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Colonel Paul McClellan invited children of Patrol employees to design his annual holiday greeting card. This is the winning entry, drawn by Chelse Spinner, 10. She is the daughter of Lt. Clifton Spinner, Training Academy.

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As a Division, while we continue to mourn the loss of Sgt. Dale Holcomb and Tpr. Josh Risner, we should also celebrate the lives of these two young men. They exemplified the high standard of professionalism known throughout our organization.

Josh spent his entire life in the Patrol family – his father, John, having served the Patrol as both a sworn officer and continuing currently as a professional staff member. Dale, not only a valued leader at the Gallipolis Post, was as much a leader in the Gallia County area outside of his Patrol duties.

While we celebrate their lives, we should not lose sight of the fact the circumstances of September 28 added up to the tragic loss of three lives – including Gallia County resident Lori Smith.

Through this tragedy, the men and women of the Gallipolis Post have represented themselves as among the finest in our organization. We often hear about the Patrol family, and through this tragedy, we have again seen what the Patrol family should look like, and what we all should hold dearly.

I urge each employee to recommit themselves to the goals of our Division as a way to pay tribute to Dale and Josh. These two young men were doing a job they truly loved, and we can honor them by maintaining our focus on achieving our *LifeStat* mission.

Obviously this crash was traumatically historic for our organization. We have never lost two officers in the same incident. I know the aftermath of the crash, and subsequent investigation, has been challenging and difficult to deal with throughout our organization. The character of our Division has been on display for the public, and through it all we have demonstrated our integrity through the investigation.

As I reflect on this tragedy, it is clear that the people who make up our Division are living up to the public's expectations as we move on and pay close adherence to our Core Values.

Honesty - Sense of Urgency - Attention to Detail - Team Oriented - Professionalism - Adaptability - Self-Discipline - Performance Driver - Officer Safety.

Our Core Values serve as the baseline for our operations. At their most fundamental level, they are what make our organization work. Think of the Core Values as our game plan for how we can achieve success together.

As we step forward as an organization and start the last lap toward the finish line of our *LifeStat* goal in 2007, we should first look inward and commit ourselves to the basics that are rooted in our Core Values. If we are honest with ourselves, and honest with the public, we can uphold the public trust and confidence for our success as an organization in the future.

In that way, we can all honor the legacy of Dale, Josh, and the other 35 officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in professionally striving to make this a safer Ohio.

Col. Paul D. McClellan

Colonel Paul D. McClellan
Superintendent



Through this tragedy, we have again seen what the Patrol family should look like, and what we all should hold dearly.

Division mourns loss of Gallipolis officers

Sergeant Dale Holcomb and Trooper Joshua Risner killed in September 28 crash

The entire Division mourns the loss of Sgt. Dale Holcomb, 45, and Tpr. Joshua Risner, 29, of the Gallipolis Post. The officers, and motorist Lori Smith, 32, of Vinton, were killed in a two-vehicle crash on Jackson Pike just west of Mitchell Road in Gallia County on September 28.

Patrol investigators, as well as representatives from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and State Fire Marshall's office, are conducting an ongoing investigation

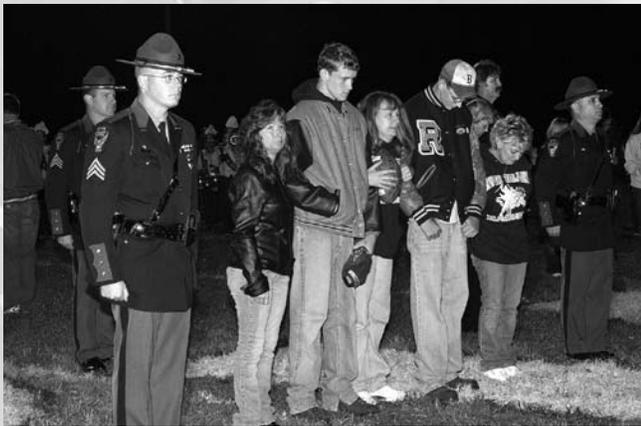
of the crash.

"This is an extremely tragic event for the entire Highway Patrol. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Holcomb and Risner families, as well as with those of Ms. Smith's family," Colonel Paul McClellan, superintendent, said.

Numerous law enforcement officials from various agencies joined family, friends, and the entire Gallipolis community in paying tribute to Sgt. Holcomb and Tpr. Risner.

Tpr. Risner's memorial service was September 30 at Oak Hill High School, and funeral services for Sgt. Holcomb were held October 1 at the University of Rio Grande Lynne Center.

As a tribute to Sgt. Holcomb, members of the River Valley High School football team in Cheshire wore Ohio State Highway Patrol Flying Wheel stickers on their helmets during their game September 29. Sgt. Holcomb was an active supporter of River Valley High School athletics.



The Holcomb family participates in a moment of silence prior to River Valley High School's football game September 29. Sgt. Holcomb was an active volunteer at the school.



Colonel McClellan comforts Tpr. Risner's wife, Bridget, and son, Peyton, at a memorial service for Tpr. Risner on September 30.

Citizens express condolences

In addition to a tremendous outpouring of support in Gallia County, these comments were received via the Patrol's Web site:

Thoughts and prayers to the families of the troopers killed in the vehicle accident. May God grant you all peace.

— **Stephen Anderson**

I read where two of your troopers were killed and wanted to extend my condolences to you and their families. I am chief of our parish fire district and have a lot of friends in law enforcement. Our prayers are with you, our brothers in blue.

— **Chief Nolen Cothren**
Vidalia, Louisiana

Please pass on my condolences to the families of the troopers who were killed in the line of duty due to an auto accident. They are not, nor will they ever be forgotten.

— **Aux. Capt. George H. Schmalstig, ret.**
Post 29 London

I am a security officer in Cincinnati. Even though I am not in law enforcement, we share a common purpose: to serve and protect. I just found out about the tragic deaths of Tpr. Risner and Sgt. Holcomb. Please accept my condolences and pass them on to the families of those two officers. Know that my prayers are with you.

— **William Haeger**
Cincinnati

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We were so sorry to hear of the tragedy for your Gallia County post. We have worked closely in the past with several of you and really appreciate all you do for our community.

— **Kelli Templeton & Holzer Hospice Staff**
Gallipolis

My deepest sympathy to the Patrol and the families of the two troopers that lost their lives today. I am a wife of a police officer and this tragedy is very close to my heart.

— **Becky Landis**

In Memory

Sergeant Dale R. Holcomb **March 7, 1961 — September 28, 2006**

Sergeant Dale R. Holcomb joined the Patrol in 1985 as a cadet dispatcher at the Lancaster Post. He trained with the 115th Academy Class and earned his commission on March 21, 1986. His first assignment was to the Athens Post where he was District and Post Trooper of the Year for 1990.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in May 1992 and transferred to Gallipolis as an assistant post commander. He loved his work and was a good friend to his fellow officers.

He was very involved in his community, and volunteered with the Gallia County Jr. Fair, Gallia County Local Schools, River Valley High School Athletics, and the Bidwell Baseball Association.

Sergeant Holcomb graduated from Ohio University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in criminology. He is survived by his wife, Connie, and sons, Tyler, 17, and Trent, 15.



Sergeant Dale R. Holcomb

Trooper Joshua P. Risner **September 15, 1977 — September 28, 2006**

Tpr. Joshua P. Risner joined the Patrol as a member of the 134th Academy Class, and earned his commission on December 10, 1999. He served at the Van Wert Post in the Findlay District until June 2001 when he transferred to Gallipolis.

Tpr. Risner enjoyed the outdoors and hunting. He was an avid sports fan, especially of the Ohio State Buckeyes.

He was born in Portsmouth and graduated from Oak Hill High School in Jackson County in 1996.

A member of Liberty Baptist Church, he is survived by his wife, Bridget, and children, Joshua Peyton, 7, and Paige Breeanna, 5.

His father, retired Tpr. John Risner, is a motor vehicle inspector for the Jackson District.



Trooper Joshua P. Risner

COPS retreat empowers, inspires fallen troopers' spouses

By **Suzie Sawyer, COPS Executive Director**

There were 93 surviving spouses of America's fallen law enforcement heroes at the September 22 - 25 Spouses' Retreat sponsored by Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). Of that number, 20 were the widows of fallen troopers.

The COPS Retreat delivers everything COPS promises to surviving spouses: professional counseling, grief support, a nationwide support network of widows/widowers, and challenges — physical challenges some widows never thought they would ever attempt.

Climbing a 50-foot tower, exerting every ounce of energy to go through a 150-foot rope obstacle course, firing handguns or shotguns, and taking a self-defense class that teaches you how to "put a hurtin'" on your attacker were all challenges the spouses accepted willingly.

