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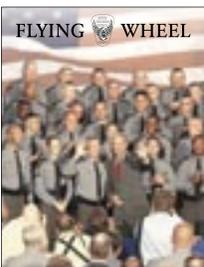


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President George Bush visited the Patrol Academy June 9. Please see Colonel's Letter on the next page for the full story.



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On June 9, we were extremely honored to host President George Bush and United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales at our Academy for an important homeland security policy speech.

In preparing for this event, countless sworn officers and professional staff worked long hours with personnel from the White House, United States Department of Justice, and United States Secret Service. In the days and hours leading up to the event, and in the time since, I have been proud to hear overwhelmingly positive comments from White House personnel about the professionalism and attention to detail shown by everyone who worked to make the President's visit such a success.

Through his selection of our Academy as the location from which to urge Congress to renew the Patriot Act, it is clear President Bush understands our critical role in the war on terror. Homeland security continues to be a major part of our evolving role in contemporary law enforcement. We must understand our new role is that of first preventers, not simply first responders.

The Patriot Act, signed six weeks after the 9/11 attacks, strengthened federal surveillance and law enforcement powers in suspected terror cases and increased use of material witness warrants. In his speech, President Bush described terrorist plans in New York, Oregon, Virginia, Florida, and Ohio thwarted by law enforcement and intelligence officers working together and using powers granted by the Patriot Act. One case President Bush highlighted, in which we had significant involvement, involved an al-Qaeda operative named Iyman Faris.

Faris was a Columbus truck driver who plotted attacks on the Brooklyn Bridge and a central Ohio shopping mall. He met Osama bin Laden in 2000 at an al-Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan and provided al-Qaeda operatives with sleeping bags, cell phones and other assistance. Later, Faris received attack instructions from top terror leader Khalid Shaikh Mohammed for what may have been a second wave of terrorism to follow the 9/11 attacks. His arrest came after an investigation involving more than a dozen agencies, including the Ohio State Highway Patrol, working together as part of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. Faris pleaded guilty to charges of aiding and abetting terrorism and conspiracy in 2003 and is serving a 20-year prison sentence.

In his speech, President Bush said, "As sworn officers of the law, you're devoted to defending your fellow citizens. Your vigilance is keeping our communities safe, and you're serving on the front lines of the war on terror. It's a different kind of war than a war our nation was used to. You know firsthand the nature of the enemy. We face brutal men who celebrate murder, who incite suicide, and who would stop at nothing to destroy the liberties we cherish. You know that these enemies cannot be deterred by negotiations, or concessions, or appeals to reason. In this war, there's only one option — and that option is victory."

It was not an accident that the President of the United States was standing in our Academy, looking directly at our personnel when he said those words. I want to thank every Patrol employee, regardless of whether you were directly involved in the President's visit, because each of you played a role in President Bush and United States Attorney General Gonzales selecting us as the agency to hold up to the world as the example of law enforcement's role in securing the homeland.

Col. Paul D. McClellan

Colonel Paul D. McClellan
Superintendent



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Patrol Officers Memorial Ceremony

Family and friends of the Patrol gathered at the Academy on May 6 to honor our 35 officers killed in the line of duty as part of the annual Patrol Officers Memorial Ceremony.

Each year, the Patrol hosts this event to commemorate those who gave their lives in service and to reaffirm the commitment to making Ohio a safer place to live and work. A large turnout, including several members of the media, demonstrated the gravity of the sacrifice made by the Patrol's fallen officers.

Continuing a practice initiated last year, six of the 2004 District Troopers of the Year escorted family members of the deceased to their seats in the Academy courtyard as the Drum and Bugle Corps played.

Lt. Lee Darden, Chillicothe, performed the "Star-Spangled Banner," and State Trooper of the Year Shad Caplinger, Circleville, led guests in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Colonel Paul McClellan and Kenneth Morckel, Ohio Public Safety director, addressed the audience before a 21-gun salute, the sounding of "Taps," and a memorial flyover by Patrol and Columbus Police helicopters.

Tpr. Tim Root, Investigative Services, tolled the Academy bell as retired Tpr. Charlie Linek, president of the retirees' association, read the roster of the deceased.

The Columbus Division of Police Pipers followed the roll call with an emotional performance of "Amazing Grace."

The following comments were received through the Patrol's Web site:

I wish to offer my respect and condolences for the 35 fallen officers to be recognized in the ceremony that I cannot attend.

I read each and every one's story and I realize that they all share a common thread that passes through even time. I found that their deaths were all tragic. They were only doing their job.

They were only human as we all are, but surely there is a special place in heaven for them. Regardless of whether their death was by accident or intent, they deserve commendation and respect for their contributions toward a common goal.

I want to thank all the troopers, active, auxiliary, retired, and those who have passed on, for your dedication and professionalism. All may not be called upon to contribute the ultimate sacrifice, but it is our responsibility to remember those who have.

Every minute of every day, you are there for the public and the danger inherent. My hope is that the media will give this event prominent coverage as it deserves. But really, unless you read their stories and see their faces, it is difficult to comprehend. They all had families and were mourned. We were all created for a purpose, even those who do not know it.

*Respectfully,
Robert Betz, Athens*





Criminal Patrol

Troopers record largest marijuana seizure worth over \$5.2 million

19 kilos of cocaine worth \$1.9 million seized during two separate traffic stops less than a week later

During one week this spring, troopers in the Piqua District seized more than \$7.1 million worth of illegal drugs during three separate traffic stops.

On March 20, troopers stopped a commercial vehicle for lane violations on eastbound Interstate 70 in Preble County. A Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the truck and a probable cause search revealed 2,318 pounds of marijuana hidden within boxes in the back of the truck. The marijuana has an estimated street value of approximately \$5.2 million.

The discovery eclipsed the previous largest marijuana seizure, which was 1,700 pounds seized on September 4, 2003, also in Preble County.

Less than a week later, troopers recorded two large cocaine seizures on the same stretch of highway. On March 25, a trooper stopped a vehicle for following too closely and lane violations. Again, a Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed six kilos of cocaine worth \$600,000 hidden in the vehicle.

The next day, troopers stopped a vehicle for speeding and a Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to it. This time, 13 kilos of cocaine valued at \$1.3 million were discovered. The two cases appear to be unrelated.

While three significant drug seizures in one week in the same general location is not necessarily the norm, it also is not that surprising.

As part of *LifeStat 1.0*, the quality of each traffic contact is emphasized. Troopers are encouraged to spend whatever time is necessary to ensure that motorists understand why they were stopped. Sometimes as part of that contact, troopers perceive indicators of criminal activity.

As these arrests in Preble County demonstrate, troopers



Troopers discovered more than a ton of marijuana in a commercial vehicle stopped for a traffic violation in Preble County.

have realized remarkable success in apprehending suspected drug dealers, as well as car thieves and other criminals, because of this attention to detail.

Last year, troopers seized illegal drugs valued at nearly \$83.4 million, including 10,582 pounds of marijuana and 989 pounds of cocaine.

We also achieved the largest heroin seizure in our history last year after a Toledo trooper conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with 5.5 kilograms of heroin valued at \$2.2 million hidden in the gas tank.

The largest currency seizure in Patrol history was also achieved in 2004. A Walbridge trooper stopped a pickup for a traffic violation and, after observing criminal indicators, called a drug-detecting canine to the scene.

The canine alerted to the vehicle and a search revealed a hidden compartment packed with illegal drugs and cash.

More than \$1.4 million was found in the compartment and hidden in the spare tire.

These successes are a tribute to troopers' dedication to criminal patrol as another means of protecting the public and making Ohio a safer place to live, work, and travel.

Less than a week after the largest marijuana seizure in Patrol history, troopers found 19 kilos of cocaine during two separate traffic stops.



Safety-Education Marketing



Forty motorcyclists from the Patrol, Ohio Public Safety, and AMA held a *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* group ride on May 1.

Patrol, American Motorcyclist Association announce partnership

Motorcycle safety is goal of new 'Ride Smart. Drive Smart.' education initiative

Helping motorcyclists and other drivers share the road safely is the goal of our new *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* safety education partnership with the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA).

Throughout the spring and summer, we will provide a series of motorcycle safety tips from the AMA to help make it a safe and enjoyable motorcycle riding season in Ohio. Three key safety messages stressed through the program are:

1. Get Trained (including knowing proper safety gear to wear)/Get Licensed;
2. Stay Sober (incorporating the AMA's national Ride Straight program); and
3. Other drivers be aware by looking out for Motorcyclists.

Having AMA join us for *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* will help maintain a focus on motorcycle safety for all motorists in Ohio during the riding season, which is a point of emphasis for Colonel Paul D. McClellan as we strive to achieve our "1.0 by the end of 2007" goal.

Impaired riding, unsafe speed, and failure to yield by other vehicle drivers are significant causative factors in motorcycle fatalities. Other vehicle drivers were in error in 45.6 percent of the Ohio motorcyclist fatalities in 2004. The only way to significantly impact motorcycle safety is for everyone to share the road and to understand their respective responsibilities and contributions toward safe travel on our roadways.

