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Colonel Charles A. Jones
Becomes 20th Superintendent
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COLONEL'S LETTER



When the Ohio State Highway Patrol was created in 1933, our founders envisioned an agency that showed compassion and sincerity. One that promoted the safety and welfare for all Ohioans.

If you look back through 89 years of our storied legacy you see that our previous superintendents had their own ideas and philosophies, but the mission has always been the same - to save lives.

Each of my 19 predecessors had different ways of getting the job done. But collectively, no matter their pathway, they were intentional.

Our mission is to protect life and property through the core services we provide. We deliver professional public safety services and address the threats we know Ohioans are most concerned about; impaired driving, drug interdiction, distracted driving and highway crime.

As a Division, we have always taken pride in being purposeful, knowing our presence is an opportunity to serve with our most sincere intentions, always being reflective in our work.

It is intentional that the new Service with a Purpose logo contains the historical marker with the Flying Wheel that all of this was established in 1933.

This is how we will define Service with a Purpose – It is the reason behind our actions and duties. It is our motivation to continue doing our life's work. We make decisions which are influential and offer a sense of direction.

Colonel Lynn Black, our first superintendent, served from 1933-1944. Two weeks after his official appointment, he arrived at Camp Perry to begin training Patrol recruits. It was evident his leadership philosophy was one of presence.

This presence was so important to members of the Patrol that the Flying Wheel magazine was sent around the world to reach Patrolmen stationed in all theaters of WWII in 1944 upon his passing.

The Flying Wheel reported: "We are his living memorial of a job well done. May his tradition be our standard."

His tradition created a family. One that checks on, and cares for, each other. One that brings us to where we are today.

When I think of family, presence, encouragement and support immediately come to mind.

We have been reminded of many things over the past few years, one of them being the importance of family. This includes our personal families, and our active and retired Patrol family.

Family members are the ones we celebrate our successes with, and who we lean on during our difficult and hard times.

Our core values are the foundation of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, our employees, and the services we provide.

On my first day as Colonel, I added Family to our foundational core values. All 11 of the Patrol's core values are weighted equally and are listed alphabetically.

Our family is troopers, police officers, vehicle inspectors, Ohio Investigative Unit agents, dispatchers, auxiliary units, professional staff and retirees.

Each of you have high principles and a strong sense of service. You find ways every day to be intentional and make an impact on those you work alongside, and those you serve.

In everything we do in the Ohio State Highway Patrol, we are resolute.

We are professional.

We are data-driven.

We are compassionate.

Many times one may feel their contributions are not measurable, but rest assured they are by the impressions you make. Leave the type of impression of which all our founders would be proud.

Family is important to me. Each of you serving across the state is important to me. You are the fabric of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and I am humbled to serve alongside each one of you.

Thank you. God bless our fallen, God bless the families, and God bless the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Colonel Charles A. Jones
Superintendent



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COLONEL JONES PROMOTION



Colonel Charles A. Jones with Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Governor Mike DeWine.

Charles A. Jones, a 28-year veteran, was promoted to colonel and ceremonially sworn in by Governor Mike DeWine as superintendent on August 12 as the 20th superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He replaced Colonel Richard S. Fambro who retired on August 12. Colonel Jones was ceremonially sworn in on September 1.

On August 15 in one of his first acts as superintendent, Colonel Jones added 'Family' as a foundational core value.

"As a society, we have been reminded of many things over the past few years, one of them being the importance of family," Colonel Jones said. "This includes our personal families, and our active and retired Patrol family. They are the ones we celebrate our successes with and lean on during our difficult and hard times."

The 11 core values are weighted equally and are listed alphabetically.

In addition, Colonel Jones announced the new Service with a Purpose logo. The logo reminds our current employees to take pride in being purposeful, knowing our presence is an opportunity to serve with our most sincere intentions, always being reflective in our work. Colonel Jones asked every employee to find ways to be purposeful in everything that they do toward completing our mission.

Colonel Jones began his Patrol career in February 1994 as a member of the 126th Academy Class. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned to the Marion Post. In 1998, he earned the state proficiency award in auto larceny enforcement. In 1999, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Delaware Post to serve as an assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Patrol's Training Academy.

In 2004, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and remained at the Patrol's Training Academy. As a lieutenant, he also served in the Office of Personnel, Columbus District Criminal Patrol Unit and the Marion Post. In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and remained at the Patrol's Training Academy. As a staff lieutenant, he also served at the Bucyrus District Headquarters. In 2018, he was promoted to the rank of captain and transferred to the Patrol's Training Academy. In 2019, he was promoted to the rank of major and served as commander in the Office of Training, Recruitment and Diversity. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in July 2021. Colonel Jones completed training at the FBI National Academy in 2005. He also earned a bachelor's degree in public administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SWINDELL PROMOTION

Major Joshua M. Swindell was promoted to lieutenant colonel on August 12. As assistant superintendent, he oversees the Patrol's Office of Field Operations, Office of Criminal Investigations, Office of Training, Recruitment, and Diversity, and the Public Affairs Unit.

Lieutenant Colonel Swindell began his Patrol career in August 1993 as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Dayton Post. He began his training as a member of the 127th Academy Class in May 1995. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Sandusky Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1998.

In 2000, he was selected as Post, District and State Trooper of the Year. He also earned the Criminal Patrol and the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. In 2001, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Marion Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2003, he transferred to the Bowling Green Post.

In 2006, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Medina Post to serve as post commander. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Office of Field Operations to serve as an inspecting officer. In 2013, he transferred to Bucyrus District Headquarters to serve as an assistant district commander. In July 2015, he was promoted to the rank of captain and transferred to Warren District Headquarters. In 2017, he was promoted to the rank of Major, serving as commander in the Office of Field Operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Swindell completed training at the FBI National Academy in 2010.



Lieutenant Colonel Joshua M. Swindell with Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath and Colonel Charles A. Jones.



COLONEL FAMBRO RETIRES

In 2019, Colonel Richard S. Fambro was promoted to Colonel and appointed as the 19th Superintendent of the Patrol, making history as he became the first African American to hold the position.

Service with Respect, Pandemic Defined Colonel Fambro's Tenure

Colonel Fambro will be best known for leading the Ohio State Highway Patrol through the COVID-19 pandemic and social justice demonstrations. His tenure was defined by his mantra "Service with Respect."

