

# PATROL NEWS



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“Over 85 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION”



*Cpl. Steve M. Burgun, Troop F, helps maintain a safe perimeter around the Shootout Boat Race.*

*Cover story on pages 10 - 11.*

# From the Staff ...

## Major Malik A. Henderson Support Services Bureau

People from all over the world visited Missouri on August 21, 2017, to experience a total solar eclipse. Much of the state was in the “path of totality” and excitement was high. Months before the event, Patrol personnel joined those of other state agencies to prepare for the influx of visitors. A committee including personnel from all Missouri Department of Public Safety agencies, Missouri Conservation Department, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Division of Tourism, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Jefferson City Convention & Visitors Bureau met to share information and plan the best way to allocate resources during the eclipse.

On the day of the eclipse, the Patrol initiated the 20-Mile Trooper program and assigned additional personnel. Some troops had additional personnel the day before depending on activities in their areas. There were additional marine enforcement troopers assigned to waterways, too. The Aircraft Division staged five of their aircraft at five Missouri locations along the path of totality: St. Joseph, Marshall, Jefferson City, Perryville, and Cape Girardeau, so the Patrol could respond to rescue or search operations if needed. Twenty-eight GHQ personnel were assigned to the interstate and secondary roadways that had potential to see extra traffic, serving to augment the 20-Mile Trooper program in the Central Missouri area.

Every day, troopers assist local departments, and August 21

would be no different in that regard. Prior to the eclipse, troopers attended meetings whenever possible in counties and cities in the path of totality. Local and county agencies met to prepare after interest became apparent—businesses renting lots and hotels reported being booked months ahead of the eclipse. The meetings helped area agencies determine how best to use their staff, and whether or not they needed to bring people in to assist at venues and on waterways.

The state activated its SEMA Emergency Operations Center from



Friday, August 18, through Monday, August 21, 2017. Communication, law enforcement, fire, search and rescue, and administrative support are a few of the disciplines represented by state agencies and nongovernmental organizations (Salvation Army and Red Cross). The operations center acted as a conduit for communicating what was needed and where more efficiently.

“I was a little skeptical of all the hype,” said Lieutenant Mike Halford, Q/FOB, then a sergeant, Troop F. “But, when I saw it, I thought that was pretty cool. I did pause and see the totality for that couple of minutes. Then, I got back on the road.”

For most troopers, it was another day on the road—providing protection, enforcement, and assistance throughout their shift.

“That day, we expected large crowds at certain locations,” said Sergeant Derrick R. Powell, Troop F. “I checked the Franklin Island Conservation area, and as I got close to the Missouri River access I saw a fixed wing float plane ... one that also had the ability to land on flat surfaces. They were wearing Texas A&M shirts and they said they’d flown up from Texas to watch the eclipse. Their initial plan was to land at Boonville Airport, but they learned the runway had been shut down for spectators after they took off in Texas. They had the ability to land on the Missouri River, and did so near the Howard County and Cooper County lines. They

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*Memes like this one on the Patrol's Twitter account drew attention to the importance of safety while enjoying the eclipse. One message stressed to drivers they should refrain from viewing the eclipse while parked on the shoulder of the interstate.*



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*Video Prod. Specialist II Jeff Bassinson, Q/TND, took this photo of the total eclipse. (Used with permission.)*

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## Social Media Snapshot



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The best part of a trooper's day is talking with kids.  
This little girl was ecstatic to visit with this trooper.  
Don't be afraid to say hi!

*The Patrol detail lasted from August 9-21, 2017. See details on page 7.*

## — Staff

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were nice gentlemen. The owner of the plane indicated he was a little concerned about having enough fuel to get back to Columbia Airport to refuel before returning to Texas. I wasn't extremely busy, so I ended up getting him some fuel and taking it back to him." Sgt. Powell said during their conversation, the owner indicated his copilot was a commercial pilot and a Vietnam veteran where he'd flown missions. "It was enjoyable visiting with them."

During the "eclipse weekend," local emergency management directors and Patrol personnel provided SEMA with updates as officers monitored local events. This assisted in the alloca-

tion of resources. Lt. Mike Watson, Q/ESB, said there was a lot of activity at SEMA, as they communicated with local agencies in order to provide support. The influx of visitors resulted in three rest area locations (both sides of the highway) being at capacity and being closed by MoDOT (Interstate 35 in Clinton County, U.S. Highway 71 in Cooper County, and Interstate 44 in Franklin County.) A couple troops reported traffic congestion on several highways as a result of the eclipse and troopers assisted with relieving it through traffic direction.

For the most part, the day of the total eclipse was business as usual for the Patrol. However, for a short time, in the middle of the day, there wasn't anything usual about it.

# CIVILIANS REACT BRAVELY TO EMERGENCY ON I-270

By Tpr. Dallas R. Thompson, Troop C

At approximately 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, Mr. Jerry W. Street and Mr. Joshua S. Witte were each traveling southbound on Interstate 270 near Missouri Highway 100 in St. Louis County. Mr. Witte's vehicle was behind Mr. Street's. A third vehicle was traveling in the lane next to Mr. Street—a maroon Chevrolet pickup truck. The pickup truck abruptly applied its brakes, swerved into the concrete median wall, then continued to bounce off the median wall for several hundred yards. Seeing this, Mr. Street pulled up next to the Chevrolet.

