

PATROL NEWS

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“Over 80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION”



From the Staff ...

Major Greg K. Smith
Field Operations Bureau



As I write this at the beginning of the 2015 holiday season, I am reminded of the many law enforcement families and friends impacted by the tragic loss of loved ones who paid the ultimate sacrifice while in the performance of their duties. Sadly, the Missouri State Highway Patrol family has lost 31 troopers since our creation in 1931. I would like to share some thoughts concerning the dedication of law enforcement officers and the current climate of our profession.

As of this writing, **123** law enforcement officers from across the United States have lost their lives in 2015. A total of **1,486** law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an average of one death every **60** hours or **148** per year. Since the first recorded police officer death in 1791, over **20,000** officers have been killed. In 1944, there were **94** officers killed in the line of duty. Every year since, over **100** officers in America have died while serving and protecting the public.

During the recent troop meetings, Colonel J. Bret Johnson shared information regarding a relatively new initiative in officer safety and training entitled 'Below 100,' which will be presented during the coming months. The core curriculum of Below 100 presents detailed information on five basic tenets for officer survival: wear your seat belt, wear your vest, watch your speed, WIN (what's important now), and complacency kills. The ultimate goal of the training is to reduce officer deaths to below 100 each year. Col. Johnson is taking an aggressive approach toward risk management in all of our duties. As well-known presenter and retired California Highway Patrol officer Gordon Graham frequently states, "If it is predictable, it's preventable." In support of this curriculum, a series of articles related to Below 100 will appear in the *Patrol News* over the next few issues.

Listening to many in the news media, one might believe the sentiment toward law enforcement around the nation is overtly negative. Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to make several presentations regarding the events in Ferguson, MO, to law enforcement agencies and private sector groups from around the country. During my contacts with the public I have been humbled by the kind words of support from law enforcement officers and citizens alike.

I observed firsthand our officers' response to five different phases of events related to Ferguson over a 12-month period following the Michael Brown shooting incident. As a 26-year veteran of the Patrol, I have never been more proud of this uniform than I was when observing how the men and women of the Patrol conducted themselves during the most volatile climate experienced by Missouri law enforcement. Their professionalism, compassion, and overall bearing was incredible and exactly what we would expect from a state trooper.

As you prepare for holiday celebrations with family and friends, I ask that each of you remember the families of fallen officers in your thoughts and prayers, in particular the Bava family and all patrol families left with a huge void in their lives. I'm sure those who were part of the Trooper James M. Bava funeral procession will never forget the outpouring of support exhibited by the public along the route. It was very emotional for all involved.

In closing, and on behalf of Col. Johnson and the Patrol's Command Staff, I wish each of you a heartfelt Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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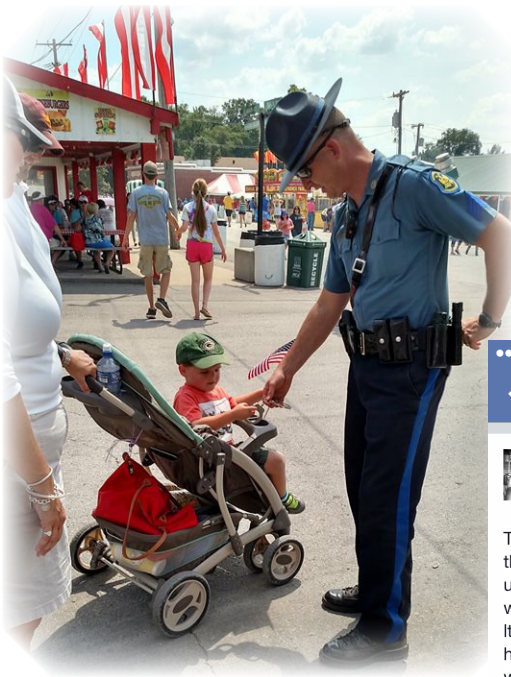
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Sgt. Bill P. Bremer, Troop A, meets a group of junior troopers during the Missouri State Fair.

National Spotlight Hits Texas County

By Sgt. Jeff R. Kinder, Troop G

On the evening of February 26, 2015, winter still had a tight grip on Texas County. There was snow on the ground and the temperatures were in the single digits. It was cold. But, what would transpire over the course of the evening and into the next day would make it seem colder. It began shortly after 10 p.m. with a call to the Texas County 9-1-1 office from a young girl who said she heard people talking, then gunshots inside her home. Still in her pajamas, she fled her residence and ran some distance in the snow and brutally cold temperatures to a neighbor's house to call for help. Responding deputies found the girl's parents, Carey and Valirea Shriver, dead from gunshot wounds. Her brother was still sleeping, unharmed in his bedroom. A second call came in shortly afterward from the home of Darrell and Martha Shriver. Mrs. Shriver had been shot several times and left for dead by the gunman; her husband, Darrell, had been killed in the attack. Unable to walk, she dragged her bullet-ridden body to the telephone. She identified the gunman as Joseph Aldridge, who was a Tyrone, MO, native and lived with his mother a short distance away.

By this time, a large contingent of Patrol members, deputies, and municipal officers from surrounding communities were converging on Tyrone. Officers went to the Aldridge residence and found Joseph Aldridge's mother, Alice Aldridge, lying on the couch deceased. Alice Aldridge had been battling a terminal disease for some time and had finally succumbed to the illness. She was neatly covered with a blanket and there was a chair sitting very near her head as if someone had sat with her for some time after she passed. Alice Aldridge's red GMC pickup was missing from the



Media outlets from around the world clamored for an answer to the question of why Joseph Aldridge murdered his relatives.

residence as was her son, Joseph.

As events were unfolding, the scope of the horror perpetrated on the Tyrone community by Joseph Aldridge was coming to light. As officers went door-to-door, Gerald and Julie Aldridge were found in their home shot to death. Also, Harold and Janell Aldridge were found inside their home shot to death. They were all cousins of Joseph Aldridge. As anyone in law enforcement would understand, the task of processing these crime scenes would be daunting.

The crime scenes were not what you would expect. There were no signs of forced entry at any of the dwellings. It was as if the unsuspecting victims let their killer inside their homes without any struggle or never tried to defend themselves. This was explained later by statements made by Martha Shriver, who said Joseph Aldridge came to their residence and told her and her husband his mother had died and he needed help. After let-

ting him inside, he just started shooting. He preyed on the compassion of good, country folks who were trying to help their neighbor and relative. Eleven investigators with the Division of Drug and Crime Control were directly involved. In addition, two clerical staff from the Patrol's Violent Crime Support Unit assisted along with 26 road officers, who went door-to-door and searched the area for Aldridge.

Officers developed information that indicated Joseph Aldridge could possibly be at a friend's house in Shannon County. When troopers arrived, they found Alice's red pickup sitting on a county road with Aldridge's dead body inside. He had an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head. His killing rampage was over, but not before he took eight lives, including his own. He was in possession of three firearms. A .45-caliber, semi-automatic pistol, which was the gun used in the killings; a .22-caliber, semi-automatic

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rifle; and a .22-caliber, semi-automatic pistol. He was wearing a tactical style vest. Laboratory tests on a sample of Aldridge's blood indicated marijuana, over-the-counter cold medications, and alcohol. (His blood alcohol content was .256%)

Our troopers responded and did their job. I am always amazed by how we react to something terrible such as this. There is no learning curve, we respond and act like we do this sort of thing every day. Even with the sheer volume of crime scenes, evidence, bodies, and not to mention a mass murderer on the loose, our troopers did their job with efficiency and professionalism. By the time the sun came up that morning, the crime scenes were processed and most officers had cleared the scenes. The only evidence of us being there were a few stray pieces of crime scene tape. Most of Texas County had no idea what occurred while they were sleeping that night.

It seems you always hear about mass killings in the news, but never here, not in rural Missouri. I think because of the frequency with which

it happens, it has caused us to become desensitized until it happens in our backyard. This was not Texas County's first mass murder. In October 1906, Jodie or Joda Hamilton became involved in an argument with Carney Parsons, who had hired Hamilton to help him on his farm near Houston, MO. The historical record of what caused the argument is vague. Some reports indicated it was over a business deal between the two or possibly the sale of a saddle. The end result was the killing of Parsons and his young family, which included his wife and his three boys, ages five, three, and one. After he shot and bludgeoned them, he dumped their bodies in the Big Piney River. He was apprehended and admitted to the crime. The story was reported in *The New York Times*.

The Tyrone killings were also reported in *The New York Times* as well as many other national news outlets. The daily news cycle is fed by events occurring across the country and world, and is usually reported according to its importance and the amount of available news on any given day. On this particular day, the killings in Tyrone were the top story. Being the new public information and education officer for Troop G, I never thought

my first press conference would be a national press conference. When I was a new officer, my uncle told me the Bible has the words "fear not" written in it a total of 354 times. I have no independent verification of this, but several times during my career as a trooper, I have reminded myself of it. This was one of those times.