There are numerous troopers across Ohio who are avid motorcyclists, and in communities throughout the state many of those troopers have volunteered to serve as motorcycle safety liaison officers to discuss the importance of motorcycle safety issues with local media, and the communities in which they live and work.

"The AMA is proud to support the Ohio State Highway Patrol in launching this important campaign," said Robert Rasor, AMA president. "Our connection to the OSHP goes back more than 70 years, when Jim Davis – the winner of the first-ever AMA-sanctioned race – retired from competition and joined the OSHP to help create its motorcycle-patrol unit. We're pleased to renew our ties today, in a way that benefits all motorcyclists."

Emphasis of motorcycle safety is important when considering Ohio ranks fifth nationally with over 630,000 licensed motorcyclists. In 2004, there were 4,161 crashes involving motorcycles, which included 133 motorcyclist fatalities, accounting for more than 10 percent of the state's total traffic fatalities for the year.

To mark our new safety education partnership with AMA, and to mark the start of National Motorcycle Awareness Month in May, motorcycle riders from the OSHP, Ohio Public Safety, and AMA held a *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* breakfast and group ride on May 1.

Forty motorcyclists, including many off-duty troopers, departed from our Academy and rode to the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum on the grounds of the AMA's headquarters in Pickerington.

Founded in 1924, the AMA is a non-profit organization with more than 265,000 members. The Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members. For more information, visit the AMA Web site at www.AMADirectlink.com, or call 1-800-AMA-JOIN. For the latest news releases, visit the AMA News Room at <http://home.ama-cycle.org/newsroom>.

High school students earn free pizza and soft drinks from Pizza Hut



Sgt. Kevin Knapp, Delaware, hands out a pizza coupon at Thomas Worthington High School.

Across Ohio this school year, thousands of people have seen the banners in high school stadiums and gymnasiums, heard public address announcements during high school athletic events, and watched proudly as student-athletes led by example and spoke with their peers about the importance of wearing safety belts. It has all been part of our message to *Buckle Up for a Successful Season*.

This spring, an unexpected surprise came to nearly 100,000 high school students across the state, who, while driving onto their school parking lot, received from troopers not citations, but a coupon for free pizza and a stadium cup for free soft drinks from our new safety partner, Pizza Hut.

At more than 300 Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) member high schools, troopers conducted on-site observational surveys of student safety belt usage before school. Student drivers and passengers who were buckled up while driving into the high school parking lot were rewarded with a coupon from troopers.

The coupon is redeemable for a free single item Pizza Hut Personal Pan Pizza. Students also received a stadium cup featuring the *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* message, which can be used for free soft drink refills with an in-store purchase at participating Pizza Hut locations through September.

High school administrators signed up for this program during the winter; however, students were not advised in advance of the safety belt observations.



Lt. Gene Smith, Van Wert, gives a student a cup and a pizza coupon. Photo courtesy of the Van Wert Independent.

“We’ve been thrilled with the success of the program to date, and applaud Pizza Hut for joining us in this important campaign. There is nothing more important than Ohio’s youth and we all have a responsibility for their safety,” said Daniel Ross, Ph.D., OHSAA commissioner.

As thoughts turned to warmer temperatures, prom, and end of the school year celebrations, one event at Thomas Worthington High School exemplified our hope that the important life-saving message of *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* would continue to resonate with young people. The event was not unlike hundreds that occurred across Ohio this spring.

After the safety belt observations,

more than 1,000 students heard first-hand about the consequences of bad decisions from a mother who lost her daughter in a crash.

The Kristen Norris Story, which is a new *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* video, describes the tragedy and aftermath of the fatal crash, and speaks to the consequences of choices and how others are affected. Kristen was a passenger in a vehicle traveling more than 100 mph when she was killed.

Following the 12-minute video, Kristen’s mother, Linda Barrett, spoke to two student assemblies about the impact bad decisions have on those left behind following a fatal crash.

“I never wanted Kristen’s story to be one of tragedy and death. Maybe that’s
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Safety program reunites mock crash innovators

Nearly two decades after joining forces to develop one of the best received teen-oriented traffic safety programs in the country, and after not seeing each other in years, Colonel Paul McClellan and Thomas Worthington High School principal Richard Littell, Ph.D., were unexpectedly reunited at a *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* program on March 21.

Responding to a rash of crashes in the Springfield area in which several local students were killed, Littell, then principal of Northwestern High School, and Colonel McClellan, then post commander at Springfield, developed the first mock crash program in 1987. The mock crash program is now utilized nationwide leading into prom and graduation season to impact high school students by dramatically illustrating the dangers of bad traffic safety decisions.

The group that worked on the first mock crash included local EMS, the Clark County Sheriff’s Office, and a local emergency room doctor, who narrated the events as they developed. Littell described the team as a model for what can result when several organizations come together to do something positive for kids. The stark reality of the mock crash made an immediate impression.

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High school

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why I try so hard to make something positive come from this. At least in the end I can say I tried, and just maybe with the video and the speaking, it will make a difference to someone,” Barrett wrote in an e-mail to the Patrol following the event.

Buckle Up for a Successful Season will return for the 2005-2006 school year and both *The Kristen Norris Story* and Barrett’s talk will be distributed to post commanders for safety education use. They also can be viewed on the Patrol’s Web site at <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/season.htm>.

Buckle Up for a Successful Season began as a community-level traffic safety partnership involving the Patrol, OHSAA, and many of its 833 member high schools. Across the state, student leaders embraced *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* by always buckling up and discussing with others the importance of wearing a safety belt as the best defense against injury or death resulting from a motor vehicle crash.

We were extremely encouraged to have Pizza Hut join this cause so we can continue to enhance safety in Ohio communities.

Reunion

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“I remember dead silence in the stadium,” Littell said, reflecting on the effectiveness of that first mock crash. “The kids were riveted from the second the tarp was taken off the car. We definitely had their attention from the start. It was very moving.”

The original intent was to create something to address the teen crash problem in Springfield, but when Littell presented the topic at an area principals meeting shortly after the first program, he received inquiries from several interested principals about the pros and cons of such a dramatic presentation.

“One of the things we talked about was whether to use students from the school in the program. I think the local EMS and Highway Patrol were against it primarily because of the possible dangers to



Colonel McClellan and Richard Littell recently met again 17 years after they worked together on the first mock crash program.

the kids, getting them out of the car,” Littell said. “I’m glad we wound up using our own kids. It hits home so much more when you use their peers. The kids are able to talk about being in the car, and the more they can identify with the situation, the better off you are.”

“Everything you try to do to make them better drivers is time worth spending. I have held far too many parents over coffins than I ever wanted to. Any tragedy you can try to prevent is worth it,” he added.

CALEA commends Patrol’s professionalism, commitment to service

By AA3 Kathy Mahl

As the Patrol approached its reaccreditation inspection, a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) arrived to conduct an onsite assessment April 10-14.

The assessors examined the Patrol’s policies and procedure to ensure compliance with CALEA standards, interviewed Patrol employees, and toured several facilities to make sure the Patrol operates under the guidelines of its directive system.

The results of the assessment will be submitted for a hearing to be conducted in July. At the hearing, commissioners will review the final report and hear testimony from agency personnel, assessors, and CALEA staff.

Even though the process is not complete, the onsite assessment went very well. During the exit interview with the senior staff members, the assessors commended our continued commitment to excellence.

The purpose of CALEA’s accreditation program is to improve delivery of law enforcement service by offering a body of standards, developed by law enforcement practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date law enforcement topics. It recognizes professional achievements



Seated from left: Lt. Marianne Daly, retired Colonel Tim Hazlette, and Gerald Jarsocrak, CALEA assessors. Standing from left: AA3 Kathy Mahl, Sgt. Wayne Price, Lt. Col. Michael Finamore, Maj. J.P. Allen, Col. Paul McClellan, Lt. Col. Arthur Reitz, S/Lt. Rick Fambro and Capt. Brigitte Charles.

by offering an orderly process for addressing and complying with applicable standards.

The Patrol first earned accreditation in 1989, and was reaccredited in 1994, 1999, and 2002. Maintaining accreditation is an ongoing process and requires constant monitoring and updating of policies and procedures to ensure the Patrol meets the CALEA’s standards.

143rd Graduation

Cadets graduate, Patrol commissions 38 new troopers

The Patrol commissioned 38 new troopers at a ceremony on June 3 at the Training Academy. The 143rd Academy Class graduated after 25 weeks of rigorous law enforcement training.

Kenneth Morckel, director of Ohio Public Safety; Gary Joseph, assistant director of Ohio Public Safety; Colonel Paul McClellan, Patrol superintendent; and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor, all addressed the graduates and presented their commissions and certificates of training.

Among the courses completed by the 143rd class completed included firearms, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, and crash investigation training. Tpr. Timothy Bullock, Springfield, was selected class speaker and thanked the Academy staff, family, and friends for their support during the training period.

