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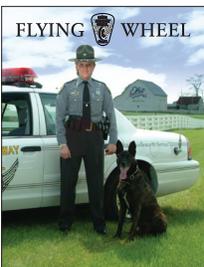
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We should all be encouraged by the early reviews of *LifeStat 1.0*, which is helping our troopers know where and why crashes are occurring and better equipping them with tools and resources to prevent many future crashes. We are making a difference and saving lives. Yet we have great challenges ahead for the remainder of this year, and for the next several.

Field commanders are responding favorably to the significant changes to our inspection process, notably including positive comments about the elimination of the support documentation notebooks that the former process required. Now we just review actual paperwork in files, which has eliminated a great deal of supervisory redundancy in paperwork. This extra time is allowing post supervisors to ensure that administrative and support service issues are handled according to policy, while focusing on enforcement and educational programs to achieve our strategic goal.

By utilizing the new district inspections approach, our district commanders and staff officers get a district-wide perspective of strengths and weaknesses. During the crash reduction effort section in the new inspection process, post management teams are demonstrating knowledge of their crash picture, and detailing different enforcement and educational programs being used to affect their crash picture.

The new process is also helping us identify statewide trends, and initiate training programs to make corrections to common errors in an attempt to prevent problems from becoming statewide issues. In addition to statewide trends, we are also more easily identifying district trends, which is proving very beneficial for our district captains.

Through our inspection changes, we are communicating different ways to achieve administrative and operational successes and sharing unique and time-efficient programs from other posts. While the new inspection process is focusing on the strategic goal and ensuring administrative tasks are completed according to established guidelines, we are seeing examples of other positive results from *LifeStat 1.0* across the state.

We are also garnering attention from state and international law enforcement agencies. In May we shared our ideas and goals with members of the Ontario Provincial Police, and in early August superintendents and senior staff officials from the Michigan State Police and Minnesota Highway Patrol visited us to learn more about our strategic direction and *LifeStat 1.0*.

All employees should be encouraged that our successes are causing other law enforcement managers to take notice and look for ways to incorporate similar strategic initiatives into their agencies. We are on the right track and it is very exciting to see the variety of innovative ideas coming together with the resources of *LifeStat 1.0* as we combine enforcement, education, and engineering solutions to focus our energies on our core mission and achievement of the strategic goal.

Col. Paul D. McClellan

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Superintendent



*We are making a difference
and saving lives.*

Sweet smell of success



The Patrol currently employs 19 canine units – 17 drug detection canines and two explosive detection canines. They are stationed around the state and teamed with trooper handlers who direct their activities. Above left, Tpr. Shaun Smart, Piqua DHQ, leads K9 Rita through a simulated sniff. Above right, Tpr. Matt Lehman, Capitol Operations, and K9 Blitz conduct a sweep.

For 15 years, Patrol canines’ super sniffers have enhanced criminal patrol, homeland security efforts

For years, the Ohio State Highway Patrol has enjoyed a reputation as a leading law enforcement agency in drug interdiction and security issues. Our 19 canine units are an integral part of that success.

A dog’s sense of smell is said to be a thousand times more sensitive than that of humans and dogs can sense odors at concentrations nearly 100 million times lower than humans can. With proper training and handling, law enforcement agencies have discovered that “man’s best friend” can help detect criminal activity, locate missing persons, and provide a host of other important services.

Drug-detecting canines

In what is shaping up to be an extraordinary year for the Patrol in terms of illegal drugs seized, troopers scored another major victory recently when they seized 3,181 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$7.2 million.

On June 30, troopers stopped a commercial vehicle for speeding on eastbound Interstate 70 in Preble County. A Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the truck and troopers found the marijuana hidden within the truck’s load. It marked the second time in three months that troopers shattered the Division’s record for a marijuana seizure.

Since first joining the active ranks 15 years ago, Patrol canines have proven to be well-trained and reliable in assisting troopers and officers from other law enforcement agencies with detecting the presence of illegal drugs.

In the last two years, our drug detecting canines and their trooper handlers have been particularly busy, and particularly successful. In 2004, drug-detecting canines were used to conduct sniffs a total of 5,854 times, both on and off the highway. So far in 2005, the canines have been used nearly 1,800 times, including in several notable cases, which resulted in large seizures:

February 10 – Troopers stopped an SUV for following too close and improper lane change violations on the Ohio Turnpike in Lorain County. A Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the vehicle and a search revealed 30 pounds of cocaine valued at \$1.3 million in the vehicle.

March 20 – Troopers stopped a commercial vehicle for lane violations on I-70 in Preble County. A Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the truck and a search revealed 2,318 pounds of marijuana in the back of the truck. The marijuana had an estimated value of more than \$5.2 million.
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Total seizures as a result of using canines

	2004	2005 (January - July)
Marijuana	10,582 lbs.	Marijuana 7,197 lbs.
Cocaine	989 lbs.	Cocaine 190 lbs.
Heroin	24 lbs.	Heroin 1.5 lbs.
Meth	4 lbs.	Crack 3 lbs.
Crack	5 lbs.	Currency \$1,232,221
Currency	\$3,239,706	

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March 25 & 26 — In two unrelated cases, troopers stopped vehicles for traffic violations on I-70 in Preble County. In each instance, a Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the vehicles for the combined seizure of 19 kilos of cocaine valued at \$1.9 million.

Explosive Detection Unit

In addition to our drug-detecting canines, we also employ an Explosive Detection Canine Unit made up of Tpr. Ben Richardson with K9 Nitro and Tpr. Matt Lehman with K9 Blitz.

Our Explosive Detection Canine Unit is the most sought after canine unit in Ohio, and routinely handles requests for assistance from city, county, and federal agencies from Cleveland to Cincinnati. The unit has been used on numerous Presidential details, concerts, and large-venue and high-priority events. Explosive ordnance disposal units across the state greatly appreciate the reliability and accuracy of the canine deployments.

Richardson and Lehman also are considered experts in explosives and explosive response and are available to help other agencies safely handle an explosive threat response.

In addition, both Nitro and Blitz are trained as multipurpose, detection and patrol canines. While explosive detection is their primary focus, patrol functions of the Explosive Detection Canine Unit consist of tracking, building



Troopers seized 3,181 pounds of marijuana — a new state record — in a commercial vehicle stopped for a traffic violation in Preble County on June 30 after a Patrol canine alerted to the vehicle.

search, apprehension, and handler protection.

Evidence search consists of the search for articles laden with human scent as well as weapons with gun powder. The canine unit has been called upon numerous times for detection and location of weapons thrown from the scene of a pursuit or crime or bullet casings at the scene of a crime.

The explosive detection canine unit has a statewide response and is ready at all hours of the day. If any agency has a need to investigate a bomb threat, escapee, evidence, or lost person, the explosive detection canine unit can help.

Detail commander — Lt. Douglas Williard
614-466-0506 / 614-989-9536
24-hour response statewide

Piqua trooper wins national award for drug interdiction success

On September 1, Tpr. Shaun Smart, a canine handler assigned to Piqua DHQ, won the nation's highest award for drug interdiction.

Each year, the Drug Interdiction Assistance Program (DIAP), which is administered by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's National Training Center, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's El Paso Intelligence Center select the country's most successful drug interdiction officer. In addition to the number of seizures an officer participated in, the committee also looks at the officer's teaching commitment and community involvement with the war on drugs.

From January 1, 2004 through July 1, Smart made 30 significant drug and/or currency seizures, including six involving commercial vehicles. Fifteen of the seizures involved false

compartments, including one in a functioning engine manifold and another in a functioning radiator.

In addition, he stopped two known terrorists, located an aggravated attempted murder suspect, and performed CPR to save the life of a heroin overdose victim.

In his 15-year career, Smart has seized more than 15,000 pounds of marijuana and 2,000 pounds of cocaine. He has been involved in more than 325 significant drug and/or currency seizures, generating about 175 of those himself.

Smart also was nominated for the DIAP Officer of the Year Award last year. He is recognized as a drug interdiction expert and has helped train more than 8,500 officers across the United States and Canada since 1992.



An official from the Drug Interdiction Assistance Program presents Tpr. Shaun Smart with the Drug Interdiction Officer of the Year Award.

A member of the 119th Academy Class, Smart holds several of our drug seizure records.

Troopers look for *Extreme Driving* on Ohio roadways

We've all seen it — drivers racing by at unsafe speeds, weaving through traffic, passing on the berm, tailgating, and creating dangerous situations on our roadways.

Extreme Driving, speeds of over 100 mph, unsafe lane changes, and other types of reckless and dangerous driving can be significant hazards for companies and workers in metropolitan areas across Ohio. These dangerous individuals, who are making our roads hazardous and impacting businesses, are the target of a concentrated enforcement and awareness effort by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

To address this alarming *Extreme Driving* trend, concentrated enforcement by troopers, which began earlier this summer, combines the use of Patrol aircraft with road officers to root out one of the most dangerous elements on Ohio roadways. We are also looking to impact the recent trend of wrong way drivers in metropolitan areas. Among the first areas being targeted are the urban interstates in and around Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Akron.

The crackdown, which will continue at least through the end of the year, is designed to focus enforcement and education awareness resources on the worst of the worst drivers. Through this type of focused attention, we are looking to affect the fact that 20 percent of the state's fatalities are now occurring within Ohio's four largest metropolitan areas.

In addition to our enforcement

efforts, we have reached out to the business community in each area to get help from companies and their employees. It is vitally important for the motoring public to work with us in addressing this significant traffic safety concern.

