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Superintendent's Message



Colonel J. Bret Johnson

Benjamin Franklin once wrote, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Although I agree with the original statement, I would add change to the list of what is certain. Change is inevitable and occurs in all areas of our lives.

Just recently, I spoke to the 103rd Recruit Class at their graduation. Their lives are certainly changed having successfully completed the training of the nation's premiere law enforcement agency- the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I spoke to them about holding dear our agency's core values. I encouraged them to draw their motivation from those who support and appreciate our service and honored profession. I reminded them that we must do everything possible to unite our communities and law enforcement. Congratulations to the 103rd Recruit Class. My prayers are with you.

Our mission is to serve and protect. By upholding this mission through applying our core values, and by being accountable, transparent, and inclusive in everything we do, the Patrol will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of Missourians.

As these young troopers begin their career, mine is coming to a close. Over the past 30 years, I have experienced the challenges and rewards of being a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper. For me it was a call to service, and though the type of service changed with each rank, the call did not. Whether I was assisting a stranded motorist, arresting a drunk driver, investigating a traffic crash, or speaking to legislators, I was serving and protecting the people of this great state. A trooper is always a trooper, on duty or off, from the beginning of their career through the end.

I truly believe that the Missouri State Highway Patrol has the best employees found in state government. Every day, members of this agency put their lives on the line to help make Missouri a safe place to live, work, and raise a family. Every day, members of this agency know their civilian counterparts are working alongside them, supporting our mission of service and protection. In the last 85 years, every time the Missouri Legislature has tasked us with new responsibilities, we have answered that call successfully and honorably. I am confident the Patrol will continue doing so.

My thoughts are also with the friends and families of our 31 members who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice to the citizens of this state. As I prepare to enjoy what life brings in retirement, I am cognizant of the fact that they were not given the opportunity to reach this milestone. Recognizing that should always remind us of the importance of our service.

In closing, I want to thank Governor Jay Nixon for giving me the opportunity to serve as superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It has been an honor.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bret Johnson".

Colonel J. Bret Johnson

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Social Media Snapshot



This photo from the 103rd Recruit Class graduation ceremony December 30, 2016, holds the “top reactions” for MSHP Facebook posts in November/December. Anything and everything about Patrol recruits happens to be a follower favorite when it comes to our social media posts.

The MSHP posted a video taken during the ice/snow storm on December 17. The video came from a trooper's dash camera and was quite popular—shared 7,390 times. Social Media helped the MSHP spread the message to slow down in bad weather. The Patrol gained roughly 6,000 new followers after this post.



Cover

DE Sprv. Linda A. Bradley, Troop D, administers a driver examination test in Springfield, MO. Linda has been with the Patrol since 2004.

“DE Sprv. Linda Bradley is currently supervising the Springfield North Travel Crew here in Troop D,” said Chief DE Brian Miller, Troop D. “She truly enjoys her current crew and enjoys working in each of the towns they serve. She has been a great asset to the Patrol, as well as Troop D! We look forward to many more years to come with her at the helm of the North Travel Crew!”

DPS Recognizes Troopers Monahan, Talburt

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

It was June 4, 2016. According to radio traffic, the vehicle crash resulted in it being partially submerged in the flooded Cypress Creek in Ripley County ... with the driver trapped inside. The situation was serious and becoming even more so. Troopers Logan B. Monahan and Shayne K. Talburt, Troop E, overheard the radio traffic and responded immediately. The radio traffic alerted the troopers to the fact that a water rescue was a distinct possibility. Being marine enforcement troopers meant they had the necessary and valuable swift water gear with them.

"Tpr. Monahan and I arrived on scene, and I observed two male subjects out in the water," said Tpr. Talburt. "The driver was hanging out the passenger side window, with his legs being the only part of his body still in the truck. Both of the bystanders were holding Mr. Vincent up, keeping his head from going under water."

Tprs. Monahan and Talburt entered the cold floodwaters with their safety equipment and took over for the bystanders. The troopers continued to monitor the driver's condition due to his severe injuries. The rescue had the additional challenges of the driver being in shock and combative. Tpr. Talburt maintained C-spine management until the driver was transferred into the care of emergency medical personnel on the shore. It was later determined the driver had suffered numerous serious injuries, including a broken neck, in the crash. The gentleman has since recovered.

At the time of this incident, Tpr. Monahan was serving as FTO for Tpr. Talburt, who had recently transferred to marine enforcement. Tpr. Monahan said they work well together. "We're friends off duty, we get along, and we understand one another. He knows what I'm thinking and I know what he's thinking. We're usually on the same page, which makes it easy."

"Tpr. Monahan is very well rounded and versatile," said Tpr. Talburt. "He



Director Lane Roberts presented a November 2016 DPS Employee of the Month award to Tpr. Logan Monahan, Troop E.

is one of the most knowledgeable and experienced marine enforcement officers I have ever met. He is also a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Dive Team."

To recognize the troopers brave, lifesaving actions, Department of Public Safety Director Lane Roberts presented Tprs. Monahan and Talburt with the November 2016 DPS Employee of the Month award. The ceremony took place at the Patrol's Academy on November 21 with friends, co-workers, and family present to congratulate them.

After reading the nomination, Major Greg Smith, Q/FOB, congratulated them, then said, "Job well done. This award is well deserved. Your efforts are outstanding."

"Each trooper in this organization is a credit to the MSHP," said Director Roberts. "This guy is alive because of what you did. People don't realize the vast majority of what you do is take care of our citizens. I'm very proud of you and the organization."

"This award today is indicative of the kind of work they do every day," said Colonel J. Bret Johnson. "Thank you, Shane. Thank you, Logan. We appreciate it."



Tpr. Shayne Talburt, Troop E, accepts a November 2016 DPS Employee of the Month award from DPS Director Lane Roberts.

"We are honored to receive this award," said Tpr. Monahan. "There are a lot of officers that do the same thing we do. We're just glad we were in the right place at the right time, and that we were able to get there right away, before anything worse happened."

Tpr. Talburt concurred that accepting the DPS Employee of the Month award was an honor. "My dream was always to become a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper," said Tpr. Talburt. "I work with some amazing officers in Troop E, and I feel any one of them are just as deserving of this award as I."

Congratulations, Troopers Monahan and Talburt!

The MSHP Is 85!



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

At each troop and General Headquarters, employees, retirees, and special guests attended celebrations marking the Patrol's 85th anniversary. Some enjoyed breakfast gatherings and others shared lunch. In addition to spending time together, guest speakers and special presentations were often part of the celebrations. At the GHQ celebration, Director Lane Roberts (DPS), Mrs. Bridget Hug (former trooper), and retired Captain Dwight Hartung served as guest speakers.

Retired Lieutenant Colonel William K. Seibert served as the keynote speaker for the GHQ celebration. He described a night in 1975, when he and two other African Americans were in a car stopped by a white trooper. "He addressed me as, 'Sir.'" said retired Lt.

Col. Seibert. "Respect is everything. I joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1977. That stop in 1975 did more to recruit me than anything." He went on to say he was confident the 55 graduates of 1931 would recognize the traditions of the Patrol, but, "they would be spellbound by the changes. The Patrol has been ever-changing to meet the state's needs."

Director Roberts then presented Colonel J. Bret Johnson with a proclamation from Governor Jay Nixon. Missouri Representative

Shawn Rhoads presented Col. Johnson a resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives, and Senators Doug Libla and Shalonn (Kiki) Curll did the same for a resolution from the Missouri Senate. Col. Johnson recorded an 85th anniversary message, which was shared at some of the gatherings and sent out to all employees via PowerDMS.

