1980

In March, employees were reimbursed for all contributions they had made to the Highway Department and Highway Patrol retirement system between 1956 and 1976, plus accrued interest. This was done because a law was passed in 1976 making the retirement system noncontributory.

Troop F Headquarters was moved to a site two miles east of Jefferson City on U.S. Highway 50 in August. It formerly was located on McCarty Street in Jefferson City.

Missouri became a member state of the Nonresident Violator Compact on August 13.

Troop F Headquarters in Jefferson City was moved in 1980.

Trooper Paula L. Woodruff

Portable first-aid kits containing more supplies than before were distributed in September.

The 51st Recruit Class graduated May 30, which included Paula L. Woodruff, the first African-American woman commissioned by the Patrol. The 52nd and 53rd recruit classes graduated August 29, and November 1, respectively.

Orders were taken for 50-year commemorative items such as a weapon set, consisting of a .357-caliber stainless steel revolver and knife, a ring, and a brass belt buckle.

1981

Allen S. Whitmer was named superintendent by newly-elected Governor Christopher S. Bond on January 29. Whitmer had been a member of the Patrol since June 1948, and was the commanding officer of Troop I, at the time of his selection to be superintendent.

Colonel Allen S. Whitmer

Ed Daniel was appointed the director of the Department of Public Safety on January 8. He was the chief of police in St. Charles, MO, at the time of his appointment.

The offices of the Safety Education and Information Division were moved to the ground floor of General Headquarters in January. The enforcement office containing the district commanders and other personnel moved into the area vacated by that division in the south wing of GHQ.

A newly-elected sheriffs' training school (three weeks) was completed on February 6, 1981.

The Garage and Radio Shop in Jefferson City were completed in March. The two facilities are located in the same building complex near Troop F Headquarters.

Trooper Dennis H. Marriott

The Highway Patrol celebrated its 50th anniversary by holding an open house in every troop headquarters, like this one in Troop D, Springfield.

The Patrol Garage and Radio Shop, located behind Troop F Headquarters, were completed in 1981.

S.T.E.P. (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) began in April. This law enforcement program was directed toward those locations which had a high incidence of accidents involving drinking drivers. This program continues today.

Trooper Dennis H. Marriott, 36, Troop F, died June 13 from injuries received June 1 when he was struck by a vehicle after exiting from his patrol car for a traffic stop. The vehicle which hit Tpr. Marriott stopped momentarily after the incident and then left the scene. The vehicle was stopped a few minutes later by local police and the driver, Mary Ann Holzer, was arrested.

Tpr. Marriott was the 11th member of the Highway Patrol to lose his life in the line of duty.

A massive manhunt was conducted in Southwest Missouri in September for four convicts who had escaped from the Kansas State Prison in Lansing. Officers from Troops A, D, G, I, and General Headquarters participated in the six-day manhunt. All four convicts were captured.

A special Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspection Program funded by the federal government was conducted during the year. Nearly 5,000 commercial vehicles were inspected by CVE personnel in the program.

The Flat River Satellite Headquarters in Troop C was completed. A 350-foot tower was installed at the satellite by members of the Communications Division.

Open houses were held during the year at troop headquarters buildings around the state in obser-

Colonel Howard J. Hoffman

vance of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 50th anniversary.

The 54th Recruit Class graduated on June 5.

1982

Missouri recorded 908 traffic fatalities during the year — the lowest year for traffic deaths in the state since 1950.

The Patrol's Personnel Division developed an Assessment Center for promotion to the rank of lieutenant. The center was designed to provide a means of gathering relevant information, under standardized conditions, about an individual's capabilities to perform in a managerial position. Thirty-six sergeants took part in the Assessment Center in 1982.

The Troop G Satellite Laboratory in Willow Springs was closed. It would reopen in September 1984.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Safety Education Center was opened to the public in April. The center, located on the ground floor of General Headquarters in Jefferson City, contained displays concerning traffic safety, law enforcement, drug

The Safety Education Center came into existence in April 1982.

In 1982, the Patrol began a concerted effort to locate and destroy marijuana throughout the state.

abuse, and items relating to the history of the agency. There were also exhibits focusing on the services and responsibilities of the Patrol both on and off the highways. A theater facility adjacent to the main center area provided educational films to people of all ages. Nearly 9,000 people visited the center during the year.

Effective June 1, legislation passed called for compulsory retirement of members at age 60.

