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Colonel's Letter



The Patrol was founded on the principles of service and respect. Throughout our history, our main objectives have not changed – service to the public and reducing traffic deaths on our roads. I have always been a staunch supporter of this mission, and as superintendent, I will continue to support these goals.

Our mission of service is to make our state a safer place to live, drive and work by reducing traffic fatalities and removing criminals from our roads. Our mission of respect is to uphold the highest degree of professionalism and courtesy. Our performance as an organization, and the manner in which we accomplish our goals, is the key to our continued success.

We have experienced unprecedented success during the last eight years, but we cannot become stagnant. For nearly 86 years, we have adapted our mission to meet the needs of a changing society. The opiate crisis brought significant changes to our organization, distracted and drug-impaired driving changed our operations, autonomous vehicle and cybercrimes are on the horizon, and hiring the next generation of troopers is a challenge we must face. We must continue to progress and prepare ourselves for the future. Progress involves change and change builds anticipation. But understanding that change has been a core element of our success since 1933.

I know that one of the greatest roadblocks to progress is the lack of effective communication. As with any paramilitary organization, the hardest goal to accomplish is getting ideas up and messages down the chain of command. As your superintendent, I am committed to establishing open dialogues so ideas can be shared. We must study every opportunity to enhance the services we provide our citizens. I am also committed to developing a diverse, well-trained, professional and healthy workforce. Our people have always been the key to our success - past, present and future.

Being appointed superintendent was a humbling experience. Along with humility came a deep sense of responsibility; a responsibility to our retirees, our active members, our history and for our future. Although many things have changed since 1933, our mission of service and respect has endured. Our operations will remain rooted in our founding principles, we will continue to progress and prepare for the future, and we will continue to develop a professional workforce.

As your superintendent, I am extremely proud of each of you and grateful for your dedication to duty and your sacrifice to keep Ohio safe.

Colonel Richard S. Fambro
Superintendent



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Law enforcement leaders graduate from the seventh Public Safety Leadership Academy.

Memorial Honors Fallen Patrol Members

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's annual Memorial Ceremony is a special day for those entering the Leadership Auditorium of the Patrol's Training Academy. Family members and friends are given a special opportunity to remember their loved ones who have been killed in the line of duty and to share that connection with others who have experienced the same.

Fallen Patrol members are honored on the first Friday in May at the Patrol Academy where their journey began. The yearly ceremony keeps their memory alive and provides a chance to show appreciation.

In the Patrol's nearly 86 years of service to Ohio, 46 individuals have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. This includes sworn personnel - troopers, sergeants, lieutenants and the now-retired ranks of patrolman and corporal - as well as radio operators, auxiliary officers, an investigative agent and load limit inspectors. The names of fallen members are engraved on the black granite walls of the Memorial and illuminated by the eternal flame.

The memorial is a time not just to remember troopers and personnel who gave their lives in service to the state of Ohio, but also to honor their family members who they left behind. It's a day to pay tribute to the brave individuals who placed service above self and to recognize the families who have also paid an enormous price.

Troopers, active and retired, escorted the families of the fallen to their seats. The memorial began with the advancement of the Color Guard. Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth gave the invocation and was followed by Colonel Richard S. Fambro's remarks. Retired Major Robert W. Booker read the roll call of officers killed in the line of duty.

A rose was placed by the Patrol's Memorial Wall as each name was read. The etched names symbolize those who gave much and asked for little, and are a remembrance of their bravery, sacrifice, dedication and courage.

As the ceremony came to a conclusion, the Pipes and Drums performed "Amazing Grace" and Reverend Ellsworth gave the benediction.

The Memorial is a time to ensure those fallen officers maintain their rightful place in the hearts and memories of families and friends. It is the duty of the Patrol to continue to provide them with our unwavering support.



Colonel Fambro Becomes 19th Superintendent

Hundreds of family, friends and Patrol employees gathered at the Patrol's Training Academy to watch history being made as Colonel Richard S. Fambro became the Patrol's first African-American superintendent. On March 7th, Governor Mike DeWine swore in Colonel Fambro as the 19th superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and on March 18th he was ceremonially promoted by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath. Colonel Fambro succeeds former superintendent, Colonel Paul A. Pride, who led the Patrol since August 2013.

"Today is a historic day for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and it's a testament to the opportunity within our Division," Colonel Fambro said. "As a kid from the inner-city, I never dreamed of being a state trooper, let alone standing here today."

Colonel Richard S. Fambro, a 29-year veteran, began his career with the Patrol in August 1989 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Lancaster Post. He trained with the 119th Academy Class and received his commission in June 1990. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Dayton Post. In 1994, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. In 1997, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Springfield Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2000, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Lancaster Post to serve as post commander. In 2003, he was selected to serve as the Patrol's spokesperson in the Public Affairs Unit.