Ms. Bridget Hug, one of the first women to graduate from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy recruit training, worked as a trooper from 1974 to 1977. "I loved being a trooper," she said. "I thought I would never leave it. But, sometimes life changes that." Ms. Hug, who is married to retired Lieutenant Greg Hug, returned to the Patrol in 1990. Over the next nine years, she worked as a driver examiner, motor vehicle inspector, telecommunicator, and recruiter. "No matter what your goals are, the Patrol has a place for you if you want it," she said. "Although I left the Highway Patrol, I've always felt like part of the Patrol family. I was once told I blazed a trail, and I was humbled by that. You never know what mark you'll leave ... just as the Patrol has left a mark on me."



Troop E hosted a fish fry and heard from Lt. Col. Sandy Karsten and Capt. Jeff Vitale.



Troop D employees and retirees enjoyed lunch together to mark the Patrol's 85th anniversary.



When I'm 64 ... Badge 64 was well represented at Troop A's 85th anniversary celebration. Each of the members pictured was assigned #64 while assigned to Troop A: (l to r) Lt. Nate Ahern (2013-present), retired Lt. Harold Battmer (1980-1990), retired Capt. Vince Ellis (1990-2001), retired Lt. Jim Ripley (2001-2013).

Troop F Names Brunk, Ellis Honorary Troopers

By Sgt. Scott B. White, Troop F

Captain Michael A. Turner, Troop F, presented the Patrol's Honorary Trooper certificate to two men due to their actions at the scene of a motor vehicle crash in Callaway County. The presentation took place on Friday, October 28, 2016, at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri.

The two gentlemen, Mr. Jacob R. Ellis, Columbia, MO, and Mr. Adam G.H. Brunk, Holts Summit, MO, were traveling in their vehicles when they witnessed a three-vehicle crash on Missouri Route J near the intersection of Missouri Route F in Callaway County on August 21, 2016. A preliminary investigation revealed the crash occurred as a 2005 Ford 500 was traveling south on Route J, lost control on a curve, crossed the centerline, and struck a 1991 Chevrolet pickup head-on. After the initial impact, the Ford 500 struck a 2013 Ford Focus. The Chevrolet pickup caught fire.

There were two occupants in the Chevrolet pickup. A female sitting in the front passenger seat was rendered incapacitated. The male driver was sit-



Pictured are (l to r, standing) Mr. Adam Brunk, Capt. Mike Turner, Troop F, Sgt. Ryan Thompson, Troop F, Mr. Jacob Ellis, and (seated) the driver and passenger Mr. Brunk and Mr. Turner rescued.

ting in the driver's seat, but his left leg was pinned. He was unable to free himself from the burning vehicle.

Mr. Ellis and Mr. Brunk quickly rushed to the burning truck and began to assist the occupants. The driver's door was jammed due to the collision, so Mr. Ellis and Mr. Brunk went to the passenger side door and helped remove the female from the pickup. Mr. Brunk walked the female away from the burning vehicle, where she could wait safely for emergency personnel to arrive on scene.

The fire had spread from under the pickup to along the driver's door, and the driver's left leg was still pinned. In the cab, flames were coming from the middle console. Together, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Brunk entered the pickup through the passenger door, and worked at freeing the driver until they were able to pull him from the burning vehicle. Shortly after the driver was freed by Mr. Ellis and Mr. Brunk, the cab of the pickup was engulfed in fire.

"The actions of Mr. Ellis and Mr. Brunk were exemplary," said Capt. Turner.

2016 Troop B Community Alliance Program

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

Twenty Troop B area residents completed the Community Alliance Program held there on November 14, 2016. This was the 12th Community Alliance Program conducted at Troop B since 2001. This program is a unique opportunity for citizens to gain insight and understanding of the training and many duties of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It also offers an opportunity to meet and interact with several of the agency's members and employees. During the program, the participants met at the Troop B Headquarters in Macon, MO, for 10 consecutive Monday evenings and received classroom and practical instruction on various topics, including firearms, traffic stops,

traffic crash, criminal investigations, polygraph examinations, and driving while intoxicated enforcement.

The program culminated with an awards ceremony, which was held at and sponsored by the Macon Comfort Inn. During the awards ceremony, participants received a plaque for their participation. Participants of the 2016 Troop B Community Alliance Program

were: James Wilson and Doug Yearns, of Anabel, MO; Mark Riley, of Atlanta, MO; John Yutz, of Callao, MO; Christine Chinn, of Clarence, MO; Kiska Alford, of Huntsville, MO; Jason Richie, of Jacksonville, MO; Sheryl Beadles, Jamie Bergfield, Debra Conklin, Shon Coram, Dennis Fessler, Sandy Smith, Roger Smith, Marilyn Stoppel, Sharon Trumper, and Danny Wyatt, all of Macon, MO; Julie Sears and Gay Thomas, of Madison, MO; and Michael Chew, of Moberly, MO.



Sgt. Brent Bernhardt (left) and Captain Jimmie Wilt (right) congratulated the residents completing Troop B's most recent Community Alliance Program.

WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT

“Trooper Piccinino was involved in a high speed single vehicle crash. It was a very violent crash as indicated by the internal camera in the car,” said Captain Mark G. Inman, Troop G. “He was absolutely thrown all over the cabin of the vehicle while remaining in his seat belt. At one point, he was mostly in the back seat. It knocked the collar brass off his uniform. This occurred in Douglas County. I feel the seat belt prevented very serious injuries to Tpr. Piccinino.”

Here’s the scoop:

On October 18, 2010, Trooper Justin D. Piccinino, Troop G, was responding to an officer assist call in Ava, MO. He was the closest officer to the scene—about 15 minutes away on curvy roads. Tpr. Piccinino was running lights and sirens west on Missouri Highway 76 at what is known as “Beaver Creek bend,” a sharp downhill curve. Tpr. Piccinino’s patrol vehicle went into a skid and the end of the patrol car hit the cliff, traveling down the hillside.

“It was violent, like a washing machine,” said Tpr. Piccinino. “The back windshield blew out and the front one was busted. Everything was flying out. When I came to, I gasped. Then, I realized I was in the gully. I used my radio to call for help.”

“I couldn’t get the driver’s side door open,” continued Tpr. Piccinino, “and felt the car move as if it was going to continue down the cliff. I shifted back and ended up crawling out on my hands and knees. My right leg was burning and I thought it was broken. I basically had to low crawl, grabbing tree saplings to pull myself up the hill.”

Tpr. Piccinino indicated it felt like it took him half an hour to crawl up to the road. A passerby stopped and offered assistance. “The passerby, a lady, was an RN and told me to sit down. I used her cell phone to call for assistance.” Tpr. Piccinino was advised the officer

who originally requested assistance was fine, and ultimately, Tpr. Piccinino was taken to the hospital. But, the story doesn’t end quite yet ...

When Tpr. Piccinino arrived at the hospital, accompanied by his wife and six-month-old daughter, he went into triage. “The nurse began to hook me up to heart monitoring equipment. I heard a disturbance out in the waiting room. When I looked out the window into the waiting room, I saw my wife get up out of her seat and run away, out of my view. The nurse looked out the door and said, ‘Oh no, there’s a fight.’ I knew my wife and daughter were out there, so I got up to see what was happening.”

Tpr. Piccinino sees an officer attempting to subdue an intoxicated man. He proceeds to leave his triage room to assist. “I assisted the officer by applying a neck restraint on the intoxicated subject. When all the excitement settled, and I was taken back into triage, I contacted my corporal and told him I would have to fill out a use of force report. He asked if I’d attacked the doctor, and I explained the assistance needed by the hospital officer.”