After observing the driver of the pickup slumped at the wheel, Mr. Street pulled his truck in front of the Chevrolet and applied his vehicle's brakes, attempting to get it stopped. Mr. Street intentionally let the Chevrolet strike his vehicle, thus allowing him to get the pickup stopped on the left shoulder. The other driver was apparently experiencing a medical emergency—he was unconscious with his foot still on the



accelerator causing the rear tires to spin, creating a large plume of smoke. The smoke became so thick it was impossible to see across the interstate. At this point, Mr. Witte pulled in front of both vehicles, and he and Mr. Street attempted to open the doors of the pickup.

When he noticed the doors were locked, Mr. Witte retrieved a large crescent wrench from his vehicle. Mr. Witte climbed across the median wall, where traffic was still passing at a high rate of speed, and busted out the rear

(l to r) Mr. Joshua Witte and Mr. Jerry Street hold their Honorary Trooper certificates. The two gentlemen reacted bravely to a dangerous situation on Interstate 270.

driver's side window. He climbed through the broken glass and turned off the vehicle. Mr. Street and Mr. Witte remained with the subject, who was still unconscious, until fire and EMS arrived on scene.

Their courageous actions led to Captain Norm C. Murphy and Lieutenant Eddie A. Blaylock, Troop C, presenting them with Honorary Trooper certificates. The presentation occurred on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at Troop C Headquarters in Weldon Spring, MO. The certificates were a way to recognize that Mr. Street and Mr. Witte went above and beyond the call of duty as citizens to ensure no further property was damaged or loss of life occurred. Thank you, Mr. Street and Mr. Witte for taking action in an emergency situation.

## Patrol Teams Attend Specialized Training

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

The Patrol responds to every situation imaginable. To do so effectively takes forethought, preparation, and training. From May 30 to June 2, 2017, members assigned to the Patrol's Field Force Extrication teams attended training sponsored by FEMA at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL. The Patrol has FFE teams assigned to Troops A, C, D, and F, all of which attend quarterly training.

Field Force Extrication training is provided to police officers, firefighters, medical personnel, and other personnel who may need to extricate protesters from devices. The FFE tactics are primarily utilized in circumstances of protest, when people have attached themselves together or to an object to prevent the normal function that was originally intended. The training also

provides a consistency of response throughout the country. [FEMA actually sponsors three field force training sessions: Field Force Command & Planning, Field Force Extrication, and Field Force Operations.]

Protesters often use what are called "sleeping dragons," which mostly consist of a PVC pipe or even metal pipe they place their arms in and chain themselves inside. Sometimes, protesters will encase the pipes in different forms of debris (tar, duct tape, concrete, metal wire, etc.) to slow the extrication team from removing them from whatever they are attached. This makes it harder on law enforcement to remove them from the premises.

The Patrol's Field Force Extrication Team trained on how to assess each device, so that when the troopers

begin to cut into the device, they are not putting the person in any further danger. The troopers utilized hand tools and various power tools to cut into or break apart the different forms of devices. They also learned the various techniques professional protesters utilize. The Patrol's Field Force Extrication teams' members learned how to extricate subjects in a manner that ensures due process for the protesters.

It's important to note that the Field Force Extrication Team is utilized only after an arrest is made, when the protestor has broken the law.

"Not only are we trying to free the roadway or location they may be blocking," said Tpr. Orry R. Baker, Troop C, "but, we are trying to apprehend the protester in the safest manner possible."

# The Fabick Family Legacy: Caring & Commitment

**By Ret. Col. Fred M. Mills  
The MASTERS Director/Executive Advisor**

The Fabick family legacy of caring and commitment began 100 years ago and continues today. When Mr. John Fabick Sr. formed his company in 1917, now known as Fabick Cat, he adopted a company creed, "To ever serve our customers better." More than simply words, this commitment has been expanded to include organizations who share their belief of service to others.

The Patrol became intimately connected with the caring of the Fabick family in 1979. It was at this time when Mr. John Fabick II not only followed, but enhanced his father's legacy of caring as one of the four founding fathers of The MASTERS. Following the dreams of Colonel A.R. Lubker, these individuals' work and support turned the dream of caring for and supporting the families of Missouri state troopers who died in the line of duty into a

reality. Their commitment, and The MASTERS' legacy continues today as a result of the support we have received.

On July 28, the Patrol and The MASTERS were invited to attend the 100th anniversary celebration of Fabick Cat at their headquarters in Fenton, MO. Colonel Sandra K. Karsten and several members of the Patrol, along with The MASTERS representatives, were honored to attend and celebrate the long history of a very successful Missouri company.

It was a wonderful event, and the Patrol graciously displayed two of their motorcycles in support of The MASTERS and Fabick Cat at the celebration. This was an event to honor and recognize Fabick Cat, a company which provides jobs to over 1,100 employees, and a family who consistently supports several nonprofits for

the wonderful service they provide to those in need.

The MASTERS representatives were in somewhat a state of shock and tremendous gratitude when Mr. Jeré Fabick, president of Fabick Cat, called The MASTERS and Patrol representatives to the stage. Mr. Fabick, on behalf of the Fabick family, presented The MASTERS with a check for \$100,000. Without question, the legacy of "service and caring" by the Fabick family and Fabick Cat is an amazing example of community involvement and support.