They were emotionally and physically spent when the weekend ended. Yet, many found it hard to leave their new-found friends. It's really difficult to explain how someone can go to a grief retreat and have a great time, but the surviving spouses did just that.

At the retreat, the surviving spouses found the healing, love, and life renewed that COPS promises. In just one short weekend, women who realized they need help to cope with their grief found that help from others who were coping with the same issues of losing a husband in the line of duty. These survivors experienced tremendous personal growth that helps



Twenty surviving spouses of troopers from across the country attended the COPS 2006 Spouses Retreat. Krissy Vazquez-Ensoll, widow of Tpr. Frank Vazquez, is in the back row, second from left.

them cope with the barriers they face daily on their journey through grief.

COPS provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. COPS also provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor issues and educates the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors. COPS' membership is over 14,000 families. More information is available on their Web site, www.nationalcops.org.

Trooper's widow thanks Patrol family for continued support

The Jackson District received the following letter of thanks from Krissy Vazquez-Ensoll after she and her daughter, Kyra, participated in a COPS fundraiser in honor of Trooper Frank Vazquez, who was killed by a drunk driver in November 2001.

Dear Captain Maier,

Kyra and I are home from COPS Walk 2006, and we couldn't have done it without you. It was a beautiful experience and a chance for Kyra to participate in her first charity walk in honor of her father. She is only eight years old, but she didn't hesitate to say "yes" when I asked her if she would like to sign up for a 25-mile walk to raise money for COPS.

I knew it would be hard to raise the \$2,000 we needed to participate. I can't fully express to you how touched I was when we received the \$500 check your district raised for us. Considering Frank

didn't even work in your district, it truly shows the honor and respect you have for him and his family (us!).

Since meeting everyone from District 9, I am even more proud to say I was once married to an Ohio State Trooper. Thank you so very much for your dedication to not only your jobs in law enforcement, but also to the families of fallen officers.

While in Washington, DC, Kyra had the opportunity to see her dad's name on the law enforcement memorial for the first time. I explained to her that every name on the wall represented a family just like ours. She made a rubbing of Frank's name and wrote him a note to leave on the wall.

It's been nearly five years, and I know no one at OSP will forget Frank's sacrifice or his family and three kids. They look up to all of you, and to them you represent so much of their father.

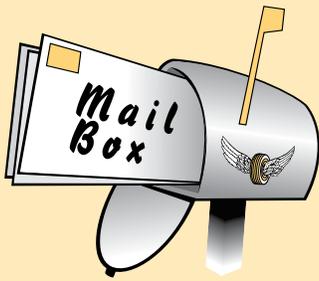


Krissy Vazquez-Ensoll, and daughter, Kyra, participated in COPS Walk 2006 in honor of Tpr. Frank Vazquez.

They have such immense pride that their father was a state trooper.

Christian and Noah want to sign up next year for the walk and we will make it a family event. Thanks for helping us once again honor Frank and raise money for fallen officers' families around the country.

With love,
Krissy and Kyra



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

On behalf of the family of Sgt. John Francies (ret.), I would like to thank the troopers who were part of the memorial service or attended the service for our father. Guests at his funeral spoke highly of the Honor Guard, the presentation of the flag, and the troopers' appearance. Dad was proud to have served with the Patrol and always spoke highly of its members. He was able to meet a lot of troopers during his career at different posts throughout Ohio and the friendship and memories stayed with him until his death. As a police officer and the son of an Ohio State Highway Patrolman, thank you for being there during our time of grief.

Jeff Francies Columbus

Recently my car broke down in Lawrence County, close to the Ironton exit, while coming home. This was a first experience for me and the two teenagers with me. While we were waiting for my husband and a tow truck, we had two troopers stop to see if we needed help. They made sure we had cell phones and said they would keep an eye on us while we were there. This took place in pouring down rain. I just wanted to thank the troopers for stopping and making us feel safer. It was a good experience for the teenagers, who both said they didn't know troopers would help you in cases like that.

Angela DeAutremont Ironton

This note is to express my thanks for the assistance I received October 30 after my vehicle collided with a deer near mile marker 82 on the Ohio Turnpike. The trooper's name was Brian Hann and I again would like to express my thanks for his assistance and professionalism. Although I am sure that tending to traffic accidents

becomes routine for troopers, it was traumatic for me and the passengers in our van. Tpr. Hann's help and understanding were greatly appreciated.

William T. Terry Fort Wayne, Indiana

I wanted to thank the Patrol for the help I received October 18 in Franklin County. After I hit debris from a pothole, an officer traveling on the highway behind me stopped and offered assistance. He was able to call Dublin Police and then continued to change my tire. Thank you for your professionalism, kindness, and composure. It's nice to know that somebody is looking out.

Kimberly A. Messner Columbus

I am writing to let you know that on October 8, our vehicle broke down on 70 east 23 miles west of Columbus. We had two troopers stop to check and make sure that we were okay and if we needed anything and offered us a ride to the nearest truck stop. I was very impressed with their kindness and sincerity. I had heard that Ohio troopers were hard-nosed, but these troopers that stopped to assist were anything but that. Hats off to your troopers and I wish Indiana had some like yours.

Gwynn and Michael Milburn Indianapolis, Indiana

I just wanted to pass along a belated compliment to one of your Toledo-area troopers. I was southbound on I-75, near Bowling Green, when I noticed a trooper changing a tire for a stranded lady. I hope you can identify him and add another gold star to his file. I'm sure his good deed was noticed by many, and will add to the esteem of the Patrol as a whole. And this, by the way, from a guy who got a ticket from another alert

trooper about two months ago.

Dr. Bob Ross Toledo

I wanted to thank the troopers in Greene County for their work on I-675. The morning drives are filled with people traveling at high speeds and one thing is certain, we always see a trooper on the interstate to slow traffic down. Thanks again for the great service that you provide!

Tracy Klitch Beavercreek

On September 23, our son was in an accident. Sgt. Ryan from the New Philadelphia post was on the scene. My wife and I have never been through something like this. I wanted to thank Sgt. Ryan for his professionalism, thoroughness, and kindness during this very stressful time. He did his job, while letting the medical people take care of our son. We were very impressed.

Daniel Kane, Sr. Bolivar

My wife and I were traveling on I-75 from Michigan to Georgia when we had a blow-out at mile marker 106 on September 9. We were in the passing lane and spun into the median. Your Tpr. Cummins stopped and helped us considerably. Although there were no injuries or vehicle damage, his professional demeanor helped calm my badly shaken wife. With Tpr. Cummins' assistance, we were able to get the tire replaced in a very short time. I just want you to know how grateful I am to him. If all of your officers are like him, then you have a professional police force that Ohio can be proud of.

Bruce L. Floyd Acworth, Georgia

McClellan inducted into Ohio Trucking Association's Hall of Honor

Colonel Paul McClellan was honored by the Ohio Trucking Association (OTA) on September 20 at the OTA's annual convention when he was inducted into the association's Hall of Honor. Induction into the Hall is the highest recognition bestowed upon an individual by the association.

Colonel McClellan is the first inductee in the Hall's 50-year history who is not a member of OTA. The association chose to make him the Hall's 64th member for his work to "instill and nurture a partnership between law enforcement and the trucking industry that is the envy of states across the nation."

As a former commander of the Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards and as superintendent, Colonel McClellan knows it is vital that the Division continue to work toward a better understanding of commercial vehicles. They are integrally tied to our economy and transportation system, and Patrol personnel will continue to work closely with the trucking industry to educate officers and the public about commercial vehicle issues.



Colonel Paul McClellan is the first person who is not a member of the Ohio Trucking Association to be inducted into the organization's Hall of Honor. From left: OTA officers Keith Tuttle and Ret. Lt. Larry Davis, Colonel McClellan, and Dick Durst, President of Arctic Express.

"We need to help enhance the ability of the industry to participate in the economy, while at the same time focus on the truck drivers and companies who are deliberately violating the law," Colonel McClellan said earlier this year.

In large part due to the Patrol's partnerships with the OTA and its members over the past decade, today's troopers have gained a greater understanding of their role in supporting the commercial trucking industry throughout Ohio.

Patrol wins first place for LifeStat 1.0 at international conference

The Patrol received several awards, including First Place in the National Law Enforcement Challenge, from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The awards were received during the 114th Annual Conference & Exposition in Boston, Massachusetts in October.

"These awards demonstrate the Ohio State Highway Patrol's commitment to professionalism and its role as a national leader in highway safety," Colonel Paul McClellan, said. "I am very proud of the strides our personnel have made to make Ohio highways safer."

