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As we close out 2005, I hope all employees recognize what a significant difference everyone is making. This has truly been an extraordinary year.

In traveling throughout the state this year, I have been extremely encouraged to see how our *LifeStat 1.0* strategic goal has been embraced by the ranks.

Our troopers and sergeants are paving the way for our success. We are making a difference by taking more time during traffic stops and looking closer for key indicators of criminal behavior. In that regard, this is going to be a record year for our criminal patrol efforts. By taking time to look beyond the traffic stop, our troopers are taking illegal drugs off the road before they make their way into communities across the country.

A prime example of outstanding criminal patrol results occurred this year in District Nine, which will likely lead the state in the number of criminal patrol felony case investigations. Troopers conducted several special operations in the area to combat narcotics sale, manufacture, and distribution. Their focus on marijuana eradication led to the seizure of over 13,385 plants at a value of \$13,385,000. Jackson District troopers also conducted three special enforcement efforts in the Lucasville area, and nearly 100 percent of the district's troopers and sergeants were trained in Clandestine Lab and Methamphetamine Awareness.

The basis of the criminal patrol program ties directly into our *LifeStat 1.0* goal. Our efforts are impacting the criminal element by disrupting illegal business activities through the interdiction of the drugs, as well as the impaired drivers who use them, from Ohio roadways.

Professional traffic law enforcement is also our bridge to the success of our new homeland security responsibilities. We are on the front lines in this war on terrorism, and through our focus to protect the homeland, we have established ourselves as international leaders.

President Bush recognized this fact earlier this year in selecting our Academy as the location from which to deliver an important policy speech on the Patriot Act. In early November, we helped coordinate the two-day Counter-Terrorism and Suicide Bomber Symposium featuring counter-terrorism experts from the Israeli National Police and other security agencies, who have extensive experience in dealing with suicide bombings and other acts of terrorism. New York and Columbus were the only United States venues selected for this presentation.

Additionally, the Ontario Provincial Police has recently established a new traffic division patterned directly from our *LifeStat 1.0* and homeland security business model.

I am extremely optimistic about the future of our organization as we look ahead to 2006. We are on the right path, and I appreciate the collective work of our dedicated personnel, particularly our professional staff whose support roles are ensuring our success. I have no doubt each of you is contributing toward making Ohio a safer and more secure state.

*Col. Paul D. McClellan*

Colonel Paul D. McClellan  
Superintendent



*Our troopers and sergeants are paving the way for our success.*

# Higher speed limits on Ohio Turnpike yield more crashes

When the effort to increase safety across northern Ohio roadways began last year, we knew one of the immediate challenges was to address traffic safety problems on the parallel routes to the Ohio Turnpike in northern Ohio. Out of the top 25 rural U.S. and state routes in Ohio with high fatal crash rates, 10 were adjacent to the Turnpike. While over the past five years we achieved short-term safety gains in northern Ohio by shifting troopers to problem areas, there are over 1,300 miles of identified problem routes to cover.

And because truck traffic on the Ohio Turnpike was already at an all-time high (even prior to the 65 mph speed limit increase), when the Turnpike Commission voted to increase truck speed limits 10 mph, it was important for us to hold the average speeds of the increased truck volume to below 70 mph or risk significant degradation of safety on the Turnpike. We increased our enforcement presence on the Turnpike by utilizing overtime funded by the Turnpike Commission. Commercial drivers quickly became aware that troopers were not going to tolerate speeds over the limit or other crash-causing violations.

We also targeted the more prevalent and pervasive problems on the parallel routes by targeting speed, impaired drivers, and commercial weight violations with sustained additional resources provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation. It appears that great strides have been made in decreasing truck volume on the routes parallel to the Ohio Turnpike.

In October, we released results from our 12-month Ohio Turnpike and Alternate Routes Project in a report entitled, "Safety and Traffic Report Part I: Ohio Turnpike." A tremendous amount of data analysis by our Research and Development Unit went into the completion of this project. Their efforts cannot be overstated in ensuring this project was completed with precision.

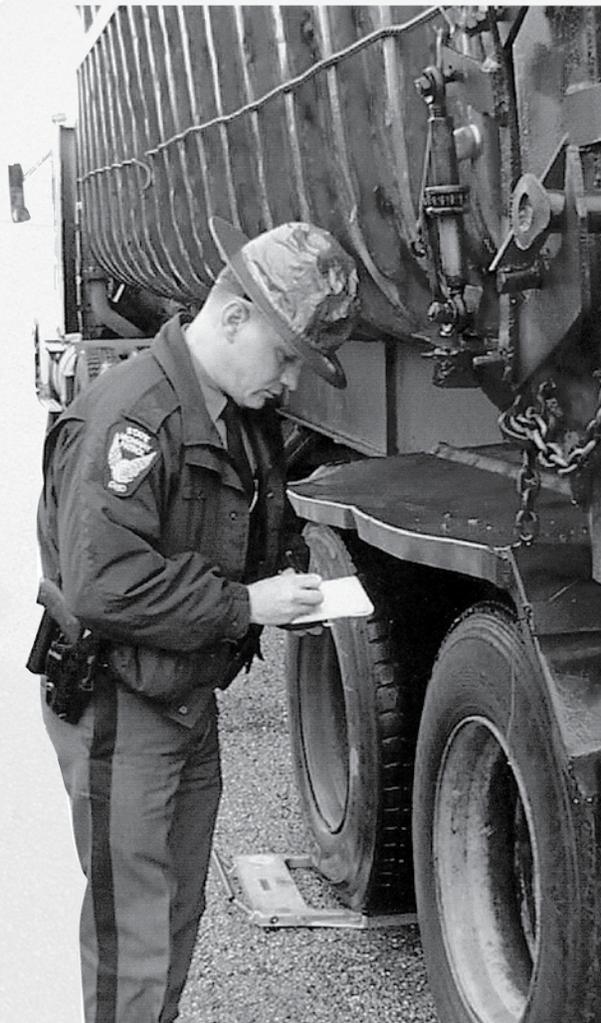
Among the project's clear successes are:

- Truck traffic has increased on the Ohio Turnpike;
- Flagrant violators along parallel routes, particularly overloaded trucks, have been stopped by troopers and scale teams. A total of 398 violators, some with significant overload amounts, were cited; and
- Commercial vehicle speeds on the Turnpike have been held in check. The goal to hold average speeds of commercial vehicles below 70 mph has been surpassed by holding average speeds of commercial vehicles to 67 mph.

Despite those successes, overall crashes on the Ohio Turnpike, and particularly truck crashes, rose significantly and disproportionately to traffic volume increases. We are very concerned with safety consequences on the Ohio Turnpike which appear to be related to the higher speed limits for trucks.

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**An increased enforcement presence on the Ohio Turnpike is one step the Patrol is taking to address commercial vehicle safety issues.**





As truck traffic has increased, enforcement activities on the Ohio Turnpike have helped hold the average speeds of commercial vehicles to 67 mph.

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These statistics and the reality of crash scene observations prove that large trucks simply cannot stop in short distances at higher speeds. The severity of the resulting impacts is devastating.

In order to provide a statistically reliable comparison, crash numbers on the Turnpike were compared to a three-year average of Turnpike crashes. In addition, we examined crashes in which inclement weather was clearly not a factor. Because the Ohio State Highway Patrol is the only law enforcement agency investigating crashes on the Turnpike, we are extremely confident in the completeness of our analysis.

Unfortunately, the results of the 10 mph speed limit increase for trucks on the Ohio Turnpike are not good. Since the speed limit change there has been a:

- 24 percent increase in total crashes (524 crashes);
- 40 percent increase in commercial crashes (230 crashes);
- 123 percent increase in at-fault, speed-related commercial crashes during “dry” road conditions (38 commercial crashes);
- 100 percent increase in commercial fatalities on “dry” road conditions (three

fatal crashes);

- 49 percent increase in commercial injury crashes on “dry” road conditions (28 commercial injury crashes);
- Seven percent increase in average commercial speed to 66 mph (four mph increase); and
- 46 percent increase in total crashes on the Turnpike between mile posts 140 and 174 (240 crashes).

This comes during a time when statewide total crashes are down four percent, statewide commercial crashes are up only one percent, and work zone crashes on the Turnpike, where speeds are lower, are down 43 percent.

As the crash report data entry from the numerous reporting law enforcement agencies along the routes parallel to the Turnpike is completed, we plan to provide you with the final numbers from the parallel routes.

This is a long-term effort requiring a long-term commitment toward safety and the Ohio State Highway Patrol will remain committed to reducing tragedy and improving safety on our roads.

The entire “Safety and Traffic Report Part I: Ohio Turnpike” can be accessed on the Division’s website at <http://statepatrol.ohio.gov> by clicking on the Publications link.