Words are difficult to find to express how truly grateful The MASTERS' members are for the Fabick family's support, not for just the wonderful donation on this special day, but for the past 38 years. They have been with us from the very beginning. The Fabick family and Fabick Cat honors the creed established 100 years ago ... this is a legacy to be proud of.



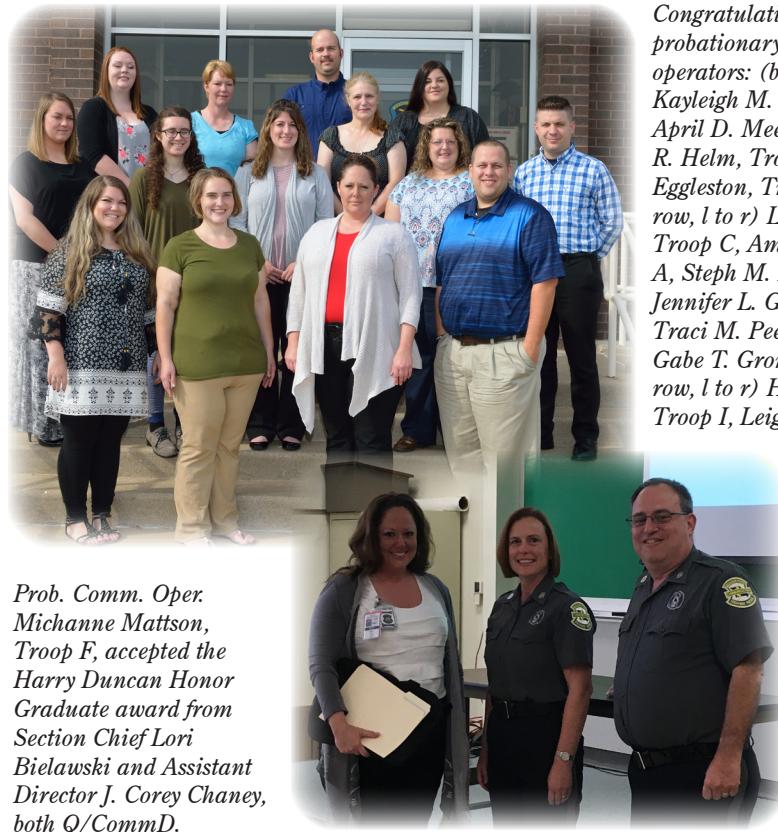
Present for the presentation from the Fabick family were (front row, l to r) The MASTERS Director Tom Drury, Troop C; CEO Doug Fabick, Fabick Cat; and The MASTERS Exec. Director Elaine Libla; (back row, l to r) Major Malik Henderson, Q/SSB; The MASTERS Director Rob Dallmeyer, Troop F; Cpl. Ryan W. Bahr, Troop C; Tpr. Bobby R. Davis, Troop C; Product Support Pricing Analyst Kelli Fabick, Fabick Cat; Senior Vice President John Fabick IV, Fabick Cat; The MASTERS Director (Sen.) Doug Libla, Troop E; President Jeré Fabick, Fabick Cat; Col. Sandra K. Karsten, Q/SO; and The MASTERS Director Doug Weible, Troop C.

# Congratulations, Graduates!

## Communications Operators Complete Academy Training

By Chief Oper. Roger D. Martin, Q/CommD

On August 4, 2017, 14 probationary communications operators completed the three-week Communications Operator Academy hosted by the Communications Division at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy. During the course, the probationary operators completed the public safety communications telecommunicator, cultural awareness, and computer-aided dispatch courses. They also completed training and skill exercises covering administrative message writing, critical incident reporting, and standard Patrol communications procedures. Guest instructors from troop communication centers provided expert instruction and insight into procedures for communications operations. At the end of training, Probationary Communications Operator Michanne E. Mattson, Troop F, accepted the Harry W. Duncan Director's Award, which is awarded to the operator who earns the highest overall grade point average.



Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Michanne Mattson,  
Troop F, accepted the  
Harry Duncan Honor  
Graduate award from  
Section Chief Lori  
Bielawski and Assistant  
Director J. Corey Chaney,  
both Q/CommD.

Congratulations to these probationary communications operators: (back row, l to r) Kayleigh M. Basye, Troop C, April D. Meek, Troop E, Eric R. Helm, Troop E, Nicole M. Eggleston, Troop H; (middle row, l to r) Lauren N. Fiedler, Troop C, Amy R. Davis, Troop A, Steph M. King, Troop A, Jennifer L. Grotpeter, Troop C, Traci M. Peetoom, Troop H, Gabe T. Gronemeyer, C; (front row, l to r) Haley Sentman, Troop I, Leighann M. Fouts, Troop F, Michanne Mattson, Troop F, and Trevor E. Dunn, Troop C.

## Marine Troopers, Dive Team Recognized

By Lt. Mike A. Petlansky, Q/WPD

On Tuesday, August 15, 2017, the Kansas City Police Department recognized the marine troopers and Dive Team members who were involved with the recovery of Toni Anderson on March 10, 2017. Toni Anderson was reported missing on January 15, 2017, and her disappearance became a high-profile case in the Kansas City area. The ceremony took place at KCPD HQ and the appreciation awards were presented by the board of police commissioners and the newly appointed Police Chief Richard Smith.

