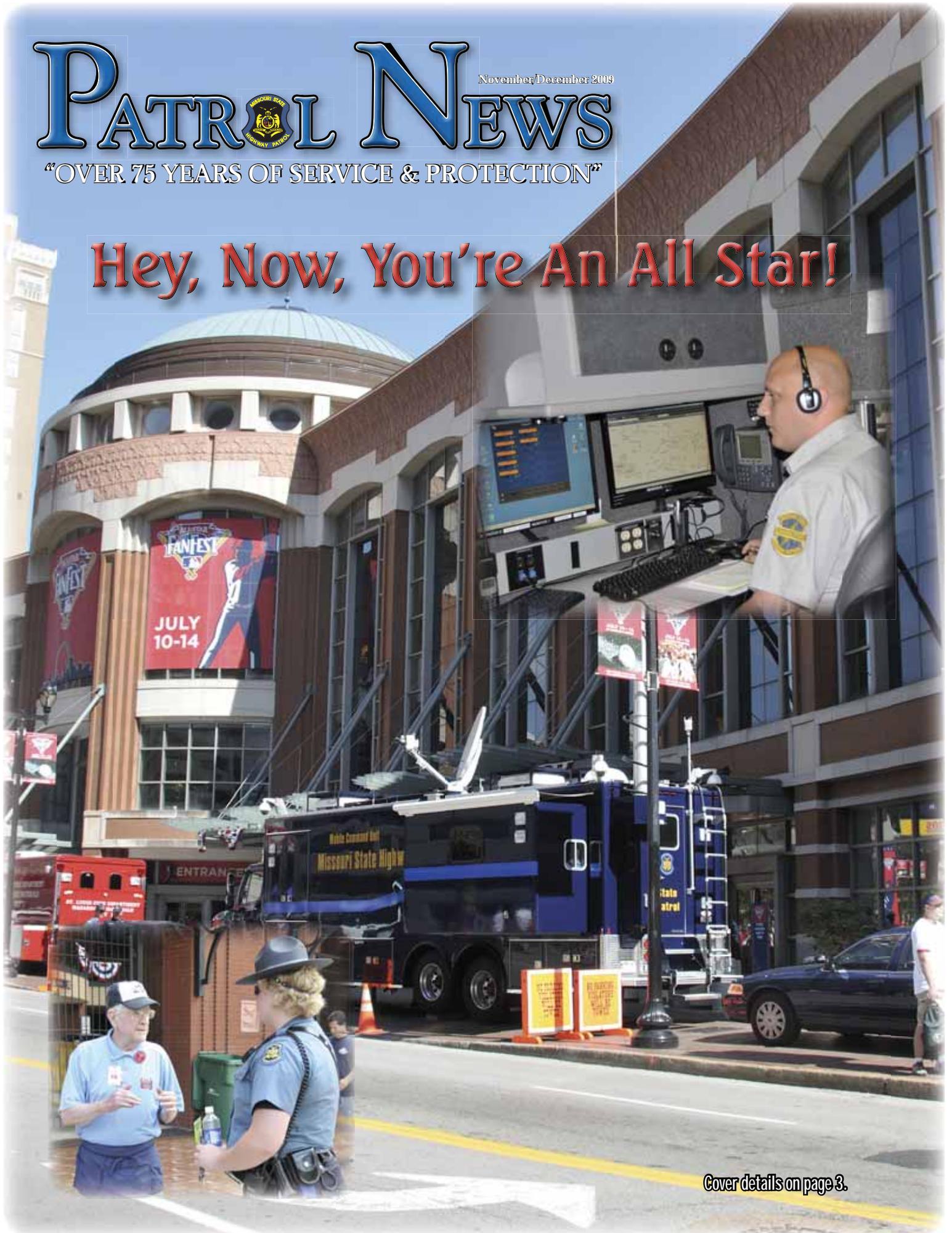


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# Superintendent's Message

Colonel James F. Keathley



Each fall, I am able to visit with employees throughout the state during the troop meetings. Patrol employees do a phenomenal amount of work for the state of Missouri. I want to express my appreciation to the professionals within this agency, and to let you know citizens of this great state also appreciate what you do.

While attending the Troop H troop meeting, I had the honor of visiting with retired Lt. Walter E. Wilson. Walter turned 100 years old on October 4, 2009. He was a member of the 6th Recruit Class, and served the people of Missouri for 27 years before retiring in 1969. On October 31, 2009, he marked 40 years of retirement. Talking to him brought to mind the importance of recognizing those who helped build this agency into what it is today. Walter had several stories to tell about his first assignment in Laclede County patrolling Route 66. The first person he arrested was the vice president of the Studebaker car company. He also recalled the first time he was called to work a fatal accident and how he never grew accustomed to seeing blood. People like Walter helped establish this agency as one of the nation's premier law enforcement agencies. The respect that our agency enjoys was established decades ago by the devoted employees that have gone before us. They began the tradition of "gentlemen who enforce the law" that all of us adhere to today. Thank you, Walter!

In late October, Captain J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED, Video Production Specialist II Jeffrey K. Bassinson, Q/TND, and Video Production Specialist II Andrew P. Richmond, Q/TND, traveled to St. Joseph to film an interview with Walter. His observations and historical anecdotes will be shared during the Patrol's annual awards/The MASTERS banquet next spring. In the meantime, be sure to take a look at the story about Walter on page 4.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Keathley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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*Tpr. Alexander H. Michajliczenko and Cpl. Jeffrey L. Wilson discuss the detail with a St. Louis Metro PD officer. Thirty members of Troop C assisted the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department with the All Star Game and related activities.*

*The detail included providing security along the route from the airport to the game for the presidential motorcade. President Barack Obama threw the first pitch of the All Star Game.*



## Cover

*The MSHP Mobile Command and Communications Vehicle sits near Busch Stadium during the MLB All Star Game. (inset top) Comm. Oper. II Michael D. Crase, Troop C, "keeps an ear out" in the MCCV during the game. The American League won over National League 4 to 3, on July 14, 2009. (inset bottom) Tpr. Elyse J. Ruckenbord, Troop C, speaks with a Busch Stadium employee before the event.*

# Ret. Lt. Walter E. Wilson Celebrates 100 Years

*By Sgt. Sheldon Lyon, Troop H*

Sunday, October 4, 2009, was a very special day for the most famous retiree in Troop H. On that date, retired Troop H Lieutenant Walter E. Wilson celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends. The reception was held at County Squire Assisted Living Community in St. Joseph, and was hosted by Walter's daughter, Robin. Many well wishers stood in line to greet Walter, and then enjoyed a birthday cake that was made to look like a highway with a classic patrol car driving down the road.

Lt. Walter E. Wilson, retired, was appointed to the Patrol on December 14, 1942, as a member of the 6th Recruit Class. He attended training for six weeks at the Sedalia fairgrounds. He was the only one who typed his reports in a school of 24 recruits. His first assignment was to Lebanon, MO, which was in Troop F at that time. Walter worked all kinds of crashes-- airplane, bus, train, and cars-- as well as robberies, murders, kidnappings, and rapes, etc.

"I made all of the riots," he said during a 2005 interview, referring to the 1954 prison riot, Lincoln University

riot, Kansas City riots, Maryville College riot, and Warrensburg College riot. He was also part of the detail sent



*Ret. Lt. Walter Wilson celebrated 100 years on October 4, 2009.*

to the Boonville School For Boys in 1948. He was assigned to the Missouri State Fair for 15 years, which he very much enjoyed. That was his hometown and he stayed with his mother each year during the fair. Walter also worked football games for 12 years.

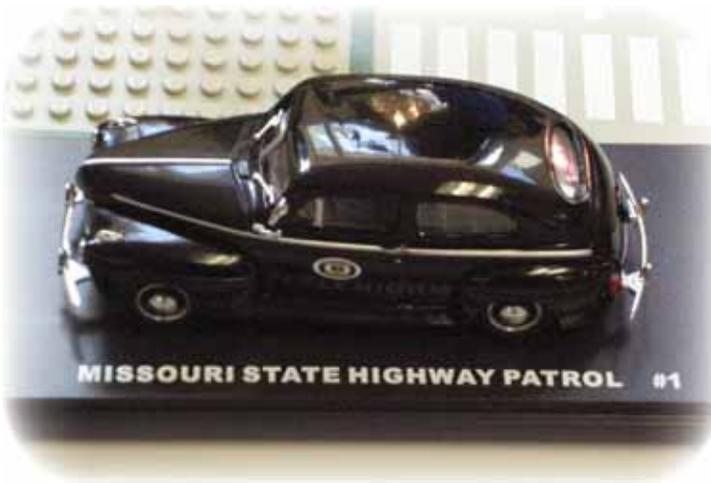
Upon his retirement in 1969, he and his wife, Orpha, traveled all over the U.S. and to six foreign countries. They also enjoyed their two children, five grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Walter said he was proud to have been a member of the Patrol. All of the employees of Troop H want to thank Walter for 27 years of dedicated service to the Patrol. We wish Walter a happy birthday and many more to come!

## What Was Life Like In 1909?

One hundred years old is quite a milestone! So, what was life like when retired Lieutenant Walter E. Wilson was born? Let's turn back the clock and take a look ...

- The American flag had 45 stars.
- Federal spending hit \$69 billion.
- The population of Las Vegas, NV, was only 30!!!!
- A first class stamp cost two cents.
- Sugar cost four cents a pound.
- Milk cost eight cents per quart.
- A new car cost \$1,280.
- Bread cost five cents per loaf.
- Eggs were 14 cents a dozen.
- Coffee was 15 cents a pound.
- The average wage in 1909 was 22 cents per hour.
- The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- The average life expectancy was 47 years.
- Only eight percent of the homes had a telephone.



*This replica patrol car served as a decoration on Ret. Lt. Walter Wilson's birthday cake.*

# Troop D Marijuana Eradication Season Productive

*By Sgt. Matthew K. Funderburk, Troop D*

An arrest made on September 18, 2009, in Greene County, resulted in the seizure of 11 marijuana plants and approximately one pound of processed marijuana. This was the 55th person arrested this year for the production of marijuana in Troop D. In Troop D, during the last four years, over 200 people have been arrested for cultivating marijuana. Most of the arrests came from marijuana which was found by Sergeant A. Ed Thurman (eagle eyes) ... believe it or not, he does wear glasses.

Seventeen indoor marijuana growing operations were investigated this year by the Troop D Marijuana Eradication team. Fifty-nine people were arrested this year, with 2,570 cultivated plants being eradicated, 1,132 which were sinsemilla (highly potent marijuana from female plants that are kept seedless by preventing pollination in order to induce a high resin content).

The Troop D Marijuana Eradication team consists of Sergeants Ed Thurman, Robert E. Proctor, and myself; Corporal Robert C. Savage; Troopers Kelsey J. Rutledge and Justin E. Henderson; and Corporal Danielle E. Heil, Q/DDCC.