As he stated many times, never in the history of the Patrol had we faced such enormous opposing obstacles simultaneously and on multiple fronts. As part of our COVID-19 pandemic response, Colonel Fambro modified our primary focus to provide essential assistance to local communities while also meeting the needs of our public safety partners.

Patrol personnel participated in food distributions and partnered with schools, community groups and other government agencies. Troopers provided additional security to Ohio prisons, mask relays to Battelle to ensure clean masks were available to first responders and critical medicine relays to include Remdesivir from the Ohio Department of Health to areas across the state. In total, Division personnel participated in 442 details and security missions related to the pandemic.

Throughout 2020, the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Criminal Intel Unit at Ohio's primary Fusion Center, the Statewide Terrorism Analysis & Crime Center, provided critical Intel support and threat assessments related to demonstrations tied to both COVID-19 and social justice across Ohio.

As demonstrations intensified and became civil disturbances requiring law enforcement intervention, the Patrol was there to ensure the safety of those who gathered to be heard in a peaceful manner, and protect life and property. Under Colonel Fambro's leadership, the Patrol was engaged in support or collaboration of 795 demonstrations in more than 178 cities in Ohio. In 250 of those demonstrations, state troopers responded in person to work side-by-side with local law enforcement. Colonel Fambro championed diversity, equity and inclusion to improve the Patrol's diverse workforce and emphasize the importance of equal and intrinsic value of all employees. He adopted the value engagement approach, and added Diversity to the Patrol's core values to ensure it was equally weighted along with the Division's other foundational principles. He also established the Cadet and Women's mentorship programs. Colonel Fambro firmly believed in celebrating and preserving the legacy of our trailblazers, which led to the decision of dedicating two classrooms in the Patrol's Training Academy – Patrolman Louis D. Sharp and Lieutenant Colonel Gil Jones. (see pg. 9)

Colonel Fambro prioritized employee wellness throughout his tenure as superintendent. The Mental Health and Wellness tab on the internal Gateway allows Division employees to immediately connect with the Members Assistance Team (MAT), chaplains, and/or find a support network. As a parallel program, the Veterans Members Assistance Team (VMAT) was developed to assist veterans and active military service members by providing mental health resources tailored to their unique needs and experiences.

Colonel Fambro led through the creation of innovative dashboards on traffic safety available for law enforcement across Ohio, as well as the public, to positively impact traffic safety and highway crime. The nationally award-winning series of dashboards are devoted to crashes, work zone safety, distracted driving, safety belts and impaired driving.

In July 2021, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies conferred national accreditation on the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Training Academy. The Patrol became only the fifth state highway patrol or state police agency in the country that had an accredited academy at that time.

His commitment to community engagement inspired the development of the DRIVE to Live program that impacted more than 15,000 of Ohio's youth in the program's first six months. DRIVE is an acronym for Decisions, Responsibility, Invest, Value and Educate, and provides a forum for teens to discuss and understand positive and negative consequences regarding safety and decision making.





An important new addition to the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Professional Operations tool box was the introduction of body worn cameras, which troopers began wearing in November 2021. Colonel Fambro believed an important aspect of the video captured by the Patrol is the transparency it provides to the public, which builds further public trust in troopers' operations and daily activity.

Colonel Fambro firmly believed enhancing education is a valuable tool and will accelerate job performance - allowing innovation as the employee develops professionally. As such, he implemented educational requirements for uniformed officers and Ohio

Investigative Unit personnel for promotions into various command-level positions.

He transformed operational collaboration with the introduction of SERVICE initiatives. Service with Respect while Valuing Inclusion and Community Engagement became the Patrol's methodology for the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder and fear of crime.

Colonel Fambro ensured every trooper understood SERVICE is about collaborative community partnerships between the Patrol and the people and organizations the Patrol serves across Ohio. SERVICE initiatives now occur in every Patrol district, utilizing detailed statistical analysis and mapping, and local crime knowledge from our law enforcement partners, to identify crash and crime trends.

Over the last year of his administration, Colonel Fambro continued to invest resources in collaboration with numerous law enforcement partners across the state. These efforts, driven by local needs and supported through detailed statistics, have strengthened relationships, positively affected crime rates and overall traffic safety, and provided Ohio citizens with peace of mind.

CADET CLASS 170 SIGNING DAY

The 170th Cadet Class started out different than any preceding class. On June 7, the day before starting at the Academy, they traveled to the district headquarters closest to their residence and participated in the first Patrol Signing Day. They gathered with family and friends to sign a letter of intent to become a member of the next Academy Class.

According to Major John C. Altman of the Office of Training, Recruitment and Diversity, this is one of the ways the academy staff is trying to connect future recruits to the past and the traditions of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

When academy staff looked at basic classes and cadet classes, attrition rates were higher for the Patrol. They found out basics and their families were more familiar with their respective agencies when they came to the basic academy.

"It was important to bring the families in and help them understand," Major Altman said. "It's difficult and it's difficult for a reason. We're opening up a cloak of what we do and why we do it."

The signing day is modeled after a collegiate athletics signing day. While what the cadets signed was not a legally binding document, the cadets and their families took with them the core values and information on where careers within the Patrol may lead - what we offer compared with what others do not.

"We have to showcase there are multiple opportunities," Major Altman said, adding that the size of the agency is also beneficial. "Don't leave the Patrol, just move within it."

After signing day, personnel at various district headquarters said the signing day brought an energy to the staff. It allowed the staff to talk to the families.

The signing day tradition will continue with the 171st Academy Class planned for late fall.

District signing day photos on page 29.



PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The ninth Public Safety Leadership Academy class graduated on June 10 after 11 weeks of accredited, college-level training. Through the training, graduates earned 10 hours of academic credit, along with a certificate in Senior Leadership through The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

Colonel Richard S. Fambro, provided remarks and Mark Weaver of the Communications Counsel addressed the graduates.

During the training, graduates learned skills necessary to manage any office within a law enforcement agency. They traveled to Washington, D.C., during National Police Week and attended training at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. They also visited the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Md., to tour sites that helped shape our nation's leaders.

Graduates participated in a community outreach effort, collecting 700 canned food items, which was donated to the Lower Lights Community Church's food bank located in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus.

The 30 graduates were from agencies across Ohio, including the Patrol and the Ohio Investigative Unit. The course is offered at no cost to agencies through casino tax revenue distributed to the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of supporting law enforcement training efforts. The training, a partnership with The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs, was held at the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Training Academy.



