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COLONEL'S LETTER



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Colonel's letter. This content
is a Flying Wheel exclusive!

As we reflect on the many achievements of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, I am proud to say that our Division remains strong, resilient and deeply committed to serving the people of Ohio. The work being done by our personnel is not only impactful, but reflective of our dedication to evolving with the needs of our communities. Just as we must adapt as a law enforcement agency, we are also making thoughtful changes to this issue of the Flying Wheel. These changes are a testament to the great work being done across the Patrol and our focus on innovative and forward-thinking ideas.

This issue introduces a new section dedicated to the mental health and well-being of our Patrol family. We all understand the unique pressures that come with this profession, and that's why we've made mental health a priority. This issue introduces a new section called "The Lighthouse," dedicated to highlighting resources that can help our personnel, and the public we serve, navigate the challenges they face. Our goal is to help every member of the Patrol see the light – by knowing where to find support, such as the Mental Health and Wellness section on the internal Gateway – and to be the light by reaching out to colleagues who may need a helping hand.

Always know that the work you are doing is making a difference every day, keeping Ohio safe and assuring the public that safety is always our top priority. This newly imagined Flying Wheel magazine is a reflection of that ongoing commitment.

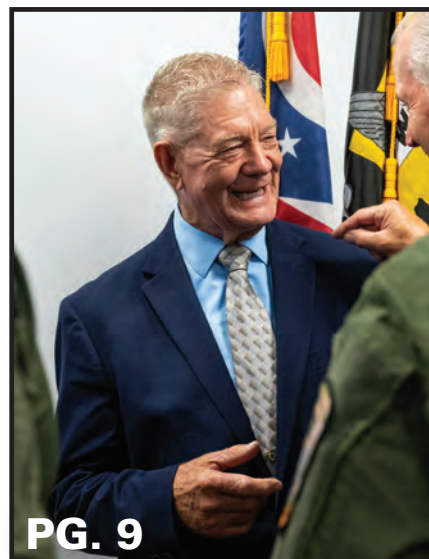
God bless our fallen, God bless the families and God bless the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Colonel Charles A. Jones
Superintendent

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2024 OHIO STATE FAIR



Drug Recognition Expert, Sergeant Sam Criswell, educates community members on the DRE program from inside the Patrol's tent.

Planning for the 2024 Ohio State Fair began long before the fair opened on July 24. Beginning in February, preparations started, and every detail of the Patrol's presence at the Ohio State Fair was ironed out. The overarching plan was to be everywhere and promote everything the Ohio State Highway Patrol has to offer, and most importantly, to ensure a safe fair for all fairgoers.

The Patrol was set up in its usual spot in the Bricker Marketplace Building alongside fellow Ohio Department of Public Safety agencies. Meanwhile, troopers and cadets walked the fairgrounds, manned the lost kids' booth and continued traffic control.

New main focal points this year were two of the Patrol's large air-conditioned tents just inside the Cardinal Gate, where people could walk inside and interact each day with different specialty sections within the Patrol and the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU). Fair attendees in the OIU tent were able to see what a seized gambling machine looks like, hear about the related case and talk with agents and professional staff about OIU. Agents also had five levels of impairment goggles for anyone to try on and understand how different you feel when consuming alcohol. The event was an opportunity to educate the public on the dangers of driving impaired.

Outside of the tents, the recruitment section engaged in conversation as well as played basketball, putt-putt golf and cornhole with attendees. Cadets laughed while sitting in a dunk tank, trading friendly jabs while waiting for someone to hit the trigger.

Inside the Marketplace, Recruitment staff encouraged those participating in the push-up challenge. Also indoors, staff from the Public Affairs Unit and Lieutenant Colonel Joshua M. Swindell took part in Tales with Troopers alongside the Patrol's mascot, Teddy Trooper, by reading



Colonel Charles A. Jones (far left) and Staff Lieutenant Aaron J. Reimer (far right) visit with delegates from the U.K., including Professor Clifford Stott, Superintendent Oliver Cosgrove, Retired Inspector Mike Hope and Superintendent Stuart Bill.

books. Tales with Troopers, a reading program aimed at promoting early literacy, was done in conjunction with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

The event went beyond a detail. Troopers were instrumental in rescuing an escaped cow as well as a lost dog that had been missing for two days. When troopers were not saving animals, they were playing cornhole and football with members of the 4-H community. Additionally, Patrol personnel assisted fairgoers with directions, greeting them at each entrance. Cadets and troopers also assisted approximately 130 children at the lost kids' booth who were separated from their parents.

All of the games, laughter and interactions at the Ohio State Fair showcased every section of the Patrol and demonstrated the best of what the Division has to offer, not just while visiting the fair, but each and every day while working throughout the state.

UK Visits Patrol Operations at the Fair

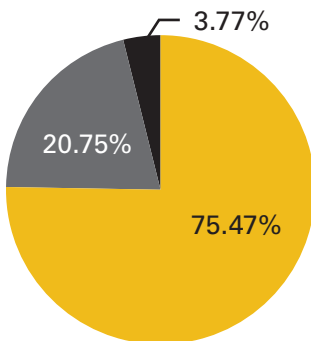
A delegation from the United Kingdom, including Clifford Stott, professor of psychology at the Keele University in England and visiting professor at the John Glen College of Public Affairs; Superintendent Oliver Cosgrove from Avon and Somerset Police; retired Inspector Mike Hope, formerly of Devon and Cornwall Police and Superintendent Stuart Bill from West Mercia Police, met with Colonel Charles A. Jones and Staff Lieutenant Aaron J. Reimer, Licensing and Commercial Standards, on July 26 at the Patrol's Training Academy during the Ohio State Fair. Staff Lieutenant Reimer walked the delegation through the Patrol's deployment of resources and how the troopers interact within the scope of the State Fair operations. They also discussed the span of control, job duties and experiences.



Featured sections at this year's Ohio State Fair included the Auxiliary, Motor Unit, Crime Laboratory, K-9 Unit, Hope (Therapy Dog), Crash Reconstruction, Dispatchers, Police Officers, Mobile Field Force, Drug Recognition Experts and Professional Staff.

Recruitment Efforts

OSHP recruitment team members and state troopers were out every day at the Ohio State Fair to answer questions, run the push-up contest, hand out giveaway items and more. See the charts below for more on this year's impact!



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 4 laterals
 - 80 troopers
 - 22 cadet candidates
- = 106 total

6,090
CONTACTS

327
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72% OF
TEST TAKERS
PASSED*

*18/25 tests total

What is the best part about working at the Ohio State Fair?



Administrative Professional 4
Tiffany C. DeArmond, Criminal Patrol

"I got the chance to work with the K-9 handler (Trooper Nicholas M. Nolte, Piqua District Criminal Patrol) and K-9 Red, and just to see them in their element and most importantly the kids - seeing the kids meeting the dogs."

"I like the alcohol impairment goggles and watching the kids try to walk the straight line."

Administrative Professional 1
Annette C. Weinsheimer, Ohio Investigative Unit Cleveland District Office



Dispatcher Michael W. Adams, Mansfield Post

"Honestly, I enjoy coming down and getting to do something different. It's a change of pace from the normal day-to-day grind. It's my fourth or fifth year and it's 12 12-hour days. Is it worth it? Yeah, absolutely."

"I signed up and I am grateful, because I just thought it would be something cool and something interesting . . . Anytime a training or a special duty for dispatchers is offered, I try to sign up and I get a different experience."

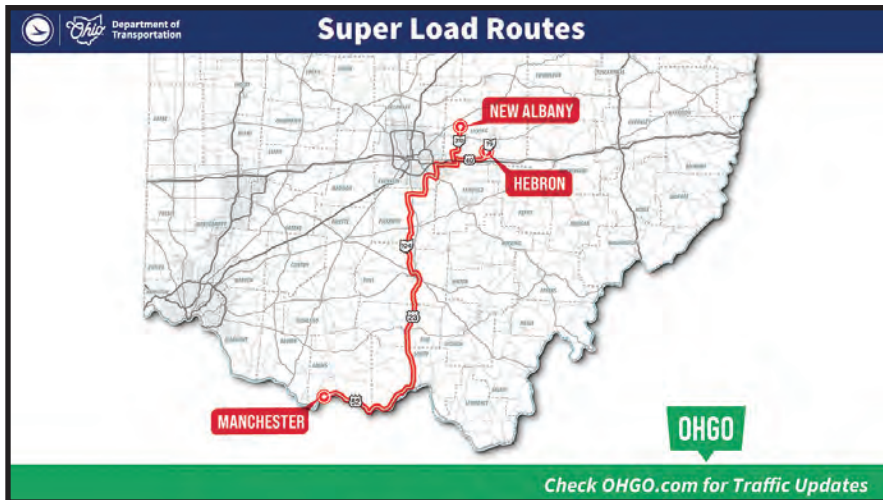
Dispatcher Katina M. Darkadakis, Canfield Post



SUPER LOADS TRAVEL THROUGH OHIO



A super load travels through Lucasville.



Above: Map from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Left: A super load navigates through a roundabout in Licking County.

Since the end of March, the Ohio State Highway Patrol has facilitated the safe transportation of multiple scheduled mega loads. The mega loads have been on the road to the Intel semiconductor plant in Licking County, which remains under construction. The immense size of these loads has required careful planning and navigation to minimize the impact on the motoring public.

According to Lieutenant Reggie D. Streicher, Field Operations, the original plan called for 35 deliveries that would be completed by the end of December. Lieutenant Streicher works closely with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), who have carefully analyzed and planned the routes to make sure the super loads could be accommodated.

Lieutenant Streicher and ODOT worked with partners to ensure obstructions along the route, such as large overhead signs, traffic signals and utility lines were adjusted or moved.

Each load began near Manchester in Adams County at an off-load site on the banks of the Ohio River. From Manchester, the load(s) traveled to the semiconductor plant in New Albany in Licking County. The super loads traveled 25 to 35 miles each day, lasting approximately eight to 12 hours a day.

Patrol staff assisted with each super load as an off-duty detail. The detail required six troopers and one supervisor to escort the movement.

HOW BIG ARE THE SUPER LOADS?

THE LARGEST LOAD SO FAR WAS 19 FEET WIDE, 24 FEET HIGH, 270 FEET LONG, AND WEIGHED OVER 900,000 POUNDS. THAT'S ABOUT THE COMBINED SIZE AND WEIGHT OF TWO BLUE WHALES!