The parking lot of the Texas County Justice Center filled with satellite trucks, news crews, and onlookers. The amount of media coverage became a story in itself. News crews were wandering across the countryside looking for a wide spot in the road called Tyrone. While they were there to report the details, the biggest question was, "Why? How could a person do this terrible crime which affected so many people?" I had no good answer. I always rely on what an old Saint Louis cop, who was an instructor in basic police school, told me 25 years ago. He said there will be times in your career when you see terrible things and you will wonder how a human being could do that. He went on to say, "We are not supposed to understand why. If you can understand, you need help yourself."

Jodie Hamilton was hanged in the yard of the Texas County Courthouse two months after he murdered the Parsons family. The first attempt failed with the knot unraveling. They carried him back up the steps to hang him again, and it was reported a woman shouted from the crowd, "That one was for the baby." The second attempt was successful. He is buried in an unmarked grave in Allen cemetery east of Houston. One hundred nine years later, Joseph Aldridge cheated the hangman and took his own life. Generations of Texas County residents will recount the story and ask themselves why he did it. But, there will be no answer. Joseph Aldridge took that secret to the grave with him.



The parking lot of the Texas County Justice Center was filled with satellite trucks, news crews, and onlookers.

New Employees



Becky K. Adams
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Troop B



Jerry L. Arbuthnot
CVE Inspector I
Troop C



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CVE Inspector I
Troop C



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Troop A



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Q/CLD



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Troop A



Fazz L. Hassan
DE I
Troop A



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Lab. Evidence Tech. I
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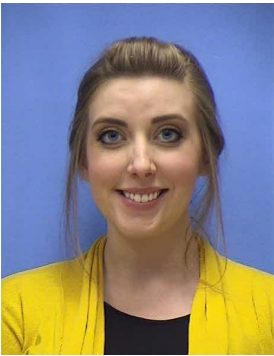


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Troop I



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DE I
Troop A



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Troop E



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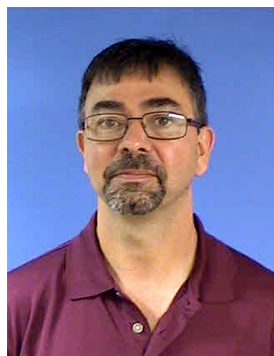
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CVE Inspector I
Troop A



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Bldg. & Grounds
Maint I
Troop E



Kimberly L. Watts
Clerk Typist I
Troop A



Mark A. Woll
Bldg. & Grounds
Maint. I
Troop B

Leadership

“Do what’s right. ... All of us know, basically, when placed in those circumstances what the moral, what the ethical, what the correct thing to do is. We all know it. So, the true modern leader of today is the one that’s #1, willing to take charge and willing to do what is right. That’s the secret of leadership.”

– General H. Norman Schwarzkopf Jr.
(1934 - 2012), Rule 14.

State Fair Detail Connects MSHP, Public



Members of the Rural Crime Investigation Unit answer questions at the State Fair.



Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H, listens as this young fella talks to his friend Otto-The Talking Car.



The 2015 Missouri State Fair detail is pictured. The detail included 87 members, six uniformed civilians, and five civilians, representing all nine troops and General Headquarters.



Spotlight



Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II F. Keith Mathis



Appointed: December 30, 2007.

First/Current Assignment: Building & Grounds Maintenance II, Troop I, Rolla.

Family: Keith and his wife, Patty, have been married for 16 years. She helped Keith raise his two sons, Tyler and Dusty.

Interests: Keith has many interests, which include riding his motorcycle, hunting, and spending time at his cabin on the Big Piney River. He and his family enjoy fishing and gigging. It is not unusual for Keith to invite family and friends down to his cabin, where they also enjoy barbecues and fish fries.

Keith was raised in Edgar Springs, MO, and attended Rolla High School, where he graduated in 1976. Keith worked construction for approximately 10 years, and for the city of Rolla for about 11 years, before he sought employment with the state of Missouri. Keith stated that he enjoys most everything about his job at Troop I, which is shown by his extraordinary work ethic. For one to say that Keith is a people person is an understatement. No matter what project he is working on, Keith will always take the time to say hi, and if possible, have a short visit.

It's also very easy to know when he's walking your direction. Keith al-

ways wears his working boots, and his walking style gives off a noticeable and distinct sound to let you know that help is on the way. Keith is well liked and respected around Troop I. His work ethic, pleasant demeanor, and that noticeable walking style earned him an affectionate nickname of "Boots." His pleasant and outgoing nature also makes working with Keith a positive experience. Keith is a complete professional as he takes care of his very diverse list of tasks at Troop I. He's even been known to sleep all night in the Troop I garage when snow was predicted, so he would be on hand to plow the parking lots.

As Keith said, "It is my job to keep Troop I looking good." He does that very well.

Clerk Typist III Michelle L. Taylor



Appointed: November 3, 2014.

First/Current Assignment: Clerk Typist III, Troop A.

Family: I have been married to Keith Taylor for 23 years. He works for Acosta Sales and Marketing as a business manager. We have two boys and a dog, Molly. Austin is 18, and Andrew is 15. Austin attends Barton Community College in Great Bend, KS, on a baseball scholarship. Andrew is a sophomore at Lee's Summit West High School. I have a stepdaughter, Lindsey, who is married to Tyler Talkington, and

they have two girls. Lyla is three and Hadley is nine months old. We attend the Lee's Summit Methodist Church.

Interests: I love watching my boys play baseball. Austin is a lefty pitcher and Andrew plays infield and is a pitcher. As a family we go camping and fishing. I enjoy being a grandma playing with my granddaughters, shopping, being with friends, and relaxing with my dog.

Asst. Chief Oper. Melissa A. Swinford



Appointed: March 5, 2006

First Assignment: Prob. Comm. Operator, Troop H

Promotions/Reclassifications: Comm. Operator I—September 2007; Comm. Operator II—March 5, 2009; Assist. Chief Operator—April 14, 2014.

Current Assignment: Assistant Chief Operator, Troop H.

Family: Melissa and her husband, Keith have three daughters: Sydney, 12, Addison, 8, Kamryn, 3.

Interests: Melissa enjoys reading, watching Royals baseball (GO ROYALS!), running, shopping for her kids (much to the "delight" of her husband), and traveling, even though she doesn't get to do it often. Melissa also noted that she enjoys shopping for her kids, not with her kids.

Spotlight

Social Media Spec. Meghan E. Basinger



Appointed: April 1, 2014.

First Assignment: Clerk Typist II, Gaming Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

Promotions: Clerk Typist III—May 1, 2015.

Current Assignment: Social Media Specialist, Public Information & Education Division, General Headquarters.

Family: Meghan's parents, brothers (twins), and sister live nearby. She enjoys time with them. "We get along great!"

Interests: Meghan enjoys sports, and supports all of the St. Louis teams (especially the Cardinals!). She loves spending time with her friends, dirt track racing, and going to rock concerts.

Meghan has the distinction of becoming the Patrol's first social media specialist, having transferred to the Public Information & Education Division on December 14, 2015. She will soon be Tweeting and posting on Facebook on behalf of the agency. "I'm really excited to see how many friends and followers we develop. Be sure to look for us on Facebook under "Missouri State Highway Patrol" and on Twitter @MSHPTrooperGHQ."

Classmates Enjoy Annual Reunion

By Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Cooper

The 25th Recruit Class of 1962 held their annual reunion in Jefferson City, on September 8, 2015. It was hosted by Mr. Leland Curtright. As usual, some wild tales of past patrol experiences were shared. Some were even the truth. The group was entertained by retired Sergeant M. Rex Barnett and Mr. Curtright with their guitars and songs. We met for this year's reunion at lunch on the eighth and concluded the following morning after breakfast. Our time was spent catching up on events of the past year and making plans for the next reunion which will be in Kansas City, and hosted by retired Captain Sherrill E. East.