BASIC CLASS 146 GRADUATION



Members of the 146th Basic Peace Officer Class received training certificates during a graduation ceremony held July 8 at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy. The 37 graduates assumed duties as peace officers for 20 Ohio agencies.

The 21-week basic course began in February. The course was developed by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and offers comprehensive instruction in more than 150 topics, including criminal law, traffic law, community relations, physical training, self-defense, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, standardized field sobriety testing and electronic speed measuring devices.

Joshua A. McMaster, Gahanna Division of Police, was selected as class speaker by his fellow class members and addressed the assembly.

Assistant Superintendent Bruce Pijanowski, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, was the featured speaker for the ceremony, and addressed the graduates and an audience of friends, relatives and law enforcement officers. Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent, provided remarks.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JONES CLASSROOM

Classroom "B" at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy will now be known as the Gil Jones Classroom in honor of the late Lieutenant Colonel Gilbert Jones.

On August 19, friends and family gathered together for the classroom dedication and to celebrate a man who meant so much to the Patrol.

During the classroom dedication, Colonel Charles A. Jones read the inscription on the plaque.

Colonel Jones also acknowledged that he was at the forefront of recruiting some of the cadet classes that had the highest percentage of minority representation, but it was his mentorship that was his legacy.

"For him, it didn't matter who you were, or what color you were – male, female, whatever the case was – he was always willing to extend a hand and pull people up, or pull people along, in whatever way that he could," Colonel Jones said. "That's who he was, and what he means to this day to the Highway Patrol. And it is that legacy we are preserving today by dedicating this classroom in his name."

The classroom is adorned with photos of Lt. Colonel Jones at various points in his Patrol career and with various members of the Patrol.



TROOPER BENDER HIGHWAY DEDICATION

On July 15, a highway dedication for fallen Trooper William R. Bender took place, honoring his legacy. The dedicated highway is on state Route 309, between Marion-Williamsport and Holland roads.

Marion Post Trooper Bender was directing traffic at a construction site along U.S. 23 in Wyandot County on October 25, 1982, when he was struck by a tractor-trailer. He died 26 days later of injuries suffered in the crash.

In July 1973, his father Marion County Deputy William Bender, was killed in the line of duty in Marion County.

"Nothing we say or do will ever truly be enough to properly recognize all of you who have been left behind and the struggles you have had to endure," Colonel Richard S. Fambro said. "This highway dedication honors Trooper Bender, and the Patrol will continue to honor him every day by upholding the professional image he sacrificed so much to establish."



JUNIOR CADETS

The Patrol's Academy hosted Junior Cadet Week from June 26 - 30. The program is available to participants of the Buckeye Boys and Girls State Programs, sons and daughters of Patrol personnel and students sponsored by a Patrol member. Those selected spend five days at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy going through a mini-training course. The students are trained in unarmed self-defense, criminal law, weapons familiarization and other topics.



BUCKEYE BOYS AND BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

A select number of Ohio high school seniors attended the annual Buckeye Girls State and Buckeye Boys State programs, sponsored by the Ohio American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary. The events bring a group of students together to experience the operation of a democratic form of government with an emphasis on patriotism and teamwork. As part of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's long-standing affiliation with the American Legion, the Division participates in the programs to provide students with a unique hands-on experience of learning what it is like to be a trooper. Both programs began June 12 and lasted through the week.



STATE FAIR

Troopers and cadets were hard at work at the Ohio State Fair from July 27 – August 7 ensuring the guests were safe. The Patrol had a booth in the Bricker Marketplace, where they were able to meet and interact with the fair visitors.

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RETIREE COOKOUT

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is proud to honor our retirees for their dedication during and after their Patrol service. On June 17, Patrol retirees were recognized as they gathered at the Academy for the annual retiree cookout. Thank you to the Patrol's sponsors: State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union, Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees Association, Ohio State Troopers Retirees Association and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary for providing a great event.



GXT - PERFECT SCORE



On July 19, Major John C. Altman and Trooper Jacob R. Engle were recognized for their perfect score on the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Health and Physical Fitness Evaluation. Thousands of troopers have taken the Graded Exercise Test (GXT) through the years, but only nine have gotten a perfect score of 500. This is Major Altman's second time earning a perfect score.

NATIONAL BLACK STATE TROOPERS COALITION



August 2-7, the Ohio State Highway Patrol hosted the National Black State Troopers Coalition (NBSTC) in Columbus. The NBSTC 2022 Summer Training Conference and Annual Membership Meeting promoted networking opportunities with fellow troopers from across the country, along with personal enrichment and professional development training sessions.

K9 GRADUATION



Five K9 officers graduated on July 19 from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. All the K9 officers were trained in-house and will become instrumental in continuing the mission to remove drugs from Ohio's roads and neighborhoods. Graduates included: (L-R) K9 Mari with Trooper Jeremy W. Wheeland, Piqua District; K9 Goose with Trooper Elyse D. Roddy, Wilmington District; K9 Bella with Trooper Benjamin R. Addy, Capitol Operations; and K9 Dale with Trooper Jeff R. McNamara, Columbus District. Not pictured: K9 Red with Trooper Nichole M. Nolte, Piqua District.

RECRUITMENT RACEWAY



Over the summer, recruitment efforts were kicked into high gear with the assistance of Thor Sport Racing, a race team based in Sandusky.

The weekend of July 8, The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series came to the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for a race. This got the wheels turning with racing enthusiast, Staff Lieutenant Richard "Rick" P. Reeder, from our Cleveland District.

Through relationships Staff Lieutenant Reeder had established from his time working in the Sandusky area and his days of driving commercial vehicles for NASCAR, he reached

out to Thor Sport Racing. He had the idea of adding a Patrol graphic to the paint scheme the team's trucks would be using while they were in Ohio. The graphic was complete with a QR Code which would direct spectators to the recruitment website, and could potentially be seen by thousands of race fans in attendance and those watching televised race coverage throughout the weekend. After Staff Lieutenant Reeder reached out, Thor Sport Racing graciously agreed to add our graphic on all four of the team's trucks for the weekend.

As if giving valuable space on professional race truck wasn't enough, the Patrol's Public Affairs Unit worked alongside the Thor Sport Communications team to generate additional publicity about our raceway recruitment efforts. This included a series of social media posts from accounts managed by the Patrol and the race team.

Driver Christian Eckes was especially engaged with the raceway recruitment efforts. On race day, he decided to wear a Patrol ballcap that was gifted to him in place of his official team hat. Eckes proudly wore the flying wheel during pre- and post-race events, interviews and activities. The hat may have brought him a little luck as he ended up finishing in fifth place after starting 20th. The top five finish secured his spot in this year's championship playoff.