Over 400 Ohio businesses and chambers of commerce received letters from the Patrol urging their employees to report locations and times *Extreme Driving* is prevalent, either via the Ohio State Highway Patrol Web site, www.statepatrol.ohio.gov, or by calling their local Patrol post at 1-877-7-PATROL. The information is being forwarded to troopers on the road, as well as Patrol pilots flying over the effected urban

areas, to target those areas and times.

We also developed a "paycheck stuffer" and bulletin board posting that businesses can order at no cost to further remind and encourage their employees to help us in the fight against dangerous *Extreme Driving*. Interested companies can download those materials directly from the Patrol's Web site, or send an e-mail order to us directly through our Web site.

Through assistance from businesses and their employees in cities across Ohio, we hope to significantly impact the epidemic of *Extreme Driving*, which in turn can make roads safer and businesses more efficient.



Extreme Driving success stories...

By focusing on *Extreme Driving*, officers have already achieved great success in removing dangerous drivers from the road. For example, Tpr. David Sizemore, a Patrol pilot, was working a detail with the Delaware Post when he saw an SUV enter I-270 and immediately move across four lanes of traffic. Sizemore checked the vehicle at 94 mph and then saw the driver pass another vehicle on the berm. When the driver got hung up in traffic, he moved across all four lanes again and passed on the inside berm.

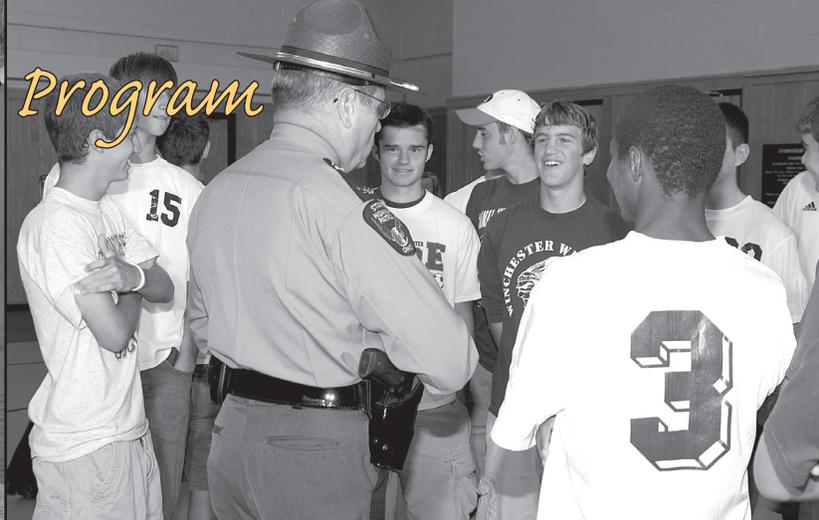
With assistance from Sizemore, Lt. Ron Kuszmaul finally stopped the driver on SR-315. As he approached the vehicle, he also observed three children in the back seat, two of which were not in child safety seats.

Lt. Marla Gaskill reported that troopers from the Marysville Post have also made several potentially life-saving traffic stops, including stopping a 16-year-old for traveling 108 mph in a 65 mph zone on US 33 in Union County.

In another stop, a trooper stopped a car for traveling 100 mph on a narrow township road, where the posted speed limit is 55 mph. The driver was also taking up more than half of the roadway. The trooper was working the area based upon complaints the post had received. The driver admitted to "speeding," stating that he works night shift and wanted to get home before he fell asleep. He was cited for reckless operation.



Annie Guccione Awards Program



Students from Canal Winchester High School check out a Honda Element, which is one of the possible awards for Ohio student leaders who actively promote teen safety issues at their schools.

Col. Paul McClellan discusses the new Annie Guccione Awards Program with her classmates from Canal Winchester High School at a media event on August 18.

Honda of America joins Buckle Up for a Successful Season

Along with the Ohio High School Athletic Association, on August 18 we introduced Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. as the sponsor of the Annie Guccione *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* Awards program.

The Annie Guccione *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* Awards program will recognize Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) high schools, and junior and senior students from those schools, who actively promote teen traffic safety issues.

Students who earn area recognition will receive fully paid enrollment to the Honda Teen Defensive Driving Program of The Mid-Ohio School in Lexington. From the area winners, nine regional winners will be selected and will receive \$1,000 in financial assistance for college from Honda.

A state winner will be selected from the regional winners, and that student will receive his or her choice of a new Honda Civic, Honda Element, or \$10,000 in financial assistance for college. Schools will also be recognized for innovative programs, with winning schools receiving a banner for display.

Nominations can be submitted through local Patrol posts through the end of February 2006. Winners will be announced toward the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Honda of America has committed approximately \$100,000 to the program.

Annie Guccione, a 16-year-old junior from Canal Winchester High School, became the face and voice of

Buckle Up for a Successful Season when she spoke at the program kick-off event at Canal Winchester High School in August 2004. Her poignantly emotional speech about a severe crash in which she was involved and one of her sisters was killed, and the importance of safety belt usage and making mature decisions, is the cornerstone for the program.

By teaming together, we will continue to help teenagers understand the importance of making good choices.

Regrettably, just weeks after speaking about her experience, Annie passed away as a result of injuries she sustained in the crash. She embodied the essence of the entire *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* program — students impacting other students to get them to understand the importance of making safe decisions, including saying no to alcohol and buckling up.

“Honda is excited to be a part of this partnership. Sometimes you find those projects that just click and this is one of those,” Lynn Dennison, Assistant Vice President and General Counsel of Honda of America Manufacturing, said.

“The Ohio State Highway Patrol did a fantastic job in promoting the *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* campaign during its first year, and it’s exciting that an outstanding company like

Honda has joined this important program,” said Daniel Ross, Ph.D., commissioner of the OHSAA.

“Hopefully, by teaming together, we will continue to help teenagers understand the importance of making good choices — which includes using a safety belt and saying no to alcohol — so that safety is improved within our communities and the number of tragedies is reduced,” he said.

For a second year, Patrol posts across Ohio distributed large *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* banners and static window stickers to all OHSAA member high schools for display throughout the season at stadiums and other appropriate locations.

In many instances, student-athletes, coaches, and other student leaders are signing the banners as a pledge to lead by example, wearing their safety belts this season — everywhere, every time.

In addition to the banners, throughout the school year, high school students and fans will notice sustained *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* program elements including high school in-game public address announcements, school announcements, assembly presentations, media events, letters to the editor, and other materials.

Additional information on the *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* program and the Annie Guccione Awards — including a video of Annie Guccione’s remarks from the August 2004 event — can be found at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/season.htm.

Highway fatality rate in U.S. drops to record low of 1.46 in 2004

The fatality rate on the nation's highways in 2004 was the lowest since record-keeping began 30 years ago, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced on August 1. The number of alcohol-related fatalities also dropped for the second straight year.

All told, 42,636 people died on the nation's highways in 2004, down from 42,884 in 2003. The fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) was 1.46 in 2004, down from 1.48 in 2003.

"Drivers are safer today on our nation's highways than they have ever been, in part because of the safer cars, higher safety belt use, and stronger safety laws," said Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta.

Since 2001, the number of states with primary safety belt laws has increased to 22, along with the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, leading to an 80 percent safety belt use level, the highest ever. In addition, all states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, now have 0.08 blood alcohol laws for drivers.

In 2004, VMT increased to 2.92 trillion, up from 2.89 trillion in 2003, according to the DOT's Federal Highway Administration.

"Credit must also go to those states

Ohio's traffic fatality rate drops to 1.14

As the statistics recently released by NHTSA reinforce, in 2004 the Ohio State Highway Patrol made significant progress toward achieving our strategic goal of a fatality rate of one per 100 million vehicle miles traveled by the end of 2007. By the end of 2004, we had achieved a fatality rate of 1.14 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in Ohio.

While the number of total crash fatalities in Ohio increased slightly (from 1278 to 1285), the number of fatalities on our rural roadways decreased five percent. In addition, as vehicle miles traveled in Ohio increased 2.3 percent, the number of total crashes statewide decreased 3 percent.

In 2004, nearly one in four enforcement-related arrests was for aggressive driving or OVI, directly addressing two of the most hazardous crash-causing factors. Last year, troopers arrested 25,112 drunk drivers and made approximately 87,000 aggressive driving arrests.

LifeStat 1.0 is making a difference (please see Colonel's letter, page 2). Effective evaluation, enforcement, and education continue to be our best approach to making travel on Ohio's roadways safer.

where safety is a high priority," said NHTSA Administrator Jeffrey Runge.

NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) also shows that nationally, between 2003 and 2004:

- Motorcycle fatalities increased from 3,714 to 4,008, an 8 percent rise.
- Alcohol-related fatalities dropped from 17,105 to 16,694, a 2.4 percent decline.
- Total fatalities in sport utility vehicles (SUVs) increased 5.6 percent, from 4,483 to 4,735, while fatalities in passenger cars, pickup trucks and

vans decreased a total of 834.

- Passenger vehicle occupant fatalities dropped to 31,693 – the lowest since 1992. Declining fatalities in passenger cars are consistent with more crashworthy vehicles in the fleet and increases in safety belt use.
- 55 percent of those killed in passenger vehicles 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.

More Ohioans are buckling up: safety belt use climbs 4.6 percent

On July 22, Ohio Public Safety Director Kenneth Morckel announced that observed safety belt usage in Ohio has increased from 74 percent to 79 percent.

According to observational data analyzed by Miami University's Applied Research Center in Middletown, more Ohioans are buckling up than ever before.

"Seeing an increase is encouraging because we know the higher the usage rate, the more lives that are saved," Morckel said. "Wearing a safety belt is the easiest way to protect yourself while riding in a motor vehicle. I'm pleased to see more and more Ohioans are getting that message."