The Patrol's innovative *LifeStat 1.0* strategic goal earned First Place in the National Law Enforcement Challenge which recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in the United States. The Patrol was honored for its efforts in the areas of officer training, public information and traffic enforcement.

The Patrol's *LifeStat 1.0* initiative was also recognized as one of the top 10 law enforcement programs worldwide as part of the IACP/Motorola Webber Seavey Award. The Patrol earned this honor for promoting a standard of excellence that exemplifies law enforcement's contribution and dedication to the quality of life in local communities.



On behalf of the Patrol, Capt. Brigette Charles and Public Safety Director Kenneth Morckel, third and fourth from left respectively, accept a Webber Seavey finalist award from IACP and Motorola representatives.

Stemming from the Webber Seavey recognition, *LifeStat 1.0* was also scheduled to be featured in the December issue of IACP's *Police Chief* magazine in an article titled, "Can Individual Troopers Make a Difference?"

146th Academy Class

Patrol commissions 41 new troopers

The Patrol commissioned 41 new troopers at a ceremony October 26 at the Training Academy. The 146th Academy Class graduated after 31 weeks of rigorous law enforcement training.

Kenneth Morckel, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, and Colonel Paul McClellan, Patrol superintendent addressed the graduates and presented their commissions and certificates of training.

Courses completed by the 146th class included firearms, traffic and criminal laws, self-defense, and crash investigation training.

Tpr. Bobby Rose, Lebanon Post, was selected class speaker and thanked the Academy staff and the families of the cadets for being so supportive during their training.

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

- Overall performance – Tpr. Daniel Dubelko, Norwalk;
- Top performance in firearms – Tpr. Matthew Gramlich, Norwalk;
- Top performance in driving – Tpr. Matthew Geer, Findlay; Tpr. Kari Sommer, Sandusky; Tpr. Daniel Dubelko, Norwalk; Tpr. Michael Phipps, Ironton;
- Top performance in physical training – Tpr. Christopher Davis, Athens; and
- Top performance in academics – Tpr. Bobby Rose, Lebanon.

The new troopers reported to their posts October 30. Their first 90 working days are a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new troopers are assigned to 19 of the Patrol's 55 posts.



Elyria Post dedicated to former superintendent Warren Davies

The public and the media were invited to the Elyria Post on September 15 for the dedication ceremony of the facility to retired Colonel Warren Davies, who served more than 30 years in the Patrol, including three years as superintendent.

Davies, who led the development of the Patrol's Core Values, served seven years as a trooper at the Elyria Post and was District and Post Trooper of the Year there in 1972.

Please see our *OSHP Reflections* on page 14 for more information on Colonel Davies' contributions to the Patrol.

Colonel Paul McClellan unveils the Elyria Post dedication plaque to former superintendent Retired Colonel Warren Davies.



Two commanders complete advanced FBI training

Lt. Colonel Michael Finamore, assistant superintendent of administration, recently completed the FBI Academy's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS).

LEEDS is a two-week executive training program for chief executive officers of the nation's mid-sized law enforcement agencies.

During the seminar, law enforcement executives are provided with instruction and facilitation in the areas of leadership, strategic planning, legal issues, labor relations, media relations, social issues, and police programs.

Captain Paul Pride, commander of the Cambridge District, graduated from the FBI National Academy Program in Quantico, Virginia on December 5. The National Academy program provides 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training for selected law enforcement officers with proven records of professionalism.



Michael Finamore



Paul Pride

Darden graduates Northwestern's School of Police Staff and Command

Lt. Lee Darden, Chillicothe 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 1.

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.

Darden is a member of the Patrol's 120th Academy Class. He has been with the Patrol for 16 years.



Lee Darden

Croston completes PELC program

Sgt. James Croston, Jackson, graduated from the 47th Session of the Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) on November 17. PELC is an intensive, three-week training program that helps law enforcement executives improve their leadership abilities.

Sgt. Croston is a member of the 131st Academy Class. He has eight years of service.



James Croston

Twelve from 100th are 'Over the Hill'

The 12 remaining members of the 100th Academy Class were honored with the Over the Hill Award at a luncheon at the Academy on November 17. The award is presented to officers who achieve 30 years of service.

From left: Ret. Colonel Adam Reiss, Lt. Eric Escola, Lt. Michael Stein, Capt. Daniel Kolcum, Sgt. Timothy Litteral, Sgt. James Kertesz, Major Robert Brooks, Sgt. Richard Graber, Tpr. Stephen Stolarik, Lt. Colonel William Costas, Sgt. John Smith, and Tpr. Richard Dietz.



Group honored for performance during Bluffton critical incident

Citation Of Merit

Tpr. Albert Leitenberger, Findlay, and **Tpr. Charles Grizzard**, Walbridge, each received a Superintendent’s Citation of Merit for their heroic actions during the apprehension of an extremely dangerous and armed suspect in the Village of Bluffton on March 26. On that date, in an effort to obtain an Ohio Identification Card, a suspect presented fraudulent documents to employees at the Bowling Green Office of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.



Albert Leitenberger



Charles Grizzard



Brian Snyder-Hernandez

The Bowling Green Police Department responded to question the suspect. Upon being confronted, the suspect attempted to flee the building and became involved in a struggle with the responding officer. During the struggle, the suspect pulled out a handgun and fired once at the officer, then fled to an awaiting minivan.

Troopers from three Patrol posts and officers from several other area law enforcement agencies participated in the pursuit of the suspect southbound on Interstate 75.

After a pursuit of almost 40 miles, Tpr. Leitenberger deployed stop sticks that disabled the suspect’s vehicle, leading the suspect to exit the interstate and eventually stop at a service station in the Village of Bluffton.

The suspect exited the minivan, firing multiple weapons at officers while attempting to steal a second vehicle that was occupied by its owner. Tpr. Leitenberger, Tpr. Grizzard, and the other officers were forced to return fire in an attempt to end the deadly encounter.

During the exchange of gunfire, Tpr. Leitenberger was seriously wounded in the right forearm. Tpr. Grizzard, who also was wounded in the right hand, assisted Tpr. Leitenberger to an area of safety. A Wood County deputy sheriff effectively ended the threat to officers and bystanders at the scene when he hit the suspect with a round from his shotgun.

Because of the severity of his injury, Tpr. Leitenberger entered disability retirement on October 29.



Cheryl Babione



Denise Duerk



Raymond Pacheco



Mark Grove

Certificate of Recognition

Tpr. Brian Snyder-Hernandez, Fremont, received a Certificate of Recognition for his actions during the apprehension of the suspect. During the exchange of gunfire and from his position to the right of the vehicle that the suspect was attempting to steal, Tpr. Snyder-Hernandez observed an occupant cowering down on the passenger side. He withheld his fire and attempted to alert the other officers that a passenger was in the vehicle.

Disp. Cheryl Babione, Walbridge, and **Disp. Denise Duerk**, Findlay, received Certificates of Recognition for their professional handling of the incident.

As troopers from three Patrol posts and officers from several other area law enforcement agencies participated in the pursuit, Disp. Babione and Disp. Duerk worked to coordinate

efforts and relayed critical information to the officers involved. Throughout the incident, the dispatchers remained calm while providing valuable assistance to the officers.

DX1 Raymond Pacheco and **DX1 Mark Grove**, Findlay District, received Certificates of Recognition for their professional and potentially life-saving actions during suspect’s confrontation with the police officer at the Bowling Green Office of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Upon hearing the shot fired as the officer struggled with the suspect, DX1 Pacheco and DX1 Grove moved customers in the office to the rear of the building and advised them of how to exit should it be necessary. They then returned to the front of the office and helped police secure the building.

Certificate of Recognition

Four officers honored for life-saving actions this summer

Tpr. Steven Daugherty, Tpr. Ira Walker, and Aux. Lt. Alex Pavluck, Athens, received Certificates of Recognition for providing first aid and CPR to individuals who were critically injured by a lightning strike while participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

On June 22, a group of law enforcement officers and supporters were making their way from Athens to Lancaster as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics when they stopped for a break at a school north of Logan in Hocking County. Lightning struck the group, causing injury to nine participants, including two who were critically injured.

Though suffering personal effects from the strike, Tpr. Daugherty, Tpr. Walker, Aux. Lt. Pavluck, and other members of the group immediately took action to perform CPR and provide aid to those who suffered life threatening injuries.

Despite the enormous potential for a tragic outcome, the quick action of those at the scene saved the lives of the two most seriously injured victims.