Seven of the graduates received special honors for top performance in various fields of study at the Patrol Academy. The honorees are:

- Overall performance - Tpr. Jonathan Ganley, Canfield
- Top performance in academics - Tpr. Johnnie Maier, Marietta
- Top performance in physical training - Tpr. Clifton Dowell, Chardon
- Top performance in firearms - Tpr. James Davis, Piqua
- Top performance driving - Tpr. Joshua Hunter, Georgetown; Tpr. Larry Jones, Findlay; and Tpr. Eric Knowlton, Marietta.

Each of the new troopers will report to their posts on June 6. The troopers' first 60 working days will be a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new troopers are assigned to 19 of the Patrol's 55 posts.

Following *in their footsteps*

- Tpr. Thomas Gerber is the son of Ret. Lt. Edwin Gerber
- Tpr. Jonathan Ganley is the son of Ret. Tpr. Thomas Ganley
- Tpr. Dexter Howard is the son of Ret. Lt. Col. Ernest Howard
- Tpr. Joshua Hunter is the son of Tpr. Dean Hunter, Ironton
- Tpr. Tyler Kline is the brother of Tpr. Shawn Kline, Elyria
- Tpr. Jacquelyn Layson is the cousin of Tpr. Sharese Williams, Lebanon
- Tpr. Johnnie Maier is the son of Capt. George Maier, Jackson DHQ
- Tpr. Jonathan Seabolt is the brother of Tpr. Michael Seabolt, Marietta
- Tpr. Terrence Vollmer is the brother of Tpr. Aaron Vollmer, Lancaster

Granville trooper injured while serving with Marine unit in Iraq

Tpr. Larry Bowman, Granville, is recovering from a serious leg injury suffered during combat in Iraq.

The Marine reservist was injured May 8 near the Syrian border. After stays at hospitals in Iraq and Germany, he arrived at Bethesda Hospital in Maryland on May 15.

Bowman joined the Marines after high school and is a veteran of the Gulf War. He joined the Patrol in September 2000 as a member of the 136th Academy Class and was assigned to Granville after earning his commission in March 2001. He earned the Ace Award in 2003. He and his wife, Christine, live in Heath with their three children.



Larry Bowman

- Tpr. Michael Bess, Aviation
- Tpr. Samuel Hendricks, Granville
- Tpr. Kevin Jewett, Statehouse
- Tpr. Jeffrey Lauper, Ashland
- MVI Phillip Linville, Hamilton
- Tpr. Aaron McMillan, Batavia
- Cadet Shawn Milburn, New Philadelphia
- Tpr. Gregory Moore, Portsmouth
- Tpr. Thomas Salemme, Dayton
- Tpr. Steven Schemine, Delaware
- Sgt. Lawrence St. Clair, Fremont

For the time being, only two Patrol employees remain at their active duty assignments. MCEI Brian Jones, Toledo, is serving at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton and Tpr. Christopher Hasty, Swanton, is serving in Little Rock, Arkansas.

With Memorial Day and Fourth of July celebrations fresh in our minds, it is a good time to remember those individuals who made them possible, especially members of our armed forces.

Whether their military service entails important assignments at home or more dangerous missions abroad, the Patrol is proud of the individual sacrifice of each soldier and for their collective role in defending and serving the United States.

Others return

Tpr. Lisa Graham of the West Jefferson Post is expected to return to work within the next few weeks. She recently completed a two-year tour of duty in Iraq and is the latest of a dozen Patrol employees who have returned from active duty service since the beginning of the year.

The 11 other employees who have returned to work since the beginning of the year are:

Ohio launches new program to fight terrorism and crime

Patrol and other law enforcement agencies across Ohio are now sharing information electronically

On March 1, law enforcement officials from across the state joined Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio Public Safety, and Ohio State Highway Patrol to mark the beginning of a new statewide program that will allow law enforcement agencies to electronically share information and data — something that was not previously possible in Ohio.

“The key here is the collective willingness of Ohio’s law enforcement community to work in such a cooperative manner to make this a reality,” Attorney General Jim Petro said. “This unprecedented level of collaboration, along with the technology we’re employing through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway, will serve as a model for the rest of the country.”

The information management systems currently maintained by more

than 900 law enforcement agencies in Ohio are not connected, meaning records cannot be accessed from one jurisdiction to another.

Through the Ohio Local Law Enforcement Information-Sharing Network, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police will provide law enforcement agencies with the technical assistance necessary to participate in it, including equipping agencies currently using paper to keep records with computers and other electronic equipment.

Approximately 40 percent of police departments in Ohio are still using paper records.

Twenty-three agencies are participating in the start-up phase of the program that aims to prevent terrorism and other types of crimes.

It also will help solve some of the communication-related challenges

involved in multi-agency investigations, such as the recent highway shooting case in central Ohio.

More than 600 agencies are expected to join the program by the end of 2005. The ultimate goal is to have every law enforcement agency in Ohio participating in the program, which is funded by federal homeland security dollars.

“In the fight against terrorism and crime, it’s critical that our law enforcement officers be able to access each other’s records quickly and easily,” said Ohio Public Safety Director Kenneth Morckel. “This program is significant — it aims to vastly improve communication among our law enforcement officers, which will result in a safer Ohio for us all.”

The Patrol and 10 other agencies have been participating in the pilot phase of the program since last August.

Highway safety priorities the focus of Ohio LifeSavers Conference

Members of the Patrol attended and served as presenters at the Ohio LifeSavers Conference, sponsored by Ohio Public Safety, May 2-4 in Columbus.

With a mission to reduce motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries on Ohio's roadways, the conference addressed highway safety topics and offered information on advances in highway safety, successful traffic safety programs, and emerging strategies and technologies.

Patrol officers provided an overview of several successful initiatives, including *OhioSafe Commute* and *Quick Clear*, Operation TRIAD (Targeting Reckless, Intimidating and Aggressive Drivers), the Carteens program, and DETS (DUI

Establishment Tracking System), which is the Patrol's joint venture with the Ohio Investigative Unit to identify establishments that sell alcoholic beverages to intoxicated persons through information gathered during OVI arrests.

The conference was attended by representatives from state and local law enforcement agencies, federal and state agencies, court officials, community safety and injury prevention programs, and driver training schools.



I work at MedFlight of Ohio. On April 9, we had a Mobile Intensive Care Unit enroute from Lima to Cleveland with mechanical malfunctioning brakes that needed to pull over on the I-80/I-90 turnpike. Within moments, troopers Michael McLaughlin and Edwin Lopez arrived to assist. They assisted our unit to the rest area at mile marker 100 and set up a landing zone for our helicopter to come in and take over patient care.

They did this with professionalism and should be recognized for assisting our teams to get the patient transferred while keeping in mind the busy area they were working to keep all safe.

Tony Roush Columbus

Last week our family took advantage of the spring break to visit Washington, D.C. On the way back home, high winds on highway 80 west of Cleveland damaged our car-top carrier and we lost part of our luggage. We contacted the Highway Patrol to make sure nobody was injured by the flying laundry bag. I was relieved to find out that it just went to the side of the road.

The Ohio Highway Patrol

people we encountered were all polite, sympathetic, and helpful. I just wanted to say thank you to your people and say that I wish that our State Police had such a wonderful attitude towards people who used our toll ways.

Ron Gazlay Des Plaines, Illinois

My wife was involved in an automobile accident on April 21 which was investigated by Trooper Maroon from the Canton Post. She and I were very impressed by his professionalism and courtesy. He was very helpful in answering our questions.

We just wanted to express our gratitude to him for all his help and to the Highway Patrol. Ohio could use more troopers like him.

James Prettyman Mogadore

I would like to thank and commend Trooper Mack (Milan) for his kind assistance rendered recently.

On April 2, my family's car became disabled on the Ohio Turnpike just east of Toledo. Because the car lost power without warning, I was forced to park on the shoulder, precariously close to the roadway. We were parked on a curve and the Turnpike bore heavy truck traffic, so the situation was fairly dangerous.

Trooper Mack arrived shortly after the car stopped, offered to call a towing

service, and remained parked behind our vehicle with his lights flashing to ensure that oncoming vehicles had advance notice of the potential hazard on the roadside. His courtesy and professionalism are a credit to the state of Ohio, and to the Highway Patrol.

Michael and Susan Hartnett Evanston, Illinois

I would like to ask you to thank Trooper Davis of the Fremont Post.

My wife and pregnant daughter were involved in an accident on U.S. 224 in Seneca County, and were transported to Mercy Hospital. My wife told me that Trooper Davis was extremely nice, courteous, and professional, and his concern for her and our daughter helped make a bad situation a little better.

I spoke to him later to get some insurance information. His first concern was to ask if my wife, daughter, and unborn grandson were all right. You just don't find that kind of concern and dedication in too many people anymore.

Having men and women like Trooper Davis patrolling Ohio's highways makes me feel proud and safe. Please let him know that his kindness, concern, and professionalism are truly appreciated and my family and I thank him for it!