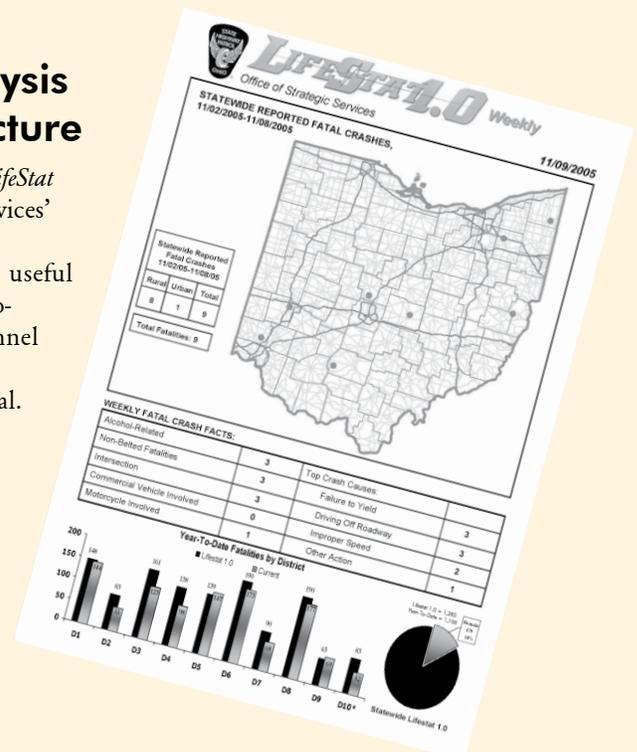
## New LifeStat 1.0 Crash Trend Analysis helps commanders grasp crash picture

District and post commanders are now receiving weekly *LifeStat 1.0* crash trend analysis e-mails from the Office of Strategic Services’ Research and Development Unit.

Each Wednesday, all commanders are receiving relevant, useful information regarding fatal crashes for the past week, year-to-date data, and topical trend analysis intended to help personnel continue making strides in positively impacting Ohio’s fatal crash picture as we move toward the *LifeStat 1.0* strategic goal.

Field commanders are sharing this information with all personnel, particularly sergeants and troopers who can utilize the crash trend analysis to make a difference on every shift. Additionally, many commanders are posting this weekly information in an area where it can be seen daily by all Patrol personnel.

Questions or comments regarding this new weekly analysis can be directed to S/Lt. Lance Mathess in the Office of Strategic Services.



*IACP Awards*

**Piqua trooper finalist for national Police Officer of the Year award**

Tpr. Shaun Smart, a canine handler assigned to Piqua DHQ, received national recognition for his work for the second time this year. He was one of 11 finalists for the highest honor in law enforcement, the Police Officer of the Year Award presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and PARADE magazine.

Smart was chosen for his drug interdiction work, including his efforts to educate other officers. He was recognized at IACP's convention on September 27 in Miami Beach, Florida. Ten other officers from around the country, including the Police Officer of the Year, were recognized for exemplary police work including extraordinary valor and outstanding investigative work.

The 2005 Police Officer of the Year is Deputy Sheriff Jennifer Fulford of Orange County, Florida. She was honored for her actions during a shoot out with three drug dealers who were holding three children hostage. Despite being shot five times, Fulford killed two of the gunmen while the third ultimately surrendered. Another Ohioan, Officer James Niggemeyer of the Columbus Division of Police was also among the 11 finalists.

Earlier in September, Tpr. Smart won the Drug Interdiction Assistance Program's (DIAP) Officer of the Year Award, which is the nation's highest award for drug interdiction. From January 1, 2004 through July 1, Smart made 30 significant drug and/or currency seizures, including six involving commercial vehicles.



**Col. Paul McClellan and IACP President Mary Ann Viverette, chief of police in Gaithersburg, Maryland, present Tpr. Shaun Smart with a Special Citation for being one of 11 finalists for the IACP Police Officer of the Year Award.**

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.

A member of the 119th Academy Class, Smart holds several of our drug seizure records. In his 15-year career, he 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.

**Patrol earns international recognition for *LifeStat 1.0* program**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was one of 25 semifinalists for the 2005 IACP/Motorola Webber Seavey Award for quality in law enforcement.

The Patrol was honored for our strategic goal to achieve a fatality rate of one per 100 million miles traveled in the state of Ohio by the end of 2007, including implementation of the *LifeStat 1.0* program to help us reach the goal.

Jointly sponsored by IACP and Motorola, the Webber Seavey Award is presented annually to agencies and departments worldwide in recognition for promoting a standard of excellence that exemplifies law enforcement's contribution and dedication to the quality of life in local communities.

The Patrol's strategic goal also earned recognition from the IACP in the National Law Enforcement Challenge, which focuses on highway safety.



**S/Lt. Rick Fambro (center) accepts a Webber Seavey semifinalist award from representatives of the IACP at the IACP annual conference in Miami Beach, Florida in September.**

## Patrol receives two national law enforcement excellence honors

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was selected as a Flagship Agency Award recipient and received the Meritorious Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) during a recent conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Patrol was one of nine agencies selected to receive the Flagship Agency Award. The Flagship Agency program was created to acknowledge the achievement and expertise of some of the most successful CALEA-accredited public safety agencies, and also to provide “flagship examples” to assist other agencies. Flagship Agencies are selected by agency type and program, and based primarily on their past performance. The Patrol has received successful re-accreditation five times since July 1989.

“Verification by CALEA that the Patrol continually meets national standards further illustrates our ongoing commitment to law enforcement excellence,” Colonel Paul McClellan, Patrol superintendent, said. “Through the hard work and dedication of our sworn officers and professional

staff we remain ever-committed to our work in ensuring the safety and security of Ohio, and these honors further validate our place as a national law enforcement leader.”

The Meritorious Award was given to the Patrol as recognition of 15 continuous years of successful reaccreditation. The Patrol was originally accredited in 1989 and has been re-accredited in 1994, 1999, 2002, and 2005. Maintaining this status is an ongoing process and requires constant monitoring and updating of policies and procedures to ensure compliance with CALEA standards.

CALEA was established as an independent accrediting authority in 1979 by the four major law enforcement membership associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police; National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; National Sheriffs’ Association; and the Police Executive Research Forum.

The Executive Directors of these four associations appoint members to the Commission annually; an endorsement requires a majority vote for each appointment.

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## Patrol assists with coordination of hurricane relief efforts

In response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita in September, members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol assisted the Ohio Emergency Management Agency by coordinating three separate deployments of Ohio law enforcement officers from the state Emergency Operations Center. By mutual agreement under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, the Division has the sole responsibility of deploying law enforcement from Ohio during times of need.

Major Mark Atkeson, Capt. Kevin Teaford, S/Lt. Rob Jackson, S/Lt. Lance Mathess, and AA2 Ann Milliron coordinated deployments to Louisiana and Mississippi by compiling lists of agencies willing to send resources and by ensuring that proper mutual-aid agreements were in place. Our personnel then monitored the officers during the deployments until they returned safely to Ohio.

On September 5, 171 officers from 40 law enforcement agencies across Ohio were part of the first and largest deployment and were coordinated to play a role in the hurricane Katrina response and relief effort. Two smaller deployments were part of follow-up efforts to

### Louisiana troopers send thanks for OSHP support

In addition to the response efforts coordinated by Patrol personnel, troopers contributed to a variety of other relief efforts. Colonel Paul McClellan recently received the following letter from the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police:

*Dear Col. McClellan,*

*Words cannot express the entire depth of our gratitude, but I honestly convey to you the heartfelt appreciation from all of the Louisiana State Police family for your generous donation to the Louisiana State Troopers Relief Fund.*

*On behalf of the dedicated troopers of the Louisiana State Police and myself personally, may I again say thank you and the Ohio State Highway Patrol for your generous outpouring of assistance to all of us here in Louisiana. May nothing of this scale ever again occur here or in your communities.*

*I look forward to seeing you in the future as I know our paths will continue to cross. My friend, if there is anything I can ever do for you, please do not hesitate to call.*

*Sincerely,  
Col. Henry L. Whitehorn*

relieve Louisiana and Mississippi law enforcement personnel who had been on the job for extended tours.

Governor Bob Taft praised Ohio law enforcement’s rapid response to the gulf coast region.

“Ohio is playing an important role in the hurricane relief effort,” Taft said. “I commend our law enforcement

officers for the tremendous service that they will provide to their fellow officers and the people of the Gulf Coast region. They are among thousands of Ohioans who are doing their part to help the hurricane victims and Ohio will continue to stand by and be ready to help in any way that we can.”

