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From the Staff ...

Major Sarah L. Eberhard
Technical Services Bureau



I recently completed the Leadership Missouri program, and as a part of this program I visited a number of places throughout Missouri. During a visit to A.T. Still University in Kirksville, MO, I had the opportunity to see a quote from Governor Jeremiah Nixon displayed on the wall. It reads as follows: “Community service is not a chore or a burden. It’s a responsibility and an honor.” I took a picture of the wall, because the quote immediately made me think about the compassion and selflessness displayed on a regular basis by employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Our ability to rally behind a good cause is just one more reason I am so proud to be a member of this agency. There are so many examples both on and off duty where our personnel give back and contribute to the community—food drives, winter coat drives, adopting families during the holidays, Make-A-Wish foundations, Special Olympics Missouri, cancer walks, Habitat for Humanity, mission trips, and fundraisers for community members who are battling illness or who have experienced tragedy. The list of examples is never ending and is truly only limited by one’s imagination.

With the emergence of social media, these community initiatives can take on a life of their own and you may find support in areas you may least expect. We should never underestimate our individual ability to positively influence another person’s life. On behalf of Colonel J. Bret Johnson and his staff, I thank each one of you for upholding the Patrol core values and giving back to your communities.



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Social Media Snapshot



The Patrol's social media accounts spotlighted the agency's K-9s on National Puppy Day. The original post garnered 3.9K "likes" and 2,090 "shares."

National Reading Week



Trooper Beau M. Ryun, Troop A, reads to students in Higginsville, MO.

Cover

Sgt. John Lueckenhoff, Troop D, talks with preschoolers at Nixa (MO) Elementary School about "stranger danger." (Photo by Headliner News/Nixa Enterprise.)

How Others See Us

I am hoping this email will reach the appropriate people. My husband and I were privileged to be able to participate in the Night to Shine event hosted at Kirk of the Hills Church in Ladue, MO, Friday night [February 12]. I want to commend the officers that were in attendance that evening. They were there to watch over the prom attendees and keep them safe, but they also responded when the attendees encouraged them to participate with them. It made the evening an even bigger success. One young lady developed a particular "interest" in one of your officers, and not only did he stay polite and kind about it, he was very gracious. The way that all of your officers represented themselves and your department made me even more proud of our "men and women in blue."

Les & Jennifer Kendall



Several troopers represented the agency at the Night to Shine event.

BUMPER GOES TO SCHOOL

By Troop D

On October 14, 2015, Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Sgt. John H. Lueckenhoff, and Cpl. Mike P. McClure visited Nixa (MO) Elementary School. "Bumper" helped the troopers present a program on safety topics such as seat belt and car seat safety, gun safety, stranger danger, etc. to a group of preschoolers. Many thanks to the Headliner News/Nixa Enterprise for sharing these photos with us!



Sgt. John Lueckenhoff, Troop D, listens intently while this little fella asks a question. Cpl. Mike McClure is seen at the left.



BELOW 100: HONORING THE FALLEN BY TRAINING THE LIVING

(Editor's note: This is part two of the article being reprinted with permission from LAW and ORDER, August 2015. Our sincerest appreciation to Mr. Stockton for sharing his article with us.)

By Dale Stockton

IS BELOW 100 WORKING?

Consider this: Below 100 hit full stride going into 2012. A committed group of volunteer trainers had crisscrossed the country while rolling out a website and Facebook page. When 2012 ended, line-of-duty deaths totaled 133, the lowest level seen in more than 50 years. Below 100 training continued into 2013 with a sense of empowerment and the requests for the training kept coming. When 2013 closed out, the LODD total was 119 (including eleven deaths from 9/11 related illnesses). You have to go all the way back to 1959 to find a lower LODD number. Last year saw the LODD number hit 134 (including seven 9/11 related deaths), a slight increase but still a historical low. Perhaps most compelling is the three year period of 2012 through 2014 that parallels Below 100's major push. Three years is much more instructive than looking at a single year and this period is lower than any three year period going back to the 1950s! The gains are not solely attributable to Below 100, but there's no doubt the program is making a difference and helping move police culture in the right direction.

One great example of Below 100 effectiveness is the Yolo County (CA) Sheriff's Office. YCSO leaders knew they had a speed problem and had experienced an average of one at-fault crash per month over a period of 10 years. Several deputies had been seri-

ously injured and two were forced into early retirement. The crashes had cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and untold suffering. After engaging with Below 100, YCSO has now gone more than 30 months with zero at-fault crashes. The agency recently received the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund 2015 Traffic Safety Award for its outstanding accomplishment.

summaries. Year in and year out we lose officers in absolutely preventable situations, making a horribly tragic situation all the more painful. For those who experience the loss of a loved one, even one LODD is too many. There is nothing that can ease that pain, but Below 100 is working very hard to ensure fewer families have to make that life-changing trip to National Police Week.