In 2004, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Office of Logistics and Security Services. As a staff lieutenant, he also served at the Columbus District Headquarters as an assistant district commander. In 2010, he was promoted to the rank of captain and transferred to the Office of Investigative Services. As a captain, he also served in the Office of Special Operations and in the Office of Criminal Investigations. In 2014, he was promoted to the rank of major and transferred to the Office of Planning and Finance. As a major, he also served in the Office of Personnel. In 2018, he was promoted to the second-highest rank of lieutenant colonel and served as an assistant superintendent.

"Being the superintendent doesn't change anything, I will continue to be me," Colonel Fambro said.

Colonel Fambro completed advance leadership training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and attended the U.S. Army War College. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Ohio Dominican University in 2004 and a Master of Science degree in Management from Mount Vernon Nazarene University in May of 2019.

"I wish I could describe the feelings of gratitude, love and pride consuming me – but that would be impossible," Colonel Fambro said. "Throughout our rich and proud history, the women and men of the Patrol have displayed an unwavering commitment to our mission and our state. We will continue to uphold their legacy and continue to deliver professional law enforcement service with respect."



Gaskill becomes first female Lieutenant Colonel

Marla K. Gaskill was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel on March 18th by Ohio State Highway Patrol Colonel Richard S. Fambro during a ceremony at the Patrol's Training Academy. Lieutenant Colonel Gaskill transferred from her current assignment in the Office of Planning and Finance to serve as a lieutenant colonel in the Office of the Superintendent. Lieutenant Colonel Gaskill is the first woman in the Patrol's history to hold this position.

"I wanted to be a state trooper and never imagined the opportunities I would have throughout the years," she said.

She began her Patrol career in May 1989 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the New Philadelphia Post. Lieutenant Colonel



Gaskill began her training as a member of the 119th Academy Class in January 1990. She earned her commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Wooster Post. In 1995, she transferred to the Aviation Section to serve as the first female pilot for the Patrol.

In 1997, Lieutenant Colonel Gaskill was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Norwalk Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 1998, she transferred to the Delaware Post and in 2000 she transferred to the Administrative Investigation Unit. In 2001, she was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Marysville Post to serve as a post commander. In 2006, she was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and served in the Office of Personnel, Field Operations and Capital Operations. In 2011, she was promoted to the rank of captain and assumed command of the Fiscal Services Section, overseeing the entire budget for the Patrol. In 2016, she was promoted to major and became the commander for the Office of Planning and Finance.

Lieutenant Colonel Gaskill is a graduate of the University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute and attended the U.S. Army War College. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Capital University in 2001 and a Master of Business Administration degree from Franklin University in 2008. She is currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree from Ohio University.



Four troopers earn Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award

Ohio State Highway Patrol Sergeant David L. Robison, Trooper James M. Davis, Trooper Charles M. Gannon and Trooper Jason R. Hutchison were honored on April 15th for their heroic actions during a crash. Each were presented with the prestigious Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award, at the Piqua District Headquarters by Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent.

On December 14th, 2018, troopers Davis and Gannon were handling a crash on Interstate 75 in Montgomery County when they heard a traffic crash occur. Both responded to the scene and called for additional assistance after seeing several vehicles were involved, including a school vehicle.

Two people, a bus driver and a bus aide, were in the school vehicle, which was heavily damaged. As Trooper Davis assessed their injuries, the school vehicle began to fill with smoke. Troopers Davis and Gannon got their fire extinguishers and began fighting the fire. Sergeant Robison and Trooper Gannon arrived at the scene. Trooper Gannon attempted to put out the fire, while Sergeant Robison and Trooper Davis went into the burning school vehicle and helped remove one of the passengers. The driver's legs were pinned under the dashboard and she was unable to get free. Trooper Hutchison arrived on scene and looked for more extinguishers. The troopers assured the trapped driver that they would not leave her side, even though the thick smoke began filling the vehicle and breathing became very difficult. Troopers Davis, Gannon and Hutchison continued to fight the flames with the fire extinguishers until the fire department arrived.

Their presence and calm demeanor were instrumental in keeping the driver and bus aide calm throughout the ordeal. The fire department extracted the driver from the school vehicle and she was transported by Care Flight to Miami Valley Hospital with life-threatening injuries. She and her unborn baby are expected to make a full recovery.



Findlay District



The Swanton Post hosted a retiree appreciation breakfast on April 18th. Pictured are (from left) front: retired Sergeant Mike Mann, Trooper Brett A. Mealer, retired Secretary Joy Dodson, retired Trooper J. J. Reyes, retired Lieutenant Mike Wiederman; middle: Sergeant Terrell S. Campbell, retired Sergeant Terry Ritter, Secretary Mary Merillat, Trooper LaDonna M. Klocinski, retired Trooper Sheldon Goodrum; back: Vinny Harkey, Trooper Gregory A. Harkey, Lieutenant Vern E. Fisher, Sergeant Ivan Nunez, retired Sergeant Steve Babich.



Trooper Austin A. Lause, Lima Post, participated in a mock crash event at Lima Central Catholic High School to educate students on the importance of making good choices and being responsible drivers. Lima police and fire departments, Mercy Health St. Rita's Life Flight, and Allen County sheriff's and coroner's offices also participated.