## Patrol Communications Center plays big role in Ohio's Amber Plan

The Amber Alert Plan is a program that uses resources from law enforcement, as well as the media, to notify the public when a child has been abducted. When an agency requests the activation of an Amber Alert in their area, the Patrol's Columbus Communications Center is notified.

If the alert meets all the established criteria, the dispatchers at the Communications Center work quickly to distribute information to law enforcement agencies, and more importantly to the general public. Amber Alerts can be activated for any agency in Ohio, and also for agencies outside Ohio, if the investigating agency believes the suspect may come into Ohio.

Since the Ohio Amber Alert Plan originated in 2003, numerous agencies have utilized it to locate abducted children. The success stories are overwhelming. Without the assistance of the general public, the success rate would not be what it is today.

One successful recovery occurred on October 19, 2004. The Dayton Post received a cell call at 4:25 a.m. from a Michigan dispatcher who had been on vacation in Kentucky. She was traveling northbound on Interstate 75 and read an Amber Alert from

Kentucky on a Kentucky Department of Transportation message board.

The alert involved the abduction of two children by their father after he had raped and killed a third child. The Ohio Amber Alert Plan was activated because authorities believed it was possible the suspect would come into Ohio.

When the Michigan dispatcher reached Miami County in Ohio on Interstate 75, she observed the suspect's vehicle in front of her. The Dayton Post transferred the call to the Piqua Post, which alerted the Tipp City Police Department, Troy Police Department, and the Miami

County Sheriff's Office. The local agencies assisted troopers in setting up a perimeter on an exit ramp and a stop was made on I-75 at in Shelby County following a pursuit. Tpr. Steven Tharp, Piqua, made the stop and apprehension, recovering the two children unharmed.

As of November 4, 15 Amber Alerts have been activated from the Columbus Communications Center in 2005. All of the children involved have been located, and all but two were located in Ohio. Five requests to activate did not meet the criteria (*please see below*).

### Amber Alert Criteria

- Law enforcement confirms that the child is under 18 years of age.
- Law enforcement believes the abduction poses a credible threat of immediate danger of serious bodily harm or death to the child.
- There is sufficient descriptive information about the child, the suspect, and/or the circumstances surrounding the abduction to believe that activation of the alert will help locate the child.
- A law enforcement agency determines that the child is not a runaway and has not been abducted as a result of a family abduction, unless the investigation determines that the child is in immediate danger of serious bodily harm or death.

## Bailiffs & Court Officers honor Highway Patrol

On September 15, the Patrol received the Ohio Bailiffs & Court Officers Association's (OBCOA) Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton Award for 2005 for our continued support to the OBCOA through the use of our Training Academy as a meeting place and for furnishing highly qualified instructors.

The award's namesake, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton said, "I was so pleased to see the Highway Patrol honored for all of the hard work it has put into training security officers and personnel in Ohio Courts, as well as making the courts safer for all those citizens of Ohio who utilize them."

In addition to Patrol's award, Sgt. Toby Smith, Mansfield, received an Outstanding Instructor Award for his dedication to teaching safety to OBCOA members over the past three years.



Sgt. Toby Smith, Sgt. Ed Crispin, Maj. Peyton Watts, and Col. Paul McClellan accept the Ohio Bailiffs & Court Officers Association's Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton Award for 2005.

## Ohio officers learn about fighting terrorism from Israeli experts

Almost 1,000 law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency medical personnel, and homeland security officials from across Ohio gathered in Columbus November 9-10 to learn strategies for fighting terrorism from members of the Israel National Police.

“This is an unprecedented event. We have law enforcement officers and first responders from every corner of Ohio learning how to prevent and combat terrorism from the experts in this area,” said Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Ken Morckel, who is also chair of the State of Ohio Security Task Force. “The lessons that they will take back with them to their communities will help to strengthen and advance our state’s homeland security initiatives, which will result in a safer and more secure Ohio.”

Topics covered during the conference included suicide bombings, intelligence sharing, identifying and understanding terrorists, the relationship between law enforcement and private security, and managing a coordinated response to a terrorist act. The conference’s Israeli presenters are widely recognized as some of the world’s leading experts on terrorism.

The Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, the Buckeye State Sheriffs’ Association, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Homeland Security, Ohio Emergency Management



While in Columbus to address Ohio first responders on fighting terrorism, members of the Israel National Police toured the Academy. Pictured from left: Lt. Col. Michael Finamore, Brig. Gen. Dov Lutzky, Col. Paul McClellan, Maj. Gen. Mickey Levy, and Major Peyton Watts.

Agency, Ohio Criminal Justice Services, and Ohio State Highway Patrol sponsored the conference, and a number of Patrol employees helped coordinate the event and handled security and logistics.

## Lieutenants Rhodes, Jones complete FBI training

Lt. Brian Rhodes, Georgetown, and Lt. Charles Jones, Academy, each graduated from the FBI National Academy Program in Quantico, Virginia.

Rhodes attended the 222nd Session which graduated September 16, and Jones attended the 223rd Session which graduated December 16.

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

Rhodes is a 20-year veteran and Jones has been with the Patrol for 12 years.



Brian Rhodes



Charles Jones

## Heverly attends Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety

Lt. Chris Heverly, Canfield post commander, graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University.

He completed the 10-week program in Evanston, Illinois on December 2.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in areas including management, organizational behavior, human resources for law enforcement, and budgeting.

The curriculum is designed to provide graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary for assuming increased responsibilities in administrative staff or line positions.

Heverly is a member of the Patrol’s 119th Academy Class. He has been with the Patrol for 16 years.



Chris Heverly

## Wilmington DHQ, Post dedicated to former superintendent Cook

The public and the media were invited to the Wilmington District Headquarters and Post on October 28, 2005, for the dedication ceremony of the facility to former Col. Anson Cook. Cook served 30 years in the Patrol, including nearly two years as superintendent.

Upon taking office in 1964, Cook raised officers' salaries. He abolished the rank of patrolman II and promoted the 69 officers in that rank to corporal. The following month he promoted the 54 officers who previously held the rank of corporal to sergeant, effectively securing pay increases for all of the promoted officers.

He also established the Resident Patrolman program to station patrolmen in counties not equipped with a Patrol post and realigned his command staff with one major serving as commander of the South Zone (Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9), and one major serving as commander of the North Zone (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10).

At about the same time, an intelligence unit was created to perform special assignments for the superintendent and to provide security for the governor, a function still performed by Patrol officers today.

Cook trained with the Fourth Class in 1935. He served at 10 different posts and at all levels of supervision. By the time he became superintendent, Cook possessed the most extensive record of any of the previous superintendents.

Cook retired in October 1965 after reaching the mandatory retirement age of 55. He accepted an appointment



Retired Colonels Adam Reiss and Robert Chiamonte join Col. Anson Cook's daughter, Catherine Baker, as Col. Paul McClellan unveils a plaque commemorating the dedication of the Wilmington District Headquarters and Post in Col. Cook's honor.

as Executive Director of the newly formed Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, a position he held for more than 12 years. In retirement, he remained a devoted supporter of the Patrol and a frequent guest at special events.

Cook died in Columbus on May 31, 2003, at the age of 93. He passed away just 10 days after the death of his beloved wife of 65 years, Vicki. The Cooks are survived by their daughters, Jacqueline and Catherine.

## Patrol unveils new district headquarters, post facility in Jackson

Gallia and Vinton county citizens were treated to a behind the scenes look at the Patrol facility in Jackson on October 21 at an open house for the new district headquarters and post.

The event marked the culmination of a construction project that began last year as work continues to update and replace older facilities.

The officers and professional staff assigned to Jackson now have at their disposal the most up-to-date facilities and equipment to assist them in performing their duties.

The Patrol's first Jackson Post opened in 1952. The following year, Col. George Mingle announced a complete reorganization of Patrol operations, highlighted by a new nine-district plan with Jackson selected as headquarters for District Nine.



Lt. Col. Michael Finamore, Rep. Clyde Evans, Lt. David Allwine, Sen. John Carey and Capt. George Maier officially unveil the new Jackson Post and District Headquarters.

# 144<sup>th</sup> Class

## Patrol commissions 29 new troopers

The Patrol commissioned 29 new troopers at a ceremony October 7 at the Training Academy. The 144th Academy Class graduated after 25 weeks of rigorous law enforcement training.

Kenneth Morckel, director of Ohio Public Safety, Colonel Paul McClellan, Patrol superintendent, and Nancy Dragani, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, all addressed the graduates and presented their commissions and certificates of training.

Courses completed by members of the 144th Class included firearms, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, and crash investigation training. Tpr. John Chaney, Toledo Post, was selected class speaker and thanked the Academy staff, family, and friends for their support during the training period.