*(l to r) Sgt. Robert E. Proctor, Sgt. A. Ed Thurman, and Sgt. Matthew K. Funderburk have been busy during Troop D's 2009 marijuana eradication season.*

## ***A Decade Of Remembrance: Honoring Sergeant Kimberling***

On October 6, 2009, the friends and family of Sergeant Robert G. Kimberling gathered for the 10th time to celebrate his life. The breakfast was held at Wyatt Park Baptist Church in St. Joseph. This faithful group gathers on this date each year to remember Bob and to visit with the Kimberling family. Although a decade has past, law enforcement from three states and several local agencies are represented every year. This gathering allows us to step away from our busy day and pay tribute to a trooper who touched many lives. If time is a healer, then for many who attend the breakfast, this event is more than good food--it's therapy.



*Mrs. Kelly Kimberling (front) visits with friends during a special breakfast honoring her husband, the late Sgt. Robert G. Kimberling, who was killed in the line of duty in 1999.*

## NICB Provides Guidance To Prevent Auto Theft

By MVI III Lloyd G. Richards, Troop D

Every year, \$7.6 billion worth of vehicles are stolen in the United States. This alarming figure equates to a vehicle being stolen almost every 26 seconds. This makes vehicle theft the number one property crime in the nation.

Although most do not see themselves as a direct recipient of auto theft, they are. Each year, approximately one-third of an auto insurance policies comprehensive coverage is applied toward stolen vehicle claims. When added up, the totals are staggering. Of course, the costs are passed along annually to automobile owners through their insurance premiums.

Fortunately, according to the NICB (National Insurance Crime Bureau), auto theft is on a declining pace for its fifth consecutive year, and although total FBI (Uniform Crime Report) figures are still preliminary, 2008 statistics are projected to be 13.1 percent lower than 2007. Thanks to manufacturer installed anti-theft devices, enacted legislation, law enforcement efforts, and common sense, vehicles are becoming more difficult to steal.

The NICB recommends vehicle owners use a "layered approach", preventing them from becoming a victim of this crime. It's quite simple ... just like layering for cold weather. With a four step approach, the more layers you wear ... the more protection you get.

### *This four step "layering" approach is:*

1. *Common Sense:* Remove your keys, roll up your windows, lock your doors, and be sure to park in well lit areas. Never leave an unattended vehicle running.
2. *Visible Or Audible Device:* Use an audible alarm system, steering wheel lock or column collar, theft deterrent decal, wheel locks, and window etching on your vehicle.
3. *Vehicle Immobilizer:* Choose a smart key with a computer chip,

fuse cut-off, kill switch, or starter, ignition, and fuel disabler.

4. *Tracking System:* Have or install a signaling device emitting a signal to police or monitoring service capable of tracking your vehicle's location.

### *The top 10 vehicles stolen nationwide and in Missouri are as follows:*

#### **Nationwide:**

1. 1994 Honda Accord
2. 1995 Honda Civic
3. 1989 Toyota Camry
4. 1997 Ford F-150
5. 2004 Dodge Ram
6. 2000 Dodge Caravan
7. 1996 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
8. 1994 Acura Integra
9. 1999 Ford Taurus
10. 2002 Ford Explorer

#### **Missouri:**

1. 2000 Dodge Intrepid
2. 1998 Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
3. 2000 Dodge Caravan
4. 2005 Dodge Ram
5. 1999 Ford Taurus
6. 2004 Ford F150
7. 2004 Dodge Stratus
8. 2000 Pontiac Gran-Prix
9. 1996 Oldsmobile Cutlass
10. 1994 Ford Explorer

Cities in Missouri with the highest theft rate include St. Louis (10,000 thefts), Kansas City (9,000), and Springfield (over 1,500).

You can help Missouri and the United States combat this multi-billion dollar problem. Follow NICB's layered approach of deterrence. If nothing else, always remove the keys from your vehicle and tell a friend to do the same.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Hits Close To Home

MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

October was National Breast Cancer Awareness month, celebrating 25 years of awareness, education, and empowerment. Many women around this nation and the world are affected by this malady and must deal with it physically, mentally, and financially. Housekeeper III Paula K. Forshee, Troop D, recently underwent surgery and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Administrative Office Support Assistant Sandra A. Stroud and Clerk Typist III Anita M. Douglas took it upon themselves to initiate a bake sale in Troop D to raise money to help Paula with her expenses. Thanks go out to all who contributed to this effort. The kind people from AFLAC put one of their big AFLAC, stuffed ducks up for raffle. They matched the money received from the raffle.

Total earned from the bake sale was around \$1,300. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.



Clerk Typist III Anita M. Douglas, Capt. Juan O. Villanueva, and Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Sandra A. Stroud circle around Housekeeper III Paula K. Forshee.

# Troop D Bicyclists Tackle 100 Mile Ride

By Sgt. Michael W. "Mike" Watson, Troop D

August 29, 2009, brought with it the Hotter-N-Hell Hundred, a 100-mile bicycle ride in the Wichita Falls, Texas, area. Among the entrants for this event, which is in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, were four current and one retired Missouri trooper. Joining retired DDCC Sergeant Miles Parks were Sergeant James L. "Jamie" Musche, Q/DDCC, and Sergeant Jeffrey B. "Jeff" Johnson, Trooper Brandon D. Helms, and myself, all from Troop D. We made the pilgrimage to north central Texas the day before the ride.

Not knowing what to expect, I had to rely on what I deemed questionable information from my traveling party regarding the supposed 12,000 plus riders, the oppressive heat causing hundreds to fill first aid tents, and among other stories, the drinking of pickle juice at rest stops to replace salt lost during the ride. Registering for the ride the night before seemed ominous due to the number of people in line and all the emergency contact information I was required to provide. My apprehension grew even more when I looked on the opposite side of the number tag I was to pin to the back of my jersey and again there was emergency contact information to fill out, as well as a section for my pre-ride body weight.

Early on the morning of the ride, we arrived in the "starting area". Looking at the sea of people, I wondered just how many riders and bikes could be wedged onto the street in a three block area. The answer came the next day while reading the Wichita Falls *Times Record News*. A record 14,200 entrants had ridden the event--2,000 more than the year before. Riders choose to ride one of five distances--10 kilometers, 25 miles, 50 miles, 100 kilometers, or 100 miles.

While waiting for the cannon to signal the start of the ride, or chaos as I felt it would be, I couldn't help but reflect on whether it had been sound judgment to pay good money for my participation. At 7:05 a.m. the cannon



Chief Photographer Torin Halsey, *Times Record News*, Wichita Falls, TX. Used with permission.

The Troop D bicyclists included (l to r) Sgt. Mike Watson, Sgt. Jamie Musche, Tpr. Brandon Helms, Sgt. Jeff Johnson, and retired Sgt. Miles Parks.

resonated. After about 25 minutes the traffic had cleared enough where the five of us could actually get on our bikes and pedal. It took nearly an hour for all the riders to cross the start line. For the first five or six miles my attention was divided between dodging water bottles that had dislodged from the rough, paved roads and the mass of other riders we passed or who overtook us. Not to be forgotten were the scores of ambulances buzzing about and the riders roadside being tended to by medical personnel following the many crashes.

For the 100-mile ride, rest stops were situated along the route every approximately 10 miles. The plan for our group was to stop at the 40-mile rest stop (rest stop four). At each of the rest stops leading up to our stop, I noticed a familiar trend regarding the lack of porta-potties. As most of the area along the route was open pasture land with scrub brush and mesquite trees, I did not figure that the 50 or 60 men lined up side to side along the barbed wire fence were there just to enjoy the fine Texas scenery. Arrival at rest stop four looked like a NASCAR pit area. Riders on the right side of the road were pulling off for food, water, and a quick visit to the scenic barbed wire fence area. Riders leaving the area merged back in with the riders

in the left lane who were not stopping. Lunch was served at rest area five. When asked what I wanted to eat by one of the 3,800 volunteers, he was a little surprised by my request for a hot dog, 73 cups of water, and two IV bags of fluid. I was reminded my choices were either a hot dog or a polish sausage. All told there were 17 different rest stops for the five courses the riders could take.

Leaving rest area five, riders on the 100-mile course had to cross what was called "Hell's Gate" within an allotted time. Those who failed to make the time cut off were sent to the finish line on a shorter route. Much to my chagrin we crossed the gate well ahead of said deadline. The rest of the ride was, for the most part, uneventful and we crossed the finish line with a blistering average speed of just under 19 miles per hour. Event organizers dubbed the event "mild" due to the high temperature that day being in the low 90s.

An interesting side note: This year's rest areas were supplied with 20,000 bananas, 9,000 oranges, 8,000 pickles, 10,000 gallons of water, and more than 70,000 pounds of ice. Our team would like to thank Tour of Missouri Project Manager Stacy Blomberg for providing us with the Tour of Missouri jerseys. We looked great.

# Spotlight

## Cpl. Bradley D. Holman



**Appointed:** January 16, 2001.  
**First Assignment:** Troop B, Zone 10, Monroe & Randolph Counties.  
**Promotions:** Corporal -- November 1, 2008.  
**Current Assignment:** Troop B, Zone 5, Adair & Schuyler Counties. He is an assistant zone supervisor and Troop B part-time pilot, as well as a first responder instructor, negotiator, and range officer.  
**Family:** Brad and his wife, Alexis, have three sons: Hayden, 4, Zander, 2, and Landry, 5 months.  
**Interests:** Spending time with family, hunting, fishing, and training retrievers.

Brad is a native of Huntsville, MO, and graduated from Westran High School there. He attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, MO, and holds an associate's degree in criminal justice from Mineral Area Community College in Park Hills, MO.

"The Missouri State Highway Patrol's professionalism and reputation is what made me want to become a trooper," he said. During his career, Brad has been assigned to the Missouri State Fair detail and as a field training officer. He says he has enjoyed a variety of opportunities while working for the Patrol.

## Tpr. M. David Miranda



**Appointed:** January 7, 2007.  
**First Assignment:** Troop A, Zone 14, Bates County.  
**Current Assignment:** Troop A, Zone 11, Cass County.  
**Family:** Trooper Miranda is married to Ilda, and they have four daughters: Sabrina, 14, Megan, 11, Caitlyn, 6, Abigail, 3.  
**Interests:** Tpr. Miranda takes great pride in his family and thoroughly enjoys the time he spends with them! When time allows, he enjoys fishing, and playing on family softball and bowling teams. Tpr. Miranda is also an active member of the South Haven Baptist Church, in Belton, MO.

