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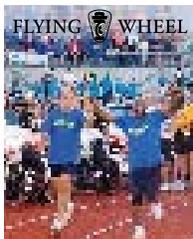
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Never in the history of our organization have we collectively been called on to serve in such diverse ways. While we are ever-committed toward our strategic goal of reducing traffic fatalities on Ohio roads, our personnel are also engaged in meaningful efforts to protect the safety and welfare of Ohio and the United States.

Despite the draw on our resources many of these commitments involve, it is not at all remarkable to me that our personnel are still achieving great things tied to our core mission. Nowhere is this more evident than in the significant fatality reduction we are seeing through nearly three-quarters of the year.

While achieving that success, many of our officers have been pulled away recently to assist in many other ways.

In July, personnel from our Offices of Investigative Services and Field Operations traveled to neighboring Indiana to assist with the investigation, and ultimate apprehension, of a 17-year-old who had committed a series of highway shootings that killed one man, wounded another and damaged at least four vehicles.

We worked side by side with colleagues from Indiana and the FBI, and were able to share information we used in solving the I-270 shootings in Columbus during 2003 and 2004.

In August our resources were again pulled in various directions, and we again rose to the challenge.

Troopers from across the state worked at the 2006 Ohio State Fair, and their presence contributed to a 78 percent reduction in criminal incidents compared to last year's event. Through professional law enforcement services, combined with new security measures, entry gate magnetometers, additional cameras, and new lighting measures, this year's fair was a tremendous success for us operationally, and was safely enjoyed by over 800,000 patrons.

Also in August, we assisted with the investigation and media coordination for a multi-agency task force, including local, state, and federal law enforcement, connected to the search for escaped inmate John Parsons, who escaped from the Ross County Jail on July 29. Parsons is charged with the 2005 murder of a Chillicothe police officer. The task force included the Ross County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Chillicothe Police Department, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, U.S. Marshal's Office, and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

I realize the strain of all the competing priorities that demand your time and attention. Through it all, I am grateful to each of you for your contributions. From professional traffic safety, to criminal investigation, to homeland security, I appreciate your tireless efforts toward the betterment of society that are making a difference every day.

Col. Paul D. McClellan

Colonel Paul D. McClellan
Superintendent



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2006 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Colonel Paul McClellan leads Patrol employees, family, and friends on the final leg of the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Patrol dedicated the final leg to retired trooper Larry Bunting, a longtime Torch Run volunteer who passed away August 16, 2005.

In what has become an annual tradition, Patrol personnel from all over the state participated in the 2006 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run June 19 - 23.

Relay teams set out from each corner of the state, running and biking their way toward Columbus and the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics at Jesse Owens Stadium at the Ohio State University.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run unites officers from agencies and corrections departments in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Ohio. In addition to dozens of Patrol officers who participated across the state, Sgt. Jeff Conley, Findlay, served as leader for the Toledo to Columbus leg, and Sgt. Kay Perkins, Zanesville, served as leader for the Marietta to Columbus leg.

The final leg of the relay traditionally begins at the Patrol Academy just prior to the Opening Ceremony. Members of the 146th Cadet Class and numerous other Patrol officers and professional staff ran and walked together to complete the final leg, which culminated with the final passing of the torch to a Special Olympian.

Two factors made this year's final leg special. First, it was

dedicated to the memory of retired Tpr. Larry Bunting, who passed away August 16, 2005. Bunting, who served at Cambridge DHQ, coordinated the Marietta to Columbus leg of the Torch Run for more than 10 years. In 2003, he represented Ohio in the European Special Olympics Torch Run.

Another memorable element

was the participation of the Ontario Provincial Police Golden Helmets Precision Motorcycle Team (*please see full story on opposite page*).

The Patrol is extremely proud of our employees' long standing devotion to Special Olympics Ohio and the thousands of gifted athletes who have competed in the games over the years.

Lightning injures Torch Run participants

Nine people, including two troopers, were injured by a lightning strike June 22 while taking a break as they participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

The group had stopped at a school north of Logan in Hocking County when lightning struck. At the time of the strike, there was no rain and only distant thunder in the area.

Athens troopers Steve Daugherty and Ira Walker and seven others were injured. The most seriously hurt, Ohio University Police Officer Nathan Van Oort, was transported to the Ohio State University Medical Center where he remained in critical condition for nearly three weeks. He has since shown remarkable improvement and was participating in physical therapy as he continues to recover from his injuries.

Daugherty and Walker, who both helped perform CPR on Van Oort at the scene, were treated at Hocking Valley Community Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.



Steve Daugherty



Ira Walker



The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Golden Helmets Precision Motorcycle Team performed at the Academy in June. At left: Lt. Colonel William Costas and Colonel Paul McClellan are presented an OPP Stetson.

GOLDEN HELMETS

help emphasize **Motorcycle Safety**

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Golden Helmets Precision Motorcycle Team visited Ohio in June. The squad appeared at several events in Columbus with members of the Patrol's Motorcycle Unit and performed prior to a safety ride sponsored by the Patrol and the American Motorcyclist Association.

The visit helped draw attention to our efforts to encourage motorcycle safety and the importance of sharing the road safely.

Each year, the 20-member team comprised of OPP officers on regular patrol duties, tours the Province of Ontario giving exhibitions of superb riding skills at fairs, festivals, and parades.

For the last two years, the Patrol has enjoyed a close relationship with the Ontario Provincial Police. Collaboration between our agencies began when OPP leadership invited Colonel Paul McClellan to Ontario in 2004 to brief their officers on our *LifeStat 1.0* initiative. Due to persistent and increasing highway safety problems in Ontario, a

highway patrol component modeled after our Division was established within the OPP last year. OPP officers have visited our general headquarters several times to learn more about our traffic safety methods including analysis of field and aviation operations, training, and administrative functions.

Furthering our cooperative relationship, members of our Motorcycle Unit enjoyed the opportunity to learn from the OPP motorcycle officers.

Members of the Golden Helmets Precision Motorcycle Team must have successfully completed a three-week motorcycle course and at least one season on motorcycle patrol. They must be in good physical condition and possess a police fitness pin.

During each 30-minute performance, the riders take their machines through a series of complex patterns, which are intended to demonstrate the maneuverability of the machines and the riders' skills. The team averages 30 performances each season, which runs from June to September.

OPP and Patrol officers joined forces to stress motorcycle safety. Right: Golden Helmet performances demonstrate superior riding skills.



U.S. highway fatality rate climbs on motorcycle, pedestrian deaths

An increase in motorcycle and pedestrian deaths contributed to an overall rise in highway fatalities in 2005, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Total fatalities rose 1.4 percent from 42,836 in 2004 to 43,443 in 2005 while the rate of fatalities was 1.47 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled up from 1.45 in 2004.

Despite the spike in motorcycle and pedestrian fatalities, Acting Secretary of Transportation Maria Cino noted other fatality trends were improving. The number of young drivers dying in crashes declined for the third straight year while the number of children killed in crashes also declined.

“We have no tolerance for any numbers higher than zero,” Cino said. “Motorcyclists need to wear their helmets, drivers need to buckle up, and all motorists need to stay sober.”

The increase in fatalities comes from the dramatic rise in the number of motorcycle fatalities and increases in pedestrian fatalities over the previous year. Motorcycle fatalities rose 13 percent from 4,028 in 2004 to 4,553 in 2005. Almost half of the people who died were not wearing a helmet.

The number of pedestrian fatalities increased to 4,881 in 2005 from 4,675 in 2004. NHTSA is investigating the increase in pedestrian fatalities to determine the cause.

NHTSA’s Fatality Analysis

Ohio’s 2005 traffic fatality is 1.19

As the statistics recently released by NHTSA reinforce, we are helping maintain safety on Ohio roadways. Ohio’s 2005 traffic fatality rate of 1.19 is significantly lower than the national rate of 1.47.

Since the introduction of Colonel Paul McClellan’s *LifeStat 1.0* initiative, we have realized significant progress toward achieving our goal to achieve a traffic fatality rate in Ohio of one per 100 million vehicle miles traveled by the end of 2007.

Progress toward achieving our strategic goal can be seen in many areas. As of September 6, there were 792 traffic fatalities in Ohio. At the same point in 2005, there were 911 traffic fatalities in Ohio. For January – June 2006, out of 536 traffic fatalities (486 crashes) on Ohio roads:

- 168 were alcohol-related traffic fatalities (155 crashes), accounting for 31 percent of all traffic fatalities.
- 60 percent (319) of traffic fatalities were unbelted.
- 29 percent were speed-related.
- 84 fatalities involved commercial vehicles (16 percent).
- There were 60 reported motorcycle fatalities.

Reporting System also shows that nationally, between 2004 and 2005:

- The number of young drivers (16-20) killed declined 4.6 percent from 3,538 to 3,374, and fatal crashes involving young drivers declined 6.3 percent from 7,431 to 6,964.
- The number of children 0-15 dying in crashes dropped from 2,622 in 2004 to 2,348 in 2005.
- The number of people injured in crashes declined 3.2 percent from 2.8

million to 2.7 million.

- The number of fatalities from large truck crashes declined slightly from 5,235 to 5,212.
- More than half (55 percent) of the passenger vehicle occupants killed were not wearing safety belts.

NHTSA collects crash statistics from all 50 states to produce an annual report on traffic fatalities. A similar report detailing Ohio traffic statistics is available at www.ohiopublicsafety.com.

Ohio safety belt use is at an all-time high; Now tops 80 percent

On July 20, the Ohio Department of Public Safety announced that observed safety belt usage in Ohio has increased from 79 percent in 2005 to 82 percent in 2006.

Observational data was collected at 265 randomly selected sites throughout Ohio during May and June and analyzed by Miami University’s Applied Research Center to gather the results.

“Wearing a safety belt is the single most effective way to protect yourself and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes,” said Public Safety Director Kenneth Morckel. “It’s encouraging to see more Ohioans are getting that message.”

The Ohio Department of Public Safety credits the

work of law enforcement, Safe Communities coalitions, first responders, hospitals, schools and churches for the coordinated effort during this year’s *Click It or Ticket/What’s Holding You Back?* mobilization.

Ohio’s overall safety belt usage rate has steadily increased over the past several years, from a usage rate of 74 percent in 2004.

Last year in Ohio, 51 percent of the 1,027 people killed in motor vehicle crashes were not buckled.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, among those least likely to buckle up are males ages 18-34, pickup truck occupants, those who live in rural areas, and night-time drivers.

Motorcycle safety programs sustained throughout the summer

First ever North Coast Motorcycle Safety Ride in Ashtabula draws 100 motorcyclists

This summer the Patrol continued efforts to address motorcycle crash fatalities through partnerships with other agencies as well as the efforts of individual posts.

Over the past five years, Ohio has seen dramatic increases in motorcycle registrations, from about 272,000 in 2001 to more than 333,000 in 2005. Licensed drivers with motorcycle endorsements have also increased, from about 605,000 in 2001 to more than 646,000 in 2005.

On June 6, officials with the Departments of Public Safety and Transportation, and the Patrol held a joint news conference to discuss the increase in motorcycle-related fatalities and the state's Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan to address the issue.

"There are far too many Ohioans dying as a result of highway fatalities," said Public Safety Director Kenneth Morckel. "We need to work through our partners at the Patrol and the Department of Transportation to ensure that our safety message is reaching motorcycle riders."

The Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Safety Strategic Plan encourages rider groups to sponsor drug and alcohol-free events; promotes proper licensing for riders and works with the Patrol to increase enforcement; and promotes ODPS rider education programs through dealers, manufacturers and rider groups.

The Department of Transportation continued work on engineering and roadway solutions to target the most dangerous types and locations of crashes on all of the state's roads, not just interstates and highways.

The Patrol and the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) continued the *Ride Smart. Drive Smart.* safety education partnership for a second riding season.

Throughout the summer, the Patrol provided a series of motorcycle safety tips from the AMA to help make it a safe and enjoyable motorcycle riding season in Ohio.

North Coast Motorcycle Safety Ride

Meanwhile, Patrol posts around the state conducted local programs to draw attention motorcycle safety. For example, the Ashtabula Post sought to draw attention to the 12 motorcycle fatalities in Ashtabula and Lake counties in 2005 with the first ever North Coast Motorcycle Safety Ride.

Nearly 100 motorcyclists participated in the 120-mile ride. The route passed nine of the 12 fatal motorcycle crash sites in 2005, memorializing those who lost their lives and emphasizing the importance of rider safety.

Numerous local law enforcement, safety, and business organizations participated in the planning and execution of the AMA-sanctioned ride, including Ashtabula County Safe Communities, Concerned Motorcycle Riders of Ohio, the Blue Knights, the Red Knights, the Ashtabula Star Beacon, North Coast Motorcycle Rider Magazine, and Clear Channel Communications.

Ashtabula Post commander Lt. James Sivak said, "The North Coast Motorcycle Safety Ride exemplified the willingness of the public and private sectors to work together to promote safety for our friends and neighbors. We received very positive feedback and hope the ride will become an annual event to promote motorcycle safety at the start of each riding season."



Lt. James Sivak and the nearly 100 motorcyclists who participated in the first ever North Coast Safety Ride in Ashtabula County to raise awareness of motorcycle safety issues and to memorialize those who lost their lives in motorcycle crashes.

SRT commander selected for National Tactical Officers Association Award of Excellence

Another Patrol officer was singled out for national recognition recently.

S/Lt. Steven Rosta, commander of the Patrol's strategic response team (SRT), received the National Tactical Officers Association's (NTOA) Award of Excellence at the organization's annual conference in Los Angeles on September 15.

The NTOA is comprised of SWAT, patrol, crisis negotiations, and other units that support the resolution of critical incidents. In addition to communications and training, the association also provides information resources and research support nationwide.

Rosta is a 17-year veteran of the Patrol and a member of the 118th Academy Class.



Steven Rosta

Commercial Vehicle Safety

Roadway Express and the Highway Patrol: A decade of working together

In the mid-1990s, the Ohio State Highway Patrol was working to determine how best to reduce the number of commercial vehicle-related crashes occurring in the state. Much like today's *LifeStat 1.0* initiative, Patrol commanders began looking at the problem in a critical, analytical way. They asked themselves, "What do we need to do differently to move the numbers in the right direction?"

They found the answer to be a combination of education, evaluation, and enforcement strategies. In 1997, the Patrol was working with the Ohio Trucking Association to expand an existing partnership, which led to the opportunity to work with the Roadway Express Corporation in Akron.

GHQ commanders went to Roadway Express and met company executives to discuss the benefits of working together. From the corporate perspective, Roadway Express expressed a common objective related to prevention and risk management associated with crashes.

Patrol personnel presented commercial vehicle fatality statistics and the overall crash picture in Ohio, and explained that one of the Division's challenges was training troopers to better relate to, and work with, truck drivers.

During initial discussions, both sides agreed that a critical component to establishing a partnership was the shared goal of improving the relationship between troopers and truck drivers on the road.

At that time, the industry understood troopers needed to interact with truck drivers; however, they would much rather troopers did that from a position of being informed, trained, and educated versus a level of ignorance that was leading to unnecessary roadside delays and other problems.

To the trucking industry, the Patrol represented an organization responsible for unnecessarily delaying its drivers while subjecting them to inspections and enforcement contacts that were not always necessary.

Around the same time, Sgt. Tom

Moline, commercial enforcement coordinator for the Patrol in Toledo, presented a safety talk to Roadway Express drivers, which eventually led to the nationally recognized Commercial Vehicle Safety Awareness Familiarization and Education (CV SAFE) program. CV SAFE, which still exists, provides the opportunity for troopers and commercial vehicle drivers to learn from each other, and to promote safety awareness issues to the motoring public.

Partnership formed

These independent initiatives with Roadway Express in Akron and Toledo, along with a renewed commitment from Patrol management at GHQ, eventually led to a comprehensive Roadway Express-Patrol commercial vehicle partnership with two key areas.

First, the Patrol modified Academy instruction to provide detailed training on commercial vehicle operation. Cadets and in-service attendees were given additional training by Licensing and Commercial Standards personnel, along

Below left: A Roadway Express driver provides commercial vehicle training to members of the 145th Academy Class. Below right: Other joint projects have included training videos including "How to Safely Stop a Commercial Vehicle."



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with professional drivers from Roadway Express, who brought equipment and practical knowledge to the training sessions.

Second, discussions on improving safety awareness for the motoring public led to an expanded incorporation of the No-Zone trailers and messages to educate troopers, as well as the public, about the dangers associated with driving near a commercial vehicle.

The eventual result of this is the Roadway Express No-Zone display at the Ohio State Fair. The display, which is staffed by Roadway Express professionals, Ohio Trucking Association volunteers, and Patrol personnel, has been visited by 307,287 fair patrons since it was established in 1998. The display was originally supported through a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Office with the backing of the Ohio Trucking Association, and now is funded by grants from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Over the years, the No-Zone display has also been prominently incorporated at the Dayton Air Show and other events across Ohio.

"The No-Zone message to the motoring public is vital to the trucking industry's overall safety strategy. The trucking industry spends millions of dollars a year on safety programs. The No-Zone program has proved to be a very effective way for the trucking industry to help the public understand the problems drivers face every day. Our hope is that each person who visited the booth at the fair had a safer trip home because of what they learned," said Larry Davis, Ohio Trucking Association president.

The Roadway Express-Patrol partnership also led to the statewide Share the Road Safely campaign, which included rolling billboards on three commercial trailers to remind both car and truck drivers to share Ohio roads safely. Two national videos produced by Roadway Express with Patrol assistance were also part of the campaign: "Sharing the Road Safely with Commercial Vehicles," and "How to Safely Stop a Commercial Vehicle." The latter provides law enforcement officers instruction on how to correctly stop a commercial motor vehicle, and has circulated nationally to public safety agencies, driver training schools, and trucking companies.

Internal benefits

Cadet training that includes Roadway Express employees has become a critical element of our overall Academy curriculum. Starting with the 130th Academy Class in 1998, 811 cadets have experienced detailed training involving commercial vehicles and professional drivers from Roadway Express.

Of foremost benefit, Patrol cadets have the opportunity to interact with a professional truck driver in a controlled setting during training. Prior to 1998, the first time most troopers interacted with a truck driver was during a traffic stop. Both Patrol commanders and Roadway Express personnel acknowledge that was clearly not the best way for a young trooper to understand the role of commercial vehicles in our economy and society, as well as their critical role in the overall transportation system.

Major Robert Brooks, commander of the Patrol's Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards, knows the partnership with Roadway Express is paying dividends in training and on the road every day.

"We have an extremely valuable display at the State Fair, tremendous support from Roadway Express at our Academy and during cadet field trips to scale locations," Major Brooks said. "Our cadets get personalized instruction from professional truck drivers, hands-on experience with commercial vehicles themselves, and a better understanding of the parts and mechanics of the vehicles. This all leads to a better understanding and awareness when we deal with members of the industry.

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At a Glance

Benefits of the Roadway Express-Ohio State Highway Patrol partnership:

Troopers trained by Roadway Express professional drivers since the 130th Class in 1998: 811 troopers

Visitors to the Ohio State Fair No-Zone display since 1998: 307,287

Other CV SAFE events and No-Zone displays promoting the Roadway Express-Patrol partnership:

Dayton Air Show: 1997-2006

No-Zone Turnpike display:
Labor Day 2000, 2002-06;
Memorial Day 2001-03, 2005-06;
Thanksgiving 2005

Blossom Music Center: 2001

Balloon Fest: 2001

Diabetes Hall of Fame: 2001

High School Rodeo: 2002

BWC Safety Expo: 2005

Accident Recon: 2005

Professional Freight Handlers Rodeo:
2005-06

CV SAFE – 1995, 2004-06
Wilmington District: 2005-06
Summit County: 2006
Academy: 2006
Ashland: 2006
Westfield Insurance: 2006

Roll-out of Share the Road Safely for the Motor Freight Carrier Association: 2005

No-Zone Chardon Post: 2005-06

Ohio State Truck Driving Championships: 2005-06

Akron Air Show: 2005-06

Kid Fest: 2006

No-Zone Wright Patterson Air Force Base: 2006

Canfield Fair: 2006

Two more mobile driver license exam stations on the road

Citizens in two more areas of the state are now benefitting from the Patrol's use of mobile driver license exam stations (DX). After a successful implementation in southern Ohio, mobile DX vehicles are now being utilized in rural areas within the Findlay and Cambridge districts as well.

In the Findlay District, the mobile DX serves Hardin, Henry, Paulding, and Putnam counties. In Cambridge, mobile DX services are offered in Harrison, Monroe, and Noble counties.

The Patrol unveiled its first mobile DX in the Jackson District in August 2005. That vehicle services Pike and other southern Ohio counties. Funded through a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the mobile DX vehicles allow us to provide driver licensing in areas of the state where services have not recently been available.

Each mobile DX is operated by a driver license examiner and has four testing kiosks available for customers to

take knowledge tests in the morning and skills tests in the afternoon. The vehicle is also equipped with a wheelchair lift for ADA compliance.

Major Robert Brooks, commander of the Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards, said customers are pleased with the mobile DX vehicles: "Early surveys have very positive comments on the vehicle, equipment, and examiners."

He also noted the contributions of DXS Dale Robirds and DX2 Todd Bennett, both of the Jackson District, who have worked to ensure successful operation in the Jackson District and have been instrumental in setting the standard for the use of these vehicles in

other areas of the state.

Customers can make testing appointments for the mobile DX by calling 1-877-899-TEST. Locations and hours of operation are available at (740) 456-0135, and on the "County Services" page of the Patrol's Web site, www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/counties.html.



The Patrol now has three mobile driver license exam stations serving rural areas within the Jackson, Cambridge, and Findlay districts.

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Our troopers today have a higher level of confidence and knowledge that, prior to the partnership with Roadway Express, none of their predecessors in the Patrol enjoyed."

According to the Ohio Trucking Association, the Roadway Express-Patrol partnership is unique nationally, and is viewed as a model that benefits both law enforcement and the commercial trucking industry. There is not a state highway patrol or state police agency in the country with as strong or as a close a working relationship with the commercial vehicle industry.

"The state fair collaboration is just one of the many ways the Ohio Trucking Association, Roadway, and the Highway Patrol work together," Davis said. "Numerous trucking companies provide drivers and equipment to help the Highway Patrol provide training. I am very proud of the fact that I spent 27 years as an officer in the Patrol. In the 14 years I have been at OTA we have continued to work with the Highway Patrol to make the highways in Ohio safe for everyone to travel. I have spoken twice at the National conference with my 49 counterparts about the cooperation we enjoy in Ohio with law enforcement, and they are continually amazed at the relationship we have with the Patrol."