The Ohio Department of Public Safety credits the work of law enforcement, Safe Community coalitions, first responders, churches, hospitals, and schools for the coordinated, statewide effort displayed during the national Click It or Ticket mobilization.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, Ohio had the largest increase in safety belt use among the Great Lakes Region states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

"We applaud the efforts that have resulted in an increased safety belt use in Ohio of over four and one half percent," said Don McNamara, Regional Administrator for the NHTSA.

"To continue this life-saving trend, we encourage Ohio's law enforcement and traffic safety communities' continued support of strong educational and enforcement activity."

In addition to enforcement activities such as Click It or Ticket, the Patrol has supplemented efforts to encourage safety belt use with innovative traffic safety education programs including *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* (please see page 7 for more information).

Incidents illustrate driver examiners' ability to detect, prevent fraud

Two recent examples from our driver license exam stations show how driver license examiners can provide a critical level of defense against criminals and potential terrorists attempting to obtain fraudulent identification.

Good training and the watchful eye of DX1 Heather Gebhart of the Huber Heights Driver License Exam Station resulted in the subsequent arrest of an individual presenting a false social security card.

On March 31, the suspect contacted the Huber Heights Exam Station to apply for an Ohio driver license. The applicant presented a fraudulent social security card and further investigation revealed he was under suspension in New Jersey.

Gebhart immediately recognized the social security card as fraudulent and contacted the Dayton Post. Troopers responded to the scene and upon advice of the local prosecutor, arrested the individual for presenting false information/forgery.

The suspect subsequently pled guilty in court to a reduced charge of obstructing official business.

Also recently, a man came into the Portsmouth Driver License Exam Station wanting to transfer an Iowa driver license to Ohio. DX1 Brenda Gregory noticed the picture and physical description on the license did not match the person standing in front of her.

She conferred with DX1 Tim Alford and he agreed that the man did not appear to be the same person as pictured and described on the Iowa license.

They asked the man questions about his social security number, date of birth, and previous address. The suspect was



Driver examiners, like Heather Gebhart at the Huber Heights Exam Station, play a key role in making sure fraudulent documents are not used to obtain Ohio driver licenses.

able to answer some questions, but not without pausing to think about his answers. After he left the station empty-handed, Gregory and Alford reported the incident to their supervisor.

Several days later, the same man returned to the station again to transfer his Iowa license. This time the examiners contacted the Portsmouth Post. Troopers arrived to investigate and ultimately the suspect admitted he had stolen the Iowa license from a truck driver in Texas several weeks before and that he was wanted in California for parole violations and rape.

Thanks to the Gregory and Alford's attention to detail, the suspect was extradited to California to answer the charges against him.

Patrol, Ontario Police team up to address similar safety concerns

Due to persistent and increasing highway safety problems in Ontario last year, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) met with several law enforcement agencies from across North America that are considered to be leaders in the delivery of traffic safety services.

After in-depth discussions, including a visit by Col. Paul McClellan, the OPP's Provincial Traffic Review Project is determined to establish a new highway patrol component within the OPP that will be directly modeled off our division.

OPP leadership is working to address mounting traffic safety concerns in Ontario necessitating their enhanced commitment toward development of a Provincial Highway Safety Division to address the approximate 3,000 traffic fatalities occurring annually in Canada.

Nearly 900 fatalities and thousands of those traffic crash injuries are occurring in Ontario.

Col. McClellan met with OPP leadership in Ontario again in late May to provide a detailed presentation on our operations and strategic highway safety initiatives, as well as *LifeStat 1.0* principles.

At the same time, OPP officers visited Ohio to receive in-depth overviews of our traffic safety methods including analysis of field and aviation operations, training, and administrative functions.

To achieve safer roadways, fewer fatalities, and to reduce the number of injuries resulting from

traffic crashes, the sharing of ideas between our agencies is beneficial in areas of agency structure, leadership, supervision, awareness and education, image and profile enhancement, and traffic management planning.



Col. McClellan addresses members of the Ontario Provincial Police during a visit to discuss strategic highway safety initiatives.

Unique training reinforces need for integrity in police work

Since 1999, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Anti-Defamation League have developed training models for recruit, in-service, and command-level law enforcement officers as well as federal judges.

These programs, developed in collaboration with the FBI, the Metropolitan Police Department, the Federal Judicial Center, and Prince George's County Police, examine the history of the Holocaust and encourage law enforcement officials to reflect upon their personal and professional responsibilities in our

pluralistic democracy.

These training programs have served more than 20,000 officers from nine local police agencies in the Washington, D.C. region and have gained national interest from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Justice Department.

In May, a portion of that training was offered for the first time outside of Washington, D.C., as members of the 143rd Academy Class studied, "Law Enforcement and Society: Lessons of the Holocaust."

Using an interactive discussion

format, which differs significantly from a majority of cadet training, and led by historians and educators from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the course traces the history of the Holocaust from the Nazi rise to power through the end of World

War II and its aftermath (1933-45), focusing on the abuse of power under the Nazis and the role of police within the Nazi state.

There is an additional examination of the important and difficult role of police in American society today led by Anti-Defamation educators.

We train all of our cadets and officers to be professional with every traffic stop and to ensure each contact with the public is conducted in a courteous manner regardless of religion, race, or gender.

A significant component of having integrity as a law enforcement officer is understanding the importance of doing the right thing every time, even when no one is looking.

Col. Paul McClellan believes a critical decision-making component in contemporary law enforcement must include treating people with dignity and without eroding their human rights.

Every trooper has a responsibility to uphold our oath to the Constitution. That commitment, further reinforced by this training, is that our officers serve the public, not just the will of one person or group in power.



Cadets received training that encourages officers to see themselves as defenders of the Constitution and guardians against a repeat of the Holocaust.

Junior Cadet Week lets teens explore career in law enforcement



Thirty-seven 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 33rd annual Junior Cadet Week, June 20-24, 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. Daniel Laubacher, Wooster, served as class advisors.

Chillicothe Post dedicated to former superintendent Thomas Rice

The public and the media were invited to the Chillicothe Post on August 6 for the dedication ceremony of the facility to retired Col. Thomas Rice, who served 33 years with the Patrol, including five as superintendent.

His tenure was marked by a series of impressive accomplishments including the development of the Patrol's first strategic plan, the acquisition of drug-detection canines, and the modernization of the Special Response Team.

Other innovative enforcement advances initiated under Rice include: the creation of the Crash Reconstruction Unit, which is now recognized as one of the best units of its kind in the country; the establishment of a multiple-offender OVI program and a toll-free hotline to report dangerous drivers; and the introduction of new technology, such as laser speed detectors and enhanced computers.

Rice began his Patrol career in April 1960 as a cadet dispatcher at Chillicothe. That fall, he entered the Training Academy as a member of the 55th Class, which was commissioned that December.

His first assignment was to the Dayton Post. After assignments at the Academy, West Jefferson, and Xenia, he was named commander of the Hamilton Post in 1969.

He later served as commander of the Academy and the Recruitment Section and then as commander of the Columbus District.

Rice earned a promotion to major in 1985 and served as commander of the Office of Personnel prior to being appointed superintendent.

After his retirement in January 1994, he served as Director of Public Safety for the city of Columbus. He is currently serving the Transportation Security Administration as the federal security director at Port Columbus International Airport and acting federal security director at Pittsburgh International Airport.

He lives in Westerville with his wife, Sally. They have five children: Thomas Jr., Gigi, Amy, Beth, and Bill.



Capt. George Maier (left) and Lt. Lee Darden (right) present Retired Col. Tom Rice with artwork commemorating the dedication of the Chillicothe Post in Col. Rice's honor. Rice was born and raised in Chillicothe and began his career as a cadet dispatcher at the Chillicothe Post.

Richland County citizens to benefit from new Mansfield Post

With the benefit of a new facility and new equipment, the officers and professional staff assigned to the Mansfield Post now have at their disposal the most up-to-date tools to help them best serve the citizens of Richland County.

On June 17, Mansfield invited community leaders and the public to tour its new post, marking the culmination of a construction project that began last year.

The first Richland County post was established in 1933. It consisted of one officer who worked from his home. The next year, the post moved to Ashland Road and then moved among several locations before the former Mansfield facility opened just a few doors down from the new post in 1965.



Rep. Thom Collier, Rep. William Hartnett, Col. Paul McClellan, Judge James Deweese, Lt. James Wernecke, and Capt. Robert Maxey officially unveil the new Mansfield Post.

Patrol's reputation in safety education shows in request from Iraq

The Public Affairs Unit recently received and helped fill a request for traffic safety education materials for soldiers serving in Iraq. The following excerpts from an e-mail from the requesting officer, who is normally stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, illustrate just how far the Division's reputation as a leader in traffic safety reaches:

My job with the Stryker Combat Brigade in Mosul, Iraq, is Safety Officer. I am responsible for the safety and health of a 5,000-soldier unit. Over the years working in safety, I have become very much aware of the work the Ohio State Highway Patrol does in its effort to prevent automobile accidents.

The number one killer of our soldiers, outside of combat, is accidents in privately owned vehicles. Your organization



The following letter was addressed to Sgt. Jerrod Savidge, Fremont, who noticed headlights in a field and found a crashed pick-up and its driver, Mr. Braden, who had been ejected from the vehicle. Mr. Braden was transported to the hospital by helicopter where he was in critical condition for several days.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. If it wasn't for you, I might not be living today. I'm in very bad shape, but I'm still living thanks to you and your actions. I don't know how long I'll be in the hospital, but I am ready for that journey. Someday I would really like to meet you and shake your hand. I owe a new beginning to you. You and your family will always be in my prayers.