Tpr. Chandra Skufca, Ashtabula, received a Certificate of Recognition for her quick response to assist a young choking victim. While assigned to the Ohio State Fair detail, Tpr. Skufca responded to a report of a two-year-old choking victim in the Ohio Food Pavilion.



Steven Daugherty



Ira Walker



Alex Pavluck

Knowing that first-aid would be delayed due to traffic concerns, she quickly assessed the situation and immediately organized the large crowd of spectators to begin life-saving measures to sustain the child until paramedics arrived. With the child non-responsive and turning blue, Tpr. Skufca performed CPR and forced air through the blocked passage.



Chandra Skufca

After emergency medical personnel arrived, the child was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he was placed in a medically induced coma. After five days in the hospital, the boy was released with a positive prognosis and no long-term effects.

Ace Award

Seven troopers earn Ace Award for auto larceny enforcement

Tpr. Gregory Allen, Warren, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$15,000 and apprehended five suspects to earn the fourth Ace Award of his career.

He recovered a 2005 Chevrolet after he observed the vehicle traveling 64 mph in a 45 mph zone. The vehicle also matched the description of one that had been broadcast as stolen earlier by Newton Falls police.

After confirming the stolen entry, Tpr. Allen initiated a stop. He also found the suspect driver was driving under suspension, in possession of a stolen bank card, and in possession of crack cocaine.



Gregory Allen

Tpr. Bryan Cook, Dayton, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$27,500 and apprehended six suspects to earn the second Ace Award of his career.

Four of the suspects he apprehended were the subjects of multiple outstanding warrants issued by other police agencies on charges including trafficking in cocaine, trafficking in heroin, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft, and criminal damaging. Each of the other two suspects he arrested was driving under suspension, and one was fleeing the scene of a domestic violence complaint when he was apprehended.



Bryan Cook

Tpr. Steven Duteil, Dayton, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$14,500 and apprehended six suspects to earn his third Ace Award.

He recovered a 1991 Ford after stopping the suspect for a traffic violation. Contact with the driver revealed that the suspect's New York driver license was under suspension.

In a search of the vehicle, Tpr. Duteil observed the vehicle ignition was popped and a screw driver had been used to start the vehicle. He also found a Colorado license plate inside the vehicle that matched the vehicle registration and came back through LEADS as stolen out of Colorado.



Steven Duteil

Tpr. Jason Hayes, Ashtabula, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$18,500 and apprehended five suspects to earn the first Ace Award of his career.

He recovered a 2002 Chevrolet after attempting to stop the suspect vehicle for a speed violation. A pursuit ensued, ending only after the suspect crashed the vehicle. Tpr. Hayes found the suspect was intoxicated and driving with a suspended license. The suspect also was in possession of cocaine and a large sum of cash. Contact with the vehicle's owner revealed the suspect did not have permission to have the vehicle.



Jason Hayes

Tpr. Charles Gannon, Dayton, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$21,000 and apprehended five suspects to earn his second Ace Award.

Three of his recoveries came after he conducted registration checks on the suspect vehicles while on routine patrol. In each instance, the suspect vehicle came back stolen.

A fourth recovery came after he located a vehicle shortly after receiving a radio transmission advising the description of the vehicle, which had been stolen recently in the area he was patrolling.



Charles Gannon

Tpr. Michael Wilson, Canfield, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$13,500 and apprehended five suspects to earn his second Ace Award.

Four of his recoveries came after he observed indicators of a stolen vehicle during enforcement contacts. In each instance, Tpr. Wilson noticed that the VIN number appeared to have been tampered with and the vehicles' trunk and door locks had been altered. He worked with Warren District investigators on each case to determine the vehicles' true VIN numbers and found each one to be stolen.



Michael Wilson

Tpr. Jeffrey Greene, Warren, recovered five stolen vehicles valued at \$28,600 and apprehended six suspects to earn his first Ace Award.

He recovered two ATVs valued at \$16,000 through two cases involving a common suspect. In the first case, the suspect crashed the stolen ATV, suffering serious injuries. In addition to charges related to the stolen vehicle, the suspect was also charged with his seventh OVI.

Two months later, while investigating a report of another stolen ATV, the same suspect and another man were found in possession of the stolen SUV, a stolen dirt bike, and other stolen property.



Jeffrey Greene

MCEI of Year breaks in first Tahoe enforcement vehicle



TSA1 Jim Feddern and MCEI Tom Michael, Massillon District, show off the Division's new motor carrier enforcement vehicle, a Chevrolet Tahoe. Michael, the 2006 Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector of the Year, will be the first to use the Tahoe for enforcement.

Colonel Warren H. Davies

Superintendent, 1994 - 1997

By Michele Vaughan, Patrol Historian

Time spent on the road as a trooper, helping people one-on-one — that’s what retired Colonel Warren Davies remembers most fondly about his time spent with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

In fact, the Patrol’s 11th superintendent believes the Division must stay focused on the needs of the individual officer to continue its mission successfully.

“That’s where the work’s at. As soon as we start to forget about the trooper on the road and start moving in different directions, if we don’t stay close to what we were, I think it’s very hard to be a mover and a shaker,” Davies said in a recent interview. “I always loved working the road. There was nothing better than working the road.”

As an August 1966 graduate of the 71st Academy Class, Davies was the first superintendent to have received training in the Division’s current training Academy. As a trooper, he served seven years at Elyria, where he was honored as Post and District Trooper of the Year in 1972. The post there was dedicated in his honor on September 15. He also held the position of assistant post commander at Canfield and Massillon at the rank of sergeant.

Davies received his first command assignment in April 1977, when he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Delaware. At the rank of staff lieutenant,

he was an assistant district commander at Massillon and Columbus, and as a captain, he commanded the Cambridge and Massillon districts.

After extensive experience in all aspects of field work, Davies transferred to general headquarters in the Office of Field Operations. He later transferred to Investigative Services, where he attained the rank of major in June 1990.

As superintendent from 1994 to 1997, Davies patrolled every holiday weekend in different areas of the state.

“I got around to the whole state in the three years I was colonel at some point and time in the car, working with the troops on the road at air speed checks and stopping and talking to them and helping them with crashes, as I moved around,” he said. “To me, that’s just staying close and keeping track, because, no matter what position you’re in, you’re still supposed to be able to go back out there and fight crime and be ready to move.”

Striving for excellence at every level of his career, Davies said he avoided being satisfied with what was expected.

“Anyone who comes on to the Division or goes into a job has to be thinking that they want to reach the highest they can reach, whether it’s being in a mechanic’s shop or being anywhere. If you’re satisfied with the status quo, to me, you’re just living day to day, but you’ve got to be working

toward something,” he said.

At the time he moved into leadership, Davies said that, fortunately, it was during a time of progressive thinking, a period when the focus was on new ways to improve the Division.

“I was thinking that I can do some of that. I’m kind of doing the leg work to get these things done anyway,” Davies said. “Once you get up there, you have to be in the right place, know the right people, and have a record to balance out with that.”

Under his direction, Davies said the Patrol’s most important accomplishment was the development of the Core Values, the maxim by which Patrol officers and activities are guided. The Core Values are the backbone of the Division, according to Davies.

“I think it’s very beneficial to have those kinds of things everybody can look towards and see that this is what we stand for,” he said.

Other accomplishments were made, and some, such as MARCS, were not completed during his time as superintendent, but Davies said he believes the Patrol still was very productive during the mid-1990s.

“We didn’t slow down, we kept moving forward. I think that’s the key — *Continued on next page.*



Cincinnati Police Museum features Highway Patrol display

At the Greater Cincinnati Area Police Museum, images of the Division's past and present keep a silent, steady watch over a woolen reefer, or pea coat from the 1950s – standard winter wear after the leather jackets worn by Patrol pioneers.

The museum opened in March, and exists greatly due to the efforts of law enforcement aficionados Cincinnati Police Detective Richard Gross, retired Cincinnati Police Lt. Pat Olvey, and former FBI agent David Lichtenfeld.

"The current project is simply to acquire and share police information and artifacts from agencies in the Greater Cincinnati area," said Olvey, director of the museum.

Upon entering, patrons may feel as though they are in a time warp that starts at the end of the 19th century and ends in the present day. Display cases, some historical themselves, contain uniforms, weapons, badges, publication articles, and items used every day by the regular police officer on the beat. A memorial section to those who have fallen in the line of duty covers one

wall and historical photos and art work decorate others.

The Patrol was asked to participate in the formation of the museum with its own display, which contains an antique radar measuring device, as well as the reefer coat. Olvey said he was pleased that the Division agreed to display artifacts.

"The involvement of OSP was my decision," Olvey said. "Over the years, I have worked closely with a number of OSP officers. Only a seasoned police officer has the realization of how much assistance the Highway Patrol gives to a locality."