MOBILE FIELD FORCE GOES TO THE RNC



The Patrol sent Mobile Field Force troopers and supporting commanders to the Republican National Convention (RNC) in Milwaukee. Troopers were deployed to Milwaukee through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The contingent left on July 13 from the Patrol's Training Academy and returned on July 19.

ONE OF THE LARGEST DRUG SEIZURES IN STATE HISTORY

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's ongoing efforts in commercial vehicle and drug interdiction along Interstate 70, in collaboration with the Central Ohio, Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC) / High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (OOCIC-HIDTA) Major Drug Interdiction Task Force, led to a recent significant seizure that is believed to be among the largest in state history.

On August 3, task force agents and troopers in Madison County stopped a commercial vehicle that was transporting 300 pounds of methamphetamine, 17.6 pounds of cocaine and 30 pounds of marijuana. The seized drugs totaled an approximate street value of \$14.6 million.

The Central Ohio OOCIC/HIDTA Major Drug Interdiction Task Force is continuing its investigation into the seizure.

WHAT IS THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT?

The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) is a mutual aid agreement among states and territories of the United States. EMAC's members can share resources from all disciplines, protect personnel who deploy and be reimbursed for mission-related costs. EMAC is implemented on behalf of governors by their emergency management agencies.



FREMONT POST HOSTS OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FACILITY

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Fremont Post hosted an open house on August 20 to celebrate the official unveiling of its newly constructed facility. While the post opened its doors on April 18, this event gave community members and stakeholders a chance to tour the state-of-the-art building, meet Patrol personnel and learn more about the operations that keep the region's roads safe.

The new post replaces the original facility, which stood for 63 years before being demolished in 2023. During construction, the post temporarily relocated to Pinnacle Drive in May of last year. The event marked the culmination of the Patrol's efforts to modernize and upgrade the post, ensuring that troopers and staff have the resources needed to continue their vital work.

"This open house provides an opportunity for us to connect with the communities we serve," said Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. "The new facility offers even greater opportunities for our sworn officers and professional staff to provide the citizens of Ohio the Service with a Purpose that is at the heart of everything we do."

The Fremont Post has a rich history, first established on October 5, 1941. It closed at the onset of World War II due to personnel shortages and remained closed until March 1, 1952, when it reopened on West State Street. The post settled at its current location, where it has served the Fremont area since October 3, 1960. Now, with the completion of the new facility, the post is better equipped to serve the growing needs of Sandusky County.

Lieutenant Angel R. Burgos, Commander of the Fremont Post, highlighted the importance of the post's ties to the community. "For many decades, the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been part of the fabric of Fremont and the surrounding communities. This new Post furthers our commitment to those communities and to making our roadways safer for those who travel on northwest Ohio roadways."

As part of the open house, Patrol troopers provided tours of the facility and answered questions about their operations and equipment. A recruiter was also on hand to assist with the application process for those interested in a career with the Patrol.

In collaboration with the Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirees' Association, the Cleveland Police Historical Society and Museum displayed vintage Patrol cruisers outside the Post, offering a nostalgic glimpse into the Patrol's history.



State Representative Gary Click, Lieutenant Angel R. Burgos, Colonel Charles A. Jones, Captain Scott C. Rike and State Senator Bill Reineke assist in the ribbon cutting.



Trooper Joshua P. Smith, Lieutenant Ty W. Skaggs and Lieutenant Clifford D. Dowell assist with recruitment at the Fremont Open House.

The event also served as an opportunity to reflect on the extraordinary work of the Fremont Post personnel. Last year, the post handled nearly 9,000 calls for service.

This included Ohio state troopers responding to more than 350 calls regarding reckless or impaired drivers, investigating more than 800 traffic crashes and providing assistance to nearly 1,500 motorists.

In the past five years, Fremont Post troopers have recorded nearly 1,000 OVI arrests and more than 750 drug arrests, while recovering 69 illegal firearms during traffic stops.

Colonel Jones underscored the significance of the new facility. "This is more than just a building. It's a testament to the unwavering dedication of our troopers, dispatchers and professional staff who call this place home."

As the Fremont Post begins a new chapter in its modernized facility, the Ohio State Highway Patrol remains steadfast in its mission to ensure the safety and well-being of all Ohioans.

CAPTAIN ROBERT F. WELSH CLASSROOM DEDICATION



From left: Retired Lieutenant Colonel Peyton Watts, retired Staff Lieutenant William 'Bill' Healy, retired Lieutenant Doug Miller, retired Lieutenant Colonel Robbie 'Rob' Hartsell, retired Captain Robert 'Bob' Welsh, retired Lieutenant Keith Miller, retired Major Fred Goldstein and retired Sergeant Mark Bocsy.

On August 9, the Ohio State Highway Patrol dedicated a classroom at the Training Academy in honor of retired Captain Robert F. Welsh, who is directly responsible for significant enhancements to the Patrol's training programs – ensuring that not only Ohio state troopers, but law enforcement across the nation, are better prepared to serve and protect.

Captain Welsh played a pivotal role in the development of the Special Response Team, formed under the leadership of retired Colonel Thomas W. Rice. Captain Welsh developed comprehensive criteria to test the

physical and mental skills of Patrol personnel, ensuring that the most qualified troopers were selected to join the first team.

"When you talk about success, you have to talk about the obstacles we must overcome," said Captain Welsh during the first Special Response Team class, held on June 27, 1991. "We'll overcome all of them."

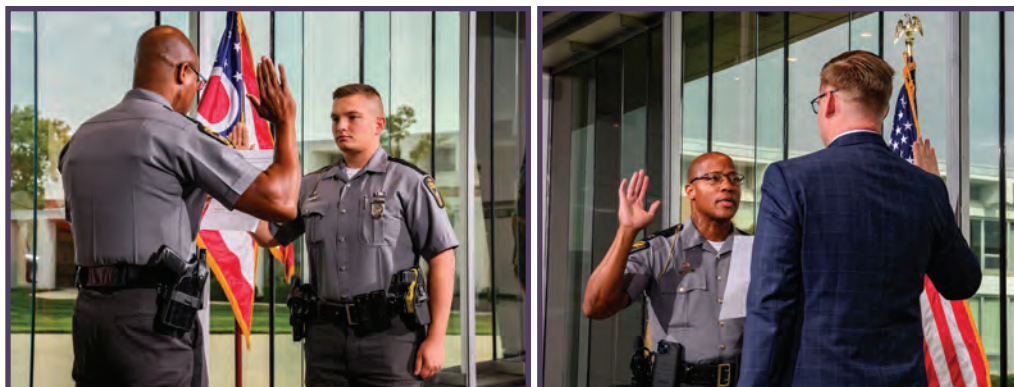
Welsh's innovative approach to training included the creation of the "React-Fire-Win" course, designed to prepare officers for sudden, high-stress situations. He also developed the red handle gun, a modified service revolver used in training to simulate real-life scenarios while ensuring safety.

In addition to his training innovations, Captain Welsh's leadership was crucial during the 1993 Southern Ohio Correctional Facility riot, one of the longest prison uprisings in U.S. history. His strategic planning and preparedness were vital in helping to peacefully resolve the crisis, underscoring his ability to respond and manage an ever-changing situation.

Captain Welsh is not only remembered for his professional achievements, but also for his compelling communication and storytelling abilities. His ability to connect with others, both verbally and non-verbally, made him an effective leader and a beloved figure within the Patrol. His storytelling, particularly in his emotional piece "My Christmas Eve," reflects the challenges and humanity of law enforcement work.

The dedication of the classroom serves as a lasting tribute to Captain Welsh's legacy, reminding current and future generations of his enduring impact on the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the law enforcement community.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY



On August 15, Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent, administered the oath to Trooper William A. Akers (shown left) and Ohio Investigative Unit Agent Cody A. Dorner (shown right).

BASIC 150 GRADUATION



On July 3, members of the 150th Basic Peace Officer Class received training certificates from Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent, during a graduation ceremony at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy. The 44 graduates assumed duties as peace officers for 31 Ohio agencies, including OSHP Police Officer 1 Cameron A. Anello, who was sworn in by Colonel Jones on July 25.

Colonel Jones highlighted the shared commitment to public safety during his remarks. "In law enforcement, it is our obligation to do everything in our power to ensure the safety and security of the citizens of Ohio. We are all working together toward the same goal – improving quality of life and creating a safer state."

Chief Jay McDonald, Marion Police Department, was the featured speaker for the ceremony and

addressed the graduates, their families and friends, and fellow law enforcement officers. Ohio Department of Public Safety Assistant Director Benjamin B. Suer also provided remarks.

ACE & CRIMINAL PATROL WINNERS



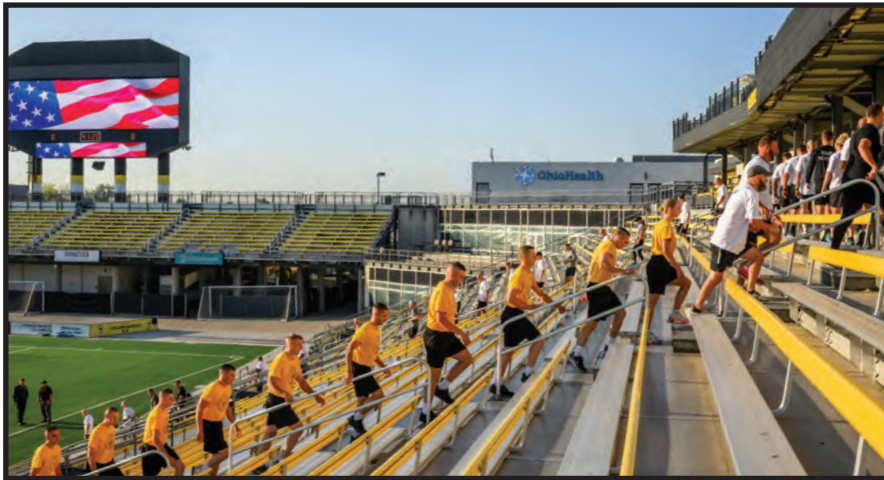
On August 28, first-time Ace and Criminal Patrol award winners were honored at the Patrol's Training Academy. Included in the ceremony were Trooper Jason L. Whitner, Dayton Post; Trooper Haley K. L. Justice, Chillicothe Post and Trooper Coleton J. Piatt, Springfield Post.

