

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### **Patrol honored with Transportation Security Administration's National Partnership Award**

COLUMBUS – Colonel David W. Dicken, Patrol superintendent, and Major John Born, Eastern Field Operations Commander, accepted the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) National Partnership Award today on behalf of the Ohio State Highway Patrol at a ceremony hosted by Department of Homeland Security Secretary, Janet Napolitano in Washington D.C.

"The Patrol is very proud of the partnership we have formed with the TSA," said Colonel David W. Dicken, "And we look forward to working side-by-side to further the transportation safety of the State of Ohio."

The National Partnership Award is one of the few awards given out yearly by the TSA to an external organization or individual whose accomplishments and excellence in performance distinctly benefit the interests of the United States and clearly advance the TSA's mission. The Patrol was nominated for the award by Federal Security Director, Donald Barker, for the Patrol's support and continued assistance in the TSA's mission to protect the nation's transportation systems.

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

Since the TSA opened its doors in Columbus, Ohio, in 2002, the Patrol has offered the Patrol Academy for meetings and training exercises, as well as, provided TSA officials training in the Patrol's West Point Leadership training program. The Patrol has also formed a strong work relationship by working alongside TSA officials at Ohio Homeland Security's fusion center, the Strategic Analysis Information Center, to share support staff, intelligence and daily briefings. In addition, in recent years the Patrol has played a significant role in transportation safety training efforts – offering the resources and staff needed, as well as active participation.

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