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**WEAR YOUR BELT.
WEAR YOUR VEST.
WATCH YOUR SPEED.
WIN—WHAT’S IMPORTANT NOW?
REMEMBER: COMPLACENCY
KILLS!**

Tpr. Piccinino recuperated fully and returned to duty. He has this to say about the incident:

“The seat belt saved my life. It wasn’t my time. The fact that I was wearing a vest also kept everything tight. During that time, the lesson that, ‘You can’t help another officer if you don’t get there,’ came to mind. This experience taught me to pay better attention, focus on driving, and to get there safely.”

Colonel J. Bret Johnson presents a plaque to Governor Jay Nixon during the 103rd Recruit Class graduation, as an expression of appreciation for the governor’s support during his tenure. The colonel also presented him with a keepsake—a campaign hat.



Governor Awards 10 Missouri Medals Of Valor

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

A special ceremony took place in the Governor's Office on November 28, 2016. Governor Jay Nixon recognized 10 public safety officers from across the state by awarding them each a Missouri Medal of Valor. Three of these brave professionals are members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Co-workers, family, and friends were joined by media representatives to honor those who run toward danger while others are running away. The Missouri Medal of Valor honor is the state's highest award recognizing public safety officers who exhibit exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind, and unusual swiftness of action, regardless of personal safety to protect or save human life.¹ It is fitting the ceremony takes place in the Governor's Office, an impressive example of workmanship and artistry.

"The office architecture impressed me," said Trooper Rob W. Garrett, Troop D. "I was very honored and thankful. I know there are many other troopers out there who risked just as much as I and deserve the very same award."

"I had never been to the Governor's Office and was impressed with the office and the staff," said Corporal Jason M. Hurt, Troop C. "Being among the 10 public safety representatives selected to receive the Medal of Valor was extremely humbling. The atmosphere was exciting, the amount of staff that showed up for the ceremony was very humbling. Several of the staff said how proud of us they were and how well we represented the Patrol."

Gov. Nixon recognized Cpl. Hurt for an incident that took place on Nov. 21, 2015. While off-duty, then-Trooper Hurt first came to the aid of a civilian in need of assistance, which led to him placing himself in harm's way by entering a highly dangerous struggle over a loaded gun. His selfless and brave



Cpl. Jason Hurt, Troop C, accepted a Missouri Medal of Valor from Gov. Jay Nixon (l)



Gov. Jay Nixon presented a Missouri Medal of Valor to Cpl. Dave Brown, Troop D.

action ended the threat to both the suicidal man and the civilian. Tpr. Hurt also accepted a Patrol Valor Award for his actions during this incident in April 2016.

Gov. Nixon recognized Corporal Dave H. Brown and Tpr. Rob Garrett, Troop D, for an incident that took place shortly after 2 a.m. on December 27, 2015, as Missouri was experiencing record rainfall and flooding. Marine operations Cpl. Brown and Tpr. Garrett responded to a call for a man clinging to a tree in the flooded Pomme De Terre River. With no sign of the flood victim and his cries for help as their only guide, a jet boat was launched, operated by Tpr. Garrett with Cpl. Brown using a spotlight to search a tree line for the victim. After locating the victim in a tree about 10 feet above the swift-moving floodwater, Tpr. Garrett tactically maneuvered the boat through the turbulent water to the tree. Wet and hypothermic, the man slipped as he started to climb down and fell into the water. Unable to see him, Cpl. Brown immediately dropped prone in the bow of the boat and reached both arms down in the roiling floodwater. He got hold of an arm



Gov. Jay Nixon and Tpr. Rob Garrett, Troop D, pose for a photo after Tpr. Garrett accepted a Missouri Medal of Valor.

and the man's hair. The victim was devoid of strength and being pulled under by the current, but Cpl. Brown got him into the boat and

Tpr. Garrett maneuvered it back to the safety of the shore. Cpl. Brown and Tpr. Garrett also accepted a Patrol Lifesaving Award for their actions during this event in April 2016.

In addition to the three troopers, Gov. Nixon presented Missouri Medals of Valor to Officer Jeffrey A. Haislip, St. Charles Police Department, Deputy Jason A. Jameson, Boone County Sheriff's Department, Firefighter Michael J. Kuss, Springfield Fire Department, Officer Charles L. Gerhart, Missouri Capitol Police, Captain David L. Marshak and Corporal Bryan R. Taylor, both Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and Paramedic Jordan V. Selsor, Meramec Ambulance District. For details about their brave actions, visit the Missouri Department of Public Safety website at www.dps.mo.gov.

¹ Description found on the Missouri Department of Public Safety website.

CONSTITUTION PROJECT: A REAL LIFE COMPETITION

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

Cpl. Stacey L. Mosher, Troop F, observes as a student journalist records her story about what happened.



Sgt. Demond Tauber, Q/CRD, evaluates the student investigators during the competition.



The student prosecutor quizzes Reggie Revocation (aka Tpr. Darin Haslag, Q/DDCC) about whether or not his "fiancee" Fawn Fable (aka Social Media Specialist Meghan Basinger, Q/PIED) would lie for him. His response that he thought Fawn would lie for him because they were in love brought a reaction from some of the students who looked Fawn's direction. Apparently, the make believe couple wasn't convincing: Reggie was found guilty.

The finals for the Constitution Project took place November 9, 2016, at the Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City. The day began with four teams investigating this mock traffic crash. Sgt. Jay A. Pragman, Q/DDCC, played the part of the "victim." Student criminal investigators and journalists were given a set amount of time to gather information.

Congratulations!

Both team and individual awards were presented at the Constitution Project's closing ceremony. Houston High School accepted the First Amendment Award (journalism), and Lebanon High School accepted both the Fifth Amendment Award (criminal investigation) and Sixth Amendment Award (trial advocacy). The Freedom Cup was presented to Lebanon High School, the grand champion of the competition. It was the first year Lebanon High School competed.

How Others See Us

From: Brian_Anderson@isp.state.il.us
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016
To: Kevin.Miller@mshp.dps.mo.gov

Subject: Crash 12/11/16

Lieutenant Miller,

The purpose of this email is to extend a sincere debt of gratitude to three of your officers for their involvement with a traffic crash my family and I were in on Sunday, December 11, 2016, at around 9 a.m.

My wife Jeanne and two sons, Seth (13) and Tanner (11), were headed to Chesterfield for a 10 a.m. basketball game. We were traveling south on [U.S. Highway] 61 about five miles north of Troy [MO] behind a truck tractor semi-trailer. A large section of ice had accumulated on top of the trailer in front of us and was dislodged traveling at highway speeds and flew through the air. There were a number of pieces that had broken free and we were fortunate to miss the initial sections.

However, in the next instant a piece of ice about the size of our Toughbook computers crashed through the windshield of our suburban. The ice impacted the windshield on the driver's side and entered the passenger compartment striking me in the left shoulder and sending glass and ice fragments throughout the interior. As luck would have it I was not incapacitated and able to brake and steer the vehicle to the right shoulder and get it stopped safely. I have some cuts and bruises from the ice and glass, but otherwise I am fine. My wife and sons were very fortunate and only had some minor cuts from the flying debris. My 11-year-old, Tanner, had some small glass fragments hit his face that resulted in some minor bleeding. Seth said he didn't get hit by any glass or ice because, "Dad blocked it all." :)

I have handled hundreds of crashes during my 20 years in law enforcement. I have never been on the other side of that equation with a wife and

children in the vehicle, until this past Sunday morning. I would like to share the experience I had with your officers that morning and the subsequent Monday arranging for the repair of my windshield.

Corporal Bryan [W.] Long [Troop C] arrived promptly after I called *55. I was sitting in the back row seats of the vehicle by that time, because it was extremely cold out and the back row seats were the only ones that didn't have glass shards all over them. The first thing Corporal Long did was disregard what I told him. He looked at me and asked me if I needed an ambulance. I told him I did not. He said, "OK," and stepped away from the door and called me an ambulance. He knew, based on his training and experience, that I did in fact need an ambulance. I was not thinking clearly and more concerned about the well-being of my family than my own. Thank you, Corporal Long, making my safety a priority.