ARE SEAT BELTS, SPEED, & BODY ARMOR WEAR REALLY A PROBLEM?

Based on extensive research by the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration, work done by California Peace Officers Standards and Training, documentation by FBI LEOKA studies, and countless queries conducted by Below 100 trainers, we know that seat belt use by officers is approximately 50 percent. Since 1980, well over 150 officers have been ejected from their vehicles and paid with their lives. Seat belts work, but only when they're used. Speed is very often the primary collision factor in police crashes and half of fatal crashes are single vehicle, meaning the officer was primarily responsible. There are times high speed is necessary, but it must always be situationally appropriate. When it comes to armor, the trends are encouraging with more officers routinely wearing armor. But, there is much room for improvement. The recently released FBI LEOKA preliminary report summarizing 2014 noted that only 35 of the 46 officers killed by firearms were known to be wearing body armor. With more than



Officer Mike Mitchell, California Highway Patrol, is a Below 100 instructor. He lost his right leg in a speed-related, single-vehicle crash. His life was saved by his seat belt and his body armor. Through intense effort and sheer determination, Mitchell was able to return to full patrol duty.

ISN'T THIS JUST COMMON SENSE?

If you're thinking the Below 100 tenets are just common sense, you're absolutely right. However, these five tenets came together as the result of reviewing several thousand LODD

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3,000 documented saves, we know that body armor works – but only when it's worn.

WIN—WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW?

The concept of WIN is one of the most powerful and comprehensive concepts in officer safety. Essentially, WIN is a combination of situational awareness and conscious decision-making that ensures an officer is continually reassessing the environment and placing priority on factors most relevant to safety. It's important to understand that WIN is fluid and ever-changing. Look at the dynamics of a traffic stop and you can readily understand the concept. During the course of one stop, an officer will consider: 1) Does the violation merit a stop? 2) Visible risk factors associated with the vehicle and occupants. 3) When and where to initiate the stop. 4) Reaction of the driver and occupants.

5) Hazards of other traffic. 6) The approach. 7) Maintaining focus (rather than taking a phone call or texting), and so on. The point is to ensure decisions are based on a continual assessment of "What's Important Now?"

IS BELOW 100 EVOLVING & REAL WORLD?

In late 2012, Below 100 trainers identified tire deflation devices (TDDs) as being responsible for more than two dozen LODDs and hundreds of crippling and career-ending injuries. Program content was modified to address this issue. Early in 2014, Below 100 trainers recognized that heart attacks were the third leading cause of LODDs (behind vehicle-related and gunfire deaths). As a result, training now includes emphasis on physical fitness under the WIN and Complacency segments. As the value of self-treatment and buddy-treatment became apparent, Below 100 training incorporated discussion of tourniquet use. Emphasis was placed on training and having the tourniquet readily available and accessible by either hand.

WHO CONTROLS BELOW 100?

In November 2014, Below 100 trainers formed a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation. A board of directors, composed of the most experienced and veteran trainers, oversees the operation and sets priorities for delivering the training. The organization is all volunteer and no one receives compensation for their efforts. Below 100 trainers believe the best way to honor the fallen is by training the living. Those who have made the ultimate sacrifice would want nothing less. If you would like more information on Below 100, please check www.Below100.org.

Dale Stockton is a 32-year-veteran of law enforcement, having worked in all areas of police operations and investigations and retiring as a police captain from Carlsbad, California. He is a graduate of the 201st FBI National Academy and holds a master's degree in criminology from the University of California, Irvine. He has served as a commissioner for California POST, the agency responsible for all California policing standards and training. Dale was a founder of Below 100. He currently serves on the board of directors and as a core trainer for the program.



Tommy in LV @ 300: Tommy Loftis is a passionate Below 100 trainer and has presented the program more than 100 times across the country. Tommy is the law enforcement liaison for the U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Alabama. He previously served for several years as a police officer and his wife is a police officer.

TROOPERS SEARCH FOR FLOOD VICTIM

By Sgt. Brian Foster, Troop G

Marine enforcement troopers searched for a flood victim in Reynolds County, after a driver in a pickup attempted to cross a low water bridge (pictured) in the early morning hours on November 18, 2015. At the time, water was rushing approximately four feet over the top of the bridge. The fast moving water swept the vehicle off the bridge. The troopers approached the pickup by boat and checked for occupants, but found none. The pickup was removed from the water, and the marine enforcement troopers then searched downstream for the next two days. On November 20, 2015, the victim was located in approximately three feet of water 1.5 miles downstream from the low water bridge.



Marine enforcement operations troopers perform a dragging operation in the hole of water where the truck was located.