SERVICE AWARDS



In June, members of the Patrol's senior staff recognized Program Administrator 2 Linda J. Carson (left), Staffing Services; and Administrative Professional 3 Terri West (right), Polygraph Unit; for their more than 35 years of service to the state of Ohio.

OIU SWEARING IN



Michael D. Herman graduated from the 146th Basic Peace Officer Class on July 8, 2022. He was sworn in by Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas J. Stickrath at the Patrol's Academy on August 9, 2022.

ESGR AWARDS



On July 23, Captain William N. Bowers, Staff Lieutenant Scott M. Wyckhouse, both of the Findlay District, and Sergeant Evan A. Cox, Circleville Post, represented the Ohio State Highway Patrol at the 50th annual Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) awards ceremony in Westerville. ESGR, a Department of Defense Office, is an organization that promotes cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers.

Numerous Division supervisors were nominated for the Patriot Award by employees who serve in the Guard or Reserve. The Patriot Award was given to the service members' supervisors for their continued support of the

military member.

The Findlay and Warren districts were recognized for the Above and Beyond Award. The Above and Beyond Award is given to employers who go above and beyond legal requirements to provide their employees with additional non-mandated benefits.

The Circleville Post was recognized with the Pro Patria Award. The Pro Patria Award is given to an organization that provides the greatest support to Guard and Reserve employees through their leadership and practices to make it easier for their employees to participate in the National Guard and Reserve. This is the highest-level award that can be given by an ESGR State Committee to a service member's employer.

TORCH RUN

Every year, Ohio State Highway Patrol personnel and their families join law enforcement from around the state in the Ohio Law Enforcement Torch Run. Law enforcement carry the torch 65 legs throughout the state to spread awareness and raise funds for Special Olympics of Ohio. The torch run's final leg began on June 24 at the Patrol Academy in Columbus and finished at the Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium when an athlete helps light the caldron, symbolizing the opening of the Ohio Summer Games 2022.



BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS

On June 30, Ohio State Highway Patrol personnel assisted with a Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Ohio Community Day at the Patrol's Training Academy. During this event, Patrol personnel talked with Big Brothers Big Sisters staff and the young girls and boys in the program. There were also displays and interactive demonstrations.



FINDLAY DISTRICT

On the 87th anniversary of his death, troopers from the Findlay Post took a few moments to honor Sergeant John F. Best, the first fallen officer of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Sergeant Best was electrocuted while testing radio equipment at the broadcasting station in Findlay in 1935.



At the start of the Toledo Mud Hens game on August 24, Toledo Post Trooper Michael T. Ziehr got to throw out a ceremonial first pitch! It was quite the "Heater!"



BUCYRUS DISTRICT

Marion resident Gregory A. Hill joined Ohio's "Saved by the Belt" Club on August 22 after his safety belt saved him from sustaining life-threatening injuries during an April 13 crash in Crawford County. Lieutenant Ty W. Skaggs presented him with a certificate and license plate bracket.



On June 17, the Norwalk Post, in conjunction with the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, and the Tiffin and Fostoria police departments, conducted an OVI checkpoint on U.S. 23 in Seneca County. The goal of the checkpoint was to curb impaired driving in an effort to reduce OVI-related fatal and injury crashes.



CLEVELAND DISTRICT

On August 14, Sergeant Vernon “Vern” L. Pickering and Trooper Lance S. Deshuk, Elyria Post, along with SRT Trooper Andre T. Thomas participated in the annual Sliman’s Car Show. Trooper Thomas brought SRT’s BEAR for families to look through, while Trooper Deshuk was out finding new recruits.



On August 15, Sergeant Joshua Stryler and Troopers Steven B. Hill and Richard J. Kluever took part in the Ashland County Back to School Celebration. At this event, children received free school supplies and fresh haircuts for the upcoming school year. Ashland Post units held a “Stuff the Bus” event the week prior, which helped collect the school supplies and backpacks that were distributed at the event.



WARREN DISTRICT

The Canfield Post helped everyone with another answer to an age-old question of why did the chicken cross the road. For the Canfield Fair this year, Post 50 utilized the “Cadet Catcher” to attract attention to the Patrol’s recruitment efforts in the area. Apparently, this generated a lot of interest across the road.



The Warren Post partnered with the Bazetta Township Police Department and Walmart to host their ninth “Cram the Cruiser” event on August 6 at the Bazetta Township Walmart. The partnering agencies collected 875 pounds of school supplies, which were distributed throughout the Trumbull County Schools System by the Trumbull County Educational Service Center. Electronic Technician Terry E. Maffitt, Cadet Intern Carter V. Andes, Administrative Professional 1 Valerie J. Maffitt, and Sergeant Erik A. Golias all participated in this year’s event.



PIQUA DISTRICT

Troopers and dispatchers from the Piqua District participated in National Everybody Eats Week at One Bistro on August 24. They acted as community heroes to help serve meals and engage with the Greene County and Xenia community. Special thanks to Trooper Jessica A. McIntyre for working with One Bistro to help organize the event.



On June 16, the Marysville Post hosted a retiree breakfast. Past and current troopers, dispatchers and family members gathered to share memories of their time with the Patrol.



COLUMBUS DISTRICT

On July 14, Troopers Zachariah A. Drake and Brian J. Miller were presented commendations by Ohio Representative Kevin Miller for the lifesaving actions they took when Trooper Austin D. Crow was struck and pinned between two vehicles on Interstate 70 in February 2022. Troopers Drake and Miller were quick to stop bleeding to serious injuries Trooper Crow received in the crash, stabilizing him until emergency medical services arrived. Trooper Crow attended the presentation of the commendations along with Lieutenant Aaron E. Vollmer, Granville Post Commander, and Staff Lieutenant Steven K. Herron, Columbus District Staff.



CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT

On June 1, Trooper Nicholas M. Sutterluety, New Philadelphia Post, coordinated for a blood drive to be held at the post. The drive collected 21 donations, which will be able to be used on up to 63 patients in need. Members of the post, as well as district staff, participated in the drive.



Trooper Brian R. Neff and Lieutenant Melanie R. Appleman, Cambridge Post, participated in the Cambridge Police Department's Youth Citizens Police Academy, which ran from June 6-22. The program educated students on the various aspects of law enforcement in hopes to build stronger relationships.