Bucyrus District



Sergeant Matthew A. Dyer of the Lima Post received the Top Cop Award on April 30th. Attorney General Dave Yost presented the award during the annual Top Cop banquet hosted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Allen, Hardin and Putnam counties. Sergeant Dyer was honored because of his actions to keep impaired drivers off the road.



On May 10th, Bucyrus and Cleveland division employees went to Laura's Home, a women's crisis center in Cleveland. The purpose was to not only present items needed for future distribution, but to have a strong female presence there from women in law enforcement. Donated items were collected from many posts and the Cleveland Dispatch Center. Dispatcher Brian McCann and Trooper Chris Aussie also assisted in planning.

Cleveland District



Lieutenant Leo T. Shirkey, Trooper Rayetta J. Kantors, Sergeant David S. Garber from the Canton Post and Sergeant Clinton O. Smith from the Wooster Post coordinated a benefit fundraiser for Maintenance Repair Worker Richard E. Cleveland on April 8. MRW Cleveland, a 33-year employee, became hospitalized at the Cleveland Clinic when he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.



Lieutenant Antonio L. Matos was requested to visit a school to meet with a child in pre-school who has down syndrome, along with other students who are autistic. Lt. Matos utilized his sign language knowledge to communicate with the children. This provided an opportunity for the children to engage with someone in law enforcement who is well-versed in sign language and for Lt. Matos to be immersed in the schools and community.



On May 7th, a few members of the 127th class connected at the Cleveland FBI's Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Gathering. Retired Lieutenant Karen Garewal, shared news that she will be transferring within the FBI to Honolulu. Pictured are, from left, Staff Lieutenant William P. Haymaker, Captain Robin R. Schmutz, Retired Lieutenant Karen Garewal and Lieutenant Rudy L. Zupanc.

Warren District



On February 5th, Alyssa Tillis' use of a seat belt saved her from being seriously injured or killed in a crash on State Route 534 in Newton Township in Trumbull County. On April 10th, Tillis joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club and was presented with a certificate by Lieutenant Brian M. Vail, Warren Post Commander.



Senator Sean J. O'Brien joined past and present members of the Warren District for the annual retiree appreciation breakfast on May 10th. Senator O'Brien recently introduced legislation that dedicates a portion of State Route 7 in Trumbull County to honor Patrolman James A. Fredericka.



Troopers from Ravenna, Warren, Chardon, Hiram posts and the Warren District Honor Guard partnered with the Portage County Safe Communities in the annual "None for Under 21" High School Driving Awareness event at Hiram College. Over 2,000 students from five counties attended this event and heard first-hand accounts of both the choices and consequences of impaired driving.

Columbus District



Trooper Patrick M. White attended the Click It or Ticket campaign on May 23rd during the Moonshine Festival in New Straitsville. He participated in the opening day parade and then conducted a speech detail on seat belt safety.



Troopers from the Columbus Post participated in the Click It or Ticket kickoff event at DeSales High School on May 19th. The Columbus Post, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Columbus Division of Police greeted students and parents as they drove into school. If the occupants were wearing their seat belt they received candy and the students also received a raffle ticket. Trooper Joshua A. Barry then discussed the importance of seat belt usage to the students.



Employees from the Lancaster Post attended the Cops and Kids Day on May 18th. Troopers from the Criminal Patrol Unit, Aviation Section, Motorcycle Unit and SRT interacted with children and explained what they do in the respective sections.

Cambridge District



The Zanesville Post conducted seat belt surveys at each high school in Muskingum and Coshocton counties. Safety partners from Fine Line Imprints made plaques for the Patrol to give to each school with the highest percentage of students arriving at school wearing their seat belts. The winners were Rosecrans High School in Muskingum County and River View High School in Coshocton County.



In March, Sergeant Jeffrey P. Jirles and Trooper Nicholas R. Smith attended Career Day at John Glenn High School. They had the opportunity to share information with the students about employment opportunities in the Patrol.



Trooper Roy R. Beach, New Philadelphia Post, and cadet Gabriel A. Duvall helped the Safe Communities of Tuscarawas County with their "Click It or Ticket" kickoff event and seat belt check at Claymont High School. They also discussed the event on WBTC radio and the importance of wearing a seat belt.

Wilmington District



Troopers from the Batavia Post attended the Clermont County Click It or Ticket Kickoff Event on May 18th in conjunction with the Miami Township Safety Day. Maintenance Repair Worker John W. Herbert built a wooden ramp painted as a roadway and decaled with Patrol stickers. It was a backdrop to a seat belt demonstration for children utilizing a toy car with an egg inside. It showed a car driving off the ramp with and without a seat belt in place, showing the importance of wearing a seat belt. Approximately 100 children took part in the activity.