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

- Overall performance - Tpr. David Handschumacher, Marysville
- Top performance in academics - Tpr. Brandon Pastor, Cambridge
- Top performance in physical training - Tpr. Jason Hutchinson, Springfield
- Top performance in firearms - Tpr. Jason Hutchinson, Springfield
- Top performance in driving - John Lamm, Ravenna, and Tpr. Nathan Krug, Lima.

The new troopers reported to their posts October 10. The troopers' first 60 working days are a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new troopers are assigned to 20 of the Patrol's 55 posts.



## Following *in their footsteps*

Four members of the 144th Class have relatives already employed by the Patrol:

- Tpr. Jeremy Morris is the nephew of Secretary Kay Anderson, Piqua
- Tpr. Ryan Rainsberger is the cousin of Sgt. Joe Fetty, New Philadelphia
- Tpr. Dennis Spangler is the brother-in-law of Tpr. Dana Skinner, Toledo
- Tpr. Frank Yoskey is the nephew of Ret. Tpr. Larry Eller

*Patrol supports employees in Guard and Reserve*

Maj. Gen. David Hartley, State Chairman of the Ohio Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), and Col. Paul McClellan look on as Capt. John Bistor, Massillon District commander, signs a statement publicly demonstrating support for employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. In addition to Capt. Bistor, our nine other district commanders and Col. McClellan also signed documents of support.

ESGR is a Department of Defense volunteer group that supports employers who share their employees with the Department of Defense to ensure national security.



I just wanted to take the time and thank Trooper Kellie Jackson for helping me out on October 16. My car broke down on I-75 near Lima and she took the time to pull over make sure everything was alright and call a tow truck. Thanks again!

**Matt Hiltenbeitel**  
**Cincinnati**

This is a note to convey my thanks to Trooper Jason Rodriguez of the Mansfield Post. Last Friday afternoon (Oct. 7) I had a blowout on US 30. It was raining and generally not a very good time to have a tire problem. Trooper Rodriguez pulled in behind me with his lights on to ensure my safety and then helped me change the tire. He was extremely pleasant and just seemed to want to help in any way he could. His professionalism and courtesy are a tribute to your fine organization.

**Bill Foor**  
**Mansfield**

I'm the NW Ohio Scenic River manager for ODNR. On 9/1/05, one of our employees was involved in a minor accident with a private vehicle on DNR property in Seneca County. The Fremont

Post dispatched Trooper Sorg to do the report. I was very impressed with Trooper Sorg. He is very professional and personable. I appreciated his thoroughness and his "down to earth" treatment of everyone. Being a former DNR officer, I have always held the OSP in high esteem, and Trooper Sorg continues that perception.

**Robert Vargo**  
**Tiffin**

I want to thank Trooper Jason Roe. I was traveling on US 32 at 9:00 p.m. on 9/4/05 when I had a flat tire. I am 53 with a ruptured disk and no cartilage in my knees. I also had with me three 13-year-olds who had never changed a tire. Without Trooper Roe's help, I would still be on the side of the road. He is a credit to your profession.

**David Smith**  
**Dayton**

I would like to thank the trooper who came to my aid on I-270 on July 28 when my truck caught on fire. This officer was the most professional person I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Although I don't remember his name, I will never forget his professionalism. I thank him and thank you Ohio for your help to a Michigan resident.

**Jimmy Estep**  
**Trenton, Michigan**

Many thanks to Trooper Hirsch of the Medina Post. I lost my wallet at a local service station, whose staff was unable to help me. Trooper Hirsch found it and returned it to me intact. Kudos for your public service!

**Mildred Adams**  
**Madison, Tennessee**

My family and I want to thank Trooper Jones for helping us on our way to Cedar Point. We were lost and she was an angel, very polite and very professional. She made us very happy and made our vacation memorable.

**Kearney Demus**  
**Lexington, Kentucky**

I wanted to commend the manner in which one of your patrolmen, Trooper M.E. Uran (Defiance), conducted himself during his crash investigation on May 18, 2005. I was on a motorcycle trip with two other bikers when a vehicle turned left into me in downtown Sherwood. From his arrival, Tpr. Uran exhibited the highest standards of professional skill and courtesy. We considered Tpr. Uran to be a "guardian angel" watching over us. In spite of the unfortunate circumstances in which we became involved, we will always have fond memories of the Buckeye State.

**L.E. Midkiff**  
**Wake Forest, North Carolina**

## Statewide Training Days bring auxiliaries together to sharpen skills



Sgt. Mark Boscy applies mace to Aux. Ofc. Don Ford during the Mace training.



Tpr. Troy Homrighausen instructs Auxiliary officers Doug Luken and Lois Lust on handcuffing techniques.

### By Aux. Lt. Col. William Forbes

The annual Auxiliary training was held at the Academy on October 8 and October 22 with 4 to 5 districts of the Auxiliary attending each day.

After an opening session by Major John Born, Office of Strategic Services, there was a Uniform Inspection and ID photos were taken.

The Auxiliary officers then attended a presentation on the Auxiliary officer's role in the trooper-involved shooting on I-71 by Officer Bill Bucher. Then there was a classroom presentation on response to resistance and stops and approaches.

In the afternoon the Auxiliary officers were divided into groups that rotated through three training stations. One station featured training on Taser familiarization and Mace. During the training, every Auxiliary Officer was exposed to Mace.

Another station featured stops and approaches training including scenarios in which an officer is shot and shotgun simulations firing. The remaining station featured handcuffing and subject control techniques.

A big thank you goes to all the instructors (S/Lt. Shawn Lee, Lt. Dan Greene, Sgt. Mark Boscy, Sgt. Steve

Rine, Sgt. Ed Crispin, Sgt. Ron Raines, Tpr. Troy Homrighausen and Tpr. Shad Bierdeman), who helped make this one of the best training sessions ever. A special thank you is extended Sgt. Bill Elschlager, Sgt. Aaron Quinn and Tpr. Jason DelCol, who assisted on their own time.

The Auxiliary also sold raffle tickets at each session and numerous items were passed out after the second session. The money collected from the raffle this year will be added to the Auxiliary fund and be used to purchase body armor and general operating cost for Auxiliary operations.

### New Auxiliary recruit training scheduled

Colonel McClellan approved a new Auxiliary Recruit class scheduled for January 2006.

Auxiliary numbers have declined in recent years to less than 140 officers. The new class will have 25 officers and bring Auxiliary strength to 160 officers.

The training will be held at the Academy for seven to eight weekends. Patrol instructors and field units will provide the training, to include an overview of the Patrol's daily functions, Auxiliary officers' role, firearms, Mace and Taser familiarization, subject control and survival techniques, law enforcement communication, homeland security, and Patrol policies.

### *Mathess addresses new Canadian auxiliaries*

On August 11, S/Lt. Lance Mathess, Office of Strategic Services, traveled to Orillia, Ontario, Canada to address the graduates of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Auxiliary Class #2005-02. The class featured 26 new auxiliaries from all over the province of Ontario and from a variety of occupations, including National Hockey League referee Daniel Marouelli (pictured above with S/Lt. Mathess).



The Ontario Provincial Police Auxiliary boasts nearly 900 members and is very similar to the OSHP Auxiliary. They are an all-volunteer, professional organization whose primary mission is to assist field officers in any way possible. They are unarmed, have minimum training requirements, and are required to volunteer a minimum number of hours per month to remain active.

*Certificate of Recognition*

**Tpr. Shaun Smart** and **Tpr. Larry Barrett**, Piqua DHQ, and **Tpr. Stephen Crabtree**, Portsmouth, received Certificates of Recognition for life saving actions during a traffic stop on July 29. Tpr. Smart and Tpr. Barrett stopped a vehicle on suspicion of impaired driving. They observed a syringe in the driver's lap and that the man was obviously under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

As Tpr. Barrett talked to the driver, Tpr. Smart and Tpr. Crabtree attempted to speak to a passenger in the car. The man fell unconscious and stopped breathing, Tpr. Smart performed CPR and mask-to-mouth ventilation for 20 minutes while Tpr. Barrett and



**Shaun Smart**



**Larry Barrett**



**Stephen Crabtree**

Tpr. Crabtree assisted. It was later determined that both the passenger and driver had suffered drug overdoses. If not for the troopers at the scene, both men may have died.

*Ace Award*

**Tpr. Jason Bonar**, Ashtabula, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$5,050 and apprehended five suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

He recovered a stolen 1997 Chevrolet pick up after stopping the vehicle for an equipment violation. After arresting the driver for driving under suspension, Tpr. Bonar found him in possession of 955 pseudoephedrine tablets and 16 lithium batteries, which are used to produce methamphetamine.