After the ambulance checked me out and cleaned the glass from my face and body, Corporal Long called Trooper [Nathan A.] Cockrum [Troop C] to come assist him and they devised a "solution" to my problem with the vehicle. Where we were is about 100 miles from my home. 200-mile round trip tow bills are expensive and my vehicle was not drivable with the windshield being shattered on the entire driver's side. My vehicle was "re-located" to the MODOT building on St. Francis Road, which was only a few miles away.

I can assure you Corporal Long and Trooper Cockrum did not violate any sections of the Missouri Vehicle Code or directives of the Missouri [State] Highway Patrol during that process. Once there, Sergeant [Robert E.] Hoehn [Troop C] arrived to as-

sist as well. They pulled my car into the garage bays while I went into the bathroom to clean more of the glass and blood from my face and neck. This took me some time and when I came out to the bay all three were using shop-vacs to clean the glass from the interior of my car. Furthermore, I believe Trooper Cockrum has a future in NASCAR, as he found some plastic tarp to cover the windshield so rain wouldn't get in while it sat outside overnight. He has superior duct taping skills.

You see where I'm going with this ... these guys went above and beyond to assist me. They didn't have to, but did. My family and I are forever grateful for their professionalism and willingness to do more than was necessary that day. Corporal Long helped coordinate repair of my vehicle on Monday morning and even asked some other troopers to be in the area when the glass repairman arrived.

I have since retrieved my repaired vehicle and cleaned most of the glass from the interior. My wife on the other hand feels the glass will never be completely gone and a new vehicle is in order. Either way, we are all safe and, but for a few sparkles of glass now and then, everything seems to be back to normal. I mean it is Christmas time, so I tell her to just consider it Christmas lights.

I'm grateful I had to opportunity to meet your outstanding officers, albeit under unfortunate circumstances. Please convey my heartfelt thanks to them on behalf of my family and the Illinois State Police family.

Happy Holidays,

*Lieutenant Brian Anderson #4752
District 20 Operations Officer, Illinois
State Police*

Bava Family Appreciates Generosity, Hospitality

By Sgt. Scott B. White, Troop F

This year, the Christmas spirit was in full force throughout several troops with the Trooper James Bava Toy Drive. The Bava family organized the multi-troop event and plans to continue this tradition each year in honor of James' birthday. The drive paid tribute to Tpr. Bava and one of his principal character traits—his generosity.

Patrol employees and area residents donated approximately \$18,000 in toys so children at the St. Louis Children's Hospital would have special gifts this holiday season.

"We've had the opportunity to visit seven of the nine troops that are participating in the toy drive in memory of James; it's in memory and honor of his birthday," James' mother, Alyce Bava, said.

Since his death, his family had been trying to decide how they could remember James and his birthday each year. His older sister, Katie Bava, remembered when James was nine he had won a drawing from Toys "R" Us and was given a \$100 gift card to spend in the store. "With winning it ... he wanted to do something to help other kids because he knew Christmas was going to be OK for him," Alyce said. She said James spent the \$100 on toys to donate to the Salvation Army for other kids to enjoy instead of buying toys for himself.



Alyssa and Alyce Bava (far right) joined Patrol employees for a photo when they came to Troop F to pick up toys.

The Bava Family visited several troop headquarters locations to pick up donated items between November 28 and December 9, 2016. Alyce Bava brought a birthday cake to share with each troop.

Shortly before 1 p.m. on December 12, the Troop C Bearcat and an enclosed trailer full of toys arrived at the St. Louis Children's Hospital. Jim, Alyce, and Alyssa Bava, along with several troopers, helped make the delivery of thousands of toys and games.

"We're so thankful for the generosity and hospitality of each and every one of the troops to us, because not everybody knew James; obviously, not everybody knows our family personally, but they have all been very hospitable and have been very wel-



Troopers unload toys from the first Trooper James Bava Toy Drive at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

coming to me," she said. "I've been meeting so many new people, each of the troops, each of the captains ... It's been healing in a lot of ways for me."



On Saturday December 17, retired Dekalb County Sheriff Wes Raines held his annual "Shop with a Cop" event in Cameron, MO. This event provides less fortunate kids in the Dekalb County area with a \$100 shopping spree at the Walmart in Cameron. Pictured (l to r) are Lt. Mark Ott, Sgt Lance Newman, Sgt Andy Henry, and their new young friend.

Operation T.O.Y.S. Shares The Joy



Santa greets a young shopper and Major Gregory D. Kindle, Q/SSB, to Walmart during Operation Take Our Youth Shopping on December 17, 2016. The Patrol sponsored 10 children for the event. The Missouri Capitol Police, Missouri Department of Corrections, Lincoln University Police, Cole County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson City Police Department, and Holts Summit Police Department also sponsored children.

Congratulations To The 103rd Recruit Class!

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

"I hear ya calling, calling for me. King of the road, the MSHP. Founded in '31, we still lead the way. Service and protection day after day." With that simple cadence, the 103rd Recruit Class arrived for graduation on Friday, December 30, 2016, in the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy gymnasium. The gymnasium was packed with friends, family, and co-workers. These 39 dedicated men and women had spent the previous 26 weeks training to become a trooper. This was the day their hard work paid off.

Reverend Jimmy C. McMasters, of Corning, AR, provided the invocation and benediction. Troop F Color Guard presented the colors and Tpr. Andrew A. Armstrong, Troop F, sang the national anthem. The Honorable Edward R. Ardini Jr., Missouri Court of Appeals—Western District, administered the Oath of Office, and Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of College Affairs for Mineral Area College, conferred an associate of applied science degree to 12 of the new troopers.

DPS Director Lane Roberts congratulated the new troopers and told them they mattered. He described their responsibilities as being guardians of the Bill of Rights and defenders of innocents and individual freedom.

"Be courageous, be noble ... but, above all, be safe," he said.

Governor Jay Nixon provided the keynote address. He congratulated them on their achievement saying the MSHP stands above the rest. "It's more than tactics and technical training; beyond EVOC and the firing range," Gov. Nixon told the class. "You are becoming troopers in a crucial time for law enforcement and



Members of the 103rd Recruit Class file into the gymnasium for graduation.

our nation. Thank you for choosing to make a difference. I am confident that you are equipped to meet the challenges thrown at you. God bless your work to serve and protect the people of this great state."

Colonel J. Bret Johnson, superintendent of the Patrol, congratulated the new troopers.



Tpr. Sadie D. Turnbull accepts her diploma from Col. J. Bret Johnson, while Gov. Jay Nixon and DPS Director Lane Roberts wait to congratulate her.



The Honorable Edward R. Ardini Jr., Missouri Court of Appeals—Western District, administers the Oath of Office to the new troopers.

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“On January 17, you will start applying the knowledge and training you have received on the highways of our great state. These are certainly challenging times for our profession, but also our nation. I firmly believe that the opportunities presented to us as public servants, as peace officers, give us a unique opportunity to change that narrative—to bring communities together through small acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion,” said Colonel Johnson.

The colonel reminded the class to live by the Patrol’s core values and stressed, “We must always be accountable, transparent, and inclusive in everything we do. But, we must also be safe.”

Four class awards were presented during the graduation ceremony. Trooper Nicholas A. Regan earned the physical fitness award. Trooper Justin L. Cleeton earned the firearms award. Trooper David A. Crowell earned the academic award. Trooper Tyson A. Hartshorn accepted the Superintendent’s Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall.



The Honorable Edward R. Ardini Jr. congratulates Tpr. Callie A. Judy, who signed her Oath of Office shortly thereafter.