Jackson District



In late February, Jewel Reed was involved in a crash which occurred on County Road 250 in Porter Township. In May, Reed joined the "Saved by the Belt" Club and was presented with a certificate by Staff Lieutenant Max B. Norris, Lieutenant Christopher S. Kelley, Trooper Nathan E. Lawson and Trooper Theodore H. Neal. Pictured are, from left, (front): River Days Contestant, Miss Notre Dame 2019 - Alexis Graf, Jewel Reed, Lieutenant Kelley, Trooper Lawson; (back): Captain John Murphy of the Scioto County Sheriff's Department.

LCS



Staff Lieutenant William R. Menendez and Lieutenant John C. Thorne participated in the Star Wars Rival Challenge at Disney in Orlando, Fla. On April 6th, they participated in a 10k race and then a half marathon on April 7th - totalling 19.3 miles in two days.

General Headquarters



Colonel Richard S. Fambro had the honor of firing a cannon as part of the annual Ohio Statehouse Civil War Encampment. Every year, Civil War re-enactors provide an honor guard at the Ohio Capitol in commemoration of the 1865 repose of President Abraham Lincoln. April 29th was the 154th anniversary of the repose and the day began with the dedication of a historic flag, and included a replica casket, an exhibit, honor guards, Civil War re-enactors, and cannon firings.



As part of a program called Bigs in Blue, students from Columbus schools had the opportunity to take a tour of the Patrol's Training Academy on May 14th, which included a race with Captain Marvin E. Hill in the courtyard. The students began their day listening to Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Major Chuck A. Jones and Captain Hill speak about their life experiences and what it's like working in law enforcement. They were also able to look at Patrol equipment and explore different parts of the Academy, including Heritage Hall.

Research and Development

The Research and Development Unit recently completed a pilot program to test tablets in patrol cars. Three models of tablets were tested: Dell, Getac, and Panasonic. Each of the tablets would replace the MCT, are portable and could be used to take pictures. Troopers in the field utilized the tablets for a 12-week period and then provided feedback through an online survey. Results of the survey are expected to be presented in the coming months.



Barb A. Miller, History Unit; Mike Creamer, a retired Franklin County sheriff, and his son, Michael Creamer Jr., added a flag to Patrolman Jerry R. Neff, Trooper Wendy G. Everett and Trooper Frank G. Vazquez's memorial highway signs in honor of their service and memory.

Public Safety Leadership Academy

On June 7th, 34 law enforcement leaders graduated from the seventh Public Safety Leadership Academy. Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent, provided remarks during the ceremony and Gar Trusley, of Gar Trusley & Associates, addressed the graduates.

The Public Safety Leadership Academy is an 11-week college-level leadership course offered in partnership between the Ohio Department of Public Safety and The Ohio State University – John Glenn College of Public Affairs. The training was hosted at the Patrol's Training Academy and was offered at no cost to agencies.

Graduates received 10 semester hours of academic credit, along with a certificate in Senior Leadership through The Ohio State University – John Glenn College of Public Affairs. The specialized curriculum focused on leadership and ethics; interpersonal and organizational communication; public management; organizational culture and ethics; human resources management; budgeting; and organizational behavior in law enforcement.

As part of the course, graduates attended enrichment discussions, which were executive-level development seminars presented by distinguished speakers. Discussion topics included overcoming the unique mental stressors of possible violence and best practices for law enforcement managers who deal with employees struggling with addiction issues. Graduates also had the opportunity to meet with executive law enforcement officials to discuss how to build positive relations with law enforcement in Ohio and how to deal with future challenges in the field.

Graduates spent a week in Washington, D.C. attending the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum law enforcement course and visiting other important sites that helped shape our Nation's leaders.

As part of a community outreach effort, graduates spent time volunteering at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, preparing meals for the South Side Roots Kids Café program, and preparing and serving meals to the community at the South Side Roots Café and Market. Graduates also performed community service at the Huckleberry House by making improvements to the interior and exterior of the building.



All Out in Honor of Kenny Velez

Law enforcement officials celebrated the life of Trooper Kenneth Velez the week of May 5th through the 11th. The annual remembrance day for Velez is on May 11th in honor of his unit number, 511. Trooper Velez was a 27-year veteran of the Patrol and a member of the 118th Academy Class. On September 15, 2016, Velez was killed in the line of duty after being struck by a passing vehicle while he was outside his patrol car. This year, Captain Chris J. Zurcher challenged all the posts in the Cleveland District to perform a community service for "All Out Day" in remembrance of Velez.

The Cleveland Office of Criminal Investigations and the Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit started All Out Week early by beautifying the area where memorial signs are placed along Interstate 90 in Cleveland near where Trooper Velez was killed. Troopers cleaned and mowed the area and then placed plants and mulch at the base of both signs. District 3 troopers also visited schools and spent time with children. "All Out Day" gives the opportunity for Patrol employees to honor Velez while also giving back to their communities.



Ashland Post Goes All Out

The Ashland Post also participated in their first "All Out Community Day" on May 11th in honor of the late Trooper Kenneth Velez.

The Ashland County Council on Aging was the first recipient of the post's "All Out Day" event. Ashland Post Commander Lieutenant Raymond C. Durant and other employees of the Ashland Post spent the day painting the sidewalks, weeding the flower beds and laying down new mulch.