Community response to the museum has been very positive, according to Olvey. "The amount of reservations for tours has been shocking," he said. Museum volunteers, supporters, and staff have worked hard



A portion of the Highway Patrol display at the Greater Cincinnati Area Police Museum.

to get the word out about the museum.

The hours of operation for the Greater Cincinnati Area Police Museum are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The museum is located in the same building as the Cincinnati Police Federal Credit Union at 959 W. Eighth St. in Cincinnati.

Tax deductible donations can be dropped off at the museum, or contact Richard Gross at (513) 352-3543 for more information.

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thing that's got to be done – that you can't go in and say, 'Well, I'm colonel now. I'm just going to sit and rest on my laurels, or the Division's laurels, for a couple of years.' I was kind of pleased with what we did and how soon we got to some of those places."

He thinks the Patrol is on the right path at this time. Davies said he doesn't get too involved in Patrol matters anymore, however. He feels he needs to keep a safe distance because his son, Cory, is a staff lieutenant in the Division's Massillon District.

"I think some of the initiatives that the Colonel (Paul McClellan) has going now are good ones," Davies said. "I've always strictly been an operational guy, so I'd kind of go out there and arrest everybody for speeding. But with manpower the way it is now, and the increases in traffic and crashes and all the other duties that the Division has taken on, I think they're doing the best they can with the manpower they have. They still seem to be moving forward."

After his retirement, Davies moved forward as well. During the past nine years, he has lived periodically in Florida between working as Mt. Carmel Health Systems' Safety and Security System Director, Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church's Interim Director and Aladdin Shriners' Executive Director. Currently, he resides in Florida, with his wife, Vicki. His son, Cory, has two sons, ages eight and six; and his son Chris, of Charlotte, North Carolina, has a 16-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son.

Your help is needed...

Since you're opening up those ornaments in the basement and getting the lights from the attic, go ahead and grab those boxes with all your old *Flying Wheel* and *Signal 20* issues you've kept all these years.

The History Department is missing several issues of *Signal 20* and the *Flying Wheel* and is looking to you for help. The following is a list of what we do not have in our files up to 1970. Our records do not make clear whether the issues below actually were printed, but we hope to learn what was printed and what wasn't through this process.

Issues can be donated by sending them in care of Historian Michele Vaughan, 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43216. For more information, call Vaughan at 614-387-1479.

Signal 20 issues needed: 1937: March, June, August, October, November; all of 1938 and 1939.

Flying Wheel issues (through 1970) needed: all issues in 1942 - 1947; 1948: August - November; 1950: May - December; 1953: June - December; all of 1954 - 1965.

Lieutenant Robert Johnson



Robert Johnson

Lt. Robert Johnson, Investigative Services, retired December 15 after more than 25 years of service.

He is a member of the 111th Academy Class and earned his commission in December 1981. His first assignment was to the Springfield Post where he served 10 years before transferring to Circleville. He transferred to GHQ as a plainclothes investigator in February 1994, earning a promotion

to sergeant in 1997, and to lieutenant in 1999.

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

He and his wife, Theresa, live in Delaware.

Lieutenant Charles Veppert



Charles Veppert

Lt. Charles Veppert, Warren District LCS Unit commander, retired October 13 after more than 28 years of service. He began his career as a cadet dispatcher at Ravenna. He trained with the 104th Academy Class and earned his commission in January 1979.

His first assignment was to the Swanton Post on the Ohio Turnpike where he served five years. During that time, he earned the Ace Award four times and was the Blue Max Award winner in 1984.

He was promoted to sergeant in June 1984 and served as an assistant commander at the Hiram Post, where he earned his fifth Ace Award before transferring to Berea District Headquarters in 2002 as the district's commercial enforcement coordinator.

In his career, he earned the Superintendent's Citation of Merit, three Certificates of Recognition, and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Joyce, reside in Rootstown.

Lieutenant Gregg Westover

After more than 25 years of service, Lt. Gregg Westover, commander of the Medina Post, retired November 17. He is a member of the 110th Academy Class and earned his commission in July 1981.

As a trooper he served at Milan, Ashtabula, Elyria, and Cleveland Investigations. He served as an assistant post



Gregg Westover

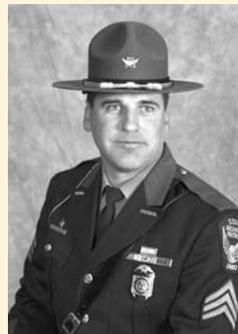
commander at Bucyrus and Elyria.

He earned his promotion to lieutenant in June 2004 when he was named commander at Medina.

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

He and his wife, Michelle, reside in Avon.

Sergeant Donald Carman



Donald Carman

After more than 28 years of service, Sgt. Donald Carman, Lisbon, retired October 13.

He began his career as a cadet dispatcher at Lisbon. He trained with the 106th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 1979. His first assignment was to Steubenville where he earned a Certificate of Recognition and the State Proficiency Award for Auto Larceny Enforcement in 1980.

He transferred to Lisbon in 1981 and earned another Proficiency Award for Auto Larceny Enforcement in 1984. He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1989 and served as an assistant commander at Toledo and Hiram before transferring back to Lisbon in 2003.

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

He and his wife, Bennay, reside in Salineville.

Sergeant Anthony Isom



Anthony Isom

Sgt. Anthony Isom, Xenia, retired September 28 with more than 26 years of service. He is a member of the 107th Academy Class and earned his commission in May 1980.

He served six years at the Dayton Post before earning a promotion to sergeant in 1986. He was an assistant commander at Walbridge until 1991 when he transferred to Xenia.

In his career, he earned two Health and Physical Fitness Awards and was recognized for 25 years of safe driving. He resides in Dayton.

Sergeant Scott Rike



Scott Rike

Sgt. Scott Rike, Ashland, entered disability retirement on October 1, after more than eight years of service. He trained with the 131st Academy Class and earned his commission in October 1998. He served at the Wooster and Canton posts as a trooper and was Canton's Post Trooper of the Year for 2002.

He earned a promotion to sergeant in April 2005 and served at the Findlay Post before he transferred to Ashland. In his career, he earned a Certificate of Recognition, the Health and Physical Fitness Award, and was recognized for three years of safe driving. He and his wife, Tami, live in Louisville.

Trooper Ryan Elsey



Ryan Elsey

Tpr. Ryan Elsey, West Jefferson, entered disability retirement on October 1 after more than seven years of service. He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher at Xenia. He trained with the 135th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 2000.

He served at the former Eaton Post and the Dayton Post before transferring to West Jefferson in October 2005. In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for five years of safe driving.

He resides in Columbus.

Sergeant Marc Rogols



Marc Rogols

Sgt. Marc Rogols, Findlay DHQ, retired September 15 with more than 26 years of service. He began his Patrol career as a member of the 108th Academy Class, which graduated in September 1980. He served briefly at Chillicothe before transferring to Jackson, where he was Post Trooper of the Year three times.

He transferred to GHQ as an investigator in 1991. He earned a promotion to sergeant in December 2000 and transferred to Findlay DHQ in Investigations. In his career, he earned a Certificate of Recognition for his investigative work related to the 1993 riot at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Heidi, reside in Findlay.

Trooper Hal Hardiesty



Hal Hardiesty

After more than 26 years of service, Tpr. Hal Hardiesty, Chillicothe, retired November 25. He joined the Division in 1980 as a member of the 109th Academy Class. Except for a brief assignment at Jackson DHQ, he served at the Chillicothe Post throughout his career. He earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award four times and was recognized for 10 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Nancy, live in Chillicothe.

Trooper Timothy Dunlap



Timothy Dunlap

After more than 26 years of service, Tpr. Timothy Dunlap, Van Wert, retired September 28. He trained with the 108th Academy Class and earned his commission in September 1980. In addition to Van Wert, he also served at Findlay DHQ from June 1986 to November 1998.

In his career, he earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Payne.

Trooper Barbres Jones



Barbres Jones

Tpr. Barbres Jones, Georgetown, entered disability retirement on October 1 after more than 12 years of service. She is a member of the 126th Academy Class and earned her commission in July 1994. She served at the Lebanon and Hamilton posts before transferring to Georgetown in February 2005.

In her career, she earned a Certificate of Recognition, three Health and Physical Fitness Awards, and was recognized for three years of safe driving. She and her husband, Ronald, live in Sardinia.

Trooper Albert Leitenberger



Albert Leitenberger

After 24 years of service, Tpr. Albert Leitenberger, Findlay, entered disability retirement on October 29. He earned the Superintendent's Citation of Merit for his heroic actions during the apprehension of an extremely dangerous and armed suspect on March 25 (*please see page 11*), when he also received the injury that ultimately led to his retirement.