K-9 GRADUATION



On August 28, Trooper Scott Boyle and K-9 Hunter, Warren District Criminal Patrol, took part in the K-9 graduation ceremony held at the Patrol's Training Academy.

RISING TOGETHER: HONORING THE FALLEN AT THE 2ND ANNUAL ODPS 9/11 CLIMB



Cadet class 174 and other ODPS staff climb the stairs of the Historic Crew Stadium.



9/11 Climb participants from ODPS and other agencies pose for a group photo.

The sun shone brightly over Historic Crew Stadium on the morning of September 11, 2024, much as it did on that fateful day 23 years ago. Ohio Public Safety Director Andy Wilson welcomed Ohio's public servants to the 2nd Annual ODPS 9/11 Climb, an emotional and uplifting tribute to the 412 first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice as a result of the events that transpired that day.

Organized by the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of First Responder Wellness, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and CrossFit Crave, this event stood as a powerful reminder of the selflessness and bravery of those who gave everything to protect others. In addition to the event in Columbus, other districts across the state also participated in their own remembrance events, each tailored to honor the sacrifices of those first responders.

Participants gathered on the field for the 9/11 Climb workout – to complete as many repetitions as possible in 41 minutes and 20 seconds of stairs, burpees, sit-ups and lunges. Some chose to honor the fallen with a different path by walking or engaging in yoga. The camaraderie was evident as individuals, pairs and teams pushed through the challenge, offering words of encouragement and support to one another.

Reflecting on the significance of the day, Director Wilson reminded everyone, "They loved each other more than they loved themselves. There is no greater sacrifice than the willingness to risk your life – or give your life – for someone else."

This shared moment of effort and remembrance honored the fallen and ensured their legacy would never be forgotten.



CAPTAIN WICKMAN GRADUATES FROM FBINA

Captain Kristin A. Wickman, Office of Personnel, graduated on September 12 from the FBI National Academy. The 10-week executive leadership course took place in Quantico, Va.

Captain Ronald E. Raines, Critical Communications Center; Captain Wickman; and Lieutenant Colonel Chuck Linek.

TROOPER SMITH RESCUES KITTEN



Trooper Justin K. Smith, Canton Post, had a roadside run-in when he received a report of an injured kitten on the side of Interstate 77 in Stark County. Trooper Smith surveyed the highway, looking closely for the kitten, who was then spotted hunkered down in the left lane's berm. Body-worn camera footage showed Trooper Smith pulling off to the side of the road and using a neon yellow vest to safely pick up the kitten.

His diligence in finding the kitten saved her life. She suffered road rash, a laceration to her lip and broken teeth, but because of Trooper Smith's efforts, she was treated at the Stark County Veterinary Emergency Clinic. The kitten was then transferred to the Stark County Humane Society and was later adopted by Jack Kern, who gave her the name Lola.



Scan the QR code to watch Trooper Smith's kitten rescue!

The Patrol's dedication to saving lives, including those of animals, creates heart-warming memories to share for years to come.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF COMBAT CROWDSTRIKE OUTAGE

On July 19, a faulty update from the cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike caused widespread problems with Microsoft Windows computers running the company's security software.

As a result, roughly 8.5 million systems around the world crashed and were unable to properly restart in what has been called the largest outage in the history of information technology.

The outage disrupted daily life, businesses and governments, including having a significant impact on the Ohio State Highway Patrol. It should be noted; however, the outage did not impact the Patrol's ability to respond to calls for service or the public's needs. Ohio state troopers remained visible across the state and continued to assist the motoring public.

Within hours of the error being discovered, a fix was released, but many affected computers had to be fixed manually.

The Patrol's Technology Manager 1, Richard A. Bussey, Computer Operations, said a fix for the Patrol's system was found and instructions were gathered, then immediately distributed to IT staff. He said the IT staff worked first to restore critical systems throughout the state. Once that was completed, they began restoring systems to every desktop and laptop at each Patrol field office, the State Emergency Operations Center and the Alum Creek Facility. Ohio Department of Public Safety IT personnel worked to restore systems for General Headquarters staff.

With Patrol services restored, IT personnel began assisting at Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles locations. The majority of the restoration process lasted from July 19-23.

In response to the overall crisis, 25 Patrol IT staff members worked a combined 980 hours to fully restore systems.

TROOPER PARIS RESCUES PUPPIES

Another unexpected event occurred when Trooper Halle R. Paris, Norwalk Post, prevented a potential doggy disaster while on duty in Huron County. While their owner was away, a group of puppies escaped from their owner's garage, wandered down the driveway and entered the road.

Trooper Paris was driving past when she noticed one of the dogs in the road. She turned her cruiser around and jumped into action. Trooper Paris's body-worn camera captured her enthusiastically greeting the dogs, walking them up the driveway and gently placing the dogs within the open garage door and into a kennel. To ensure the dogs' prolonged safety, Trooper Paris shut the door and collaborated with dispatchers to inform the dogs' owner of their mischievousness.



Scan the QR code to watch Trooper Paris' puppy rescue!



SUNBIRD 2024

OSHP Retirees Executive Board Elections

This year's Sunbird Reunion and Annual Meeting took place on September 14 in Waldo. During the event, elections for the 2025 OSHP Retirees Executive Board were conducted. The new board consists of President retired Major Robert W. Booker, 1st Vice President retired Sergeant Dale L. LaRue, 2nd Vice President retired Staff Lieutenant Virginia L. Fogt, Treasurer retired Captain Brenda Collins and Secretary retired Dispatcher Manager Lydia Frey.



Eleven graduates of Hartman Farm attended the Sunbird Reunion. From left: Retired Staff Lieutenant Jack Holland, retired Lieutenant Bob Carson, retired Lieutenant Delmer Dunlap, retired Lieutenant Bill Snyder, retired Lieutenant Ernie Wigglesworth, retired Colonel Thomas Rice, retired Captain Delmer Everett, retired Captain Ray Smith, retired Staff Lieutenant Ed Suffecool, retired Captain Jim 'Skip' Spurrier and retired Lieutenant Tom Romaker.



Left: Royel Jones, retired Captain Brenda Collins, Huey Walsh and Tina Pride.



Bottom left: Retired Lieutenant Keith Miller, retired Lieutenant Tom Hollingsworth and Half Unit Reva Hollingsworth.



Right: Retired Lieutenant Colonel Sheldon Senek and retired Major and OIU Enforcement Commander Robert W. Booker.

A Glance Into History

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL'S 90 YEARS AT THE OHIO STATE FAIR

In 1934, the Patrol made its first appearance at the Ohio State Fair, showcasing a display that included highway maps and a Harley Davidson motorcycle, among other items. Shortly thereafter, the Patrol took on the role of providing security throughout the event, ensuring a safe and well-organized experience for all fairgoers.

By 1949, the communications systems and the Patrol's Aviation Unit were valuable for directing traffic at the Ohio State Fair. The plane used for the fair, a Beechcraft Bonanza, was equipped with three-way FM equipment that would advise officers on the ground to help free up traffic going into the fair. Cadets also worked the fair to get hands-on experience in the field.

The Patrol quickly identified lost children as one of their major challenges during the fair. With the large crowds and numerous activities, many kids would inevitably become separated from their parents. In 1986, a new program emerged at the Ohio State Fair called the "Lost Kid Tag." These tags were given to parents to be filled out with vital information about their child. When lost kids did go to the booths, this tag made it easier to reunite children with their parents. The tags proved successful in the years following. In 1990, 996 kids were reunited with their parents. The lost kids' booth continues to yield success to this day; approximately 130 children were assisted at the booth at this year's Ohio State Fair.

Wanted — Individual who can: walk on hot pavement for 12 hours at a time and still smile; locate a 1981 green Chevy among 25,000 parked cars for a lost fairgoer; wipe a tear from the eye of a lost child while stabilizing the fearful experience with an ice cream cone; pull a drunk and disorderly patron from a potentially volatile situation quickly, quietly, and before anyone notices. These are just a few of the situations faced all day every day by Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers who work the Ohio State Fair.

Quote from a 1970s Flying Wheel.

A WALK THROUGH HERITAGE HALL AT THE PATROL'S TRAINING ACADEMY

Did you know that the History Unit organizes the displays in Heritage Hall through donations they receive from Patrol personnel, retirees and their families?

"We have some great artifacts and newspaper articles dating back to 1933," said Program Administrator 2 Sherri A. Allen, Planning, Research and Development. "We try to put together display cases that show these items and describe what the artifact is, what it was used for and during which specific time periods."

According to PA2 Allen, the History Unit will display anniversaries of Patrol milestones and highlight employees who have followed in their family's footsteps by joining the Division.

"We like to spotlight those families and recognize all their contributions to the Patrol," said PA2 Allen. "We talk to the retiree and get their story, how they came about joining and highlight their career. In the cases are the artifacts loaned to the History Unit for the display."

The History Unit accepts donations and loans. If you have any artifacts for donation and/or loan, or if you are a retiree who is interested in assisting with the work of the History Unit, please call (614) 387-7403 or email oshphistory@dps.ohio.gov



1946 OSHP display.



A trooper passes out "Lost Kid Tags."



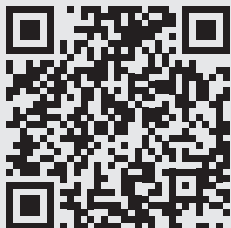
The Following in Their Footsteps display showcasing the Click family at Heritage Hall.

Following in Their Footsteps:

Meet the Click Family

Beginning in June, and continuing through the end of the year, when you walk through Heritage Hall, you will come across the Following in Their Footsteps display highlighting the Click Family. The display features the successes of retired Trooper Earl W. Click; his nephew and retired Trooper Michael A. Click; son and retired Lieutenant Steven M. Click; and daughter-in-law and Financial Analyst Supervisor Lori L. Click.

To pair with the Heritage Hall display, the History Unit produces videos that overview the Heritage Hall featured artifacts and case displays. These videos provide a glimpse into the rich and proud history of the Division, and feature the individuals, technology, sections and changes that have made an impact. The current feature of Heritage Hall highlights the Click family and the influences they have had on the Division.