Tpr. Miranda was born in Harrisonville, MO. He graduated from high school in Lockhart, Texas, near Austin. After high school, he served in the United States Marine Corps for four years. Tpr. Miranda was a Texas State Department of Public Safety trooper for seven years, and primarily was stationed in the San Marcos, Texas, area. He and his wife decided to move to Missouri to be closer to his family, who live in the Cass County area. Tpr. Miranda was appointed to the Patrol on January 7, 2007, with the 86th Recruit Class. He is bi-lingual and often serves as a Spanish interpreter for area law enforcement agencies,

including the Patrol. Tpr. Miranda is a DRE instructor, also. He is very proud to wear the uniform and to represent the Patrol on a daily basis.

## Admin. Office Support Asst. Paula Fry



**Appointed:** November 15, 1996.  
**First Assignment:** Clerk Typist I, Troop B, Macon.  
**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Clerk Typist II -- July 1, 1998; Clerk Typist III -- July 1, 2000; Clerk IV -- January 15, 2006; Administrative Office Support Assistant -- June 16, 2008.  
**Current Assignment:** Administrative Office Support Assistant, Troop B, Macon.  
**Family:** Paula has been married to her husband, Troy, for 17 years. They have two children: Jordyn, 12; and Meade, 9.  
**Interests:** Horseback riding, working out, and attending her kids' activities.

Paula is a native of Lexington, MO, and a graduate of Lexington High School. After high school, Paula graduated from the Kansas City School of Court Reporting in Kansas City, MO. Prior to her employment with the Patrol, she worked as a court reporter

*Continued on the next page.*



# How OTHERS SEE Us ...

Since the inception of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, troopers have been making an impression. Most of the time, this column tells the story of a recent act of assistance or example of professionalism. However, this recent letter shows the impact of a trooper from those early years. (Thank you, retired Sgt. Bill Adams, for sharing it!)

"In the summer 1932, my folks had reached the decision to divorce. Both wanted custody of me. I found out that Mom had plans for me to be under the care of Mrs. Wilson, who I knew and who lived just up the street. (Mrs. Wilson wore black stockings and long underwear even though it was summer.) So, finding this out, one

day, I made the decision to run away to my granddad Nelson's.

I didn't realize that where Granddad lived at Monticello was a lot of miles down the highway. So, I took off down the highway toward Hannibal on roller skates. It was a hot, summer day, I remember. After a few miles of skating down the highway, my skates started giving out. The middle of the steel wheels was falling apart!

About this time, a Missouri [State Highway] Patrol car passed me up, stopped, and then backed up. It was Mr. Booth, who I had gotten to know when my dad was operating a gas station. [Sgt.] Mr. Booth said, "Jimmie, what are you doing out here?"

I poured out my heart, telling him all about Mom and Dad and Mrs. Wilson ... Mr. Booth looked at me and said, "Jimmie, there is a service station a few miles down the road. Let's get a cold soda and talk about it."

He took me back home, and somehow I wound up going to Granddad's for the rest of the summer ... The next summer (1933) I read in the Quincy paper that Mr. Booth was killed at the junction in Columbia. I really felt badly, because I really liked Mr. Booth. He was the first Missouri Highway Patrolman that I ever knew ..."

Mr. Jim Nelson  
retired principal  
Jackson Senior High School

## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of August 24, 2009 through October 25, 2009. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

### Troop A

Cpl. A.J. Bell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.S. Hagerty, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.L. Lutjen, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.B. McGinnis, 6 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.F. Scott, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.M. Stosberg, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.A. Taibi, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Toal, 1 arrest

### Troop B

Tpr. T. Mobley, 1 arrest

### Troop C

Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.C. Cooksey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.S. Croft, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.V. Garrison, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.C. Haber, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.B. Lomedico, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.C. Long, 2 arrests  
Cpl. S.A. Miller, 1 arrest

Tpr. J.D. Oughton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.D. Roady, 1 arrest  
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.J. West, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.L. Woods, 1 arrest

### Troop D

Tpr. J.E. Henderson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. G.H. Hendrix, 3 arrests  
Sgt. B.L. Klier, 3 arrests

### Troop E

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests  
Cpl. J.N. Crites, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.E. Erpenbach, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.H. McDaniel, 2 arrests  
Sgt. D.W. Rainey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 5 arrests

### Troop F

Cpl. P.W. Meyers, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.E. Morice, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.D. Stegeman, 1 arrest

Tpr. P.D. Sublette, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Ward, 1 arrest

### Troop G

Tpr. L.S. Elliott, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.C. Howell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.D. Odle, 1 arrest

### Troop H

Tpr. B.J. Hilliard, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.L. Israel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Peabody, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 1 arrest

### Troop I

Tpr. K.A. Baldwin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.T. Hane, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Vogt, 1 arrest

# Patrol History Trivia

## MSHP: 70+ Years Of Missouri Football!

In 1939, Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers were assigned to direct traffic at Mizzou football games for the first time. Those were the days before Route 740 and Route 763, before World War II, and before the Hearnese Center. The stadium was a ground level structure at this time. Officers were assigned to work traffic on Route K from the gate on the first parking lot, north to Kentucky Avenue, and on the parking lot located on the west side of the stadium.

That first year, 20 men were assigned to the Missouri football games. An order dated July 18, 1979, assigned 57 men to the detail. In 1939, a crowd of 10,000 people at a Mizzou football game was unheard of. But, in 1979, over 75,000 spectators cheered during that year's Texas game. The authorized strength of the Patrol was 175 in 1939; 800 members existed in 1979.

Fast forward to 2009: The Patrol has an authorized strength of 965 (does not include Gaming Division and Division of Drug and Crime Control officers). The Mizzou detail includes 51 troopers who work traffic posts on Stadium Drive, Providence Road, and College Avenue. They also provide security inside the stadium during the game.

Not only have the street names changed, but the Mizzou Arena was built just a few years ago near the stadium and Hearnese Center. The stadium is now enclosed with seating around 3/4 of it. Instead of a ground level structure, the stadium has three

levels topped by two levels of suites on the west side. Last year and this year, the Mobile Communications and Command Vehicle served as a backup to the command post within the stadium. Troopers are joined by officers from the Boone County Sheriff's Department, University of Missouri Police Department, and FBI. Area fire and emergency medical services are present, too. Current crowd totals average 64,000 spectators.

An interesting historical tidbit: Troopers have been on hand before and after every Mizzou home football game for 70 years ... except *one*. In September 1954, shortly after the game started, a voice on the loud speaker announced that all members of the Patrol were to report to their vehicles and proceed to Jefferson City. It was September ... and a riot was in progress at the Missouri State Penitentiary.



*Tpr. Justin W. Turner, Troop F, keeps a watchful eye during a Mizzou football game.*



*Sgt. Matthew J. Broniec, Troop F, operates the traffic lights at the intersection of Stadium and Providence.*



*Sgt. Chris J. Harris, assistant detail commander, Troop F, watches members of the Patrol handle an incident in the crowd from the unified command post.*

*(Editor's Note: This article is a compilation of an article from the December 1979 Patrol News, written by then-Sgt. G.S. Grazier, Troop F, and information gathered recently by Public Information Specialist III Cheryl D. Cobb Q/PIED. Thank you, Lt. David E. Earney, Troop F, for your assistance!)*

*(l to r) Sgt. Clark N. Stratton, Troop A, Tpr. Phillip G. Sarakas, Troop C, and Cpl. Christine M. McIntyre, Troop B, direct traffic on Providence Road at the pedestrian bridge.*



# Promotions and Reclassifications



Scott E. Meyer  
Lieutenant  
Troop H



Charles M. Dempsey  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Christopher S. Jolly  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Scotty L. Sizer  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Denis C. Phillips  
Assistant Chief Oper.  
Troop C



John L. Allen  
CVO Sprv. I  
Troop C



Shawn M. Bailes  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Brittany A. Baldwin  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Melanie G. Bartnick  
DE II  
Troop C



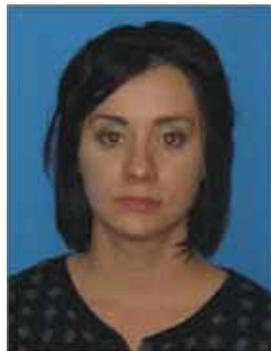
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Crim. Hist. Spec. II  
Q/CJISD



Karen M. Cade  
DE III  
Troop C



Shavon G. Campbell  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop D



Darla L. Conway  
DE I  
Troop I



Christopher A. Couch  
DE III  
Troop F



Kyle D. Crothers  
DE II  
Troop A

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Christopher M. Durham  
CIT II  
Q/ISD



Jennifer M. Evers  
Quality Control Clerk I  
Q/CVED



Travis L. Grant  
CITS I  
Q/ISD



Kristeen M. Hargis  
DE II  
Troop D



Jacob N. Hendrix  
CIT Trainee  
Q/ISD



Florence J. Jackson  
DE III  
Troop A



Abbigail C. Johnson  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Sharon D. Johnson  
DE II  
Troop C



Linda L. Kever  
Crim. Hist. Tech. II  
Q/CJISD



Clara Land  
Info. Analyst II  
Q/DDCC



Matthew J. Lepper  
Crim. Sprv.  
Q/CLD



Rebecca J. Moore  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop D



Jessica L. Moyer  
CITS II  
Q/ISD



Dana J. Mueller  
DE II  
Troop B



Anne M. Rayfield  
DE II  
Troop I

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Kristen D. Reynolds  
DE II  
Troop F



Nicholle D. Rhodes  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Tamara A. Richardson  
DE III  
Troop C



David F. Roark  
CITS I  
Q/ISD



Todd D. Schneider  
CIT III  
Q/ISD



Hannah D. Slayden  
DE III  
Troop H



Charles A. Stephan  
CIT II  
Q/ISD



Michael K. Verbrugge  
DE II  
Troop F



Drew M. Wansing  
CIT III  
Q/ISD



Lorna Y. White  
DE Sprv.  
Troop C

## FROM THE MASTERS ...

### Board Holds Fall Meeting

*By The MASTERS*

The board of directors of The MASTERS held their fall meeting on Saturday, October 17, at the Patrol's Springfield Crime Laboratory. At this meeting, Mr. Bill Stuart, a longtime The MASTERS member from Moberly, was elected to serve as a director representing Troop B. It was reported at the meeting that current membership in The MASTERS is 1,123, and that three scholarships are being provided this year to students who have lost their father in the line of duty.

Following the meeting, the directors and guests enjoyed a fascinating tour of the Crime Lab. The tour was led by Mr. Bill Marbaker, director of the Crime Laboratory Division, who was assisted by Criminalist Sprv. Matthew J. Lepper and Criminalist III M. Scott Workman.