Colonel Allen S. Whitmer retired September 1. Governor Christopher S. "Kit" Bond named Major Howard J. Hoffman as superintendent. Hoffman was appointed to the Highway Patrol on September 18, 1955. He was a district enforcement officer at the time of his appointment.

The Highway Patrol began a concerted effort to locate and destroy marijuana fields in the state.

Thirty-two officers were assigned special duty at the Republican Governors' Conference in Kansas City in November.

1983

On March 30, Governor Christopher S. "Kit" Bond signed House Bill 539 into law. This legislation, known as the "Big Truck Bill", related to the operation of commercial vehicles and trailers regarding weight, length, and height limits on certain highways.

The 55th Recruit Class began training on January 3 and 33 new troopers graduated on April 29.

Nearly 50 members of the Patrol were assigned to the Governor's Cup Hydroplane Boat Race detail at the Lake of the Ozarks in May.

Legislation became effective in March giving the Patrol authority to enforce the Department of Transportation's Code of Federal Regulations regarding hazardous materials. On July 1, an officer assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division was designated a hazardous materials coordinator.

Twenty-five, one-week On-Scene Accident Investigation In-Service Schools were presented at the Academy from May 1982 to August 1983. A total of 591 officers from the rank of trooper to lieutenant (inclusive) attended this course of instruction.

A statewide DWI spotcheck program was started in August. These spotchecks, or roadblocks as they were commonly called, were directed toward those locations which had a high incidence of accidents involving drinking drivers. As a result of 30 spotchecks in 1983, 127 motorists were arrested for drunk driving.

Members were issued the B-30 Smith and Wesson Security holster and speedloader ammunition pouch early in the year. The holster was of semi-high rise design for added security to the officer. The accompanying speedloader pouch contained two Safariland speedloaders. An officer would be able to load six bullets from one of the speedloaders all at one time into his weapon in just a few seconds.

The Statistical Analysis Center was established in 1983.

DWI spotchecks like the one pictured began in 1983.

Officers were issued an L-frame .357-caliber magnum. It replaced the commemorative magnum issued in late 1979. Original issue of the .357-caliber magnum was in August 1976, to replace the Smith and Wesson K15 .38-caliber revolver.

The Division of Drug and Crime Control was established on September 28, after Senate Bill 294 was passed by the 82nd Missouri General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Bond. The 36 officers assigned to the Patrol's Criminal Investigation Division around the state and General Headquarters were reassigned to the new division.

Legislation was passed authorizing the Patrol to sell its used vehicles to municipalities, counties, political subdivisions, or state governmental agencies.

House Bill 268 was signed into law granting troopers and radio operators an across the board $3,312 salary increase. It also provided for a spread between all ranks of corporal and above to $1,800 annually.

A child passenger restraint law was passed to become effective January 1, 1984.

The Arrest Records Section of the Patrol's Traffic Division became fully operational in 1983. This section would maintain records of all alcohol- and drug-related convictions whether in violation of municipal or county ordinance, or state law. In addition, this section would also maintain the Patrol's Traffic Arrest System, establish and maintain the uniform traffic ticket number assignment system, and maintain the Patrol's Uniform Traffic Ticket Audit System.

The Highway Patrol's Motor Vehicle Bureau moved to the new Harry S. Truman State Office Building on October 24. The bureau consisted of eight civilian employees and operated seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to midnight.

A special display noting the members of the Patrol who have lost their lives in the line of duty was completed in the Safety Education Center at General Headquarters.

One hundred and fifty new 1983 Ford LTDs were purchased as replacements for road cars.

A Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) was established within the Highway Patrol's Information Systems Division. SAC is designed to provide research and information services to state agencies and local governments in the areas of traffic safety and criminal justice.