To learn more about the Click family, take a walk through Heritage Hall the next time you are at the Patrol's Training Academy or scan the QR Code to watch the History Unit's Following in Their Footsteps video.

PATROL ASSISTS IN SPRINGFIELD

On September 10, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced new state support for the city of Springfield and Clark County to help address recent challenges impacting public safety and healthcare due to the rapid increase in the area's immigrant population.

In response, the Ohio State Highway Patrol was directed by Governor DeWine to increase its presence in the area beginning on September 11 to support traffic safety, working closely with local law enforcement.

By focusing on traffic enforcement initiatives targeting speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, and safety belt usage, the Patrol aimed to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities, and underscored its dedication to keeping all Ohioans safe on the road.

The Patrol regularly works with law enforcement partners in communities across Ohio to address traffic safety concerns. As an example, the Patrol was working in Springfield in July and August of this year.

Beginning September 12, several city, county and school buildings around Springfield were closed because of bomb threats to multiple facilities throughout the city. The bomb threats continued over the next several days.

With the community in need, the Patrol responded with additional resources.

At the direction of Governor DeWine and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Andy Wilson, on September 17, a contingent of Mobile Field Force troopers began providing security at local schools to ensure safety and provide reassurance to students, staff and family members.

Therapy K-9 Hope also visited schools and city offices, further enhancing the Patrol's community support role.

The Public Affairs Unit was critical in shaping the messaging and communications during the crisis. Sergeant Tyler S. Ross, Public Affairs, was assigned to work collaboratively with local law enforcement and city officials to assist with strategic communications.

During several city council meetings and forums for concerned community members, the Mobile Field Force was utilized to ensure safety at those events, so members of the community could gather and exercise their constitutional rights.

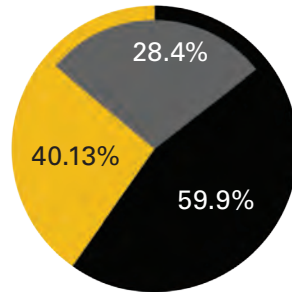
Patrol intelligence analysts conducted threat analyses to help ensure safety and allow individuals to continue serving and protecting the community.

CENTRAL RECORDS

The Central Records Unit is responsible for maintaining records for the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Investigative Unit. Central Records receives and processes requests from the public and other law enforcement agencies.

The unit takes phone calls from the public, handles subpoenas for records, and receives all the crash and case supplements from the posts to prep/scan/index into a long-term document storage system called Intellivue. They also process record seals/expungements from the courts.

The Audio/Video (A/V) team processes all of the requests for recordings. They ensure the correct body cam/in-car videos from the Axon system are received. The team then listens to and watches all the recordings, and makes any required redactions.



PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

- 4,263 public records requests
 - 2,858 interagency requests
 - 2,023 requests for audio/video
- = 7,121 requests total in 2023

ON PACE TO HAVE NEARLY

6,000 ^{+46% FROM 2023}
RECORDS REQUESTS IN 2024

ON PACE TO HAVE MORE THAN

3,000 ^{+56% FROM 2023}
REQUESTS FOR VIDEO IN 2024

CENTRAL RECORDS FACTS:

- IN 2015, THERE WERE SIX POSITIONS IN CENTRAL RECORDS. TODAY, THERE ARE 14.
- AT THE END OF 2020, THE A/V PORTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS STARTED TRANSITIONING FROM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT TO CENTRAL RECORDS.

What do you like best about working in Central Records?

"I appreciate the opportunity Central Records has given me to flourish in my growth as a State of Ohio employee. The best part is that even though we work on different floors, we have the same goal - Providing the best service to those we interact with on a daily basis."

- Customer Service Representative 3 Nia S. Jones



How has the department evolved?

When I started with Central Records, everything was done manually. There were no computers being used at this time. The crash reports were retrieved by using a large manual rolodex type machine and cases were housed in a totally separate building. Teletype and microfilm machines were frequently used to communicate and to process requests. To purchase crash reports and photographs, the requester would have to physically come into the office. Eventually all of the aforementioned things above became a thing of the past and we were introduced to computers and a system that we now know as Intellivue. Using Intellivue has allowed us to scan, retrieve and print all crash reports, cases, polygraphs and backgrounds all into one system. Over the last few years, in conjunction with Intellivue, we also started using a system called GovQA. These two systems together have allowed Central Records to become more efficient and less time consuming.

"The Central Records Audio/Video Unit has given me the opportunity to grow in my career. The best part about working in the A/V Unit is being able to see all of the different scenarios that occur each day through the body cam/dash cam recordings of the troopers. It has given me a new perspective on all of our troopers and the amount of respect they deserve out in the field."

- Customer Service Representative 2 Nicole A. Holbert



- Customer Service Assistant 3 Tammie A. Roseboro, who has been in Central Records since 1993



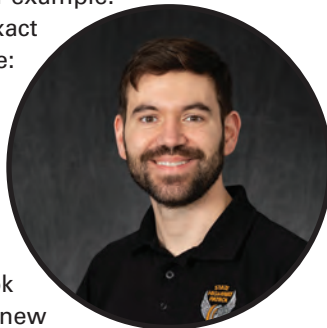
CRIME LABORATORY



LC-qToF machine at the OSHP Crime Laboratory.

Since June 2023, the Crime Laboratory has utilized liquid chromatography quadrupole time-of-flight (LC-QToF), a technology in toxicology screening to identify drugs and other substances in biological samples.

Previously, the Crime Laboratory used immunoassay testing, which is a non-specific biological test that identified the class of drug (for example: opioid positive), but not the exact drug being tested (for example: morphine). According to Toxicology Crime Laboratory Director Nicholas J. Baldauf (shown right), the new instruments allow for more specific testing. He said the Crime Laboratory can now look at specific drugs, and that the new instruments also collect data in the background to help identify new drug trends.



"We could go back and look and see, when did this new drug show up in Ohio - especially on Ohio's roadways," he said. "We could see how prevalent it is. In the future, we'd like to pinpoint where it is in Ohio, since we're starting to collect the county of incident on our submission forms. This is something where we could start tracking new novel psychoactive substances in Ohio when they show up, and if it's a big concern for the state."

The QToF has broadened the scope of what could be tested and the Crime Laboratory staff no longer has to wait for a manufacturer to make a specific kit for the old instrument.



What's the biggest change that you have seen with the Crime Lab?

"I have been here 25 years. When I started here, we were a six-person shop. We had four people in seized drugs, one person in toxicology and a person in trace analysis. Now, the Laboratory itself has 38 positions. We've more than tripled in size."

"The nature of the cases has gotten more complex. Last year, we reported 120 different compounds. When I started, we reported about 20 different compounds. The nature of the cases that we're testing in seized drugs has gotten more and more complex as time has come along."

- Drug Chemistry Crime Laboratory Director Brandon S. Werry

What's the best part of working in the Crime Laboratory?

"I like that it is challenging. We have to find solutions to new problems. Getting on top of and being able to fix these complex problems and to be able to offer that to the field and be able to report these things now helps people. Hopefully we are making a difference for victims. The development of these methods is a lot of work and it takes us a long time. It's challenging, but it's a challenge that we like to do."

- Toxicology Crime Laboratory Director Nicholas J. Baldauf

"For me, it's always been about the variety of the different things that we see in drug chemistry. Seeing something for, maybe the first time, that any [lab] in the country has seen it. It is the odd thing we get that really makes everything exciting for me."

- Drug Chemistry Crime Laboratory Director Brandon S. Werry

"I've always had a call to serve. Being a science person, the best way I could serve was this. In this field, not only are we exonerating the innocent, but we're also sending the bad guy to jail. There's satisfaction in knowing that you're making your community safer. We are the unbiased third party. When we go and testify, we are the expert. You can take some pride in being an expert in something. It's been the most fulfilling career."

- Laboratory Systems Director James R. Smith



PATROL'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALLION



From left, Trooper Thaddeus J. White, Trooper Hunter S. Mahoney, Charles Carter, Sergeant Rocky J. Hise and Sergeant Scott R. Moore.

Colonel Charles A. Jones presented St. Clairsville Post personnel with the Patrol's Distinguished Service Medallion on August 19 at the Cambridge District Headquarters. Trooper Thaddeus J. White, Trooper Hunter S. Mahoney, Sergeant Rocky J. Hise and Sergeant Scott R. Moore received the medallion for demonstrating a sense of urgency and rendering life-saving aid to motorist Charles Carter. On July 3, 2024, Trooper White and Trooper Mahoney responded to a two-car crash on Interstate 70. Once on scene, they observed that one of the drivers had collapsed and became unresponsive. Trooper White initiated CPR and contacted local EMS, as well as additional Patrol units. When Sergeant Moore arrived on scene, he called Sergeant Hise to bring an automated external defibrillator (AED). They administered the AED and monitored Carter's condition.

Once local EMS arrived, Trooper White and Trooper Mahoney alternated doing chest compressions, while the medics began administering fluids and medications. Carter was in critical condition and all three medics were needed in the back of the EMS vehicle to stabilize him. Trooper White then took on the responsibility of driving the EMS vehicle to the hospital, while Trooper Mahoney followed in his patrol car. During this critical time, these troopers displayed exceptional teamwork and coordination, ensuring Carter's swift and safe transfer to the hospital.

MEDINA POST TROOPERS HONORED



Trooper Andre J. Giordon, Trooper Daniel A. Kehoe and Trooper Daniel J. Jones.

Medina Post troopers were honored on September 12 during the Medina County Safe Communities' Annual Awards Ceremony for safety belt enforcement and OVI detection.

DISPATCHERS HONORED AT THE GOLD STAR AWARDS



On September 10, Ohio State Highway Patrol dispatchers were honored during the annual Gold Star Awards. The awards were presented during the 2024 National Emergency Number Association (NENA)/Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Conference held at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. During the conference, Dispatcher Christopher A. Lortz, Lancaster Post, was presented with the 2023 Dispatcher of the Year Award.

Gold Star Committee Chair Scott Brown, Hamilton County 911; Dispatcher Christopher A. Lortz, Lancaster Post and Ohio NENA President Brian MacMurdo.