*The MASTERS board members attending the fall meeting included: (front row, l to r) Ms. Lynn Wallis (secretary), Mr. Doug Mitchell (vice president), Dr. Wes Stricker (president), Ret. MSHP Lt. Col. Paul Volkmer, Mr. Jack Pahlmann; (back row, l to r) Ret. MSHP Capt. Johnnie Hoggatt, Mr. Bill Ronecker, Ret. MSHP Major Mike Pace, Ret. MSHP Colonel Fred Mills, Mr. James Holstein, Ret. MSHP Capt. Jack Merritt, and Mr. Doug Libla.*

# Off-duty Trooper Catches More Than Fish

By Lisa Schlichtman, *Barry County Advertiser*

The actions of an off-duty Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper resulted in the arrest of three individuals on burglary charges last week. Trooper Andrew Ward and friend, Chris Landstad, were driving home from a fishing trip just before 4 a.m. on Thursday, when they observed three people packing items from the L&L Convenience Store in Eagle Rock [MO] into a vehicle.

Driving his own pickup with a fishing boat in tow, Tpr. Ward followed the individuals into Arkansas at which time he pulled them over and took the three suspects into custody until Carroll County, AR, and Barry County [MO] officers could arrive. Mr. Landstad assisted Tpr. Ward with the apprehension of the suspects.

Blake Aggus, 18, John Crandon, 21, and Matthew Brewer, 22, who are from the Webb City and Joplin [MO] area, were taken to the Carroll County

Jail before being extradited back to Barry County on burglary charges. A fourth individual, David Parker, 18, was arrested and also charged in connection with the burglary. Parker was allegedly involved in the burglary at the L&L Convenience Store, but was not in the vehicle with the original three suspects at the time of their arrest.

Barry County Detective Angela Cole recovered the items stolen from L&L Convenience Store, which included large amounts of whiskey and beer valued at over \$750. Aggus, Crandon, Brewer, and Parker have all been charged with burglary in the second degree and theft-stealing.

"I would like to commend Trooper Andrew Ward for his off-duty observation," said Barry County Sheriff Mick Epperly. "His dedication and perseverance stopped a crime in progress. This just proves that officers are

really never off duty," Sheriff Epperly said. "We don't know how many fish he caught early this morning, but he caught three criminals."

Tpr. Ward said he appreciated the professional assistance he received from Barry County 9-1-1 dispatchers during the incident. "I'm very appreciative of the way 9-1-1 assisted me," said Tpr. Ward. "I needed their help that night, and they did a very good job."

Barry County 9-1-1 Director Pat Leighter reviewed the call and also commended the dispatchers who were on duty last Thursday\* morning. "They worked together as a team toward the successful conclusion of a very dangerous situation," said Director Leighter. "I was very proud of the dispatchers on duty at that time."

\* [August 19, 2009]  
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## THE MASTERS HOLDS RAFFLE TO RAISE FUNDS

By *The MASTERS*

Mr. Randy and Mrs. Debby Sutter, The MASTERS [Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society] members from Lebanon, MO, recently donated a Remington 870 Police Magnum to The MASTERS.

The Remington Shotgun was designed in 2006, in honor of the Patrol's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and was purchased by the Sutters that same year. It is number 20 of 75 of this limited edition. The left side of the receiver of this 12 gauge is adorned with etchings representing 75 years of history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The right side of the receiver depicts four modern day Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers and a patrol car with the license plate bearing 223-HP, representing the badge number of Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr., who was killed in the line of duty in 2005.

Raffle tickets for this gun may be purchased from The MASTERS for \$100 each. Please mail your check to The MASTERS, 5287 Hwy 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901. The drawing for the gun will be held at the annual The MASTERS Banquet and Patrol Awards Ceremony, which will be held on April 17, 2010. If you would like additional information, contact The MASTERS by calling 573-686-1619 or e-mail: [office@themastersmo.org](mailto:office@themastersmo.org).



(l to r) *The MASTERS Director Jack Merritt stands with Mrs. Debby Sutter and Mr. Randy Sutter, The MASTERS members who are donating this 75th anniversary weapon to the organization for a raffle.*

# Anniversaries

## December 2009

*35 years*

Sgt. Charles M. Dempsey,  
Q/GD  
UCR/NIBRS Analyst Melita L.  
Sloan, Q/CJISD

*25 years*

DE Sprv. Michelle T. LeBlanc,  
Troop A  
CVO Sprv. I Linda J. Stafford,  
Troop D

*20 years*

DE Sprv. Linda J. Byrd, Troop  
D  
CVO Sprv. I Michael R.  
Morris, Troop E

*15 years*

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.  
Donald L. Anderson, Troop  
D

*10 years*

Crim. Sprv. Stephany S. Louk-  
Denney, Q/CLD  
Clerk Typist III Julianne  
Samel, Troop B  
Insurance Clerk Evelyn M.  
Borgmeyer, Q/BPD  
Tpr. Jennifer L. Vernon, Q/GD

## January 2010

*35 years*

Capt. Billy E. Chadwick, Troop  
G  
Capt. John W. Elliott, Troop B  
Sgt. Leo W. Ream II, Q/GD  
Capt. Robert P. Stieffermann,  
Q/PSD

*30 years*

Chief Operator Terry M.  
Barnett, Troop B  
CVO Sprv. II Harold S. Carlyle,  
Troop E  
Sgt. David A. Leitman, Q/GD  
Sgt. Michael W. Rogers,  
Q/DDCC  
CVO Sprv. II Harold D.  
Crowley, Troop A

*25 years*

Research Analyst III Twila A.  
Walker, Q/ISD

*20 years*

Sgt. David C. Bauer, Q/DDCC

DE III Virginia K. Beretta,  
Troop A

Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B  
Sgt. Michael A. Bernier, Q/GSD  
Sgt. Gregory Q. Billings,  
Q/FOB

Sgt. Troy R. Blunt, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Dale A. Chenoweth, Q/GD  
Sgt. Jason P. Clark, Q/DDCC  
CVO II Chris L. Colman,  
Troop A

Sgt. Jeffery C. Creech, Troop B  
Lt. Michael W. Cross, Troop A  
Sgt. Price R. Davis, Troop A  
Cpl. Steven A. Donnell, Troop D  
Lt. Vernon C. Dougan, Troop F  
Lt. Nelson D. Elfrink, Troop B  
Lt. John M. Enderle, Troop C

Sgt. Stephen B. Ferrier, Troop C  
Cpl. Michael T. Finnegan, Q/GD  
Cpl. John P. Gassen, Troop A  
Sgt. Eldon L. Grissom, Troop B  
Cpl. Curtis B. Haden, Troop G  
Sgt. Michael W. Jones, Troop I  
Sgt. Gregory K. Leftwich,  
Troop B

Cpl. Patrick E. Leonard, Q/GD  
Sgt. Matthew A. Lopane, Q/GD  
Sgt. Andrew A. Mallery, Q/FOB  
Sgt. Anthony J. Mattox, Troop F  
Sgt. Kevin L. Mills, Troop D  
DE III Grace A. Nichols,  
Troop A

Sgt. Troy L. Pittman, Q/DDCC  
Lt. James W. Remillard, Troop I  
DE Sprv. Zina Roebuck,  
Troop C

Tpr. Ralph R. Ryerson, Troop F  
Sgt. Richard J. Sanders, Troop E  
Cpl. Jay A. Shirley, Troop H  
Sgt. David D. Spurgeon,  
Troop F

Sgt. Mark R. Stamps, Troop C  
DE III Christine M. Stefanus,  
Troop C  
Sgt. Fred J. Stoffregen, Troop E

*15 years*

Sgt. Jerry L. Arnold, Troop F  
Cpl. Bruce A. Becker, Q/GD  
Sgt. Matthew J. Broniec,  
Troop F  
Tpr. Michael L. Cary, Troop D  
Cpl. Steven J. Childers, Troop I

Cpl. Jason R. Cornett,  
Troop D

Sgt. Jeffrey L. Coulson,  
Q/GSD

Sgt. David D. Finley, Troop G  
Cpl. Jason H. Glendenning,  
Troop I

Cpl. Todd A. Hadlock,  
Troop D

Sgt. Ralph W. Hicks II,  
Troop A

Tpr. Brian T. Hillyer, Troop B  
Cpl. Robert E. Hoehn,  
Troop C

Cpl. Brian D. Holcomb,  
Q/GD

Sgt. Paul J. Kempke, Q/FOB  
Admin. Office Support Asst.

Dee A. Kempker, Troop F  
Sgt. Barry A. Kumpf, Troop A

Sgt. Jody T. Laramore,  
Troop E

Sgt. Donald S. Larsen,  
Troop C

Tpr. Lonnie R. LeJeune,  
Troop E

Cpl. Clinton T. Moreland,  
Troop D

Sgt. Daniel F. Nash, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Chris L. Patton, Troop C

Sgt. Shawn P. Skoglund,  
Troop H

Sgt. Jeremy S. Stoelting,  
Q/DDCC

Cpl. Casey O. Tubbs, Troop A

*10 years*

CIT III John P. Doyle, Q/ISD  
Crim. Sprv. Matthew J.

Lepper, Q/CLD  
Telecom. Maria T. Moore,  
Troop F

Telecom. Connie G. Duis,  
Troop H

CITS II Micheale J. Kroeger,  
Q/ISD

DE III Cynthia S. Wright,  
Troop C

Accountant II Karen Laves,  
Q/DDCC

CIT III Amanda E. Libbert,  
Q/ISD

# DPS Honors Tpr. Craig

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

On October 19, 2009, Director John M. Britt, Department of Public Safety, presented Trooper Timothy S. Craig, Troop C, with the DPS Employee of the Month award for October 2009. Tpr. Craig was selected for this award to recognize his courage and lifesaving actions.

Heavy rainfall caused flash flooding on Interstate 55, resulting in the median and traffic lanes becoming flooded. Tpr. Craig stopped traffic on the southbound lanes, but before the northbound lanes could be stopped, a vehicle skidded out of control. It overturned in the flooded median, and came to rest on the driver's side. Tpr. Craig and Conservation



Colonel James F. Keathley (left) and DPS Director John M. Britt (right) congratulated Tpr. Timothy S. Craig on being named DPS Employee of the Month for October 2009.

Agent Robert Sulkowski rushed into the flood water to rescue the driver, who could not get out of her vehicle. Agent Sulkowski held the vehicle which was about to roll over onto its top, while Trooper Craig removed the driver. Moments later the water rose high enough to cause the vehicle to roll over onto its top and become submerged.

"The actions of Tpr. Craig are truly what define a hero." said Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C. "I am gratified that our agency continues to attract and train individuals with the talents and courage like that exhibited by Tpr. Craig on May 8, 2009."

Tpr. Craig, along with Agent Sulkowski, is credited with saving this person's life. Congratulations, Tpr. Craig, on being named October 2009 DPS Employee of the Month!