Murry Smith Tiffin

Post commanders Gaskill, Norris Southern Police Institute graduates

Post commanders Lt. Marla Gaskill, Marysville, and Lt. Roger Norris, St. Clairsville, graduated from the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course at the University of Louisville on May 13.

The Southern Police Institute consistently is ranked among the top law enforcement educational and training schools in the nation.

The 12-week Administrative Officers Course is designed to develop competent law enforcement managers who are capable of assuming positions of leadership in their respective agencies.

Gaskill is a 15-year veteran and Norris has been with the Patrol for 17 years.



Marla Gaskill



Roger Norris

Roark completes FBI training

Post commander Lt. Carl Roark, Ironton, graduated from the FBI National Academy Program in Quantico, Virginia, on March 18. FBI Director Robert Mueller served as the speaker at the ceremony.

The 220th Session of the program consisted of men and women from 49 states, the District of Columbia, 28 international countries, three military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.

The program provides 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training for selected law enforcement officers with proven records of professionalism.

Roark is a 15-year veteran of the Patrol and a member of the 119th Academy Class.



Lt. Carl Roark, Ironton, completed the FBI National Academy Program.

Nine officers attend Northwestern's Staff and Command

The Patrol was well-represented at the graduation of the 205th Class of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Police Staff and Command. Nine officers completed the 10-week program, which was conducted in Columbus at the Training Academy.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in several management areas. The curriculum is designed to provide graduates with the knowledge and skills to assume increased responsibilities in administrative staff or line positions.

The Patrol officers who completed the program were:

- S/Lt. Robert Knauff, Licensing & Commercial Standards
- S/Lt. Brian Landis, Human Resource Management
- S/Lt. Charles Mathess, Planning Services
- Lt. Robert Bennington, Cambridge
- Lt. David Church, Marion
- Lt. Joseph Dragovich, Warren
- Lt. Mark Groves, Aviation
- Lt. Kenneth Kocab, Swanton
- Sgt. Don Grimwood, Technology/Communication Services



SPSC graduates (from left): Lt. Robert Bennington, S/Lt. Brian Landis, S/Lt. Charles Mathess, S/Lt. Robert Knauff, Lt. Joseph Dragovich, Sgt. Don Grimwood, Lt. David Church and Lt. Mark Groves. Not pictured: Lt. Kenneth Kocab.

Trooper earns Citation of Merit for rescuing crash victim from pond

Tpr. Dallas Root, Lebanon, earned a Superintendent's Citation of Merit for risking his life to rescue a crash victim from a life threatening situation.

On February 24, Tpr. Root responded to several calls reporting a tractor trailer in a ditch on northbound Interstate 71. At the scene, he found the vehicle had run off the highway and into a pond.

The tractor trailer was approximately 50 feet from the bank and almost completely submerged. The driver, who had initially made his way to the roof of the cab, was now in the freezing water, hanging onto the driver's door rearview mirror.

Tpr. Root radioed for rescue personnel, and then joined



Dallas Root

four bystanders who had unsuccessfully tried to reach the victim with a rescue rope and were now trying to persuade the man to swim to shore. When the victim indicated that he could not swim, Tpr. Root advised his dispatcher that he might have to go into the water because it was obvious the man was getting tired and having trouble hanging on.

Realizing that time was running out, Tpr. Root tied the rescue rope to his belt. He asked the bystanders to hold the rope as he went into the icy water.

Disregarding his own safety, Tpr. Root swam out to the victim. The man let go and immediately went underwater. Tpr. Root went after the man, pulled him up, and began swimming for shore as the other drivers pulled the rope.

When they reached the bank, he instructed the bystanders to remove the victim's wet clothing and cover him with blankets. Emergency medical personnel arrived moments later and transported the driver to a local hospital.

Certificates of Recognition

Sgt. Max Norris, Athens, received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions to save a crash victim from his burning vehicle.

In the early morning hours of February 23, Sgt. Norris attempted to stop the victim for a speed violation on U.S. Route 50, just west of Athens. The driver refused to stop and a pursuit ensued.

After a short distance, the driver hit a deer and lost control of his vehicle. The car went off the road, struck several small trees, and overturned, coming to a rest on its top and immediately bursting into flames.

Sgt. Norris called for rescue personnel, retrieved his fire extinguisher, and rushed to the crash. He put out the fire, and then found the driver upside down, still belted into his seat.

Fearing that the flames would reignite, Sgt. Norris used his flashlight to break out a window on the vehicle. He then assisted the man away from the crash and attended to him until an ambulance arrived on the scene.



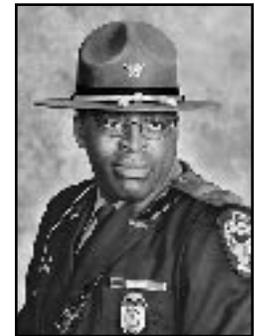
Max Norris

Tpr. Nathaniel Towns, Walbridge, received Certificate of Recognition for his quick actions which led to the apprehension of a bank robbery suspect.

On January 31, Tpr. Towns was on patrol in the city of Perrysburg when he saw the manager of the Huntington Bank on Sandusky Street come out of the bank, yelling and pointing at a man who was running away.

Tpr. Towns called for back up, exited his patrol car, and chased the man on foot. He caught up to and tackled the suspect after about 100 yards and handcuffed him without incident.

The money stolen from the bank was recovered from the suspect as was the pellet gun used in the robbery. FBI officials later confirmed that the suspect was connected to at least seven other bank robberies.



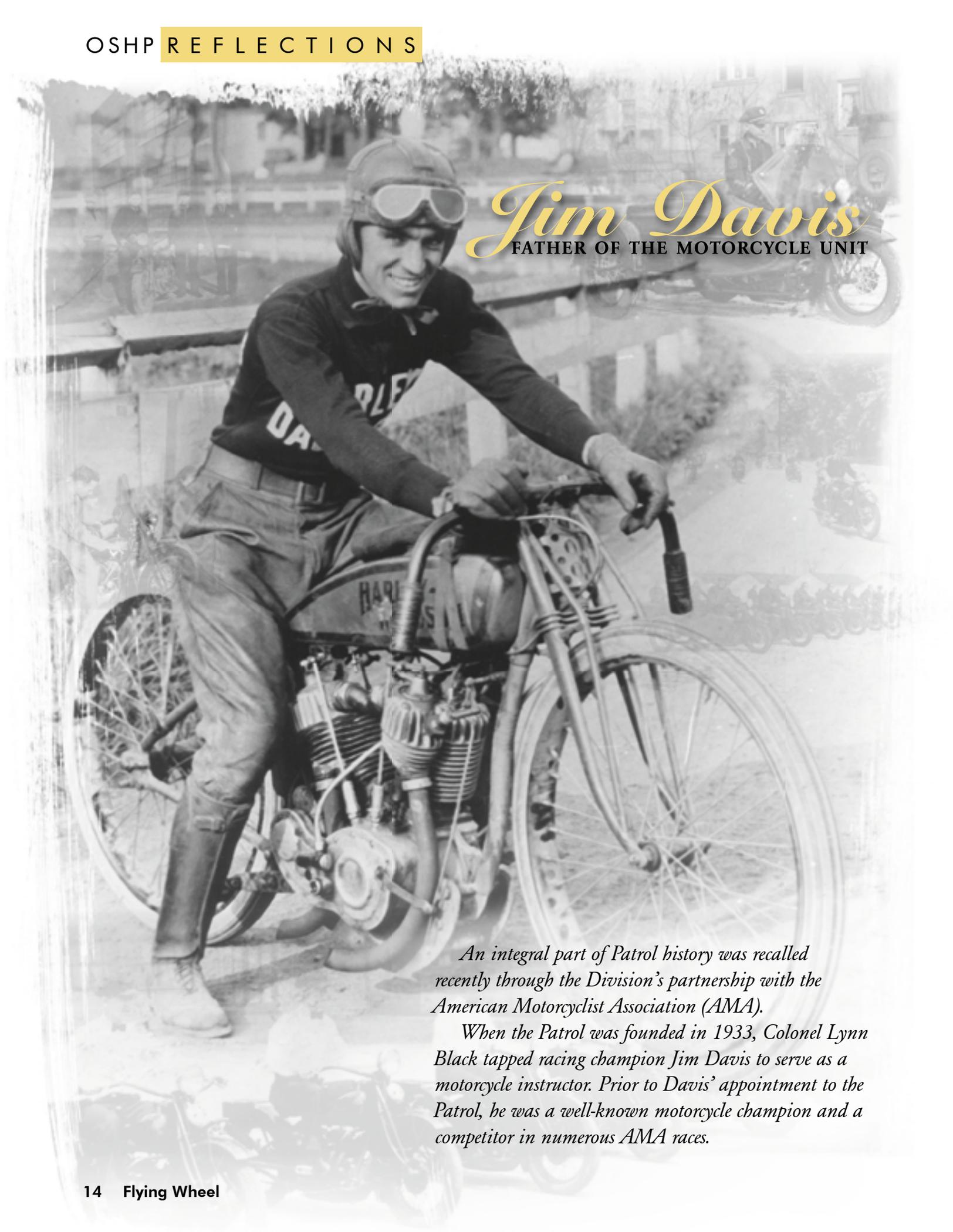
Nathaniel Towns

Sworn Promotions

- Staff Lieutenant George Williams, Warren DHQ
- Lieutenant Joseph Dragovich, Warren
- Sergeant Anthony Dechoudens, Milan
- Sergeant William Boyd, Marietta
- Sergeant Scott Rike, Findlay
- Sergeant James Lott, Chillicothe
- Lieutenant Richard Baron, Investigative Services
- Sergeant Gerald Funelli, remain at Warren DHQ
- Sergeant Todd Scales, Lancaster

Professional Promotions

- MAS1 Tina Stewart, Academy
- DXSS Rebecca Swink, remain at Canton DX
- MVI Richard Lyle, Delaware
- DSS Jacqueline Baylor, LEADS
- ET2 Montall Qualls, LEADS
- DX1 Nicholas George, Piqua DX
- DX2 Todd Bennett, Jackson DHQ DX
- MCEI Roy Thompson, Wilmington DHQ
- DX1 Tammy Frazier, Findlay DX



Jim Davis
FATHER OF THE MOTORCYCLE UNIT

An integral part of Patrol history was recalled recently through the Division's partnership with the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA).