PATROL'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALLION



On September 16, Colonel Charles A. Jones presented (left to right) Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Jeffrey M. Sekerak, Cleveland District Commercial Enforcement; Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Timothy M. Gatesman, Cleveland District Commercial Enforcement; Trooper Daniel J. Jones, Medina Post and Sergeant Jason B. Bittinger, Medina Post, with Patrol Distinguished Service Medallions. The four were honored for their life-saving efforts following a single-vehicle crash on July 2. MCEIs Sekerak and Gatesman were alerted by passing motorists that a vehicle had crashed into a guardrail on state Route 3. When they arrived on scene, they found the driver unresponsive and not breathing. Sergeant Bittinger arrived on scene with an AED, and

with the help of the MCEIs, removed the victim from the vehicle. After being removed from the vehicle, an AED shock was administered and personnel began CPR. During that time, Trooper Jones arrived on scene and assisted.

The driver was in attendance for the award presentation.

PATRIOT AWARDS HONOR OHIO HEROES FOR DEDICATION AND SERVICE



Honorees gather for a group photo at the Patriot Awards.

Back row: Derek Seppeler, Nate Coffield, Justin L. Hallman, David McCracken, Kurt E. Althouse, Greg Franey, Dominick Maggiore, Phillip A. Snider, Michael Hampton III, Jason M. Reel, William Cashen, Brian P. Fowler, Bob Cornwell

Middle row: Perry Blackburn, James Kim, Benjamin Suver, Andre Edwards, Nicole Banks, Michael D. Black, Jeffrey Balzer, Albert L. Lloyd.

Front row: Donald Barker, Major Anne R. Ralston, Mary Hoskins, Lowell Rector, Ralph Young, Teresa A. Theetge, Robert Hickman, Cassidy C. Devins, Janeth Herman, Captain Christopher J. Kinn.

Royal Air Force to aid England in resisting Nazi Germany. Barker emphasized the importance of remembering Taylor's efforts and the countless others that contributed to the Allied victory, reinforcing that "telling the stories so they are not forgotten" is crucial to honoring their legacies.

The keynote speaker, retired Lieutenant Dominick Maggiore of the New York City Fire Department, provided a poignant first-hand account of his experience responding to Ground Zero on the morning of September 11, 2001. Maggiore arrived shortly before the second tower collapsed and remained at the site for the next four days. His deep connection to Ohio was evident as he recounted receiving a pair of gloves from a Red Cross station with a note inside from a young boy named Joshua Matthews of Baltimore, Ohio. The note, which included Matthews' Cub Scout pack number – 187 – matched Maggiore's own shield number, creating a profound bond. "I may not be an Ohioan by geography, but I am by spirit," Maggiore said, expressing gratitude for the support he received from Ohioans during his visits. "You are a part of me in every way possible. You have helped me recover."

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Perry Blackburn also addressed the attendees, sharing his perspective as a member of the U.S. Army's 5th Special Forces Group. Blackburn was one of the first Americans on the ground in Afghanistan after 9/11. Reflecting on the sacrifices made by first responders and veterans, he spoke directly to the awardees, reminding them of their vital role in upholding the values of our nation. "No matter what we do, how much evil there is in the world, let us not forget our humanity and our Americanism that we bring—that you bring—that are had today from these awardees."

This year's honorees from the Ohio Department of Public Safety and OSHP included Assistant Director of Public Safety Benjamin Suver, Major Anne R. Ralston, Captain Christopher J. Kinn and retired OSHP Lieutenant Colonel and U.S. Marshal Michael D. Black. Each of these individuals was recognized for their continued dedication to public safety.

The Patriot Awards served as a powerful reminder of the courage and commitment demonstrated by first responders and military personnel, ensuring that their stories continue to inspire and that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

On September 10, the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Training Academy hosted the fourth annual Transportation Security Administration Patriot Awards, an event dedicated to recognizing those who have answered the call of duty to help keep America safe since 9/11. The ceremony began with the OSHP Honor Guard presenting the colors, followed by Trooper Jessica McIntyre singing the National Anthem.

The audience was welcomed by Donald Barker, Federal Security Director, who shared the heroic story of Lieutenant Colonel Edwin "Dale" Taylor, a member of the Eagle Squadrons during WWII. These squadrons consisted of Americans who volunteered with the

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS



35 YEARS – On July 24, in the LEADS conference room, Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent, presented Information Technologist 2 Dorothy J. Kenyon, LEADS, with a certificate recognizing her 35 years of state service.



35 YEARS – Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent, presented Captain Jeffrey S. Greene, Warren District Headquarters, with a certificate on July 26 for his 35 years of service to the Patrol.

TROOPER ENGLE EARNS PERFECT FITNESS SCORE FOR THE SECOND TIME



Trooper Jacob R. Engle, Milan Post, was presented with a medallion certificate by Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent, on July 19 for earning a perfect score of 500 for the second time on his Health and Physical Fitness Evaluation Graded Exercise Test (GXT).



35 YEARS – On July 26, Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent, presented Portable Load Limit Inspector Bryan L. Hawkins, Warren District Commercial Enforcement, with a certificate for his 35 years of service to the Patrol.

PUCO HONORS LCS CAPTAIN RAY E. MARTIN



From left: Commissioner Lawrence K. Friedeman; Commissioner Jenifer French, Chair; Commissioner Daniel R. Conway; Captain Ray E. Martin; Commissioner John D. Williams and Commissioner Dennis P. Deters.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Commissioners presented Captain Ray E. Martin, Licensing and Commercial Standards, with a Proclamation on September 4. The Commissioners and PUCO staff issued the Proclamation to recognize the important contributions Captain Martin made throughout his career to PUCO's safety mission. They also wished to express their gratitude towards him and wish him the very best in his upcoming retirement.



PROJECT MANAGER 2 JEFFREY W. GRAYSON RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

On July 22, Colonel Charles A. Jones, Patrol superintendent, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Project Manager 2 Jeffrey W. Grayson, Public Affairs Unit, for his unwavering support and steadfast dedication to the Ohio State Highway Patrol for more than 30 years. His commitment has been instrumental, notably during the landmark 90th anniversary that entailed the research for the Patrol's first historical marker and the 90th Anniversary history book.

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PATROL RECEIVES HONOR FROM SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF OHIO



On September 13, the Ohio State Highway Patrol received the 2024 Special Olympics Ohio Community Partner of the Year Award. The Partner of the Year Award recognizes a service club, community organization or group that has consistently supported Special Olympics Ohio through various initiatives and partnerships.



ACADEMY HOSTS FBI LEEDA CLASS

The FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Master Public Information Officer course took place from September 23 through 27 at the Patrol's Training Academy.

Shown left to right, those in attendance included Sergeant Clarke W. Franz, Capitol Operations, Sergeant Bridget A. Matt, Public Affairs Unit, Stephen DiGiovanni, Quinsigamond Community College, Kaitlyn Briselli, Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff, and Karen Hutner, Quinsigamond Community College.

GHQ



On August 1, Security Officer 1 Todd E. Osborn, Training Academy, was inducted into the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame, which was created to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward making the Ohio State Fair one of America's premier expositions.

FINDLAY DISTRICT



Above: Toledo Post – During the weekend of September 7 and 8, the 180th Fighter Wing held their annual Family Day. Sergeant Dana R. Skinner, Toledo Post, participated in the event. While there, she found Trooper Joshua Stryker, Recruitment & Diversity, who is also a senior master sergeant in the Ohio Air National Guard. According to those in attendance, the Corvette was as popular as the F-16.

Right: Bowling Green Post – Sergeant David Lopez, Dispatcher Sara M. Clabaugh, Lieutenant Matthew N. Geer, Dispatcher Amy L. Delapena and Trooper Nathanael T. Downer participated in the Wood County Educational Service Center Trunk or Treat event on August 6. During the event, school supplies were handed out to attendees.



Honor Guard – On September 4, Division Honor Guard members and a Columbus Post unit were honored to join Pulte Homes, Built to Honor, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and local partners in a ceremony to reveal a new home for a veteran and her family. The new home is located in Franklin County.



Trooper Shane M. Meyer, SRT, assisted with a recruitment and community engagement event at Camp Birch in Yellow Springs. OSHP Aviation Unit also attended the event.



BUCYRUS DISTRICT



Bucyrus District – On August 13, Trooper Kyle J. Mayle and K-9 Teddy made a stop at a lemonade stand in Green Springs during their patrol. While there, K-9 Teddy thought the children may like to have one of the Patrol's K-9 trading cards.



Bucyrus District – On August 17, troopers from the Bucyrus Post participated in a safety belt initiative at Colonel Crawford High School. Lieutenant Ty Skaggs, Bucyrus Post Commander, gave the players the analogy that safety belts are like safety straps on football helmets – they keep everything held in place like it is supposed to be.

OSHP was joined by Bucyrus Police Department, Crawford County Sheriff's Office, New Washington Police Department, Crestline Police Department and Galion Police Department as they discussed the importance of safety belts.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT



Cleveland Post – On July 6, Cleveland Post personnel, Trooper Alejandro Giraldo, Trooper Cody T. Kupchella and Sergeant Kevin L. Harris, visited Gideon & Josiah's Lemonade Stand for Heroes to benefit the family of fallen Cleveland Police Officer Jamieson Ritter.



Canton Post – On August 11, Trooper Jarrett T. Childress and Trooper George S. Ksenich (left) joined the American Legion Post 221 and local public safety partners to greet Veterans on their birthday.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT

Elyria Post – Public safety partners in Lorain County hosted the area’s first Operation BRIDGE, which stands for Bridging Recovery and Interdiction Data Gathering Enforcement. It took place August 1 and 2 and was aimed at removing drugs and drug traffickers from Ohio’s roadways and communities while connecting with those who have possible substance use disorders. During the event, troopers interacted with community members offering information and recovery resources.

A news conference was held after the event, discussing the impact on the community. Shown right, Lieutenant Cliffton D. Dowell, Elyria Post, participated in the news conference.



OUTREACH

- Encounters/Engagements - 315
- Connections to Treatment - 3
- Referrals to Treatment - 6
- Connections to Community Resources - 257
- Referrals to Community Resources - 60
- Naloxone Kits Distributions - 60
- Fentanyl Test Strips Distributed - 118
- Connections with BMV Services* - 20

*New in 2024

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT — WARREN DISTRICT

Canfield Post and the Canfield Fair

The main parking entrance to the Canfield Fair runs along state Route 46, across from the Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Canfield Post. In the front yard of the Patrol post sits the recruitment semi-trailer and a large inflatable crowd, signaling that the Canfield Fair is underway.