The 25th Recruit Class met in September 2015. Pictured are: (back row, l to r) retired Tpr. Mickey D. Mason, retired Capt. David L. Cook, retired Sgt. M. Rex Barnett, Mr. Leland Curtright, and retired Sgt. Harold D. Shelton; (front row, l to r) retired Capt. Shay E. East, retired Sgt. Bill H. Patterson, retired Sgt. Myron C. Garrett, and retired Sgt. Larry D. Cooper.



| TRAFFIC FATALITIES | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year To Date Dec. 22, 2015 | Same Period Last Year Year To Date | Number Of Increase Or Decrease | 2013 Traffic Fatalities | 2014 Traffic Fatalities |
| 838 | 742 | +96 | 757 | 766 |

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

Colonel Johnson Visits Southeast Missouri

By Sen. Doug Libla, 25th District

Colonel J. Bret Johnson made a day long visit to several locations throughout the 25th Senatorial District in late August. Those accompanying the colonel from the Highway Patrol General Headquarters in Jefferson City were Major Malik A. Henderson, Q/ASB, and Captain Roger D. Whittler, Q/CRD. Captain George E. Ridens and Sergeant D. Brad Haggett, of Troop E in Southeast Missouri, also came.

The day began early at Mt. Calvary Church in Poplar Bluff, MO. Bishop Ron Webb hosted a tour of their beautiful sanctuary and the brand new Heartland Community Center located next door. What a great facility it is with a gymnasium, breakroom, and classrooms for young people and adults. They invite all to come tour the center, which is filled with warm caring people and volunteers anxious to meet you.

Our next stop was the SEMO Christian Restoration Center at Lake Wappapello. It was opened in 2001 by the determination and hard work of the Webb family, church members,

and many volunteers. The mission is to give men and women (many of whom are veterans) a chance to come and put their life back together after suffering alcohol and/or drug abuse. What a testament of love the Mt. Calvary Church members and the many community donors have provided through their annual financial support. The restoration of the lives of many people has been witnessed over the last several years due to their compassion and support.

Then we traveled to Charleston, MO, to visit the Bowden Center. This great center accommodates young students and adults wanting to brighten their future. The center is filled with volunteer mentors helping with K-12 homework assignments and specialty training for adults. Lester Gillespie and his staff are making a huge difference in this commu-



Mr. Lester Gillespie speaks to the guests at the Bowden Center in Charleston, MO.

nity. The colonel and staff addressed a large crowd of community leaders and described the role the Patrol plays in safety, education, and employment. Many questions were answered and all seemed to enjoy the enhanced community outreach the Patrol began in 2013 in the 25th District.

Next on the agenda was Divine Holiness Outreach Center in Caruthersville, MO, which also helps K-12 students by providing a safe learning environment and mentoring program. Pastor Jamie and Deborah Jones hosted a community-wide lunch at the center. Col. Johnson addressed the crowd of many area pastors, education leaders, and civic leaders regarding the importance of community networking. Capt. Whittler discussed the many different employment opportunities in the agency and the Patrol's enhanced Bootheel Outreach Program. Many young people are now considering a career in law enforcement. Three Rivers College is also offering help with many career paths and training for the 21st century job



Capt. Roger Whittler, Q/CRD, Senator Doug Libla, Bishop Ron Webb, and Col. J. Bret Johnson chat at the SEMO Christian Restoration in Wappapello, MO.

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market. By all accounts the lunch and subsequent question and answer period were a huge success.

Later we were able to meet with the superintendent and tour several classrooms at Hayti Junior and Senior High School. The students were most attentive and expressed interest in the community work and different job opportunities inside the Highway Patrol. Col. Johnson, Maj. Henderson, Capt. Ridens, Capt. Whittler, and Sgt. Haggett all had the honor of addressing four classrooms stressing the importance of citizenship, education, and making good grades. Each room was filled with energetic students and great teachers. We all came away very impressed with the school management

Bishop Ron Webb greets Col. J. Bret Johnson (l) and Major Malik Henderson, Q/ASB, to the SEMO Christian Restoration in Wappapello, MO.

and attitude of the students. It's definitely a good environment in which to learn and be the best you can be.

We appreciate the effort and travel of the command staff of our Missouri State Highway Patrol and leaders of the newly created Career Recruitment Division for dedicating a full day to learn about and tour our district. Thank you to the many pastors, community leaders, education representatives, and public safety members for



their input and attendance. The impact and networking will help our communities continue to grow and prosper.

Let's Do Lunch!

The Crime Laboratory Division enjoyed a picnic lunch September 16. Everyone shared the cost of the meat and brought a side dish to share. Criminalist Sprv. E. Todd Garrison and Criminalist I Andy W. Marbaker grilled hamburgers and hot-dogs. The GHQ Lab Social Committee (Fiscal & Budg. Analyst III Kerry E. Patterson, Criminalist III Kim D. Hardin, Lab. Evid. Tech. II Candace H. Schwartz, and Criminalist II Tracy L. Adams) arranged the shindig. A great time was had by all. Enjoy the pictures!



Anniversaries

December

20 years

Auto. Tech. III Leon J. Libbert,
Q/FFD

15 years

Comm. Oper. III Michael D. Crase
CIT Sprv. I Mike L. Forbis, Q/ICTD
CJIS Trainer/Auditor II Tina M.
Ramsey, Q/CJISD

10 years

CJIS Trainer/Auditor III Pam M.
Aberle Q/CJISD
Asst. Garage Supt. Adam J. Feltrap,
Q/FFD
Program Sprv. Carol A. Kampeter
Q/CJISD

5 years

Quality Control Clerk II Nina D.
Holtmeyer, Q/PRD
Clerk Typist III Megan E. Long,
Troop E

January

35 years

Capt. George E. Ridens, Troop E
Lt. Wayne E. Talburt, Troop G
Lt. John D. Wall, Troop F

30 years

Chief Tech. Craig D. Haugen,
Q/ICTD
Capt. Mark E. Richerson, Q/WPD
Cpl. Jay K. Riley, Troop A
Sgt. Terry G. Sanders, Troop D

25 years

Prog. Sprv. Kimberly A. Clarkston,
Q/CJISD
MVI III Steve A. Groves, Troop D
Asst. Chief Oper. Tim J. Meyer,
Troop E

20 years

Tpr. Rob J. Aubuchon, Troop F
Cpl. Jeff S. Baird, Troop D
Sgt. Brad S. Bearden, Q/DDCC
Cpl. Mike S. Belshe, Troop H
Sgt. S. Doug Black, Q/GD
Tpr. D. Scott Brenton, Q/GD
Cpl. N. Jim Britt Jr., Troop G
Cpl. Andy L. Bryan, Troop B
Cpl. Dan E. Dicus, Troop I
Sgt. Randy C. Dye, Troop E
CIT III Jim R. Eggen, Q/ICTD
Tpr. Joe D. Fischer, Troop D
Lt. Bruce D. Fiske, Troop I

Sgt. Chris M. Gach, Troop A
Tpr. Craig M. Garbulski, Q/GD
Sgt. D. Shane Green, Troop A
Sgt. Neil K. Johnson, Troop A
Sgt. Darrin K. Lilleman, Q/DDCC
Sgt. Steve L. Lutjen, Q/GD
Cpl. Brent A. Mason, Troop B
Sgt. Scott E. Mertens, Q/DDCC
Tpr. Tony C. Piercy, Troop F
Cpl. Richard D. Pipkin, Q/GD
Lt. Jon C. Pruiett, Troop E
Sgt. Tim G. Pulley, Q/FOB
Sgt. Jason E. Riggs, Troop I
Capt. Scott A. Shippers, Troop A
Lt. W. Shane Sims, Troop H
Capt. Dave K. Striegel, Q/AD
Sgt. A. Brant Swearingin, Troop I
Sgt. Demond Tauber, Q/CRD
Sgt. Jason B. Trammell, Q/DDCC
Cpl. M. Todd Turlington, Troop E
Capt. Mike A. Turner, Troop F
Cpl. John S. Warren, Troop C
Cpl. Alex W. Whitehead, Q/GD
Tpr. Les A. Wilson, Troop D
Cpl. Mike F. Wyss, Q/GD

15 years

Sgt. Keith A. Almond, Troop E
Cpl. Brian M. Anders, Q/DDCC
Tpr. Andy A. Armstrong, Troop F
Tpr. R. Brian Arnold, Troop E
Cpl. Ryan W. Bahr, Troop C
Cpl. Dave H. Brown, Troop D
Tpr. Ron T. Burgett Jr.
Tpr. Dominic R. Carello, Troop F
Cpl. Andy F. Cheaney, Troop E
Tpr. Doug S. Christmas, Q/GD
Sgt. Jeff A. Cravens, Troop G
Tpr. Stacy J. Crewse, Troop G
Cpl. Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G
Sgt. Brent J. Drummond, Troop F
Tpr. Todd E. Erpenbach, Troop E
Cpl. W. Curt Fox, Q/GD
Tpr. Brian J. Geier, Troop E
Sgt. Carisa L. Goins, Q/GD
Cpl. Grant H. Hendrix, Troop D
Sgt. Brad D. Holman, Q/AD
Special Asst. Jane M. Hull, Q/CIB
Sgt. Ben C. Jones, Troop E
Tpr. Kotter J. Kasischke, Troop D
Cpl. Adam G. McAtee, Troop H
Lt. Justin L. McCullough, Troop F
Cpl. Richard D. Owens, Troop E
Sgt. Mike A. Petlansky, Troop C