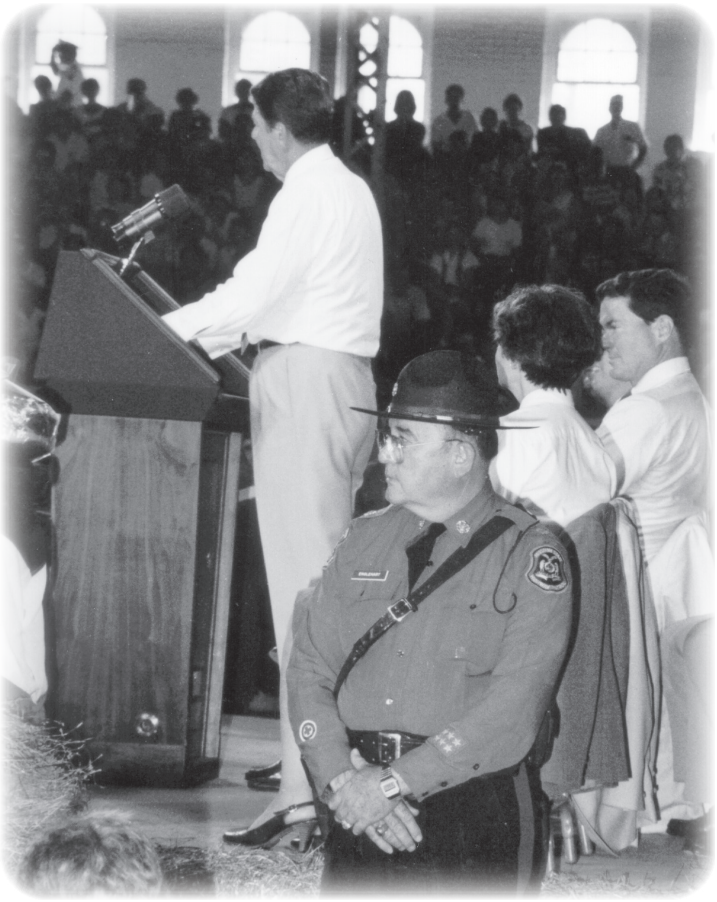
Trooper Charles R. Jackson was named the new Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Officer for the Patrol. He replaced Corporal Reggie L. Woods who had resigned from the agency.

Operation Cashcrop, a cooperative effort by citizens and law enforcement agencies to rid Missouri of illegal marijuana fields, was initiated. Citizens were requested to call toll free 1-800-BAD-WEED if they knew of any marijuana fields. Law enforcement agencies participating in the program were the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri sheriffs offices, city police departments, Missouri Conservation Commission, U.S. Forest Service, and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. This marijuana eradication program has continued each year since 1983.

1984

An additional radio channel was obtained by the department, the first additional frequency obtained in the Patrol's low band frequency range since 1958. The new frequency will provide additional car-to-car communications in future system plans.

The 56th Recruit Class began training on January 2, and 21 new troopers graduated on May 11.



President Ronald Reagan visited the Missouri State Fair in August 1984.

Thirty-seven sergeants earned the opportunity to participate in the Lieutenant's Assessment Center. Out of the 37 sergeants who participated in the center, 10 were promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

The pre-employment testing procedures for the position of trooper were updated to comply with the revised Federal Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedure.

Several officers were assigned to the presidential security detail when President Ronald Reagan visited the Missouri State Fair on August 19.

"Buckle Up" signs were posted at all troop headquarters and General Headquarters driveways to encourage the use of seat belts.

New extenders purchased included an "acknowledgement" tone. This tone is a short beep which is heard over the road officer's personal radio each time he transmits into the extender. The beep is to acknowledge that the radio did transmit, and insures that the portable and mobile radios are working properly.

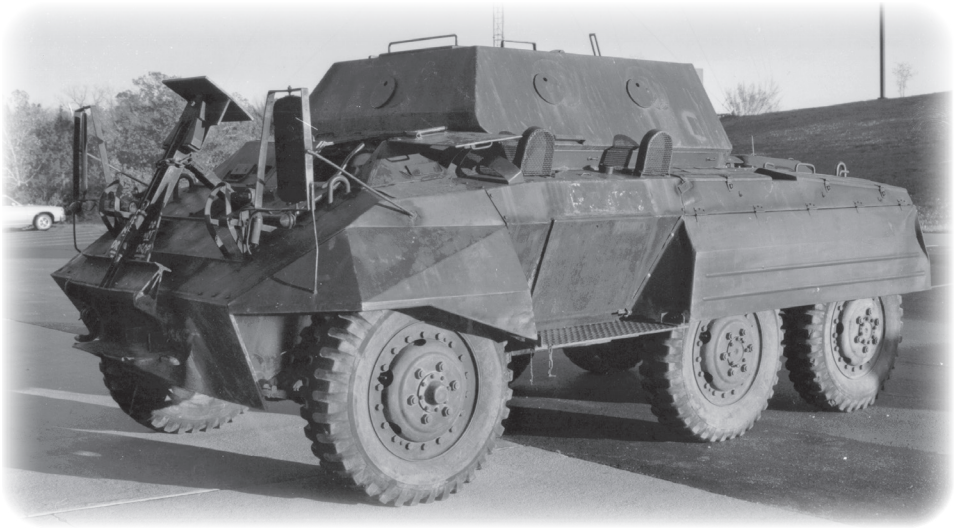
The Olympic Torch traveled through Missouri in June on its way to the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, CA. Approximately 60 Patrol officers helped provide security for the Olympic Torch runners as they traveled through Troops E, C, F, and A.