The appreciation stemmed from the actions of Troop A marine officers Sergeant Bryan G. Parrott and Corporal Kim Davis, along with Dive Team members, Sergeant Charles W. Hoff, Q/WPD, Sergeant Chris L. Patton,

Troop C, Corporal Adam D. Smith, Troop C, Corporal Dean A. Bartlett, Troop F, Trooper Andy B. Ward, Troop D, and Trooper Billy Cole, Troop A. On March 10, 2017, the officers responded to the Missouri River near the Platte Landing Park after learning of a submerged vehicle in the water. The vehicle was believed to be Toni Anderson's.

Divers recovered Toni Anderson and her vehicle after encountering strong river current, zero visibility underwater, and debris

around the vehicle hampering divers' efforts to hook up to the vehicle. Divers and marine officers spent almost 12 hours making the recovery under those challenging conditions, and air temperature of 40 degrees and water temperature of 49 degrees.



(l to r) Sgt. Charles Hoff, WPD, and Cpl. Kim Davis and Tpr. Billy Cole, both of Troop A, hold certificates of appreciation from the KCPD.

# 2017 STATE FAIR: ANOTHER SUCCESS!

By Lt. Nate C. Ahern, Troop A

The 2017 Missouri State Fair took place August 10-20. It marked the 115th Missouri State Fair. The Patrol has been a part of the fair since shortly after our inception. The fair's purpose has always been to showcase Missouri agriculture, and do so in a fun way. Competitions abound throughout the week, and there is everything agriculture-related possible, from livestock shows to hay bale throwing. Of course, there is always the carnival and concerts!

Here is a little Missouri State Fair history: Several years before its inception, Missouri livestock breeders received thousands of premiums and much recognition at national and international expositions. Missouri also ranked first in the production of several important crops. In recognition of this leadership, the State Agricultural Society established an exposition in Boonville, Missouri, in the 1850s. But, the project folded after three years.

In 1897, N.H. Gentry, of Sedalia, offered a resolution at the 5th annual Missouri Swine Breeders Association meeting in Lexington, MO, encouraging the Missouri General Assembly to establish a fair. Associations representing horse breeders and poultry producers followed with similar resolutions. On January 15, 1899, Missouri Rep. C.E. Clark, of Mexico, MO, introduced a bill, upon recommendation from Governor Lon V. Stephens, creating a Missouri State Fair. The first fair was held September 9-13, 1901.

## A few quick facts:

- The Missouri State Fair grounds are composed of 359 acres.
- There are approximately 11,000 parking spaces in various lots.

- When the grounds are packed with people, there can be about 55-60,000 of them!
- There are about 2,000 total camping spots on the grounds.

The state fair, of course, has attendees from all over the state. For the Patrol, this fact ensures the fair provides an excellent opportunity for the Patrol to work with and nurture our relationship with the public in a non-enforcement manner. In fact, the most received comment from officers working the fair is how they enjoy working with the public, particularly the children. Interestingly, that is also the most frequently received compliment by the supervisors and fair administrators. This year was no exception! The Patrol assigned 76 officers to the fair detail, six communications personnel,

two motor vehicle inspectors, two commercial vehicle officers, and two automotive technicians.

This year, one of Troop A's own, Communications Operator III Angelina R. Tidd won a contest! The contest was the C&H Sugar Royal Cheesecake Fit for a Queen Contest in the Home Economics Building. Her entry was a Cookie Butter Swirl Cheesecake, and wow was it awesome! The office crew got to sample some of the remains. There were several complaints lodged about gaining weight ... especially since there were multiple trial runs at Troop A Headquarters! Although many considered her entry to be perfect, we encourage Angelina to try something else next year — just to make sure ...

Hope to see you at next year's Missouri State Fair from August 9-19, 2018!



*A little boy walks alongside a trooper at the Missouri State Fair.*

# "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 June 21, 2017 through August 18, 2017. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column. Rank and assignment reflect those at printing.)

## Troop A

Tpr. A.M. Beckwith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.C. Belardo, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 2 arrests  
Tpr. S.E. Dodson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.R. Eaton, 4 arrests  
Tpr. R.O. Green, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.A. Hartshorn, 1 arrest  
    Cpl. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.N. Marquart, 3 arrests  
Cpl. D.D. Mathes, 3 arrests  
Cpl. C.D. Moeller, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. N.A. Perez, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 5 arrests  
Sgt. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Villanueva, 4 arrests  
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 2 arrests

## Troop B

Sgt. N.D. Berry, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.P. Borgmeyer, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 2 arrests  
    Cpl. J.S. Dunn, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 2 arrests  
Sgt. E.L. Grissom, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. A.M. Hitt, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.R. Kottwitz, 10 arrests  
Sgt. J.M. Mattingly, 1 arrest  
    Cpl. L.P. Quinn, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. J.A. Rowe, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Ruckenbrod, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.M. Tappendorf, 1 arrest

## Troop C

Tpr. J.A. Akers, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.G. Autenrieth, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. O.R. Baker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.R. Bechaud, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.M. Bishop, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.M. Bolton, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 2 arrests  
Cpl. A.M. Coval, 2 arrests