Asst. Director Greg J. Rehagen,
Q/FFD

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CDL Exam. Lisa J. Thompson,
Troop A

Cpl. Danny G. Thornhill, Q/GD
Sgt. Jeff M. Toal, Q/FOB
Tpr. Richie A. Walker, Troop E
Tpr. Kindel C. Ward, Q/GD
Sgt. Ricky L. Watson Jr., Troop C
Cpl. R. Chris West, Troop A
Sgt. Brandon M. White, Q/TND
Tpr. Josh L. White, Troop D

10 years

Cpl. Elan B. Adams, Troop D
Tpr. J. Scott Baughman, Troop A
Cpl. Jon A. Cluver, Q/GSD
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Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

November 1970 – Troop I won the inter-troop pistol match with a score of 1,084. Troop H took second place with 1,083 and Troop G took third place with a 1,080 score. A diorama of the first Missouri Highway State Patrol trooper assisting a stranded motorist was donated to the Patrol for a future museum. (Mr. Harold Shelton from the Missouri State Museum built it. The exhibit is 46 inches wide, 30 inches high, and 24 inches deep.)

35 years ago

December 1980 – The front cover was in color and showed a 1931 patrol car driving down “main street.” The trooper driving was waving to people on the sidewalk, including the proprietor of the General Store pictured. The photo graced that year’s Patrol Christmas card. (A set of historical Patrol Christmas Cards hangs in the hallway of the Public Information and Education Division at General Headquarters.)

25 years ago

November 1990 – The front cover asked, “Earthquake: Are We Ready?” The accompanying story provided directions as to what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. Sergeant James F. Keathley accepted the DDCC Officer of the Year award.

15 years ago

December 2000 – Studio USA from Hollywood, CA, filmed re-enactments of the Trooper Jimmie Linegar shooting; a murder-for-hire in New Madrid, MO; a hazing murder at Southeast Missouri State University; and the murder of a woman who was buried in a Boy Scout camp in Northern Madison County. Troopers, retired troopers, students from Southeast Missouri State University, and everyday people were actors for the re-enactment. Another story told about an interesting traffic stop. Corporal Gary L. Braden and K9 Max stopped a Ford Taurus driving 90 mph in a 70 mph zone. Cpl. Braden noted that there were three children, two adults, and a strong odor of marijuana in the rental car. When speaking with the driver in the patrol car, Cpl. Braden asked the driver what his girlfriend’s name was. After a moment of panic the driver gave the name “Sandy.” When asked for her last name, after a panicked pause, he said, “Colfax” ... *a Major League Baseball Hall of Fame player*. The conversation led to consent to search and the location of 15 pounds of marijuana inside a suitcase in the trunk.

5 years ago

November/December 2010 – Sergeant Joseph G. Schuengel’s portrait graced the cover. The agency mourned his death in the line of duty on October 15, 2010. An early morning traffic stop by Corporal Thomas L. Hall, Troop D, led to the seizure of 12 bundles of cocaine after a tip from Sergeant Daniel P. Banasik, Q/DDCC. The bundles were hidden in the driveshaft and weighed approximately 12 pounds. Another story heralded the formation of the CJIS Security Unit.

Wilson Named LETSAC's MSHP Officer of the Year

By Capt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED

The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council held their annual conference at The Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO, July 13-17, 2015. The council recognized officers as "Traffic Officer of the Year" at the annual banquet. Four officers accepted this award, one each from a small department, medium department, large department, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This year's Patrol recipient was Trooper Jonathan T. Wilson, Troop E.

Tpr. Wilson is a 7 ½-year veteran of the MSHP. He served with the Missouri State Water Patrol prior to the merger in 2011. He is a full-time marine officer from May 1 to September 30, and a full-time road trooper from October 1 to April 30. Tpr. Wilson has distinguished himself during 2014, with his traffic and criminal enforcement activities, both on the water and on the road.

During 2014, Tpr. Wilson made 777 arrests and issued 955 warnings. These include 12 DWI arrests, two boating while intoxicated arrests, and 124 drug arrests. He investigated 24 traffic crashes, and ranked No. 1 out

of 89 road officers in total contacts for Troop E. During his career, he has developed a keen sense of intercepting and detecting criminal activity, both on and off the water. He has made a number of criminal arrests, just by looking beyond the traffic stop.

During a traffic stop in March 2014, Tpr. Wilson stopped a vehicle for a license plate violation and through his observations was able to seize electronic scales, a large amount of U.S. currency, and several stolen license plates. After he placed both the driver and passenger in his patrol car, he searched for additional contraband. Tpr. Wilson then returned to the patrol car, where after reviewing his patrol camera footage he learned from the passenger that she still had a quantity of methamphetamine on her person. After their "Oh, no!" moment, both were arrested. (The passenger removed the items at the sheriff's department.) Both suspects were later charged with several misdemeanor and felony charges.

In April 2014, Tpr. Wilson was working marine operations on Wapapello Lake and stopped an aluminum boat for a vessel registration violation. Further investigation resulted in the seizure of hydrocodone, Oxycontin,

and Xanax for which there were no prescriptions. The suspect was arrested on several felony charges including boating while intoxicated.

In October 2014, Tpr. Wilson was working the road and stopped a vehicle for a lane violation. This led to the seizure of 3.5 grams of methamphetamine in one baggie, 3.7 grams of methamphetamine in another baggie, with a third baggie containing .5 grams of methamphetamine, along with a loaded .22-caliber handgun and a loaded 12-gauge shotgun. The seizure was a result of the suspect's attempt to explain several inconsistencies.

Tpr. Wilson also has assisted the Troop E public information and education officer with programs throughout the year, including boating education and boating while intoxicated awareness.

Tpr. Wilson's work ethic and tenacity to enforce the laws, both on land and water, fulfill the mission of the Patrol and have made him a well-rounded officer. He lives by a strict code of ethics in both his personal and professional life, and embodies the concept of all the "core values."

Congratulations, Tpr. Wilson!



The following members attended the LETSAC annual conference: (l to r) Lt. Brian L. Daniel, Q/FOB, Tpr. J. Ricky Rorie, Troop D, Tpr. Quentin R. McConkey, Troop H, Capt. George E. Ridens, Troop E, Tpr. Jonathan T. Wilson (holding his award), Troop E, Major Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB, Capt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED, and Tpr. David L. Fouch, Troop F

What Is The MACHS Fingerprint Portal?

By Capt. Larry W. Plunkett, Q/CJISD

Each year the average person puts their life, or the lives of those they love, under the responsibility and care of countless strangers that they have never met before. Positions of trust—nurses, teachers, foster parents, pharmacy technicians, and police officers—all have a powerful influence over our lives, and many times have access to our personal data. Due to these factors, timely and accurate background checks of those in positions of trust have become as important as ever. It is for this reason that the Missouri State Highway Patrol implemented the Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS) Fingerprint Portal.

Pursuant to Sections 43.543 and 610.120 RSMo., many public and private agencies are eligible, and in some cases required, to conduct fingerprint-based background checks on applicants. Prior to the MACHS Fingerprint Portal, agencies and applicants had to wait 10 days or more to receive the results of their fingerprint background checks. This wait time delayed all hiring/licensing decisions for these agencies and thereby

reduced the effectiveness of applicant processes. With the implementation of the MACHS Fingerprint Portal, agencies and applicants may now receive the results of their background checks in a greatly expedited manner.

MACHS first allows an applicant to register to be fingerprinted. They may pay all associated background check fees online and select a fingerprint site in their area. After they are fingerprinted at their selected fingerprint location the applicant's fingerprints are electronically submitted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol to be screened against the approximately 100.5 million records contained in state and federal criminal history files. MACHS then collects the results of the applicant's Missouri and federal background screenings, combines them into a protected PDF file, and returns the completed result to a secure website for retrieval by the associated employer/licensing entity. Whereas, prior to the MACHS Fingerprint Portal results would take 10 or more days to complete, now it is possible for results to be returned in as little as 10 minutes from the time that the applicant was fingerprinted.