**Jason Bonar**

**Tpr. Bryan Conley**, Portsmouth, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$26,000 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

He recovered a stolen Ford truck after stopping the vehicle for a fictitious registration. The suspect driver, who was unlicensed, also was wanted on a warrant by the Scioto County Sheriff's Office.



**Bryan Conley**

**Tpr. James Burkhart**, Mansfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$19,700 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

Three of the vehicles he recovered were being driven by juvenile suspects without driver licenses. He arrested a 15-year-old after stopping him for a traffic violation and finding that the boy had made a copy of his father's key and had been using the car late at night without permission.



**James Burkhart**

**Tpr. Timothy Durham**, Springfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$27,200 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

His first recovery came after he attempted to stop a 2002 Ford Explorer for a fictitious registration. A pursuit ensued with speeds reaching 100 mph. The suspect ultimately tried to flee on foot, but was apprehended. Investigation revealed he was wanted on outstanding warrants in three states.



**Timothy Durham**

**Tpr. Shad Caplinger**, Circleville, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$25,000 and apprehended six suspects to earn his fifth Ace Award.

He recovered a 2002 Hyundai after stopping the suspect for a traffic violation. In addition to charges related to the stolen vehicle, the suspect was also convicted of OVI for the eighth time.



**Shad Caplinger**

**Tpr. Charles Gannon**, Dayton, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$25,000 and apprehended seven suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

On April 20, he recovered two stolen vehicles at one time. He stopped one vehicle that had been reported stolen and observed it had been started with a screwdriver. The two suspects stated that they were just borrowing the vehicle and that their car was across the street. They had the keys to the second car, but it also turned out to be stolen.



**Charles Gannon**

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**Tpr. Charles Grizzard**, Walbridge, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$12,500 and apprehended six suspects to earn his second Ace Award.

He recovered a 1993 Mercury which had been involved in a crash and arrested the suspect driver for OVI. Subsequent investigation revealed that the vehicle had been stolen after the suspect violently assaulted its owner.



**Charles Grizzard**

**Tpr. Neil Laughlin**, Mansfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$12,200 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

Three of his recoveries resulted from crash investigations that revealed the vehicles in question were stolen. In two of the crashes, the suspects were charged with OVI in addition to charges related to the stolen vehicles.



**Neil Laughlin**

**Tpr. Chad Maines**, Granville, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$26,200 and apprehended seven suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

On June 26, he stopped a suspect for a traffic violation and subsequently arrested the man for OVI. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and advised that the suspect did not have permission to have the vehicle. Further investigation revealed that the suspect also was in the United States illegally.



**Chad Maines**

**Tpr. Allen Marcum**, Elyria, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$41,000 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

He recovered a 1997 Ford after stopping the vehicle for speeding. The suspect driver, who was arrested for OVI, initially provided a false identity. Through his investigation, Tpr. Marcum discovered the suspect's true identity and that the man was wanted on a warrant by the Elyria Police Department.



**Allen Marcum**

**Tpr. Philip Mohre**, Swanton, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$43,500 and apprehended eight suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

Three of his recoveries came after dispatchers advised him that the Automatic Plate Recognition (APR) scanners used on the Turnpike had identified a stolen vehicle. In each instance, Tpr. Mohre successfully located the suspect vehicle, conducted a stop, and arrested the suspect drivers without incident.



**Philip Mohre**

**Sgt. Christopher Smith**, Ironton, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$3,100 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

He made his first recovery after stopping a 1997 Ford for a vehicle defect. The suspect driver gave Sgt. Smith several different names before he determined her true identity. Through investigation, he discovered that not only was the vehicle stolen, but that the suspect driver was wanted by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office on a felony warrant.



**Christopher Smith**

**Tpr. James Thompson**, Mansfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$35,500 and apprehended five suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

Four of his recoveries resulted from crash investigations that revealed the vehicles in question were stolen. In three of the crashes, the suspects were charged with OVI in addition to charges related to the stolen vehicles.



**James Thompson**

**Tpr. Audali Torres**, Elyria, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at approximately \$23,500 and apprehended five suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

He recovered a Pontiac Sunbird after receiving a report of a vehicle that had just been stolen from a gas station in Lorain. While patrolling the area, Tpr. Torres observed the vehicle. He confirmed the license plate number and initiated a felony stop. The suspect and vehicle were turned over to Lorain police.



**Audali Torres**

# 50 Years

## OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE

The Ohio Turnpike is a modern revival of an ancient form of transportation. Toll roads go back to Roman times, and in the early days of the United States, Congress authorized a national toll road to be carved out of the wilderness. In time, the new road came through Ohio, easing travel for horsemen, buggies and Conestoga wagons on their way west. A toll of two cents per every 10 miles was charged for horses. Additional tolls were charged for conveyances, depending on their expected wear-and-tear on the roadway.

Over the years, new paths were carved as the population of Ohio grew. With the coming of the automobile, dirt roads and wooden bridges gave way to concrete surfaces and spans of steel. Even so, by the mid-20th Century, something more was needed.

The postwar boom meant increased enterprise in Ohio. Farmers and manufacturers needed a reliable way to transport their products to market quickly. Motorists demanded speedier access  
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Lt. John Bishop was the first commander of the Berea District, which included the three Ohio Turnpike Posts.



Sgt. John Relac talks to a Turnpike employee at the Berea Interchange in August 1957.



**The first Patrol cars on the Turnpike were green and said “Ohio Turnpike Patrol” above a Flying Wheel emblem on the door.**

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to distant cities, shopping centers, and recreational sites. Existing roadways were choked with traffic. A dramatic solution was needed.

Ohio’s leaders envisioned a nonstop span across the state superior to anything that had ever been built. In 1949, the legislature authorized creation of the Ohio Turnpike Commission. To fund the new superhighway, the Commission issued \$326 million in revenue bonds. The Turnpike would be the biggest construction project in Ohio’s history to that time.

The coming of the interstates was the source of a great deal of uncertainty and anxiety for Patrol planners, who envisioned severe difficulties patrolling the new roads. There was much doubt that they could ever assemble a force large enough to handle all the breakdowns, crashes, and accompanying traffic snarl-ups. Fortunately, engineering advances — both in cars and highway construction — assured that problems would never be as severe as predicted.

Construction of the Ohio Turnpike began on October 27, 1952. At its peak, 10,000 workers were on the job and the landscape was dotted with more than 2,300 bulldozers, graders, loaders, and other machines. With such a large force, building the 241-mile highway took only 38 months.

On December 1, 1954, the first 22-mile stretch of the Ohio Turnpike opened. Throngs of motorists attended a dedication ceremony that snowy Wednesday, with more than 1,000 people joining a caravan, following a snow plow and an Ohio State Highway

Patrol cruiser, to become among the first to drive on the new highway.

Meanwhile, the legality of Patrol enforcement on the Ohio Turnpike remained in doubt for nearly seven months, until legislative action was passed to approve Turnpike regulations and the authorization for the Patrol to add enough officers to police the road.

On October 1, 1955, the massive project was completed. Hundreds of eager motorists were lined up to be among the first to drive nonstop all the way across Ohio.

Opening Day traffic totaled 44,000 vehicles. The Turnpike was in business and with it came the Patrol’s tenth district. Under the command of Lt. John Bishop, the district was headquartered in Berea and consisted of three posts — Swanton, Castalia (now Milan), and Hiram.

The legislature had increased the Patrol’s authorized manpower to 700 in 1955, and the following year, an increase allowing an additional 59 officers specifically contracted by the turnpike was granted.

In 1956, the first full year of operation, some 10 million cars and trucks used the Turnpike. In 2004, total traffic soared to more than 50.2 million vehicles, more than a fivefold increase. When first opened, the Turnpike had 17 interchanges, located near the most populous areas of Northern Ohio. By the end of 2004, the Turnpike had 31 access points.

*Source: The Ohio Turnpike Commission and “The Ohio State Highway Patrol, The First 60 Years: A History of Service.”*

**More than 1,000 people joined a caravan behind a Patrol cruiser to be among the first to drive on the Ohio Turnpike.**



## Major J. P. Allen



**J.P. Allen**

After more than 34 years of service, Maj. J. P. Allen, commander of the Office of Planning and Information Services, retired September 30. At the time of his retirement, he was the Division's most senior officer in years of service.

Allen is a member of the 92nd Academy Class. After earning his commission in 1971, he was assigned to Wooster where he earned Post Trooper of the Year honors five times.

In 1975, he received the Superintendent's Citation of Merit for rescuing an injured man trapped in a crashed van that was submerged in freezing water.

As a sergeant, he served as an assistant post commander at the Patrol's Gallipolis and Medina posts. He was promoted to lieutenant in March 1990 and served as commander of the Hamilton Post.