Tpr. M.L. Crutcher Jr., 4 arrests  
    Tpr. R.R. Davis, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. E.D. Diaz, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.W. Hedlund, 1 arrest  
    Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. R.P. Mahoney, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. A.J. Mayer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.A. Metteer Jr., 3 arrests  
    Tpr. R.J. North, 1 arrest  
    Sgt. C.L. Patton, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. T.L. Peters, 4 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Procknow, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.M. Reynoso, 4 arrests  
    Tpr. A.J. Shibley, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. B.A. Teague, 9 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Walker Jr., 2 arrests  
    Tpr. A.M. Warren, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. B.P. Waaso, 1 arrest

## Troop D

Tpr. T. Baker, 7 arrests  
Tpr. C.J. Beck, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.B. Blankenship, 3 arrests  
    Tpr. B.L. Butler, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.B. Carnagey, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. M.L. Cary, 2 arrests  
Tpr. S.D. Carpenter, 1 arrest  
    Cpl. J.W. Choate, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.R. Copeland, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. M.K. Eden, 1 arrest  
    Sgt. M.K. Frazier, 3 arrests  
Tpr. R.W. Garrett, 3 arrests  
Tpr. G.T. Hackett, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. B.A. Hall, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. T.L. Harmon, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 10 arrests  
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 5 arrests  
Tpr. E.C. Macomber, 2 arrests  
    Cpl. J.L. Mason, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.C. McKnight, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. T.W. Meyer, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. E.L. Mueller, 3 arrests  
Cpl. S.M. Patterson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Rorie Jr., 8 arrests  
    Sgt. S.R. Rowe, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. J.S. Schwartz, 1 arrest

Tpr. W.J. Wood, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.R. Zeller, 1 arrest

## Troop E

Tpr. E.L. Bennett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.K. Brooks, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. J.B. Doyle, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. C.E. Leach, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. J.S. Palmer, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. M.L. Schlief, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. R.T. Schneid, 4 arrests  
    Cpl. S.K. Talbert, 2 arrests  
    Cpl. J.J. West, 3 arrests  
Tpr. E.M. Westmoreland, 7 arrests  
    Tpr. R.J. Windham, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. B.D. Wunderlich, 1 arrest

## Troop F

Tpr. N.A. Bax, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.A. Beaulieu, 2 arrests  
    Sgt. M.J. Cody, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 3 arrests  
    Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.R. Dinwiddie, 3 arrests  
    Tpr. T. Fick, 2 arrests  
    Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 3 arrests  
    Cpl. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. E.T. Hane, 1 arrest  
    Sgt. S.B. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 2 arrests  
Tpr. H.M. McDaniel, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. M.H. Mistler, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. C.B. Nelson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G. Pemberton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.C. Penrod, 2 arrests  
Tpr. W.R. Plumley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.R. Schaffer, 1 arrest  
    Tpr. D.T. Shikles, 1 arrest  
    Cpl. J.W. Turner, 2 arrests  
Cpl. J.A. Veasman, 6 arrests  
    Cpl. G.L. West Jr., 1 arrest

## Troop G

Tpr. R.B. Arnold, 3 arrests

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Tpr. M.J. Chastain, 6 arrests  
Sgt. J.A. Cravens, 18 arrests  
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.D. Foster, 8 arrests  
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Heimsoth, 2 arrests  
Cpl. D.J. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Kenyon, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Mendez, 5 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Nash, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Philpott, 4 arrests  
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 3 arrests  
Cpl. J.R. Roberts, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.C. Rowden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.K. Tesch, 1 arrest

## Troop H

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 2 arrests  
Tpr. S.J. Cool, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Daly, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.P. Little, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Miller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Muck, 2 arrests  
Tpr. N.A. Regan, 3 arrests  
Tpr. T.L. Shupe, 1 arrest

## Troop I

Cpl. C.R. Capps, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 5 arrests  
Tpr. S.R. House, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.R. McCurdy, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.W. Pfeifer Jr., 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.S. Sloan, 7 arrests  
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 4 arrests

## Q/FOB

Lt. M.A. Halford, 2 arrests

## Q/GD

Cpl. R.M. Shanika-Croy, 1 arrest

# Troop I Detail Keeps Watch Over Bull Float

By Sgt. Cody Fulkerson, Troop I

August is a busy time of the year for all of us. Summer is winding down, school is starting, fall sports are getting underway, and vacations are ending. August is also a very busy month for troopers assigned to Troop I, because the floating season is ending on the very popular riverways that run through our region.

Late August is also known for the largest annual float in Crawford County. St. Louis Radio Station 93.7, "The Bull," teams up with Ozark Outdoors Riverfront Resort of Leasburg, MO, to sponsor a three-day, summer-end celebration. This year's event took place from August 24-26. The celebration included live concerts and musical entertainment throughout the three days and concluded with a six-mile float trip along the Huzzah Creek and the Meramec River. This year's float was a huge success with crowds exceeding 8,000 people.

Troop I dedicated 25 troopers and necessary marine resources over the three-day event. The main purpose of those assigned to the detail was to provide high visibility, monitor vehicular and marine traffic, patrol the campgrounds, watch for criminal violations and activity, assist local law enforcement, and aid the public.

August 26 was the last day of the event and is known as "Float Day." The float started at the end of Cave Road near Brown's Bridge Access on the Huzzah Creek. The floaters then float on rafts or canoes for two miles to the confluence of the Meramec River, and continue for another four miles where they return to Ozark Outdoors at Onondaga State Park.