When the Patrol was founded in 1933, Colonel Lynn Black tapped racing champion Jim Davis to serve as a motorcycle instructor. Prior to Davis' appointment to the Patrol, he was a well-known motorcycle champion and a competitor in numerous AMA races.



Davis was born in Columbus on March 23, 1896. He started riding a Yale motorcycle when he was in fifth grade.

“There were five or six other kids in my neighborhood with motorcycles, which still had pedals on them, and we were always racing each other,” Davis remembered. “I won the first official race I entered and won a pair of rubber goggles and a quart of oil. I was on top of the world.”

In 1915, Davis was at his neighborhood Indian dealership when Frank Weschler, head of sales for Indian, came to visit. The owner of the dealership introduced Davis and told Weschler of the 19-year-old’s racing exploits. Davis never expected anything to come of the casual meeting, but a few weeks later the dealer called Davis into the dealership. Davis was thrilled to find a brand-new, eight-valve closed-port Indian factory racer with his name on it.

Davis was well known around Columbus, but had never been out of Ohio. The Columbus Indian dealer took him to Detroit to race in a 100-Mile National. Racing for the first time against unfamiliar competition, Davis, who weighed just 120 pounds, looked at the veteran racers lined up for the Detroit final and considered them a pretty rough-looking bunch. Starting from the outside of the front row, Davis put his Indian first into turn one and was never passed for the entire 100 miles.

“After the race, a guy came up to me and asked how much money I won,” Davis recalls. “I didn’t know anything about it. When I went up to the podium, they gave me a gold medal and \$100. I couldn’t believe my eyes!”

After Detroit, Davis took a train up to Saratoga, New York, to race another national, and again he won.

After winning his first two nationals, Davis’ life changed dramatically. He was traveling all across the country racing and Indian put him on the company payroll for \$25 per week plus expenses.

When the U.S. entered World War I, racing slowed. Davis was drafted into the Army and was assigned to motorcycle escort duty. He served stateside, transporting and escorting

military and government officials in a sidecar rig.

Davis’ biggest racing season was in 1928, when he won six national titles and was named the overall AMA national champion, a feat he repeated in 1929.

It was after his retirement from racing that Davis was hired by Colonel Black. He worked for the Patrol for 14 years and taught the members of the first four Academy Classes how to operate and ride the Patrol’s motorcycles, which required skills not everyone possessed.

The first Patrol class, which trained at Camp Perry on the shores of Lake Erie, started with 112 members. Only 60 men graduated, and while many factors contributed to the high wash-out rate, a number of recruits failed to earn their commissions because they could not master the art of motorcycle riding, even under the expert tutelage of Davis.

When the first class of patrolmen broke camp in November 1933, the Patrol owned 53 Indian motorcycles and one Harley Davidson. Additional Harley Davidson motorcycles were purchased in 1938 and by 1939, the Patrol owned 93 motorcycles and 91 patrol cars.

However, as the benefits of patrol cars over motorcycles mounted, the Division reduced its motorcycle fleet and retired motorcycles from patrol assignments in the early 1950s.

After leaving the Patrol, Davis went to work for his family’s architectural business and became an official for the AMA. He was awarded the AMA’s Dudley Perkins Award, the highest honor given by the association, for his life-long contributions to the sport of motorcycling, and he is featured prominently at the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

He became a celebrity in the latter years of his life. He frequently spoke at gatherings of motorcyclists, entertaining crowds with humorous tales of his life and times in racing. Davis remained sharp even beyond his 100th birthday. He died on February 5, 2000, in Daytona Beach, Florida. He was 103.

Jim Davis biographical information courtesy of the American Motorcyclist Association.



Auxiliary time program introduced

At the request of the Auxiliary and the Patrol's Planning Services Section, the Department of Public Safety created a new time management program for the Auxiliary. The time program is a server-based database accessible through the Patrol's intranet, using a Patrol computer connected to the internet.

The time program replaces the HP-39A form. The time program allows supervisors access to real-time hours status for all Auxiliary officers.

One of the advantages of the program is the reduced oversight required by Patrol sergeants checking Auxiliary timesheets at year-end and the delay in mailing them to GHQ. Both of these issues were eliminated as the time program no longer requires a supervisor to check timesheets or the mailing of paper copies.



Initial screen of Auxiliary time program after log-in.

Supervisors attend training



At the meeting, Aux. Lt. Col. Tom Forbes presented a Certificate of Merit to Aux. Maj. Gary Long for his work on the Auxiliary Strategic Plan.

Supervisor in-service for Auxiliary lieutenants and above was held at the Patrol's Training Academy in Columbus on March 12.

The training covered several topics and supervisory issues, including the new Auxiliary time program (*please see story at left*) and instruction on its use. Information also was provided about the Auxiliary recently being added to PeopleSoft, which is the Patrol's human resource management system.

Discussion also covered discipline and weight issues, information about wearing the Auxiliary logo, and the body armor replacement program.

Recent details

Auxiliary officers assisted the Patrol with three details recently.

Two of the details were with the Strategic Response Team (SRT).

Auxiliary officers served as role players during training sessions for the SRT and for similar teams from other cities and states.

The role players were either hostages or hostage takers and the scenarios involved the use of simmunition round engagements and other entry tactics including the use of flash bangs.

The other detail the Auxiliary assisted with was the Homeland Security Symposium held in Columbus. The Auxiliary provided a visible presence at the Symposium 24 hours a day for the three days. Auxiliary officers provided security for vendor displays.

2005 Auxiliary statewide training dates and topics announced

The Auxiliary Statewide Training will be October 8 for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 and October 22 for Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. The training will be held at the Patrol Training Academy in Columbus.

The training will cover several topics and will be a mix of classroom and practical, hands-on training. Sign-in will be from 7-7:45 a.m. and class will begin at 8 a.m.

Attendees will start out in the uniform of the day and should bring their body armor. We will change to PT clothes after the classroom sessions. PT clothes shall be white, grey, or blue t-shirt or sweatshirt and blue or grey sweat pants, shorts, or pants. All clothing will be plain; the only logo allowed will be the Patrol or Auxiliary logos.

Lunch will be provided and lodging can be provided at the Academy for any Auxiliary officer arriving on Friday.

The morning session will include Welcome and Orientation, ID Photos, and Felony Stops Classroom. We will break into groups in the afternoon for Felony Stops Practical, Taser Familiarization & Mace, and Handcuffing & Subject Control Techniques.

If an Auxiliary officer is not available to attend on the day their district is scheduled, they may attend on the other date.

Friends and fellowship mark annual Retirees' Snowbird Reunion

Well-attended event in Florida brings together retirees and supporters

By Charlie Linek, OSHPR president

Nearly 100 Patrol retirees, spouses and friends attended the 2005 Ohio State Highway Patrol Retiree's Association Annual Snowbird Reunion, March 3-6 in Port Canaveral, Florida.

The hard work of hosts Steve and Peggy Brode and Bob and Marilyn Justus made this year's Snowbird memorable.

The facility and hospitality room at the Radisson Resort at the Port were first class, just as they were when the Snowbird was held there in 2000.

The Friday golf outing was held at The Walk About golf course (where hosts Steve and Bob work part-time to fund their golf addictions). Retirees were given a special price and even provided with great weather. Many spouses enjoyed a day of casual shopping at Cocoa Village before everyone joined together that evening for the traditional "Pizza by the Pool Party," which had to be held indoors due to bad weather.

Saturday's luncheon program was well attended. The social hour was noisy and filled with laughter as old acquaintances were renewed. History boards provided by the Patrol's historians were a big hit and a catalyst for the telling of the old war stories that occupy much of the conversation at every Snowbird.

Our hosts welcomed everyone and Bob Justus led the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Chaplain, Adam Reiss, had the flu and had to cancel his trip this year and was missed by all. Don Slemmer graciously agreed to fill in for the Invocation and Benediction and preformed admirably.