Lastly, the MACHS Fingerprint Portal also includes a new "Rap Back" program for eligible entities. Pursuant to Section 168.133 RSMo., the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) must conduct annual background checks on all teachers. Meanwhile each school district is responsible for running annual background checks for other school personnel such as cooks, janitors, and volunteers. State statute indicates this recurring annual background check can be waived, however, if the Missouri State Highway Patrol implements a program to provide ongoing electronic criminal history updates on those individuals for which fingerprints were previously submitted. The MACHS Fingerprint Portal Rap Back program fulfills this ongoing criminal history update by automatically notifying DESE and/or the school district the moment that one of their employees is arrested in Missouri in the future. This accomplishes a vital public safety component, thereby allowing school officials to immediately take action if the employee's arrest prevents them from supervising children and at the same time allowing schools to comply with the Amy Hestir Act.

MACHS Team Accepts Governor's Award

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

This year, two teams* accepted a Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity. Office of Administration Commissioner Doug Nelson presented the awards during a ceremony in the Capitol rotunda on October 29, 2015.

The Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS) Fingerprint Portal team accepted the award in

the area of efficiency/process improvement. The team created a new system that will allow the state to electronically process fingerprint-based background checks. The new system has allowed for the reduction of FTE positions and man-hours previously dedicated to manually processing such checks, and also enhanced state

agencies' ability to make timely hiring and/or licensing decisions based on fingerprint-based background check results.

The MACHS Fingerprint Portal team included 20 people, the majority of whom are Patrol employees, and included representatives of Computer Projects of Illinois Inc.

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“In reality, there were more than 20 people involved in the overall process, such as the representatives from our pilot agencies,” explained CJIS Program Mgr. Kerry K. Creach, Q/CJISD. “For the award nomination process we were limited to 20 individuals. All of the team members had individual and sometimes overlapping roles. These roles included design and development, implementation, training, and processing of the electronic responses. To bring that many people together on one project did pose challenges with communication and organization. There is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that all members of the team worked together to accomplish some-

Congratulations to the MACHS Fingerprint Portal Team!

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Database Specialist Michael Khan, CPI
Software Engineer Maria Martinez, CPI
**Project Mgr. Greg Roberts, CPI
Systems Analyst Erik Snyder, CPI
Database Analyst George Wang, CPI

**MACHS project team managers.



Pictured is the MACHS Fingerprint Portal team after the Governor's Award for Quality & Productivity ceremony.

thing that was so beneficial to the user community as well as the Patrol.”

“Even with such a large team, I wouldn't say that the project was a challenge to manage,” said Program Manager Jeffrey D. Reece, Q/CJISD. “The nice thing about the MACHS project is that the system was built completely from scratch. Because of this, we didn't have to abide by the constraints of a previously built system and could really

challenge each other to think outside the box to develop solutions.”

There have been other changes to the MACHS system. The development and implementation of the name check and fingerprint registration portal occurred in 2010 and 2011. Work on the MACHS Fingerprint Portal began in June 2012 and progressed in phases, with the implementation stage beginning in January 2015. During imple-

mentation, the Patrol's pilot agencies were trained in its use. Implementation and training will be ongoing as new agencies and individuals utilize the system.

“While it is considered complete, the joy of system development is that a project is never really “done.” There are always ways to improve the system and several enhancements to MACHS are already planned for 2016,” said Program Mgr. Reece.

What does this new system mean to those requesting fingerprint-based background checks electronically and to the Criminal Justice Information Services Division?

“It has required a lot of training for our agencies receiving fingerprint background checks,” said CJIS Trainer/Auditor Valerie L. Hampton, Q/CJISD. “The overall efficiency and cost savings to CJIS should be apparent already. We have many agencies—mostly state agencies such as DESE, DSS, and

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the various boards of professional registration— that complete hundreds of background checks each and every month. The speedy processing and return of background checks benefits all involved, the agencies, the Patrol, and the applicants themselves.”

“I can’t think of a more groundbreaking development related to Missouri background checks than MACHS,” said Program Mgr. Reece. “The speed and efficiency at which the background check results get returned has been amazing and has surpassed expectations. Regarding CJIS Division, the automation has greatly reduced the amount of work that is required to complete background checks, thus allowing staff to focus on the division’s other critical tasks.”

The entire MACHS Fingerprint Portal team attended the ceremony on

October 29. Each member of the group was announced and accepted a replica of the award. Commissioner Nelson, Department of Public Service Director Lane P. Roberts, and Colonel J. Bret Johnson congratulated each team member as they crossed the stage.

“I was very surprised and humbled to be included in the award,” said CJIS Auditor/Trainer III Linda S. Lueckenhoff, Q/CJISD. “It’s an excellent system, designed and implemented by a number of very talented people. As a trainer/auditor, sometimes the agencies that I audit are anxious about my visit. However, training on the new MACHS capability has given me the opportunity to see the surprise and gratitude that agencies have when they first sign on the system and see their background checks waiting for them. Agencies are very appreciative and impressed with the ease of the system.”

“I think what impressed me most about the ceremony was that DPS Dir. Roberts, Colonel (J. Bret) Johnson,

and many other members of the Patrol Command Staff were in attendance,” said Program Mgr. Reece. “I know that they all must have extremely busy schedules. The fact that they took the time to attend and show their support for this project meant a lot to me.”

The Governor’s Award for Quality and Productivity recognizes service excellence, efficiency, innovation, technology, process improvement, and employee development in Missouri’s state government. This is a team award, and nominations are accepted from teams employed by the state who complete a project with another section, division, department, agency, or community organization.

*(*Editor’s note: The second 2015 Governor’s Award for Quality and Productivity went to the Department of Conservation. That department was recognized with a technology award for its creation of a mobile application. The application allows Missouri hunters and anglers with new, creative technology to improve their outdoor hunting and angling experience.)*

Optimists Honor Tpr. Cunningham

By Sgt. Jeff R. Kinder, Troop G

Trooper Jeffery S. Cunningham, Troop C, was honored recently during a West Plains Optimist Club luncheon at Ryan’s Steakhouse in West Plains, where he received the Optimist Club’s Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Tpr. Cunningham has been a member of the Highway Patrol for three years. He began his patrol career in Troop I and transferred to Troop G nine months ago. Since his assignment to Troop G, Tpr. Cunningham has made a total of 571 arrests and issued 532 warnings. Of the 571 arrests, 78 were for speed violations, 288 were for seat belt violations, and nine were for driving while intoxicated. Tpr. Cunningham understands the importance of traffic enforcement and the impact careless and impaired driving has on the citizens of Missouri. He is always looking for traffic violations and does not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action.

Although Tpr. Cunningham’s dedication to enforcing traffic laws and promoting safety on Missouri roadways is evident by his safety belt and driving while intoxicated arrests, his criminal enforcement is quickly proving to be one of his strongest attributes. Since arriving in Troop G, Tpr. Cunningham has made 26 criminal arrests and 45 warrant arrests. Most of these arrests

were made when he looked beyond a traffic stop. Tpr. Cunningham always looks beyond the initial stop and understands the importance of recognizing criminal activity. He is focused on the mission of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and is a valuable asset to his community as well as the state of Missouri. Congratulations to Tpr. Cunningham for a job well done.



Pictured (l to r) are Captain Mark G. Inman, Troop G, West Plains Mayor Jack Pahlman, and Tpr. Jeff and Mrs. Jessica Cunningham after the presentation.

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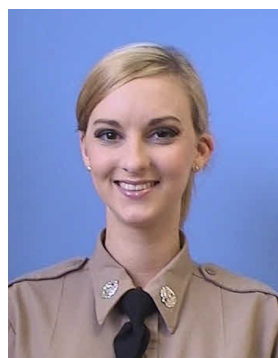
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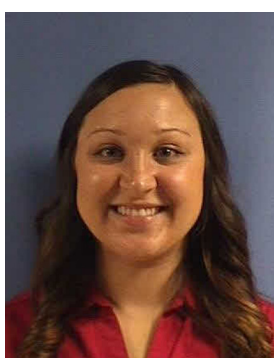
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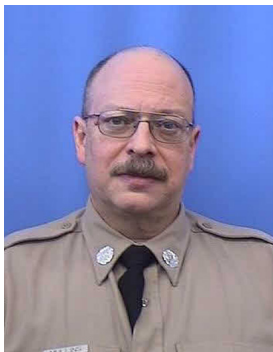
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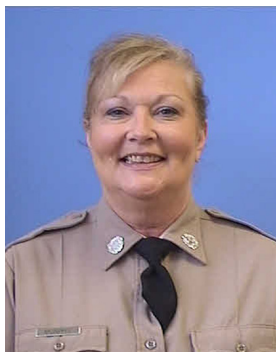
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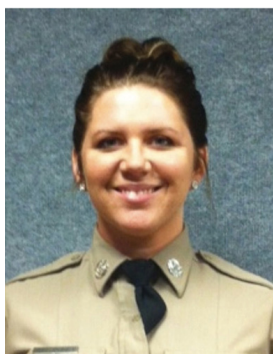
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It's A Bird, It's A Plane ...