WILMINGTON DISTRICT

On August 12, troopers from the Georgetown Post had a booth at the Ohio Valley Antique Machinery Show in Georgetown. Troopers greeted attendees, provided traffic safety education messages and handed out traffic safety materials. Children also enjoyed interacting with troopers and seeing the cruisers.



Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval presented troopers from the Motorcycle Unit and the Cincinnati Post with a proclamation for their support of the Sonny Kim Fallen Officers Memorial Ride. Troopers join the community and other officers at the honored event every year.



JACKSON DISTRICT

On August 12, troopers from the Athens Post joined our public safety partners for a "Public Safety Day" at the Logan City Pool in Hocking County. Kids were able to see various emergency services personnel and their vehicles, as well as ask questions and speak to law enforcement and emergency medical services professionals.



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RETIREES

Where are they now?

Author's Note: While working on this article with Trooper Pachuta's family, sadly the staff was notified of his passing. At the time, Trooper Pachuta was the oldest living retiree at 98 years old. This article describes a life well lived, and our condolences go out to Trooper Pachuta's family.

By Captain Rob Jackson, Retired

Retiree: John C. Pachuta
Career: December 20, 1951 (33rd Class) – August 11, 1976
Assignments: Mt. Vernon, Zanesville, Massillon, Granville and Cambridge posts.

Trooper John C. Pachuta was a WWII veteran and worked in a variety of locations throughout eastern Ohio during his career. He was awarded a certificate in 1951 for his participation on a task force at the Academy during a time when inmates locked several guards in cells at the Oho State Penitentiary. After retirement from the Division, Trooper Pachuta decided to continue work and was one of the first employees hired at a new factory in Cambridge - the Ray C. Call Company (now Detroit Diesel). He retired after 10 years of service in 1986.



Trooper Pachuta was very dedicated to his faith and was a member of the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Lore City. He participated in the choir and helped restore the church with his woodworking skills. Other hobbies enjoyed in his retirement included horseshoes, where he won first place in a Newark tournament, and playing the harmonica. Trooper Pachuta enjoyed teaching his great-grandchildren how to play the harmonica.



Although Trooper Pachuta did not share WWII or OSHP stories, the family was aware of the great respect the community had for him. Memories of Trooper Pachuta's early days on the Patrol included him occasionally bringing home hitchhikers for a hot meal because he knew they had fallen on hard times and were tired. Family stressed the respect and dedication Trooper Pachuta had for his country and family.

Trooper Pachuta did keep in touch with several fellow retiree's, especially at his birthday celebrations. A highlight for him was a few years ago when the Division held a drive-by parade for his birthday at his home, as the family said it was a very special memory.

HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Is your Pension Safe?

The reference to the amortization period for HPRS is sometimes confused with solvency. Public pension funds in Ohio are statutorily required to amortize unfunded actuarial accrued pension liabilities with a period of not more than 30 years. This basically means that based on the actuarial assumptions in place, HPRS must be on pace to become fully funded in 30 years or less. Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants reported recently that HPRS is currently at 24 years, using the smoothing measure required by the Ohio Revised Code.

Determining the health of a pension fund is a complex process. As recognized by the American Academy of Actuaries, the availability of multiple measurements can lead to a more robust understanding of the situation and, consequently, more complete and well-reasoned conclusions. In addition to amortizing unfunded liabilities, another common measure is called a funded ratio, which expresses the ratio between available assets and liabilities.

Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants reported that HPRS is 72.5% funded, based on the smoothing in of investment returns over four years. The smoothing process is for reporting purposes to avoid large swings in either direction. When measured based on the current assets and liabilities, HPRS was reported to be 81%

funded. This means that for every \$100 of liability, HPRS has \$81 in assets. Although it is ideal to be fully funded (100% or more funded ratio) it is not uncommon for public pension funds to be underfunded. Moreover, some experts recognize 80% or more funded as a threshold for average pension fund health.

In summary, our members should be assured that their pension is safe. The HPRS board and staff continue to perform with the objective of providing stable pension services that are fiscally responsible, prudently administered, and delivered with understanding and responsiveness to all members and beneficiaries.

Your investments are of course expected to become more conservative as you get closer to the point where you will need them to supplement your retirement income. Investing appropriately takes many variables into consideration. It is important to consult with a financial advisor to help you set up a long-term investment plan that takes all risk into account.

Best Regards,



Carl Roark, Ph.D.
HPRS Executive Director



BEST LOOKING CRUISER CONTEST



The Patrol once again participated in the Nationwide 'America's Best Looking Cruiser Contest' for the ninth year. A lot of planning and dedication went into capturing the perfect photo for submission. After careful consideration, the photo submitted (pictured left) was taken at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton. The competition was fierce and our position fluctuated during the contest voting period, with us ultimately finishing in 13th place with 15,316 votes. Kentucky State Police took top honors with 65,169 votes. The top 13 finalists will be featured in the 2023 calendar created by the American Association of State Troopers, which is available for purchase on their website. Next year's contest will be here before you know it. Email ADPAU@dps.ohio.gov if you have a good idea or location for next year's contest photo.



**RICHARD S. FAMBRO
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS**

Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Office of the Superintendent, retired on August 12, 2022, after 32 years with the Patrol. He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Lancaster Post in August 1989. He became a member of the 119th Academy Class in

January 1990. He earned his commission in June of that year and 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. In 2019, he was promoted to Colonel and appointed as the 19th Superintendent of the Patrol, making history as the first African American to hold the position.

Colonel Fambro completed advance leadership training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command in 2002. 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 2019. He also attended the United States Army War College.



**ANTHONY C. BRADSHAW
FINDLAY DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS**

Captain Anthony C. Bradshaw, Findlay District Headquarters, retired on June 3, 2022, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1997 as a member of the 129th Academy Class. He earned

his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Dayton Post. In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Batavia Post to serve as an assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served in the Public Affairs Unit and at the Dayton Post. In 2006, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Public Affairs Unit to serve as commander. As a lieutenant, he also served in Fiscal Services. In 2010, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and remained in Fiscal Services. As a staff lieutenant, he also served in Security Services as the Legislative Liaison, Facility Management, Fleet, Logistics, Technology/LEADS, Security and Communications and at the Columbus District Headquarters. In 2021, he was promoted to the rank of captain and transferred to Findlay District Headquarters to serve as district commander.

Captain Bradshaw earned a Bachelor of Science degree in police administration from Eastern Kentucky University in 1997. He completed training at the FBI National Academy in 2010. He also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Franklin University in 2020.



