Recognition Award in 1999, 2010 and 2011.

Originally of Gahanna, Ret. Tpr. Stelzer currently resides in Cambridge with his wife, Amy. They have two adult sons.



Justino Deleon

Electronic Technician 1 Justino Deleon, Office of Strategic Services, retired on September 29, 2012, after 14 years of service. He joined the Patrol in 1998 and served at Central Install throughout his career. Originally of Columbus, he currently resides in Whitehall with his wife, Elsie.



Michael F. Tighe

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Michael F. Tighe, Wilmington District, retired on September 28, 2012, after 28 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 1984 and was assigned to the Wilmington District throughout his career. He currently resides in Cincinnati with his wife, Debbie.



Benjamin S. Walker

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Benjamin S. Walker, Jackson District, retired on November 1, 2012, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in November 1986 and was assigned to the Jackson District throughout his career. He currently resides in Portsmouth with his wife, Carolyn.



Anita Burtosky-Mays

Stationary Load Limit Inspector Anita Burtosky-Mays, Hamilton Post, retired November 30, 2012, after 15 years of service. Anita began her career with the Patrol in September 1997 as a dispatcher at Hamilton, where she was voted Post Dispatcher of the Year in 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2005.

In 2007, she transferred to the Wilmington District's Commercial Enforcement Unit as a Stationary Load Limit Inspector. Originally of Pennsylvania, she currently resides in Hamilton with her husband, Jerry.



OSHP RETIREMENTS

Alan K. Joseph

Motor Vehicle Inspector Alan K. Joseph, Findlay District, retired October 31, 2012, after 20 years with the Division. He began his Patrol career in October 1992 as a maintenance repair worker 2 at the Lima Post. In May 1998 he transferred to his most recent assignment as a motor vehicle inspector in the Findlay District. He currently resides in Lafayette with his wife, Karen.



Teresa A. Graber-Zito

Driver License Examiner 1 Teresa A. Graber-Zito, of the Bucyrus District, entered disability retirement on October 1, 2011, after 26 years with the Division. She began her career in April 1985 as a dispatcher at the Findlay Post. In June 1988 she transferred to the position of a driver license examiner. Originally of Fostoria, she currently resides in Tiffin with her husband, Jerome. She has a grown son.



OSHP AROUND THE STATE

Ironton

The Ironton Post partnered with the local Wal-Mart store in South Point during Child Safety Week. Tpr. D.L. Webb and several Wal-Mart employees staffed a booth to field questions about child safety seats, seatbelts, traffic safety and recruitment. Wal-Mart gave away several child safety seats during the event, and approximately 500 people were contacted during the detail.



Circleville

On October 28, current and former troopers of the Circleville Post met for a day of camaraderie by blasting clay pigeons. Most of the pigeons were powdered, while some survived. Post 65 troopers are looking to make this an annual event and possibly expand into competition with other posts and retirees.

Pictured from left: Brooklin Evans (daughter of Sgt. Kevin Dillard), Tpr. Heath Strawser, Sgt. Dillard, Tpr. Roger Cooper, Lt. Heidi Marshall, Tpr. Patricia Nemeth, and Tpr. Trevor March.

Milan



On November 19, Tpr. Rick Dietz received a special proclamation for 35 years of service from the Ohio Turnpike Commission. Tpr. Dietz retired December 6.



Tpr. John Williams and Teddy Trooper (Border Patrol Lt. Chris Michaloski) conducted a speech detail at the Little Wonders Preschool.

Findlay/Bucyrus District



Sgt. Chris Kinn, crash reconstructionist for the Findlay and Bucyrus districts, spent a week in Haiti in October with Mission Possible Ministries. Mission Possible owns and operates eight schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic that serve 3,500 pre-school through high school students.

Sgt. Kinn spent the week building and installing a roof on a school in Lanzac.

Bucyrus District

On December 1, Infrastructure Specialist Dan Hall was recognized at the Ohio Air National Guard's Outstanding Airman of the Year Ceremony as the 79th Airlift Wing "Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year."

Selection for the award is based on leadership, community involvement and guard activity. IS Hall has been in the Air National Guard for 18 years and was deployed for 3 months to Kandahar, Afghanistan during 2012.



Field Operations

Andrew Baldrige Softball Tournament

The third annual Andrew Baldrige Softball Tournament was held in Columbus on September 9. Eleven softball teams from across the state participated to raise \$2,513 for the Andrew Baldrige Scholarship Foundation.

Field Operations won the tournament this year by defeating District 2 in the championship game, 13-10.

A special thanks to the Ohio State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union for its donating food and drinks that raised \$450. The ladies from the credit union also worked the snack tent all day. We hope to see you all again next year for this annual tournament.



Operation Feed

On August 29, Field Operations hosted a chili cook-off to benefit Operation Feed and raised \$141. From left: Photographer Jim Hamilton (3rd place), Maj. John Bistor (1st place), Deputy Registrar Mike Rankin (judge) and Capt. Shawn Davis (2nd place).



Wilmington District

On October 20, Wilmington District employees and friends competed in a "Tough Mudder" event in Maysville, Kentucky. The 12-mile course featured more than 20 obstacles. A portion of the proceeds from the race benefitted the Wounded Warrior Project.

From left: Tpr. Jeremy Grillot, Jonathan Shamblin, Tpr. Steve Taylor, S/Lt. Brian Rhodes, Tpr. Andrew Dunn, Jessie Niesen, Disp. Jennifer Seaman and Tpr. Joshua Hunter.



In the 22nd chapter of the Book of Joshua there is an interesting account reminding us of the importance of remembrance, which includes involvement. As the Israelites crossed over the Jordan River to occupy the land promised to them, there were two and one-half tribes that elected to stay on the eastern side of the river.

However, because the other nine and one-half tribes had assisted them in securing their territory, it seemed only right that soldiers from the Gadites, Reubenites, and the half tribe of Manasseh should go and assist in securing the western side of the Jordan River. When they had done this, they said farewell and headed back to their families and territory.

However, before going back across the river they erected an altar, not for sacrifices, but for remembrance. They did not want the day to come when their brothers and sisters would forget them or what they had done. The altar was to be a reminder that they were all part of one family.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol does not need an altar or monument to remind everyone that we are all part of one family with a common mission. It is exciting to see how the retirees are included in so many ways even after years of retirement. It is heartwarming to be part of an organization where there

is excellent communication regarding the health and welfare of those who are retired but not forgotten.

We learn from the past, and the Patrol has a rich and wonderful heritage. It is inspiring to hear the stories about what happened in the past when there were not the means of instant communication. There are accounts filled with humor as well as sorrow, but they are all stories of life in, and the mission of, the Patrol as it has functioned over the past 79 years. These stories could not be told unless real live people had lived them.

It is sad to see how some organizations treat retirement. In far too many situations, the retiree is “put out to pasture” without any continuing contact or communication. So much is lost when retirees are no longer considered to be of value to the organization where they spent so many years and gave so much in the way of effort and commitment. It is exciting and inspiring to see how Patrol retirees are both informed and listened to as we move into the future.

There was fear that the River Jordan might become a border between those on the east side and those on the west side, so the altar or monument was built as a reminder of their unity. The Flying Wheel is a proper symbol reminding all of us—sworn officers and civilians, active and retired—of our common



calling to make Ohio a safer place for everyone. The mantle of leadership has been passed on, but the support and involvement of everyone are important factors in the expanding and increasingly successful mission of the Patrol.

Your chaplains—Kelly, Phil and I—are proud to be part of your family and pray that each one may sense the unity of both purpose and fellowship. God bless!

Respectfully,

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