He trained with the 112th Academy Class and earned his commission in March 1983. His first assignment was to Fremont where he was Post Trooper of the Year twice. He also served at Bucyrus DHQ before transferring to Findlay in 1999.

He was Findlay's Post Trooper of the Year for 2003, and recently was selected District and Post Trooper of the Year for 2006. He also earned the Health and Physical Fitness and 20 Years of Safe Driving awards in his career.

He and his wife, Carolyn, reside in Tiffin.

Trooper Gilbert McCune



Gilbert McCune

Tpr. Gilbert McCune, Cleveland Investigations, retired October 14 with more than 25 years of service. He is a member of the 110th Academy Class, which graduated in July 1981. He served at the Sandusky and Wooster posts before transferring to Cleveland Investigations in 1993.

In his career, he earned the Trooper Recognition and Health and Physical Fitness awards and was

recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Susan, live in Wadsworth.

Trooper Allan Wheeler



Allan Wheeler

After more than 27 years of service, Tpr. Allan Wheeler, Human Resource Management, retired November 24. He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher at the Gallipolis Post. He trained with the 107th Academy Class and was assigned to Gallipolis as a trooper after earning his commission in May 1980.

He also served with the Executive Protection Unit, the

Aviation Section, and as a plainclothes investigator at General Headquarters. He earned a promotion to sergeant in 1997 and served as an assistant post commander at New Philadelphia and Delaware before transferring to the Training Academy as an instructor.

He returned to the field as a trooper in July 2000 and served at the former Eaton Post and Columbus District Headquarters before receiving a second assignment to Aviation in 2002. He transferred to Human Resource Management in August 2005.

He earned the Superintendent's Citation of Merit in 1982 for his role in the apprehension of two armed bank robbers. In his career, he also earned the Health and Physical Fitness Award four times and was recognized for 20 years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Terri, live in Columbus.

Trooper Brian Workman



Brian Workman

After nine years of service, Tpr. Brian Workman, Chillicothe, entered disability retirement on October 29. He joined the Division in February 1997 and graduated with the 128th Academy Class. His first assignment was to Portsmouth, where he served six years before transferring to Chillicothe.

In his career, he earned the Saved by the Belt Award, a Certificate of Recognition, and was recognized for five years of safe driving.

He and his wife, Dawn, live in Waverly.

Dispatcher Martha Woodruff



Martha Woodruff

Disp. Martha Woodruff retired October 31 after 30 years of service. She began her career in 1976 as a dispatcher at the former Akron Post. She transferred to Batavia in 1981 and was Post Dispatcher of the Year twice and District Dispatcher of the Year for 1998.

She and her husband, William, reside in Batavia.

Secretary Vicki Kolthoff



Vicki Kolthoff

Sec. Vicki Kolthoff, Cincinnati Operations, retired November 3 after more than 28 years of service. She began her Patrol career as a dispatcher at Wilmington. She also served as a driver license examiner in the Wilmington District and as a clerk at the Hamilton Post. She transferred to Cincinnati Operations upon her promotion to secretary in October 1992. She and her husband, Robert, live in Lebanon.

Executive Secretary 1 Lisa Warren



Lisa Warren

After 30 years of service, ES1 Lisa Warren, Findlay DHQ, retired November 30. She began her Patrol career in 1976 and has served as a member of the administrative staff at Findlay throughout her career, earning her promotion to executive secretary in 1990.

She and her husband, David, live in Findlay.

OSHP RETIREE NEWS

Patrol Retirees' Association hosts annual meeting and banquet

By Charlie Linek, OSHPRA president

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association held its 32nd Annual Banquet and Meeting on October 14 at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus. There were 122 members and guests in attendance.

The Executive Board meeting was followed by a great social hour of renewing old acquaintances, swapping war stories, and ducking into the next room to monitor the progress of the Ohio State football game against Michigan State.

Past President Don Slemmer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and our chaplain, Adam Reiss, gave the invocation. We then enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner of prime rib and herb roasted chicken, and of course, dessert.

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, a memorial was held honoring those who died since the last Annual meeting. The names of deceased active and retired members, widows and/or spouses were read by First

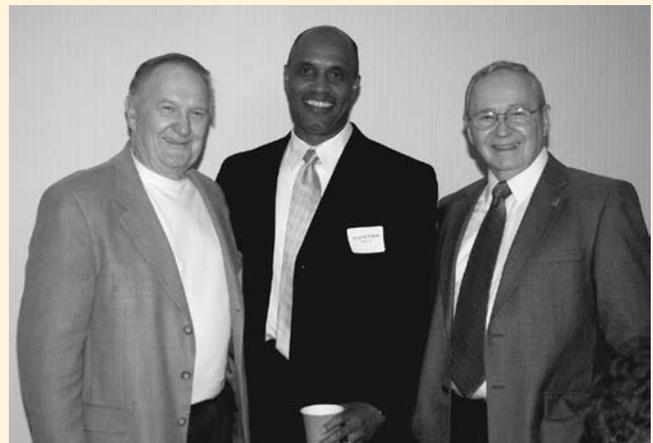
Vice President Shel Senek, and a flower placed in the memorial wreath alternately by Secretary Bob Carson and Treasurer Jim Spurrier.

Dick Curtis gave a report on the Retirement System. Retirees' Board Representatives Larry Davis and Darryl Anderson also addressed some retirement issues of interest to the members.

Lt. Colonel Mike Finamore gave an excellent Power Point presentation, updating our members on the new equipment and advanced technology being used by our troopers on the road.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the 2007 Snowbird Reunion, hosted by Ralph and Caroline Rizzo, in The Villages, Florida, March 1 - 4, 2007.

President Linek then honored Dean Huffman by presenting him with the Association President's Award, an engraved association watch, for his many dedicated years of service and



Ret. Capt. John Rohal, Major Peyton Watts and Ret. Capt. Charlie Clark catch up with each other at the Retirees' Association banquet October 14.

accomplishments that benefited all retirees, widows, and the Association.

Dean served as Executive Director of the Retirement System for 13 years and then eight years (two terms) as the retiree representative on the Retirement Board. Dean continues to be active in the association. Thanks Dean.

Retired Colonel Tom Rice swore in the association officers for the year 2007. Immediate Past President Rob Hartsell called out the winners of the numerous door prizes.

Chaplain Adam Reiss gave the benediction with his signature parting words, "And don't drive any faster than your guardian angel can fly."



Expressing sympathy



Carl L. Boggs

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Retired Tpr. Carl L. Boggs, 80, passed away October 7 in Gallipolis after a brief illness.

He was a member of the 26th Academy Class, which was commissioned in 1948. He served at Gallipolis for most of his 30-year career and earned a Citation of Merit in 1967 for saving the life of a truck driver after the collapse of the Silver Bridge.

The WWII Air Force veteran retired from the Patrol in April 1978. He is survived by his wife, Wanda, and daughters, Carolyn and Carla.



Willard P. Stern

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Retired S/Lt. Willard P. Stern, 84, of Massillon, passed away September 5. He was a member of the 41st Class, which was commissioned in 1954.

During his career he served at Zanesville, Massillon, Ashtabula, and Fremont. He served at Massillon DHQ from 1968 until his retirement in December 1974.

The veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard is survived by his wife, Ada, and children: Jacqueline, Randall, and Timothy.



John M. Coressel

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Retired Sgt. John M. Coressel, 83, passed away November 4 in Springfield after an extended illness.

He was a member of the 46th Class, which was commissioned in 1956.

During his career, he served at Fremont and Catalia and was an assistant commander at Springfield for 10 years prior to his retirement

in October 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Agolda, and children: Sandra, Shirley, Lynn, and Larry.



James R. Young

James R. Young

Retired Sgt. James R. Young, 75, of Upper Arlington, passed away September 18 in Columbus. He graduated with the 43rd Academy Class in 1954.

During his career, he served at Cincinnati, Lancaster, Dayton, and Van Wert, where he was assistant post commander from 1969, until he retired in January 1985 with more than 30 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, retired Major Robert Young; and daughter, Jennifer.



John G. Francies

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Retired Sgt. John G. Francies, 77, passed away October 29 in Springfield.

After graduating with the 42nd Academy Class in 1954, he served at Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Gallipolis, Mt. Vernon, Akron, and Columbus DHQ. He retired in November 1980 with 26 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, and children: John, Jeffrey,

David, and Lisa.