Everyone enjoyed the assignment, because it's a change of pace. This type of assignment allows more interaction with the public for general conversation—a lot like the Missouri State Fair. Many kind words and handshakes were observed between troopers and the floaters, and it always feels good to be appreciated. It was clear from my observations and the conversations that I had that the appreciation flows both ways. We are already looking forward to Bull Float 2018!



The Ozark Outdoor Campground marks the end of the Bull Float.



# Troopers Ensure Safety For Shootout Crowd

By Cpl. Stacey L. Mosher, Troop F

The 2017 Lake of the Ozarks Shootout is in the books. It was a record year in many categories, and one the Patrol won't soon forget. The Shootout brings thousands of boaters from around the world to compete, watch, and participate in related activities. What is it that draws so many to our little impoundment in Mid-Missouri? It's a race, but so much more. It's an idea that has grown from a bragging rights contest in 1989, where local go-fast enthusiasts took turns running their boats against an old Speed Gun into the largest unsanctioned boat race in the world. The entry fees used to help buy water rescue equipment for local fire departments. Today, the event's contributions to local charities is over a million dollars. During the Shootout, the mission of ensuring the safety of those who live and visit is a challenge we are constantly striving to achieve.

The Shootout lasts two weeks, with activities for all ages. There are hundreds of volunteers whose charities then receive a percentage of the proceeds (donations). Some of the activities are:

- A mini-shootout with remote control boats from 40"-50" long, running over 120 mph in Ha Ha Tonka State Park cove. There are categories of boats, from off-the-shelf beginner boats to custom built hulls and engines.



*Troopers position themselves between spectator and sport.*

- A golf tournament sponsored by the Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association.
- The treasure hunt at Captain Ron's, where participants dig for buried treasure chests in the sandy beaches. There were over 150 prizes!
- A volleyball tournament.
- The SuperCat Fest with live and silent auctions.
- Two poker runs: One run is for small boats, and one is for the high-dollar, custom wrapped, massive horsepower, go-fasts. Even if you don't have a boat, or are not lucky enough to tag along (Thank you Poly Lift!), you have to be there at least once to see them take off.
- The Shootout on the Strip — boats line up on Missouri Highway 242 and parade to the strip. Once they're parked, you can walk up and see inside and around the race boats and custom matched rigs complete with sound systems and coordinated LEDs.

**MSHP Troop F**  
@MSHPTrooperF Following

It's all for the smiles! Trooper Sumner had the honor of giving patrol boat rides to fantastic kids on Thursday [@MakeAWishMO](#) [@LOTO\\_Shootout](#)

A screenshot of a Twitter post from the MSHP Troop F account. The main photo shows a smiling trooper in a blue uniform and red life vest on a boat, holding a child in a red life vest. Below the main photo are three smaller inset photos: one of the trooper with a child, one of the trooper with a baby, and one of the trooper with another child. At the bottom of the post is a promotional graphic for the "LOTO Shootout" featuring stars, the event date (Thursday, August 24th, 2017), and logos for First National Bank and Make-A-Wish.

*One of many tweets during the Shootout, this tweet shows Tpr. Christina Sumner, who helped with the Make-A-Wish rides. She had a line of future troopers waiting to help run the lights and radio while she kept a steady hand on the wheel and throttles.*

*There are many opportunities to interact with the public at an event as large as the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout.*

# — Shootout

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- Make-A-Wish Powerboat Rides — Definitely the highlight event for troopers lucky enough to participate. The event provides children and their families a chance to ride in race boats and a patrol boat. If their smiles were any indication, their health battles were temporarily forgotten as the water, wind, and ride took over.

In the early years, the Shootout drew a small crowd and lasted a few hours. The first "Top Gun" was 101 mph, and there were no categories for different styles of craft. The event ran along the uninhabited shoreline at the 21-mile marker. The docks at the infamous Shooters 21 transformed into race pits for the weekend, and some national race teams with local ties started showing up. The Budweiser boats dominated, and the event started drawing some attention. The fire departments brought their boats in case there were any crashes, and then-Water Patrol was responsible for keeping spectators from drifting — and driving — into the not-very-well-marked course. Most of the recreational boats in the early 90s were louder than they were fast, and there was an actual paper list of participants distributed. If your name was on "the list" you had a free pass on the sound laws for the weekend. The speeds were controlled by the manufacturer's limits on technology and the designs of the hulls. The crowds were controlled by limited exposure and interest.

The event grew steadily. Progress around Lake of the Ozarks changed the landscape of the 21-mile marker. The community

bridge brought houses and development to Shawnee Bend, and the Shooters 21 building was bulldozed. The fate of the Shootout was in question until Ron Dugan, owner of Captain Ron's at the 34.5-mile marker, stepped in and applied for the permit. There is no questioning the success of the move. More space, more docks, more teams, more money, and so many more boats!

The challenge of succeeding in our mission has grown as much, if not more, than the event itself. Recreational boats now run upward of 150 mph; technology and modifications push those limits well over 200 mph. The lake's "Top Gun" is 244 mph from a turbine powered Mystic. Unfortunately, as the speeds increased, so did the crashes. There was a fatal flip of a 46' Outerlimits on the course in 2014, as well as the 22' Donzi that crashed in 2016. When the Donzi rolled, Sgt. David F. Echternacht, Q/TND, was in the water within one minute of the crash. His quick actions saved the driver, who was unconscious and facedown in the lake.