In 1991 he was promoted and transferred to GHQ where he served in the Office of Field Operations and the Office of Information Services. He worked with the Ohio Legislature as the Division's legislative liaison for nearly 15 years.

He was promoted to major and named commander of the Patrol's Office of Planning and Information Services in 2001. In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving.

## Major Stephen Friday



**Stephen Friday**

Maj. Stephen Friday, commander of the Office of Technology and Communication Services, retired October 28 after 29 years of service. He was a member of the 100th Academy Class, which graduated in February 1977. His first assignment was to the Norwalk Post where he was District Trooper of the Year in 1980 and 1983 and Post Trooper of the Year four times.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1984 and transferred to the Findlay Post as an assistant commander. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1989 and served as commander of the Milan and Wapakoneta posts. In 1997 he was elevated to staff lieutenant and assistant commander of the Findlay District and became district commander with his promotion to captain in 1997.

Friday transferred to GHQ in 2000 and served in the Office of Planning and Information Services until his promotion to major in February 2004.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Jamie, live in Dublin.

## Sergeant James Czerniakowski



**James Czerniakowski**

After more than 27 years of service, Sgt. James Czerniakowski, Swanton, retired December 16. He joined the Patrol in 1978 as a member of the 103rd Academy Class, which was commissioned in July 1978. His first assignment was to Toledo where he served 19 years before earning a promotion to sergeant in 1997.

In his career, he earned the Ace Award, five Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Rita, reside in Canfield.

## Sergeant Michael Quinn



**Michael Quinn**

With 27 years of service, Sgt. Michael Quinn, Batavia, retired October 25. He joined the Patrol in 1978 as a member of the 104th Academy Class and earned his commission in January 1979. He was assigned to Batavia where he served until his promotion to sergeant in October 1991. He was an assistant commander at the Georgetown Post for three years before returning to Batavia in the same capacity in 1994.

In his career, he earned three Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Nancy, live in Bethel.

## Sergeant John Rinko



**John Rinko**

Sgt. John Rinko, Canfield, retired September 24 with nearly 25 years of service. He joined the Patrol in 1980 as a member of the 109th Academy Class, which was commissioned in February 1981.

As a trooper, he served briefly at the former Akron Post before transferring to Canfield where he was District and Post Trooper of the Year in 1989. He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1990 and served 11

years as assistant commander of the Steubenville Post before transferring back to Canfield in 2001.

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

He and his wife, Ellinor, reside in Canfield.

### **Trooper Timothy Forman**



Tpr. Timothy Forman, Batavia, entered disability retirement on November 27 after 28 years of service. He joined the Patrol in 1977 as a cadet dispatcher at the Hamilton and Lebanon posts. He entered the Academy with the 111th Class and earned his commission in December 1981. He was assigned to Batavia where he served the rest of his career.

**Timothy Forman** In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 15 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Margaret, live in Amelia.

### **Trooper James Oaks**



Tpr. James Oaks, Lisbon, entered disability retirement on October 30 after 15 years of service. He is a member of the 120th Academy Class and earned his commission in November 1990. He served in the Warren District for most of his career, working out of the Chardon and Lisbon posts. He also served two years as a plainclothes investigator at Cleveland Investigations.

**James Oaks**

In his career, he earned three Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving. In 2002, he earned the Ace Award and was Lisbon's Post Trooper of the Year.

He and his wife, Stacie, live in Negley.

### **Dispatcher Lana Cockrell**



**Lana Cockrell**

After more than 24 years of service, Disp. Lana Cockrell, Wilmington, retired October 31. She served as a dispatcher throughout her career, transferring to Wilmington after 13 years at the Georgetown Post.

She resides in Wilmington.

### **Driver License Examiner 1 Vicki Beauford**



**Vicki Beauford**

DX1 Vicki Beauford retired November 25 after more than 30 years of service. She joined the Patrol in February 1975 and served at Mansfield throughout her career.

She and her husband, Elijah, live in Mansfield.

### **Driver License Examiner 1 Cheryl Dotts**



**Cheryl Dotts**

DX1 Cheryl Dotts, New Philadelphia, retired October 31, after more than 25 years of service. She served as a clerk at the New Philadelphia Post for most of her career before she was promoted to DX1 in May 2001.

She and her husband, Harry, live in New Philadelphia.

### **Maintenance Repair Worker 2 Joel Welty**



**Joel Welty**

MRW2 Joel Welty entered disability retirement on July 1 after more than seven years of service. He joined the Patrol in November 1997 and served at Piqua DHQ throughout his career.

He and his wife, Julie, live in Christiansburg.

## The Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' conduct annual banquet

By Charlie Linek, OSHPRA president

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association held its 31st Annual Banquet and Meeting on October 8 at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus.

The facility was fantastic as was a display of two Patrol cars, with active officers available to answer questions about new technology in the vehicles. The Patrol's new mobile driver license exam station was displayed outside and the history department also had a display. Thanks to Col. McClellan for all his cooperation in arranging for those displays.

At the Executive Board Meeting before dinner, a motion was made to fund a war memorial at the Academy for troopers killed while serving on active duty in the military. A preview of two different types was presented. Col. McClellan favored bronze plaques, similar to the existing killed in the line of duty plaques currently displayed in Heritage Hall, over a granite stone that could be placed in the courtyard.

After discussion it was decided that the inside plaque would be more noticeable and seen by many more people visiting the Academy. A motion for the Association to fund the plaque in Heritage Hall was seconded and approved by voice vote. The plaque will indicate at the bottom that it was donated by the Association.

After a great social hour of renewing old acquaintances and swapping war stories, we all enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner followed by a huge array of deserts.

After everyone was gastronomically satisfied, President Charlie Linek welcomed everyone and introduced the executive board, active members, retired superintendents, and our very special guests, the widows of deceased members.

Following the introductions, the names of deceased members and spouses were read by First Vice President Shel Senek and flowers were placed in the memorial wreath alternately by Secretary Bob Carson and Treasurer Jim Spurrier.

Dick Curtis gave a report on the Retirement System. Retirees Board Representative Larry Davis thanked all who voted him onto the Retirement Board. Larry said "The OSHPRS is in good standing with the legislature. The complex issues are being very competently handled by the



Ret. Lt. Col. Shel Senek and his wife, Pat, pause for a moment while catching up with Ret. Lt. Tim Mahoney and his wife, Mary, at the Retirees' Association banquet October 8.

OSHPRS staff, and particularly Dick Curtis."

Col. McClellan commented on the advanced technology in the new patrol cars on display and explained that the mobile DX station travels to remote parts of the state to give exams and issue licenses and can also serve as a temporary communication center in the event of emergencies. Several new posts will be opened and some have been remodeled and everyone is encouraged to stop by and see the results.

Warren Davies, Executive Director of the Shrine Center, gave a very interesting talk and video presentation about the functions of the Shrine's many children's hospitals.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the 2006 Snowbird Reunion hosted by Denny and Barb Bueno in Leigh Acres, Florida, March 2-5, 2006.

President Linek presented Dick Feightner and Bernie Lodrick with service awards for their dedicated years of service to the Association. Retired Col. Tom Rice swore in the association officers for the year 2006.

Past President Rob Hartsell called out the winners of the numerous door prizes before Chaplain Adam Reiss gave the benediction to end the evening.



### *Ohio Senate honors Patrol retiree*

On October 5, Ret. Maj. J.P. Allen was issued a Senate Proclamation and recognized on the Ohio Senate floor for his efforts during 15 years of legislative work on behalf of the Patrol. The proclamation was sponsored by all 33 state senators, who also honored him with a standing ovation. Maj. Allen retired September 30 after 34 years of service.

Ret. Maj. J.P. Allen (left) receives a Senate Proclamation from Sen. Jeffrey Armbruster.



# Expressing sympathy



**Kenneth S. Cottle**

### **Kenneth S. Cottle**

Retired Sgt. Kenneth Cottle, 78, passed away October 22. He was a member of the 27th Academy Class, which was commissioned in 1949.

During his career, he served at Georgetown, Dayton, Greenville, Ironton, and Cambridge. He retired in July 1973 after 24 years of service.

He is survived by his children: Dawn, Robin, Leanne, Kenneth, and Craig.



**Danny P. Irwin**

### **Danny P. Irwin**

SLLI Danny P. Irwin, 52, New Philadelphia, passed away September 12 as a result of a motorcycle crash.

He joined the Patrol in 1984 and served as a load limit inspector at the weigh station on I-77 near Bolivar throughout his career. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn.



**Merle R. Darrah**

### **Merle R. Darrah**

Retired S/Lt. Merle Darrah, 77, passed away November 15 in Canton. He joined the Patrol in 1952 as a member of the 36th Class.

During his career he served at Salem, Lisbon, Ashland, and Piqua, and as commander of the Swanton and Toledo posts.