Event Celebrates Academic Achievements

By Sgt. D. Brad Haggett, Q/CRD

On January 29, 2016, Captain Roger D. Whittler and Sergeant D. Brad Haggett, both from the Career Recruitment Division, Lieutenant Jeff N. Vitale and Sergeant Ben C. Jones, both Troop E, and Sergeant Kevin G. Haywood, Q/AD, attended a student appreciation dinner at the Divine Holiness Outreach Center in Caruthersville, MO.

Pastor Jaime Jones, director of the center, organized the event to honor 30 students from Caruthersville and Hayti high schools in support of their academic achievements. During the event, Capt. Whittler presented Caruthersville Senior Kelsey Lockridge with a congratulatory letter of support upon her acceptance to Three Rivers College to pursue a criminal justice degree. Ms. Lockridge's future goal is to become a Missouri state trooper. The Missouri State Highway Patrol Career Recruitment Division will be active in providing Ms. Lockridge with recruiting resources for future success. Ms. Lockridge also ac-

cepted the Three Rivers Law Enforcement Scholarship from Edie Dilbeck of Three Rivers College. Ms. Lockridge is the first recipient of this scholarship specifically awarded to students from the Bootheel area who are interested in a future career in law enforcement.

The event was well attended by many members of the local community as well as Senator Doug Libla, 2nd District, Representative Tila Hubrecht, 151st District, and Representative Andrew McDaniel, 150th District.



Area law enforcement and Missouri legislators stand with Ms. Kelsey Lockridge, one of 30 high school students honored at a special event in Caruthersville.

BELOW 100: REAL LIFE TRAINING

By Sgt. Scott White, Troop F

Members of Troop F recently attended Below 100 training aimed at reminding them to adhere to simple safety measures in an effort to decrease average annual police deaths. On January 13, 2016, Troop F hosted the third of four Below 100 training classes. Below 100 is a free national training initiative with a goal of reducing annual line-of-duty deaths to less than 100 per year. The training specifically addresses driving issues and other skills that allow law enforcement members to handle dangerous situations. The five points of Below 100 are: wear a seat belt, wear a vest, watch your speed, WIN (what's important now), and complacency kills.

The United States has not seen a fatality rate below 100 officers since 1944. In 2012, the first year after Below 100 began, there were 120 line-of-duty deaths, a 50-year low. In 2014 and 2015, there were 133 and 129 officer deaths, respectively. Five of those deaths occurred in Missouri in the last two years, one being the Patrol's own Trooper James M. Bava on Friday, August 28, 2015.

The session was conducted by Mr. Don Weaver, a former police officer and current attorney for police officers. Although a career in law enforcement will always be hazardous, "The



Mr. Don Weaver provided the Below 100 training at Troop F Headquarters.

Below 100 program centers on the things that officers can control," said Mr. Weaver.

Below 100 began as a grassroots nonprofit organization in 2011. Now, corporate donations fund travel expenses of the instructors who are all experienced police trainers donating their time.

Sergeant Matthew J. Cody, Troop F, attended the training and has been

a Patrol member since 2000. "It was what I expected. I was hoping it would challenge officers to consider their way of doing business in all areas," Sgt. Cody said. "I think the training is good for all officers, young or old. Complacency can sneak up on you if you let it."

The training used real examples of police encounters and deaths during the presentation.

For many of those attending, the presentation help solidify the way they conduct business. "Just because we've always done something a certain way, that doesn't mean there's not a better way," said Corporal Derrick R. Powell, Troop F.

"Sometimes we get the question of, 'Why isn't the goal zero?'" Weaver said during the training. He answered by describing a scenario of a sniper outside of a police station or troop headquarters: If a person is committed to killing a police officer, and is willing to die, there is a likelihood of that person will succeed. The Below 100 program targeted those specific areas soundly within officers' control.

Several incidents presented during the program revealed situations that were not only disproportionately



Members of Troop F attend Below 100 training.

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responsible for a high number of line of duty deaths, but other preventable tragedies as well. An example of just two of the cases highlighted situations involving Dallas, Texas, police officers.

While responding to a disturbance call without starting his lights and sirens, Senior Corporal Michael Vaughn sped around a short curve and struck a young boy as he tried to cross the poorly lit road on Oct. 17, 2008. It was determined the officer was traveling 72 mph in a 40-mph zone on the way to the call. Sergeant Cody said, "My number one take-away was the driving aspect. Whether it is overtaking a violator, responding to a call for service, or simply advising assisting officers to downgrade their response, we can all do a better job in this area."

One of the other cases presented was that of Senior Corporal Michael Nix. On March 23, 2007, Corporal Nix responded to backup two plainclothes officers who had spotted a car believed to have been used during a homicide two days earlier. The suspect vehicle crashed following a short pursuit. In an effort to remove the occupants, Corporal Nix approached the passenger side of the car and broke a window with his baton. The suspect opened fire from inside the car, striking Corporal Nix in the chest, neck, and leg. Corporal Nix died at a local hospital later that day.

Mr. Weaver felt one of the best ways to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice is to pass lessons on to those who remain.