The race organizers, including course committee member Captain Matt C. Walz, Q/WPD, recognized the speeds and crowds were creating a potential for danger. This year, the course was shortened to 3/4 mile to limit



Tpr. Christina Sumner, Troop F, answers questions.

the speeds. Even with the change our "Top Gun" was 204 mph. Still a great race, just a safer course with more manageable speeds. However, managing the estimated 100,000 strong spectator fleet is still a challenge we haven't solved. A quick check of the social media and newspaper headlines offers some negative perspectives, but the safety stat line is what we strive for — no fatalities, no serious crashes, and no drownings. In that regard, 2017 was a success.



The Shootout has a Hall of Fame: A tribute to those who started it and have watched over it to keep it safe. The Patrol is represented in the Hall of Fame by retired Captain William S. Swineburg.



Sgt. David Echternacht, Q/TND, is one of the emergency personnel who responded to evaluate a spectator.

# Saturation Saturday Kickoff Motivates Officers

By Sgt. Andy Bell, Troop A

On Saturday, August 26, 2017, Mothers Against Drunk Driving—Heartland Chapter hosted a pep rally for a regional driving while intoxicated saturation patrol. The purpose of the event was to extend appreciation and encouragement to the law enforcement community throughout the Kansas City region for their efforts to eliminate drunk driving. The event was entitled, Saturation Saturday—A DWI Enforcement Night. The event was held in conjunction with the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign.

After months of planning and preparation, the MADD Heartland Chapter held its first ever “Saturation Saturday” at the McGilley Chapel, on State Line Road, in Kansas City, MO. The pep rally started at 8 p.m., as law enforcement agencies from across the metro came together for a brief dinner featuring guest speakers. Speakers for the evening included Cass County Prosecuting Attorney Ben Butler, Platte County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Zahnd, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Regional Director Susan DeCourcy, and Troop A’s Commanding Officer Captain Scott A. Shipers.

The event lasted approximately one hour, serving as an opportunity to praise officers for the life saving work they do and encouraging their future efforts. Fox 4 News covered the event and interviewed a few of the public officials who attended.

Mrs. DeCourcy was quoted as saying, “One drink is not worth taking your life or somebody else’s.”

Kansas City Missouri Police Chief Rick Smith said, “Enforcing drunk driving laws in this city is very important to this department and we’re all about reducing deaths and injuries that occur from them.”

“If you’re headed out tonight, you need to make sure you’re making the

right decision and making sure you’re protecting yourself,” said PA Butler.

Capt. Shipers thanked MADD for their overwhelming support of law enforcement and he praised each officer for their dedication to remove drunk drivers from the roadways.

Law enforcement agencies in attendance included, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kansas City Missouri Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Platte County Sheriff's Office, Lee's Summit Police Department, Sugar Creek Police Department, Peculiar Police Department, Belton Police Department, and Merriam, KS, Police Department. A total of 14 metro law enforcement agencies participated in patrol efforts during Saturation Saturday.

Saturation Saturday proved to be a positive motivational tool for 15 of Troop A's officers. Of the 15 officers assigned to DWI saturation patrols, four patrolled Cass County, four patrolled in Jackson County, and seven covered Clay County. Troopers stopped 106 vehicles, issued 68 traffic tickets, and made six felony and 25 misdemeanor or criminal arrests. One felony and 11 misdemeanor DWI arrests were made. Troop A officers not specifically assigned to Saturation Saturday made an additional eight DWI arrests. In addition to the troopers on the ground, the Patrol's Aircraft Division provided support with its

*Capt. Scott Shipers, Troop A, addresses the audience during the Saturation Saturday kickoff event.*

helicopter and the Patrol's BAT van was utilized. Additional radio operators were assigned to work inside Troop A radio and assisted troopers with numerous traffic stops, criminal history checks, and radio reports.

Gratitude and appreciation is extended to the MADD Heartland Chapter board members, the McGilley Chapel, Arby's, and Papa John's. Much thanks to Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Murray, who both worked tirelessly organizing this gracious event. Each officer and their agency should be commended for their outstanding efforts. The officers' dedication and work ethic helped protect the citizens of Missouri from the preventable crime of drunk driving.