He was assistant commander of the Bucyrus District when he retired in 1982 after 30 years of service. He

is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and children, Debra, Doug, and Darcie.



**Arland E. Nelson**

### **Arland E. Nelson**

Retired Capt. Arland Nelson, 74, passed away September 19 in Norwalk. He was a member of the 47th Academy Class, which was commissioned in September 1956.

He served at Norwalk, Castalia, and Elyria. He was post commander at Norwalk for six years and retired as the Warren District's commander in May 1985 after 28 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, and daughters: Sharleen, Kathleen, Elaine, Janet, and Mary.



**Luther B. Dunfee**

### **Luther B. Dunfee**

Retired S/Lt. Luther Dunfee, 80, passed away October 11. A member of the 35th Class, he earned his commission in 1952.

During his career he served at Delaware, Lancaster, and Portsmouth, at General Headquarters, and as an instructor at the Academy.

He retired as the assistant commander of the Piqua District in January 1978 after 26 years of

service. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and children, David and Cynthia.



**Edwin D. Overly**

### **Edwin D. Overly**

Retired Maj. Edwin Overly, 79, passed away November 17 in Westerville. He was a member of the 53rd Class, which was commissioned in April 1960.

He served at the Baybridge Post before transferring to GHQ where he served in Procurement, Planning and Research, and Fiscal Management.

At the time of his retirement in May 1980, he was serving as administrative assistant to the superintendent. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and sons, Stephen and Brian.

## Cambridge



**Tpr. Chris Chesar, Cambridge, recommended ODOT crews build a new crossover at milepost 182 on I-70 in Guernsey County.**

One of the main principles of the *LifeStat 1.0* initiative is identifying traffic problems and then working toward a solution. Tpr. Chris Chesar did just that recently after noting that a number of serious crashes related to unsafe speed had occurred on I-70 between mileposts 181 and 183.

While studies indicated that eastbound traffic in that area traveled at excessive speeds, enforcement was difficult because the nearest crossovers were at mileposts 180 and 184. In addition, during winter months, weather-related crashes on the grades and bridges around milepost 182 were difficult to reach because responding officers had to travel to the crossovers several miles away in order to access crash scenes.

To address these concerns, Tpr. Chesar asked the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to place an additional crossover at milepost 182. In addition to the enforcement and traffic safety benefits, the new crossover will help ODOT workers quickly remove snow and ice from Guernsey County's longest bridges.

## Circleville



**Trooper of the Year Shad Capliner, Circleville, represented the Patrol recently at the 2005 CALEA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, where the Patrol received two national awards (please see complete story, page 7). He is pictured above with Rhode Island Corporal Will Hill.**

## Sworn Promotions

- Staff Lieutenant Carl Roark**, Finance & Logistic Services
- Lieutenant Michael Gore**, Ironton
- Sergeant John Silvey**, Gallipolis
- Major Mark Atkeson**, Technology & Communication Services
- Lieutenant Heber Fellure**, Xenia
- Lieutenant Michael Vinson**, Mansfield
- Sergeant Anthony McClendon**, Lancaster
- Sergeant William Ogden**, Findlay
- Sergeant Carlos Smith**, Wilmington
- Major John Born**, Strategic Services
- Staff Lieutenant Daniel Springs**, Capitol Operations
- Lieutenant Michael Wiederman**, Swanton
- Sergeant Terrill Barnes**, Gallipolis
- Sergeant Frank Day**, Toledo
- Sergeant Jeffery Klem**, Ashtabula

## Professional Promotions

- Disp. Supv. Jason Saunders**, Columbus Comm. Center
- NST4 Marc Dorsey**, Technology & Communication Services
- Sec. Patricia Miller**, Field Operations
- PO3 Julianne Lee**, Human Resource Management
- ES1 Melissa J. Fellure**, Investigative Services
- MCEI Steven Morrie**, Dayton
- SLI James Reynolds**, Wilmington
- NA2 Mikini Taylor**, Academy
- MCEI Alvin Holscher**, Springfield
- Dispatcher Deborah Griffith**, Lebanon
- Sec. Delberta Wiley**, Columbus DHQ
- FCS2 Jason Koler**, Investigative Services
- DSS Thomas Brisco**, Technology & Communication Services
- DX1 Virginia Bobbitt**, Hamilton

## Correction

Tpr. Dee McNerney is assigned to Cambridge DHQ. Her assignment was reported incorrectly in the last issue of the Flying Wheel.

## Piqua



Tpr. Vee Witcher and Sgt. Paul Weber were on hand recently at the 2005 Miami County Fair. Piqua post personnel handed out Junior Trooper badges and key chains along with child safety seat and *LifeStat 1.0* information.

## Ironton

On November 4, Lt. Carl Roark, Tpr. Robert McClelland, and Teddy Trooper visited the Open Door School in Ironton to share safety information and spread a little goodwill.



## Dayton



Disp. Carol Stinnett and Tpr. Kyle Pohlabel hand out supplies provided by the Ohio Troopers Coalition to visitors at the National Safety Night Out in Huber Heights.



Tpr. Bryan Cook answered questions about safety belts, guns, and bicycle safety for this group of kindergartners at Precious Blood School.

## Bucyrus



Sgt. Jon Gray receives the key to the city from Fostoria Mayor John Davoli for his dedication to the principles and ethics of law enforcement.



Troopers Loren Martel, Jeff Conley, and Dave Norman recently participated in a What's Holding You Back program for young children with the Sycamore Fire Department.

## Chillicothe

Chillicothe troopers Hal Hardiesty, Todd Thomas, and Brian Workman recently presented certificates of appreciation to the Pizza Hut restaurants in Ross and Pike counties to thank them for their support of our *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* program. Pizza Hut supplied coupons for free pizza and soft drinks for troopers to hand out to students who were observed wearing their safety belts.

**Tpr. Brian Workman presents a certificate to Pizza Hut for its participation in the *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* program.**



## Patrol kids design greeting card

Col. McClellan asked the children of Patrol employees to design our annual holiday greeting card again this year. Children under age 12 were invited to submit drawings for the card, which is sent to law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio and the nation.

Shannen Moorhead, 11, submitted the winning entry.

Her drawing is featured on the back cover of this issue of the Flying Wheel. Shannen is the daughter of Tpr. Jeff Moorhead, Chillicothe, and Sgt. Shannon Moorhead, Portsmouth.

Col. McClellan extends his thanks to each child who submitted an entry:

- Jack Thornton (DX1 Amy Thornton, Cincinnati Ops)
- Maria DiVita (Sec. Kathy DiVita, Sandusky)
- Valerie Moorhead (Tpr. Jeff Moorhead, Chillicothe)
- Rylee Moorhead (Tpr. Jeff Moorhead, Chillicothe)
- Brendon Wilbanks (Tpr. Ricky Vitte, Fremont)
- Parris Crow (Sgt. Matt Crow, Fremont)
- Caroline Born (Tpr. Robert Ashenfelter, Findlay DHQ)
- Monica Ashenfelter (Tpr. Robert Ashenfelter, Findlay DHQ)
- Marty McCaffrey (Disp. Lynnette McCaffrey, Chardon)
- Julia Kelley (MAS1 Donna Kelley, Facility Management)

- Brian Showalter (ES1 Lin Herd, Academy)
- Mikail Aurelia Grace Williams (Tpr. M.C. Williams, Batavia)
- Loren Holiday Williams (Tpr. M.C. Williams, Batavia)
- Molly Boatman (ET2 Jeff Boatman, Wilmington DHQ)
- Shelby Boatman (ET2 Jeff Boatman, Wilmington DHQ)
- Alexis Marucci (Lt. Michael Marucci, Ravenna)
- Samantha Marucci (Lt. Michael Marucci, Ravenna)
- Luke Fisher (Sgt. Vern Fisher, Defiance)
- Jack Fisher (Sgt. Vern Fisher, Defiance)

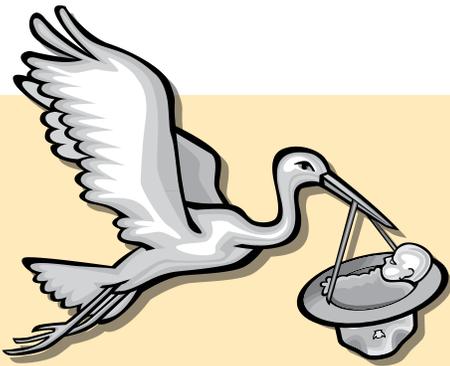
## Gallipolis



The *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* program is alive and well in Gallia and Meigs counties. Tpr. Keith Fellure and MRW James Franklin (pictured) completed painting “Buckle Up” stencils on all high school parking lots in the two counties.