Michael Braden Fostoria

While visiting today's (7/24) car show in Delaware, I attempted to get a photo of my three-year-old daughter standing beside one of your cruisers. One very professional and courteous female trooper approached us during our "photo-shoot" and handed my little girl an OSHP "kid's badge."

was without a doubt the first one I thought of to fulfill my commander's intent to help inform our soldiers. I am humbled by the support your organization is willing to provide us.

We are doing a lot of great things here. Besides providing Iraqi people a chance of freedom, we are also building schools, replacing extremely bad electrical grids, and many other projects that are not published.

Once again I want to thank you for helping U.S. Army soldiers to return to their families much safer. You have no idea how much it means to us and how much you really are doing.

**CW4 Richard A. Goforth, Sr., C.S.H.O., MS
Safety Officer 1st BDE 25th ID
FOB Courage – Mosul, Iraq**

My daughter was so excited about that, the trooper then gave her a packet containing a coloring book and a "police pencil" as she now calls it. That trooper of yours really made an impression on my little girl!

As parents, we are very proud of today's events, especially pertaining to the courtesy and professionalism that your representative displayed.

A Delaware Family

P.S. This evening our girl displayed her junior trooper badge and put me – her daddy – under arrest! Oh man!

I just wanted to send a sincere "Thank You" to Tpr. Byron Fox, who changed a tire for me on I-71 today after 9 p.m. I entered the highway and felt something was wrong and had just been there when he pulled up. He was polite and very helpful. I'm glad he was there!

Linda Medina

I would like to thank you for your help on 7/13/05. My three children and I had a tire blowout near mile marker 90 on Route 80. My daughter and I were changing the tire when Tpr. Eddie Lopez pulled over behind us. What an excellent employee you have. Despite the impending darkness, rain, and my children watching his every move and asking questions, Tpr. Lopez was patient, friendly, and extremely helpful.

He changed the tire, told me where the next service plaza was, and made sure we got on our way safely. As a former resident, I know what a great state Ohio is, but Tpr. Lopez once again affirmed that in his actions and words.

Nancy E. Kolb-Puglisi Plainfield, Illinois

I would like to thank ALL of you for the kindness Trooper Woodring and the other officers showed toward my wife and me after our truck breakdown on 7/16/05. Your troopers went out of their way to make sure we were safe and secure. Your kindness was appreciated.

Steve and Sherri Alier Casey, Illinois

On May 27, my wife and I were traveling I-70 when I noticed a trooper helping to change a tire. I told my wife (at the time half jokingly) that I should send a letter of appreciation for that type of "over and above" work that probably goes on every day with little or no acknowledgment.

Little did I know that two days later, we would be the ones being served and protected by Tpr. Mark Masters when a deer struck the front of our vehicle. His help and professionalism were greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work!

Brian Behary Columbus

Certificates of Recognition

Sgt. Deanna Anverse, Piqua DHQ, received a Certificate of Recognition for her hard work and dedication to enhancing the Patrol's participation in the Buckeye Girls State program.

Sgt. Anverse has served as the Patrol's officer-in-charge at Buckeye Girls State for each of the last three years. Each summer, she makes improvements to the quality and content of the Patrol's participation.

Her efforts provide the girls under her tutelage a glimpse of what a career in law enforcement might be like and an understanding of the Patrol's mission to reduce crashes and save lives. Sgt. Anverse also has instituted a successful Junior Cadet recruitment program at Buckeye Girls State.

Thanks to her efforts, participation in the Junior Cadet Program among Buckeye Girls State attendees has increased from three to five girls per year to more than a dozen.



Deanna Anverse

Tpr. Rodney Ramps, Hiram, received a Certificate of Recognition for his determined efforts to assist a crash victim. On June 14, 2005, Tpr. Ramps was dispatched to a serious injury crash involving a commercial vehicle on the Ohio Turnpike.

At the scene he saw that the tractor trailer rolled down an embankment. He also was immediately aware of a man inside the sleeper compartment screaming for help. The victim's legs were pinned by the crushed compartment and he was in tremendous pain.

Tpr. Ramps retrieved his axe and set to work chopping at the compartment to free the victim. In the process, refrigerant from the truck hit Tpr. Ramps in the face and eyes. Despite his injuries he continued his efforts to extricate the victim.

When rescue workers arrived on the scene, they helped Tpr. Ramps free the victim, who was then transported from the scene by helicopter. Tpr. Ramps' injuries were treated at a local medical center before he returned to work that day.



Rodney Ramps

Ace Award

Tpr. Gregory Allen, Warren, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$14,500 and apprehended seven suspects to earn his third Ace Award.

He earned the first Ace Award of the year on April 26 when he stopped a 1993 Chevrolet for a speed violation. The driver was subsequently arrested for OVI and DUS and was found to have an active misdemeanor warrant in Trumbull County. In addition, the suspect had seven prior OVI convictions. Upon contact, the vehicle's owner advised that the suspect had stolen her vehicle and she had filed a report with the Niles Police Department.

Tpr. Christopher Ausse, Elyria, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$31,000 and apprehended five suspects to earn his second Ace Award.

His fourth recovery was a 1988 Pontiac valued at \$2,000. While on stationary patrol, Tpr. Ausse checked the speed of the suspect vehicle by laser and found it to be traveling 55 mph in a 35 mph zone.



Gregory Allen

He attempted to stop the vehicle, but the suspect continued driving to a private residence, and exited the vehicle. The suspect ignored Tpr. Ausse's commands to stop and instead went to the back of the house. Just as backup units arrived on the scene, the suspect emerged from the house and admitted to stealing the vehicle.

Tpr. David Dillon, Mansfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$33,000 and apprehended five suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

On May 31, Tpr. Dillon responded to a complaint of a reckless driver on Interstate 71. He located the vehicle and attempted to stop the suspect for a marked lanes violation.

The suspect fled and a three-mile pursuit ensued. When the vehicle finally stopped, the juvenile suspect driver and three juvenile passengers were taken into custody. Dispatch then advised that the vehicle was reported stolen through the Union County Sheriff's Office.



David Dillon



Christopher Ausse

15 years of service

“These canine teams will greatly enhance our effectiveness in detecting drugs in vehicles being used by courier’s on Ohio’s highways, and in state institutions.”

*– Col. Thomas Rice
April 11, 1990*

On April 11, 1990, Col. Thomas Rice introduced the Patrol’s newest weapon against the transportation of illegal drugs in Ohio. More accurately, he introduced six new weapons—Buster, Dingo, Panzer, Narco, Fox, and Rex—the Patrol’s first canine units.

As an extension of the Division’s CIN (Confiscate Illegal Narcotics) program, the drug-detection dogs were assigned to cover known drug routes on Ohio highways. Obtained with assets seized in drug arrests, the dogs and six handlers selected from the ranks, completed several weeks of training in early 1990.

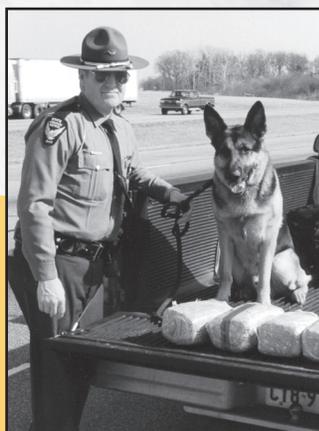
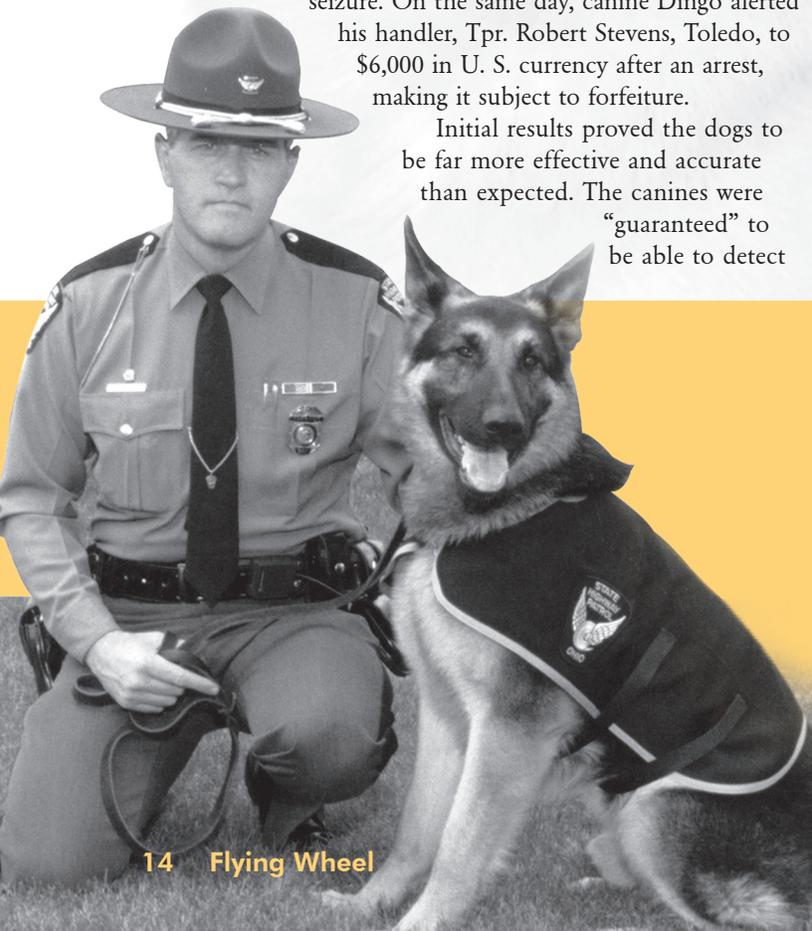
Slightly more than two weeks after Col. Rice introduced them to the public, canine Rex alerted his handler, Tpr. Robert Burns, Ravenna, to over 70 pounds of marijuana concealed in the bed of a truck, to record the first major dog-related drug seizure. On the same day, canine Dingo alerted his handler, Tpr. Robert Stevens, Toledo, to \$6,000 in U. S. currency after an arrest, making it subject to forfeiture.