Congratulations to the 103rd Recruit Class! Listed below are their names, hometowns, and first assignments:

Name	Hometown	First Assignment
Nolan A. Bax	Loose Creek, MO	Troop F, Callaway County
Eric L. Bennett	Ironton, MO	Troop E, Wayne County
Chance D. Berry	Poplar Bluff, MO	Troop E, Butler/ Ripley Counties
Chanan Boatright	Mountain Grove, MO	Troop G, Northern Howell/ Shannon Counties*
Darren M. Bridges	Stockton, MO	Troop A, Clay County
Robert T. Carter, Jr.	Lee’s Summit, MO	Troop H, Andrew/Buchanan Counties
Justin L. Cleeton	Morrisville, MO	Troop D, Jasper County
Anthony J. Cook	Aurora, MO	Troop D, Jasper County
Brian N. Crawford	West Plains, MO	Troop I, Phelps/Maries Counties
David A. Crowell	Byrnes Mill, MO	Troop C, Jefferson County
Michael L. Crutcher	St. Louis, MO	Troop C, St. Charles County
Zachariah C. Dudley	Rogersville, MO	Troop D, Webster County
Jeffery G. Durbin	Paris, MO	Troop C, Warren County*
Benjamin S. Giesler	Arnold, MO	Troop C, St. Francois County*
Aaron T. Grainger	Benton, MO	Troop E, Stoddard County
Nathan E. Griffin	Poplar Bluff, MO	Troop E, New Madrid/Pemiscot Counties
Tyson A. Hartshorn	Lathrop, MO	Troop A, Clay County
Thomas Ren Hecker	Raymore, MO	Troop H, Nodaway/Worth Counties
Dylan W. Jehnzen	Kansas City, MO	Troop H, Andrew/Buchanan Counties*
Callie A. Judy	Columbia, MO	Troop C, Warren County*
Jacob M. Langley	Nixa, MO	Troop C, Franklin County
Andrew Wight Lawman	Columbia, MO	Troop F, Callaway County
Max R. Lawson	Iberia, MO	Troop F, Miller County (marine enforcement)
Aaron A. Lindley	Saint Thomas, MO	Troop F, Camden County (marine enforcement)*
Daniel C. Mahalik	Crystal Lake, IL	Troop C, Warren County*
Shane W. Mahaney	Foristell, MO	Troop F, Camden County (marine enforcement)
Corey D. Parrott	Lincoln, MO	Troop A, Johnson County
Gentry T. Pemberton	Centralia, MO	Troop F, Boone County*
Nicholas A. Regan	Platte City, MO	Troop H, Atchison/Holt Counties
Jason N. Rigsby	Rolla, MO	Troop I, Phelps/Maries Counties
Jacob S. Schwartz	Ozark, MO	Troop D, Taney County
Jason L. Sentman	Salem, MO	Troop G, Texas County
Marsalis Sherod	Florissant, MO	Troop C, St. Charles County
Michael T. Soriano	Collinsville, IL	Troop C, Franklin County
Zayne B. Tate	Norwood, MO	Troop G, Carter/Reynolds Counties*
Cody D. Tucker	Piedmont, MO	Troop E, New Madrid/Pemiscot Counties
Sadie D. Turnbull	Columbia, MO	Troop F, Camden (marine enforcement)
Jesse J. Wagner	Ash Grove, MO	Troop F, Morgan/Moniteau Counties (marine enforcement)*
Andrew M. Warren	Ironton, MO	Troop C, Pike County*

* Troopers earning an associate’s of applied science degree while at the Patrol’s Law Enforcement Academy.

Newton Family: Toy Drive Helps Tremendously

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A



Missouri State Highway Patrol and Kansas Highway Patrol employees pause for a photo before delivering toys.

The 14th Annual Trooper Michael L. Newton Toy Drive was another huge success! Our partnership with the Kansas Highway Patrol, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and the citizens we serve makes this event more and more successful every year. Troopers personally delivered toys to hospitalized children at University of Kansas Pediatric Unit. Later that evening, troopers prepared an outstanding meal at Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City for families (approximately 150 people) who are forced to spend the holiday season away from home with their hospitalized children and their siblings. The main course was approximately 80 pounds of “world famous” Kansas City smoked pulled pork prepared by “Uncle Bob Heifner,” uncle of Troop A’s Asst. Chief Oper. Jessica R. Dillon. Uncle Bob volunteered his time and cooking expertise for the third year in a row. Retired Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Garry and Mrs. Bobbi Newton, Tpr. Michael Newton’s parents, made the trip from Troop I with many toys in hand to help serve the meal. They are part of the toy drive each year, weather permitting.



Sergeant Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A, talks with a young patient while delivering a toy from the Tpr. Michael L. Newton Toy Drive.



Lt. Rick Fletcher, Troop A, and Capt. John Hotz, Q/PIED, were joined by the Kansas Highway Patrol mascot when they delivered a toy to this young child and his mom.

“It’s been 14 years, and holidays are harder for us,” said Mrs. Bobbie Newton, Tpr. Newton’s mom. “Taking his favorite holiday and bringing joy to others helps tremendously.”

Troopers also handed out toys at the Ronald McDonald House and later were able to meet a young man named Alex, a brave nine-year-old from England who is being treated for a rare form of cancer. Alex’s father is a policeman in England, and they recently arrived in Kansas City for treatment. You can follow Alex on Twitter @Alex_Journey. Santa Claus even arrived in a MSHP patrol car to visit all of the

families, including Alex, which was certainly a highlight for everyone.

“Being able to be around the children and families is an amazing experience,” said Mrs. Newton. “Bonding with some of the parents and sharing stories is something we will remember forever. Our son loved Christmas and would have loved helping these kids in need. Watching them be able to eat and see their children happy for an evening is heartwarming.”

Cpl. Jay Sampietro Jr. Toy Drive Brightens The Holidays

By: Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health, joined the citizens they serve to make the 10th Annual Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. Toy Drive a huge success. The toy collection, which began on November 22, and concluded on December 19, 2016, resulted in an overwhelming response regarding the number of donated toys.

The purpose of the annual toy drive is twofold. First, it is in remembrance of Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr., who died in the line of duty on August 17, 2005. Secondly, the toy drive is designed to brighten the holiday for children who are forced to spend the Christmas season in the hospital due to illness. Troopers, along with the Jay Sampietro family and representatives from the Children's Miracle Network and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, personally delivered a portion of the donated toys to the children in the Cox Health Pediatric Unit in Springfield. The remaining toys were given to the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health for future distribution.

"The boys and I have always been involved with the toy drive since we started it in 2006," said Mrs. Jennifer Sampietro. "The boys get to pick out the age appropriate toys for the kids we deliver to and they really enjoy that. This year with the toy drive, we probably had over 300 toys." Mrs. Sampietro said one of the gifts, a Galaxy tablet, was donated by Troop D Chief MVI Tom Hollis. She said they presented that gift first, to a teenage girl who was absolutely thrilled—as were her parents. "The hospital had a full house with kids the year. The toys we collect run through the whole year, so every child that gets admitted receives a toy," continued Mrs. Sampietro. "We also had a three-year-old who was over excited to receive a toy and doughnuts Krispy Kreme provided to be given to each family."



Sgt. John Lueckenhoff, Sgt. Jason Pace, and Lt. Scott Sater join the Sampietro family, Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health representatives, and Krispy Kreme representatives in this photo.



Mrs. Jennifer Sampietro delivers a toy to a child in the Cox Health Pediatric Unit in Springfield.



This young lady was thrilled with the Galaxy tablet and donuts delivered through the toy drive honoring Cpl. Jay Sampietro.

Cpl. Sampietro's death left a huge void in the lives of his family, friends, and co-workers. This toy drive has proven to be a great way to honor his memory and bring a little bit of joy and happiness to sick children who are in the hospital during the Christmas holidays.