Also in June, approximately 200 members of Hells Angels met at the Lake of the Ozarks. Members of the Division of Drug and Crime Control did extensive intelligence gathering at the request of several law enforcement agencies. Members of Troop F were on hand to help keep the peace. No major incidents were reported.

Legislation affecting retirement benefits became effective October 1. One of the provisions of the legislation increased the annuity rate used to compute the benefit from one and one-fourth percent to one and one-third percent. This new annuity rate also affected those members who retired prior to October 1, and in most cases, resulted in an increase of approximately 6.6 percent in their benefits.

The Patrol's criminal laboratories at General Headquarters, Macon, and St. Joseph were accredited by the Laboratory Accreditation Board of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.

The Highway Patrol purchased an M-20 ar-



This M-20 armored personnel carrier was purchased in 1984.

Trooper James M. Froemsdorf

Trooper Jimmie E. Linegar

mored personnel carrier vehicle. The vehicle weighs 15,650 pounds and can carry six people inside. It could be used to provide safe transfer and deployment of police personnel in hostile or emergency situations.

1985

Two members of the Highway Patrol were killed in the line of duty within a period of a little over six weeks in 1985.

Trooper James M. Froemsdorf, 35, Troop C, was shot and killed with his own gun on March 2 on Interstate 55 near Brewer, MO, after he stopped a motorist for speeding. Trooper Jimmie E. Linegar, 31, Troop D, was shot to death on April 15 while conducting a traffic check near the intersection of U.S. 65 and Missouri 86. Trooper Allen D. Hines of Troop D was wounded in the same shooting that took the life of Tpr. Linegar.

The suspect in Tpr. Froemsdorf's killing, Jerome Mallett, was captured March 5 when he was spotted by a motorist who notified authorities. He was later convicted of murder and sentenced to be executed. David C. Tate, accused of the fatal shooting of Tpr. Linegar and the wounding of Tpr. Hines, was apprehended on April 20. Again, it was a citizen who recognized Tate and reported his whereabouts to law enforcement officers. Tate was convicted of the murder of Tpr. Linegar and sentenced to life without parole.

Troopers Froemsdorf and Linegar were the 12th and 13th members of the Patrol to be killed in the line of duty.

Inside David Tate's van, officials discovered an arsenal of weapons, ammunition, camping equipment, ski masks, and four birth certificates for Tate's alias'.

Newly-elected Governor John Ashcroft reappointed Col. Howard J. Hoffman as superintendent. Mr. Richard C. Rice was named the director of the Department of Public Safety.

The Fatal Accident Reporting System (FARS) became a unit of the Highway Patrol on January 1. FARS analyzes fatal traffic crashes in detail and forwards information to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Washington, D.C. This unit had been under the direction of the Missouri Division of Highway Safety since 1972. FARS was assigned to the Traffic Division at General Headquarters.

A trooper operates the new 600 MPH S-80 MCX radar unit.

Governor Ashcroft signed into law a bill requiring motorists in Missouri to wear seat belts on March 5. The law went into effect on September 28, but no penalties would be imposed until July 1, 1987. Warnings would be given by officers prior to that date. Motorists had to be stopped for another offense before a ticket could be given for not wearing a seat belt.

Troop H furnished 25 officers to attend a farm disclosure sale in Plattsburg, MO, in Clinton County on March 15. Protestors to the sale pushed, shoved, and shouted in an effort to disrupt the proceedings. The sale was completed without serious injury to anyone.

Several committees were formed to make recommendations concerning the Patrol's response to special operations, such as manhunts. Committee subjects included: communication needs; use of automatic weapons and protective cages; recommendations for a tactical or field uniform; soft body armor.

A Policies and Procedures Manual was distributed to all regular full-time civilian employees. This manual was designed to serve the employees as a permanent reference and working guide in the day-to-day administration of the department's policies, procedures, and practices.