**MATTHEW S. WARREN
CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

Captain Matthew S. Warren, Critical Communications Center, retired on June 10, 2022, after 31 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 Delaware Post. In 1996, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year and earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. As a trooper, he also served at the West Jefferson Post and in the Office of Investigative Services. In 1999, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and remained in the Office of Investigative Services. In 2001, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and was assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, Columbus. As a lieutenant, he also served in the Criminal Intelligence, Computer Crimes and Criminal Patrol units. In 2015, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Office of Planning and Analysis, Risk Management. As a staff lieutenant, he also served in the Crime Lab as commander. In 2021, he was promoted to the rank of captain and transferred to the Critical Communications Center to serve as commander.

Captain Warren served in the United States Marines from 1982 to 1987. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in public safety management from Franklin University in 2001.



DARREN K. THOMAS
TRAINING, RECRUITMENT & DIVERSITY

Staff Lieutenant Darren K. Thomas, Office of Training, Recruitment and Diversity, retired on June 10, 2022, after 28 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1994 as a member of the 126th Academy

Class. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned to the Milan Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Elyria Post and the Patrol's Training Academy. In 2004, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and remained at the Patrol's Training Academy. As a sergeant, he also served at the Sandusky, Milan and Norwalk posts. In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Patrol's Training Academy. As a lieutenant, he also served at the Ravenna Post. In 2018, he was promoted to the rank of staff lieutenant and transferred to the Office of Personnel, Training Academy.

Staff Lieutenant Thomas earned an Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts from Lorain County Community College in 1994. In 2010, he completed advanced leadership training at Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command.



CLINT G. ARNOLD
HAMILTON POST / D8

Lieutenant Clint G. Arnold, Hamilton Post, retired on July 25, 2022, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1997 as a member of the 128th Academy Class. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned

to the Wilmington Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Batavia Post. In 2004, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Lebanon Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2014, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and transferred to the Hamilton Post to serve as post commander. In 2015, he earned the prestigious Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award.

Lieutenant Arnold earned a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation technology from Walla Walla University in 1995. He also earned a certificate in advanced leadership training from The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Public Safety Leadership Academy in 2015.



CHARLES E. O'BRYON
WILMINGTON POST / D8

Lieutenant Charles E. O'Bryon, Wilmington Post, retired on August 5, 2022, after 29 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 Lebanon Post. In 2010, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Georgetown Post to serve as an assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Batavia and Lebanon posts. In 2016, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and remained at the Lebanon Post to serve as post commander.

Lieutenant O'Bryon earned a certificate in advanced leadership training from The Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Public Safety Leadership Academy in 2019.



JEFFREY P. BERNARD
COLUMBUS DISTRICT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Sergeant Jeffrey P. Bernard, Columbus District Criminal Investigations Unit, retired on July 15, 2022, after 31 years with the Patrol. He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher assigned to

the West Jefferson Post in January 1991. He became a member of the 122nd Academy Class in January 1992. He earned his commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Marion Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Lancaster Post and in the Office of Special Operations. In 2005, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Office of Human Resources. As a sergeant, he also served in the Administrative Investigative Unit, Criminal Intelligence and in the Office of Criminal Investigations.

Sergeant Bernard earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in police science from Hocking Technical College in 1990.



BRYAN J. COOK

PIQUA POST / D5

Sergeant Bryan J. Cook, Piqua Post, retired on August 12, 2022, after 24 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in April 1998 as a member of the 131st Academy Class. He earned his commission in October of that year and was

assigned to the Dayton Post. He earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement twice. As a trooper, he also served at the Wilmington Post. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Springfield Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In 2020, he earned the Wilmington District Colonel Thomas W. Rice Leadership Award. As a sergeant, he served at the Wilmington, Lebanon and Cincinnati posts and the Patrol's Training Academy.

Sergeant Cook earned an Associate of Technical Study degree in criminal justice/OPOTA from Sinclair Community College in 2021.



CHRIS A. COVERSTONE

CRIMINAL PATROL/ D5

Sergeant Chris A. Coverstone, Piqua District Criminal Patrol Unit, retired on July 5, 2022, after 28 years with the Patrol. He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Defiance Post in January 1994. He became a

member of the 128th Academy Class in February 1997. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned to the Piqua Post. He was selected as Post and District Trooper of the Year twice. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award twice. As a trooper, he also served at the Eaton and Wapakoneta posts. In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Wapakoneta Post to serve as an assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Southwest Regional Criminal Patrol Unit.



CURT E. CUNNINGHAM

COLUMBUS POST / D6

Sergeant Curt E. Cunningham, Columbus Post, retired on August 5, 2022, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1997 as a member of the 129th Academy Class. He earned his commission in November of that

year and was assigned to the Gallipolis Post. In 2000, he

was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. As a trooper, he also served at the Marietta, Athens and West Jefferson posts. In 2015, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Mt. Gilead Post to serve as an assistant post commander.



JOSHUA P. ELDRIGE

**REGIONAL TRAINING UNIT
COLUMBUS POST / D6**

Sergeant Joshua P. Eldridge, Regional Training Unit, retired on August 11, 2022, after 21 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 2001 as a member of the 137th Academy Class. He earned

his commission in September of that year and was assigned to Piqua Post. In 2006, he was selected as Post, District and State Trooper of the Year. As a trooper, he also served in the Office of Field Operations, Special Response Team, Piqua District Criminal Investigations and the Dayton Post. In 2021, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and remained in the Regional Training Unit. Sergeant Eldridge served in the United States Army from 1994 to 2001.



MICHAEL V. MAUGHMER

**JACKSON DISTRICT
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
UNIT**

Sergeant Michael V. Maughmer, Jackson District Criminal Investigations Unit, retired on August 19, 2022, after 30 years with the Patrol. He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher

assigned to the Jackson Post in December 1991. As a cadet dispatcher, he also served at the Chillicothe Post. He became a member of the 125th Academy Class in May 1993. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Wilmington Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Circleville and Chillicothe posts, in the Office of Special Operations and the Jackson District Criminal Investigations Unit. In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Patrol's Regional Training Unit. In 2013, he earned the Colonel Thomas W. Rice Leadership Award.



PATRICK M. TUSKO
DEFIANCE POST / D1

Sergeant Patrick M. Tusko, Defiance Post, retired on June 1, 2022, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1997 as a member of the 128th Academy Class. He earned his commission in July of that year and

was assigned to the Defiance Post throughout his career. In 2015, he earned the prestigious Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award.