Value of the partnership

Patrol superintendent Colonel Paul McClellan believes it is vital that the Division continues to work toward a better understanding of commercial vehicles. They are integrally tied to

our economy and transportation system, and Patrol personnel must continue to work closely with Roadway Express to educate officers and the public about commercial vehicle issues.

"Our troopers must employ the appropriate level of enforcement so as not to impede commerce. We need to help enhance the ability of the industry to participate in the economy, while at the same time focus on the truck drivers and companies who are deliberately violating the law, and to understand how and why to stay away from those drivers and companies that are professionally operating and conducting business, and using the transportation infrastructure to support the economy," Colonel McClellan said.

In large part due to the Patrol's long-time partnerships with the Ohio Trucking Association and its members, as well as the professional drivers and administrators of Roadway Express over the past decade, today's troopers have gained a greater understanding of their role in supporting the commercial trucking industry throughout Ohio.

The Roadway Express-Patrol partnership has grown to benefit both organizations. For the Patrol, it has allowed management and road officers to become more sophisticated in the analysis of traffic safety. Because only about one-third of commercial vehicle crashes are the fault of commercial vehicle drivers, it has provided the means to focus more attention on the other drivers in and around commercial vehicles. This is where the Roadway Express No-Zone display, and trooper education and awareness in enforcement activities, are benefiting so many areas of traffic safety in Ohio.

Patrol report shows growing threat of impaired drivers in Ohio

Lending evidence to national estimates that indicate as many as one in four drivers during certain times of the night have been drinking, a new report released by the Patrol found that Ohio alcohol-related traffic fatalities have increased 26 percent over the last five years.

Additionally the report concluded that:

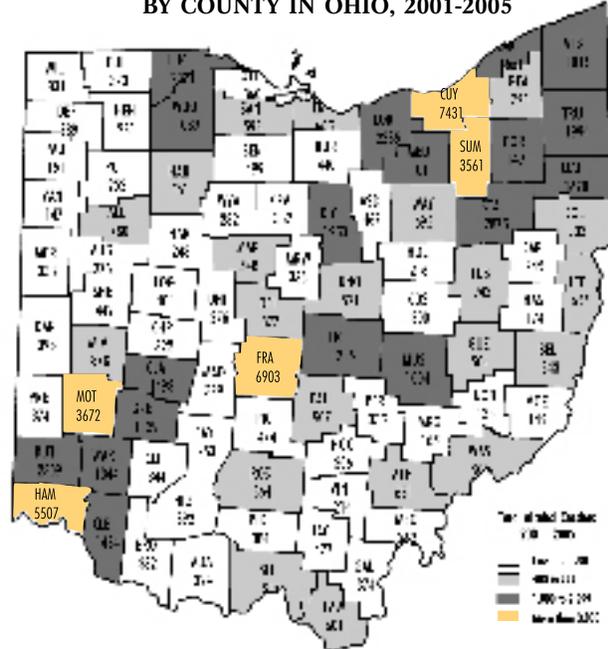
- Alcohol-related traffic crashes affect every county in the state.
- The severity of alcohol-related traffic crashes is on the rise.
- Nearly one-third of the impaired driver threat is concentrated in just six of the heavily traveled metropolitan areas of Ohio.

The report, available at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov, takes an in-depth look at the impact of impaired driving in Ohio from 2001 to 2005. Twelve Ohio counties recorded 1,000 or more alcohol-related traffic injuries over the last five years.

A significant number of alcohol-related traffic crashes occurred in Ohio's six large metropolitan counties, including Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Montgomery, and Summit. Cuyahoga has led the state in alcohol-related traffic crashes (7,431), followed by Franklin (6,903) and Hamilton (5,507) counties.

Each year, 50,000 Ohioans are convicted of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol (OVI). The most dangerous drivers are considered "habitual" offenders, who have received five or more OVI convictions

ALCOHOL-RELATED TRAFFIC CRASHES
BY COUNTY IN OHIO, 2001-2005



in their lifetime. Currently, there are 33,000 habitual offenders in Ohio.

Previous research conducted by Harvard University economists found that every weekday night from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., one in seven motorists had been drinking, with the peak hours for drinking and driving occurring between 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m., when the rate changes to one in four drivers.

Crash prediction model shows fatal/injury crash patterns

In June, the Patrol contracted with the Ohio State University Statistical Consulting Service to develop a model that could predict when and where future traffic crashes would occur on specific routes in the major metropolitan counties.

Results from the *Crash Forecasting Model for Select Ohio Metro Roadways* provide a detailed analysis of traffic crashes on the following metropolitan roadways:

- Cleveland area: I-271, I-480, I-71, I-77, I-90, and I-490
- Cincinnati area: I-275, I-75, I-71, and I-74
- Columbus area: I-270
- Dayton area: I-675
- Toledo area: I-280 and I-475.

While the *Crash Forecasting Model* confirmed previously known information about fatal/injury traffic crashes (e.g. the number of crashes is very high between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays), it also provides new insights into crash-causing traffic patterns.

This information is invaluable when deciding where to dispatch troopers. Researchers found that while there are consistencies in crash patterns across each metropolitan area, data analyses uncovered five distinct time groups for crashes. For example, crashes that occur from Monday to Thursday are associated with different crash configurations than crashes on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays, holidays, and long holiday weekends.

The Patrol is using the forecast

information in a three-month pilot project that directs federal overtime money to combat serious traffic crashes in metropolitan areas. Results of the study will help guide the future deployment of troopers targeting crash causing behaviors, in particular alcohol and speed violators.

Troopers also will continue to employ low-manpower OVI checkpoints around the state. The checkpoints, funded by fines from impaired drivers and other federal funding, aim to deter and intercept impaired drivers and are held in conjunction with nearby saturation patrols to aggressively combat alcohol-related injury and fatal crashes. Studies have shown that these targeted operations can have a significant deterrent effect.

Officer's investigative work earns national recognition

Sgt. Robert Jacks of our Gallipolis Post earned honorable mention in the 2006 Looking Beyond the License Plate award program.

Jointly sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the 3M Traffic Safety Systems Division, the program recognizes law enforcement officers whose observation of a license plate led to the arrest of a suspect or the solution of a crime.



Robert Jacks

Jacks earned recognition for his discovery of a large theft ring last year. His investigation began after he stopped to assist a motorist with car trouble and found the license plates did not match the suspect's vehicle.

His case resulted in the recovery of 15 all-terrain vehicles and \$32,000 in currency; the arrest of 15 suspects; and the confiscation of 70 pounds of marijuana and two grams of cocaine. The investigation included 15 officers from 10 different agencies in Ohio and Kentucky.

According to IACP, 70 percent of all serious crime involves a motor vehicle and license plates are critical crime-fighting tools used to track and identify offenders. The Looking Beyond the License Plate program rewards the initiative of officers whose daily efforts ensure the effectiveness of our nation's law enforcement system.

Jacks, who earned his promotion to sergeant in June, is also the 2005 State Criminal Patrol Award winner. The Criminal Patrol Award goes to the officer with the most investigations of felony cases that lead to felony arrests. He finished 2005 with 68 felony cases and 78 felony arrests.

Trooper provides training to Russian law enforcement



Tpr. Shaun Smart (sixth from left), Piqua DHQ, traveled to Russia as part of a cooperative training effort between the U.S. and Russian governments. He is pictured with students from the commercial motor vehicle search training he provided.

Canine handler Tpr. Shaun Smart was a presenter at the Criminal/Drug Interdiction and Intelligence Analysis Seminar in Omsk, Russia in June. As part of a partnership between the U.S. and Russian governments, the training was coordinated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and designed to provide Russian law enforcement personnel with the most current information on the detection, search, and apprehension of suspected drug couriers.

Tpr. Smart was the only non-DEA instructor. He conducted training on recognizing criminal indicators, commercial motor vehicle search techniques, and advanced vehicle search techniques. His presentations covered officer safety and vehicle approaches, driving behaviors, physical indicators, and other related topics.

Warren Post dedicated to former superintendent Kenneth Marshall

The public and the media were invited to the Warren Post on August 31 for the dedication ceremony of the facility to retired Colonel Kenneth Marshall, who served more than 30 years in the Patrol, including three years as superintendent.

Marshall, who led the Division during a time of great innovation with regards to traffic safety programs, served as a trooper and assistant commander at the Warren Post and also as a plainclothes investigator in the district.

Please see our *OSHP Reflections* on page 17 for more information on Colonel Marshall's contributions to the Patrol.

Colonel Paul McClellan unveils the Warren Post dedication plaque to former superintendent Retired Colonel Kenneth Marshall.



Three new posts help troopers improve service and increase efficiency

New facilities unveiled in Van Wert, Ravenna, and Lisbon

The Patrol provided citizens in three areas of the state a behind the scenes look at our newest post facilities at a series of open houses this summer. The events were the culmination of community construction projects that began in 2005.

Open houses were held at the Van Wert Post, which serves Van Wert and Paulding counties; the Ravenna Post, which serves Portage County; and the Lisbon Post, which serves Columbiana County.

At each event, community leaders and local residents were invited to tour the new posts and interact with the troopers and professional staff assigned to each facility.

In addition to garnering goodwill in the local communities, the open houses provided another opportunity for post personnel to explain how local enforcement and education activities impact our mission.

Many things have changed since the Patrol first began serving the citizens of Ohio in 1933, but one thing that has not changed is our unwavering commitment to preventing traffic crashes and saving lives.

As we continue working toward our goal to achieve a traffic fatality rate of just one death per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in Ohio by the end of 2007, we are committed to our *LifeStat 1.0* program, which provides resources like computerized mapping to help troopers know where and why crashes are occurring.

Providing our officers and professional staff with the most up-to-date facilities and equipment is also part of our ongoing effort to best serve the citizens of Ohio.

Among each of our new buildings' features are post commanders' offices, duty rooms, and evidence rooms, as well as larger radio dispatch and lobby areas. The posts also house training rooms and locker rooms with shower facilities. Entrances and rest rooms in the new posts are handicapped-accessible.



Citizens in Van Wert and Paulding counties enjoyed touring the new Van Wert Post facility at an open house on June 15.



Lt. Michael Marucci, Ret. Lt. William Snyder, Sen. Kimberly Zurz, Colonel Paul McClellan, and Captain James Holt officially unveil the new Ravenna Post on July 28.



Columbiana County citizens were invited to tour the new Lisbon Post and meet the troopers and professional staff assigned there on August 25.

Trooper presence contributes to safety, success at Ohio State Fair



Colonel Paul McClellan and Major Peyton Watts conduct inspection prior to the opening of the Ohio State Fair.

An activity-packed Ohio State Fair gave troopers, Auxiliary officers, and Academy cadets the opportunity to provide safety and security to residents off the road. Besides providing security for the Fairgrounds, the 12-day fair allows the general public to ask questions and meet troopers outside of their vehicles.

In addition to the high visibility of Patrol personnel, safety at the fair was enhanced by more lighting and the addition of metal detectors at entrances. Arrests dropped from 92 in 2005 to just 20 this year, mostly on misdemeanor charges.