"Most of our training is very numbers oriented and fact-based. This was very personal," said Corporal Stacey L. Mosher, Troop F. "Every day since the training, I have intentionally thought about controlling everything I can control ... It will definitely change my behavior. The thought of my kids holding the folded flag is too much not to."

Shark Week Dominates SOMO Polar Plunge

By Jordan Stout, Troop A

Troop A's Polar Plunge team "Shark Week" plunged at noon on January 30, 2016. The temperature was 56 degrees and the water temperature was 39 degrees. This was a record high for the Kansas City Plunge! The total amount raised for the KC area was \$264,000. We truly appreciate all the donations and support from our coworkers over the past couple weeks! Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$1,166 and take home 2nd place in the costume contest! Thank you all again for the tremendous support and we hope you will consider being part of our team again next year.



Troop A's Plunge team saluted Discovery Channel's "Shark Week," each wearing T-shirts with a different day of the week on the front and sporting shark hats. The team included (l to r) Lt. S. Andy Coats, Comm. Oper. Angelina R. Tidd, Cpl. Brandon M. Parker, Comm. Oper. I Jordan M. Stout, Prob. Comm. Oper. Natalie M. Copeland, Mrs. Jayme E. Perez, and Tpr. Nick A. Perez.



'Don't Forget That Lane Violation'

By Lt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop H

Sergeant Kevin G. Haywood is a 30-year veteran of the Highway Patrol assigned to the Aircraft Division as the pilot for Troop H. He is well known for his radio traffic to the officers assisting in speed saturations, manhunts, and area searches for missing persons. Often, Sgt. Haywood provides the officers with additional traffic violations he observes the violator commit prior to the officer stopping the vehicle. Sgt. Haywood enjoys hearing the excuses the drivers give the officers and promptly gives a "Haywood" response. On January 31, 2016, Sgt. Haywood did not anticipate the "fill" he would get from Corporal Rob P. Dudeck, Troop H, for a "10 over" he called out—a vehicle was traveling 10 mph over the limit, southbound on Interstate 29, just north of exit 65 in Andrew County.

While it was traveling through the "blocks" on Interstate 29, a red Dodge truck (a pilot truck for oversized loads) with South Carolina plates was checked at 80 mph by Sgt. Haywood, who was piloting 91 MP. I can just imagine the conversation, and Sgt. Haywood saying, "I've got an 80 if anyone wants it." Cpl. Dudeck responded and indicated he'd take number three. Sgt. Haywood guided Cpl. Dudeck behind the correct vehicle as it continue past Exit 65.

Cpl. Dudeck initiated the stop for the violation Sgt. Haywood had observed and contacted the two occupants in the vehicle. Cpl. Dudeck observed that the male driver, 50, of Colorado, and the front seat passen-

ger, a female, 43, from South Carolina, were extremely nervous. He brought the driver back to his vehicle and detected a strong odor of cologne as well as the odor of marijuana. Cpl. Dudeck noticed the driver would not make eye contact with him, and his breathing appeared labored—the corporal could see the rise and fall of the driver's chest. Cpl. Dudeck, suspecting the driver and passenger were involved in criminal activity, thus continued asking questions about possible contraband in the vehicle.

Having probable cause, Cpl. Dudeck located a container of marijuana. At this time, he conducted a search of the driver revealing \$4,100 in U.S. currency, a baggie of cocaine, and a loaded Cobray .410-caliber pistol. Further search of the vehicle revealed

40 pounds of processed marijuana in vacuumed-sealed bags located in the rear seat; multiple drug paraphernalia items; and a baggie of methamphetamine.

Sergeant Cory B. Root and Corporal Kurt A. Schmutzler, both Troop H, assisted with the search of the vehicle. When they unlocked the back tonneau cover of the truck, several trash bags containing vacuumed sealed bags were located in the bed of the truck. It was later determined the driver was a felon. The total weight of the vacuumed-sealed bags of marijuana was 110 pounds.

With Sgt. Haywood still flying in circles above the officers, Cpl. Dudeck is heard over the radio, "Fill for number three ... six felony arrests, three misdemeanor arrests, and citation for speed."

Without missing a beat, Sgt. Haywood's response came back, "What about that lane violation?"



A speed violation led to "looking beyond the stop" and the 40 pounds of marijuana pictured.



Troop B Names Burns Honorary Trooper

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On February 25, 2016, Captain James E. Wilt, commanding officer of Troop B, Macon, presented Randolph County resident Samuel W. Burns with an honorary Missouri State Highway Patrol Honorary Trooper Certificate at the Moberly Zone Office. The Patrol presents the "Honorary Trooper Certificate" to citizens who are nominated by a trooper for performing in an exemplary manner, and under dangerous conditions, to aid another person.