Over the Hill



On May 17th the remaining active members of the 118th Academy Class achieved 30 years of service and were inducted as new members of the Patrol's "Over the Hill" club. Back row (left to right): Lieutenant Mark A. Thompson, Lieutenant Raymond C. Durant, Staff Lieutenant Herbert B. Homan, Staff Lieutenant Michael J. Marucci and Staff Lieutenant Lawrence H. Roseboro. Front row (left to right): Sergeant Timothy D. Dearnitt, Major Gary Allen and Staff Lieutenant Kenneth E. Ward.

165th Academy Class Graduates



The Patrol's 165th Academy Class graduated on April 26th after 26 weeks of intense training. Remarks were provided by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine; Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Strickrath and Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol Superintendent. The Oath of Office was issued by Judge Peter B. Abele, Fourth District, Court of Appeals. Courses completed by the 165th class included crash investigation, criminal and traffic law, detection of impaired drivers, firearms, physical fitness, self-defense, and emergency vehicle operations. The graduates reported to their posts on April 28. Their first 60-working days were a field-training period under the guidance of a veteran officer. The new graduates were assigned to 33 of the Patrol's 59 posts.

Trooper and Dispatcher of the Year honored



2018 State Trooper of the Year, Trooper James E. Hutchinson, was honored on March 27th at the Ohio Statehouse by Senator William Coley.



2018 Dispatcher of the Year, Dispatcher Tara J. Barnhart, was honored on May 1st at the Ohio Statehouse by Senator Theresa Gavarone.

Ace and Criminal Patrol Awards



The winners of Ace and Criminal Patrol Awards were recognized on April 22nd. These troopers worked diligently to look "beyond the plate" in order to remove drugs from Ohio communities and return stolen vehicles to their rightful owners.

Dispatcher Carr earns Gold Star Award



Ohio State Highway Patrol Dispatcher Heather A. Carr was named the 2018 Telecommunicator of the Year during the 2017-2018 Ohio Gold Star Awards.

This prestigious honor was presented to Dispatcher Carr for professionalism during an abduction where a suspect displayed a knife, wanted money and to be taken to a location in Ashland. The victim devised a plan and called dispatchers pretending to speak to his wife. Dispatcher Carr quickly knew something was wrong and began asking him yes and no questions in an attempt to gather information to quickly locate him. When they stopped to get gas and money, Ashland Post troopers and Ashland County Sheriff's deputies quickly arrived on scene and took the suspect into custody without incident.

The awards took place on April 17th in Sandusky and was hosted by the Ohio Chapters of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials and the National Emergency Number Association. The two organizations work together to promote and recognize outstanding performances by Dispatchers throughout Ohio.

Patrol Award Winners and Nominees

Cynthia A. Bloomfield	Gold Star Certificate
Garrick B. Payne	Gold Star Certificate
Cheryl A. Smith	Gold Star Certificate
Michelle D. Higgins	Gold Star Certificate
Josa T. Muir	Gold Star Certificate
Erin N. Garloch	Gold Star Certificate
Tara J. Barnhart	Double Gold Award
Susan E. Teal	Double Gold Award
Clark J. Miller	Gold Star Certificate
Teri E. Bridges	Gold Star Certificate
Michael P. Wolford	Gold Star Certificate
Matthew J. Prachar	Gold Star Certificate
Heather A. Carr	Solid Gold



Lisa M. Goodson	Double Gold Award
Robin L. Sanders	Double Gold Award
Sara L. Morgan	Double Gold Award
Theresa E. Moore	Double Gold Award
Becky J. Canavan	Double Gold Award
Joelle Johnson	Double Gold Award
Janice J. Miro	Double Gold Award
Traci E. Jaskowiak	Double Gold Award
Katrina M. Katerberg	Double Gold Award
Betsy M. Worrell	Double Gold Award
Shannon E. Grant	Double Gold Award
Richard F. Skelly	Double Gold Award

Melissa J. Rath	Double Gold Award
Cliff E. Phillips	Gold Ribbon Award
Wendy A. Carey	Gold Ribbon Award
Jackie S. Martin	Gold Ribbon Award
Carrie L. Wolford	Gold Ribbon Award
Michael W. Adams	Gold Ribbon Award
Joshua J. Wright	Gold Ribbon Award
Jennifer L. Hatfield	Gold Ribbon Award
Emma L. Fackelman	Gold Ribbon Award
Tiffany L. Bickers	Gold Ribbon Award
Carrie A. Lane	Gold Ribbon Award

Courtney S. Franklin	Gold Star Certificate
Lori D. Stine	Gold Star Certificate
Adrienne J. Sheffer	Gold Star Certificate
Denise S. Blue	Gold Star Certificate
Wendy K. Bowling	Gold Star Certificate
Davius Reichelderfer	Gold Star Certificate
Heather E. Evans	Gold Star Certificate
Ian Miller	Gold Star Certificate
Megan R. Howard	Gold Star Certificate
Brandy L. Laudermilt	Gold Star Certificate
Stephanie J. Evans	Gold Star Certificate

Frey and Pratt earn spots on APCO's Executive Committee

In May, two Ohio State Highway Patrol personnel were voted in as Chapter Officers for the Ohio Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO). Dispatcher Manager Lydia G. Frey, Dispatch Operations, was selected as president and Radio Dispatcher Supervisor Cheryl L. Pratt, Findlay Dispatch Center, became second vice president of the statewide chapter. Both Frey and Pratt will serve a term of two years.