More than 810,000 people attended the fair this year, including 211,000 on a record-setting closing weekend.

Attendees appreciate safety at State Fair

In addition to numerous instances of fair patrons thanking troopers, auxiliaries, and cadets for their work at the fair, these comments were received via the Patrol's Web site:

I just wanted to say that I appreciated the high visibility of the troopers at the fair this year. I saw no problems, and truly felt very safe because of the presence of the officers. Thanks for your hard work and effort.

Jim Whitney
Gahanna

My wife and I came to visit the Ohio State Fair this year for the first time. We want to commend the Ohio State Patrol for their appearance and professionalism. One officer I asked a question of was extremely helpful and polite. We paid particular attention to the actions of all the officers we saw during our stay and were impressed by their conduct.

Howard Strine
Frederick, Maryland

Junior Cadet Week lets teens explore careers in law enforcement



Forty-one teenagers from across Ohio gave up a week of summer vacation to experience the excitement and rigor of life as a Patrol cadet during the 34th annual Junior Cadet Week, June 19-23, at the Training Academy.

Jointly sponsored by the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, the Ohio American Legion, and the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, the program provides young men and women with an interest in law enforcement insight into the issues peace officers face in their jobs.

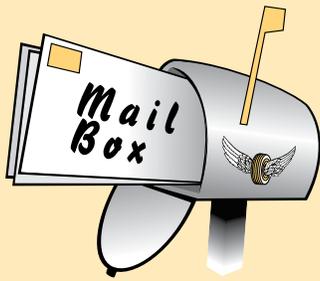
During their time at the Academy, the teens experienced

aspects of the same training as an Ohio State Trooper.

The week included daily physical training, military drill, firearms training, officer-violator contacts, self-defense tactics, canine and criminal patrol operations, and crash investigation.

Junior Cadet Week is a one-time opportunity available only to Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State attendees during the year of their participation in those programs. Children of Patrol employees are also eligible.

Tpr. Sharese Williams, Lebanon, and Tpr. John Westerfield, Wapakoneta, served as class advisors.



Patrol mailbox overflows with appreciation for dedication, professionalism, and hard work

Note: Colonel McClellan recently received the following letter from retired Executive Secretary Linda Kroutil.

The generous outpouring of kindness and sympathy during the recent loss of my husband, Tim, was so much appreciated. Tim would have been so honored to know how many friends showed up to say goodbye. Thanks to a great group of people, who I truly regard as friends, as did Tim.

Linda Kroutil
Westerville

I just wanted to say thank you for being out in force over the Memorial holiday weekend. I wish you could have that much presence all year round – it is very dangerous on the roadways and I felt safer over the holiday weekend.

Jeff Woodard
Columbus

I'd like to sincerely thank you for your increased seat belt enforcement messages, which you have been broadcasting on TV and radio. Had it not been for those advertisements, my friend would probably not have been wearing a seat belt, which would have been very bad considering that we were involved in a traffic accident. So again, thank you so much.

Ashley Lawrence
Oak Harbor

My sister, a friend, and I were on our way home to Indianapolis on May 29 about 1 a.m. We had a blow out on the interstate just west of Springfield. We managed to get the car off to the right side and were fighting with the auto club when a trooper pulled up behind us. We explained the situation and he told us to stay in the car with our seat belts buckled and he would

change the tire. Trooper Dingeman was so pleasant and helpful and we wanted you to know how he went out of his way and made a very stressful time a little better for weary travelers.

Beverley Bragdon
Indianapolis, Indiana

On August 5, I was stopped on I-270 near Georgesville Road and given a ticket for speeding. I wasn't thrilled to get the ticket, but I was impressed with your officer's attitude and deportment. She is a credit to your agency. Too often, officers get a bum rap for just doing their job. I hope you convey to her superiors that the public does care about those folks that are protecting us in these stressful times.

Michael L. Hardin
Grove City

I just wanted to say thank you to the troopers who assisted my daughters when they had a blow out on I-75 near Toledo. Our kids begin to reach an age where we can't be with them 24 hours a day, and it is nice to know there are people out there looking after them when you can't. Those troopers helped to take care of and ensure the safety of the two people that mean the most to me in the entire world.

Mark Lohman
Monroe, Michigan

I was one of the firefighters who responded to the fatal accident on SR 257 on July 15. Being someone who sees a lot of what your troopers see, I wanted to say how professionally your representatives handled themselves in a terrible situation. All fatal accidents are rough, but having the deceased's family show up on the scene complicates things exponentially. So many times when things become difficult, tempers

flare and things can get out of hand. I felt the situation was handled superbly and they should all know their actions could not have been handled any better.

Brian Dilley
Scioto Township Fire Department

Thanks to the three troopers who posed for a picture with my daughter on her ninth birthday during the June 7 motorcycle escort of the "Moving Vietnam Veterans Wall" from Cambridge to New Philadelphia. You fellows really made her day – that's all she could talk about. You guys are #1.

Douglas E. Lehotay
Cambridge

I recently completed a trip between Indianapolis and Poland, Ohio. I would like to commend the Ohio State Highway Patrol for monitoring the safety of the highways. I saw a number of officers either providing safety escort for large vehicles or, more frequently, encouraging safety at the roadside. No doubt your work is especially difficult at this time of heavy construction on I-70. Thank you for a safe Ohio experience.

C. Anthony Gorman
Indianapolis, Indiana

I was late for work today and was speeding. I was stopped by Trooper Thompson and we had a long talk about being careful and about getting the tint checked on my windows. He was extremely polite and did seem to care. You train the best! I have been to other states and hear not so glowing reports. Thanks for the great work and hopefully we can have a safe summer. I did slow down, so I guess it worked.

Michael Jay Maurer
New Philadelphia

Highway patrol has helpers

Patrol Auxiliary has long history of service

Community service will remain the focus of Auxiliary Colonel Brent Rawlins, the newly appointed director of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, just as it has been for each of the men who previously led the all-volunteer force.

Rawlins is following in the footsteps of former Auxiliary leaders William (Tom) Forbes, Tom Charles, William Duffy, Wesley Osborne, William Konold and Floyd Hartpence.

Rawlins said the Auxiliary continues to benefit the Patrol by providing a pool of additional help at little cost to the Division. Also, Auxiliary officers are trained to observe and report conditions as a sworn officer would. "This provides extra 'eyes and ears' when riding with troopers on patrol and assisting with non-enforcement duties such as the Ohio State Fair and Ohio State University football games."

For 64 years now, Auxiliary officers have helped at crash scenes or traffic stops, with traffic control, disaster relief, or special detail support.

It all started in 1942, when the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary was formed to replete the dwindling numbers in the Division. Many patrolmen at the time entered into the armed forces during World War II.

Also, Patrol manpower was depleted as the Division was given more and more responsibilities, including handling military convoys and civilian traffic, black-out coordination, investigations, and round-the-clock patrols at airports, bridges and military installations.

During wartime, the Patrol and Auxiliary were prepared to have more than 350 strategic intersections under control within one hour of a statewide emergency. With this plan, military convoys could cross the state at 20 miles per hour, which was pretty quick for the times.

In the beginning, membership in the Auxiliary was limited to American Legion members. The decision made by then Colonel Lynn Black was based on the fact that Legionnaires were a group largely made up of war veterans who were unlikely to be drafted into service.

After the war, the Auxiliary remained a critical component of Ohio's Civil Defense Plan, with officers

assigned to vital crossroads to assist with evacuation and convoy movement if necessary.

Membership requirements changed in later years, to include not only Legion members, but also men and women who are not Legionnaires.

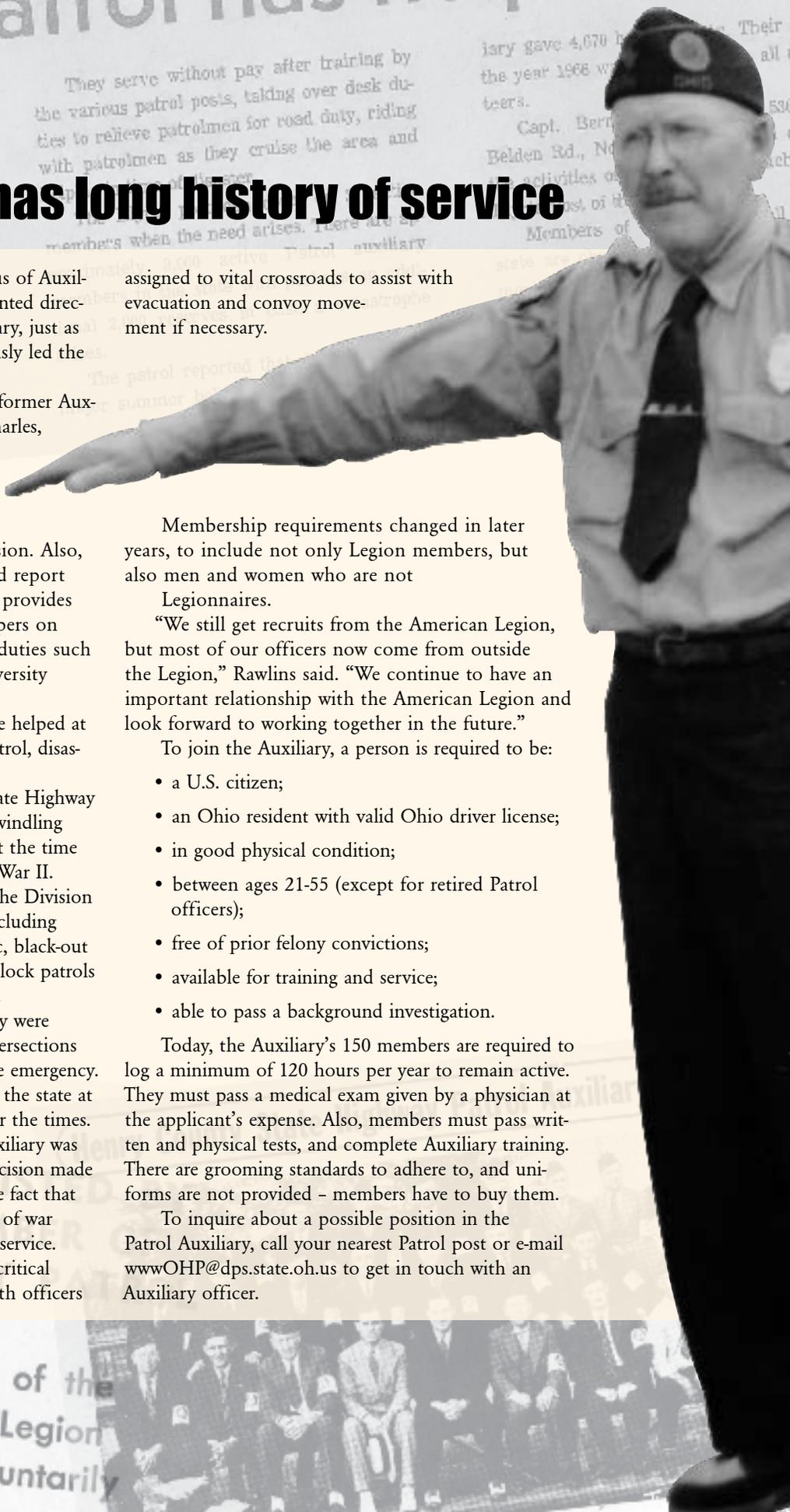
"We still get recruits from the American Legion, but most of our officers now come from outside the Legion," Rawlins said. "We continue to have an important relationship with the American Legion and look forward to working together in the future."