According to Lieutenant Eric E. Brown, Canfield Post commander, the post has 15-20 troopers working traffic at the seven intersections around the fairgrounds. “Every unit signs up,” he said. “It’s a historic detail.”

Inside the fairgrounds, on Canfield Drive, you will also find the Patrol and the red Corvette sharing space with the local safe communities, while Trooper Lindsay M. McGill and Dispatcher Shawn M. Rogers talk with kids.

“I like getting out among the people and talking to people,” Dispatcher Rogers said. “It’s fun and really nice interacting with the kids and watching them smile.”

They’re also there to answer questions from drivers and parents.

“My favorite part of the booth is educating the public,” Trooper McGill said. “The education part is really important because we don’t get to do that in a normal scope of duty.”

Inside the post, longtime Canfield Post Dispatcher, Cheryl A. Smith, shares fond memories of the Canfield Fair, adding that she worked at the fair when she was younger. “I love the fair, because I get to see everyone. The fair has a special place in my heart.”

Scan the QR code to view photos and video from our walk around the Canfield Fair. This content is a Flying Wheel exclusive!



Canfield Fair Fast Facts:

The Canfield Fair is the largest county fair in the state, and the third largest in the country.

Established in 1846, the fairgrounds sit on 353 acres of land and house more than 60 buildings, including a grandstand that seats approximately 6,200 people.

Last year, the fair hosted 245,000 people during the six-day event.

This year’s Canfield Fair ran from August 28 through September 4.

WARREN DISTRICT



Chardon Post – On August 22, (from left) Trooper Jaime Santiago and Sergeant Jeremy A. Kindler, helped celebrate 100 years of Mentor High School football. Students and families interacted with the troopers during a community event, while some participated in the "Trooper Challenge" push-up contest, before heading to the game. The Mentor Cardinals defeated Massillon Jackson Polar Bears 36-13.

Warren Post – On July 10, Trooper Benjamin M. Barnard participated in the village of McDonald's Safety Day event held at Woodland Park.



Ravenna Post – Members of the Ravenna Post and safety service partners participated in the Ohio Department of Public Safety's 9/11 Climb. Their 41 minute and 20 second workout was a tribute to the 412 first responders who died on September 11, 2001.

From left: Stark County Sheriff's Deputy Marissa Humbert, Trooper Hayley B. McMahon; Trooper Kourtney M. Baker, Half Unit Kaia Boyle, Trooper Scott Boyle and Lieutenant Erik A. Golias.

PIQUA DISTRICT

Piqua District – On July 15, troopers presented colors and interacted with the fans of the Dayton Dragons. The Dragons hosted the South Bend Cubs at Day Air Ballpark.

From left to right: Trooper Kyle L. Harris, Cincinnati Post; Trooper Jessica A. McIntyre, Recruitment & Diversity; Sergeant Eric J. Devers, Public Affairs Unit; Sergeant Tyler S. Ross, Public Affairs Unit; Trooper Andrew L. Pudenz, Dayton Post; Sergeant Ryan R. Stanley, Marysville Post; Trooper Stefan L. Gilliland, Xenia Post; Trooper Chris T. Roe, Piqua Post and Trooper Dylan J. Leugers, Springfield Post.



COLUMBUS DISTRICT



Mt. Gilead Post – On August 9, Lieutenant Coby L. Holloway participated in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over event during the Mount Vernon Square for Music and Arts Festival. During the event, he did a live radio interview on WNZR and he also interacted with area teenagers who tried on impairment goggles.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT



Cambridge District – On August 10, Cambridge District personnel and safety service partners hosted the District 7 Annual Community Outreach event at Salt Fork State Park. During the event, general donations were collected for local domestic violence shelters and food pantries in southeast Ohio. Mark your calendars for next year's event on August 9.

Members of the Cleveland Police Museum's Vintage Car Club were present at the event and include (from left) retired Trooper Russell 'Russ' Brooks, retired Sergeant James 'Jim' Chapman, Half Unit Deborah 'Debbie' Gliozzi, retired Sergeant Dale LaRue, retired Trooper Louis 'Lou' Gliozzi and retired Elyria Police Officer Al Leiby.



Mt. Gilead Post – Sergeant Andrew P. Geer is pictured with Saved by the Helmet recipients Stephanie and Carl Faulkner during an event on July 28 at Mid-Ohio Race Track.

Cambridge Post – On September 3, Lieutenant Todd L. Henry spoke to fairgoers at the Noble County Fair about safe driving habits, including the dangers of distracted driving.



St. Clairsville Post – On August 14, 9-year-old Hazel Koveleskie, and the group she founded called Hazel's Heroes, stopped by the St. Clairsville Post to spread acts of kindness. The group spreads acts of kindness to local law enforcement, veterans and others.

From left: Lieutenant Brian R. McFarland, Dispatcher Ava Lucas, Dispatcher Janice J. Miro, Trooper Donald J. Herink and Trooper Hunter S. Mahoney.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT



Batavia Post – On August 8, Trooper Jacob A. McGill, Batavia Post, joined Union Township Police for National Night Out. During the event, he provided recruitment information, discussed traffic safety, impaired driving, distracted driving and using safety belts. The event was held at Veterans Park in Union Township and there were approximately 700 members of the community in attendance.

JACKSON DISTRICT



Above: Ironton Post – On September 20, Sergeant Derek L. Malone and Sergeant Steven M. Dunn attended the U.S. Forest Service –Wayne National Forest Forestry Fair. Approximately 500 area fourth-grade students attended the event. Sergeants Malone and Dunn discussed ATV safety and always buckling up.

Left: Ironton Post – On September 11, the Ironton Post hosted a 9/11 Climb in Lawrence County at Rock Hill High School. The event involved troopers from the Jackson District and a select group of students from Rock Hill High School. Each student was partnered with a trooper to complete a circuit training workout of 100 stairs, 20 burpees, 40 air squats and 25 sit-ups for 41:20, representing the 412 first responders who lost their life on September 11, 2001.



Front row: Lieutenant Melanie Provenzano, Chillicothe Post; Sergeant Bobby D. Brown, Chillicothe Post, students and Captain Craig Cvetan, Jackson District. Second row: Trooper Benjamin M. Williford, Athens Post, students and Sergeant Derek L. Malone, Ironton Post. Third row: Lieutenant Jeremy J. Schuldt, Portsmouth Post, Sergeant Jeffery M. Martin, Portsmouth and Trooper Alan J. Beam, Ironton Post. Back row: Trooper Colten B. Sparks, Ironton Post; Trooper Jacob C. Sullivan, Ironton Post; Trooper Jacob D. Gay, Ironton Post; Trooper Travis W. Stump, Ironton Post; Lieutenant Nicholas A. Lunsford, Ironton Post; and Sergeant Mark A. McFann, Ironton Post.

TRAINING ACADEMY

On September 23, the Cadet Class 174 Hero Run took place at Alum Creek State Park. The cadet class chose to honor Patrolman Carl L. Thrush. The cadets ran approximately 1.5 miles in the parking lots of the Alum Creek Campgrounds to the amphitheater, where breakfast was served. Patrolman Thrush’s family was invited and participated in the event and were presented with a class gift. Previous Hero Runs honored Trooper Robert Perez Jr. and Trooper James R. Gross.



RETIREES – By Captain Rob Jackson, Retired

Where are they now?

Retired Sergeant Michalle A. Gilbert

Years Served: May 1989 - October 2015

Assignments: Cadet - 118th Academy Class

Trooper - Van Wert Post, Defiance Post,

Investigator assigned to Bucyrus DHQ

Sergeant assigned to Marion Post, Ashland Post,

Office of Investigative Services Bucyrus District Headquarters

Member of the Crisis Negotiator Team

Michalle Gilbert has led a very active life since retiring from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. In building on her passion for running, Michalle continued to train and competed in the Ironman Maryland in 2016. As Michalle began bike packing adventures, such as a trip from Pittsburgh to Washington D.C., she also volunteered with her son's high school band and swim team during her first year of retirement.

Motivated by the movie "Inspired to Ride" about the cross-country ultra-endurance event "Trans Am," Michalle signed up for Bike Nonstop US. The event goes through 12 states and covers 3,500 miles. She began the event in 2022 with 11 other riders, and the course traversed the Grand Tetons and the Continental Divide. During the tough ride, Michalle said she would think often about her OSHP career. She carried the names of Kenny Velez, Ryan Wilson, Mike Paris and Pat Holland on the fork of her bike as a way to honor them, with the goal to stop at the Law Enforcement Memorial when finishing the event. Michalle experienced a serious crash that temporarily halted her participation, but she was able to officially finish after recovering from her injuries, making it to the Law Enforcement Memorial.

Michalle lives in Mansfield with her husband, a paramedic at a local ambulance service, and serves as a contract background investigator for the OSHP in Bucyrus. She misses the camaraderie from her time at the OSHP and keeps in touch with fellow retirees at local events.



Public Service Announcement: Action Recommended!!

Recently, hackers stole an enormous amount of data from a company called National Public Data (NPD). NPD is a data broker that provides data for background checking services, amongst other things. The data stolen includes the names, social security numbers, dates of birth, addresses, and phone numbers for nearly all U.S. citizens. This is one of the largest data breaches in history. What does this mean for you? It means we all need to start acting as if our personal information is compromised. The Credit Union recommends several steps:

- Check if your information was compromised in the breach by going here <https://npd.pentester.com/>
- Consider placing freezes on all three major credit bureaus.
 - <https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>
 - <https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze>
 - <https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>
- Change the passwords on your financial accounts. Use a complex and unique password for each one. Consider using a password manager to avoid re-using passwords on multiple sites.
- Set alerts on all your financial accounts to text or email yourself when significant security changes are made (like password changes) as well as when new transactions post. Alerts can lead to early detection and allow you to stop malicious actors sooner rather than later.

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Message From HPRS Executive Director

HPRS Cost-of-Living Adjustment

The purpose of this information is to explain the process for how a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is determined for the upcoming year. When a COLA cannot be awarded to everyone, as is the case for 2025, it is understandably concerning for members, and this is compounded by misconceptions. Although the various statutes, rules and policies that guide the board cannot all be covered in this brief article, the information attempts to summarize the most relevant items.