APCO is a national organization which provides public safety communications expertise, professional development, technical assistance, advocacy and outreach to benefit members and the public. Nationally, there are more than 28,000 members.

The APCO Ohio chapter is made up of hundreds of public safety individuals from different law enforcement agencies around the state. There are also several committees within the chapter that are specifically designed for various types of public safety communications.

Frey has been a member of the executive committee for the two previous terms and says it has allowed her to interact more with other agencies. The executive committee is comprised of several public safety officials across the state.

"It's beyond exciting to be president of this organization," Frey said. She is proud to represent our dispatch personnel and the Patrol.

We have been able to share information and gain knowledge of operations of other agencies.

Dispatcher Supervisor Cheryl Pratt is also excited to take on this additional role. She believes dispatchers are ambassadors by public relations and that it's all about helping people.

"It's a big honor," Pratt said. "I wanted to get involved because it helps with inter-agency collaboration and puts our dispatchers in a place where they can learn new skills."

Both Frey and Pratt believe the training Patrol dispatchers can receive through APCO is invaluable. It allows us to see and understand the differences between the dispatchers from the Patrol and other agencies.

Having Division dispatchers involved with Ohio APCO has been very rewarding and has helped build relationships with other agencies. Pratt agrees and says that the program allows dispatchers to help with interagency communications, critical incidents and make an impact within their communities.



Auxiliary



On June 23rd, the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary graduated 12 new officers in a ceremony at the Patrol's Training Academy. The new class completed nearly 100 hours of training and contains officers from districts around the state. The new Auxiliaries are Lorenzo Butts, Akron; Cory Everett, Enon; Margaretta Gentry, Grove City; Dominick Giovannelli, Canton; Virgil Harriman, Lakeville; Mark Jones, New Albany; Alec Kalis, (not pictured) Austintown; Danni Nader, Baltimore; Tyron Norwood, Canal Winchester; Austin Palmer, Clayton; Naomi Reel, West Union; and Carrie Wells, London.

State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union



The State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union now provides a special debt cancellation benefit exclusively for its members who serve as officers in the law enforcement community. This protection covers qualifying member loans taken out at the credit union and is provided at no cost to the borrower.

Killed in the Line of Duty (KILOD) Loan Protection is a waiver addendum to the qualifying loan agreement between the borrower and the credit union. This unique coverage will cancel the amount of the borrower's eligible loan(s) if the member dies while engaged in work-related activities as a full-time law enforcement officer, whether on or off duty, as the result of external force, violence or disease. For more information, you can visit <https://www.patrolcu.com/>

Retirees' Association



On August 10th, retirees and active members enjoyed fellowship and great weather at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retiree's Association North Coast Sunbird Reunion at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky.

The retirees would like to thank: Tim and Mary Mahoney, who hosted the guests, and Kevin and Lori Titler, who helped plan out the day, and members of the Senior Staff for taking part in the reunion. The Retirees' Association would also like to thank the Cleveland Police Historical Museum for presenting the Association with a plaque which gives thanks for our continued partnership in preserving the history of Ohio policing.

1/2 Units

Ohio State Highway Patrol 1/2 Units Association

Save the Date

OSHP 1/2 Units will be presenting Bless the Badge
a conference for spouses of law enforcement officers & dispatchers,
including retirees and honored widows.

OSHP Academy, Leadership Hall - Columbus, OH
Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Details to follow - Find more information about Bless the Badge at blessthebadge.org

Save the Date!

The 1/2 Units will be hosting a conference for all spouses of Law Enforcement Officers and Dispatchers. Bless the Badge will be speaking at Leadership Hall on Saturday, March 28th, 2020, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Some topics of discussion will be tactical communication, officer involved shooting and officer injured in the line of duty. For more information about Bless the Badge, go to blessthebadge.org.

For questions please contact the 1/2 Units at half_units@live.com.

The OSHP 1/2 Units will be holding a fall fundraiser now through November 1st of fresh evergreen wreaths and décor. To order go to www.sffsalestrack.com/OSHPHalfunits

Items will be shipped directly to you (continental U.S. only) approximately two weeks after Thanksgiving and are priced \$35 to \$80, which includes shipping.

Light Ohio Blue

Cruiser Caravan

Light Ohio Blue is a statewide campaign to show support to the law enforcement personnel who protect communities in Central Ohio and throughout the state. Current and former law enforcement, civilian employees and community members work to honor and pay respects to the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty as well as those currently serving. This year, the Light Ohio Blue campaign ran from May 8th to 16th. To kick off the week, there was a cruiser caravan on May 8th which included more than 30 law enforcement agencies.