After an excellent lunch buffet, Lt. Colonel Art Reitz gave an update on the active ranks and passed out special lapel pins designed for the colonel to give out. These pins are not be available to purchase and our group felt honored to be their first recipients.

In addition, our newest retiree, Kevin Titler, and oldest retiree, Dwight Carey, were presented with



Snowbird hosts (from left) Marilyn and Bob Justus and Steve and Peggy Brode are presented with personalized OSHPR golf shirts by OSHPR President Charlie Linek.

2005 Snowbird t-shirts. Dan Hon was recognized for being the first Associate Sworn Member (a member of the 82nd. class recommended by Rob Hartsell) to attend a Snowbird.

Recognition also was given to members Rick Teter, Avery Dyer, and Edgar Farris, who are currently in Iraq instructing Iraqi police officers.

Dick Curtis, Dean Huffman, and Larry Davis gave an update on the Retirement System and legislation affecting retirees.

Thanks to Lois Brandon and Marilyn Koch who assisted at the registration tables all three days. A special thanks to all who attended, without whom there would be no Snowbird.

Denny Bueno agreed to host next year's Snowbird event, which will be in the Fort Myers area.

You missed a great time if you didn't attend, so put next year's Snowbird on your calendar – it's sure to be a great one.

OSHPRA records 30th anniversary in 2005

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association (OSHPRA) began as an idea generated by a group of retirees in early 1975. An organizational meeting was held in May 1975 and Homer Hall was chosen as Acting President of the fledgling association. By June 1975, the original planning group had formed various committees, elected interim association officers, and established temporary membership dues of \$5 per year to begin July 1, 1975.

A committee was formed to draft the new association's bylaws. John Bishop was chairman and members included Wendell Lohr, Garnet Moore, Jim Gibbs, and Walt Fender. After many hours of research, discussion and study, the committee presented the proposed bylaws to the membership for review and approval. The bylaws were adopted on November 8, 1975, at the association's first annual meeting. The first officers elected at the annual meeting were: John Bishop, president; Wendell Lohr, vice president; Bob Richardson, secretary; and Ed Hann, treasurer.

Source: <http://www.oshpra.org/about.htm>.

Staff Lieutenant Matthew Gurwell



Matthew Gurwell

After 23 years of service, S/Lt. Matthew Gurwell, Warren DHQ, retired on April 18.

He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher in August 1981. He then trained as a member of the 113th Academy Class and received his commission in September 1984. His first assignment was to the Mansfield Post where he served for six years and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1988.

He transferred to Piqua in February 1990 and earned a promotion to sergeant at the Springfield Post that May. He was promoted to lieutenant in October 1994 and named commander of the Chardon Post.

In August 2001, he earned a promotion to staff lieutenant. He served as assistant commander of the Cambridge District until he transferred to Warren DHQ in the same capacity in March 2003. In his career, he earned the Saved by the Belt Award and was recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

He served as an assistant post commander at Toledo and Lima before transferring to Findlay DHQ in May 1994. He returned to the field in October 1998 when he transferred to the Findlay Post.

In his career, he earned the Ace Award and was recognized for 15 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Van Buren.

Trooper Wilsheard Blackshear



Wilsheard Blackshear

On May 13, Tpr. Wilsheard Blackshear, Canton, retired after more than 25 years of service.

He is a member of the 107th Academy Class and earned his commission in May 1980.

He served at the Hiram Post on the Ohio Turnpike for six years before transferring to the Massillon Post (now located at Canton) in April 1986.

He was Post Trooper of the Year in 1996 and was also recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

Blackshear and his wife, Judy, reside in North Industry.

Sergeant Alonzo Carpenter



Alonzo Carpenter

Sgt. Alonzo Carpenter, Wooster, retired March 31, after more than 33 years of service.

At his retirement, he and Major J.P. Allen, GHQ, were the most senior members of the Patrol in years of service. Carpenter was a member of the 92nd Academy Class. Upon earning his commission in 1971, he was assigned to Wooster where he served until March 1990 when he earned a promotion to sergeant and transferred to Ravenna as an assistant commander.

He also served at the former Massillon Post before transferring back to Wooster in May 2000.

During his career, he earned the Patrol's Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Terri, live in Wooster.

Trooper Brett Godfrey



Brett Godfrey

Tpr. Brett Godfrey, Warren, entered disability retirement on April 3 after more than 25 years of service.

He began his career as a cadet dispatcher at the Ashland Post before entering the Training Academy.

A member of the 107th Academy Class, he earned his commission in January 1980 and was assigned to the Milan Post on the Ohio Turnpike. He transferred to Hiram in June 1986 and then to Warren in February 1992.

He was Warren's Post Trooper of the Year in 2002 and was recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

Sergeant Bruce Elling



Bruce Elling

With more than 25 years of service, Sgt. Bruce Elling, Findlay, retired on March 26. He joined the Patrol in November 1979 and entered the Training Academy as a member of the 114th Class.

After earning his commission in September 1985, he served at the Hiram and Findlay posts before he earned a promotion to sergeant in March 1991.

Trooper Larry Reichel



Larry Reichel

After more than 26 years of service, Tpr. Larry Reichel, Norwalk, retired on April 11.

He joined the Patrol as a member of the 104th Academy Class. After earning his commission in January 1979, he was assigned to the Sandusky Post where he served 11 years before transferring to Norwalk. He earned Post Trooper of the Year honors at both posts,

Sandusky in 1988 and Norwalk in 1995.

In his career, he also earned five Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. Reichel and his wife, Jerilyn, reside in Norwalk.

Trooper Lepar Smith



Lepar Smith

Tpr. Lepar Smith, Massillon DHQ, retired April 15 with more than 26 years of service.

He began his Patrol career in June 1978 as a cadet dispatcher at Warren. He trained with the 104th Academy Class, which graduated in January 1979. His first assignment was to the Massillon Post where he served until June 2000 when he transferred to district headquarters as the motor vehicle inspection officer.

In his career he was recognized for 15 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Linda, live in Massillon.

Trooper Randy Strickland



Randy Strickland

On April 22, Tpr. Randy Strickland, Hiram, retired with more than 22 years of service.

He is a member of the 112th Academy Class and earned his commission in March 1983. He served at the Hiram Post on the Ohio Turnpike throughout his career.

He earned two Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Renee, reside in Amherst.

Electronic Technician 1 Thomas VanScoy

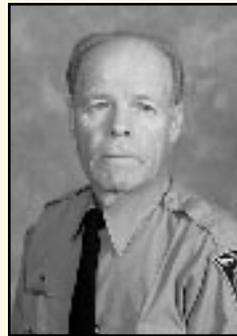


Thomas VanScoy

ET1 Thomas VanScoy, Technology and Communication Services, retired May 31 after 10 years of service to the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1995 and was assigned to GHQ throughout his career.

He and his wife, Patricia, live in Lancaster.

Dispatcher Herbert Hawkins

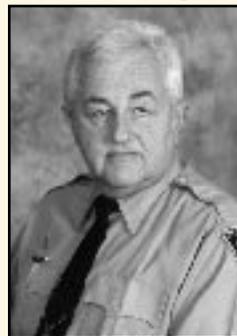


Herbert Hawkins

After 21 years of service, Disp. Herbert Hawkins, Lisbon, retired on March 31. He joined the Patrol in April 1984 and was assigned to Lisbon throughout his career.

He and his wife, Barbara, live in Kensington.

Dispatcher Stanley Sawicki



Stanley Sawicki

Disp. Stanley Sawicki, Zanesville, retired April 30 after more than 26 years of service. He joined the Patrol in March 1979 and was assigned to Zanesville throughout his career.

He and his wife, Gloria, reside in Zanesville.

Motor Vehicle Inspector Carl Rouse



Carl Rouse

MVI Carl Rouse, Findlay DHQ, retired May 31 after more than 24 years of service. He joined the Patrol in May 1978 as a communications technician. He served at the Findlay Post and Findlay DHQ throughout his career.

He and his wife, Shirley, live in Findlay.

Driver License Examiner 2 Robert Gompf



Robert Gompf

DX2 Robert Gompf, Jackson DHQ, retired December 31, 2004, after more than 10 years of service. He joined the Patrol in March 1994 as a maintenance repair worker at Jackson DHQ and was promoted to driver license examiner that October.

He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Gallipolis.

Driver License Examiner 1 Leslie Campbell



Leslie Campbell

After more than 30 years of service, DX1 Leslie Campbell, Norwalk, retired on May 31. She joined the Patrol in November 1974 as a dispatcher at Norwalk. She was promoted to driver license examiner in May 1976 and served at both Norwalk and Bucyrus DHQ.

She and her husband, Clinton, live in Norwalk.

Secretary Sara Hummelgard



Sara Hummelgard

After more than 28 years of service, Sec. Sara Hummelgard, Wilmington DHQ, retired on April 29. She joined the Patrol in February 1977 and served at Wilmington DHQ throughout her career.

