



Ohio State Patrol Recruiting News

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Trooper Stories

A trooper stopped a 2000 Chevrolet van on IS90 in Ashtabula County for a following too close violation. Upon approach, the driver produced a counterfeit Alabama identification card. Further questioning revealed the driver was an illegal immigrant transporting 13 other illegal immigrants from Arizona to New York. The driver had been paid \$400 per person to transport the group. A total of \$5,422 was seized from the driver and all suspects were released to the United States Border Patrol.

Another trooper stopped a 2004 Kenworth Conventional double trailer on IS 75 in Wood County for a suspected overload violation (investigation found the vehicle weighed 135,600 - nearly 2 1/2 times the legal limit in Ohio). The suspect presented the Trooper with a Michigan driver's license. Further investigation revealed the driver also had a valid Ohio driver's license. BMV investigators were contacted and confirmed that both licenses were fraudulently obtained. The suspect had been illegally obtaining dual licenses for 10 years. The suspect was charged with Tampering With Records and Falsification.

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A Message from Colonel Richard H. Collins



As the Ohio State Highway Patrol plans to celebrate our 75th Anniversary on November 15, 2008, we continue to experience the lowest retirement rate ever. With this in mind, our 149th Academy Class is now projected to begin in the summer of 2009. It is difficult to be told to wait when your goal of becoming a State Trooper seems so near. In this issue of the Recruiting News, we have included a few inspirational stories of what Troopers are finding on traffic stops across the state. Many current Troopers had to wait to achieve their dream, but with patience and commitment they are out there making a difference today. We truly appreciate your commitment to becoming Ohio State Troopers and admire your patience with the process. The Recruitment staff is working to improve the entry process. You may receive a letter explaining changes or asking if you are still interested in becoming a Trooper. Please read these letters thoroughly and do what is needed, whether it be sending in a correct address or updating your e-mail. This is the only way we will be able to inform you of what is happening with your application to be a Trooper. Please visit our website at <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/> to stay informed and connected about new and exciting changes within the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Remember to drive safely and promote the use of safety belts.

PHYSICAL FITNESS VIDEO ADDED TO WEBSITE

As a recruit and trainee you will need to know how to complete a proper sit-up and push-up. A new video describing the requirements has been added to the Ohio State Highway Patrol website @ <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/recruit.htm>, "Physical Fitness Preparation".

Please view the video to ensure you are training properly.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CALL
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