On September 15, 2015, Samuel Burns was driving his vehicle in Randolph County, and observed a vehicle that appeared to have been involved in a single-vehicle traffic crash down an embankment and on fire. Burns summoned another citizen who had stopped to assist to call 9-1-1, and without hesitation and disregarding his own safety, Burns ran to the crashed vehicle. He determined it was occu-



Capt. James E. Wilt, Troop B, presents an Honorary Trooper Certificate to Mr. Samuel Burns.

ried by a female who was injured and unable to escape the vehicle. Although the entire front end of the vehicle was engulfed in flames, Burns was able to get the driver's door opened and pull the female from the vehicle. She was then safely treated by responding medical personnel.

"There is no doubt Mr. Burns risked his life to prevent the crash vic-

tim from dying in the burning vehicle," stated Captain Wilt. "The honorary trooper certificate is a token of the Patrol's appreciation for helping our officers save lives of others."

Burns was nominated for the award by Trooper Tabitha D. Crutchfield who is assigned to Zone 11, Monroe and Randolph counties.

Unselfish Act Inspires Officers, Firefighters, EMS

By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H

The Make-A-Wish Foundation provided the opportunity to ask for anything to an 8-year-old little girl diagnosed with brain cancer. Maybe she'd like a trip to Disneyland or to meet someone famous or maybe a new four wheeler? No! Amelia Meyer, of Kansas City, MO, asked for everyone to "take care of the world" for one day by picking up trash from parks.

This brave little girl found out in December of last year that she had a brain tumor. Amelia, the daughter of a Kansas City police officer, wanted to make the world a better place. While she endured chemotherapy and radiation treatments she would go to her happy place, which was walking with her grandma at the local park picking up trash to take care of the world.

Members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Savannah Police De-

partment, Andrew County Sheriff's Department, Country Club Police Department, Andrew County Ambulance, and Savannah Rural Fire Department answered the call. On Saturday, February 27, 2016, this group gathered and picked up trash at Savannah Messick Park and Duncan Park both in Savannah, MO.

This selfless wish is amazing and should be an example to us all. One little girl inspired so many and asked for

nothing in return.

The group listed above gave Amelia exactly what she wished for and we all wish her well and a speedy recovery. Wish granted!

A simple wish brought this group to two parks in Savannah, MO, to pick up trash.



'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 December 20, 2015 to February 19, 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. D.C. Beldaro, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.S. Craig, 2 arrests
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.R. Eaton, 3 arrests
Sgt. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.E. Fessenden, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.O. Green, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Hall, 1 arrest
Tpr. B. Hamerle, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.L. Holston, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Hunter, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Jackson, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 3 arrests
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 3 arrests
Cpl. C.D. Moeller, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.W. Montgomery, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 4 arrests
Cpl. B.R. Sanson, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.O. Tubbs, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 4 arrests
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.R. Wright, 1 arrest

Troop B

Cpl. T.J. Adams, 2 arrests
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 3 arrests
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 6 arrests
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Henry, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 4 arrests
Tpr. K.E. Kindle, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.J. Lewis, 1 arrest
Tpr. K. McGivney, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.F. Porter, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 2 arrests
Tpr. T.B. Ritter, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.F. Sapp, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.P. Quinn, 1 arrest

Troop C

Cpl. C.M. Arbuthnot, 1 arrest
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 3 arrests
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Coval, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.R. Diffie, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.K. Halim, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.W. Kaiser, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.L. Peters, 2 arrests
Cpl. D.B. Reed, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Scruggs, 1 arrest
Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.S. Sitton, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest

Troop D

Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.W. Coleman, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.R. Copeland, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 4 arrests
Cpl. T.A. Hadlock, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Hall, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.E. Henderson, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.W. Henley, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.L. Hutton, 2 arrests
Cpl. S.D. Isringhausen, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 5 arrests
Tpr. K.L. Knight, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.J. Long, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 5 arrests
Sgt. S.R. Monk, 2 arrests
Cpl. K.C. Morris, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.L. Mueller, 2 arrests
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 5 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Rorie, 2 arrests
Cpl. R.C. Savage, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 1 arrest

Troop E

Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.E. Carson, 2 arrests
Sgt. L.R. Clark, 1 arrest

Cpl. D.W. Crank, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.E. Leach, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.B. Lomedico, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 2 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 10 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Schlieff, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 2 arrests
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.T. Ulm, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.J. West, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 2 arrests

Troop F

Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 14 arrests
Tpr. B.F. Baker, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.A. Brazas, 4 arrests
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 3 arrests
Sgt. M.J. Cody, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.R. Enderle, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 5 arrests
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.G. Johnson, 2 arrests
Sgt. S.M. Lance, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.M. Malone, 5 arrests
Sgt. A.J. Mattox, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.B. Mueller, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Nelson, 3 arrests
Tpr. A.J. O'Brien, 2 arrests
Cpl. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.C. Penrod, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.R. Plumley, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.W. Reichert, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 4 arrests
Cpl. J.W. Turner, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 2 arrests