Initial results proved the dogs to be far more effective and accurate than expected. The canines were “guaranteed” to be able to detect

quantities of drugs as small as six grams, but it was found that their tremendous sense of smell enabled them to detect very minute quantities of drugs, even drug residue on currency or the carpet of a vehicle.

To augment the new canine drug program, 15 two-officer Traffic and Drug Interdiction Teams (TDITs) were placed into service the following year. The TDIT teams, also strategically placed around the state, performed normal traffic enforcement duties with special emphasis on detecting couriers of illegal narcotics. After the formation of the TDITs, extraordinary amounts of drugs were seized, with seizure records continually being smashed with larger, more valuable busts.

Four months after the April 1995 bombing of the Federal Office Building in Oklahoma City, the Patrol acquired Merlin, the Patrol’s first explosive-detecting canine. Assigned to Police Officer 2 Frank Eggart at Capitol Operations, Merlin was trained to identify 11 different potentially explosive substances.



Left: Tpr. Billy Roush and K9 Panzer, Mt. Gilead, were one of the original canine teams. Above left: Tpr. Fred Summers and K9 Fox, Circleville, were also an original canine team. Above right: PO2 Frank Eggart and K9 Merlin were the first explosive detection team.



Drum and Bugle Corps

Patrol obtains special part of Drum and Bugle Corps history

A pleasant event in Patrol history was recalled recently when the baton that launched hundreds of marches at dozens of special events was given on loan for display at Heritage Hall.

Gerald White, director of Buckeye Boys State, recently presented the musical baton of Wilbur "Pete" DeWeese, the first director of the Patrol's Drum and Bugle Corps, to the Patrol.

DeWeese was instrumental in the creation of the Drum and Bugle Corps by offering to advise initial practices and by securing a temporary loan of instruments.

Opening Notes

With an eye on adding pomp and circumstance to ceremonial Patrol events, Col. Robert Chiaramonte suggested the organization of a Drum and Bugle Corps in early 1967. Lt. Col. Clifford Reich contacted DeWeese, who was director of the Aladdin Temple Shrine Drum and Bugle Corps and also served as director of the Buckeye Boys State band each year, for advice and direction.

His initial offer to assist turned into

a tenure of more than 20 years as director of the Patrol's Drum and Bugle Corps.

Initially, DeWeese had the first members of the Patrol band practice alongside his Aladdin Temple group. The patrolmen were rusty, as most of the men hadn't played an instrument since their days in high school or military service.

Soon enough, and with new instruments provided by State Troopers of Ohio, the Corps was ready to play in public. Their first performance was at the 75th Class graduation on April 28, 1967.

Lasting Legacy

Since that time, the Corps has become a fixture at many Patrol functions, adding inspiration and decorum. It is now led by Director Jim Hackworth.

Pete DeWeese died August 19, 1988, at the age of 93. The Flying Wheel article reporting his death called him, "one of the most memorable personalities in the Highway Patrol's long and richly textured history." His gift to the Division lives on every time the current members of the Drum and Bugle Corps strike up the band.

Pete DeWeese was director of the Drum and Bugle Corps for more than 20 years.



Gerald White, director of Buckeye Boys State, presented the baton used by Pete DeWeese to Major Peyton Watts, Academy, and Betty Berka of the Patrol's history department.

A Summer Affair



Auxiliary Officer Steven Rutherford assists a young visitor to the Patrol's display at the Ohio State Fair. Fairgoers were provided the opportunity to test Fatal Vision Goggles, which simulate visual impairment like that experienced while intoxicated and provide memorable sensory lessons in the dangers of impaired driving.

Auxiliary teams up with Ohio Citizen Corps

Training activities include assessing needs of local communities

The Patrol Auxiliary has joined forces with the Ohio Citizen Corps (OCC) to help make Ohio communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to prevent and handle threats of crime, disasters, and terrorism.

The OCC is administered through Ohio Homeland Security and the Ohio Community Service Council to engage citizens in hometown security through public education and training. The OCC seeks to increase the public's knowledge and skills through training and education, producing stronger citizens and safer communities, and to establish a pool of volunteers to supplement first responders in the event of a disaster, saving lives and property.

Earlier this year, Aux. Staff Major Rick Spencer represented the Auxiliary at an OCC strategic planning session that was attended by representatives from organizations around the state. Spencer was assigned to the State Training Committee, which will work with the Communications Committee to determine and address the training and education needs of Citizen Corps Councils at the county and local levels.

Work to date has involved developing methods to determine the individual needs of local groups and planning a course of action based on those assessments. As our involvement with the OCC develops, we are trying to determine how the Auxiliary can best be of service.

From contacts within the Council, we were asked to participate in a community health fair event in Mt. Vernon. That detail, which included providing safety education and training to the public, was handled by the Mt. Gilead Post and District Six Auxiliary.

Auxiliary logo wear



The Auxiliary recently authorized and purchased numerous items of logo wear for resale to members of the Division and other interested parties.

The Auxiliary logo is embroidered on the items, which are of quality construction. The logo apparel will be available for purchase at Statewide Training on October 8 for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, or October 22 for Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; or by contacting Staff Major Rick Spencer.

The following items are available:

Item	Cost
Dress Shirt	\$30
Golf Shirt	\$26
Tee Shirt	\$12
Sweat Pants	\$18
Sweat Shirt	\$18
Caps	\$10

Hats off for a job well done



Auxiliary Sgt. Bonita Smith recently assisted Tpr. Brandon Todd, Lancaster, with a speech detail at All Saints Academy. The students constructed a unique stetson thank you card to show their appreciation.

Captain Robert Ferguson



Robert Ferguson

After more than 32 years of service, Captain Robert Ferguson, Berea District commander, retired September 2. He is a member of the 98th Academy Class, which was commissioned in November 1973. His first assignment was to Findlay where he was Post and District Trooper of the Year in 1978.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1982 and served as an assistant commander at Findlay and Ashland. After his promotion to lieutenant in 1988, he served as commander of the Hiram and Ashland posts. He earned a promotion to staff lieutenant in 1999 and served as assistant commander of the Massillon District prior to his promotion to captain in 2001.

In his career he earned the Ace Award, four Health and Physical Fitness Awards, and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He resides in Medina.

After more than 32 years of service, Captain Robert Ferguson, Berea District commander, retired September 2. He is a member of the 98th Academy Class, which was commissioned in November 1973. His first assignment was to Findlay where he was Post and District Trooper of the Year in 1978.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1982 and served as an assistant commander at Findlay and Ashland. After his promotion to lieutenant in 1988, he served as commander of the Hiram and Ashland posts. He earned a promotion to staff lieutenant in 1999 and served as assistant commander of the Massillon District prior to his promotion to captain in 2001.

In his career he earned the Ace Award, four Health and Physical Fitness Awards, and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He resides in Medina.

1993 before earning a promotion to sergeant in 1994.

He has served as the Jackson District's commercial enforcement coordinator since November 1998.

In his career, Belyus earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award four times and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Albany.

Sergeant Elizabeth DaSilva



Elizabeth DaSilva

Sgt. Elizabeth DaSilva, West Jefferson, entered disability retirement May 29 after 12 years of service. She is a member of the 125th Academy Class and earned her commission in November 1993. Her first assignment was to West Jefferson where she served until August 1998 when she transferred to Springfield after a promotion to sergeant. She transferred back to West Jefferson in January 2001.

In her career, she earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. She and her husband, Paul, live in Springfield.

Lieutenant Michael Asbrock



Michael Asbrock

Lt. Michael Asbrock, Hamilton Post commander, retired August 31 with more than 26 years of service. He joined the Patrol in December 1978 as a member of the 105th Academy Class and earned his commission the following April.

He served as a trooper at the Batavia, Lebanon, and Hamilton posts, and earned Trooper of the Year honors at each post. He was also District Trooper of the Year in 1983.

Assigned to Hamilton for the last 14 years, Asbrock earned a promotion to sergeant in 1994 and to lieutenant in 2004. In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Kimberly, live in Mason.

Sergeant Bradley Perry



Bradley Perry

With more than 27 years of service, Sgt. Bradley Perry, Jackson, retired July 9. He began his career as a member of the 103rd Academy Class and earned his commission in July 1978. His first assignment was to Van Wert where he was Post Trooper of the Year twice. He transferred to Ashland in 1990 and won two more Post Trooper of the Year awards. He earned a promotion to sergeant and transferred to Jackson in December

1993. In his career, he was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Amanda, live in Jackson.

Sergeant Steven Belyus



Steven Belyus

With more than 27 years of service, Sgt. Steven Belyus, Jackson DHQ, retired July 8. He trained with the 102nd Academy Class and earned his commission in April 1978. His first assignment was to Ironton where he served two years.

He spent the next 10 years at Marietta, where he was Post Trooper of the Year twice. He transferred to Athens in 1991 and was Post Trooper of the Year for 1992 and

Sergeant Terry Staderman



Terry Staderman

Sgt. Terry Staderman, Academy, retired August 18 after more than 22 years of service. A member of the 112th Academy Class, he earned his commission in March 1983.

His first assignment was to the Batavia Post where he served 12 years before earning a promotion to sergeant in August 1995.

He was an assistant post commander at Georgetown for a year before he transferred to the Training

Academy in July 1996.

In his career he was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Mary, live in Grove City.

Trooper Robert Eaton



Robert Eaton

After more than six years of service, Tpr. Robert Eaton, Norwalk, entered disability retirement May 29. He trained with the 132nd Academy Class and earned his commission in April 1999.