"It's been a long road, especially in the early years with the boys when they were four years old and nine months old," said Mrs. Sampietro. "Our lives completely changed and I had to learn how to be the only parent raising two

children, and deal with grief and loss of Jay. It's my commitment to Jay that I will always keep his memory, and his love and life will always live through me and the boys. I have made it my priority to make sure the boys always know their dad, who he was and how much he loved them.

I think the toy drive helps during the holidays, because it keeps their dad in Christmas. It also shows the boys the art of giving and it's something good that came out of something bad. Jay was a good man, a family man, and he loved me and the boys with all his heart. We love and miss him every single day."

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



C. Sue Cashion
Lab. Evid. Tech. II
Q/CLD

*Retired December 1, 2016.
23 years, 11 months of dedicated
service.*



John A. Cyrus
Sergeant
Troop D

*Retired December 1, 2016.
26 years of dedicated service.*

Bruce M. Johnson
Sergeant
Q/AD

*Retired December 1, 2016.
29 years of dedicated service.*



Teresa M. Bybee
Fiscal & Budgetary
Analyst II
Q/CJISD

*Retired January 1, 2017.
11 years, seven months of dedicated
service.*



Tim M. Chappell
CVO II
Troop E

*Retired January 1, 2017.
33 years of dedicated service.*



**Michelle M.
Green**
Traffic Safety Analyst III

*Retired January 1, 2017.
31 years of dedicated service.*

R. Kent Johnson
DE III
Troop F

*Retired January 1, 2017.
14 years of dedicated service.*



Linda K. Klass
Admin. Office
Support Asst.
Troop A

*Retired January 1, 2017.
18 years of dedicated service.*



Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Robin L. Rothove
QA Mgr.
Q/CLD

*Retired January 1, 2017
23 years of dedicated service.*



Gary W. Stockton
MVI Sprv.
Troop D

*Retired January 1, 2017.
20 years, eight months of dedicated
service.*

Lisa J. Thompson
DE III
Troop A

*Retired January 1, 2017.
15 years, 11 months of dedicated
service.*



Luke Vislay
Major
Q/CIB

*Retired January 1 2017.
30 years of dedicated service.*



Wanda F. Woodruff
DE III
Troop C

*Retired January 1, 2017.
23 years, seven months of dedicated
service.*



You're Invited

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Holiday Inn-Executive Center, Columbia, MO. The Awards Banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$35 per person and we anticipate the same for this year. The banquet usually starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. with dinner immediately following, and then the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Bax at (573) 526-6159 or kerry.bax@mshp.dps.mo.gov.

Glendenning, Zimmerman Accept DPS Award

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

Department of Public Safety Director Lane Roberts named Sergeant Jason H. Glendenning and Trooper Tyler G. Zimmerman, both Troop I, the December 2016 DPS Employees of the Month. The ceremony took place on December 19, in Classroom E of the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy.

Major Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB, read the nomination, then congratulated the officers. "The nomination doesn't do justice to what you did. My hat's off to you."

"Those of you in uniform, because of the nature of the weather in Missouri, you know what water rescue is like," said Director Roberts. "People look at water rescue from the outside and think you just pull someone out of the water and that's it. Those of you who do water rescues know how dangerous it is. These two gentlemen prevented multiple fatalities. They entered the water numerous times. I'm always proud to be associated with the Patrol. But, you two guys really stepped up."

Director Roberts presented certificates and challenge coins to each trooper, then presented the traveling plaque with their names on it.

Colonel J. Bret Johnson presented a colonel challenge coin to each officer and congratulated them. "Both are being honored for their work on this particular day. But, I can tell you this is indicative of the type of work they do for our agency every day."

The recognition came after Sgt. Glendenning and Tpr. Zimmerman decided to deploy a jet boat on the Niangua River to search for trouble areas after a recent flooding event. After traveling approximately four miles, they located an area where the river flow was sweeping into a large tree, creating a strainer. (Strainers are formed when an object blocks the passage of larger objects, but allows the flow of water to continue. This can be very dangerous, because the force of the water will pin a body against the strainer, other objects

then pile up, and the person is pushed under the water.)

While they were beginning to address the strainer, a raft with four occupants approached the tree and was swept against the upright limbs. The raft became lodged and began taking on water. A female was thrown out of the raft into the water. Sgt. Glendenning ferried his boat over to her location, where Tpr. Zimmerman ensured she was properly secured in a flotation vest.

While they assisted the female, Sgt. Glendenning observed a second female occupant get thrown from the raft and become lodged in the strainer. Sgt. Glendenning maneuvered the boat down river of the tree and pinned it against a large limb. Tpr. Zimmerman began attempting to free the female, while simultaneously keeping her head above water. Sgt. Glendenning went to the bow of the boat, stepped onto the tree, and grasped the upper body of the female in order to keep her head above water, while Tpr. Zimmerman attempted to free her legs. The raft continued taking on water and began pinning Sgt. Glendenning's leg against the tree. He then entered the water and secured the female from behind, allowing Tpr. Zimmerman to free her legs. Sgt. Glendenning then maneuvered the female to the Patrol boat. Tpr. Zimmerman then secured the other two women still in the raft, and was able to ferry all of the occupants safely to the river bank.

After securing the females and checking for injuries, Sgt. Glendenning and Tpr. Zimmerman returned to the tree, where they cut several of the upright limbs off in an attempt to reduce the strainer. As they were doing so, another raft of five people was swept into the strainer. One of the subjects was subsequently thrown from the



Tpr. Tyler Zimmerman and Sgt. Jason Glendenning hold the traveling plaque with names of all 2016 DPS Employees of the Month. The plaque stayed with the Patrol until the next DPS Employee of the Month ceremony.

raft, which began taking on water. Tpr. Zimmerman pinned the Patrol boat against the tree and Sgt. Glendenning pulled the male subject into the Patrol boat. Tpr. Zimmerman then began taking the other four subjects out of the submerged raft. The five subjects were then ferried safely to the river bank.

Sgt. Glendenning and Tpr. Zimmerman again returned to the downed tree and observed a female on a kayak connected via rope to a tube holding another young female and a dog. The subjects were subsequently swept into the strainer, where the kayak overturned and struck the female in the head. The young female and dog were thrown from the tube. They both became entangled in the rope, which was still tied to the kayak. The young female and the dog were both pulled underwater by the force of the current. Sgt. Glendenning maneuvered the boat as Tpr. Zimmerman guided him to where the female and dog had gone underwater. Tpr. Zimmerman then grabbed the female and pulled her head above water, but was unable to free her from the rope. Sgt. Glendenning moved to the bow of the boat and cut the rope, freeing the girl. They moved to the female that was stuck in the strainer and quickly removed her and placed her in the Patrol boat. They then ferried both subjects to the safety of the river bank.

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Unfortunately, the dog could not be saved and subsequently drowned.

Sgt. Glendenning and Tpr. Zimmerman then moved up river, stopping other people from floating into the dangerous area. They subsequently made arrangements to have the tree removed from the river.

Sgt. Glendenning and Tpr. Zimmerman went above and beyond in an attempt to save the lives of multiple people. They maneuvered their boat into a dangerous area on multiple occasions and entered the water, placing themselves into harm's way. Sgt. Glendenning and Tpr. Zimmerman relied on their training and performed in an exemplary manner. Their courage and dedication are not only a reflection of their character, but also the character of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

"Obviously, I am very proud of these two individuals for what they did," said Capt. Jim W. Remillard, Troop I. "But, I'm more proud of what they do every day. We allow our supervisors to decide what needs to be done. That day, it was to make sure people had a safe day on the river. Thank you for your service. We appreciate you. They were very humble about this. If we hadn't pried and dug into what happened, we wouldn't have known what they'd done that day."