## Meet & Greet Troop I Holds Open House

By Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I

On Saturday, October 3, 2009, Troop I opened its doors to the public and were greeted by a steady flow of approximately 400 citizens. This was the first such event since the Patrol celebrated its 75th Anniversary in September 2006. Troop I commanding officer, Captain Lee Ann H. Kenley, hoped the open house would serve as both an interactive recruiting tool and a means by which individuals could meet some of the troopers and employees in the area.

There were many displays available to help showcase the Patrol and enlighten the public regarding the duties our troopers and other employees are tasked with on a daily basis. These included Highway Patrol helicopter 96MP, the new Mobile Command Unit (Big Blue), a SWAT armored personnel carrier (Bearcat), the 1959 Dodge patrol car, the Troop C Major Crash Investigation Unit, and both a Tahoe and Ford patrol cruiser. In addition to recruiting booths and those with educational brochures, several safety displays were used both to teach and to entertain the public. These included the rollover simulator, seat belt convincer and a coned-off course, which drivers attempted to negotiate in a golf cart, while their vision was impaired by fatal (impaired) vision goggles. Free hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks were available to help those in attendance enjoy this beautiful fall day at Troop I.

Captain Kenley and all Troop I employees were pleased with the outcome of this event and would like to recognize the troopers from Troop C, F, and GHQ who traveled to Rolla to help make it a success. We would also like to thank Clerk Typist III L. Jamie Maddux, Troop I, who was instrumental in organizing the open house.



Sgt. Dan Crain uses the rollover to make the point that seat belts save lives.



Conversation flowed throughout the afternoon.

# 18-MONTH INVESTIGATION REVEALS DOG-FIGHTING WORLD

By Sgt. Terry G. Mills, Q/DDCC, & Sgt. Jeffrey L. Heath, Q/DDCC

It was supposed to be an investigation involving unrelated domestic terrorism matters. However, the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force discovered instead a subculture of individuals who arranged pit bull dogfights in the greater St. Louis area. The discovery resulted in a federal investigation lasting 18 months.

Eventually, a number of agencies worked together to unveil an underground society of dogfighters. The Humane Society of Missouri, already actively involved in the pursuit of illegal dogfighters, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General, and the Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control were included. (The USDA is the lead federal agency responsible for the enforcement of federal law involving illegal animal fighting ventures.)

As more and more information was gathered about the dogfighting matches, it was determined there was no domestic terrorism involved and the FBI closed their case. However, FBI Special Agent Robert Hoelscher remained involved with the investigation. It was decided then that undercover officers could be introduced. Sgt. Terry G. Mills and Special Agent Carole Schmitt, of the USDA, assumed the lead role. Sergeant Jeffrey Heath,

Q/DDCC, became the primary undercover officer. Sgt. Mills, Sgt. Heath, and Human Society of Missouri Investigators Tim Rickey and Kyle Held continued to delve into the dogfighting ring. Special Agent Holscher, Special Agent Schmitt, Lieutenant Sid Conklin, Q/DDCC, and Sergeant Ethan P. Ahern, Q/DDCC, assisted.

"All of the contract fights took place on Saturday nights after dark,"

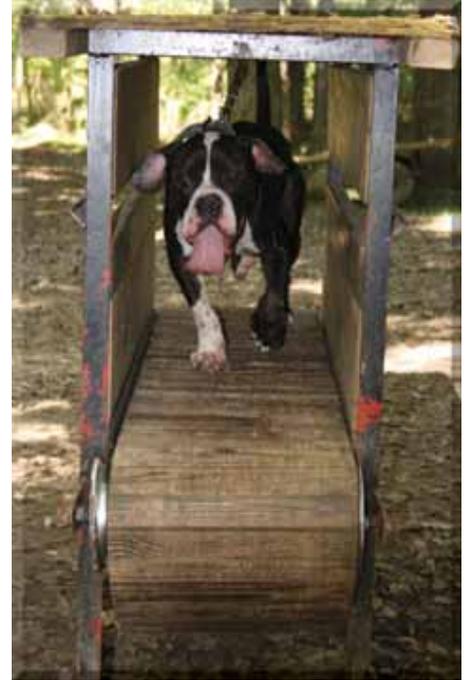
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It's such a brutal, blood 'sport'," ... Even though a dog might win the fight, it may still die from injuries."

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said Sgt. Mills. "During the year, fights occurred about every other weekend in barns in the country, inside garages in the suburbs, or in alleys in the inner city of St. Louis and East St. Louis."

The federal investigation proceeded throughout the summer, fall, and winter 2008 in Missouri, Illinois, and Oklahoma. Approximately 80 dog-related, undercover contacts were made during the investigation. Of those, 39 undercover contacts were contract dogfights or dogfight rolls. [A dogfight roll is when two dogs



*This pit bull named Diesel runs on a treadmill. Dogs in training run for hours at a time.*

spar. This can be a short fight or last until a dog quits.] There were over 120 identified subjects involved in dogfighting-related activity during the investigation.

"Dogfighters are dedicated," said Sgt. Mills.

"It's their sport and hobby," added Sgt. Ahern.

"When you go to a contract dogfight you're with them from four to eight hours at a time," said Sgt. Mills. "The conversation before, during, and after is about dogfighting, training, breeding, and medical issues."

The dogfighters have set rules governing where, when, and how a



*This picture shows what a "typical" kennel might look like. Each dog was chained to a specific area with a barrel on cinder blocks in which to sleep.*

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fight occurs. During this conversation, dogfighters also determine how long the training period prior to the fight is and what the dog's weight at the time of the fight will be. A verbal contract determines how much money (forfeit) is involved and each handler will put their half of the money into the hands of a third person agreed upon by both parties. The fights take place in a 16-foot by 16-foot area framed by plywood approximately two feet tall. A referee is used and "Cajun" rules govern the fight. On fight night, if a dog weighs more than the agreed upon weight, the heavier dog's handler loses his forfeit. Handlers can then negotiate a new bet and the dogfight could occur.

"In the box are the two dogs, each dog's handler, and the referee," explained Sgt. Mills. "The fight starts with the handlers releasing their dogs and continues until one dog 'turns' to avoid getting bit. This is considered a lack of aggression. The handler of the other dog will say, 'That dog turned.' The referee must acknowledge this for it to affect the fight. When the dogs



*Glock, a pit bull used in dogfighting, was a grand champion (five-time winner).*



*Dog fights take place in a 16-foot by 16-foot box like the one shown here.*

are no longer biting each other (engaged), the handlers retrieve their dogs. It may be 30 minutes from the 'turn' to the break. At that point, the dogs are put in opposite corners with their view blocked by their handler. The handler wets them down and gives them a lot of praise and encouragement. After 25 seconds, the referee tells the handler to 'face' their dogs. The dog accused of the 'turn' is released and has to engage the other dog. This can happen repeatedly during a fight. After several times, a dog will usually slow down or quit. It may go into shock. If it doesn't engage within 10 seconds, the referee will declare the other dog the winner."

There are a couple of ways a fight ends ... A handler can determine their dog isn't going to win, but want to save the dog for breeding or save it after it sustained a serious injury. In those situations the handler tells the referee and retrieves his dog using a "break stick".

"The dogs fight because they love you," explained Sgt. Ahern.

"One of the surprising things about dogfighters is how much they 'love' the dog they are training or shaping for the next contract fight until it begins to lose or loses that dogfight. Then, the dog is a 'cur'," said Sgt. Mills. "Most of the time, if a dog lives after a fight, they don't return to

the dogfighter's kennel. They are put down after the fight in an inhumane way, such as drowning, electrocution, or shooting, and then tossed into a river or 55-gallon drum."

"Dogfighters will often times interbreed their pit bull fighting dogs to obtain a specific trait, such as a hard biter or game [endurance]," added Sgt. Heath. "Dogfighters believe a dog needs three of four traits to be a champion (wins three fights). The four traits are hard biting, dance, wrestle, and gameness."

"Dogfighters will evaluate their dogs between a year and two years old. If they determine a dog isn't match worthy, they'll either kill it or use it to train dogs they believe to be match worthy. It's such a brutal, blood 'sport'," said Sgt. Heath. "They truly consider dogfighting a sport. Even though a dog might win the fight, it may still die from injuries."

In 2009, the federal dogfighting investigation expanded into Indiana, Kentucky, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. Due to its size, the numbers, and scope, the decision was made to culminate the investigation. The USDA and the FBI provided financial assistance to the Humane Society of Missouri in prepar-



*Scales such as this one are used to weigh the dogs. Dogfights are set by a dog's gender and weight.*

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ing a warehouse for a temporary shelter. Preparations were made for the multi-state federal search and seizure of the pit bulls.

On July 8, 2009, federal, state, and local agents served 28 federal search warrants and two state search warrants. Twenty-eight subjects were arrested on federal and state charges. More arrests followed in the coming weeks. During the search warrants the Humane Society of Missouri led the rescue, medical triage, and sheltering effort. Working with the Humane Society of the United States and the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), the HSMO (Humane Society of Missouri) was responsible for the rescue, processing, forensic evidence collection, and transportation of the pit bulls to the temporary shelter. Upon arrival, each dog was processed and given a medical evaluation according to strict Humane Society guidelines.

"Two weeks prior to serving the warrants, we were asked to verify that all 30 search warrant locations still had pit bull fighting dogs," said Sgt. Heath. "We did that through visits where we talked with owners, by flying over kennels for a visual of the dogs, making telephone calls, or walking through the woods to see the dogs ourselves."

"That was a very nerve wracking day," said Sgt. Mills. "You can imagine the logistics required to coordinate 28 search warrants in several states using multiple agencies. "All of the information was based on our investigation, hence, getting the correct house or location was crucial. The go time was 6 a.m. CST and it went until 10 p.m. CST."

"The actual seizure/rescue of the dogs in Missouri and Illinois was coordinated by the Humane Society of Missouri. Other states handled their own rescue. Our humane society used four trailers to house the dogs as they were gathered," Sgt. Mills continued. "Four trailers traveled from each search warrant area. Working from Southwest Illinois and Northwest Missouri, they worked their way to St. Louis. One of

the trailers was able to hold about 80 dogs in separate kennels."

Working closely with ASPCA and other partners, the HSMO gave each dog an individual behavior evaluation to determine potential placement for adoption. These reports were turned over to the judge as each case is presented. Once each case was heard, the judge returned the reports to the HSMO, and the dog's fate was decided. The dogs were cared for at the temporary shelter in St. Louis throughout the federal forfeiture process. Following the court ordered disposition of the dogs, the federal government will seek to recover the costs of caring for the dogs from either the defendants or the targets of the seizure. [Note: The federal investigation was approved by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Drake, of the Eastern District of the Missouri U.S. Attorney's office, in St. Louis, MO. The USDA provided reimbursable grant money for the investigation and care of the animals seized/rescued as a result of this investigation.]