Each year, Ohio businesses are encouraged to light the Columbus skyline blue and citizens are encouraged to change their home exterior lights to blue lights.



Athens

Granville



Van Wert

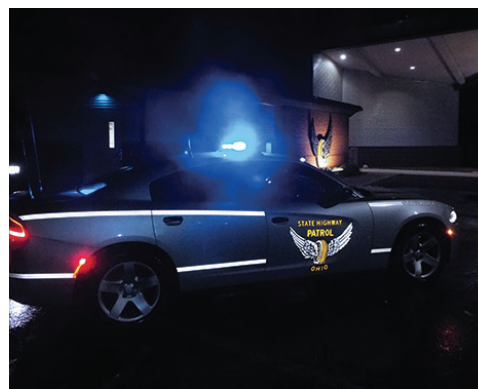
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Paul A. Pride

Colonel Paul A. Pride, Ohio State Highway Patrol Superintendent, retired on March 15, 2019, after 29 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1989 as a member of the 118th Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Marietta Post. In 1990, he earned the Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award. In 1992, he was selected as Post and District Trooper of the Year. In 1996, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Jackson Post to serve as an assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Marietta and Gallipolis posts. In 2000, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Jackson Post to serve as commander. In 2002, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Jackson District Headquarters to serve as an assistant district commander. In 2006, he was promoted to captain and transferred to the Cambridge District Headquarters to serve as the district commander. As a captain, he also served at the Jackson District Headquarters. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of major and transferred to the Office of Special Operations to serve as commander. In 2012, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel to serve as an assistant superintendent. In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of colonel, becoming the Patrol's 18th superintendent.

Colonel Pride served in the United States Marine Corps from 1979 to 1986. He completed advance leadership training at the Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2002. He also completed advance leadership training at the FBI National Academy in 2006.

He earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in law enforcement from Ohio University in 2010.



Timothy S. Errington

Trooper Timothy S. Errington, Polygraph Unit, retired on March 31, 2019, after 34 years with the Patrol. He began his Patrol career in April 1985 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Ravenna Post. He began his training as a member of the 115th Academy Class in November 1985. He earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Bucyrus Post. In 2005, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. In 2006, he earned the Criminal Patrol Award. As a trooper, he also served at the Marion and Mt. Gilead posts, Bucyrus District Headquarters and Bucyrus District Criminal Investigations.



James D. Foltz

Trooper James D. Foltz, Defiance Post, retired on March 1, 2019, after nearly 28 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1991 as a member of the 121st Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Swanton Post. He was selected as Post Trooper of the Year four times and District Trooper of the year in 2004. As a trooper, he also served at the Defiance Post and the Findlay District Criminal Investigations.



Robert L. Franks

Trooper Robert L. Franks, Columbus District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on April 12, 2019, after nearly 26 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1993 as a member of the 125th Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Wilmington Post. In 1999, he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. As a trooper, he also served at the Granville Post, Capitol Operations, and the Columbus District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Lauren E. Merz

Trooper Lauren E. Merz, Warren District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on May 22, 2019, after 26 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in January 1993 as a member of the 124th Academy Class. She earned her commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Warren Post. In 2001, she was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. As a trooper, she also served at the Warren District Criminal Investigations Unit, and at the Warren District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Retirements in this issue of the Flying Wheel include those employees who retired from March - May 2019.

Debra F. Tracey

Trooper Debra F. Tracey, Van Wert Post, retired on March 10, 2019, after 25 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in May 1993 as a member of the 125th Academy Class. She earned her commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Van Wert Post where she remained throughout her career. Trooper Tracey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice from Wilmington College in 1993.



Repair Worker 2, he also served at the Ashland Post. In 1998, he was promoted to a Motor Vehicle Inspector and transferred to the Bucyrus District Commercial Enforcement Unit.

Jarrell K. Burchett

Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Jarrell K. Burchett, Jackson District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on May 17, 2019, after 31 years of service. He began his service in January 1988 with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. He joined the Patrol in December 2003 as a Driver License Examiner 2 assigned to the Jackson District Commercial Driver License Facility. In 2013, he was promoted to a Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector and transferred to the Jackson District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Ricky Wells

Trooper Ricky Wells, Jackson District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on May 17, 2019, after 27 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in January 1992 as a member of the 122nd Academy Class. He earned his commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Athens Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Gallipolis and Jackson posts.