By Sgt. Scott B. White, Troop F

Corporal Matt T. Halford, Troop F, recently accepted a certificate of recognition from the University of Missouri Police Department after capturing a drone during a football game on September 19, 2015. The lighthearted ceremony was held during the pre-game briefing and meal for the Mizzou versus Florida game on October 10, 2015.

Chief R. Douglas Schwandt, University of Missouri Police Department, presented Cpl. Halford with a framed certificate which read, in part:

"On September 19, 2015, at 1127 hours, Corporal Matthew Halford of the Missouri State Highway Patrol was on duty working a traffic detail for the University of Missouri football game when out of the sky appeared a drone. The unmanned drone had violated the FAA air space restrictions as they pertain to special events at large public stadiums. The drone had flown inside the football stadium during the game between Missouri and Connecticut. Cpl. Halford, using his superhuman MSHP powers of observation, keen eyesight, and superb driving skills, while simultaneously looking into the skies, was able to track the drone to its subversive landing site in Greek Town, at an undisclosed fraternity. Cpl. Halford called for assistance and was joined by officers of MUPD. The drone was captured and the operator/pilot was identified. The drone sits securely in evidence ..."

As the crowd of officers laughed, Chief Schwandt expressed his appreciation to Cpl. Halford saying, "We've been

trying to catch one of these things for three years." He then continued reading the citation:

"... Cpl. Halford is to be recognized for his attention to duty and dedication to the safety mission of the football detail. His actions bring great credit to himself, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the state of the Missouri, and to all of us in the field of law enforcement. God bless America."

With a cordial grin, Cpl. Halford credited his proficiency in the capture based on his experience of tracking a hot air balloon that flew near the stadium during the previous football season. He stated, "Several officers spotted the balloon, but I got the call to pursue it. I was able to identify the pilot and make contact after he landed. We learned later the pilot had a reputation for doing these types of things."

The balloon tracking and capture was never fully recognized until the drone incident came to light. Cpl. Halford continued, "We avoided a drawn-out hunt for the drone based on what I learned from the balloon."

Everyone who has met Cpl. Halford knows he is dedicated to the core values of the Patrol. He is also easy-going and has an excellent sense of humor. Thank you, for being a good sport, Matt!



Cpl. Matt Halford, Troop F, accepted a special Certificate of Recognition during the pre-game briefing before the Mizzou vs. Florida football game October 10, 2015.

Did Ya Get That License Plate Number?

By Public Info. Spec. Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

All across the state, retirees gather periodically for coffee at their neighborhood fast food chain. (My dad refers to groups like this as “chat and nibble” clubs.) In the way of longtime friends, these small groups of retirees talk politics, Patrol, and people. At one such “chat and nibble” those present got to talking about Patrol license plates. The conversation developed into a disagreement centered on there being a state issued Missouri State Highway Patrol license plate with no

“MSHP” or “HP” included with the numbers. As with any discussion, sides were taken. As with any discussion involving troopers, one of them had proof and decided to clear up the disagreement by enlisting the aid of the *Patrol News* editor ... me. So, retired Sergeant D. Dave Eads, below is a short recap of Missouri license plates with atten-



Retired Sgt. D. Dave Eads provided this photo of the plates issued to his patrol car while he was an active member of the Patrol.

tion given to those used by the Patrol over the years.

Although not a complete history it's still interesting.

- ❑ Missouri required drivers to register their vehicles and display two license plate beginning in 1911.
- ❑ On November 1, 1931, the Motor Vehicle Department of the Secretary of State's Office, which was then responsible for vehicle licensing, reported it had issued plates for 642,545 cars, 91,239 trucks, 2,069 dealers 1,605 motorcycles, 1,850 official plates, 4 patrol motorcycles, and 30 Patrol cars.

This Safety & Education Center display shows a variety of the plates issued to patrol vehicles over the years.



- ❑ Following the original first-aid training in 1936, most patrol cars displayed a miniature Red Cross license plate. The plate was about one-fourth the size of a standard license plate, and was attached just above the official Patrol license plate. It bore the symbol of the Red Cross, and read, “Emergency First Aid - American Red Cross.”
- ❑ The Patrol did not issue license plates according to badge numbers in 1931. All vehicles had license plates with the words “State Patrol” in bold letters.
- ❑ In 1961, members were given patrol car license plates bearing their own badge numbers.
- ❑ In 1989, members were supplied with new license plates which show the officer's badge number followed by -HP.
- ❑ In 1996, a new Missouri license plate took effect. The plate was white-based with blue and green lettering. A wavy line under the word “Missouri” represented the states many rivers, streams, and lakes.

'Looking Beyond The Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of August 19 to October 20. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)

Troop A

Tpr. T.A. Baxter, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 2 arrests
Sgt. W.P. Bremer, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. Chapman, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.N. Comer, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Conrad, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. Crump, 1 arrest
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.E. Dodson, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.P. Fennewald, 3 arrests
Sgt. K.M. Fisher, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.O. Green, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Hunter, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.W. Murrell, 1 arrest
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 7 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.D. Sears, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.N. Wilson, 1 arrest

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 5 arrests
Sgt. R.H. Bartels, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Bradley, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 1 arrest
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.C. Griffin, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.S. Halley, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 6 arrests
Cpl. W.R. Koch, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.A. Lawrence, 2 arrests
Cpl. M.J. Lewis, 1 arrest
Tpr. K. McGivney, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.F. Sapp, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.L. Seiner, 1 arrest

Troop C

Tpr. W.H. Abel, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.T. Angrisani, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Ashby, 1 arrest
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 3 arrests
Tpr. Z.D. Bauer, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Beard, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Gadberry, 3 arrests
Tpr. M.W. Hedlund, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.R. Jenkins, 1 arrest
Tpr. V.M. Kasput, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.R. Kessler, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Lacy, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Michels, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. Moore, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. North, 1 arrest
Tpr. J. Sanchez, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.W. Servais, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.S. Sitton, 2 arrests

Troop D

Cpl. E.B. Adams, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 2 arrests
Sgt. G.L. Braden, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.L. Butler, 2 arrest
Tpr. M.R. Cook Sr., 1 arrest
Sgt. M.D. Green, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Hall, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 12 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 7 arrests
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 6 arrests
Tpr. T.R. Morris, 2 arrests
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 3 arrests
Tpr. A. Sandoval Jr., 4 arrests
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 7 arrests
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 2 arrests

Troop E

Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.K. Brooks, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.E. Carson, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Christian, 1 arrest

Cpl. D.W. Crank, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Dejournett, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.W. Eakins, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.E. Erpenbach, 2 arrests
Cpl. P.C. Hazelwood III, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.L. Huggins, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.E. Leach, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Lomedico, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. McBride, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.L. McCullough, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.S. Palmer, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 3 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 5 arrest
Tpr. B.L. Riefler, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Schlieff, 3 arrests
Cpl. M.L. Scoggins, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. West, 5 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Westmoreland, 2 arrests

Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Acord, 3 arrests
Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 6 arrests
Cpl. N.R. Atkinson, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 2 arrests
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 5 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 5 arrests
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 4 arrests
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 6 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 1 arrest
Tpr. H.M. McDaniel, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.B. Patterson, 2 arrests
Tpr. W.R. Plumley Jr., 4 arrests
Cpl. D.R. Powell, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.W. Reichert, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 8 arrests
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 2 arrests
Sgt. R.S. Thompson, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.J. Washabaugh, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 1 arrest

Troop G

Tpr. R.D. Crewse, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 1 arrest

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- Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 2 arrests
- Tpr. A.R. Johnson, 1 arrest
- Cpl. D.J. Johnson, 2 arrests
- Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 3 arrests
- Sgt. S. L. Nelson, 1 arrest
- Tpr. J.D. Piccinino, 2 arrests
- Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 3 arrests
- Sgt. C.N. Ponder, 3 arrests
- Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 6 arrests

Troop H

- Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest
- Cpl. J.M. Cross, 2 arrests
- Tpr. J.C. Daly, 2 arrests
- Tpr. K.L. Ebersold, 1 arrest
- Tpr. J.C. Gilliland, 1 arrest
- Tpr. J.E. Hainey, 1 arrest
- Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests
- Tpr. D.A. Landi, 3 arrests
- Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 1 arrest
- Tpr. V.R.E. McBride, 2 arrests
- Tpr. B.R. Muck, 4 arrests
- Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 1 arrest
- Cpl. R.A. Sherman, 2 arrests

Troop I

- Tpr. G.A. Ayres, 3 arrests
- Tpr. C.R. Capps, 2 arrests
- Tpr. R.W. Clement, 1 arrest
- Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 3 arrests
- Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 10 arrests
- Cpl. J.D. Fariole, 1 arrest
- Tpr. C.S. Giacolone, 2 arrests
- Sgt. J.H. Glendenning, 1 arrest
- Tpr. G.T. Hackett, 1 arrest
- Cpl. J.C. Marlin, 1 arrest
- Cpl. J.R. McCurdy, 2 arrests
- Tpr. J.J. McDonald, 1 arrest
- Cpl. J.T. Peart, 1 arrest
- Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 2 arrests
- Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 2 arrests
- Tpr. N.A. Smith, 9 arrests
- Tpr. T.D. Stewart, 1 arrest
- Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 4 arrests

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Sgt. Jimmy A. Beckett



After 29 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the citizens of this state, Sergeant Jimmy A. Beckett, Troop D, retired on October 1, 2015.