The Patrol developed a departmental policy to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act relating to work hours.

The new pre-employment testing procedures for prospective troopers was used for the first time. The procedures were part of a selection process validation project conducted in 1984 in which 100 troopers underwent various tests for obtaining normative data with respect to cutoff scores.

The Highway Patrol received 600 MPH S-80 MCX radar units to replace the Speedgun 6 and Speedgun 8 units. The new unit is multi-piece with a front and rear antenna capable of checking traffic moving in either direction. Training on the operation of the new radar was given to each road officer.

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division began monitoring the shipments of radioactive materials on Missouri highways. Special equipment was purchased to do this work.

Two new sections were added to the Division of Drug and Crime Control as a result of legislation passed by the Missouri General Assembly. Senate Bill 44 created the Missouri State Lottery. In this bill the Patrol was given the authority to make investigations relative to the operation and administration of Missouri gaming operations. The Lottery

Enforcement Section was established to carry out lottery enforcement investigations. House Bill 366 called for the Patrol to be the central repository for missing persons. The Missing Persons Section was established to handle this responsibility.

Other notable legislation: officers allowed to arrest a person without warrant if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the person is violating or has violated any law of Missouri, including misdemeanors; House Bill 671 repealed the requirement that half of the uniformed members be members of the party receiving the most votes for governor in the last election and half be members of the party receiving the second greatest number of votes; commercial vehicle inspectors can require operators of commercial vehicles to stop and submit to a vehicle and driver inspection to determine compliance with commercial vehicle laws, Department of Public Safety Rules and Regulations, and to submit to a cargo inspection when it is believed a vehicle may be transporting hazardous materials.

Troop C received a new aircraft, a 1985 Cessna 182 Skylane single engine airplane. The aircraft replaced the 1977 Cessna Skylane used in Troop C for eight years.

Troop C also started a special enforcement program on the interstate highways. The program used officers in plainclothes in unmarked, unconventional type vehicles, such as pickup trucks, working in concert with other officers in much the same fashion as the aircraft operations are conducted.

A new safety education tool, a battery-powered robot, was given to the Patrol by the Missouri Division of Highway Safety. The robot would be used by the troop safety officers around the state.

1986

Ballistic protective vests were issued to uniformed personnel during the early part of the year.

Members of the 57th Recruit Class graduated on February 7.

A new Field Training Officer program began in February. The program allowed for a day-by-day evaluation on standardized guidelines established for the probationary trooper. Veteran officers chosen by the troop commanders served as field training officers.

A forensic analyst used the Copper Vapor Laser to recover latent prints.

Representatives of the Highway Patrol and 35 other agencies took part in the Law Enforcement Run for Missouri Special Olympics on May 14. Over $15,000 was raised in the run sponsored by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association.

On May 28, Missouri became a member of NCIC III, an automated system to provide for the interstate exchange of criminal history record information.

The Explosives Disposal Unit acquired a new self-contained bomb transport vehicle in May. The vehicle is designed to provide safe transportation of explosive devices and to store all necessary disposal equipment.

Uniformed members began wearing short sleeve, open collar shirts during the months of June, July, and August.

Members of the Patrol took part in an 11-day manhunt in September in the Wright City, MO, area for Michael Wayne Jackson wanted in connection for several murders, abductions, thefts, and other acts of violence. Jackson killed himself before he could be apprehended.

Sgt. Donald R. Bizelli points to where Michael Wayne Jackson killed himself before he could be apprehended.

Training was conducted in all troops on Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. The main thrust of the training was to provide new techniques for developing probable cause for arrest of the drunk driver. There are three tests in the program, namely, the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, a walk and turn test, and the one leg stand test.

Drug interdiction training was provided to all officers. This training dealt with the proper procedures to use in looking for drugs and contraband in vehicles stopped on the highway.

A new "field uniform" was provided to members to be worn on manhunts as well as during the routine duties involving inspections and marijuana eradication. The uniform consists of a shirt, pants, combat style boots, and a baseball cap.

Troops A, C, and F Special Emergency Response Teams participated in a five-day training exercise in Jefferson City.

The Highway Patrol's Criminal Laboratory in Jefferson City obtained a Copper Vapor Laser in July to be used in the recovery of latent prints.

A new light bar system was installed on fully marked patrol cars. The Model Force 4 XL Lights system has two take-down lights that are high-powered halogen clear lights designed to shine in the rear window of a vehicle being stopped. The clear lights also alternate flash when the revolving red lights are being used.