To join the Auxiliary, a person is required to be:

- a U.S. citizen;
- an Ohio resident with valid Ohio driver license;
- in good physical condition;
- between ages 21-55 (except for retired Patrol officers);
- free of prior felony convictions;
- available for training and service;
- able to pass a background investigation.

Today, the Auxiliary's 150 members are required to log a minimum of 120 hours per year to remain active. They must pass a medical exam given by a physician at the applicant's expense. Also, members must pass written and physical tests, and complete Auxiliary training. There are grooming standards to adhere to, and uniforms are not provided - members have to buy them.

To inquire about a possible position in the Patrol Auxiliary, call your nearest Patrol post or e-mail wwwOHP@dps.state.oh.us to get in touch with an Auxiliary officer.



Colonel

Kenneth B. Marshall

Superintendent, 1997-2000

Looking back, Colonel Kenneth B. Marshall insists that it took more than just the man at the top to adhere to the mission of the Patrol. "I never really considered that I should be known for anything," Marshall said in a recent interview. "What I wanted to accomplish was that the reputation and the integrity of the Patrol would be elevated as a result of my service."

Since retiring in 2000, Marshall has served with the Ohio State Dental Board as assistant director and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services as chief inspector. He is currently executive director of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.

But the time he spent with the Division holds fond memories for Marshall. "It was absolutely very difficult for me to leave. I enjoyed being superintendent of the Patrol more than anything that I've ever enjoyed," he said. "I find that life after the Highway Patrol is nothing more than a search for all of the good things that I had for 31 years and it's very difficult to follow up on. I've had three jobs since the Patrol and they just don't measure up in either the organizational quality, the challenge, the satisfaction that you get at the end of the day."

During his career with the Patrol, including his time as superintendent from February 1997 to July 2000, Marshall's goal was that the Division maintain its integrity and focus on

highway safety.

He led the Patrol during a time of innovation, including the creation of traffic safety initiatives that are still beneficial as troopers work toward the *LifeStat 1.0* goal of a traffic fatality rate of one per one hundred million vehicle miles traveled in Ohio by the end of 2007.

To address increasing instances of aggressive driving behaviors, or road rage, Marshall introduced Operation TRIAD (Targeting Reckless, Intimidating, and Aggressive Drivers) in 1997. The program utilizes aircraft enforcement to target motor vehicle violations that are typically difficult to detect and enforce by road troopers.

Marshall was also an early champion of the *Partners for Safety* program, which emphasizes partnerships with businesses, community groups, health and safety organizations, law enforcement agencies, and schools to reduce traffic crashes and achieve voluntary compliance with traffic laws.

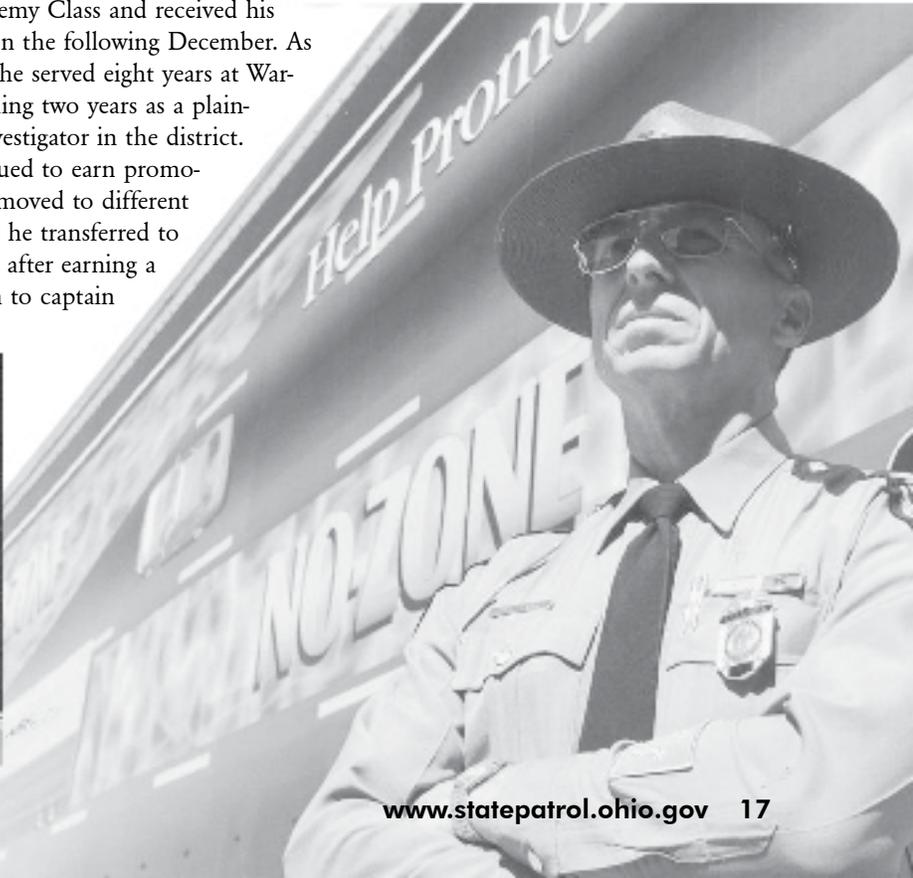
Marshall joined the Patrol in September 1969 as a member of the 84th Academy Class and received his commission the following December. As a trooper, he served eight years at Warren, including two years as a plainclothes investigator in the district. He continued to earn promotions and moved to different posts until he transferred to Columbus after earning a promotion to captain



in June 1990. He received his promotion to major in January 1994 and to lieutenant colonel in September 1994.

A Salem native, Marshall served four years in the U.S. Navy and earned the Vietnam Air, Service and Campaign medals, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the National Defense medal. During his Patrol career, he studied advanced police management at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

Marshall and his wife, Christa, live in the Reynoldsburg area. They have two daughters, Heidi and Deborah, and two grandchildren, Abigail and Nathan. Heidi is a lieutenant with the Patrol, and Deborah is a teacher.



Certificate of Recognition

Tpr. Timothy Errington,

Marion, received a Certificate of Recognition for his part in resolving a volatile situation involving a stand-off with an armed suspect. On May 22, Tpr. Errington deployed his road spikes to end a pursuit that began in Bucyrus with Bucyrus police officers attempting to stop the suspect after his involvement in a shooting.

With the suspect's vehicle disabled, Tpr. Errington saw the man put a gun to his own head. When the man rolled his window down, Tpr. Errington convinced the man to consider surrendering, but after answering a call on his cell phone, the suspect became very upset and tried to drive away. After several tense minutes, the suspect asked to speak to Tpr. Errington again. Tpr. Errington calmed the man down and promised to go with him to a hospital for treatment if he surrendered. With this reassurance, the suspect surrendered to Tpr. Errington.



Timothy Errington

Sgt. Brett Gockstetter, Fremont, received a Certificate of Recognition for his efforts to prevent a man from committing suicide. On June 19, Sgt. Gockstetter responded to a report of a man sitting on the edge of an overpass of U.S. Route 20, readying himself to jump.

When the man was unresponsive to instructions to move away from the ledge, Sgt. Gockstetter moved quickly to grab the man's arms and pull him back. After he was secured, the man said he was waiting for a semi truck to come along, but the trucks kept changing lanes when they saw him on the overpass.



Brett Gockstetter

Tpr. Shane Meddock, West

Jefferson, received a Certificate of Recognition for his efforts to prevent a woman from committing suicide. On June 10, Tpr. Meddock responded to a report of a woman sitting with her leg over the guardrail on an overpass of Interstate 70. Tpr. Meddock approached the woman and relayed her request that other officers on the scene stay back as she threatened to jump. He then engaged her in conversation as he inched his way closer to her.

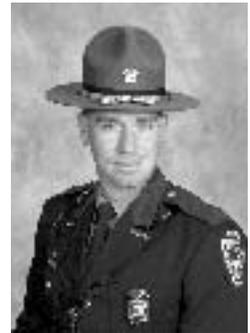
When the woman turned away from him several minutes later, he ran to her and pulled her away from the ledge, wrapping her in his arms as they both fell onto the road. Neither Tpr. Meddock nor the woman were injured in the rescue.



Shane Meddock

Tpr. Larry Gaskill, New Philadelphia, received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions at the scene of a crash in Tuscarawas County. On July 8, Tpr. Gaskill was dispatched to a one-vehicle injury crash on County Road 22.

At the scene he found the vehicle in a creek with the driver trapped inside, unresponsive and laboring to breathe. Tpr. Gaskill immediately entered the thigh-deep water, and upon reaching the victim, supported the man's head to help him breathe until emergency rescue personnel arrived on the scene to extricate the victim. Emergency personnel later reported that the man had dirt and water lodged in his airway and that Tpr. Gaskill's actions helped them stabilize the victim at the scene.



Larry Gaskill

Ace Award

Tpr. Timothy Durham,

Springfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$18,500 and apprehended eight suspects to earn the first Ace Award of 2006. He recovered two vehicles after responding to a possible OVI on I-70 near Springfield.

He observed that the suspect vehicle was traveling with another vehicle and also committing marked lanes and following too close violations. As he attempted to stop the vehicle, the second car moved to obstruct Tpr. Durham. A pursuit ensued and three suspects were ultimately apprehended with assistance from Columbus police. Both vehicles were stolen from Dayton.



Timothy Durham

Tpr. Peter Gardner, Ashtabula,

recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$23,300 and apprehended three suspects to earn his second Ace Award. His first case resulted in the recovery of four stolen vehicles. While on patrol, he observed a vehicle on I-90 that had just been reported stolen by Ashtabula police. Tpr. Gardner attempted to stop the vehicle and a short pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended after the suspect driver crashed the vehicle, seriously injuring himself and a suspect passenger. Tpr. Gardner's subsequent investigation of the two suspects led to the recovery of three additional stolen vehicles in Ohio and Florida and charges filed against both suspects.



Peter Gardner

Tpr. Steven Ilo, Dayton, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$18,000 and apprehended eight suspects to earn his first Ace Award. His first recovery came after he observed a vehicle that had been reported stolen out of Trotwood.

After waiting for back up, Tpr. Ilo attempted to initiate a traffic stop when the suspect put the vehicle in reverse and rammed another officer's patrol car before taking off again.

After losing control and running off the road, the suspect rammed two Dayton police patrol cars that were assisting in the pursuit, and also repeatedly rammed Tpr. Ilo's patrol car before finally stopping the vehicle. Tpr. Ilo and Dayton police arrested two suspects without further incident.



Steven Ilo

Tpr. Shad Caplinger, Circleville, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$6,600 and apprehended seven suspects to earn his sixth Ace Award.

His fifth recovery came after he tried to initiate a traffic stop and a short pursuit ensued. When the vehicle stopped, two suspects fled on foot. Tpr. Caplinger apprehended one at the scene and the second was arrested near the scene a short time later. A search of the suspect revealed illegal drugs, and he was



Shad Caplinger

found to have an active warrant for his arrest. The vehicle was confirmed stolen by Columbus police.