Sergeant Tusko served in the United States Marines from 1988 to 1992. He earned two Associate's degrees from Northwest State Community College in 1996.



TRAVIS H. WOODYARD
GRANVILLE POST / D6

Sergeant Travis H. Woodyard, Granville Post, retired on August 1, 2022, after 28 years with the Patrol. He began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher assigned to the Marietta Post in April 1994. He became a member of the 127th

Academy Class in May 1995. He earned his commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Jackson Post. In 2005, he was selected as Zanesville Post Trooper of the Year. In 2011, he earned the Columbus District Trooper Recognition Award. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award 13 times. As a trooper, he also served at the Athens, Zanesville, Cambridge, Circleville, West Jefferson and Lancaster posts and the Columbus District Criminal Patrol Unit. In 2015, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Springfield Post to serve as an assistant post commander.



SCOTTY J. BALCOMB
ASHTABULA POST / D4

Trooper Scotty J. Balcomb, Ashtabula Post, retired on July 22, 2022, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in September 2000 as a member of the 136th Academy Class. He earned his commission in March

of the following year and was assigned to the Swanton Post. In 2013, he was selected as Ashtabula Post Trooper of the Year. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award twice. As a trooper, he also served at the Warren District Commercial Enforcement Unit.

Trooper Balcomb served in the United States Air Force Reserve from 2001 to 2004 and the United States Marines from 1994 to 1998. He earned an Associate of Arts degree in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix in 2009.



ROBERT C. BRADLEY
OFFICE OF TRAINING, RECRUITMENT AND DIVERSITY

Trooper Robert C. Bradley, Office of Training, Recruitment and Diversity, retired on July 31, 2022, after 20 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 2001 as a member of the 138th Academy

Class. He earned his commission in April of the following year and was assigned to Athens Post. In 2005, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award three times. As a trooper, he also served at the Circleville and Lancaster posts.

Trooper Bradley earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in parks, recreation and wildlife from Zane State College in 2000. He served in the United States Army from 1997 to 2001. He also served in the Ohio National Guard from 2004 to 2005.



MICHAEL K. CANNON
WOOSTER POST / D3

Trooper Michael K. Cannon, Wooster Post, retired on August 2, 2022, after 20 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 2001 as a member of the 138th Academy Class. He earned his commission in April of the following year and was

assigned to the Norwalk Post. In 2004, he was selected as Wooster Post Trooper of the Year. As a trooper, he also served at the Ashland Post and the Bucyrus District Criminal Investigations Unit.



SEAN L. EITEL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Trooper Sean L. Eitel, Office of Investigative Services, retired on July 29, 2022, after 21 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in September 2000 as a member of the 136th Academy Class. He

earned his commission in March of the following year and was assigned to the Zanesville Post. In 2008, he earned the Criminal Patrol Award and the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. He earned the Superintendent's Award of Excellence four times. As a trooper, he also served at the Granville Post and on the Mobile Field Force.

Trooper Eitel earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in criminal justice from Central Ohio Technical College in 1993.



GARY L. GRIFFETH
CAPITOL OPERATIONS
Trooper Gary L. Griffeth, Capitol Operations, entered disability retirement on August 18, 2022, after 22 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in June 1999 as a member of the 134th Academy Class. He earned his commission in

December of that year and was assigned to the Norwalk Post. He was selected as Post Trooper of the Year twice. As a trooper, he also served at the Ashland and Bucyrus posts and the Patrol's Training Academy.

Trooper Griffeth served in the United States Army from 1987 to 1990.



BELINDA J. HODSON
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS / D9

Trooper Belinda J. Hodson, Jackson District Criminal Investigations Unit, retired on July 22, 2022, after 29 years with the Patrol. She began her Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher assigned to

the Athens Post in January 1993. She became a member of the 127th Academy Class in May 1995. She earned her commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Georgetown Post. As a trooper, she also served at the Athens Post, Polygraph Unit, and the Office of Criminal Investigations.



RONALD W. SCHNEIDER
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS / D6

Trooper Ronald W. Schneider, Columbus District Criminal Investigations Unit, retired on July 15, 2022, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1997 as a member of the

128th Academy Class. He earned his commission in July of that year and was assigned to the Marion Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Marysville and Granville posts.

Trooper Schneider served in the United States Air Force from 1991 to 1995. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in business administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University in 2008.



PATRICK A. TOWNSEND
CAPITOL OPERATIONS

Trooper Patrick A. Townsend, Capitol Operations, retired on June 1, 2022, after 22 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 2000 as a member of the 135th Academy Class. He earned his commission in September of

that year and was assigned to Capitol Operations. As a trooper, he also served at the Granville and Lancaster posts.

Trooper Townsend served in the United States Air Force from 1989 to 1994. He earned an Associate of Arts degree from Columbus State Community College in 1998.



CRAIG P. WILLISON
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Trooper Craig P. Willison, Office of Investigative Services, retired on July 29, 2022, after 21 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 2001 as a member of the 137th Academy Class. He

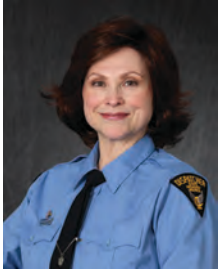
earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to Capitol Operations. In 2002, he earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement. He also earned the Superintendent's Award of Excellence three times. As a trooper, he also served at the Delaware Post, Special Operations and the Columbus District Criminal Investigations Unit.

Trooper Willison earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mortuary science from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1998.



DAVID M. KENNEDY
CAPITOL OPERATIONS

Police Officer 2 David M. Kennedy, Capitol Operations, retired on August 20, 2022, after 10 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in August 2012 as a Police Officer 2 and was assigned to Capitol Operations throughout his career.



LORI K. FISHELL
LEBANON DISPATCH CENTER

Dispatcher 2 Lori K. Fishell, Lebanon Dispatch Center, retired on August 12, 2022, after 33 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in July 1989 as a dispatcher assigned to the Lebanon Post. In 1992, she was promoted to dispatcher 2 and remained at the Lebanon Post. As a dispatcher 2, she also served at the Hamilton and Xenia posts.



TINA M. FREY
DELAWARE DISPATCH CENTER

Dispatcher Tina M. Frey, Delaware Dispatch Center, retired on August 26, 2022, after 17 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in October 2004 as a dispatcher assigned to the Marion Post. In 2018, she was selected as Post, District and State Dispatcher of the Year. As a dispatcher, she also served at the Bucyrus and Findlay dispatch centers.