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Troop G

Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.M. Dougherty, 1 arrest
Sgt. L.S. Elliott, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.A. Hogue, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 4 arrests
Cpl. D.J. Johnson, 6 arrests
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.L. Nash, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.L. Nelson, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Roberts, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.C. Rowden, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.R. Sellars, 1 arrest

Troop H

Tpr. K.J. Cool, 3 arrests
Tpr. C.L. Goodwin, 3 arrests
Tpr. E.E. Crabtree, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.C. Daly, 2 arrests
Cpl. R.P. Dudeck, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 5 arrests
Tpr. B.L. Israel, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 4 arrests
Cpl. A.G. McAtee, 3 arrests
Tpr. V.R.E. McBride, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 5 arrests
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 4 arrests
Sgt. J.H. Thompson, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.M. Wright, 2 arrests

Troop I

Tpr. S.M. Blackston, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.W. Clement, 3 arrests
Tpr. I.A. Cox, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 15 arrests
Cpl. J.D. Fariole, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.L. Keathley, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.C. Marlin, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.R. McCurdy, 3 arrests
Tpr. D.W. Pfeifer, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.A. Rizo, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.A. Smith, 7 arrests
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 4 arrests
Tpr. T.G. Zimmerman, 1 arrest

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

40 years ago

March 1976 – A front cover photo showed the aftermath of a tornado that destroyed the Troop G, Zone 2 office. None of our officers was injured.

30 years ago

April 1986 – A *Patrol News* reporter meeting took place at General Headquarters. In response to feedback, the Trooper Flubb cartoon was reinstated. Editor Dean Hollis, Q/PIED, included a request for Trooper Flubb topic ideas from employees.

20 years ago

March 1996 – An article welcomed 55 recruits to the Academy as part of the 71st Recruit Class. The issue included excerpts from Governor Mel Carnahan's State of the State Address; highlighted the Missouri State Troopers Association; and reported on the results of a national survey about state motor vehicle inspection programs.

10 years ago

April 2006 – The "Our Keepers" column caught up with Trooper Steven H. Crabtree as he served with the 64th Engineer Battalion at Camp Striker in Iraq. The Academy welcomed the 85th Recruit Class. The Patrol recognized Schweider Ford, which was closing its doors after 87 years. Schweider Ford sold the Patrol its first vehicles in 1931. Two stories told how the Patrol answered calls for assistance from Cameron Parish, LA, after Hurricane Rita. Troopers provided security, managed traffic, and helped distribute supplies at a distribution center. Corporal Thomas R. Walley seized a rocket filled with meth during a traffic stop.

“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.”

— Ronald Reagan

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Steven A. Donnell
Corporal
Troop D

*Retired September 1, 2015.
25 years of dedicated service.*



Michael W. Cross
Lieutenant
Troop A

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

Sandra L. Bexten
CITS II
Q/ICTD

*Retired March 1, 2016.
33 years of dedicated service.*



Michael A. Dale
MVI III
Troop A

*Retired March 1, 2016.
18 years of dedicated service.*



Regenia K. Forst
DE III
Troop D

*Retired March 1, 2016.
11 years of dedicated service.*



Myra J. Ripple
DE III
Troop D

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

Terry G. Sanders
Sergeant
Troop D

*Retired March 1, 2016.
30 years of dedicated service.*



Roger D. Strobe
Section Chief
Q/ICTD

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



Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Wade E. Stuart
Sergeant
Q/DDCC

*Retired March 1, 2016.
30 years of dedicated service.*



Tobi A. Vance
MVI Sprv.
Troop A

*Retired March 1, 2016.
18 years of dedicated service.*

COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL BECOME HAMS

By Comm. Oper. III Darin A. Stevens, Troop E

With illustrious alumni like former New York Governor George Pataki (K2ZCZ), Rock and Roll Hall of Fame guitarist Joe Walsh (WB6ACU), and the late silver screen legend Marlon Brando (KE6PZH), amateur radio, also known as ham radio, enjoys a broad following. There are an estimated 3,000,000 ham radio operators worldwide, including nearly three-quarters of a million in the United States. Ham operators assist at large public events, rescue operations, and natural disasters. Their equipment and personnel dot the landscape around the block and around the world. Thanks to the efforts of a talented communications technician and some industrious communications operators, the southeast corner of Missouri just picked up some more operators.

Troop E Communications Technician I Tom R. Keene (WX9N) has been a devotee of ham radio for more than 30 years. He holds an extra amateur license, the highest certification available in amateur radio. Throughout a decorated career as an avionics technician in the U.S. Navy, he practiced his amateur radio craft all over the world. Fortunately for those who work with him, Comm. Tech. I Keene is also a seasoned instructor. He graciously

offered to instruct interested Troop E communications operators and assist them in earning their FCC technician's license.