Tpr. Richard Gable, Georgetown, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$32,000 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

He recovered a 1984 Volkswagen after stopping the suspect for speeding. Tpr. Gable saw that the steering column was broken and the car had been started with wires. After arresting the suspect for OVI, Tpr. Gable's investigation also confirmed that the vehicle was stolen.



Richard Gable

Tpr. Justin Hurlbert, Mt. Gilead, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$29,000 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

He recovered a 1997 Chrysler after stopping the suspect for a traffic violation. A LEADS check revealed the suspect had an outstanding arrest warrant and he was taken into custody without incident. Further investigation revealed the suspect also did not have the vehicle owner's permission to have the vehicle.



Justin Hurlbert

Sworn Promotions

Major Bruce Ludlow, Human Resource Management
Captain Russell Johnson, Piqua District
Staff Lieutenant Brenda Collins, Field Operations
Lieutenant Matthew Meredith, Fremont
Sergeant Mark Nichols, Springfield
Sergeant Brian Welling, Hamilton
Captain Michelle Henderson, Investigative Services
Staff Lieutenant Marla Gaskill, Human Resource Management
Lieutenant Anthony Bradshaw, Strategic Services
Sergeant Terry Bush, Springfield
Staff Lieutenant James Wernecke, Investigative Services
Lieutenant Michael Combs, Ashland
Sergeant Jeffrey Conley, Findlay
Sergeant Christopher Crisafi, Wilmington
Sergeant Robert Jacks, Gallipolis

Professional Promotions

MCEI Gary Bone, Findlay District
NSVTECH1 Charles Ponder, Technology and Communication Services
DX1 Shelia Stronz, Delaware DX
ES1 Lynne Schucker, Jackson DHQ
DX1 Jodie Williams, Delaware DX
AE3 Daniel Johnson, Finance and Logistic Services
Prog. Spec. 1 Brandon Behlendorf, Strategic Services
DX1 Lionel Palma, Mansfield DX
Data Sec. Spec. Sancta Ryce, Technology and Communication Services
SA1 Tamara Norton-Fair, Technology and Communication Services
HPRD Supv. Lori Click, Columbus Comm. Center
Prog. Spec. 2 David Baker, Strategic Services
MAS1 Melva Dodd, Administration
Tel. Net. Sup. Harry Staples, Technology and Communication Services
Pub. Info. Spec. Michele Vaughan, Strategic Services

Auxiliary organization changed; Rawlins assumes command

In an effort to streamline operations and to more closely reflect Patrol structure, the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary recently underwent a reorganization.

The biggest change is the rank of the Auxiliary director, which changed from auxiliary lieutenant colonel to auxiliary colonel. The volunteer force will retain the auxiliary lieutenant colonel rank for use by the deputy director, a new position created to relieve the director of some administrative and command duties.

On July 21, Colonel Paul McClellan appointed Brent Rawlins director of the Auxiliary. Rawlins replaces Tom Forbes, who commanded the Auxiliary from January 2003 through June 2006.

Rawlins, who is an information technology manager with the Department of Public Safety, joined the Auxiliary as a volunteer at Piqua. He was State Auxiliary Officer of the Year in 2003 and most recently served as the

Auxiliary commander of the Piqua District.

Community service will remain his focus, just as it was upon joining in 2002.

“I joined the Auxiliary with the idea of community service, in a role that was interesting and exciting,” Rawlins said. “I accepted the position (of Auxiliary Colonel) with the idea of being a representative for the needs and concerns of all Auxiliary officers.”

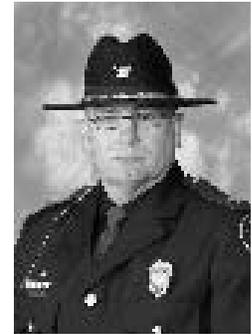
First on his agenda is talking over goals for the Auxiliary with leadership. Whatever direction the staff has for the Auxiliary, Rawlins said the main reason for the Auxiliary’s existence – Patrol assistance – will remain steadfast.

“I will say that any goals will be in line with our primary duty of providing a physically fit force to assist whenever and wherever needed,” he said.

Colonel McClellan also appointed



Brent Rawlins



Steven Morgan

Steven Morgan deputy director of the Auxiliary. Morgan joined the Auxiliary in 1993 as a volunteer at Circleville, where he is a maintenance repair worker.

He has earned several Auxiliary awards including the William J. Duffy Award of Excellence, which recognizes sustained outstanding service and dedication by Auxiliary officers. He most recently served as an auxiliary staff major in charge of recruitment and training.

For a history of the Auxiliary, please see OSHP Reflections, page 16.

OSHP TRAINING

Demmitt completes PELC program

Sgt. Scott Demmitt, Marion, graduated from the 46th Session of the Law Enforcement Foundation’s Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) on June 16. PELC is an intensive, three-week training program that helps law enforcement executives improve their leadership abilities.

Sgt. Demmitt is a member of the 116th Academy Class. He has 19 years of service.



Scott Demmitt

Trooper earns college degree

Tpr. Daniel Bionci, Hiram, graduated with honors from the University of Phoenix – Cleveland Campus on February 28 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. Tpr. Bionci trained with the 120th Academy Class. He has 15 years of service.



Daniel Bionci

Two graduate from Franklin



Carl Roark



Steven Click

S/Lt. Carl Roark, Fiscal Services, and **Sgt. Steven Click**, Motorcycle Unit, graduated from Franklin University in Columbus on August 13.

S/Lt. Roark completed a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Management. He is a 16-year veteran of the Patrol and a member of the 119th Class.

Sgt. Click graduated with academic honors, also with a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Management. He is a 21-year veteran of the Patrol and a member of the 114th Academy Class.

Retirees head north to Lake Erie for annual Sunbird reunion

By **Charlie Linek, OSHPR president**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Retiree's Association held its ninth annual Sunbird meeting and picnic August 12 at the Veterans Home in Sandusky. One hundred thirty members and guests enjoyed fellowship and a wonderful lunch of barbecued chicken halves with all the trimmings.

Gabe Ferencz and Matt Manley did the preparation and planning of the event. Jim Pickering manned the registration table. Gabe, Matt, their spouses Debi and Denise, and Ruth Ann Emerick, with help from many others, took care of serving and cleanup.

The day got off to a good start as the Executive Board meeting was willingly delayed by the arrival of two of the Patrol's new motorcycle units, Sgt. Steve Click and Tpr. Josh Weaver, who attended courtesy of Colonel Paul McClellan.

After prying members away from the bikes, the Executive Board met. The meeting was followed by an invocation by our chaplain, Adam Reiss, and a great lunch. After lunch Charlie Linek introduced the Executive Board and special guests. Charlie then presented Matt Manly and Gabe Ferencz with personalized OSHPR golf shirts for their hard work that made the Sunbird possible.

Dick Curtis gave an update on issues affecting our retirement system and its members. Larry Davis gave a brief report on the Retirement Board. New board member Darryl Anderson thanked everyone for electing him as retiree representative and spoke about some board issues, and Dean Huffman was given a round of applause for his many years of service on the Retirement Board.

Colonel McClellan spoke about new issues facing the Patrol, and then introduced Sgt. Click who gave us the



Patrol retirees and friends were treated to a visit from Sgt. Steve Click and Tpr. Josh Weaver of the Motorcycle Unit at the ninth annual Sunbird reunion on August 12.

scoop on the rigors of training and the purpose of the new motorcycle unit.

Charlie Linek then reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center on October 14. Ralph Rizzo then presented his plans for the Snowbird he will host in The Villages, Florida, March 1 - 4, 2007. Rob Hartsell, father of the Sunbird, then conducted the drawing for the many door prizes. Chaplain Adam Reiss gave the benediction and wished everyone a safe trip home, reminding participants "not to drive any faster than your guardian angel can fly."

Thanks to Colonel McClellan who allowed Steve and Josh to remain available for questions and photos with the bikes until everyone had left. Great food and great friends made for a wonderful day.

Patrol represented at SPI Conference



Three retirees and their wives recently met up with Capt. Richard and S/Lt. Brenda Collins at the Southern Police Institute's 55th Retraîner Conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Top: Retired S/Lt. Bill Healy, Retired Lt. Colonel Gil Jones, Retired Lt. Mike Hunter, and Capt. Collins. Seated: Peg Healy, Charlene Jones, Connie Hunter, and S/Lt. Collins.

OSHPRA offers associate membership

While the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association was originally formed by sworn officers, its bylaws also provide the opportunity for non-sworn retirees to become Associate Members and receive the same membership benefits as sworn officers.

Membership is an excellent way to stay in touch with fellow retirees and active members of the Patrol. The Association holds quarterly meetings, including the annual retirees' dinner meeting each fall, and sponsors the annual Snowbird and Sunbird reunions.

Dues are \$12 annually and can be prorated. Members receive a copy of the bylaws, and a lapel pin and window decals so you can identify yourself as a member of the finest group of people anywhere!

For more information, e-mail OSHPR President Charlie Linek at cjlinek@bodinet.net.

Major Robert Young



Robert Young

Maj. Robert Young, commander of the Office of Human Resource Management, entered disability retirement on August 6 after more than 23 years of service. He joined the Patrol as a member of the 112th Academy Class and earned his commission in March 1983.

His first assignment was to the Lancaster Post where he served for four years before he transferred to the Executive Protection Unit.

He returned to the field in 1991 at the Delaware Post. He earned a Certificate of Recognition in 1993 for his role in saving a child who was trapped under a car after a crash.

After earning a law degree from Capital University, he earned a promotion to sergeant in June 1994 and transferred to the Labor Relations Unit in the Office of Human Resource Management. While still assigned to the unit, he earned a promotion to lieutenant in 1997 and staff lieutenant in 1999.

In July 2000, he was promoted to captain and appointed executive officer of the Office of Human Resource Management, a position he held for four years prior to his promotion to major in November 2004.

In his career, he also was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Janice, reside in Blacklick.

Captain Rick Munk



Rick Munk

honors in both 1984 and 1986.

He transferred to General Headquarters in July 1988 as a member of the Executive Protection Unit, and then returned to Delaware that December.

In April 1990, he earned a promotion to sergeant and was assigned to West Jefferson as an assistant commander, a position he also held at Delaware, the former Bellefontaine Post, and the Marysville Post.

In April 1994, he transferred from Marysville to GHQ where he served in Inspection and Standards and later in Investigative Services.

After a promotion to lieutenant in February 1996, he

After more than 27 years of service, Capt. Rick Munk, executive officer of the Office of Investigative Services, retired July 21.

He is a member of the 106th Academy Class and was commissioned in September 1979. His first assignment was to the Springfield Post where he served two years before transferring to Delaware in May 1981. At Delaware, he earned Post and District Trooper of the Year

transferred to the Administrative Investigations Unit before returning to the field in January 1997 as commander of the Marysville Post.

He was promoted to staff lieutenant in January 2001 and named commander of the Administrative Investigations Unit. He earned his promotion to captain in October 2004.

In his career, he completed advanced training at the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and has been recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Merry, live in Marysville.

Staff Lieutenant Howard Hudson



Howard Hudson

sergeant in December 1992 and transferring to the Jackson District's investigative unit. In 1994, he received a Certificate of Recognition for his investigative work involving the 1993 riot at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville.

In 1997, Hudson transferred back to GHQ in Investigative Services. He earned a promotion to lieutenant in August 1998 in the Office of Field Operations.