The most daunting decision the board makes each year is whether COLA can be provided, and if so, how much. The statute requires the decision be based on the most recent actuarial valuation. This often creates some confusion on why a COLA may or may not be awarded. At the time the decision is made, investments may be performing well, and the perception may be that COLA should be affordable. However, the statute requires the decision be based on the valuation from the prior year. Additionally, the system performs a “stress test” that analyzes the ability to withstand market turmoil. Because the analysis is derived from the actuarial valuation of the previous year, it may not reflect the current state of the market.

HPRS must account for risk and volatility when making investments, and the system’s investment returns are not expected to mirror market indices such as the S&P 500. This is to ensure that HPRS can withstand market turmoil and continue to pay pensions without fail. Our long-term expected return is 7.25%, and this is incorporated into all assumptions for future assets. Whenever we experience less than 7.25% return on investments, we have a “loss” that can impact current (and future) decisions of the board.

Although it is a small portion of our members, some will receive a 3% COLA regardless of the board decision. The statute currently requires that HPRS members age 65 or older, with a pension that does not exceed 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (based on a family of two) receive a 3% COLA. For 2024, this is \$3,151 per month (\$37,814 annually).

HPRS recognizes the erosion of purchasing power for retirees and strongly desires to provide a cost-of-living adjustment. After not being able to provide COLA in 2025, a special committee was appointed to research alternatives. The main objective of the committee is to evaluate the various methods of providing COLA, and work toward an improved benefit that is more consistent. Please watch for updates in the newsletter and board meeting highlights.

Best Regards,

Carl Roark, Ph.D. HPRS Executive Director



HIGHWAY PATROL AUXILIARY

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary, an all-volunteer force that provides assistance to troopers in the course of their duties, is accepting applications.

To inquire or apply for a position in the Auxiliary:

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<https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/recruit/auxiliary.html>



**MAJOR JOHN C. ALTMAN,
OFFICE OF PLANNING,
RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT**

Major John C. Altman, Office of Planning, Research and Development, retired on August 9, after 26 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Patrol in April 1998 as a member of the 131st Academy Class. He earned his commission in October of the same year and was assigned to the Ravenna Post. He was named Post Trooper of the Year twice. He was promoted to sergeant in 2003 to serve as an assistant post commander of the Ashtabula Post. As a sergeant, he also served at the Hiram and Canfield posts. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2008 to serve as the post commander of the Toledo Post. In 2012, he was promoted to staff lieutenant to serve as the assistant district commander of the Findlay District. In 2017, he was promoted to captain to serve as district commander of the Findlay District. In 2021, he was promoted to the rank of major and assumed command of the Office of Training, Recruitment and Diversity.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Youngstown State University in 2001. He earned a Masters of Arts degree in justice administration in 2016 from the University of Toledo. In 2010, he graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.



**CAPTAIN HEBER M. FELLURE,
WILMINGTON DHQ / D8**

Captain Heber M. Fellure, Wilmington District Headquarters, retired on July 2, after 35 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Patrol in May 1989 as administrative staff at the Fremont Post. He became a member of the 120th Academy Class in May 1990 and earned his commission in February of the following year and was assigned to the Portsmouth Post. As a trooper, he was also assigned to the Granville, Circleville and West Jefferson posts. In 1998, he was promoted to sergeant and was assigned to the Lima Post to serve as assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Marysville and West Jefferson posts. In 2005, he was promoted to lieutenant to serve at the Xenia Post as post commander. As a lieutenant, he also served at the West Jefferson Post and in Professional Standards. In 2017, he was promoted to staff lieutenant to serve as assistant commander in the Office of Personnel. In 2020, he was promoted to Captain of the Wilmington District to serve as district commander.

In 2021, Captain Fellure earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in law enforcement technology from Ohio University. He earned certificates from the FBI National Academy in 2012 and Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2007.



**CAPTAIN RAY E. MARTIN,
OFFICE OF FIELD
OPERATIONS/LICENSING
AND COMMERCIAL
STANDARDS**

Captain Ray E. Martin, Office of Field Operations/Licensing and Commercial Standards, retired on September 13, after 33 years with the Ohio State Highway 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 Bowling Green Post. He was Post Trooper of the Year two times. In 1998, he was promoted to sergeant to serve as assistant post commander at the Defiance Post. In 2000, he was promoted to lieutenant to serve as post commander at the Toledo Post. In 2003, he was promoted to staff lieutenant to serve as assistant commander of Field Operations. As a staff lieutenant, he also served in the Office of Personnel Training Academy and the Piqua District Headquarters. He was promoted to captain to serve as commander of Licensing and Commercial Standards in 2019.

Captain Martin received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of California San Diego in 1998. In 2002, he earned a Certified Law Enforcement Executive certificate.



**LIEUTENANT RICHARD
"CHRIS" CHESAR,
MARIETTA POST / D7**

Lieutenant Richard "Chris" Chesar, Marietta Post, retired on August 2, after 27 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He began his Patrol career 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 Cambridge Post. In 2000, he earned the prestigious Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award and the O.W. Merrell Meritorious Service Award. In 2004, he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year and earned the Criminal Patrol Award in 2005. In 2006, he was promoted to sergeant to serve as assistant post commander at the St. Clairsville Post. As a sergeant, he also served at the Zanesville Post. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award three times as a sergeant. In 2016, he was promoted to lieutenant to serve as post commander at the Marietta Post.

Lieutenant Chesar earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice and psychology from the University of Dayton in 1991. In 2018, he completed courses at the FBI National Academy.



SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER M. BROCK, CLEVELAND POST / D3

Sergeant Christopher M. Brock, Cleveland Post, retired on August 9, after 25 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Patrol in February 1999 as a member of the 133rd Academy Class. He earned his commission in July of that year

and was assigned to the Findlay Post. As a trooper, he was also assigned to the Akron, Elyria and Chardon posts, and Cleveland District Headquarters. He earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 2003. In 2009, he was promoted to sergeant and was assigned to the Van Wert Post to serve as assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Milan, Chardon, Medina, Cleveland and Hiram posts. He earned the Criminal Patrol Award twice.

Sergeant Brock served in the United States Army from 1990 to 2003.



SERGEANT FREDERICK J. COOK, CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT CRASH RECONSTRUCTION

Sergeant Frederick J. Cook, Cambridge District Crash Reconstruction, retired on September 3, after 31 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Patrol in January 1993 as a member of

the 124th Academy Class. He earned his commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Delaware Post. As a trooper, he was also assigned to the Lancaster Post and Crash Reconstruction. He was named Post Trooper of the Year twice. In 2011, he was promoted to sergeant and remained in Crash Reconstruction.

Sergeant Cook earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Wilmington College in 1985.



SERGEANT BRIAN T. HOLT, CANFIELD POST / D4

Sergeant Brian T. Holt, Canfield Post, retired on July 17, after 33 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He began his Patrol career in April 1991 as a cadet dispatcher at the Ashtabula Post. In May 1993, he became a member of the 125th Academy Class. He earned his commission in

November of that year and was assigned to the Chardon Post. As a trooper, he also served at the Hiram Post. In 1999, he was promoted to sergeant to serve as assistant post commander at the Medina Post. As a sergeant, he also served at the Ravenna Post. In 2011, he was promoted to lieutenant to serve as post commander at the Warren Post until 2018, when he transferred to the Canfield Post.

Sergeant Holt earned a certificate of completion in 2009 from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.



SERGEANT BRIAN D. KELLEY, MT. GILEAD POST / D6

Sergeant Brian D. Kelley, Mt. Gilead Post, retired on September 4, after 23 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Patrol in March 2001. He earned his commission as a member of the 137th Academy Class in January of the following year and was assigned to the Mansfield

Post. As a trooper, he was also assigned to Bucyrus District Investigations. In 2019, he was promoted to sergeant and was assigned to the Mt. Gilead Post to serve as assistant post commander. As a sergeant, he also served at the Bucyrus Post.

Sergeant Kelley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biblical studies from Liberty University in 1996.



SERGEANT DONALD N. RACK, WILMINGTON POST / D8

Sergeant Donald N. Rack, Wilmington Post, retired on July 8, after 25 years with the Patrol. He joined the Patrol in October 1998 as a member of the 132nd Academy Class. He earned his commission in April of the following year and was assigned to the Wilmington Post. As a trooper,

he was also assigned to Wilmington District Commercial Enforcement. In 2021, he was named Post Trooper of the Year. He was promoted to sergeant in March 2022 and remained at the Wilmington Post to serve as assistant post commander.

State of the Patrol

Next spring, Colonel Charles A. Jones will deliver the third annual State of the Patrol address, which provides the opportunity to highlight significant accomplishments and discuss future strategic Division goals.

Stay tuned for more info on our social media!



**SERGEANT TIMOTHY A. ROOT,
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIVE
SERVICES**

Sergeant Timothy A. Root, Office of Investigative Services, retired on July 1, after 26 years with the Ohio State Highway 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 Granville Post. As a trooper, he was also a member of the Special Response Team. He was named Post Trooper of the Year and earned the Ace Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 2001. In 2008, he was promoted to sergeant to serve as an assistant commander in the Toledo District Investigations Unit. As sergeant, he also served at the Marysville Post, Criminal Intelligence, Strategic Analysis and Information Center, Intelligence Unit, and the Columbus Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit.

Sergeant Root served in the United States Marine Corps from 1993 to 1997 and the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1997 to 1998.



**TROOPER ROY R. BEACH,
NEW PHILADELPHIA POST
/ D7**

Trooper Roy R. Beach, New Philadelphia Post, retired on August 23, after 25 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Patrol in June 1999 as a member of the 134th Academy Class. He earned his commission in December of that same year and was assigned to the Ashland Post. As a trooper, he was named District Trooper of the Year once and Post Trooper of the Year three times.

Trooper Beach earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in criminal justice from the University of Akron in 1999.



**TROOPER DONALD J.
HERINK, ST. CLAIRSVILLE
POST / D7**

Trooper Donald J. Herink, St. Clairsville Post, retired on September 20, after 31 years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He joined the Patrol in January 1993 as a member of the 124th Academy Class. He earned his commission in June of that year and was assigned to the Canton Post. He was named Post Trooper of the Year twice.