ELIZABETH M. WORRELL
CANTON DISPATCH CENTER

Dispatcher Elizabeth M. Worrell, Canton Dispatch Center, retired on June 30, 2022, after 25 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in March 1997 as a dispatcher assigned to the Canton Post. She was selected as Post Dispatcher of the year five times and District Dispatcher of the Year twice. She earned the Gold Star Award twice. As a dispatcher, she also served at the New Philadelphia Post and the New Philadelphia Dispatch Center.



JAMES R. FEDDERN
LICENSING AND COMMERCIAL STANDARDS

Motor Carrier Enforcement Manager James R. Feddern, Licensing and Commercial Standards Unit, retired on June 30, 2022, after 40 years of state service. He joined the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in December 1981 as a motor carrier enforcement manager. In October 1995, he transferred to the Patrol and was assigned to the Licensing and Commercial Standards Unit throughout his career.

Motor Carrier Enforcement Manager Feddern earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from The Ohio State University in 1982.



KEVIN T. EIDEN
COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT / D1

Motor Vehicle Inspector Kevin T. Eiden, Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on July 29, 2022, after 20 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in June 2002 as a stationary load limit inspector assigned to the Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit. In 2005, he was promoted to motor vehicle inspector and remained at the Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit. He was selected as Findlay District Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year twice.



DAVID A. BROWN
COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT / D1

Portable Load Limit Inspector David A. Brown, Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit, retired on August 8, 2022, after 17 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in August 2005 as a stationary load limit inspector assigned to the Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit. In 2006, he was promoted to portable load limit inspector and remained at the Findlay District Commercial Enforcement Unit.



MATTHEW E. HUNTER
PIQUA DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Highway Patrol Electronic Technician 3 Matthew E. Hunter, Piqua District Headquarters, retired on August 12, 2022, after 29 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in August 1993 as a highway patrol electronic technician 1 assigned to the Technology Communications Unit. In 1995, he was promoted to highway patrol electronic technician 2 and transferred to the Jackson District Headquarters. As a highway patrol electronic technician 2, he also worked at the Piqua District Headquarters. In 2002, he was promoted to highway patrol electronic technician 3 and remained at the Piqua District Headquarters. He was a part of the Electronic Technician Team of the Year four times.

Highway Patrol Electronic Technician 3 Hunter served in the United States Navy from 1987 to 1991. He earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in electronics from DeVry University in 2001. He also earned an Associate of Applied Business degree in computer networking and an Associate of Applied Science degree in cybersecurity/information assurance from Clark State College in 2022.



TAMMY R. DARDEN
CRIME LAB

Assistant Laboratory System Director Tammy R. Darden, Crime Lab, retired on July 29, 2022, after 32 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in July 1990 as a criminalist assigned to the Crime Lab. While in the Crime Lab, she

was promoted to crime laboratory director in 2001, crime lab quality assurance administrator in 2006, and assistant laboratory systems director in 2016. Assistant Laboratory System Director Darden earned a Bachelor of Science degree in forensic chemistry from Ohio University in 1987.



DARLYN M. JOHNSON
CRIME LAB

Administrative Professional 1 Darlyn M. Johnson, Crime Lab, retired on August 31, 2022, after 32 years of state service. She began her state career in September 1990 with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles as a file clerk in the

Title Section. In 1992, she was promoted to data entry operator and transferred to the Administrative License Suspension Section. In 1994, she was promoted to customer service representative and transferred to the Reinstatement Department. In 2016, she was promoted to an Administrative Professional 1 and transferred to the Patrol's Crime Lab.



MARY L. SCHEHL
MARIETTA POST / D7

Administrative Professional 1 Mary L. Schehl, Marietta Post, retired on June 10, 2022, after 25 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in March 1997 as an Administrative Professional 1 and was assigned to the Marietta Post

throughout her career. Administrative Professional 1 Schehl earned an Associate of Arts degree in business administration from Washington State Community College in 1995.



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CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

I was a staff pastor at a small Church when Danita and I got engaged. I didn't have a whole lot of money in those days and needed to find a part time job to be able to pay for our honeymoon. The church I was serving had a bus and I wanted to be able to help drive, so it seemed like the best option was to go through School Bus school and become a substitute school bus driver. Having my CDL has been helpful dozens of times as a way to serve others, but it also was just what I needed to take my bride on our honeymoon.

When I started the process of getting my CDL, the other drivers in the district I was going to work for went out of their way to let me know exactly how glad they were to have me. No one spoke to me. There were two exceptions. Sometimes the other drivers would grunt or groan if I was in their way. Occasionally, one of the drivers would break the silence to tell me to wash their bus before I left for the day. I came to discover that this was part of my job description. All of that changed the day I went for my CDL exam. You will be happy to know that I had perfect scores on both pre-trip and maneuverability and a near perfect score on the road test. My trainer treated me to TJ's Country Place for breakfast on our way back to the bus garage.

What awaited me at the bus garage was one of the strangest things I have ever experienced. Drivers who had never spoken to me somehow knew my name. One by one they came to welcome me to the family. This family was certainly dysfunctional, but that is exactly what they became to me: family.

One week before Christmas, one of the drivers had a devastating house fire and lost everything. I watched as the drivers worked together to replace all of the children's gifts so that they could still enjoy the magic of Christmas. Watching these events unfold, I thought to myself, "Of course they will give of themselves to help someone in need. That is, after all, what family does."

Galatians 6:2 tells us, "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."

In other words, we are called to bear one another's burdens and to truly hurt along with those who are hurting.

We hear a lot of talk around the Patrol about family. I have been part of the Patrol family long enough to see dozens of beautiful examples of this. I have watched as troopers swung by my parent's house after shift to help move a grill onto a deck because my dad's health had failed to the point that he was not long able to do the task on his own. I watched as half of the funeral home was filled with grey shirts at my dad's funeral. I have watched as you have dropped everything to help someone never looking for anything in return. That is what family does.

This holiday season, be reminded that we are a part of a family. Is it perfect? No. Still, it is pretty incredible. Being part of a family does not mean that we will not face any difficult days, but when those days come, you are not alone. There are brothers and sisters who love and appreciate you. Keep up the good work of bearing one another's burdens. That is what family does.

Blessings!

Reverend Phil Hurlbert



State Chaplain



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