"Ham radio has been part of my life for as long as I can remember," said Comm. Tech. I Keene. "Not only is ham radio interesting and entertaining, hams provide a very important service. We enjoy a hobby that actually makes important contributions—from running communications at a county fair to partnering with law enforcement to assist with the flow of information after an earthquake."

Over the course of six weeks, Comm. Tech. I Keene met with Troop E operators and covered the American Radio Relay League textbook. At the conclusion of classroom instruction, a group of Butler County-area volunteer exam coordinators convened to put Troop E radio personnel to the test. The lessons covered a wide range: the history and mission of amateur radio, transmitter/antenna theory, component-level electronics, as well as FCC and international regulations regarding use of the frequency spectrum. In the days leading up to the exam, the regular bustle of activity in the Troop E communications center was accompanied by talk of frequency

ranges, inductance, and the difference between forward and reflected power. Thanks to the superior instructor abilities of Comm. Tech. I Keene and his studious, would-be ham radio operators, everyone successfully completed the exam and was granted a technician's license.

"I appreciate Tom's abilities as a technician and an instructor. He has helped increase our technical knowledge in many areas," said Troop E Chief Operator Dawn M. Moore (KD-0BJD). "I'm also pleased that so many of our operators took advantage of this opportunity for professional development. We have a very good radio room and I had no doubt that everyone who participated would do well." Comm. Oper. III Kendra L. Shell, Troop E, and Comm. Oper. II Patricia J. Limbaugh, Troop E, claimed top honors in the class, each scoring 100% on the exam.

Troop E communications employees receiving their amateur radio licenses were: Asst. Chief Oper. John B. Beaton (KE0HYW), Comm. Oper. III Kendra Shell (KE0IEP), Comm. Oper. III Danielle R. Shepard (KE0HXW), Comm. Oper. III Malia N. Cannaday (KE0HXT), Comm. Oper. III Darin A. Stevens (KE0HXU), Comm. Oper. II Patricia Limbaugh (KE0HXX), and Comm. Oper. II Justin L. Davis (KE0HXV).

Let's Do Lunch!

All Patrol retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses are invited to gather for the Missouri State Highway Patrol retirees' luncheon in Lee's Summit, MO! Please join us from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, August 19, 2016, at First Baptist Church, 2 North Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO. Door prizes are appreciated. Our emcee is retired Captain Vince Ellis. The cost is \$14 per person, and checks should be made payable to Pat Spire.

Your hosts for the luncheon include:

Pat Spire	3400 NW 51st Terrace Blue Springs, MO 64015	816-229-0154 e-mail: pvspire@prodigy.net
Virginia Fenton	720 Sunset Drive Independence, MO 64050	816-461-6898
Ruby Williams	151 SE Todd George Pkwy., Apt. 52 Lee's Summit, MO 64063	816-524-7626 or 816-806-8566

Reservation Slip

Please return by August 1, 2016

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Troop: _____ Years Of Service: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please mail checks to: Pat Spire, 3400 NW 51st Terrace, Blue Springs, MO 64015.

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Thank you
for all that you
do for our
community.

St. Peter Interparish
School Staff

This note accompanied a box of homemade cookies and brownies delivered to General Headquarters from the St. Peter Interparish School staff.

Deaths

Robert L. Morgan



Robert Lee “Bob” Morgan, 61, of Neosho, MO, died on Sunday, February 7, 2016, at his home, surrounded by his family, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Bob was born on November 19, 1954, in Granby, MO, the son of the late Alva Edward and Edna Faye (Grieb) Morgan. He served in the United States Air Force from 1972 to 1997. Following his career in the Air Force he worked a short time for Oxford Home Healthcare. From 2000-2003 he worked for the Newton County Jail, and in May 2003, he became a part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. At the time of his death, Bob was serving as a driver examiner in the Troop D area. He was a member of the Fairview Baptist Church where he served as a Sunday School teacher. He enjoyed woodworking, being outdoors, and spending time with his grandchildren, who called him “Grandpa” and “Papa Bob.” It has been said by many that, “Bob Morgan was one of the nicest guys that anyone could ever know.”

Bob married Barbara Bishop Cooper on November 2, 2008, in Joplin, and she survives. Additional survivors include, one son, Josh Morgan and his wife, Michelle, of Sapulpa, OK; one daughter, Jennifer Begbie, and her husband, Shane, of Jenks, OK; one stepson, Daniel Cooper, and his wife,

Chrissie, of Kansas City, MO; three stepdaughters, Lindsey Andrews, and her husband, Josh, of Neosho, Megan Pogue, and her husband, Scott, of Sarcoxie, MO, and Abby McDaniel, and her husband, Jo, of Neosho; four brothers, Wayne Morgan, and his wife, Jo, of Diamond, MO, Raymond Morgan, of Kansas City, Carl Morgan, of Diamond, and Mike Morgan, of Joplin;

one sister, Kay Link, and her husband, Barry, of Diamond; 19 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lea Smith Morgan.