Trooper Herink received an Associate in Arts degree in social science from Ohio University in 2022.



**TROOPER SHERRI E. WELLS,
JACKSON DISTRICT
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIVE
SERVICES**

Trooper Sherri E. Wells, Jackson District Office of Investigative Services, retired on July 5, after 34 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in May 1990 as a member of the 120th Academy Class. She earned her commission in November of that year and was assigned to the Jackson Post. In 1995, she was named Post Trooper of the Year. In 1999, she began working in the Office of Investigative Services. In 2013, she earned the statewide Trooper Recognition Award. In May 2024, she earned the designation of Master Trooper.



**SHARON A. COLLINS,
ATHENS DISTRICT**

Dispatcher Sharon A. Collins, Capitol Operations, retired on September 6, after more than 40 years with the Patrol. She joined the Patrol in July 1982 as a dispatcher assigned to the West Jefferson Post. As a dispatcher, she also served at the Columbus Communications Center. In 2007, she earned the Gold Star Award. Dispatcher Collins earned Post Dispatcher of the Year twice.

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POST-PATROL PROFESSIONS

Michael D. Black, U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio

U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, Michael D. Black, knows the leadership experiences he had in the Patrol and the Division's national pedigree prepared him for a successful post-Patrol career.

"Once you get out, you see how well you have been prepared to lead different types and groups of people," Black said. "It really doesn't matter what job it was after the Patrol, I always fell back on my experience and leaned heavily on what I learned about leading people."

Black's 29-year leadership journey with the Patrol included leading a group of people with individual needs as the Hamilton Post commander, to leading other Ohio law enforcement agencies on large security details as the Columbus District commander, to organizational leadership when the Ohio Investigative Unit merged into the Patrol, to commanding the security detail as a major for the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland that involved working with law enforcement leaders nationwide.

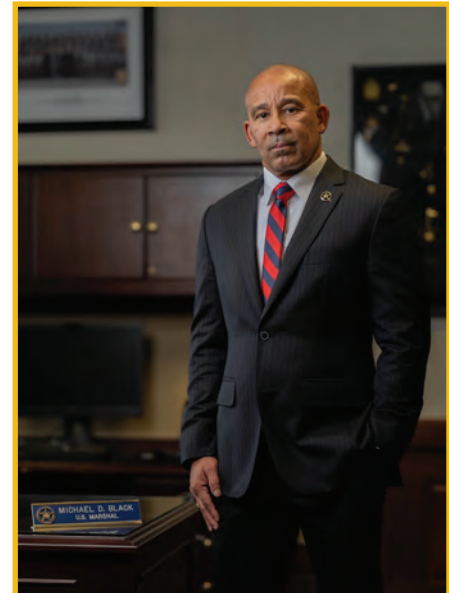
He now leads 32 deputy marshals in supporting all of the state's law enforcement agencies.

"The training and experiences you get from the State Highway Patrol give you a lot of confidence when you get out here because you are hardened, and you are experienced, so you are prepared for a variety of different situations or circumstances," Black said. "Even as a U.S. Marshal, I am very confident in my ability to maneuver in various situations and make decisions, because I have all that experience of leading people in the State Highway Patrol."

The opportunity to work with, and be mentored by, numerous leaders within the Patrol also contributed toward his growth.

In going through the process to become U.S. Marshal, his experience with a statewide agency and strong relationships with law enforcement leaders were valuable to his selection.

The Patrol's national reputation, and his pedigree as an Ohio state trooper, preceded him through several post-Patrol jobs. He first moved to California to oversee a global private sector security role with Symantec. Then, he worked for the Ohio Lottery Commission and served as Director of Protective Services for OhioHealth Corporation, prior to his appointment as U.S. Marshal on January 3, 2023.



HIGHWAY HIGHLIGHTS

Comments received via social media.



... an @OSHP trooper cadet gave a Teddy Trooper to this supporter, telling her, "This will always keep you safe." She has since renamed her bear "Addy," who still gives her comfort and support to this day!

"To the Ohio State Highway Patrol, thank you so much for helping my family and I at the Ohio State Fair today. You guys went above and beyond . . . I was starting to get sick with sun poisoning. They came, took me in a golf cart to find my car and make sure we were ok." - Audrey Eichel on Facebook

"State Troopers around the country are always a little bit more revered because of their training and the like, but I feel like the OSHP is the pinnacle. Keep up the professionalism and the amazing work ladies and gents. Job well done." - Brad Knisley on Facebook

"I wanted to thank the Trooper who came to check on me this morning. I had a flat tire on an entrance ramp this morning while entering the Grove City ramp to I71S. He came to make sure I was ok and to see if anything else was needed. I appreciate the compassion and care for an already stressed morning." - Aubrey Morris on Facebook



Trooper Jessica A. McIntyre and Teddy Trooper (Cadet Christopher S. Stepak) compete against each other in the pushup challenge.



Trooper Paul E. Appleman and K-9 Therapy Dog, Hope, spend time with children from the community at the Ohio State Fair.



Delegates from the U.K., Superintendent Stuart Bill and Superintendent Oliver Cosgrove, join Staff Lieutenant Aaron J. Reimer at the Ohio State Fair.



Shown left to right: retired Lieutenant Keith Miller, Laura Cox, Staffing Services, retired Staff Lieutenant William 'Bill' Healy and retired Lieutenant Colonel Robbie 'Rob' Hartsell share a laugh at the Captain Welsh classroom dedication.



Director of Public Safety, Andy Wilson, addresses participants at the 9/11 Climb, which took place at the Historic Crew Stadium.



Lieutenant Colonel Chuck Linek provides remarks during the Gold Star Awards.



Trooper Lindsay M. McGill and Dispatcher Shawn M. Rogers work the Patrol's booth at the Canfield Fair.



Colonel Charles A. Jones and Lieutenant Colonel Joshua M. Swindell celebrate finishing the 9/11 Climb workout together.



Above: Trooper Adrian E. Wilson shares the story of his near-death experience caused by an impaired driver at the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization event on August 23 at the Patrol's Training Academy.



Trooper Benjamin R. Addy and K-9 Bella teaming up to dunk a Hilliard Police officer at the Ohio State Fair.

Right: Dispatcher Supervisor Melissa J. Rath, New Philadelphia Post; CAD Specialist Lori Stine, Cambridge Post; and Dispatcher William L. Courtright, New Philadelphia Post at the Gold Star Awards.



During this season, there's often talk of peace and light, yet for many Ohioans, it can also be a dark and challenging time. The truth is, you or someone you love may have faced a change that has shed some darkness upon this season. Some community members you interact with will be experiencing similar struggles. Your work is important as you extend light and peace to individuals throughout your daily service.

Peace is a universal longing, yet often elusive. Defined as, "tranquility, harmony or security," peace can also encompass themes of prosperity and well-being. A peacekeeper is one who maintains or restores those things most people long for. Your role is needed and your purpose is meaningful.

In some translations, the Hebrew word shalom reflects peace in relationships among people, nations, and between God and humanity. It signifies wholeness in body, soul, spirit and mind.

Yet, peace is not just an ideal but a divine gift for those who experience it. As life sometimes teaches us harshly, peace is not the absence of conflict or struggle, but is within the action we take to restore something broken.

As public servants, you are bearers of peace in challenging times. Embrace the divine gift of having the ability to maintain or restore peace. Strive to embody the meaning of peace and share your light throughout your daily acts of service. Continue contributing to a legacy of ambassadors providing peace within a troubled world.

Peace be with you.

Blessings,
Reverend Phil Hurlbert



State Chaplain

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Chaplain Terry D. Hunt



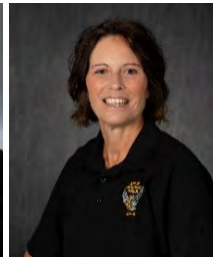
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The Lighthouse

Mental Health Resources for Your Voyage Through Life's Challenges

Time, patience and empathy can help people in crisis

When Sergeant Charles E. Hoskin, Ravenna Post, stopped a car on state Route 44 in Rootstown the night of July 12, 2018, he had no idea his crisis intervention and communication training would save the lives of two people in that vehicle.

Six years to the day of that traffic stop, on July 12, 2024, the driver recounted the lifesaving gesture made by Sergeant Hoskin, in an email sent to the Patrol's online inbox:

"I struggled really bad with postpartum depression and a screaming baby in the middle of the night on 07/12/2018. I was driving around trying to get her to stop screaming and to get out of the black hole I felt like I was in at that moment. I was pulled over by Sergeant Hoskin for marked lanes and can honestly say that stop saved my life and my baby girl's life. Sergeant Hoskin looked at me and said "It's ok to walk away sometimes. Sometimes a baby just needs to cry." In that moment, he brought me back off the ledge and 6 years later, I will never forget that night. You have an amazing officer in Sergeant Hoskin and the compassion he showed that night saved 2 lives."

Brene Brown is a well-known American professor, researcher, social worker and author who speaks to the power of empathy. She describes empathy as connecting with people and allowing them to know that they are not alone in the struggle. The empathy Sergeant Hoskin showed that night led to the powerful interaction that changed the lives of a mother and her little girl.

Taking the time needed, and showing patience and empathy when coming across people in crisis situations, like the one Sergeant Hoskin encountered, are among the most important things we can do in our lifesaving work. The invaluable crisis intervention and communication training for both troopers and dispatchers provides information on recognizing individuals in crisis, teaches de-escalation techniques and covers local resources.

There are resources available that can be shared with the citizens we serve who may be in crisis.

The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center offers services for women suffering from similar conditions as the woman Sergeant Hoskin helped. Services are also offered to families of women suffering from these mental health concerns. <https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/mental-behavioral/womens-behavioral-health>

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation supports suicide prevention and mental health advocacy efforts, connecting Ohioans with community-based resources that can make a life-saving difference. <https://www.ohiospf.org/>

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities can provide local mental health resources for every county in the state. <https://oacbha.org>

State troopers save lives every day through the Division's many traffic initiatives. It remains equally important for Patrol employees to realize the lives they can save through their active listening, showing understanding and empathy, and connecting overall with the people who need it.

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2024 Leadership Awards



Next spring, the Patrol will be announcing the recipients of the 2024 Leadership Awards. The ceremony will recognize dozens of state and district award winners for their valuable contributions to Ohio.

February 7, 2025