He served at Norwalk throughout his career and was recognized for five years of safe driving. He and his wife, Jacole, reside in Bellevue.

Trooper Celeste Gallagher



Celeste Gallagher

After 24 years of service, Tpr. Celeste Gallagher, Ravenna, retired July 10. She trained with the 112th Academy Class after serving as a cadet dispatcher at Ravenna.

She earned her commission in March 1983 and served briefly at the Medina Post before transferring back to Ravenna for the duration of her career. She is a graduate of Kent State University and has been recognized for five years of safe driving. She and her husband, Scott, live in Alliance.

Trooper James Gauden



James Gauden

Tpr. James Gauden entered disability retirement on July 28 after more than 12 years of service. A member of the 125th Academy Class, he served at the Defiance Post throughout his career.

He earned three Certificates of Recognition, three Health and Physical Fitness Awards, and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Heather, reside in Montpelier.

Trooper Vladimir Repella



Vladimir Repella

With 25 years of service, Tpr. Vladimir Repella retired on August 26. He trained with the 108th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 1980. He served at the Steubenville Post throughout his career and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1996. He also was recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Constance, live in Richmond.

Trooper Phillip Young



Phillip Young

After more than 22 years of service, Tpr. Phillip Young, Canton, entered disability retirement on July 28. He trained with the 112th Academy Class and earned his commission in March 1983. His first assignment was to the Hiram Post on the Ohio Turnpike.

He transferred to the former Akron Post in 1986 and was Post Trooper of the Year in 1996. He served at Akron until the post

moved to Canton in 2001.

Young received the Massillon District's Trooper Recognition Award in 1998 for his service as a field recruiter. In 2001, he won the Robert M. Chiamonte Award for Humanitarian Service for his commitment to humanitarian efforts both on and off the job. In addition, he also earned a Proficiency Award in Auto Larceny Investigation and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Cynthia, reside in Akron.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Frederick Pape



Frederick Pape

MCEI Frederick Pape, Wapakoneta, retired May 31 after 19 years of service. He worked in the Piqua District throughout his career.

He and his wife, Margaret, live in New Bremen.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Samuel Roetter



Samuel Roetter

With more than 22 years of service, MCEI Sam Roetter, Piqua DHQ, retired June 30. He joined the Patrol in May 1983 and also served as a driver license examiner and maintenance repair worker.

In his career, he was honored as the Piqua District's Employee Recognition Award winner and as Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector of the Year. He and his wife, Vicky, live in Pleasant Hill.

Executive Secretary 1 Virginia Higginbotham



Virginia Higginbotham

ES1 Virginia Higginbotham, Jackson DHQ, retired July 29 after 32 years of service. She joined the Patrol in July 1973 and served as a secretary throughout her career.

She and her husband, Robert, live in Beaver.

Driver License Examiner 1 Colleen Cornell



Colleen Cornell

DX1 Colleen Cornell, Wapakoneta, retired July 9, after more than 24 years of service.

She joined the Patrol in December 1980 and served at the former Bellefontaine Post. She has served at Wapakoneta since 1982 and is a resident of Celina.

Executive Secretary 1 Judy Klett



Judy Klett

After more than 32 years of state service, ES1 Judy Klett, Massillon DHQ, retired July 29. She joined the Patrol in May 1988 and served in several administrative positions before earning a promotion to executive secretary 1 in January 2000.

She and her husband, Arthur, live in New Lawrence.

Retiree enjoys second career as senior track and field world record holder

Fred Hirsimaki, a retired portable load limit inspector from Findlay, competed in the men's 80-84 age group in the decathlon at the World Games in San Sebastian, Spain, on August 23-24.

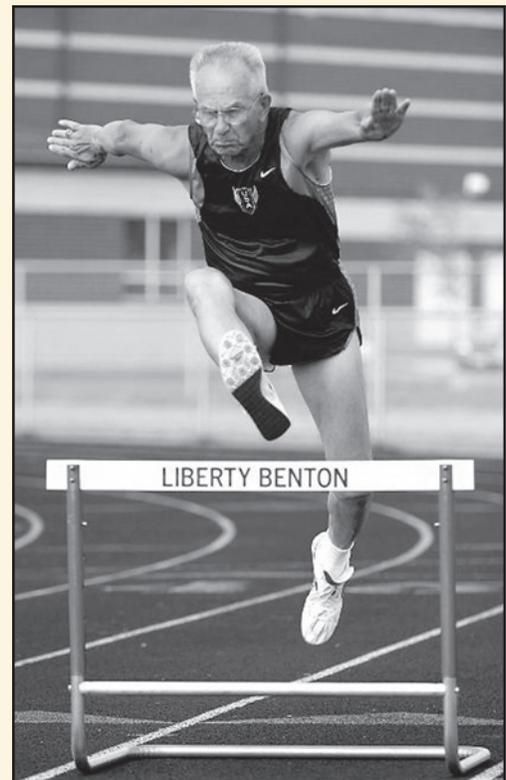
He earned the trip to Spain by obliterating the M80-84 decathlon world record with 6,802 points, crushing the old record of 4,977 points, at the USA Track and Field National Masters Decathlon and Heptathlon Championships July 2-3 in Mayfield, Ohio.

Hirsimaki retired from the Patrol in April 1992 after 28 years of service. He worked as a load limit inspector in the Findlay area throughout his career.

Always athletic, Hirsimaki played one season of basketball for the University of Georgia before transferring to Findlay College where he played football and basketball. He also spent three years as a baseball player in the Pittsburgh Pirates minor league system before a shoulder injury forced him out of the game. He returned to competitive athletics in the 1980s and has been competing in senior track and field events for more than two decades.

In a recent interview with the *Findlay Courier*, Hirsimaki attributed his success to lifestyle choices. "It comes down to clean living," he said, noting that he watches what he eats and exercises six days a week.

Retired PLLI Fred Hirsimaki holds the world record in the decathlon for his age group. Photo by Jason Dietrich, courtesy of The Findlay Courier.



Retired lieutenant follows love of horses, history 'Into the West'

When Jesse Hollars retired from the Patrol, he and his wife Linda moved to Missouri for a quiet, but busy life on their farm. Little did he know that Hollywood would come calling.

Hollars recently appeared in the fourth episode of "Into the West," a six-part miniseries produced by Steven Spielberg for Turner Network Television (TNT) that follows two multi-generational families, one settlers and the other Native American, each telling the dramatic stories of the development of the West from their distinct points of view.

Hollars' participation in the film was precipitated from his experience as a Civil War reenactor. Both he and his son, James, ride with the 2nd Missouri Cavalry.

Another member of their cavalry unit is actively involved in the production of period films. He contacted James in January after "Into the West" representatives called looking for men to play soldiers in their film.

A few days later, Hollars and his son headed to Santa Fe, New Mexico, with their horses. They practiced cavalry formations for two days to prepare for one day of filming.

That day, they were on the set at 3:50 a.m. when they and their horses went in for makeup. When filming started, they charged an Indian village multiple times throughout the day.

Hollars said the experience was "a lot of fun and paid well." When the episode he appeared in finally aired six months later, he couldn't pick himself out of the chaotic battle scene at first. "But later we ran it frame-by-frame and were able to pick ourselves out — right in front."



Retired Lt. Jesse Hollars in full costume in New Mexico on the set of "Into the West."

Hollars joined the Patrol in 1967 with the 79th Academy Class. He served primarily in northwest Ohio during his 26-year career and retired in February 1994 as commander of the Marysville Post.

These days he and Linda take pride in their small operation breeding Missouri Fox Trotters, which are known for their gentle disposition, versatility, and smooth gait.

Hollars said he would definitely be interested in any future movie work that might come his way. For anyone who wants to see Hollars in action in the meantime, "Into the West" will be available on DVD beginning October 4.

Retirees flock to shores of Lake Erie for annual Sunbird Reunion

By Charlie Linek, OSHPRA president

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association held its eighth annual Sunbird meeting and picnic on August 13 at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. One hundred and twenty-one members and guests enjoyed fellowship and a wonderful lunch of barbecued chicken halves with all the trimmings, including Mary Mahoney's home grown, homemade cucumber salad.

Mary and Tim Mahoney did the preparation and planning, and were assisted with serving by Matt and Don Manley and Gabe Ferencz (who also took care of reserving the pavilion for our group). Jim Pickering helped Tim man the registration table.

Four of our guests learned the hard way not to all sit on one side of a picnic table and leave the other side unoccupied. Luckily no one was hurt and later everyone had a good laugh at John Webber's expense. Since John was sporting his lunch on his shirt, Charlie Linek presented him with his choice of

shirts from the door prizes to ease his embarrassment.

After lunch Col. Paul McClellan spoke about new issues facing the Patrol, Dick Curtis gave an update on issues affecting our retirement system and its members, and Dean Huffman gave an overview of a proposed plan to upgrade retirees' cost of living.

Charlie Linek presented Tim and Mary Mahoney with personalized OSHPRA golf shirts for their years of hard work at the Sunbird. He then reminded everyone of the Annual Meeting to be held at the Aladdin Shrine Center on October 8, and the 2006 Snowbird Reunion, to be hosted by Denny and Barb Bueno at the Admiral Leigh in Leigh, Florida, March 2-5, 2006. Rob Hartsell and his grandson, Zach, conducted the drawing



Matt Manley helps serve as Adam Reiss, Peggy Brode, and Donna Davis consider their choices.

for the many door prizes. Col. Adam Reiss gave the benediction, remembering those who could not be with us and the troops fighting to preserve our freedom. Great food and great friends made for a wonderful day.