Duncan L. Cannon

Duncan L. Cannon

DX 1 Duncan L. Cannon, 40, died November 9. He joined the Division in November 2000 and was assigned to the Sharonville Drivers Exam Station. He is survived by his wife, Aurillia.

Statewide Auxiliary Training

At separate training sessions on September 30 and October 14, more than 120 Auxiliary officers from around the state attended the 2006 Statewide Auxiliary Training at the Patrol Training Academy in Columbus.

The morning session included welcome, award presentations, inspection, and driver training. The topics for the afternoon session included response to resistance, driving simulation, felony stops/shotgun simulation, and tactical training.

Thanks to the Academy staff for a pair of excellent training days. Special thanks to S/Lt. Dan Green and Aux. Lt. Col. Steve Morgan for the organization and planning that made the annual training a success.



Special Olympics detail

Seven Auxiliary officers were recognized by the Ohio State Trooper's Association for their assistance with the Special Olympics held at the Ohio State University July 27 - 29. Tpr. Al Wheeler and Disp. Tammy Collins attended the October 14 statewide auxiliary training session to present the awards and thank the officers for their help on the detail.

Left to right: Aux. Lt. Col. Steven Morgan, Tpr. Al Wheeler, Aux. Ofc. William Bucher, Aux. Ofc. William Forbes, Aux. Lt. Brian Simpson, Aux. Ofc. William Sanford, Aux. Sgt. Michael Stickle, Aux. Capt. William Simpson, Disp. Tammy Collins. Also assisting with the detail, but not pictured, were Wendy and Alan Forbes.



OSHP AROUND THE STATE

Sworn Promotions

Lieutenant Marvin Hill, Ashtabula
 Lieutenant Joshua Swindell, Medina
 Sergeant Ronald Bornino, Ashtabula
 Sergeant Virgil Conley, Athens
 Sergeant James Edwards, Defiance
 Sergeant Matthew Lehman, Strategic Services
 Sergeant Andrew Worcester, Walbridge
 Lieutenant Michael Orosz, Lisbon
 Sergeant Ricardo Alonso, Springfield
 Sergeant Robert Gable, Wooster
 Sergeant Gurjit Grewal, Xenia
 Sergeant Michael Walter, Findlay
 Sergeant Michael Warner, St. Clairsville

Professional Promotions

Crime Lab Adm. Tammy Bonner, Crime Lab
 Secretary Michelle Himes, Columbus DHQ
 DXSS Pamela Jackson, Sharonville DX
 DX1 Julie Clink, Findlay DHQ DX
 Trng. Ofc. Victoria Dowdy, LEADS Control Room
 TT2 Bryan Weaver, LEADS Control Room
 PLLI Michael Miller, Columbus DHQ
 DX1 Nicole Madick, Canfield DX
 SLLI John Rose, Medina
 DXSS Andrew Weber, Cuyahoga Falls DX
 SLLI Raymond Cottrill, Warren District
 SLLI David Frank, Wilmington
 Forns. Comp. Spc. 1 Joseph Lopez, Investigative Services
 Inv. Cont. Supv. William Watkins, Tailor Shop

Troopers' work recognized by law enforcement, community groups

The good work of troopers all around the state has been recognized recently with awards and accolades from law enforcement agencies and community service organizations.

Cleveland Investigations

Sgt. Karen Garewal, Cleveland Investigations, received a Certificate of Appreciation from FBI Director Robert Mueller on September 19. Director Mueller commended Sgt. Garewal for her outstanding efforts in anti-terrorism investigations. Sgt. Garewal has been assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Cleveland since its inception in October 2001.



Special Agent in Charge Ted Wasky, FBI, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Sgt. Karen Garewal. Also pictured, Captain Roger Hannay, Berea District Commander.

Portsmouth

Tpr. David Richendollar, Portsmouth, received the 2006 Law Enforcement Hero of the Year Award from the Ohio River Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross at their annual awards presentation.

Tpr. Richendollar was nominated by the family of three people killed in a crash on SR 772 near Rarden. The family wanted to thank Tpr. Richendollar for the compassion and support he showed them both during the investigation and during follow-up after the crash.

fatal crash. The awards were presented at the Homicide Investigation and Prosecution Unit's annual dinner, and marked the first time officers have been recognized for a crash investigation.

Warren

Tpr. Doug Bolen, Warren, and five officers from the Warren Police Department received awards from the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office for their investigation of a 2004

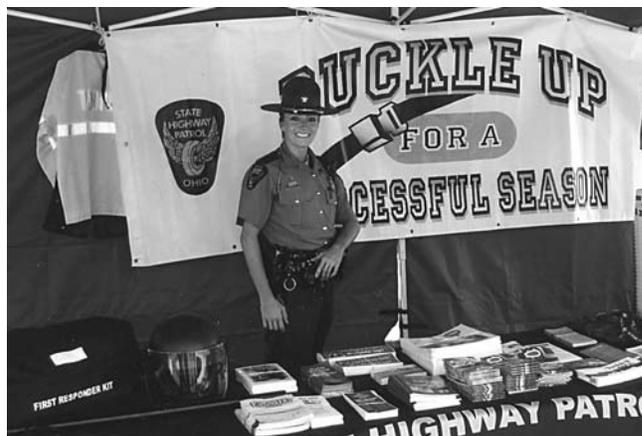
Medina

Tpr. Sam Christ and Tpr. Jason Bittinger, Medina, were honored at the annual Medina County Safe Communities Awards Banquets for having the most OVI arrests in the county during 2005.

Piqua



Tpr. Vee Witcher, Piqua, participated in the third annual back-to-school supply giveaway coordinated by the Revival Center Ministries International's outreach ministry. More than 500 children from six Dayton neighborhoods attended and enjoyed food, drinks, door prizes, and entertainment, as well as receiving school supplies. Tpr. Witcher passed out book bags, OTC coloring books, rulers, "buckle up" key chains, and "What's Holding You Back?" materials, along with numerous safety tips.



Piqua Post personnel also were well represented at the 2006 Miami and Shelby County fairs. Above, Tpr. Anik Lepage volunteered at the Miami County Fair, where she was ready and willing to discuss safety issues and *LifeStat 1.0* with the many fair goers. All had a great time and many positive comments were made about our presence at the fairs.

Ironton

Tpr. Robert McClelland conducted a school bus safety detail at Chesapeake Elementary School on October 20 during National School Bus Safety Week. He assisted school officials, the Chesapeake Volunteer Fire Department, and the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office with the educational program. There were a total of 450 students contacted.

Tpr. McClelland tells a group of Chesapeake students about his patrol car.



Ashland



Ashland personnel volunteered at the Ashland County Fair on Kids Day, September 22. To address an increase in motorcycle injuries and fatalities, the post geared its display to injury and fatal crashes. Two Patrol motorcycle units were also on hand to talk safety with fair patrons. More than 5,000 people visited the booth during the day.

Secretary Stacey Lucas hands out safety materials at the Ashland County Fair.

Springfield



As Tpr. Toby Sebastian handed out OTC "goodies" at the Clark County Fair, he praised this young man for wearing the safety belt in his stroller. It's never too early to teach safety!

Norwalk



The Norwalk Post and Teddy Trooper (Sgt. Mary Mack) were at Norwalk Raceway Park for a Kids Safety Day August 12 to talk about the importance of wearing safety belts.

Canton



The Canton Post recently joined citizens and organizations from Stark County in the national Red Ribbon Celebration at the Canton McKinley Monument to increase awareness about the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, as well as to promote safe and drug free environments for everyone. The celebration serves to involve all parts of the community in the process of prevention and provides an opportunity to re-examine what is happening in our families, schools, and communities, and to explore what concerned citizens can do.

Recruitment

The Recruitment and Minority Relations Section participated in the Fifth Annual Leadership Conference sponsored by the Anthony Munoz Foundation in Cincinnati on October 4. Anthony Munoz is a member of the NFL Hall of Fame. His foundation provides this leadership conference to students from more than 40 tri-state high schools. The Patrol was invited to participate with the intention of making positive contacts with the high school students and introducing them to career possibilities.

From left: Tpr. Sherese Williams, S/Lt. Virginia Fogt, Anthony Munoz, and Sgt. Christopher Johnson.



Jackson District

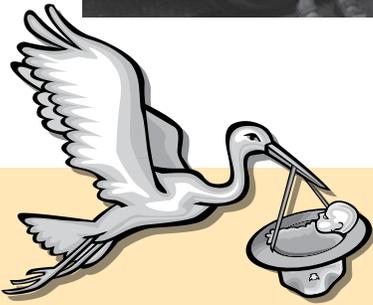


Retired Disp. Norma Hughes helped capture a “then and now” moment at the District Nine family round up in July. The first photo is of Ironton officers in the late 1960s. The second group made up Ironton’s ranking officers in 1967: Duane Aller, Jim Prather, Don Bever, and Bob Beiter.