"Jeff and I want to thank the Patrol's command staff for their support of this investigation and for allowing us to work on it for an entire year," said Sgt. Mills. "I would add to that a thank you to Sgt. Kevin Glaser and the SEMO Drug Task Force for loaning us their equipment and vehicle, but mostly for



*507 dogs seized quickly turned into over 600 pit bulls as many of the dogs gave birth in the month after they were removed from their owners.*

allowing me to use the best undercover officer, Sgt. Jeff Heath."

This investigation has earned a U.S. Attorney's Award from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, in St. Louis. In addition, Sgt. Mills, Sgt. Heath, and humane society investigators Tim Rickey and Kyle Held accepted an ASPCA law enforcement award during their Humane Awards Luncheon in New York City, NY, on October 29, 2009.



*The Humane Society of Missouri prepared two large warehouses like this one for the hundreds of dogs seized at the end of the undercover investigation. Each dog was placed into its own kennel. Each of the kennels had wooden walls to prevent the dogs from seeing one another and attempting to fight.*

# INVESTIGATION YIELDS DOGS, WEAPONS, CASH, DRUGS

By Sgt. Terry G. Mills, Q/DDCC & Sgt. Jeffrey L. Heath, Q/DDCC

Once the warrants were executed, 407 pit bull dogs were seized/rescued in Missouri and Illinois. Approximately 100 pit bulls were seized/rescued in the other states, bringing the total to over 500. Since the warrants were executed on July 8, 2009, and due to the 62-day gestation period, this number has grown. On August 27, 2009, an additional 20 pit bull dogs were seized in a follow-up contact associated with this investigation.

Other dogfighting-related evidence seized included slat mills, electric mills, carpet mills, breeding boxes, pulling harnesses, break sticks, chains, stakes, steroids, and a large amount of dogfighting paraphernalia including written paraphernalia and records, and (Veterinary dispensing-size) pharmaceutical drugs.

*In addition, non-dogfighting-related evidence was seized:*

- 4 marijuana indoor growing operations (one was in an underground bunker);
- 30 marijuana plants (outdoors);
- 10 pounds (approximate) of processed marijuana;
- Quantity of hashish;
- 2.1 pounds of methamphetamine;
- 1 ounce of crack cocaine;
- Quantity of prescription pills;
- \$130,000 seized in Missouri;
- \$175,000 seized in the other states;
- \$60,000 (approximate) in stolen property;
- Over 100 guns (several stolen);
- 3 vehicles; and,
- 3 boats.

According to Humane Society of Missouri sources, this was the largest dogfighting operation and rescue in the history of the United States. According to information obtained in post arrest interviews of defendants and suspects yet to be charged, this investigation has seriously hindered or slowed down all dogfighting and related activities in the Midwest and beyond. Not only are these suspected dogfighters shut down, and these particular dogs rescued, but generations of pit bulls will not, as stated by the Humane Society, be subjected to these brutal animal contests resulting in suffering, torture, harassment, and death. Such sports amount to torture for fun and are degrading and unfit for a civilized society.

*These items are among those seized from dogfighters. Items pictured include a chain, stake, scale, first aid items, steroid syringes, etc.*



## Computer Savvy

If your computer has been upgraded to Microsoft Office 2007, go to C:\MSHPForms. Once there, run (select) \$ Set Office 2007 Default File Formats AND run (select) \$ Set Trusted Locations! Refer to Tips and Tricks on ISD's Intranet site for further details.

## Did You Know?

80% of the work performed by the Patrol's Crime Laboratory Division is done for other agencies (2008).

## December

- December 3 • Tpr. F.L. Walker died in 1941.
- December 7 • Tpr. V.O. Dosing died in 1941.
- December 12 • Tpr. R.S. Creach died in 1943.
- December 25 • Christmas Day

# New Employees



Tanna L. Abbott  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop E



Ryan D. Aldrich  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop E



Jason M. Belcher  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop E



Carrie A. Berendzen  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CJISD



Rachel W. Birmingham  
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Q/CJISD



Ronald W. Hoffman  
MVI Insp. II  
Troop C



Mark D. Middleton  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop E



Karri L. Mitchell  
DE I  
Troop A



Shirley B. Moore  
DE I  
Troop C



Timothy J. Myers  
Prog./Analyst Mgr.  
Q/ISD



Faye A. Newkirk  
DE II  
Troop C

# New Employees



Michael L. Pullam  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop E



Steven L. Rhine  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop E



Christina M. Royster  
DE I  
Troop A



Kristi L. Rydman  
CIT III  
Q/ISD



Kristy J. Sin  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CJISD



Adrean J. Smart  
Quality Control Clerk II  
Q/TFD



Levi A. Stoops  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop G



Michelle E. Sturgeon  
AFIS Entry Oper. I  
Q/CJISD



Garry L. Umphry  
CVE Insp. I  
Troop H



Kyle J. Vaught  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CJISD



Year to Date June 7, 2009	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2007 Traffic Fatalities	2008 Traffic Fatalities
331	392	-61	992	960

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

# CuCl<sub>2</sub> HCl EtOH H<sub>2</sub>O

## Turner's Reagent Solves The Crime!

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

How long does CuCl<sub>2</sub> HCl EtOH H<sub>2</sub>O last? Well, I can tell you--at least 10 years.

Trooper David H. Brown, Troop D, seized a motorcycle that had the vehicle identification number (VIN) ground off. He brought it to Troop D to see if MVI could somehow determine the identity of the bike.

It's not very often we get to use the skills taught us at the Academy in number restoration! However, I needed to at least try. I found the bottle of Turner's Reagent and blew the dust off the lid. It was created for me in July 1999. "Hmmm," I thought. *I wonder if it is still good.* According to the Random House Dictionary, a "reagent" is a substance that, because of the reactions it causes, is used in analysis and synthesis.

I prepared the engine boss with sandpaper, as I had to make that area smoother. That area had been ground off and nothing in the form of a number was visible. Then, with gloved hands I carefully opened the bottle of reagent and poured a small amount into the cap of the bottle. I took a Q-tip and soaked up a small amount and began rubbing the blank boss right to left ... right to left ... right to left ... The etching agent began to bubble and change color ... and *smell*.

I wiped the area off with a rag and, using my flashlight, I began to see a faint appearance of numbers. My heart must have skipped a beat, because the excitement of possibly thwarting the bad guy by undoing his dastardly deed was indeed invigorating.

I asked Tpr. Brown to hold the flashlight as I applied another round of chemical. I also asked him if he could read the numbers to add another verification level--four eyes are better than two. Sure enough, the numbers began to appear! But, you had to be quick as they faded as the wetness evaporated.



Troop D's MVI unit solved a mystery involving this motorcycle using Turner's Reagent.

Finally, I had enough numbers to begin a search for the identity of the motorcycle.

I ran the numbers in MULES and didn't get a hit. I then called the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and Dan (my contact) began a search in his vast database. Several Suzuki motorcycles came up, but none were stolen and none were in Missouri.

After about 15 minutes you could sense his excitement as he found a possibility:

A stolen GSXR600! He asked if I was near Springfield, and I answered, "I am in Springfield." We had identified the motorcycle.

The stolen 2001 Suzuki GSXR600 is being held at the Troop D impound lot awaiting the insurance company to apply for a VIN and then it will have a new home. In the meantime, Tpr. Brown has another serious charge for a citizen that thought he had covered his tracks.

## Picture Perfect

Members: When you're promoted, make sure you have a new portrait taken! Call Photographer Brenda Schmitz, Q/PIED, at 573-526-6277 for an appointment. Class A (long sleeves) and felt hat required. Captains and above also need a portrait in their blouse/white shirt and felt hat. Thanks!

# MO Polygraph Association Honors Lt. Platte

*By Sgt. Darron F. Blankenship, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Kenneth J. Schulte, Q/DDCC*

The Missouri Polygraph Association honored Missouri State Highway Patrol Division of Drug and Crime Control Lieutenant Michael W. Platte with the first ever Richard "Dick" Arthur Award at the Tri-State Polygraph Conference on October 7, 2009.

The Richard "Dick" Arthur Award was developed to pay homage to Dick Arthur for his contributions to the polygraph profession. Nominees for this award are individuals who advance the polygraph profession through tireless dedication to standardize polygraph principles and practices, or who have made significant contributions to the Missouri Polygraph Association. Nominees must be an association member and in good standing. The association plans to make this an annual award.

Lt. Platte has been a member of the Missouri Polygraph Association since 1993. Since joining, Lt. Platte has held the office of treasurer, vice president, and president of the association. Lt. Platte has assisted with the coordination of the Missouri polygraph seminars, sat on several committees, and acted as social director. He is also a member of the Kansas Polygraph Association, the Canadian Police Polygraph Association, and a former member of the Association of Police Polygraphists. Lt. Platte is called upon to give his insight or advice on problems or concerns encountered during association meetings.

Lt. Platte graduated from the Canadian School of Polygraph in 1993. Since then, he has conducted over 1,100 tests for local, state, and federal agencies. He has tested individuals on every type of crime, from thefts to homicides, and has been called in to run a test on other polygraphists and during internal investigations. Lt. Platte has assisted other polygraphists in question formulations as well as given feedback on chart interpretations and polygraph techniques. He has taught at the Canadian school every year since 2001. Lt. Platte uses that time to keep up on the latest improvements and tech-



*Missouri Polygraph Association President Jason Smith, Rolla Police Department, presents Lt. Michael Platte, Q/DDCC, with the first ever Richard "Dick" Arthur Award in October 2009.*

niques in polygraphs, and then shares the information with his fellow polygraphists. Lt. Platte has been in charge of the Missouri State Highway Patrol polygraph program since 2003. During that time, he has implemented many changes, including: better equipment, more training, new pre-employment test, and quality control.

Lt. Platte is an advocate, mentor, and teacher in the polygraph arena. He continues to speak at area colleges and

gives demonstration of the polygraph capabilities and its uses. He is a strong proponent for standardizing polygraph testing, and outspoken against the uses of substandard truth verification devices.

Lt. Platte has demonstrated his tireless effort to advance the Missouri Polygraph Association as well as the polygraph profession. He is quick to assist anyone with a problem or give a suggestion on a polygraph test. It is due to his devotion to the polygraph profession and to the Missouri Polygraph Association that Lt. Michael W. Platte was honored with the Richard "Dick" Arthur Award. Congratulations, sir!

## Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

### 40 years ago

*November 1969*-- Tpr. Jesse R. Jenkins, KOD October 14, 1969, graced the cover. Stories and pictures told about the Patrol's loss of Tpr. Jenkins. There was a picture layout and in-depth story about Troop B Headquarters, and a story about an open house at Troop A Headquarters.

### 30 years ago

*December 1979*-- The Patrol Academy, recently equipped with a color video system, began making original production video training tapes. One article said troopers marked 40 years of working Mizzou football games this year.