A record amount of marijuana was eradicated in Missouri during Operation Cashcrop '86. Law enforcement officers seized 570 fields resulting in the eradication of 617,436 wild and cultivated marijuana plants. This was three times as many marijuana plants seized than the total for the past three years.

Weigh Station Post A-2 South (Troop A) was destroyed December 1, when a vehicle driven by Marc E. Dabney struck the north side of the building, continued on through the structure, and came to rest in the post parking area. No one was in the building at the time.

1987

Trooper Russell W. Harper and Corporal Henry C. Bruns lost their lives in the line of duty in February of this year.

Tpr. Harper, 45, Troop D, was fatally shot shortly before 5 p.m., Sunday, February 8. Cpl. Bruns, 41, Troop H, was killed in a traffic accident shortly before 8 a.m., February 16.

Tpr. Harper, an 18-year veteran of the Patrol, was shot after he pulled over a pickup truck east of Springfield apparently for a traffic violation. Before Tpr. Harper could stop his vehicle off the traveled portion of the highway, a man emerged from

Trooper Russell W. Harper

Corporal Henry C. Bruns

the truck and fired several rounds at the trooper through the patrol car's windshield.

A witness to the shooting said the assailant fled in the truck with a female companion. A description of the man was given to authorities along with a description of the vehicle — a red with white stripe 1964 to 1966 model Chevrolet pickup truck. Roadblocks were set up in six southwest counties. Over 100 local, county, state, and federal officers began a relentless manhunt.

A suspect in the murder, Glen P. Sweet, 31, was made known Monday after intensive investigation.

Officers check a car's trunk during an intensive manhunt for John David Brown in April 1987.

Over 100 members of the Highway Patrol assisted in providing security for President Ronald Reagan during his visit to Columbia, MO, on March 26, 1987.

The search for Sweet ended early Tuesday morning, February 10. Sweet was found in an attic of a house just west of Springfield. The woman believed to have been with Sweet was not with him at the time of his capture. Officers found an HK .223-caliber weapon capable of automatic fire on the premises and also a red pickup truck in an enclosed outbuilding on the property. Later that day, Sweet was charged with capital murder in the death of Tpr. Harper.

Cpl. Bruns was killed when the vehicle in which he was a passenger skidded on ice-covered Missouri Highway 6 in Buchanan County and hit a bridge abutment, striking the bridge on the passenger side of the patrol car. The vehicle was being driven by Trooper Keverne L. (Dulle) McCollum. They were en route to Troop H Headquarters.

Cpl. Bruns was a classmate of Tpr. Harper. Tpr. Harper and Cpl. Bruns were the 14th and 15th members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to lose their lives in the line of duty.

The 58th Recruit Class graduated January 23, in ceremonies held at the Law Enforcement Academy. The 45-member class reported for duty on February 9.

In-service training schools for all driver examiners and uniformed members assigned to the Driver Examination Program were held during the months of January and February. Numerous topics were covered including public relations, administering oral tests, processing cited cases, grading road and motorcycle skill tests, and detecting fraudulent documents presented by applicants for identification purposes.

As a safeguard in the prevention of communicable diseases, cardiopulmonary resuscitation valves were distributed to all officers. The CPR valve is used with the CPR mask previously given to our officers. The CPR valve allows the rescuer to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but prevents the victim's saliva and breath from making direct contact with the rescuer. The victim's breath is expelled through a side port of the valve unit.

A reorganization of divisions within the Patrol became effective March 1. The major change involved the creation of the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Divisions under this bureau are Drug and Crime Control, Crime Laboratory, and Criminal Records. In addition, the Information Systems Division was assigned to the assistant superintendent's office. It was formerly under the Support Services Bureau. On April 1, the Motor Equipment Division and Aircraft Division merged into one division.

In April, an intense, three-week manhunt in east-central Missouri was conducted for John David Brown by the Patrol, several other law enforcement agencies, and the National Guard. Brown, who escaped from a Southwest Missouri prison in 1984, was wanted for the wounding of a Rolla police officer and for questioning in the death of a church caretaker in late March. Brown escaped the dragnet but was captured on May 28 in Oklahoma. Brown was returned to Missouri to stand trial.