Michael L. Boyd

Portable Load Limit Inspector Michael L. Boyd, Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on May 31, 2019, after 20 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1999 as a Dispatcher assigned to the Dayton Post. A month later, he was assigned to the former Eaton Post as a Maintenance Repair Worker 2. As a Maintenance Repair Worker 2, he also was assigned to the Dayton Post. In 2000, he was promoted to a Portable Load Limit Inspector assigned to the Piqua District Headquarters. In 2002, he was promoted to a Driver License Examiner 1 assigned to the Piqua District Driver License Exam Station. In 2007, he was promoted to a Motor Vehicle Inspector and transferred to the Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit. In 2014, he was promoted to a Portable Load Limit Inspector and remained at the Piqua District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Billy J. Agee

Motor Vehicle Inspector Billy J. Agee, Wilmington District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on May 3, 2019, after 11 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in September 2005 as a Driver Examiner 1 assigned to the Wilmington District Driver Exam Station. In 2007, he returned to the Piqua District Driver Exam Station as a Driver License Examiner 1. In 2014, he was promoted to a Motor Vehicle Inspector and transferred to the Wilmington District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



Lowell C. Bonnette

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 Lowell C. Bonnette, Marietta Post, retired on May 31, 2019, after 22 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1997 as a Maintenance Repair Worker 2 and has been assigned to the Marietta Post throughout his career.



William E. Stephenson

Motor Vehicle Inspector William E. Stephenson, Bucyrus District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on March 29, 2019, after 30 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 1989 as a Maintenance Repair Worker 2 assigned to the Mansfield Post. As a Maintenance



Mervin G. Harrison

Maintenance Repair Worker 2 Mervin G. Harrison, Fremont Post, retired on May 31, 2019, after 24 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1997 as a Maintenance Repair Worker 2 and has been assigned to the Marietta Post throughout his career.



Jeffrey W. Turnau

Criminalist Jeffrey W. Turnau, Crime Lab, retired on May 31, 2019, after 31 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1988 as a Criminalist and has been assigned to the Crime Lab throughout his career.

Criminalist Turnau earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forensic science from Eastern Kentucky University in 1987.



Tina M. Vigoffi-Wilson

Administrative Professional 1 Tina M. Vigoffi-Wilson, St. Clairsville Post, retired on May 1, 2019, after 28 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in March 1997 as an Administrative Professional 1 and has been assigned to the St. Clairsville Post throughout her career.



Administrative Professional 1 Vigoffi-Wilson earned a secretarial certificate from Belmont Technical College in 1984. She also earned an Associate of Arts degree in social science in 2012 and a Bachelor of Science degree in communications in 2013 from Ohio University.

In the next issue:

- Retiree Cookout
- Akron Post Open House

Auxiliary Ceremony

A ceremony was held on March 10th to honor Auxiliary members. Lieutenant Colonel Marla K. Gaskill and Auxiliary Lieutenant Colonel Jason Sanford presented the Auxiliary officers who were retiring with certificates and credentials.



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Chaplain's Comments



We have just shared in meaningful ceremonies in which we have remembered and given thanks for those who have given their lives in the line of duty. It is appalling to learn how many peace officers were killed in such horrible ways as they were doing their duty to provide safety to the citizens in their communities. Law enforcement does not run from danger and trouble; it runs to the source of trouble and all too often pays a price which is recorded by the names on the granite stones in memorial settings.

But we have also had a wider expression of remembrance as we took time to acknowledge those "who more than self their country loved" and paid the supreme price to bring peace and freedom to those they did not know and whose language they did not speak. We have just had the acknowledgement of the horrible price which was paid on the beaches as the amphibious operation along with the parachute landings and all the murderous gunfire from both sides took place. The outfit was trained for amphibious operation, but because we were slated to go to the Pacific Theater, we were spared the horror of D-Day but followed quickly to walk across the beaches and join with those who had arrived earlier in the invasion and defeat the Hitler-lead Germany. If one needed justification for the involvement in liberating Germany, all she or he had to do was see the look on the faces of the skeleton-like individuals we liberated from slave-labor and concentration camps.

But what does this have to do with us in our day? I suggest that in almost all of our ceremonies we share together in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and the nation for which it stands. We go on to pledge our allegiance to "one nation under God." I am aware that this phrase is under assault and there are powerful forces working hard to remove it from all aspects of our lives as a nation. What does it mean to be "one nation under God"?

When we speak of our heritage as a nation, we begin with the call to Abraham. In Genesis 12:2 the call is recorded as follows: "And I shall make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shall be a blessing." It is important to notice that within our Judeo-Christian tradition we have an awareness that we are not blessed to become pompous or egotistical. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. With a few glitches along the way that is what America has done. Americans have given their lives on the field of battle in order for others to be able to be free from slavery and persecution. In a sense, we as a nation have been called to be a force for peace in the world, even as law enforcement is called to make their communities safe places to live.

To be one nation under God does not mean we walk in lock step with no differences of opinion. The Civil War divided us in deadly conflict, but there was the under lying faith on both sides in the same God - the God in whom we declare our faith and trust. But to be true to that God and not just pay lip service in our Pledge of Allegiance, we need to hear His call to live holy lives and obey His commandments.

We are blessed as individuals to live in this great nation. As we remember what others have done for us, and how God has so richly blessed us down through the years (would you rather live in another nation?), may our remembrance lead us to a renewed faith in the God who truly sets us free. May we accept His blessings which are new every day and discover the joy of making life not just safer but more fulfilling for others. It's called service above self.

Your state chaplain and friend,

Richard D. Ellsworth

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