Dayton

Personnel from the Dayton Post were busy in their community this summer and fall. Right: On September 7, they visited with patients at the Dayton Children's Hospital. Many kids couldn't wait for Teddy Trooper to get to their rooms, so they wandered into the halls with their relatives or nurses to say hi. Pictured from left: Disp. Carol Stinett, a Children's employee, Retired Tpr. Kyle Albright (Teddy Trooper), and Sgt. Jeff Kramer. Below left: At the Dayton Air Show, Sgt. Chris Colbert had his photo taken with a future trooper. Below right: This little guy is ready to take over for Tpr. Nadi Graham at National Night Out at the Dayton Mall.



Stork Visits

Tpr. Jessica & Alan McIntyre, Hamilton, a girl, 9/2/06.

Tpr. Christopher Fitzgerald & Dawn Smith, Walbridge, a girl, 9/5/06.

Tpr. Daniel Dubelko, Norwalk, a girl, 9/8/06.

Tpr. Andrew & Wendy Topp, Ashland, a girl, 9/12/06.

Tpr. Tony & Dena Derenzis, Canfield, a girl, 9/13/06.

Tpr. Eric & Leslie Knowlton, Marietta, a girl, 9/13/06.

Sgt. Jeff & Jamie Bernard, Dayton, a girl, 9/21/06.

DX1 Glenda & Jason Woodgeard, Jackson DHQ, a boy, 9/23/06.

Sgt. John & Martha Altman, Hiram, a boy, 9/25/06.

Tpr. Steve & Jessica Huck, Lima, a boy, 9/29/06.

DX1 Frank & Kacy Fitzgibbons, Massillon DHQ, a girl, 10/01/06.

Disp. Brent & Shawn Thompson, Gallipolis, a girl, 10/2/06.

Sgt. Todd (Delaware) & DX1 Krista Heck, Columbus District, a girl, 10/3/06.

Disp. Jason & Victoria Saunders, Jackson, a boy, 10/3/06.

Tpr. Michael & Shawna Seabolt, Marietta, a girl, 10/3/06.

Tpr. Lewis & Lenora Finsen, Hiram, a boy, 10/4/06.

Tpr. Raul & Adrianna Melo, West Jefferson, a boy, 10/4/06.

PO2 Virgal & Leoneice Neal, Expo Center, a boy, 10/4/06.

SSRS Jon & Lori Heil, Strategic Services, a girl, 10/5/06.

Tpr. Robert & April Kaweck, Ravenna, a girl, 10/5/06.

Tpr. Charles & Tamika Ivory, Warren, a boy, 10/7/06.

Tpr. Shawn & Sara Grim, Toledo, a girl, 10/13/06.

Tpr. Kyle & Nicole Mackie, Capitol Ops, a boy, 10/16/06.

Tpr. Allen & Melissa Marcum, Elyria, a boy, 10/16/06.

Tpr. Travis Woodyard & Tpr. Jennifer DeLong, Zanesville, a girl, 10/25/06.

Disp. Christopher & Amy Baker, Ashland, a girl, 10/30/06.

Tpr. Brian & Jennifer Depizzo, Sandusky, a girl, 10/31/06.

Tpr. Andrew & Jodi Masiella, Canton, a girl, 10/31/06.

Tpr. Raquel Upshaw-Culp & Kevin Culp, Delaware, a girl, 11/3/06.

Tpr. Dustin & Cindy Neely, Granville, a girl, 11/4/06.

Disp. Aaron & Charity Music, Jackson District, a girl, 11/6/06.

AE3 Danny & Jennifer Johnson, Fiscal Services, a boy, 11/6/06.

Tpr. Brandon & Sharon Pastor, Cambridge, a boy, 11/8/06.

Tpr. Rick & Christina Sprague, Cleveland Investigations, a girl, 11/18/06.

Tpr. Shad (Circleville) & AO1 Jennifer Caplinger, LCS, a boy, 11/20/06.

Tpr. Gamel & Khristina Brimah, Piqua DHQ, a girl, 11/20/06.

Tpr. Bob & Liz Bradley, Athens, a girl, 11/21/06.

Tpr. Chad (Gallipolis) & Disp. Jennifer Clingenpeel, Athens, a girl, 11/21/06.

Tpr. Shawn & Lisa Whiley, Sandusky, a boy, 11/26/06.

Sgt. Roderick & Renee Sanchez, Wapakoneta, a boy, 11/27/06.

Tpr. Jason & Karey Fantone, Canfield, a girl 11/28/06.

Whenever I wear a suit coat – which is almost all the time – I am proud to wear the Patrol emblem on my lapel. I am also proud to wear the wristwatch with the Patrol emblem. During the course of my activities there is a question that is quite often asked of me.

The person with poor eyesight and bad judgment of age will ask, “Are you a trooper?” My response is usually: “Only wish I could be one.” Then I go on to explain the privilege I have of being the State Chaplain. Once in a while the person with a little more awareness of age will ask if I’ve retired from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Even though I am an honorary retiree – again, a great honor – I usually explain why I wear the pin. You can be certain that there is always a sense of humility and pride when I wear the uniform for official functions and proudly display the pin during the course of my other activities.

Soon after the receiving the “commission” from Colonel Tom Rice, I found myself in the thick of things at Lucasville. It did not take very long to realize how much integrity there was in the functioning of all aspects of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Standing there on that night when the inmates were brought in and processed, I saw a tremendous display of professionalism as every trooper treated the inmates with respect and courtesy, even though the lives of the troopers had been interrupted and challenged for

11 long days and nights.

The Core Values of the Patrol were very much in evidence throughout that ordeal at Lucasville. The professional reputation of the Patrol was upheld there in a marvelous way. It was my privilege to witness it. It was my privilege and honor to be a very small part of what took place as I came to realize that no matter how challenging the situation, the officers and troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol could meet the challenge and be successful.

Another challenge came recently in the tragic circumstances at Gallipolis. There were moments of tension because of unanswered questions. It was inspiring and heartening for me to realize that at no time, or in any way, was there ever any attempt to cover up or not stand firm upon the facts in hand.

As Colonel McClellan, members of the Senior Staff, and those involved at Gallipolis worked together, the words of scripture came to me declaring: “There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.” (Luke 12:2) You can be assured that the truth will always prevail. Sometimes it takes both effort and time to uncover all the facts, but when they are known and declared, then there can be the integrity of never attempting to withhold or manipulate the truth.

The role that pastors Fulton, McInerney, and I have is to be



supportive of everyone in the family we know as the Ohio State Highway Patrol. That is a role of which we are very proud. It is a role that is challenging at times, but is certainly made easier when we know how tenaciously the Patrol functions on the Core Values – particularly the value of honesty.

The three of us continue to pray for all of you. We continue to support you in any way that we possibly can. Thank you for letting us be – even as just volunteers – a part of the Ohio State Highway Patrol family.

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Chaplain



A glimpse at what's new and upcoming

Video for iPod available on Patrol Web site

From safety films shown to new drivers in the 1950s to modern day in-car video from Patrol cruisers, today's iPod and similar device users now have another download option.

The Patrol's Web site registers more than 31,000 visitors per week. It has been used to help capture wanted fugitives, and also allows users to schedule driver examinations, order crash reports, and apply to become a state trooper. The Patrol's Internet in-car video library is among the nation's most comprehensive law enforcement on-line video libraries.

"It is imperative that motorists are educated about traffic safety and understand the dangers on Ohio's roadways," Colonel Paul McClellan, said. "Troopers across the state are dedicated to reducing traffic fatalities, injuries, and tragedy on Ohio roadways by educating drivers and enforcing Ohio's traffic laws. This latest enhancement to our Web site is another tool to help achieve that goal."

Visitors to the Patrol's Web site can also utilize Google Earth™ to view vehicle, alcohol, commercial, and motorcycle crash locations; maps surrounding crash locations; and to see specific crash details.



Buckle Up for a Successful Season returns

This spring, the Patrol will again be partnering with Pizza Hut for positive safety belt awareness events at Ohio high schools. The *Buckle Up for a Successful Season* events will reward students who are wearing safety belts as they enter school parking lots during pre-determined times at the beginning of the school day. In 2005, this partnership resulted in state troopers observing approximately 100,000 high school students at more than 300 Ohio high schools. The students did not know when the troopers would be at their schools, and were rewarded for wearing a safety belt with a coupon for a free Pizza Hut single topping Personal Pan Pizza, during a positive contact with a state trooper.



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