In February 2000, he was promoted to staff lieutenant. He served as commander of the Administrative Investigation Unit until he transferred back to Investigative Services in 2001.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. He lives in Columbus.

S/Lt. Howard Hudson, Office of Investigative Services, retired June 16 with more than 25 years of service. After graduating with the 110th Academy Class in July 1981, he was assigned to the Hamilton Post where he served eight years and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1988.

Beginning in 1989, he served as a plainclothes investigator at GHQ and Wilmington District Headquarters before earning a promotion to

Lieutenant Dick Miller



Dick Miller

men suspected in a bank robbery and murder.

Lt. Dick Miller, Ashland Post commander, retired June 9 after 27 years of service. He is a member of the 106th Academy Class and graduated in September 1979. His first assignment was to Mansfield where he served nearly 19 years and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1989 and 1990.

He also earned a Superintendent's Citation of Merit in 1990 for apprehending two armed

He transferred to Ashland as a motor vehicle inspection trooper in June 1998 and was the Massillon District's Trooper Recognition Award winner in 1999.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in February 2000 and served as an assistant commander at Wapakoneta, Medina, Marion, and Mt. Gilead. He was promoted to lieutenant and named commander at Ashland in December 2002.

In his career, he completed advanced training with the Police Leadership Executive College and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Kimberly, reside in Butler.

Sergeant Thomas Gwinn



Thomas Gwinn

Lancaster in 2003.

In his career, he earned the Saved by the Belt and Health and Physical Fitness awards, and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. Gwinn graduated from the Ohio State University with a degree in criminal justice. He and his wife, Tricia, reside in Baltimore.

Sergeant David Katafias



David Katafias

He earned a promotion to sergeant in June 2001 and served as assistant commander at Circleville for two years before transferring to Findlay.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Diane, live in Grand Rapids.

Sergeant Robert Potter



Robert Potter

an assistant commander.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award six times and has been recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife Beth live in Liberty Township.

After more than 25 years of service, Sgt. Robert Potter, Hamilton, retired August 18. He began his career with the Patrol in February 1981 as a member of the 110th Academy Class. Upon earning his commission that July, he was assigned to the Massillon Post where he served nine years.

In May 1990, he earned a promotion to sergeant and transferred to the Hamilton Post as

Trooper Johnnie Lemons



Johnnie Lemons

in criminal justice from Tiffin University. He and his wife, Karen, live in Euclid.

Tpr. Johnnie Lemons, Elyria, entered disability retirement on June 2 after eight years of service with the Patrol. He trained with the 132nd Academy Class, which was commissioned in April 1999. He served at Sandusky, Chardon, and Elyria during his career, and earned the Health and Physical Fitness and Safe Driving awards.

He is a graduate of Ashland University and has a master's degree

Trooper Edgar McKenney



Edgar McKenney

He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in police administration. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Xenia.

With 26 years of service, Tpr. Edgar McKenney retired July 21. He is a member of the 108th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 1980.

He served at the Xenia Post throughout his career and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1996 and 2000. In his career, he also was recognized for 25 years of safe driving.

He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in police administration. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Xenia.

Secretary Mary Ellen Aukerman



Mary Ellen Aukerman

After more than 31 years of service, Sec. Mary Ellen Aukerman retired September 29. She served at the Medina Post throughout her career. She started with the Patrol as a dispatcher in 1974 and was Post Dispatcher of the Year in 1986. She also earned a Certificate of Recognition in 1985 for performing CPR on a heart attack victim at the post.

She earned a promotion to clerk 3 in 1987 and secretary in 1995. She was the Massillon District's Employee Recognition Award winner in 2003.

She and her husband, Kenneth, live in Medina.

**Radio Dispatcher
Judith Bumbalough**



Judith Bumbalough

Disp. Judith Bumbalough, Georgetown, entered disability retirement on May 17 after 11 years of service. She was Georgetown's Post Dispatcher of the Year for 1998 and 2003. She and her husband, Todd, live in Sardinia.

**Driver License Station Supervisor
Loraine Bonto**



Loraine Bonto

and her husband, Robert, live in Akron.

DXSS Loraine Bonto, Cuyahoga Falls DX, retired August 31 after 25 years of service. She started with the Patrol in 1982, serving as a clerk 2 and a driver license examiner at the former Akron Post until her promotion to driver license station supervisor in 1999.

In 2005, she received a Certificate of Recognition from the Department of Public Safety. She

**Stationary Load Limit Inspector
William DeSantis**



William DeSantis

After more than 21 years of service, SLLI William DeSantis retired July 31. He joined the Patrol in 1984 and served at Warren throughout his career. He resides in Girard.

**Radio Dispatcher
Cristin Bennett**



Cristin Bennett

Disp. Cristin Bennett, Springfield, entered disability retirement on March 1 after six years of service. She and her husband, James, reside in Springfield.

**Radio Operator
Michael Hankins**



Michael Hankins

RO Michael Hankins, Hilltop Facility, retired September 30. He joined the Patrol in 1976 as a radio dispatcher.

Except for a brief assignment at the Columbus Communications Center, he served at the Chillicothe Post for most of his career before transferring to the Hilltop Facility in 2000.

He and his wife, Sally, reside in Circleville.



Expressing sympathy



Richard C. Derthick

Retired Tpr. Richard Derthick, 61, of Washington Court House died July 8. A member of the 81st Class, he received his commission in October 1968.

In his career, he served at the Xenia and Wilmington posts and as the Fayette County resident trooper. He won a Post Trooper of the Year Award in 1973. He retired in February 1998 with nearly 30

years of service. He is survived by his children, Richard, Jason, and Christina.

coordinator. He was serving at Medina when he retired in December 2002 after 23 years of service. He is survived by his daughters Lauren and Logan.



Richard F. McCartney

Retired Sgt. Richard McCartney, 84, died July 15 in Perrysburg of complications from a heart attack suffered in March. He was a member of the 36th Class.

During his career, he served at Toledo, Akron, Montpelier, and Van Wert. He retired in July 1976 after 24 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in WWII.

Richard F. McCartney

He is survived by his children: Jane, James, Teresa, Molly, and Richard.



Robert L. Littler

Retired Sgt. Robert Littler, 66, passed away May 12. He was a cadet dispatcher before training with the 56th Class.

He served at St. Mary's and Swanton, and as the Champaign County resident trooper before earning a promotion to sergeant at Springfield. He retired in January 1992 with more than 30

years of service. In his career, he earned District and Post Trooper of the Year awards and a Certificate of Recognition.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly, of Urbana, and children: Deandra, Michelle, and Scott.



Charles C. McCue

Retired S/Lt. Charles McCue, 79, died June 30 in Mansfield after an illness. He was a member of the 40th Class.

During his career, he was assigned to Bucyrus and Fremont, commanded the Ashland Post, and served as assistant commander of the Warren District. He retired in July 1979 after 25 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy

Charles C. McCue

and served in WWII.

He is survived by wife, Rosemary, and children: Dana, Carla, Laura, Brian, Gail, and Gary.



Richard L. Lucas

Retired Sgt. Richard Lucas, 49, died May 24 after a long illness. He was a member of the 106th Class. His first assignment was at Ashland, where he earned Post Trooper of the Year honors.

After a promotion to sergeant, he served at Steubenville, Elyria, and Medina, and at Berea as the commercial enforcement

Richard L. Lucas

Bucyrus

Before a promotion to sergeant and transfer to Findlay, Tpr. Jeff Conley joined members of the Sycamore police and fire departments at the Sycamore School where they visited the kindergarten classes. The officers reminded the children of safety issues that might arise over the summer. Tpr. Conley also helped them complete their projects for Safety Belt Awareness Week. After their work was done, Teddy Trooper treated all the students to juice and cookies.



Batavia



On July 28, troopers provided traffic support for Kyle Petty's Victory Junction Charity Ride. About 200 motorcycle riders and 25 support vehicles entered Ohio from Indiana and were escorted to Eastgate Mall in Clermont County. The ride benefitted the Victory Junction Gang Camp for terminally ill children.

From left: Tpr. Scott Kuntz, Kyle Petty, Tpr. Marcus Pirrone, Richard Petty, and Tpr. Josh Weaver.

Mansfield

Members of the Mansfield Post participated in the Relay for Life Cancer Walk held at the Malabar Middle School in Mansfield on June 24. The 24-hour event has grown tremendously over the years to help combat this devastating disease. The post raised over \$500 with the guidance and coordination of Sec. Keri Harvey and Tpr. Jason Rodriguez. The Relay continues to be an important community focal point and long-standing tradition at the Mansfield Post.



From left: Tpr. Jason Rodriguez, wife Kim, and daughters Madison and Taylor; Disp. Clifford Phillips and wife Roxanne; Sec. Keri Harvey and father Dave Harvey; wife of Lt. Jim Bryan, Tami Bryan, and son Derrick; Sgt. Toby Smith and sons Logan, Dillon, and Ben. Not pictured: Lt. Jim Bryan, and Troopers David Norman and Mathew Stoffer.

Columbus District

On August 5, Columbus District personnel S/Lt. Gary Allen, S/Lt. Tim Bally, Sgt. Todd Heck, Tpr. Brandon Todd, Tpr. Chad Maines, and Tpr. Tawanna Young, worked with Driver's Edge professionals in an effort to educate central Ohio teens in a "hands on" driver safety program.

Created by former professional race car driver Jeff Payne, Driver's Edge is a free program for young drivers that teaches real life emergency avoidance and response techniques and overall driver safety. The program is taught by driving professionals through a combination of behind the wheel and classroom experiences, and is funded by charitable donations, public grants and corporate sponsorships.



Mansfield



Troopers David Norman and Jon Werner, Sec. Harvey, and Sgt. Toby Smith participated in the Lexington Elementary Safety Town Days on June 27. Over 80 students listened to lectures and watched as canine Saba located training narcotics under the watchful eye of Tpr. Norman.

From left: Tpr. David Norman, Teddy Trooper (Tpr. Jon Werner), and Sgt. Toby J. Smith.

Warren DHQ

ES1 Fermina Sanchez and Sec. Charlene Grady, along with Becky Costas, wife of Lt. Colonel William Costas, hosted a table at the Cortland Humanitarian Outreach Worldwide (CHOW) annual fund raising tea, where Lt. Colonel Costas worked tirelessly in the kitchen. CHOW is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping poverty relief efforts worldwide.

From left: Lt. Colonel William Costas, Becky Costas, Fermina Sanchez, and Charlene Grady.



Dayton



Tpr. William Dendler, Dayton, was recognized by Dayton's Volunteer EMS/Rescue group Box 21 for his outstanding efforts in 2005 and 2006. Tpr. Dendler, who is also Dayton's 2005 Post Trooper of the Year, was nominated because of his work ethic, positive attitude, and for his commitment to community service.

Tpr. William Dendler (left) and Dayton Post commander Lt. Joe Gebhart.

Lebanon

On June 6, Tpr. Dallas Root, Lebanon, participated in the Deerfield Township Safety Village program. The program, sponsored by the Deerfield Township Fire Department and the Warren County Sheriff's Office, was for children ages 4 - 6, who learned about vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. Tpr. Root talked to the kids about safety belts and what troopers do in their jobs. He also assisted in the "Safety Village" with traffic control while the children practiced what they learned on cars, bikes, and foot.