Driver License Examiner 1 Frankie Lisaula



Frankie Lisaula

After 10 years of service, DX1 Frankie Lisaula, Berea DHQ, retired on December 30, 2004. She joined the Patrol in May 1995, and served as a driver license examiner for most of her Patrol career.

Clerk 3 Olivia Martin



Olivia Martin

Clerk 3 Olivia Martin, Fremont, retired March 31 after more than 30 years of service. She joined the Patrol in December 1974 and served at Fremont throughout her career.

She and her husband, Robert, live in Fremont.



Expressing sympathy



Lewis J. Bill

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Retired Lt. Lewis Bill, 79, passed away March 29. He was a member of the 37th Class and received his commission in 1952. He served at Athens, Columbus, Delaware, and Dayton before retiring as commander of the Mt. Vernon Post in July 1977. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and their five children: Karleen, Stephen, David, Larry, and Laura.



John M. Eckenrode

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Retired Comm. Tech. 4 John Eckenrode, 82, died May 5. He joined the Patrol in 1952 as a radio operator and served at Warren DHQ for 22 years, working his way up in rank to become the district's senior communications officer. He retired in May 1975. He is survived by his wife, Rosemarie, and their three sons: Michael, Robert, and Mark.

Annual law enforcement career exposition draws large crowd

The Fifth Annual Law Enforcement and Public Safety Career Exposition was held at the Patrol's Training Academy on April 23. Once again, the Patrol's Recruitment Section took the lead role in coordinating the large event.

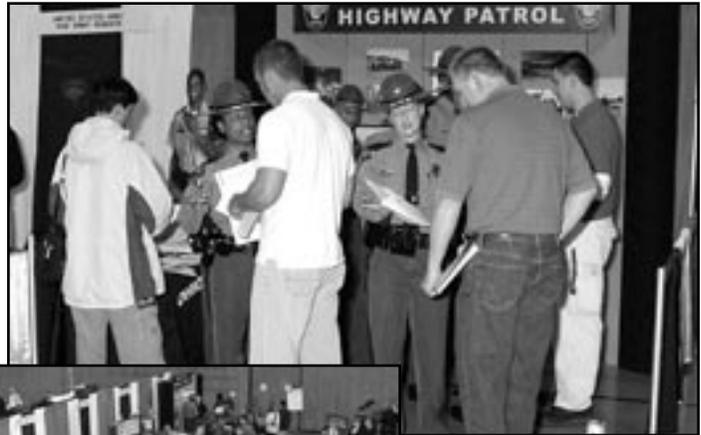
Thirty-two agencies participated. The event included four federal agencies, the U.S. Army, several state agencies, and a host of other law enforcement departments from across Ohio.

This year, more than 700 applicants visited throughout the day and the Patrol issued more than 50 applications.

Applicant surveys reflected a diverse crowd and a number of college graduates.

Above: The Ohio State Highway Patrol booth was a popular attraction.

Right: The Academy gym was crowded with more than 700 visitors throughout the day.



Buckle Up for a Successful Season

Medina



On April 8, Medina personnel, the Massillon District MVI team, and Westfield Center Police Chief Kent Patterson conducted a *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* safety belt check at Cloverleaf High School in Medina County. Ninety percent of the students observed were buckled up and were rewarded with a coupon for a free Pizza Hut Personal Pan pizza. Medina troopers also visited four other area high schools during April.

Ironton



Tpr. Dean Hunter, Ironton, presents an Ironton High School student with a coupon for a free Pizza Hut Personal Pan pizza during a safety belt check. Troopers from the Ironton Post visited every high school in Lawrence County to encourage students to *Buckle Up for a Successful Season*.

Springfield

Troopers from the Springfield Post stayed busy this spring as they attended several events to promote traffic safety and the Division's *Lifestat 1.0* campaign.

During prom season, troopers visited area high schools with other law enforcement and fire personnel to conduct safety belt checks as part of the *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* program.

In conjunction with school officials and the Ohio High School Athletic Association, students found to be in compliance with the safety belt law were given cups and coupons provided by Pizza Hut that could be refunded for free personal pizzas and free drinks.

On May 21, troopers attended "Safe on Saturday," an event sponsored by the Springfield YMCA to promote family participation in a variety of events that showcase home and personal safety.

In conjunction with the Clark County Safe Communities, post personnel assisted in passing out bicycle helmets, posters, and other traffic safety materials. The event was held in downtown Springfield and thanks to beautiful weather was very successful with thousands of people attending the all day event.

The Springfield Post also exhibited their "You Don't Always Get A Second Chance" display vehicle during the event and Teddy Trooper was on hand to the delight of many young visitors in the crowd.



MADD Awards



From left: Tpr. Manley, Judge Lauber, and Tpr. Kinsinger.

On May 2, Tpr. Gerald Manley and Tpr. Michael Kinsinger, Lima, were presented with "Top Cop" awards from the Allen-Putnam County MADD chapter at the organization's annual banquet. Lima Municipal Court Judge William Lauber presented the awards for the troopers' success in removing 186 impaired drivers from the roadways in Allen and Putnam counties during 2004.

New Philadelphia troopers Travis Adkins and Roy Beach received outstanding service awards from the Tuscarawas County MADD chapter at its annual awards banquet in April. The troopers and six other Tuscarawas County law enforcement officers were honored for their efforts to remove impaired drivers from the road.

"They all made numerous OVI arrests. This is our opportunity to give these officers a pat on the back," said Mary Mears, chapter coordinator.



Travis Adkins



Roy Beach

Milan



Tpr. Matt Johnson, Bucyrus DHQ, and Tpr. David Francway, Milan, are pictured with a memorial to Tpr. Robert Perez.

The officers and Tpr. Francway's fiancée, Crystal Cole, erected the sign on May 15, the fifth anniversary of Tpr. Perez's death. The memorial is five years in the making and was added by the property owner adjacent to the Turnpike where Tpr. Perez was struck by a drug-impaired driver while he was conducting a traffic stop.

Both Johnson and Francway trained with Tpr. Perez as members of the 132nd Academy Class.

Lebanon

On February 25, Disp. Travis Jones (Teddy Trooper), Tpr. Chuck O'Bryon, and Tpr. Mike Steele assisted Tpr. J.J. Sears, PLLI Dave Fife and PLLI Ron Gibson with a safety presentation for 75 kindergartners at Clinton Massie Elementary School.

Tpr. O'Bryon and Tpr. Sears covered safety belt awareness and the scale team showed the children how to weigh a vehicle. Each child got to meet Teddy Trooper and was given a coloring book, crayons, and a pencil.



TESTS



On January 14, troopers from the Batavia, Georgetown, and Portsmouth posts participated in a TESTS (Troopers Educating Students Through Sports) basketball game against the faculty of Felicity-Franklin High School in Clermont County. At halftime, Lt. Paul Hermes gave a safety talk with assistance from the mothers of two teens who were killed in a fatal crash.

The Patrol team included: Lt. Hermes, Tpr. Anthony Percy, Tpr. James Sparkman, and Tpr. John Thorne (Batavia); Sgt. Randy McElfresh, Sgt. John Howard, Tpr. Steve Taylor, and Tpr. Shannon Utter (Georgetown); and Tpr. Todd Crabtree and Tpr. Ted Neal (Portsmouth).

Sgt. Randy McElfresh shoots a free throw.

Dayton



Through a partnership with the ICS Driving Academy in Preble County, Dayton officers including Sgt. Vee Witcher and Tpr. Rachel Ankeney have discussed defensive driving and the importance of wearing a safety belt with ICS students. The School recently received an award from the Preble County Safety Committee for its partnerships with the Patrol and several other community groups. Right: Sgt. Witcher with ICS driving instructors and students.

Toledo

On April 9, the Toledo Post hosted its annual Spring Fling and Easter egg hunt for post personnel and their families.

In addition to the egg hunt, Patrol offspring were treated to hotdogs off the grill and a visit from Teddy Trooper, who passed out small gifts and reminded the children about several safety topics.



Mansfield



As construction on the new Mansfield post was completed, a dedicated team made of Mansfield and Bucyrus District employees worked to make sure the move to the new post was smooth.

CAD and MARCS radios were down for only 90 minutes thanks to planning and hard work of (front row): Sec. Keri Harvey and Disp. Cliff Phillips; (back row from left): network administrators Frank Laney and Dan Hall; MRWs Paul Keesee, Steve Ehrhart, and Bob Jordan; and electronic technicians David Bailey and Dale Flanigan.

Not pictured, but also instrumental in the move was MRW Doug Carnegie, Ashland.

Jackson District

District personnel recently participated in a charity donkey basketball game at Oak Hill High School in Jackson County. The Jackson team made the finals of the four-team event and defeated the McDonald's Restaurant McDonkey team to win the championship.

The event raised more than \$500 for the school's FFA program and garnered goodwill within the community.