### 20 years ago

*November 1989*-- Corporal Michael A. Cooper, Troop I, received an honorable mention in the IACP/PARADE Magazine Police Service Award program. The centerfold story highlighted the Automated Fingerprint Identification System and its capabilities.

### 10 years ago

*December 1999*-- The Fatal Analysis Reporting System celebrated its 25th anniversary. During the 16th Annual DDCC Conference, Sgt. Jim Ripley, Troop A, Special Assistant Brenda LeCure, Q/DDCC, and Officer Daron Wilkins, COMET Drug Task Force, were recognized.

# Retirements

## Sgt. Michael A. Cooper



Sergeant Michael A. "Mike" Cooper retired on December 1, 2009, after 31 years of dedicated service.

Mike was born in Carthage, MO. He graduated from Eldon High School in 1974. He is married to Peggy A. (Parish) Cooper. Mike and Peggy have two grown children: Jason M. Cooper and Stacey M. Schauer.

Mike was a member of the 47th Recruit Class, and began his training on June 1, 1978. He was first assigned to Troop C, St. Louis County. Mike transferred to Troop I, Rolla, on July 1, 1981, and was promoted to corporal on July 1, 1989. He was assigned as the assistant zone supervisor of Pulaski County.

Mike transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control on October 15, 1990, and was assigned to the Narcotics/Vice Section for the remainder of his career. During his tenure with the Division of Drug and Crime Control, he was assigned to Team 5, St. Louis, and to Team 2, Springfield. He was promoted to sergeant on September 1, 1996.

Congratulations, Mike, on your retirement! We will miss you.

## Crim. Sprv. David F. Nanneman



Criminalist Supervisor David F. "Dave" Nanneman, Q/CLD, retired August 31, after 37 years of service. He supervised the Troop G Crime Lab in Willow Springs, MO.

Dave grew up on a dairy farm close to Salisbury and Marceline, MO. He attended Wilson School, a one-room school, for first grade with only one other student--Ernie Raub. Wilson School closed the next year, and he and Ernie went to different schools. In 1972, both of them started to work for the Patrol. Ernie retired as a captain several years ago. Dave says

that every time they saw each other, they had 100% attendance of their first grade class reunion. Dave graduated from St. Joseph High School, in Salisbury, in 1967. He went on to earn his bachelor's of science in chemistry from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) in 1972.

Dave was hired as a laboratory technician for the Patrol Crime Lab in 1972. He worked as a chemist at the GHQ Lab until 1977, when he was promoted to director of the Troop H Satellite Lab when it opened in 1977. He transferred to the Troop G Satellite Lab in 1984, to reopen it. In 2003, he was promoted to criminalist supervisor while working at the Troop G Lab.

Dave met his wife, Pat Steffen, in Jefferson City. They were married in 1978. They have two sons: Mark, who lives in Columbia, MO, and Andy, who lives in Fayetteville, AR.

During his career at the laboratory, Dave introduced the use of thin layer chromatography for marijuana and THC analysis, gas chromatography for blood alcohol analysis, and the use of "Sharpie" pens to mark evidence. He testified before the grand jury for the Ken Rex McElroy inves-

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## Retirees Enjoy Food & Fellowship



*One hundred retirees gathered in Lee's Summit for lunch in August 2009. Ret. Major Lewis G. Ullery brought along his replica 1931 Ford patrol car for all to enjoy. Retired DE Sprv. Ruby Williams is hoping for an even larger crowd next year!*

# Retirements

## — Nanneman

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tigation, and was mentioned in "True Detective" magazine in the Michelle Steele murder case.

Dave's favorite part of working for the Patrol's Crime Laboratory system has been meeting the investigators that submit evidence and the prosecutors who handle the cases in court, and being able to answer their questions about the evidence.

"It's been a pleasure working for the MSHP, meeting the other employees of the lab and the rest of the Patrol," said Dave. "It really is like a family. I will miss these great people."

After retirement, Dave plans to travel with his wife, Pat, go on more extended white water river trips, work around the house, and visit friends and relatives. Dave, we wish you luck in your retirement!

## DE I Doris A. "Ann" McAllister



On October 1, 2009, DE I Doris A. "Ann" McAllister retired after 13 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Ann was hired on September 1, 1996, as a clerk typist. Ann was promoted to Clerk Typist II on March 1, 1998, and to Clerk Typist III on March 1, 2000. Ann was re-classified as a driver examiner on March 1, 2009.

Ann was born in Dudley, MO, and graduated from Greenville High School in 1969. She attended Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff in 1986 and 1987, studying her love for music. Ann has two daughters, Cheryl Parker and Nancy Gallamore, and five grandchildren, Morgan, 14, Bailey, 10, Christian, 6, Trevor, 7, and Taylor, 4.

Ann loves to listen to and play bluegrass music and is an original member of a bluegrass group well known in Southeast Missouri as String Circle. Ann has been playing music for 17 years and has been with String Circle for 14 years. String Circle has played in a five-state area and is well known for their bluegrass gospel music. Ann plays the stand up bass and guitar. Ann is an active member of First Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, and enjoys being involved in many activities there.

After retirement Ann plans on playing more music, and spending more time with her grandchildren. She wants to spend some time traveling and will work part-time for Three Rivers Community College as a security officer.

Troop E employees thank Ann for her dedicated service and wish her the very best in a long and happy retirement. Good luck! Ann, your big smile and helpful spirit will be missed!

# January

January 1

• New Year's Day

January 18

• Tpr. K.L. Poynter died in 2002.

January 18

• Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## '62 Recruit Class Enjoys Reunion

*By Mrs. Vada Terrell*

The Highway Patrol recruit class of 1962 held their annual reunion September 14, 15, and 16, 2009, in Jefferson City, at the DeVillie Hotel. Bill and Marty Patterson were hosts of this year's reunion. Jefferson City proved to be a great place for a Patrol reunion as it brought back a lot of memories of a career that began 47 years ago.

Several of the men enjoyed a chance meeting with some fellow retirees while at lunch Monday at the Prison Brew. On Monday afternoon, they toured the Patrol's Safety Education Center, and on Tuesday afternoon, they toured the Governor's Mansion where First Lady Georganne Wheeler Nixon welcomed the group.

Attendees this year were Woody and Rosella Aytes, David and Joyce Cook, Dick and Vada Terrell, Myron and Janice Garrett, Rex and Anna Bartlett, Shay and Linda East, Harold and Darlyns Shelton, Herb and Wilda Hoffman, Louise Allinson Bailey, and Bill and Marty Patterson.

Plans for their 48<sup>th</sup> reunion were made before everyone departed. We'll meet in 2010 in St. Joseph, MO, with Myron and Janice Garrett as hosts.

## Please Update!

If you've changed address, family status, education level, or military status, fill out an SHP-10 form and send it to the Human Resources Division. Thanks!

# Legislation In Action

## Expanded DNA Law Catches Criminal

**By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D**

Missouri's expanded DNA profiling law, which took effect on August 28, 2009, quickly paid dividends for law enforcement and the victim of one crime in Jasper County. The new law, which was sponsored by Representative Marilyn Ruestman and signed into law by Governor Jay Nixon, expands the collection of DNA to include those arrested for certain felonies. Samples are now required from anyone who is 17 years of age or older and who is arrested for first or second degree burglary or a felony offense involving crimes against a person, sex offenses, prostitution, or pornography. Previously, DNA samples were collected only from individuals who pleaded guilty or were found guilty of felony crimes and certain misdemeanor sex crimes, not persons who were simply arrested.

On May 9, 2009, Jasper County Sheriff's Department deputies investigated the burglary of a convenience store on Missouri Route 66 at the Kansas State Line. Investigators recovered



*Pictured left to right are Lt. D. Scott Sater, Troop D, Rep. Marilyn Ruestman, Jasper County Sheriff Archie Dunn, Carl Junction Chief Delmar Haase, Criminalist Sprv. Jason Wyckoff, and Laboratory Manager Kay Monk during the news conference announcing a DNA match related to a new law allowing DNA collection at the time of arrest.*

blood evidence inside the store near a broken window and the evidence was entered into CODIS (Combined DNA Index System). The case remained unsolved and without a suspect until the arrest of an individual on September 12, 2009, by the Carl Junction Police Department stemming from the burglary of an elementary school. The DNA sample collected from the arrestee pursuant to the new law led to a "match" with the sample collected from the earlier burglary. On October 2, 2009, the Jasper County Sheriff's Department

was notified by Criminalist Supervisor Jason L. Wyckoff from the Springfield Crime Laboratory.

Both Criminalist Sprv. Wyckoff and Laboratory Manager Kay E. Monk, also from Springfield Crime Laboratory, attended a news conference at the Jasper County Sheriff's Department on October 9. While there,

they fielded many questions regarding DNA evidence and the Patrol's role in the testing of samples in conjunction with the new law. The "match" from the Jasper County case, analyzed at the Patrol's Springfield Crime Lab, resulted in the first criminal charge being filed as a result of the new law. As of the date of the news conference, the Patrol had matched three other DNA profiles obtained from arrestees to existing DNA profiles from unsolved crimes. Those cases remain under investigation by the respective agencies.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Layton I.*  
Tpr. Andrew F. & Mrs. Heather J. Cheaney  
Q/GD

*Peyton Rylee*  
Tpr. Evan L. & Mrs. Leanna R. Tyrrell  
Troop A

*Jasper Thomas*  
Tpr. Thomas O. & Mrs. Crystal B. Mitchell  
Troop F

*Keith Rylan*  
Cpl. Keith A. & Mrs. Shelly A. Almond  
Troop E

*Gracie Anna Marie*  
Tpr. Joseph S. & Mrs. Leeann M. Baughman  
Troop A

*Andrew David*  
Tpr. Joshua D. & Mrs. Rachel E. Owens  
Troop A

*Gavin Taylor*  
Cpl. Gregory D. & Mrs. Amanda L. Primm  
Troop A

*Maddox Robert*  
Tpr. Dustin L. & Mrs. Brooke S. Lyle  
Troop H

*Slade Rockwell*  
Tpr. Thomas E. & Mrs. Brett A. Young  
Troop G

*Emma Nicole*  
Sgt. Warren W. & Mrs. Paula M. Wiedemann  
Q/DDCC

*Broxton Owen*  
Mr. Kent A. & Clerk Typist III Tammy S. Mahaney  
Troop F

*Isaac David*  
Tpr. Benjamin N. and Mrs. Kimberly S. Comer  
Troop A

*Rylan Carter*  
Tpr. Paul C. and Mrs. Shelia Long  
Troop C

*Danny Brock*  
Mr. Jason P. and Clerk Typist II Sonna L. Basler  
Troop B

# Deaths

## Randy J. Tillman



Randy Joe Tillman, 54, of Hayti, MO, died June 23, 2009.