Jimmy was born in Springdale, AR, and attended Monett High School in Monett, MO. Following graduation, he attended Evangel University, Springfield, MO, where he majored in history and physical education while participating on the college football team. He began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on August 1, 1986, as a member of the 58th Recruit Class. After graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, he was first assigned to Troop A, Clay County. In 1989, Jimmy transferred to Troop D, Zone 12, Christian County. On April 1, 1995, Jimmy transferred to Troop D, Zone 1, Greene County, where he was promoted to corporal and served as the assistant zone supervisor until his assignment in October 2010, as the Troop D training officer, where he served until retirement. During his time as troop trainer, Jimmy was promoted to sergeant on June 1, 2015.

Jimmy served a number of different roles within his career on the Patrol. Some of these include: accident reconstruction officer, Glock armorer, firearms instructor, police instructor, field training officer, range officer, member of the Missouri State Univer-

sity football detail, and SWAT member. In addition to his troop trainer responsibilities, Jimmy was tasked with a number of additional duties, including the supervision of the troop's clerical staff, administration of commercial motor vehicle escorts for over-dimension loads, governor's security details, and back-up property control officer.

Jimmy received several nominations and awards throughout his Patrol career. In 2007, Jimmy was recognized by the Optimist Club for his 25 years of service to the community. In 2012, he was a nominee for The MASTERS Public Service Award.

When not at work, Jimmy is very active in his community and throughout the country. For the past 23 years, he has been very active in his church, serving as a deacon. Prior to the Patrol, he was a youth sponsor for the Park Crest congregation in Springfield. Currently, he is assigned as the assistant director of the Springfield branch of the Royal Family Kids (RFK). RFK is the nation's leading network of camps for abused, neglected, and abandoned children whose purpose is to provide a life-changing experience for foster children, ages 6 to 12. Through this organization, Jimmy gives of his time each year to serve as a leader at a RFK camp, most recently in Eagle Rock, MO. He exhibits a passion in helping others and is always willing to give of his time when needed.

Jimmy has been married for over 34 years to Alice (Cates) Beckett and they have two grown children, Marcus Beckett (whose wife's name is Holly) and Maria (Beckett) Lewis (whose husband's name is Kyle).

Jimmy Beckett's knowledge and experience has proven to be very beneficial to Troop D and the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a whole. Jimmy consistently maintained a positive attitude and was always eager to help when needed. He has been an outstanding role model for our organization. He has carried himself with dignity, lives a life above reproach, and

is a man of faith, all of which is reflected throughout every aspect of his life. Jimmy is a great representation of the core values that have made our organization so successful and respected.

All of us at Troop D and throughout the Missouri State Highway Patrol wish Jimmy a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

DE Sprv. Cheryl K. Hudson



On September 1, 2015, Driver Examiner Supervisor Cheryl K. Hudson retired after working 32 years for the state of Missouri; 28 years with Missouri State Highway Patrol.

On November 1, 1986, Cheryl began her Patrol career as a clerk typist at Troop F. She was promoted to Clerk Typist II in May 1988. In November 1988, she transferred into a position as a Troop F driver examiner. She was promoted to Driver Examiner II in August 1989; Driver Examiner III in February 1994. Cheryl was promoted to driver examiner supervisor on August 13, 2006.

"I had no idea that decision would be my final career choice," Cheryl said. "But, it quickly became evident that traveling to different towns each day, working with different examiners, and interacting with a variety of clientele was a better fit for me than working at a routine desk job. Having

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the freedom to utilize my personality, work habits, and faith to affect my applicant's testing experience in positive ways has been rewarding for me."

She said much has changed through the years, "I became an examiner back when testing was less complicated: Before the Driver Examination Division had computers, before we had a commercial vehicle testing program, and before 9/11 changed much of our testing criteria."

"Between testing 16-year-old drivers who continually found ways to surprise their examiner; giving heart-warming tests to impaired war veterans, accident victims, and the

physically challenged; and riding with senior citizens whose driving performance needed to be re-evaluated, my job never became "routine." Through the years, I've had the privilege of being a part of many "victory experiences." Their elation when they passed the driving test was infectious! Thank you, Missouri State Highway Patrol, for the career opportunity."

Now that they are both retired, Cheryl and her husband, Roland, are fulfilling their lifelong dream of building a home on their farm. The house plans include a covered deck complete with two rocking chairs that overlook their lake.

Congratulations, Cheryl! May you have a long, healthy retirement.

December

December is National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month

- December 3 ● Tpr. Fred L. Walker died in 1941.
- December 7 ● Tpr. Victor O. Dosing died in 1941.
- December 12 ● Tpr. Ross S. Creach died in 1943.
- December 25 ● Cpl. Dennis E. Engelhard died in 2009.
- December 25 ● Christmas Day

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Teresa J. Taylor
Asst. Chief Oper.
Troop D

*Retired April 1, 2015.
17 years, eight months of dedicated
service.*



Bev A. Knoll
Fiscal & Budgetary
Analyst III
Q/CJISD

*Retired November 1, 2015.
26 years of dedicated service.*

Debbie D. Pitts
DE Sprv.
Troop G

*Retired December 1, 2015.
23 years of dedicated service.*



Eve A. Stafford
CIT Sprv. I
Q/ICTD

*Retired December 1, 2015.
27 years of dedicated service.*



Patrol History Trivia

Troopers Nab Murderer On Old Route 66

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

(Editor's note: Each Patrol employee mentioned in this story retired after decades of dedicated service. Sgt. Claude F. Arnold retired in 1970 (now deceased), Sgt. Wayne A. Murphy retired in 1989, Sgt. Larry D. Long retired in 1994, and Chief Telecom. Eng. Joe D. Kearsse retired in 1990.)

At 4 p.m. on November 25, 1964, a shift change for local zone officers took place at the bus station in Lebanon, MO. They used to meet under a big tree just up the street, but had moved their brief meeting to the bus station. At that time in history, radio operators would provide information to the troopers regarding stolen vehicles, wanted persons, and other items of interest. Item #10371 was discussed at this particular "changing of the guard."

Item #10371 provided information about Jerry Lee Rogers, who was wanted for murder in Michigan. The item described the subject's car and license, and stated he was believed to have left San Francisco, CA, via U.S. Route 66 on November 15, 1964. Rogers was described as armed and dangerous. He was believed to be traveling with another man and a German shepherd.

The next day was Thanksgiving Day 1964. Trooper Larry Long was on patrol on U.S. 66. He pulled into Andy's Truck Stop, which was fairly routine. What happened next was not.

"We got a lot of information from truck drivers at that time," said retired Sgt. Long. "They would leave information at Andy's Truck Stop [gas station part] because they knew we stopped in."

Andy's Truck Stop included a gas station between the eastbound and westbound lanes of Old Route 66 which was joined via a parking lot to a restaurant.

"I pulled into Andy's Truck Stop and stopped in front of the gas station, at which time I could see the described vehicle in that item parked at the restaurant. Operator Joe Kearsse was on the radio. I called in the license number, and I remember he asked me where the vehicle was abandoned. I told him it wasn't abandoned; that it was parked at Andy's Truck Stop Restaurant."

Sgt. Arnold was on duty, but had stopped by his home to have dinner approximately 10 miles away. Tpr. Wayne A. Murphy was patrolling in Waynesville, MO, also about 10 miles away, but in the opposite direction.

Operator Kearsse immediately called a 10-33 (emergency radio traffic only). He then contacted Sgt. Arnold and Tpr. Murphy via radio.

"I drove between the gas station and the restaurant, and parked so I could see the vehicle and anyone approaching," continued retired Sgt. Long. "I took my shotgun out, placed it just across my lap with the muzzle a 1/2 inch below the opening of the window. Not long after that, two individuals came out of the restaurant."