Buckeye Girls State



Wooster Motor Ways of Wooster sponsored the purchase of two motorized John Deere tractors for use by Girls State Highway Patrol participants. An obstacle course was set up for participants to try to maneuver while wearing the Division's Fatal Vision goggles.

It was an excellent opportunity for the girls to experience the effect alcohol and/or drugs on a person's ability to maintain control. Wooster Motor Ways is actively involved in the Division's *Partners for Safety* program.

Georgetown

The Georgetown Post and the Sardinia Fire Department and Life Squad recently honored a local girl for her actions to prevent serious injury to herself and her two sisters during a crash.

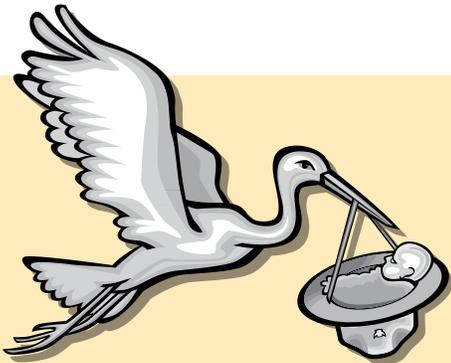
On June 29, Kaitlyn Weber, 8, and her two sisters, Dasja and Destaney Peters, ages 6 and 7 respectively, were passengers in a car driven by a drunk driver. Kaitlyn asked the driver to stop scaring her and her sisters, but the man continued to drive recklessly. That's when Kaitlyn put on her safety belt and told her sisters to do the same. A few minutes later, the driver lost control of the car, which ran into a ditch and overturned.

Kaitlyn then got herself and her sisters out of their safety belts, and helped them crawl out of the wreckage. None of the girls suffered serious injuries.

Lt. Brian Rhodes and Georgetown personnel rewarded the girls for their quick thinking with a visit with Teddy Trooper and small gifts from the Ohio Troopers Coalition, and also reminded the girls to buckle up every time they ride in a car.



Sisters (front from left): Dasja Peters, Kaitlyn Weber, and Destaney Peters were spared serious injuries in a crash because they were buckled up. Also pictured (back from left): Disp. Rebel Martin, Teddy Trooper (Sec. Kelly Thompson), Lt. Brian Rhodes, and Tpr. Jeff Crook.



Stork Visits

Tpr. Rodney & Melissa Kiefer, Wapakoneta, a girl, 5/22/06.
Sgt. Elias & Cassandra Jimenez, Defiance, a boy, 5/23/06.
Tpr. Jamie & Tommy Norris, Xenia, a boy, 6/13/06.
Tpr. Logan & Jill Putnam, New Philadelphia, a boy, 6/13/06.
Sgt. Jason Demuth & Leah Piscitello, Norwalk, a boy, 6/19/06.
Tpr. Douglas & Sandra Trotter, Canton, a boy, 6/20/06.
Tpr. Albert & Carolyn Leitenberger, Findlay, a girl, 6/21/06.
Tpr. Daniel (Granville) & Disp. Jennifer Moran, Lancaster, a girl, 6/21/06.
Tpr. Michael & Jennifer Munyon, Circleville, a girl, 6/21/06.
Disp. Tammy & Michael Newport, Marysville, a boy, 6/22/06.
Sec. Julie & Frank Szeker, Chardon, a girl, 6/22/06.
Tpr. Joel & Christina Hughes, Canfield, a girl, 6/26/06.
Tpr. Steven Robison, Medina, a boy, 6/27/06.
Tpr. John & Beth Williams, Milan, a girl, 6/28/06.
Tpr. Brent & Nicole Bruns, Toledo, a girl, 6/29/06.
Tpr. Matthew & Mindy Beccaccio, Hamilton, a boy, 07/03/06.
Disp. Wendy & Matthew Carey, Mansfield, a boy, 07/5/06.

DX1 Timothy & Shelly Gatesman, Massillon DHQ, a girl, 07/6/06.
Disp. Heidi & Bob Maloy, Sandusky, a girl, 07/07/06.
Tpr. Amy James, Sandusky, a boy, 07/07/06.
Tpr. Ty & Melissa Skaggs, Marysville, a girl, 07/10/06.
Sec. Cheryl & Chad Lee, Findlay DHQ, a girl, 07/12/06.
Disp. Kristin & Steven Seitz, Norwalk, a boy, 07/13/06.
Tpr. Matthew & Melanie Dyer, Findlay, a girl, 07/13/06.
Tpr. Jim & Jamie Boysel, Piqua DHQ, a boy, 07/14/06.
Tpr. Ryan & Kelly Randall, Mansfield, a boy, 07/14/06.
Tpr. Todd & Michele Belcher, Medina, a girl, 07/15/06.
Tpr. Michael & Debbi Epler, Granville, a girl, 07/19/06.
Tpr. Scott & Jennifer Bierer, Hamilton, a boy, 07/22/06.
Tpr. Steven & Kelley Ilo, Dayton, a boy, 07/24/06.
Tpr. Robert & Rachel Bodo, St. Clairsville, a boy, 07/28/06.
Disp. Stephanie & Matt Evans, Bucyrus DHQ, a boy, 08/02/06.
Tpr. Jim & Sarah Slusher, Cincinnati Operations, a girl, 8/21/06.
Disp. Brandy & Herb Laudermilt, Gallipolis, a boy, 8/22/06.
Tpr. Thomas & Kelly Middendorf, Batavia, a boy, 08/23/06.
Tpr. David & Andrea Stuart, Portsmouth, a boy, 8/25/06.
Tpr. Timothy & Michelle Grigsby, Lima, a girl, 8/27/06.
Sgt. Pamela Gowen, Canton, a boy, 8/28/06.
Tpr. Steve & Erin Daugherty, Athens, a boy, 8/28/06.
Disp. Sonja & Chris Banks, Portsmouth, a boy, 8/28/06.

It has become a tradition for the church I serve to recognize law enforcement on the third Sunday in May. It is a service that the congregation has come to appreciate and one in which we have invited law enforcement personnel to participate.

A few years ago we were privileged to have then active and now retired Major Steve Raubenolt sing. He opened the service with the National Anthem. The first year I asked him to sing "The Impossible Dream." He did it in a marvelous manner.

The next year I was inspired to ask him to sing the tune from a musical which has the words, "Give me 10,000 men, who are stout-hearted men, and I'll soon give you 10,000 more." Everyone appreciated his singing but I was challenged by a few for having selected a "drinking song."

There were also one or two others, of course, who wondered why I only talked about men and not women. When all was said and done, however, the solo by Major Raubenolt was well received and I tried to sign him to a lifetime contract.

There is something about that song, which calls for a living example by men to motivate others, that appeals to me. I would include, naturally, women in that important role of providing inspired leadership.

Leaving the "drinking song" aside,

I go to an account from the Old Testament given in the Book of Judges. A man by the name of Gideon was called upon to lead the Army of Israel against the Midianites. He met with an army of 32,000 men which seemed to him to be a good number for the task assigned to him. We are told that God told him to tell all those who didn't want to go to war to go home, and to just go on with the rest.

As a result of that offer, 22,000 went home and he was left with 10,000. I have often wondered what Gideon thought about his chances of victory. Being obedient, however, he was ready to go only to be told by God that even 10,000 would be too many.

He was told to give a test to the men (recorded in the 7th Chapter of the Book of Judges), which left him with only 300 who had the qualifications of being good soldiers. From 32,000 down to 300, Gideon saw his army decrease and not increase. Yet we are told that he won a great victory.

The key from a Biblical view was the presence and endorsement of God. With that analysis I would not disagree. However, I would add that there were very important ingredients of selection, qualification, and training.

Yes, I believe that God is with you as you serve in the ministry of law enforcement, but I also believe that God blesses and uses you in



a wonderful way because you are committed to the task for which you are called, and you have been receptive to the finest training which can be offered to individuals who serve in law enforcement. It is not the quantity but the quality which truly matters.

May I echo the words of Gideon and encourage you to go forth in the strength of God's love as qualified, committed, and well trained members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Richard D. Ellsworth

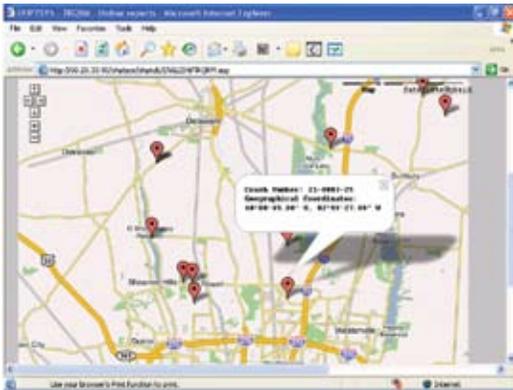
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A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

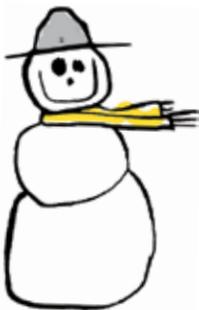


Screen shot of LINC mapping capabilities.

LINC upgrades and mapping capabilities

New enhanced capabilities are being added to the Traffic Crash/Photo Pouch System (LINC). These new features include the ability to map crashes on Google Earth™ maps with the touch of a button. For the first time, commanders will be able to map their fatal crashes, alcohol crashes, motorcycle crashes, etc. at the local level. There will also be some additional tools to mass-edit existing LINC data, especially highway names in order to enhance consistency and accuracy. Currently, Strategic Services personnel are conducting LINC classes at the Academy to explain the use of these new features in detail. Once the classes are complete, these new features will be made available.

Calling all aspiring artists

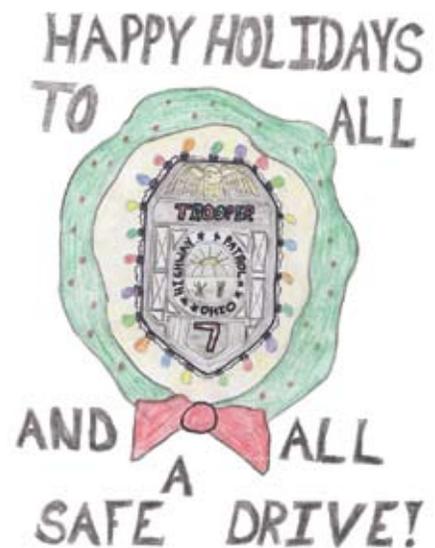


Time is running out to submit drawings for the superintendent's holiday greeting card. Like last year, Colonel Paul McClellan wants to use a greeting card featuring original artwork or drawings by children (age 12 or under) of Patrol employees. He will send these cards to federal and state law enforcement agencies around the country as well as to many Ohio police agencies.

The submission should be on plain white paper at least 8.5" x 11" in size but no more than 11" x 17". The drawing should be in color with a holiday theme.

Submissions should be forwarded to Melva Dodd in OSHP Administration and should be received no later than October 6.

Each child will receive a certificate of participation and a personalized letter from Colonel McClellan. The child submitting the drawing chosen to be on the greeting card will be invited to Columbus along with his or her parents for lunch with Colonel McClellan.



Last year's winning entry was drawn by Shannen Moorhead, daughter of Tpr. Jeff Moorhead, Chillicothe, and Sgt. Shannon Moorhead, Portsmouth.



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