"You know it's uncomfortable for us to stand up here and be recognized by our peers," said Sgt. Glendenning. "What we did is what all of us do every day in our career. We were able to do this because of the philosophy handed down from the colonel through our staff at Troop I to be service oriented. We were serving the public that day and it's nice to have that support."

"We knew we could help people on the river that day due to our training and us growing up on the water," said Tpr. Zimmerman. "We knew what to look for related to hazards like strainers. I do want to say that we appreciate having the equipment we need to effectively help people in those situations."

PATROL HISTORY TRIVIA

Deep in the vaults of RDD are copies of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's early directives, special orders, and general orders. The *Patrol News* editor thought readers would find these two interesting.

Missouri State Highway Patrol
Jefferson City, Missouri
June 12, 1957

Subject: General Order No. 3-57
To: Troop Commanders

1. Effective immediately the leg strap will be discontinued. It will not be worn on the holster and any of those members who now have the leg strap on the holster are to remove it.

HUGH H. WAGGONER, Colonel
Commanding Officer

HHW:ms
Copy to
Troop A - B - C - D - E - F - G - H - I
Radio - Services - Finance - S/A -
M/E - Wts - Parker - Davis
All members

Headquarters
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Jefferson City, MO.

January 2, 1935

SPECIAL ORDERS
No. 1

SMALL ARMS PRACTICE
(Record Course)

1. The following course is prescribed for qualification in pistol marksmanship.

2. WEAPON: Service revolver.

3. COURSE:

10 shots slow fire. Distance: 50 yards.
Target: 50-yard Standard American.
Time: 10 minutes.

10 shots timed five. Distance: 25 yards.
Target: 25-yard Standard American.
Time: 20 seconds for string of five shots.

10 shots rapid fire. Distance: 25 yards.
Target: 25-yard Standard American Rapid Fire.
Time: 10 seconds for string of five shots.

Five shots. Distance: 25 yards. Target: bobbing, Army. To be fired one shot at a time. Gun to be in holster with holster strap fastened. Hand at slide. At command FIRE, draw and shoot. Time: three seconds per shot. 10 seconds between shots to return gun to holster. This may be shot either single or double action.

Five shots. Distance: 25 yards. Target: bobbing, Army. To be shot in five-shot string, double action. Gun to be in holster with holster strap fastened, hand at side. At command FIRE, draw and shoot. Time: 10 seconds for five-shot string.

4. Proficiency rating (qualification).

Total possible score 400. (Each hit on bobbing target to have value of 10.)

225 — Marksman. (Less than four hits on bobbing target will not be counted.)

240 — Sharpshooter. (Less than six hits on bobbing target will not be counted.)

255 — Expert. (Less than eight hits on bobbing target will not be counted.)

Distinguished marksman — Complete course to be fired with both right and left hand. Total possible score 800. Score necessary for qualification 560. Possible score must be made on bobbing target. Holster and side-arm must be worn as per regulation.

5. Firing for record will be completed during the month of August each year.

6. Scores will be entered on the prescribed Record of Target Practice form and certified to by the troop commander or person authorized by him to do so.

7. When record practice has been completed by the troop, the troop commander will prepare and forward to these headquarters a consolidated report showing the score and rating for each individual in his troop.

B.M. CASTEEL
Col., Cmdg.

Louis E. Eslick
Capt., Executive Officer

'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 October 7 to December 16, 2016. (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. A.M. Beckwith, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest
Sgt. A.J. Bell, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.J. Black, 2 arrests
Sgt. W.P. Bremer, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Conrad, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 3 arrests
Sgt. M.D. DeGraffenreid, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 3 arrests
Tpr. Q.L. DiNovi, 3 arrests
Sgt. J.W. Dick, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.W. Ferguson, 2 arrests
Sgt. K.M. Fisher, 1 arrest*
CVO Sprv. II J.F. Stone, 1 assist*
Tpr. R.O. Green, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.J. Hastings, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.W. Huff, 1 arrest

Tpr. D.J. Jackson, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.J. Kline, 1 arrest
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 5 arrests
Cpl. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Owens, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.D. Ogden, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 6 arrests
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Siercks, 2 arrests
Cpl. T.G. Sims, 1 arrest
Tpr. H.R. Stevens, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 8 arrests
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Yendes, 4 arrests

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.P. Borgmeyer, 1 arrest,
Tpr. M.L. Bradley, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.J. Crose, 1 arrest
Cpl. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Fish, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.K. Hendershott, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Henry, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 6 arrests
Tpr. K.M. Hoover, 1 arrest

Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. K.E. Kindle, 3 arrests
Cpl. W.R. Koch, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 8 arrests
Cpl. B.A. Mason, 1 arrest
Tpr. K. McGivney, 3 arrests
Cpl. C.F. Porter, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.H. Riley, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 2 arrest
Sgt. T.R. Rohn, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.J. Ruckenbrod, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Smith, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 3 arrests

Troop C

Tpr. J.A. Akers, 2 arrests
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. Burnett, 2 arrests
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.L. Coon, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.M. Coval, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.T. Davies, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Dopplick, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.C. Jenkins, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.A. Metteer, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.L. Peters, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.T. Roettger, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. Sanchez, 2 arrests
Tpr. K.D. Scruggs, 1 arrest
Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Walker Jr., 1 arrest
Sgt. R.L. Watson, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.N. Ziegler, 1 arrest

Troop D

Cpl. E.B. Adams, 3 arrests
Cpl. M.D. Adams, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.W. Adamson, 8 arrests
Tpr. T. Baker, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 9 arrests
Tpr. C.J. Beck, 5 arrests
Tpr. T.A. Bible, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.L. Butler, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.W. Choate, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Coffey 3 arrests
Tpr. K.R. Copeland, 3 arrests
Sgt. S.W. Crouch, 1 arrest

Tpr. B.R. DeHann, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Givens, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.T. Hackett, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 4 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 11 arrests
Sgt. S.C. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.J. Kahler, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.L. Kelley, 3 arrests
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 9 arrests
Tpr. J.J. Long, 3 arrests
Cpl. J.L. Mason, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 3 arrests
Tpr. E.L. Mueller, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.D. Murrill, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.W. Pace, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.T. Polodna, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.C. Rickman, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 3 arrests
Sgt. S.R. Rowe, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.L. White, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.A. Wilson, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.J. Wood, 2 arrests
Tpr. W.R. Zeller, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. M.R. Ashby, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.C. Cooksey Jr., 3 arrests
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 2 arrests
Tpr. T. Karizamimba, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.E. Leach, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.S. Palmer, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.L. Riefle, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 3 arrests
Sgt. J.S. Stewart, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.C. Wakefield, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.J. West, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.J. Windham, 3 arrests

Troop F

Tpr. M.P. Acord, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.R. Barbour Jr., 2 arrests
Tpr. G.A. Beaulieu, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.A. Brazas, 1 arrest

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Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 6 arrests
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 3 arrests
Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.R. Enderle, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 7 arrests
Tpr. E.T. Hane, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 10 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.E. Klempke, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.M. Malone, 2 arrests
Tpr. H.M. McDaniel, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.H. Mistler, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Nelson, 2 arrests,
Tpr. W.R. Plumley, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.L. Rice, 3 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Richerson, 2 arrests
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 2 arrests
Sgt. R.S. Thompson, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.W. Turner, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.M. Westmoreland, 6 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 1 arrest

Troop G

Tpr. R.D. Crewse, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.M. Dougherty, 2 arrests
Sgt. L.S. Elliott, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.L. Goodwin, 2 arrests
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.R. Jonhson, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.J. Johnson, 5 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Kenyon, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.C. McCoy, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.N. Ponder, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Piccinino, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 6 arrests
Tpr. B.C. Rowden, 7 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Sellars, 1 arrest
Cpl. E.M. VanWinkle, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.D. Vaughn, 1 arrest

Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 5 arrests
Tpr. K.J. Cool, 6 arrests

Tpr. S.J. Cool, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests
Cpl. S.M. Hux, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.E. Maudlin, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 6 arrests
Tpr. V.R.E. McBride, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.D. Obert, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.H. Thompson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.W. Neely, 4 arrests
Sgt. M.A. Wilhoit, 3 arrests

Troop I

Tpr. G.A. Ayres, 1 arrest
Tpr. J. Bellers, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.M. Blackston, 2 arrests
Tpr. I.A. Cox, 3 arrests
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 1 arrest

Cpl. J.D. Fariole, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.R. House, 3 arrests
Cpl. J.R. McCurdy, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Pfeifer Jr., 2 arrests
Tpr. R. A. Rizo, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 8 arrests
Tpr. N.W. Summers, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.A. Tyler, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.M. Van Meter, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.N. Wensel, 1 arrest

GHQ

Tpr. R.R. Davis, (FOB), 2 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Holston, (GD), 1 arrest
Sgt. H.W. Moore (GD), 1 arrest
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell (DDCC), 2 arrests

K-9 Dak Retires

Troop G's canine, Dak, retired September 15, 2016. He and his handler, Trooper R. Michael Greenan, Troop G, have been involved in 1,209 criminal arrests. Dak was trained in drug detection, tracking, and protection. His services were in high demand. He responded to 409 requests for service by city, county, state, and federal officers. Dak is also known by many schoolchildren in Troop G schools where he provided programs demonstrating his abilities. Dak, a six-year-old German shepherd, worked in Troop G for the past five years. He will live out his retirement years at the home of his handler. Thank you, Dak, for your service to the citizens of Missouri! (Tpr. Greenan has taken an assignment as the Troop G property control supervisor.)



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Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

50 years ago

January 1967 — Major C. Maurice Parker, an original member, retired. A feature in this issue included an interview with Major Parker. He characterized the first days of the organization as "trying days." He said the highways were "mostly made up of mud roads and they were difficult to travel over, especially in the winter when there were deep ruts and the ground was frozen." He went on to say his first car, the Model A Roadster, was "a far cry from those of today (1967) ... We were required by rules and regulations to drive these cars with the top down unless the weather was inclement. There were occasions when we would ride in these cars for hours when the temperature would be somewhere in the neighborhood of 15 degrees below zero." Major Parker had this message for new troopers, "Well, I would like to say that I envy each and every one of them. I would like very much to relive the 35 years on the Patrol that I have spent."

40 years ago

February 1977 — The front and back covers, and centerfold of this issue highlighted the inauguration of Gov. Joseph P. Teasdale. A memory picture showed 28 stolen vehicles recovered after a reliable informant provided a tip. Sgt. Charles E. Ray investigated and recovered the vehicles, which two individuals from Chicago were selling for salvage and to Pittsfield, MO, and Paris, MO, car dealers. Further investigation revealed the same thieves sold cars in Vandalia, MO, Independence, MO, and Louisville, KY.

30 years ago

January 1987 — Forensic Analyst Don Lock was pictured on the cover. He was demonstrating the use of the Copper Vapor Laser in the recovery of latent prints. This laser's active medium is a mixture of gas, such as neon, and vaporized metal, such as copper. Metal vapor lasers can produce light from ultraviolet through infrared. (The room is dark when the laser is in operation.) This laser was considered a supplemental technique enabling direct visual examinations of weakly luminescing latent prints.

20 years ago

February 1997 — Cpl. Jack McMullin Strikes Again! This headline was over the stories of "looking beyond the stop" incidents that were two weeks apart. In one traffic stop, Cpl. McMullin, Troop D, seized \$2.64 million. The other traffic stop led to the seizure of \$250,000.

10 years ago

January/February 2007 — Trooper Keith A. Kinsey, Q/GD, was named November 2006 DPS Employee of the Month. Three August 2006 investigations by Tpr. Kinsey led to the arrest of four suspects for various felonies and the identification of 19 additional suspects to be arrested. The first investigation began with a false fire alarm—two of them, actually. This repeated alarm led Tpr. Kinsey to check a casino hotel room where he located a methamphetamine laboratory. The second investigation stemmed from a cab driver alerting Tpr. Kinsey to the fact that a passenger had given him money with red dye on it. Tpr. Kinsey's investigation led to a bank robbery suspect, his accomplice, and \$1,300 of stolen money. The third investigation revealed a check cashing scam at the casino. He arrested one suspect and identified 18 others. It was thought that the suspects had passed \$20,000 in fake credit union checks at three different casinos before the scam was discovered.

Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to my Patrol family for the outpouring of sympathy and support following the untimely death of my brother David. The kindness shown to me and my family will never be forgotten.

*Thank you,
Asst. Chief Oper. Paula Price,
Troop F*



Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the prayers and support you have given me after the loss of my brother. His loss was not expected and has been difficult. I just want everyone to know I really appreciate being part of such a great organization.

*Thank you all again for everything,
Cpl. Mike G. Slaughter,
Troop E*

Deaths

John B. Byers



John B. Byers died Sunday, December 25, 2016, at the age of 84. Mr. Byers graduated from Carthage High School in 1950. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1951-1954. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on August 1, 1958, and served in Branson, MO, and Nevada, MO. He retired as a sergeant on August 31, 1987. He is survived by a daughter, two sons, grandchildren, other family members, and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra. To learn more about Mr. Byers' life, visit the Ferry Funeral Home website at www.ferryfuneralhome.com. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Byers family.

Robert A. North



Robert A. North died Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at the age of 81. Mr. North graduated from Festus High School in Festus, MO. He earned a bachelor's degree from Mineral Area College in Park Hills, MO. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on October 12, 1958, and retired at the rank of sergeant on August 31, 1993. Mr. North is survived by his wife, Joan, son, two daughters, and grandchildren. Memorials may be made to The MASTERS. For more information about Mr. North's life visit www.myleader.com. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the North family.

Sympathy

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

Sgt. Gary W. Riggs (D) - sister
Criminalist III Amy L. Peebles (Q/CLD) - mother
CVO Sprv. I Michelle A. Horn (D) - father
Criminalist II Abigayle R. Goeller (Q/CLD) - grandfather
Ret. Pers. Records Clerk III Bernie C. Sieren - mother
Program Mgr. Theresa A. Huhn (Q/CJISD) - grandmother
Tech. Support Mgr. Mark A. Huhn (Q/CJISD) - wife's grandmother
Capt. James W. Remillard (I) - mother

Fiscal & Budg. Analyst III Diane L. Vernon (Q/MVI) - sister
Ret. DE Sprv. Judy G. Mulholland - mother
Ret. Lt. P. Mike Mulholland - mother-in-law
CJIS Tech. II Brandy L. Schaefer (Q/CJISD) - grandmother
Ret. Sgt. Gordon C. Sanders - brother
CVI I Brian S. Harris (H) - grandmother
Sgt. Norman E. Rodenberg (A) - sister
Ret. Sgt. Gilbert L. Rodenberg - sister
Tpr. Eric C. Rodenberg (A) - aunt

DE Sprv. Marilyn J. Thompson (E) - mother
DE III Steven M. Tatum (C) - grandmother
Ret. Sgt. Darryl L. Eckhoff - wife
Lt. Joe L. Armistead (Q/PSD) - father
Lt. Chris J. Harris (F) - father-in-law
Sgt. Randy C. Dye (E) - mother
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Brad Fouch (B) - father
Tpr. David L. Fouch (F) - grandfather
MVI III John S. Albin (A) - grandmother
Ret. Major Tim P. McGrail - mother
Cpl. Mike G. Slaughter (E) - brother

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