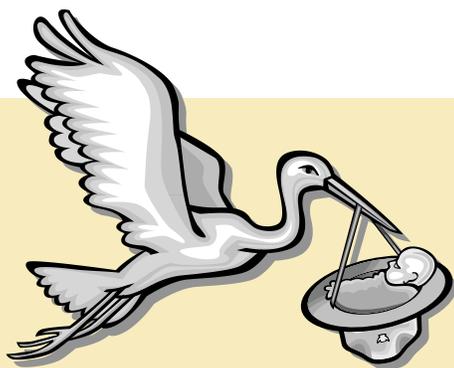
Team members were (sitting from left): Sgt. Tim Karwatski, Capt. George Maier, and Sgt. Dick Meadows; (standing from left): S/Lt. Scott Borden, Disp. Mike Nelson, S/Lt. Paul Pride, Lt. Shawn Davis, and Tpr. Rick Brown.



On April 18, troopers from the Athens and Gallipolis posts and Jackson DHQ participated in a regional charity basketball game against UPS drivers.

Local resident and NFL player Mike Bartrum of the Philadelphia Eagles was on hand to lend support and to sign autographs. He also donated several Super Bowl items for auction, including an Eagles jersey.

The game, which was billed as a contest between two organizations that take a great deal of pride in their professional driving skills, raised about \$700 for the Secret Angels Organization, which grants wishes for sick children.



Stork Visits

Tpr. Brian & Robin Welling, Batavia, a boy, 2/25/05.
DX1 Richard & Shetoria Bell, Canton, a girl, 2/26/05.
Tpr. Steven & Denise Bacsí, Milan, a boy, 2/26/05.
Tpr. Nathan & Stephanie Lawson, Portsmouth, a girl, 3/3/05.
Tpr. Troy & Mistie Hale, Zanesville, a boy, 3/4/05.
Tpr. Scott & Jennifer Bierer, Wilmington, a boy, 3/5/05.
Disp. Sharon & Robert Weigle, Chardon, a girl, 3/8/05.
Tpr. Robert & Beverly Gable, Ashland, a girl, 3/9/05.
Tpr. Jason & Kathryn Lankey, Swanton, a girl, 3/10/05.
Tpr. Larry & Sheri Skaggs, Warren, a boy, 3/11/05.
Tpr. Ryan & Stephanie Marcy, Ashtabula, a boy, 3/13/05.
Disp. Patrick & Jill Weaver, Gallipolis, a boy, 3/17/05.
Tpr. Matthew & Melinda Beccaccio, Hamilton, a girl, 3/17/05.
Tpr. Matthew & Crystal Them, Mt. Gilead, a girl, 3/19/05.
Tpr. Donald & Cynthia Rack, Wilmington DHQ, a boy, 3/22/05.
Tpr. Douglas & Carrie DeBord, Chillicothe, a boy, 3/22/05.
AA4 Jim & Lisa Hansen, Tailor Shop, a boy, 3/29/05.
ET2 Brian & Leigh Oldham, Piqua DHQ, a boy, 4/4/05.
Tpr. Todd & Leslie Cunningham, Marion, a girl, 4/5/05.

Tpr. Misty Waller, Circleville, a boy, 4/17/05.
Tpr. Andrew & Deanna Allgeyer, Lebanon, a girl, 4/20/05.
Tpr. Mark & Nancy Murray, Wapakoneta, twin boys, 4/21/05.
Tpr. Shawn & Carly Bailey, West Jefferson, 4/22/05.
Sec. Lori & Greg Maddy, Bucyrus, a boy, 4/23/05.
Tpr. Robert & Laura Franks, Granville, a boy, 4/25/05.
Tpr. Aaron & Darla Reimer, Granville, a girl, 4/27/05.
MCEI John & Huffman, Bucyrus DHQ, a boy, 4/30/05.
PO Sgt. Brian & Eileen Stischok, Field Ops, twin girls, 5/4/05.
Tpr. Chuck & Marsha Grizzard, Walbridge, a girl, 5/5/05.
Tpr. Pete Anderson, Walbridge, a boy, 5/5/05.
Disp. John & Malea Young, Jackson, a girl, 5/10/05.
Tpr. Michael & Shelley Russell, Warren DHQ, a boy, 5/13/05.
Tpr. Ron & Brandi Schneider, Granville, a boy, 5/19/05.
Tpr. Keith & Bethany Fellure, Gallipolis, a boy, 5/19/05.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to these employees who recently wed:
Disp. Toni Proffer & Gary Roach, Marietta, 2/5/05.
Disp. Kristina Roetter & Benjamin Adams, Piqua, 3/15/05.
Sgt. William Stidham (Walbridge) & Tpr. Stacy Eichhorn, Findlay DHQ, 4/30/05.
Disp. Shirley Schafrath & Fred Szumlic, GHQ Comm Center, 5/11/05.

As I am approaching another birthday – and a significant one I am told – it gives me cause to pause and reflect. If the chance were given to me, there are three things in the past I would have done differently.

However, the saying is so true that “no great wave on the ocean of time, once it is past can ever be recalled.” Common sense tells me that there is nothing good which can come out of being obsessed with mistakes made and opportunities not taken. We can learn from the past and plan for the future, but there is only one moment in which to live – the present moment.

This not-so-startling thought did lead me to this verse in the Bible which I have used often at the time of a funeral or memorial service. It occurred to me that even though it was, and will continue to be, meaningful for the celebration of a person’s life at the time of his or her journey, that the verse is also meaningful and relevant for the living of each day.

The Apostle Paul wrote to his young friend, Timothy, the following words: “I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth I have received that crown of righteousness” (II Timothy 4:7, 8).

Yes, these words are appropriate for one who has lived his or her full life. However, I believe these words are also appropriate for each one of us as we live our lives each day.

No matter who we may be, and no matter where we may be, there is still an opportunity each day to live in such a way that the message of Paul would be appropriate. No matter what responsibilities we may have, there is the challenge to fulfill those responsibilities

with integrity, with energy, and with enthusiasm, so that when the day is over, or the task is completed, there can be that affirmation that one has fought a good fight and kept the faith.

Although one may desire to have that affirmation at the end of his or her life, the truth is that it cannot be there if it is not a way of life that is lived each day. Many times I have heard someone say that he or she can hardly wait to have the responsibilities of a more significant job with, obviously, more recognition.

No, I am not saying that on the basis of what I have heard in my role as chaplain for OSHP. I am saying that over the years, I have heard this from fellow pastors: “When I have a larger church...” “When I have a larger staff...” “When I have an advanced degree...”

The word “when” indicates to me that the individual is merely treading water until he or she has been given a job worthy of his or her ability.

The truth of it is that the reward comes when one is willing to invest the very best that he or she has on a daily basis. That is why the words of Paul ring so true to me.

It is not just waiting until one arrives as the end of his or her earthly journey. Rather it is a commitment to doing the very best each day, no matter how mundane or insignificant the task may be. The reward comes to one who is willing to stay the course, giving his or her best each day to the task at hand, and letting the reward come as a result of faithful commitment.

It seems to me that is the same as putting money in a bank account. If one wants to have a good sum for the future one needs to make contributions on a regular basis unless he or she plans



to win the lottery.

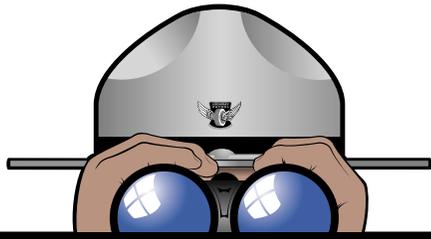
Very few people are able to leap frog through life. For most of us, it is an affirmation each morning, spoken so well by the Psalmist long ago: “This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

I would paraphrase as follows: “This is a day full of opportunity which is given to me. I will make the most of it by giving my best no matter what the task or tasks may be. May I so contribute in a positive way that I will not have to come to the future and look back with regret, but rather to hear the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

It can all be summarized as ABC. A positive Attitude will lead to positive Behavior, which will result in positive Consequences. Let’s go for it – today.

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A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

New initiative targets Extreme Driving

Extreme Driving, speeds in excess of 100 mph, unsafe lane changes, and other types of reckless and dangerous driving are the target of a new concentrated enforcement effort by the Patrol in five of Ohio's major metropolitan communities.

The crackdown, which will continue at least through the end of the year, is designed to focus enforcement and education resources on the most

reckless drivers. Through this focused attention, the Patrol is looking to reduce traffic fatalities in Ohio's four largest metropolitan areas, which account for 20 percent of all Ohio's traffic fatalities.

Enforcement will combine the use of Patrol aircraft with road officers.

The effort will also look to impact the recent trend of wrong way drivers in Ohio metropolitan areas.

The first areas to be targeted will be the urban interstates in and around Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Akron.



Patrol pilots will help troopers on the ground identify and stop the most reckless and dangerous drivers.

Ohio State Fair is August 3-14

With summer in full swing, the Ohio State Fair is just around the corner. Once again, Patrol troopers, Auxiliary officers, and Academy cadets will provide safety and security to those attending the fair. Besides providing security for the Fairgrounds, the 12-day Fair allows the general public to ask questions and meet troopers outside of their vehicles.



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