Funeral services took place Friday, February 12, Mason-Woodard Chapel. Pastor Josh Branham and Pastor Scott Pogue officiated. Troop-

We Remember



Tpr. James M. Froemsdorf
End of watch: March 2, 1985



Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr.
End of watch: March 20, 2005



Tpr. Jimmie E. Linegar
End of watch: April 15, 1985



Tpr. Ralph C. Tatoian
End of watch: April 20, 2005

Deaths

— Morgan

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ers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D served as pallbearers. Memorial contributions may be given to the Building Fund at Fairview Baptist Church in care of the mortuary. Arrangements are under the direction of Mason-Woodard Mortuary & Crematory.

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

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John M. Atkinson



John M. Atkinson, 85, of Nevada, MO, died Friday, December 18, 2015. He graduated from El Dorado Springs High School, attended Culver Stockton College, and served in the United States Coast Guard. He served as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1955 until he retired at the rank of corporal in 1986. Corporal Atkinson and his wife, Loretta, were married 55 years. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Atkinson family. Visit the Ferry Funeral Home website (www.ferryfuneralhome.com) to read more about retired Cpl. Atkinson's life.

Bobby L. Depue



Bobby L. Depue, 70, of Greenwood, MO, died Friday, December 25, 2015. He graduated from McCune High School in Pittsburg, KS, and Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, MO. He served as a commercial vehicle officer with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, retiring in 2007. His wife, Connie, also a retiree of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, survives. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Depue family. Visit the Langsford Funeral Home website (<http://langsfordfuneralhome.com>) to read more about retired CVO II Depue's life.

James D. Phipps



James D. Phipps, 71, of Macon, MO, died Thursday, December 24, 2015. He graduated from Lafayette High School and served in the U.S.

Navy Reserves. He served as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1965 until he retired at the rank of sergeant in 1997. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Phipps family. Visit the *St. Joseph News-Press* website to read more about retired Sgt. Phipps' life.

Jack R. McMullin



Jack R. McMullin, 66, of Springfield, MO, died November 21, 2015. Jack served as a deputy with the Greene County Sheriff's Office prior to becoming a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1980. He was widely recognized for his accomplishments in drug interdiction. He retired at the rank of sergeant in 2007. After retirement he joined the COMET Drug Task Force. Retired Sergeant McMullin is survived by his wife, son (and his son's wife), daughter, and two grandchildren. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the McMullin family.

“The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.”

—Ray Kroc

Troop A Zones 3 & 4 Spiff Their Space

By Sgt. Barry A. Kumpf, Troop A

Back in March 2014, at a late night zone meeting, members of Troop A's Zone 4 brought up the idea of updating our zone office. I ran the idea by Sergeant Erik Hurst, Zone 3, and he was definitely on board. Our zone office was completely functional, but not very attractive. I have to say I was guilty of just going about my day-to-day business and not paying enough attention to the condition of our zone office.

Early in 2014, we received new chairs for our zone office, which then made the rest of our zone office look outdated and sloppy. With the creative minds in our zone, the ideas were flowing freely. Dwindling down old manuals which had been accumulating since Captain Juan O. Villanueva was the sergeant in Zone 4 was one of the initial no-brainers, as far as eliminating clutter in our zone office. Painting the zone office, acquiring historical Patrol pictures, and getting two new, 10-foot long countertops were some of the other ideas we had. We also wanted to acquire matching file cabinets and add another storage locker to get necessary supplies neatly tucked away. Last-



These pictures show the newly remodeled zone office for Troop A Zones 3 & 4. Counters, chairs, wall decorations, and storage helped organize and beautify the space.

ly, and by a long shot, the best idea was to have vinyl decals made of the Patrol's Mission, Vision, and Core Values, and a large replica of the Patrol patch that we could display on the walls. The mission and vision decals are nine feet long, the core values decal is 11 feet long, and the Patrol patch is four feet by four feet. The members of Zone 3 and Zone 4 chipped in money to make all of this happen.

I would especially like to thank Sergeant Bryan G. Parrott, Corporal Matthew P.



Fisher, and Trooper Brody R. Sanson. These three individuals contributed a great deal of time and effort to help us accomplish this task of remodeling.

As usual, before I start a project, I always have the grand idea to take "before" pictures. Unfortunately, we dove in and started working on the office before that got done. Oh, well. The "after" pictures are much more appealing than the "before" shots would have been. Needless to say, everyone in Zone 3 and Zone 4 is extremely proud of our "new" zone office.

Thank You

My family and I would like to express our sincerest thanks to everyone in our Patrol family for the prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy after the death of my stepfather, Owen Schwerdtfeger. We would also like to thank those who were able to attend his service. You have been a comfort to us during this difficult time.

Sgt. Rick C. Fletcher, Troop A

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