The two men got in the car and drove toward Tpr. Long. They proceeded to drive completely around his vehicle before exiting in front of the gas station and onto the highway. "I'm in a fully marked car. It's obvious they recognize me. He stared at me, but I felt very secure with my shot gun ... scared as hell, but secure. The adrenaline was there."

"Rogers drove east on 66 and I pulled in about a block behind him. Our speed gradually progressed to a point at which we were running approximately 80 miles per hour. As we approached the intersection

of Missouri Highway 133 and Route 66, Sgt. Arnold overtook me and the suspect. Tpr. Murphy had stopped his car broadside in the intersection and was standing in the roadway holding his shotgun. Sgt. Arnold was next to the suspect and I believe he had his shotgun pointed at the suspect. I was behind the suspect with my shotgun still in my lap. At this time, the suspect stopped and he was ordered out of the vehicle. His hands were visible and he was not holding a weapon, and he was taken into custody."

The murder weapon, a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson, was found under the driver's seat. The other man in the car was a 19-year-old hitchhiker, and not the previously mentioned traveling companion of Rogers. He had a switchblade and was charged with carrying a concealed weapon (Laclede County). He was not connected to the murder in Michigan.

Further investigation revealed that Rogers was actually an alias. The suspect's name was Roy Weddell Thorburn. Thorburn had met Mr. William Loomis in Chicago, supposedly to purchase a Jaguar. He and the man described in Item 10371 then kidnapped Mr. Loomis. Thorburn murdered Mr. Loomis and left his body in the woods. He stole Mr. Loomis' ID, credit cards, and the Jaguar. According to the man who accompanied Thorburn, he wasn't involved in the murder. (This man, identified as Philip Battaglia, would later be arrested on federal kidnapping charges.)

Thorburn drove to Memphis, TN, where the vehicle broke down. He used Mr. Loomis' credit cards to rent a vehicle and then traveled to California. An officer effected a traffic stop

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on Thorburn in Des Moines, Iowa, but the bulletin had yet to be issued. When Mr. Loomis' body was found by a hunter, it had been in the woods for a month feeding various varmints, so was unrecognizable. Once Mr. Loomis was identified, it was discovered a missing persons report had been filed in Illinois. Authorities were able to track the stolen Jaguar after locating pictures of the vehicle in his front vest pocket.

"The next spring, I went to Chicago and testified in federal court. Thorburn was sent to prison for mur-

der," said retired Sgt. Long. "Keep in mind, this was 51 years ago. At that time, computers were in their infancy, and radio traffic was not near what it is today. You didn't have direct radio communication with other agencies. Information on wanted people was broadcasted by individual troops and you kept tabs on that information by recording the information on a steno pad in your car. I believe the fact that the information was so current (heard it yesterday, see it today) is why I recognized the vehicle."

Retired Sgt. Long said unbeknownst to all of the troopers, the story would run in *True Detective* magazine in March 1965. He found out when a truck driver left a copy for him at Andy's.

It was approximately five miles from the truck stop to the intersection of MO 133 and U.S. 66. The entire incident, from the time Tpr. Long saw the suspect's vehicle to the time the suspect was handcuffed took *under 20 minutes*.

January

January 1

● New Year's Day

January 18

● Tpr. Kelly L. Poynter died in 2002.

January 18

● Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Deaths

Robert E. Doney Sr.



Robert Doney Sr., 83, of Owensville, MO, died Thursday, September 17, 2015, in St. James, MO. Mr. Do-

ney, son of the late Luther Doney and Alice (Sanders), was born November 16, 1931, in St. Louis.

On November 11, 1956, he was united in marriage to Joyce Dorian in St. Louis. Mr. Doney served his country in the United States Navy seeing action in the Korean War. While in active service he was selected to play competitive basketball for the Navy. He worked as a Missouri state trooper from June 30, 1955, until his retirement on September 1, 1989.

Mr. Doney was preceded in death by his parents, Luther Doney and Alice Greer; his wife, Joyce Doney; and his daughter, Paula Doney.

He is survived by one son, Robert Doney Jr., of Owensville; one daughter, Jackie Wisdom and her husband, Jeff, of St. James; one brother, Frank Greer,

of St. Louis; nine grandchildren, Nick Cuchetti, of Owensville, Brian Cuchetti, of Owensville, Felicia Light and her husband, Daren, of Belle, MO, Christina Rademacher and her husband, Simon, of Owensville, Ashley Wisdom, of St. James, Chelsea Wisdom, of St. James, Erica Parkhurst and husband, Colton, of Albany, MO, Emily Ross, of Albany, and Chad Ross, of Albany; seven great-grandchildren, Ayden, Bentley, Dylan, Owen, Symone, Adalynn, and Peyton; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Doney family.

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Change

“Improvement requires change. Lots of improvement requires lots of change. The best thing I can do is leave this agency better than when I found it: Hire good people, train them well, continue to provide them training. Make sure each of you have the tools to do your job. Hold those accountable who fail to maintain a good work ethic and our core values.”

– Colonel J. Bret Johnson,
at GHQ troop meeting
September 18, 2015.

Thank You

We are very grateful for the many emails and letters after the passing of our grandmother, G. Margaret Dillon. Thank you to our Patrol family from our entire family and all of our friends.

Cpl. Adam V. Dillon, Troop A
Asst. Chief Oper. Jessie R. Dillon, Troop A
Tpr. Jared L. Dillon, Troop A & families

My family and I would like to thank everyone—friends and my Patrol family—for their thoughts and prayers, for reaching out through social media, and for the emails, cards, and flowers after the death of my mother. I am so grateful for the response we received from the Patrol and appreciate all those who attended the visitation and funeral. Thank you so very much.

Tpr. Becky Eagan, Q/GD

My family and I would like to thank our many Patrol friends for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers sent following the deaths of Debbie's father and my mother. Debbie and I are extremely grateful for the many kind words of sympathy, and appreciate all those who attended the visitation and funeral.

Ret. Capt. Robert P. Stieffermann & family

My sister and I would like to thank everyone for the support you gave us during the loss of our father, Paul Shelledy. All the prayers, visits, emails, flowers, gifts, and calls were very much appreciated. Also, the attendance at the service was overwhelming! My father was so proud of us working at the Patrol. He would have been so happy to see the sea of blue, brown, and gray, and non-uniformed personnel.

*Thank you,
Clerk Typist III Kathey Shelledy,
Troop D
Ret. Housekeeper III Paula Forshee*

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Cpl. Eric F. Brown (B) - father
Sgt. Troy D. Stegeman (Q/GSD) - father-in-law
Ret. Capt. Randy S. Beydler - grandson
DE III Lisa L. Bird (A) - father
Tpr. Jack W. Cotter (H) - grandmother
Tpr. Travis L. Peters (C) - father-in-law
Tpr. Ron T. Burgett Jr. (D) - wife's grandfather

Cpl. Marcus S. Reynolds (Q/DDCC) - grandmother, grandfather
DE Sprv. Kristen D. Reynolds (F) - husband's grandmother and grandfather
Tpr. Cary F. Porter (B) - grandmother
MVI Chief Steve M. Conant (H) - father
Cpl. Adam V. Dillon (A) - grandmother
Tpr. Jared L. Dillon (A) - grandmother
Asst. Chief Oper. Jessie R. Dillon (A) - husband's grandmother

Tpr. Jayson R. Spain (E) - grandmother
Cpl. Kyle D. Wilmont (I) - grandmother
Comm. Oper. III Sam G. Rayfield (I) - nephew
DE III Annie M. Rayfield (I) - nephew
CVO Sprv. I Ken L. Shewey Jr. (H) - mother
Ret. Sgt. Leo E. McElrath III - wife
Ret. Sr. Secretary Paula S. Coffman - husband

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MADD Recognizes Troop A Officers

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

On October 23, 2015, the Heartland Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving recognized five Troop A officers during the annual Heroes for Heartland dinner in Belton, MO. The troopers, along with officers from other departments, were recognized for their work in the area of DWI enforcement. Trooper Rick I. McQuerrey II, Trooper Aaron A. Engelhart, Trooper Gabe J. Jenner, Trooper Caleb T. Schwarz, and Sergeant Cody G. Dunfee received awards for being the top five Troop A officers in the area of DWI arrests in 2014. In addition, Lieutenant D.J. Hedrick (not pictured), Troop H, received a special recognition award for his role in assisting the victim's family in a drunk driving related crash in Platte County. The work of these dedicated officers undoubtedly saved the lives of innocent motorists along Missouri's roadways.



Tpr. Rick I. McQuerrey II, Tpr. Aaron A. Engelhart, Tpr. Gabe J. Jenner, Tpr. Caleb T. Schwarz, and Sgt. Cody G. Dunfee, all Troop A, accepted awards from MADD for their efforts in DWI enforcement in 2014.