He was born on July 24, 1954, in Kennett, MO, to the late Howard Oval and Lilly Buck Tillman. On June 15, 1980, in Caruthersville, MO, he was united in marriage to Carol Ann Malone, who survives at the home.

Randy was a longtime employee of KCRV (approximately 25 years). He has worked for the state of Missouri for over 18 years in different capacities. Randy was a criminal investigator for the public defender office located in Caruthersville, for approximately nine years, and a case worker for the Division of Family Services for about two years. At the time of his death, Randy was a commercial vehicle officer for the Missouri State Highway Patrol where he spent most of his employment at E-3 Weigh Station on Interstate 55, and recently received a position as a CVO II on the portable scale truck 1510. Randy was a Missouri State Highway Patrol recruiter and a first responder instructor. He also served as the code enforcement officer for the city of Hayti.

Randy was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was a longtime member of the Hayti First Baptist Church where he was the Sunday School director for several years and recently resigned his position to teach a young adults class for those ages 18-30 with his wife, Carol. Randy enjoyed being a member of the men's quartet

at First Baptist Church. He always enjoyed an occasional camping trip to the "boonies" with his friend, Marty Metzger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard Oval and Lilly Buck Tillman; brothers, Eddie and Charles Tillman; a sister, Virginia Ann Tillman; and a daughter, Stefany Ann Tillman.

Randy leaves his wife, Carol Ann Tillman, of Hayti; two daughters, Ginny Ann Tillman, of Hayti, and Selena Tillman Taylor (and her husband, Herman), of Clarkton, MO; two grandchildren, McKenzie and Karson Taylor, of Clarkton; two brothers, Sam Tillman (and his wife, Nadine), of Marble Hill, MS, and George Tillman (and his wife, Linda), of Greers Ferry, AR; two stepbrothers, James Babcock (and his wife, Wanda), of Smyrna, TN, and Earnie Babcock, of Hayti; one stepsister, Vickie Turnage (and her husband, Randy), of Hayti; sisters-in-law, Angela Tillman, of Bartlett, TN, and Shirley Tillman, of Birmingham, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives; and many, many friends.

Pallbearers were Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers and Missouri State Highway Patrol commercial vehicle officers. Funeral services were held Friday, June 26, 2009, in the First Baptist Church in Hayti, with Dr. Tony Cherry officiating. John W. German Funeral Home in Hayti was in charge of the services.

*(The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Tillman family. This article was reprinted from the Caruthersville Democrat Argus with permission.)*

## Ronald D. Smith



Ronald D. Smith, 66, of Union, MO, died Friday, September 11, 2009, in Ames, Iowa.

He was born July 27, 1943, in Langley, VA, the son of Oscar E. and wife Emma (Wodtley) Smith. Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Candace Mahon (Ahmann) on May 21, 2001, in Union.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife; one son, Ronald D. Smith, from the country of Denmark; one daughter, Sheila Downey (and husband, Charles), of Concordia, MO; two stepsons, Brendan Mahon (and wife, Jill), of Union, and Robert Mahon (and wife, Elaine), of Seattle, WA; one brother, Ed Smith, of El Paso, Texas; one sister, Constance Strait, of Chantilly, VA; his mother-in-law, Eunice Ahmann, of Washington, MO; six grandchildren, Laura Unerstall, of St. Louis, Sam Unerstall, of Krakow, Emma Downey, of Concordia, Sophia Mahon, of Seattle, and Mia and Olivia Mahon, both of Union; other relatives; and many friends.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Vernon Smith; and one sister, Barbara Smith.

He was a member of the American Legion, V.F.W., 40 and 8, and served his country in the U.S. Army. Mr. Smith worked with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 35 years and with the federal Department of Transportation for eight years.

Memorial services were held on

## Take Note

Effective January 1, 2010, Catalyst Rx will administer the prescription drug program for MoDOT/Patrol. You should receive a new prescription drug benefit card at the end of 2009.

# Deaths

## — Smith

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Saturday, September 19, at Miller Funeral Home, in Washington, with the Rev. Mark Gregor officiating. Memorials directed to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association are preferred.

*(The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Smith family. Reprinted with permission from the Washington Missourian, September 22, 2009.)*

## James L. "Jim" Laffoon



James "Jim" Leroy Laffoon, of rural Farmington, MO, died on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at Parkland Health Center, at the age of 78. He was born on March 15, 1931, in Old Hickory, TN, the son of the late Clayborn and Jessie "Pauline" (Murphy) Laffoon. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Gail Laffoon.

Mr. Laffoon proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy Seabees during the Korean War. Mr. Laffoon served as a Missouri state trooper for 30 years, and retired in 1988. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Farmington.

He will be greatly missed by all, and that includes his loving and devoted wife of 33 years, Mrs. Therese Agnes (Mangan) Laffoon; two sons, Sam Laffoon (wife, Michelle), of Gerald,

MO, and Steven Laffoon (wife, Jerri), of Linn, MO; a brother, Robert Laffoon (wife, Barbara), of Banning, CA; one half-sister Rosemary (husband, Wallace), Downey of Hopkinsville, KY; one half-brother Mike Laffoon, two granddaughters, Andrea Laffoon; of Costa Mesa, CA, and Christina Laffoon, of Florissant, MO; two grandsons, Mark Laffoon (wife, Angela), of North Pole, AK, and Jason Laffoon, of Florissant, MO; a great-grandson, Joseph Laffoon; a great-granddaughter, Kirstyn Laffoon; and special friends, Reta and Glynn Dennis, of Linn, MO. Other relatives, numerous friends, and his church family also survive.

The family received friends at Cozean Memorial Chapel on September 29, 2009. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church on September 30. Interment with full military honors followed at New Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund, or the Wildlife Land Trust.

*(The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Laffoon family. Reprinted with permission from the Cozean Memorial Chapel.)*

## Karen J. Hulett



Karen Janeen Hulett, 69, a resident of Chillicothe, MO, died Saturday, October 3, 2009, at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO, as a result of a stroke.

She was born on June 27, 1940, the daughter of Bonnie and Vergie (Sears) Jackson in Watsonville, CA. On Nov. 1, 1959, she married William M. Hulett in Bynumville, MO. He survives at the home.

Karen moved to Chillicothe in 1965, having previously lived in Bynumville, Kansas City, and St. Joseph, MO. She worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 18 years as a driver examiner. Karen was a member of the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Bynumville, and attended the United Methodist Church, Chillicothe, where she was very active.

Karen volunteered many hours at the Chillicothe House of Prayer. She was a leader in the Girl Scouts and 4-H. She enjoyed researching family genealogy and scrapbooking. Karen also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, family, and friends.

She is survived by three daughters: Lynette Juresic and husband, John, of Andover, KS, Jeanna Maley, and husband, Steve, of Wichita, KS, and Karisa Huntley, and husband, Tim, of Mulvane, KS; one brother, Lonnie W. Jackson, and wife, Debby, of Carrollton, MO; four grandchildren: Rachele and Nathan Juresic, of Andover, KS, and Jenae and Spencer Maley, of Wichita, KS; two step-grandchildren, Tricia and Bryce Huntley; one step-great-grandchild, Taelyn Huntley, and many aunts; uncles; cousins; nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were held at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at the United Methodist Church, in Chillicothe. Memorial contributions may be made to the House of Prayer and/or Fitzgerald Cemetery and may be mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 47, Chillicothe, MO 64601.

*(The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Hulett family. Reprinted from the Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune with permission.)*

# Thank You

I would like to thank Patrol employees and retirees for their kindness since my mother's recent death. Whether you called, sent a card or flowers, made a memorial donation, attended visitation or the funeral mass, or said a prayer for my family, your support was very much appreciated.

*Ret. Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III  
Marilyn K. Schneider, Q/BPD*



I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support given to my family after the loss of our mother. Your calls, cards, and flowers were a great comfort at this difficult time. I received many positive comments from my family and friends regarding the Patrol's presence and professionalism displayed at the visitation and service. Although I knew what to expect, it was the first time I was a recipient instead of a participant. Again, it was greatly appreciated.

*Sgt. Marc A. McCalister and  
family, Troop C*



Thanks so much for the many cards and phone calls, and especially those officers who attended the funeral, after the death of my father. It makes me feel that I am still a part of the Patrol family.

*Ret. Sgt. Stephen Dorsey*



We would like to thank the Patrol family for all of your cards, prayers, and kind words of sympathy during our time of sorrow. We would also like to thank those who attended the visitation and funeral. A special thank you goes to the honor guard for their respect during the visitation and the funeral, as well as those who served as pallbearers. What a tribute to Jim [Laffoon]! He so loved the Patrol.

*Mrs. Therese Laffoon*



On behalf of our family, I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy following the death of my wife, Karen. We are especially thankful to those who attended the visitation and funeral. It meant a lot to us. We felt honored for the escort to the cemetery. Karen would have been very impressed. Your thoughtfulness and kindness during this difficult time is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

*Ret. CVE Insp. Sprv. I William  
"Bill" Hulett*



My thanks to all who helped to make the MSHP retirees luncheon a

huge success! We met our goal of 100 attendees! Our goal next year will be 110. A special thanks to Sgt. Norwood, Sgt. & Dottie Stockdell, Ret. DE Chief Fount Fouschee, and Mrs. Betty Kerrnick. I really appreciate all your help. Also, thanks to those who donated door prizes. A big thanks to retired Major Lewis G. Ullery for sharing his replica 1931 Ford patrol car.

I look forward to seeing you next year!

*Ret. DE Sprv. Ruby P. Williams*

I'd like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, flowers, and other expressions of sympathy after my father's death. A special thank you to those employees who attended the visitation and funeral service. It was noticed and much appreciated by both my family and me.

*Chief Operator Vinita Williams,  
Troop G*

## Sympathy

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

Technical Support Manager Ruth Niblack (Q/ISD) - brother-in-law

CITS I Ryan Badresingh (Q/ISD) - grandmother

Ret. Special Assistant Mary K. Rodeman - father

Ret. DE III Shirley Hardge - father  
Crim. Hist. Spec. I Pamela M. Aberle (Q/CJISD) - father-in-law

Ret. Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III Marilyn K. Schneider (Q/BPD) - mother

Tpr. Reid T. Fessler (B) - mother-in-law

MVI Sprv. Gary W. Stockton (D) - sister

Ret. Sgt. Harvey R. Harris - father-in-law

CDL Auditor Tamala R. Sakaguchi (H) - father

Ret. Lt. Lester E. Thompson - wife

Cpl. George H. Falterman (G) - father-in-law

Ret. ACTE Roger M. Collier - wife

DE III Katie L. Hoover (D) - mother-in-law

Clerk Typist III K. Cheyenne Stone (D) - stepgrandmother

Ret. Sgt. Francic R. "Bobby" Gehner - son

CVO II Timothy M. Chappell (E) - father

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