Sgt. George Harlow and Tpr. Mark McFann completed the Air Force Marathon in Dayton on September 17. Both officers trained hard all summer for the marathon and were honored to be a part of such a memorable event. They already have decided they will participate again next year.



## Stork Visits

Tpr. Jennifer Delong & Tpr. Travis Woodyard, Zanesville, a girl, 6/16/05.  
 Disp. Grisel Camacho, Dayton, a boy, 8/8/05.  
 Tpr. Aaron & Tish Crawford, Jackson, a boy, 8/29/05.  
 Tpr. Jared & Jerika Miller, Walbridge, a boy, 9/2/05.  
 ET2 Kraig & Cheri Kent, Findlay DHQ, a boy, 9/5/05.  
 RSHR2 Andy & Kamila Rauch, Strategic Services, a girl, 9/6/05.  
 Tpr. Dustin & Cindy Neely, Granville, a girl, 9/7/05.  
 Tpr. Jacob & Kelly Fletcher, Findlay, a boy, 9/7/05.  
 Tpr. Terrell & Betsy Campbell, Swanton, a boy, 9/10/05.  
 Tpr. Rick & Christina Alonso, Investigative Services, a boy, 9/10/05.  
 Tpr. Brooke & Greg Adkins, West Jefferson, a boy, 9/12/05.  
 Disp. Jackie & Derrick Martin, Mansfield, a girl, 9/12/05.  
 Sgt. Felix (Bucyrus) & Sec. Carolyn Rosario, Bucyrus DHQ, a boy, 9/13/05.  
 Tpr. Bill & Debbie Bancroft, Warren DHQ, a girl, 9/13/05.  
 Sgt. Howard & Lisa Criss, St. Clairsville, a girl, 9/17/05.  
 Tpr. Christopher & Yvette Jester, Lisbon, a boy, 9/18/05.

Tpr. Gurjit & Ruchi Grewal, Medina, a boy, 9/20/05.  
 Tpr. Loren & Terra Martel, Bucyrus DHQ, a girl, 9/22/05.  
 MCES Gregg & Lisa Massie, Wilmington DHQ, a boy, 9/22/05.  
 Sgt. Kevin & Sandie Knapp, Delaware, a boy, 9/25/05.  
 Tpr. Thipasone & Jennifer Vongsy, Dayton, a girl, 10/1/05.  
 Tpr. Tom & Nickcole Bee, Marion, twin boys, 10/3/05.  
 Tpr. Matt & Kylee Uran, Defiance, a boy, 10/4/05.  
 Disp. Gil & Aimee LeBlanc, Ironton, a boy, 10/8/05.  
 Tpr. Angel & Andrea Burgos, Fremont, a boy, 10/15/05.  
 Disp. Kara & Andy Koscoe, Cambridge, a girl, 10/17/05.  
 Tpr. James & Christina Thompson, Mansfield, a girl, 10/18/05.  
 Tpr. Jared & Alicia Ulinksy, Findlay, a girl, 10/19/05.  
 Tpr. Andrew & Jodi Masiella, Canton, a boy, 10/22/05.  
 Sgt. Shannon (Portsmouth) & Tpr. Jeffrey Moorhead, Chillicothe, a boy, 10/25/05.  
 Tpr. Tom (Lima) & DX Amy Murphy, Marysville, a boy, 10/26/05.  
 Tpr. Jacob & Karin Pyles, Xenia, a boy, 10/28/05.  
 Tpr. Eric & Lisa Derrington, Steubenville, a boy, 11/4/05.  
 Tpr. Joshua & Gabrielle Baker, Ironton, a girl, 11/4/05.  
 Tpr. Stan & Elizabeth Bittinger, Canfield, a boy, 11/7/05.  
 Sgt. Mark & Kerri Neff, Medina, a boy, 11/12/05.  
 Tpr. Mark & Bethany McFann, Gallipolis, a boy, 11/13/05.  
 Tpr. John & Tracy Martin, Cambridge, a boy, 11/14/05.  
 Tpr. Chad & Hope Belcher, Mansfield, a girl, 11/19/05.  
 Sgt. Andy & Dawn Lauer, Marietta, a boy, 11/23/05.  
 Tpr. Jeffrey & Jodi Carpenter, Medina, a boy, 11/28/05.  
 Disp. Janice & Ron Miro, Steubenville, a girl, 11/29/05.

The other day I had the privilege of visiting a longtime friend in a nursing home. Jim very proudly wore a sweatshirt with the emblem of the 101st Airborne.

He was involved in action on D-Day as one who was dropped behind the enemy lines. The casualties in his unit were very high, but Jim was one who survived and helped to establish beach head and safer landings for those of us who arrived later for combat in Europe.

As I talked with Jim, we discussed not so much the actual day of invasion as we did the training both of us had experienced in preparation for whatever participation we would have.

His training was intensive. A number of practice jumps along with concentrated study on what he might experience, as well as what he was to accomplish. We laughed together about the fact that all the training in the world could not begin to prepare one for exactly what would happen. However, we agreed that the training was absolutely essential. Beyond the physical training, however, there had to be a mental preparedness to help equip one to handle the unforeseen circumstances.

As I left that visit with Jim, admiring and appreciating what he had been willing to do and how he had done it, my mind moved down through history and I quickly came to the conclusion that we expect so very much of those who serve in military and law enforcement ministry at the present time.

Yes, I know that in military action one never knows exactly what

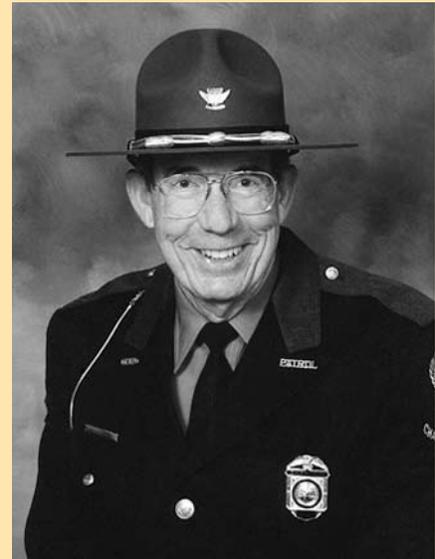
lies around the corner or what may confront an individual the very next moment he or she may be on patrol. But I know the same sense of unexpectedness confronts troopers out on the road every day.

Having had the privilege of seeing what takes place at the Academy and in field training, I know that those who serve in the Ohio State Highway Patrol are given the best in the way of preparation for duty. There is the physical training along with the classroom work to prepare not only for the routine, but for the unexpected.

How important it is to be not just prepared to react physically to the unexpected but to be able to think clearly and maintain control over our personal emotions. Let me assure you from a personal basis that even pastors involved in non-physical encounters have to learn, and practice, control over emotions which sometimes can very quickly move out of control. Once a deed is done, it is done. Once a word is spoken, it cannot be recalled.

Some of the very strong characteristics of the Ohio State Highway Patrol are not only the neat appearance of troopers, but also the way they conduct themselves in both routine as well as unexpected situations. The training given at the Academy in the cadet program, as well as continuing in-service training, is excellent. However, we always need to remember that all the training in the world is meaningless unless it is applied and used each day by the individuals who have received it.

Perhaps the Boy Scout Program



has some great advice for all of us. For those who were a part of that program as a youth, there should be the remembrance of the oath offered at each meeting when a scout would promise: "To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." This oath is fully implemented through the Core Values by which the Ohio State Highway Patrol operates each day. It is a way of life by which we can be prepared to handle the unexpected events with courtesy, courage, common sense, and a calm spirit.

On behalf of all those whom you serve each day in the great state of Ohio even at the risk of your own life, may I express appreciation as well as offer my personal prayers and support.

*Richard D. Ellsworth*

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Chaplain



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## A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

### *Patrol cars to be equipped with vehicle integration technology*

The Patrol recently received confirmation that it will receive a grant to acquire and evaluate vehicle integration technology for officer safety and operational efficiency.

Ohio's Congressional delegation, particularly U.S. Representatives Deborah Pryce and David Hobson, along with Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, helped secure federal funding for a pilot program to equip 30

to 40 patrol vehicles with integration technology.

The technology offers central command using touch and voice activation to control the electronic devices in a police vehicle. Eliminating multiple control heads and displays significantly reduces clutter and crowding in the driver cockpit, clearing airbag deployment zones and minimizing injuries from projectiles in a crash.

Additionally, improving access to emergency and communication controls makes the vehicle operationally more efficient. The technology also is designed to be used as a platform for integrating existing and emerging technologies.

During the pilot program, Patrol researchers will seek to determine if the vehicle integration technology effectively improves officer safety and increases efficiency.



**Non-integrated police vehicle**



**Integrated police vehicle**



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