Over 100 members of the Highway Patrol assisted the United States Secret Service in providing security for President Ronald Reagan during his visit to Columbia on March 26. The Patrol was responsible for route security and traffic control, manning the motorcade lead and tail cars, providing helicopter support, and providing a special response team. No incidents were reported during the president's visit.

New speed limits on the interstate highways became effective on May 1. A maximum speed limit of 65 miles per hour was placed on the rural interstate highways in Missouri for most vehicles. The maximum speed limit on urban interstate highways remained at 55 miles per hour for all vehicles.

An original member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Thomas E. Whitecotton, passed away July 1. He was 81 years of age and lived in Jefferson City.

Pictured from left to right are: retired Lt. L. Loyd Murphy (1941-1972), Sgt. Wayne A. Murphy, and newly commissioned Tpr. Norman A. Murphy, Troop C. Standing next to Tpr. Norman A. Murphy is his father, retired Kirkwood Police Department Sgt. Arlen L. Murphy.

Operation Cashcrop resulted in the eradication of nearly 400,000 marijuana plants from nearly 600 fields. Over 200 arrests were made in this joint operation involving several law enforcement agencies throughout the state, including the Highway Patrol.

1988 Ford Mustangs are pictured.

Colonel John H. Ford

The 59th Recruit Class graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy on December 11. The 28-member class reported for duty on December 28. For the first time in Patrol history, three generations of the same family had graduated from the Academy *(see photo)*.

Glennon Paul Sweet was found guilty of first-degree murder on December 12, 1987, in the shooting death of Trooper Russell Harper. The jury recommended that Sweet be sentenced to death.

1988

Corporal Matt W. Brown, Troop D, confiscated more than 200 pounds of cocaine worth nearly $11 million on February 25 during an ECCO (Eliminate Contraband Courier Operation) check on Interstate 44 near Springfield. At the time, it was the largest cocaine bust in the history of the Patrol.

The largest ECCO seizure of marijuana was made March 7, by Corporal Mikel H. Woods of Troop D. He found 52 bags of processed marijuana totaling approximately 1,088 pounds. The street value was estimated at $1.3 million.

Trooper Robert J. Kolilis

Seventeen high-performance 1988 Ford Mustangs were added to the Highway Patrol's motor vehicle fleet March 21. They were assigned throughout the state.

Trooper Timothy R. Selvey, Troop F, was forced to shoot and kill Steven Edward Staub on April 19, following a car and foot chase in Boonville, MO. Trooper Martin E. Chitwood and Trooper David A. Brooker were also closely involved in the pursuit of the subject. Staub was wanted by authorities in Florida.

Mr. Delbert Dunmire of Kansas City announced in April that he would donate 300 HK93 semi-automatic rifles to the Highway Patrol. The first 100 weapons arrived in late July.

The Missouri Law Enforcement Run for Special Olympics was held May 18. More than $40,000 was raised to help defray expenses of the Summer Special Olympic games.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol hosted the 1988 Uniformed Safety Education Officers' Workshop in May. The three-day meeting was held in Branson. Representatives from 19 states and Ontario, Canada, were in attendance.

Colonel Howard J. Hoffman, superintendent, retired August 1, after 33 years of service with the Highway Patrol. Governor John Ashcroft appointed Major John H. Ford as superintendent effective August 1.

The 60th Recruit Class began training July 3. The 16-member class graduated December 9.

A contract was awarded July 28 for the installation of an Automated Fingerprint Identification

In September 1988, the Missouri National Guard completed work to bring the land up to grade for the Patrol's Defensive Driving Track.

Tpr. Greg Kenley and K-9 Ben, Troop E; Tpr. David Henson and K-9 Wiko, Troop I; Tpr. Robert Zubeck and K-9 Osco, Troop A; and Tpr. Greg Althage and K-9 Vax, Troop C; were the members of the first Patrol K-9 unit, created in 1988.

System (AFIS) at the Patrol's General Headquarters. This new technological law enforcement tool became operational in 1989.

Trooper Robert J. Kolilis was killed in the line of duty on September 21, when he was struck by a pickup truck on Highway M in Washington County near Irondale. The accident occurred at approximately 7:30 p.m. Two vehicles were stopped along the two lane roadway. One vehicle was parked approximately two feet on the roadway. Tpr. Kolilis apparently stopped to render assistance or to determine why the vehicle was parked partially on the roadway. The drivers of both vehicles were standing in the roadway to the left of the patrol car,

Colonel Clarence E. (Mel) Fisher

which was stopped in the eastbound lane of the highway. Tpr. Kolilis was standing at or near the center of the roadway. A pickup truck, driven by a 16-year-old male, was traveling westbound and did not see Tpr. Kolilis standing in the roadway. Tpr. Kolilis was struck by the left front fender of the pickup. Tpr. Kolilis was taken to Washington County Memorial Hospital where he died as a result of his injuries.