Expressing sympathy



Larry L. Bunting

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Retired Tpr. Larry Bunting, 62, passed away August 16. He was a member of the 71st Academy Class, which was commissioned in 1966.

During his career, he served at Marietta, Cambridge, and Cambridge DHQ. He retired in November 1997 after more than 31 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Connie, and daughters, Betina and Amber.



Gordon E. Jackson II

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Retired Tpr. Gordon Jackson, 63, passed away August 15. A member of the 66th Class, he earned his commission in 1965 and served at Zanesville, Hiram, and Delaware during his career. He retired as the Cambridge District's scale officer in June 1990 after 25 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and sons: Gordon, a sergeant at Piqua DHQ; Todd, a trooper at Cambridge DHQ; and Chad.



Kenneth E. Genheimer

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Retired Radio Tech. IV Kenneth Genheimer, 75, passed away June 28 in Columbus. He joined the Division in 1953 and served at GHQ and Columbus District Headquarters during his career.

He retired in July 1981 with 27 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and children, Gail and Craig.



Lawrence G. Letzelter

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Retired Lt. Lawrence "Dutch" Letzelter, 92, passed away March 17 in Columbus. He was a member of the 9th Academy Class, which was commissioned in September 1938.

He served as commander of the former Bellefontaine Post and of District Six before transferring to GHQ's Enforcement Section. He retired in October 1965 after nearly 27 years of service to the Patrol. He is survived by children: Nancy, Jerry, Tom, and Terry.

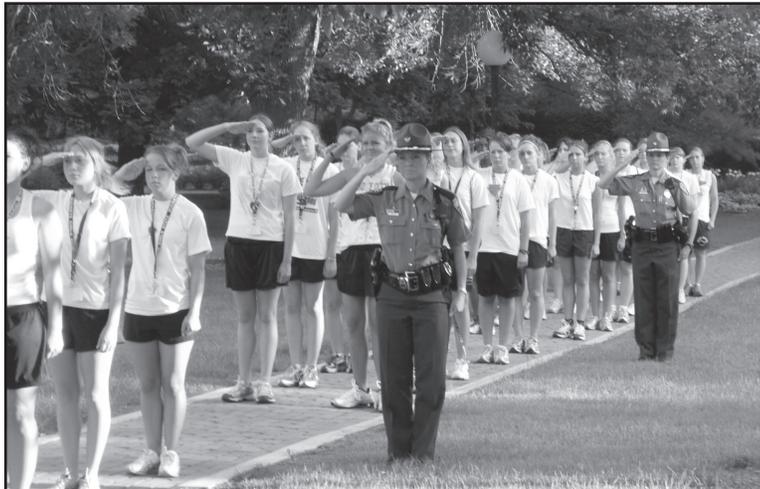


43rd Class reunion

Several members of the 43rd Class turned up recently at the 143rd Class Graduation. Those members in attendance included (from left): Ret. Sgt. James Young, Ret. Sgt. Harold Heinz, Ret. Capt. James Smith, Ret. Sgt. Carroll Dwyer, and Ret. Maj. John Gilmartin with Ret. Col. Robert Chiamonte.

Coincidentally, Young's son, Maj. Rob Young, Human Resource Management, and Smith's son, S/Lt. Joel Smith, Massillon DHQ, were also in the same cadet class, the 112th.

Buckeye Girls State



The Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol participate in drill during Buckeye Girls State, June 12-18 at Ashland University.

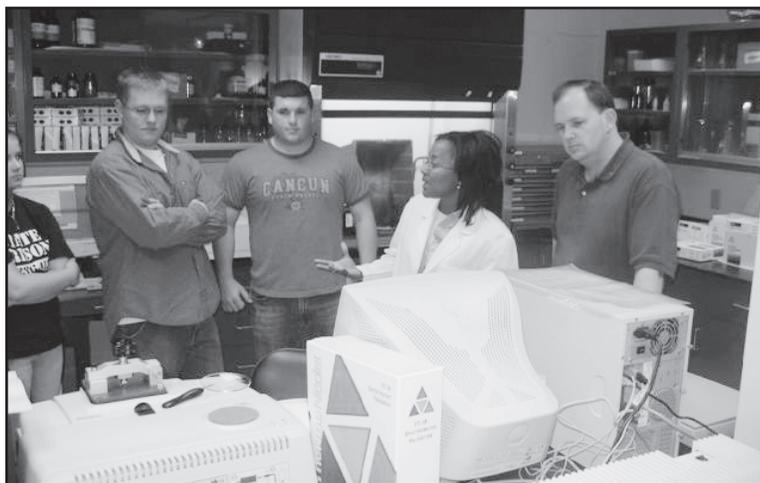
The Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol graduated 49 delegates from Buckeye Girls State in June. Once selected, the girls completed a week of comprehensive training in Ohio law, learned the roles and responsibilities of state troopers, and endured rigorous physical training. Upon their graduation from training, the “troopers” began enforcing the laws of Buckeye Girls State, apprehending and arresting suspects for mock trials.

Buckeye Girls State was created to provide young women with an opportunity to learn about city, county, and state government. This year, participants in the Girls State Patrol detail also produced a public safety video targeting youth. The video can be viewed on our Web site at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/strategicgoal.htm.

The detail was staffed by Sgt. Deanna Anverse, Piqua DHQ; Sgt. Anne Ralston, Marietta; and Tpr. Jennifer Howell, Academy.

Crime Lab

On May 26, the Patrol Crime Lab hosted an Ohio University law enforcement technology class on a tour of the lab at the Alum Creek Facility. The 16 students were enrolled in a criminal investigations class instructed by Lt. Cliff Spinner, Academy.



Crime Lab Director Tammy Bonner and Criminalist Ed Yingling explain the theory and operations of the Drug Chemistry Lab to OU students.

Sworn Promotions

Captain Roger Hannay, Berea DHQ
Staff Lieutenant Shawn Davis, Information Services

Staff Lieutenant Brian Girts, Warren DHQ

Lieutenant David Allwine, Jackson

Lieutenant Christopher Heverly, Canfield

Lieutenant Wayne Price, Hamilton

Sergeant Nakia Hendrix, Ashtabula

Sergeant Edward Mejia, Wilmington

Sergeant Ronald Raines, Recruitment & Training

Sergeant Andre Swinerton, Marysville

Lieutenant Robin Schmutz, Toledo

Sergeant Jeffrey Bernard, Administrative Investigations

Sergeant Jeremy Landis, Georgetown

Sergeant Matt Johnson, Mansfield

Sergeant William Menendez, Jackson DHQ

Professional Promotions

Disp. Christopher Lortz, Lancaster

PA2 Frank LaPoint, Technology & Communication Services

ES1 Julie Kaiser, Massillon DHQ

ES1 Pamela Walker, Jackson DHQ

ET2 Regena Brokaw, Technology & Communication Services

DX1 Tracy Rhoad, Norwalk

SA1 Jeremy Ebert, Technology & Communication Services

DXS Rebecca Lowry, Piqua DHQ

MVI Robert Franks, Massillon DHQ

MVI Kevin Eiden, Findlay DHQ

NA2 Lisa Leach, Jackson DHQ

Disp. Supv. Nathan Schwind, Technology & Communication Services

TO Christine Vincenty, Human Resource Management

ES1 Marsha Rigsby, Capitol Security

MVI Richard Lyle, Delaware

Chardon

Chardon commander Lt. Heidi Marshall graduated from Capital University Law School in a commencement ceremony held May 22.

Marshall is 10-year Patrol veteran and trained with the 127th Academy Class. She also holds an MBA degree from Capital.



Heidi Marshall

Columbus District



On June 18, Columbus District personnel participated in Camp Mind Games 2005. Camp Mind Games is a one-day instructional program for children ages 10-15 held at Linden McKinley High School in Columbus. The camp includes instruction in sports and arts, and features decision-making workshops. Patrol personnel have participated in this event each year since its inception in 2000.

Lt. Lawrence Roseboro, Granville; Lt. Gary Lewis, Lancaster; former New York Knicks coach and Ohio State basketball player Herb Williams; former Ohio State football player Demetrius Stanley; S/Lt. Gary Allen, Columbus DHQ; Sgt Vern Pringle, Delaware; and Columbus radio personality Sean Anthony.

Findlay District

During “Bring your child to work day” on April 28, MVI Tina Eley, Findlay DHQ, had her 11-year-old daughter Ayla assist her during a volunteer motor vehicle inspection at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds. Ayla handed out various items to the volunteer motorists and helped with several motor vehicle inspections.

Ayla Eley working alongside her mother, Tina, during an inspections at the Van Wert County Fairgrounds.



Chillicothe



On June 3, Tpr. Terrell Barnes, Chillicothe, visited Unioto Elementary School to talk to third graders about the “Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs” program.

Tpr. Barnes encouraged the more than 130 students to participate in positive activities like fishing. “Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs” emphasizes drug prevention through outdoor recreation and family communication while introducing a hobby that teaches life skills, motor skill development, and environmental education.

Police & Fire Games

Several Patrol officers excelled in the 2005 Police and Fire Games held June 12-18 in Canton.

Tpr. Pat Abel, Tpr. Rodney Ramps, and Sgt. Marvin Hill, all of the Hiram Post, teamed with Tpr. Erik Golias, Warren, for the 100-meter and 400-meter relay events.

The team placed third in the open division of the 100-meter relay and second in the open division of the 400-meter relay. Ramps and Hill each added first place finishes in their respective age brackets in the 400-meter run, while Golias placed first in his age bracket for the 1500-meter run.

Hill and Golias also teamed with Tpr. Brian Vail, Vail's brother, Kevin, and Bill Shackelford for a 5k relay in which each team member ran 3.1 miles.

Tpr. Harley Steppenbacker, Medina, also competed at the games, and earned four gold medals in weight lifting events. Competing in the 198-pound weight class, he bench pressed 350 pounds, dead lifted 500 pounds, and lifted 540 pounds in the squat, push, and pull.



Pictured: the Highway Patrol relay team of Pat Abel, Erik Golias, Rodney Ramps, and Marvin Hill.

Jackson DHQ



Tpr. Dee McNerney, Jackson DHQ, participated in the Police Unity Tour, a 300-mile bike ride to benefit the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The ride started in Livingston, New Jersey, on May 9 and first stopped at Ground Zero in New York City where riders honored the police officers, fire fighters, and others who were killed in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

From there, the ride traveled to Annapolis, Maryland, before finishing at the Memorial on May 12.

More than 700 riders participated in various legs of the ride, with 272 completing the entire ride. The event helped raise more than \$750,000.

Law Enforcement Torch Run

In what has become an annual tradition, Patrol personnel from all over the state participated in the 2005 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run from June 20-24.

Law enforcement 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.

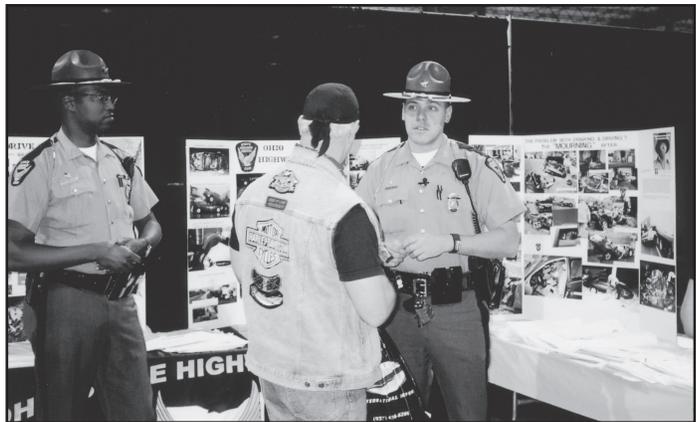


Delaware County law enforcement personnel prepare to advance the flame.

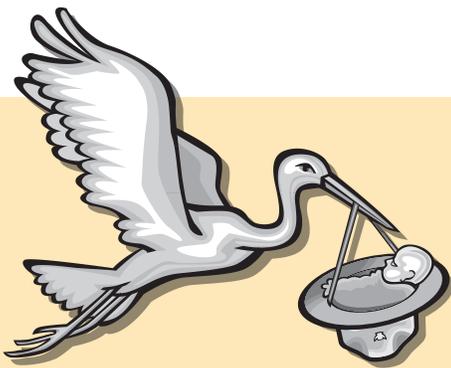
Dayton

To support the Patrol's partnership with the American Motorcyclist Association this summer, Dayton Post troopers eagerly signed on to participate in the 2005 Ohio HOG (Harley-Davidson Owners Group) Motorcycle Rally, which was held June 2-4 at the Dayton Expo Center.

With more than 2,000 pre-registered participants and an estimated turnout of about 3,000, troopers met hundreds of motorcyclists, answered their questions, and handed out safety materials. Right: Tpr. Randy Lewis and Tpr. Kyle Pohlman discuss motorcycle safety with a HOG rally participant.



On June 5, Dayton troopers manned a tent at the popular Taj Kreuzers Speedfest car show. The annual charity event raises money for the Ronald McDonald House in Dayton and provided Dayton personnel a good opportunity to connect with car enthusiasts. At right, Tpr. Rachel Ankeney explains the display boards and the importance of wearing a safety belt to car show visitors.



Stork Visits

TO Shonna & Charles Roberts, Human Resource Management, a girl, 2/23/05.
Tpr. Shon & Laura Frost, Executive Protection, a boy, 5/23/05.
Tpr. Ralph & Lyn Hendershot, St. Clairsville, a girl, 5/23/05.
Tpr. Bradley & Lesley Bucey, Defiance, a boy, 5/26/05.
Tpr. William & Colleen Davis, Delaware, a boy, 6/3/05.
Tpr. Wil & Janna Head, Hiram, a girl, 6/13/05.
Tpr. Jennifer DeLong & Steven West, Zanesville, a girl, 6/16/05.
FCS1 Jason & Eileen Koler, Investigative Services, a girl, 6/18/05.
Tpr. Thomas & Cindy Hacker, Ironton, a girl, 6/21/05.
Tpr. Jeffrey & Jennifer Fowler, Capital Operations, a boy, 6/21/05.
Tpr. Joseph & Sherry Costarella, Medina, a boy, 6/21/05.
Sgt. Mike & Joyce Combs, Medina, a boy, 6/25/05.
Tpr. Brad & Angel Evans, Bucyrus, a boy, 6/27/05.
Tpr. Larry & Trina Firmi, Mansfield, a girl, 6/27/05.
Sgt. Wesley & Staci Stought, Marion, a boy, 7/10/05.
DX1 Judith & Rick Garinger, Massillon DHQ, a girl, 7/12/05.

Tpr. Al & Pam Romero, Findlay DHQ, a boy, 7/14/05.
Tpr. Jason & Melissa McElfresh, Batavia, a boy, 7/17/05.
Tpr. Todd & Ida McDonald, St. Clairsville, a boy, 7/18/05.
Sgt. Chris & Shari Colbert, Dayton, a girl, 7/20/05.
Cadet Daniel Andel, Academy, a boy, 7/21/05.
Tpr. Jessica & Alan McIntyre, Hamilton, a boy, 7/21/05.
Disp. Todd & Michelle Tegenkamp, Defiance, a girl, 7/22/05.
Tpr. Chris & Jennifer Capizzi, Sandusky, a boy, 7/25/05.
Tpr. Jason & Heather Bittinger, Medina, a boy, 7/27/05.
Tpr. Doug & Heather Elliot, Toledo, twin girls, 7/27/05.
Tpr. Cynthia Wilt-Ausse (Milan) & Tpr. Chris Ausse, Elyria, a girl, 8/10/05.
Tpr. Eric & Heather Caudill, West Jefferson, a boy, 8/14/05.
Sgt. Matthew Majoy & Monica Leonard, Sandusky, a boy, 8/16/05.
Tpr. Michael & Teresa Kinsinger, Lima, a girl, 8/19/05.
Tpr. Michael & Karolyn Seibel, Hamilton, a girl, 8/20/05.
Tpr. Aaron & Stacy Hayes, Athens, a boy, 8/22/05.
Tpr. Kelly & Lyndsie Weakley, Delaware, a boy, 8/25/05.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to these employees who recently wed:
Tpr. Bryan Pack and Diana Viers, Gallipolis 7/4/05.

Following the horrible news of the recent acts of terrorism in London, my thoughts and prayers went out to the victims, the first responders, and all the courageous individuals here in our country as well as everywhere who stand against such barbaric acts.

There was a strong sense of pride and honor as I reflected upon the privilege I have of being at least a small part of the Ohio State Highway Patrol family. You who serve are on the front line, seeking to protect life and property with your traditional commitment to highway safety as well as the added responsibility of homeland security.

It was while I reflected on the London tragedy and while listening to the comments of Colonel McClellan at a promotional ceremony that my thoughts went to the account of David and Goliath recorded in the 17th Chapter of I Samuel.

Colonel McClellan reminded us of the importance of stepping up to meet the challenges of our day. As he gave that message, I thought of David, the young shepherd boy who responded in his day to the call to “Step Up – Step Out – Stand

Strong.” It seems to me that the same three-fold call comes to each one of us today.

David was just a young shepherd boy who, when he heard about the overwhelming size and power of Goliath, stood up and accepted the opportunity of participating with courage while others were willing to sit down as observers. It takes commitment to “stand up” and courage to “step out.” David had both of these qualities.

Thank God for individuals today who have the commitment to stand up and the courage to accept new responsibilities. It takes a special spirit to run the risk of making decisions when there is risk of failure.

David did not know the “rest of the story” when he shed the heavy armor of Saul and went forth with a sling shot and five smooth stones. He could have failed, but at least he would not have been a failure. It is always better to try something great and fail than to do nothing and succeed.

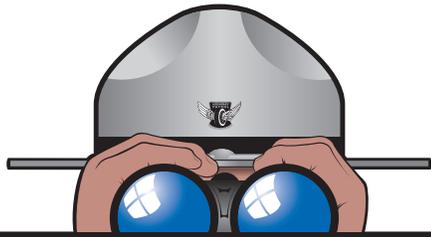
David “stood up,” he “stepped out,” and he “stood strong.” As I have the chance to hear about and observe the operation of the



Ohio State Highway Patrol, I see the response and action of David replicated in many and marvelous ways. Thank God for all you do to make life safer for all of us who are the recipients of your faithful and dedicated service. God bless the Patrol. God bless America.

Richard D. Ellsworth

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Chaplain



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B e o n t h e l o o k o u t

A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

New mobile driver license exam station debuts

In early August, we began operation of a new Mobile Driver License Exam Station (DX) in Pike and other southern Ohio counties.

Examiners working from the Mobile DX are currently providing service in McArthur and Waverly, with potential expansion into other areas depending on customer needs. The Mobile DX, which was funded through a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, allows us to provide driver licensing in areas of the state where services have not recently been available.

The 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.

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.



Calling all aspiring artists



Time is running out to submit drawings for the superintendent's holiday greeting card. Like last year, Col. 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 Wendy Forbes in OSHP Administration and should be received no later than October 3.

Each child will receive a certificate of participation and a personalized letter from Col. 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 Col. McClellan.



Last year's winning entry was drawn by William Michael Varkony, son of DX1 Frances Varkony, Steubenville.



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