Twenty-four employees retired effective September 1 — to date, the largest number of personnel to retire in one month.

In September, the Missouri National Guard completed work to bring the land up to grade where the Patrol's Defensive Driving Track will be located. The land for the track is located east of Troop F Headquarters in Jefferson City.

The Missouri National Guard assisted the Patrol and other law enforcement agencies in Operation Cashcrop for the first time in August and September.

Trooper Dennis E. Carlton, Troop C, was assaulted following a traffic stop on Interstate 270 on September 21. Tpr. Carlton suffered numerous lacerations and a broken jaw. The trooper subdued the subject, Guy J. Kircher Jr., 19, of Pacific, MO, and took him into custody.

The Missouri Highway Patrol became the Missouri liaison to INTERPOL, the International Criminal Police Organization, in October.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's first K-9 Unit completed training in early November. The unit, made up of four troopers and their German shepherd partners, had been in training for six weeks under the direction of Mr. Georg Mueller of Kassel, West Germany.

The second largest seizure of cocaine in the United States on a highway was made by Trooper Jack R. McMullin, Troop D, on November 6. Tpr. McMullin found 1,104 pounds of cocaine valued at more than $70 million in a vehicle stopped for speeding on Interstate 44 near Springfield.

The Missouri Highway Patrol implemented the emergency highway assistance telephone number 1-800-525-5555 on December 1.

1989

In February, after a federal court jury ruled against Colonel John Ford, he asked the governor to appoint someone else superintendent of the Highway Patrol.

In April, Governor John Ashcroft nominated Lieutenant Colonel Clarence E. (Mel) Fisher to serve as superintendent. Fisher was confirmed by the Missouri Senate on April 26, and was sworn-in as superintendent on April 27.

The Highway Patrol joined the Salvation Army on May 26 in a new assistance program called "Project Help." Under the program, motorists who are temporarily without funds and in need of gasoline, auto repair, lodging, meals, or other short-term assistance could receive up to $150 in vouchers which could be redeemed at various businesses in the state. The merchant will then be reimbursed by the Salvation Army.

The Research and Information Division was separated into two functions, and two new divisions created effective May 17. Their new titles were the Research and Development Division (RDD) and the Safety and Information Division (SID).

Effective June 1, administrative policy and procedure responsibility for troop safety officers was

The Patrol and the Salvation Army formed a partnership called "Project Help" in 1989.

transferred from the Traffic Division to the Safety and Information Division.

In August, the Missouri Highway Patrol became involved in the drug prevention program D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Seven members of the Patrol graduated from the D.A.R.E. Officers Training School in Springfield, IL, and will teach fifth and sixth grade students around the state. The Patrol is the coordinating agency in Missouri of this drug prevention program.

The agency made a decision to make a transition from the American Red Cross first-aid training to the U.S. Department of Transportation EMS first responder training in the months ahead. The Department of Transportation course was specifically designed for traffic law enforcement officers responding to an emergency scene. Members of the Highway Patrol have been taking Red Cross training since the 1930s.

In September, officers were supplied new license plates which show the officer's badge number followed by - HP. The HP will allow for more positive identification of Highway Patrol vehicles.

Missouri led the nation in the amount of cultivated marijuana plants seized during Operation Cashcrop with a record $1.6 billion worth of the illegal weed destroyed. There were 2,052,031 plants of cultivated and wild marijuana plus 135 pounds of processed marijuana seized from 662 fields by our officers in joint investigations with other departments.

The new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) installed at the Highway Patrol is now operational. Full production will begin soon.

Corporal Michael A. Cooper, Troop I, received an award on October 17 in recognition of being named an honorable mention in the International Chiefs of Police/Parade Magazine Police Service Award program. Cpl. Cooper had distinguished himself a number of times over the past years in police work. For example, in 1988 he rescued a driver from a burning car who was fleeing from Cpl. Cooper. This action was dramatized on the CBS television program TOP COPS. Cooper had also been involved in several outstanding drug-related arrests.