# Congratulations On Your Retirement!



**Sean B. Moore**  
Lieutenant  
Troop E

*Retired August 1, 2017.  
31 years, 11 months of dedicated service.*

**Todd L. Robitsch**  
Chief Operator  
Troop G

*Retired August 1, 2017.  
21 years of dedicated service.*



**Timothy E. Wade**  
Chief MVI  
Troop E

*Retired August 1, 2017.  
30 years of dedicated service.*



**Julia A. Wall**  
DE Chief  
Troop H

*Retired August 1, 2017.  
25 years of dedicated service.*



**Rickey R. Casper**  
CVO Sprv. II  
Troop E

*Retired September 1, 2017.  
19 years of dedicated service.*



**John P. Doyle**  
CIT III  
Q/CJISD

*Retired September 1, 2017.  
17 years, eight months  
of dedicated service.*

**Richard G.  
Fredendall**  
Lieutenant  
Q/FOB

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



**Dale E. Knox**  
Sergeant  
Q/GD

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



# Congratulations On Your Retirement!



**Garold P. Rehbein**  
Sr. Chief MVI  
Q/MVI

*Retired September 1, 2017.  
29 years of dedicated service.*



**Terry A.  
Richardson**  
Corporal  
Troop G

*Retired September 1, 2017.  
29 years, seven months  
of dedicated service.*

**Saundra A.  
Stroud**  
Admin. Office  
Support Asst.  
Troop D

*Retired September 1, 2017.  
38 years, nine months  
of dedicated service.*



## Patrol History Trivia

**By Sgt. E.M. Raub, GHQ**

Two inmates, Cecil Clayton Lilbridge and General David Parrish, over powered two prison guards and escaped from a work detail outside the main penitentiary in Jefferson City at 2:30 p.m., May 29, 1960. The escapees drove south from the city in a stolen car then stopped at a farmhouse 12 miles into the country. There they tied up six people, armed themselves with guns and ammunition, took a lady hostage, and drove away in another stolen car.

One of the victims at the farmhouse, a 10 year old boy, managed to free himself within 10 minutes by using a coat hanger clamped between his teeth to get a pair of scissors. He quickly freed himself and the others who immediately called Troop F Headquarters to report the incident. All available patrol cars were dispatched to the area

*In 1969, two fugitives fired on Sgt. Bud Jones as he pursued them.*

to search for the fugitives who in four hours of freedom had committed approximately 10 felonies.

*(In a 2012 interview, retired Major F.A. "Bud" Jones had this to say: "I came on duty that afternoon, after this had happened. I started placing the men in my zone in different strategic locations. I ran the center of the area where it was reported they'd been seen. As I came up behind them in my '59 Dodge patrol car, I could see they had already shot out the back window of the car they were driving.")*

Sergeant F.A. "Bud" Jones, then badge 191, spotted the stolen car driving along Missouri Route V in Western Cole County. As the gap between his '59 Dodge patrol car and the suspects



closed, a bullet from a .22-caliber automatic slammed through the windshield of the Dodge directly in front of Jones' face. The bullet, it was later determined, split in two and one piece struck the officer's Sam Browne (leather strap). He reported to Troop F Radio that he had been hit, but was continuing south on Missouri Route Sgt. FF. Jones wondered why his arm wasn't

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becoming weak. He felt for blood or any sign of injury, but found nothing. He did not return fire at the suspects during the pursuit for fear of endangering the hostage.

The convicts turned onto a side road in Northern Miller County, and about a mile later slid out of control on a curve into a wooded area. The two suspects fled on foot and left the hostage unharmed.

*(The passenger came out of the car first. I had my shotgun aimed at him," said Bud, in the 2012 interview. "The driver pushed the lady out of the car, right into my sight. I had to fire upward. The two convicts ran into the woods then. I checked on the woman and she wasn't hurt. So, I put her into my car and reported that they'd run.)*

Sgt. Jones quickly directed other officers and the Patrol helicopter, piloted by Trooper P.M. "Mike" Hodge, to the area. Bloodhounds from Algoa tracked the escapees, and at 11 p.m., they were taken into custody in the Allen Cemetery two miles south of Olean, MO.

The hostage, Mrs. E.E. Strobel, told reporters, "I was calm because I had complete faith in the Highway Patrol." She said she had tried to calm the fugitives and told them to drive slower because if they wrecked the car, "they'd be sunk!" Her unheeded words of wisdom proved to be true.

The Patrol not only gained a great deal of respect following the incident, but also later gained an employee. One of the prison guards who had been overpowered by the two convicts, Alfred Andres, just recently retired from the Patrol as an electrician at General Headquarters.

*(In the 2012 interview, Bud also said the bullet didn't hurt him. "It just slapped the strap against my shoulder. I still have that strap. I found the half of the bullet that struck me lying in the floor of my patrol car.")*

*(This article was printed originally in the May 1987 issue of the Patrol News. Captain Raub is now retired. The references to the 2012 interview were added for this printing.)*

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

### 45 years ago

*September 1972* — The first detail at Harry S Truman Sports Complex occurred. The complex was opened after four years of construction. The detail was assigned to the first football game held in Arrowhead Stadium—between the KC Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals. The detail included 20 troopers, who cleared the crowd of 78,190 people from the stadium in slightly over an hour after the game. The Chiefs won the football game 24 to 14.

### 35 years ago

*September 1982* — A short blurb by Corporal D.J. Primm, Troop B, appeared on page 10. It read, "My seven-year-old son, Chad, and I were walking by my fully marked patrol car one day recently and he remarked that Larry's (Corporal L.E. Murdock) car didn't have labels on it like mine. I said that no, I guess not and that we call them unmarked cars. To this he replied, "Kind of like generic then." So, to Chad, we have "name brand" cars and "generic" cars."

### 25 years ago

*October 1992* — The Oakridge Boys appeared in Branson, MO, on behalf of the Buckle Up Missouri campaign. Captain Michael B. Pace, Troop D, appeared with the group in a picture inside this issue. Photos on both the front and back cover showed SERT training. There was an ad in this issue about license plate-style key rings for sale.

### 15 years ago

*October 2002* — The 3rd Commercial Vehicle Officer School graduated. Cpl. Gary L. Braden, Troop D, initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 44 that led to the discovery of \$95,000 cash. The money was in a box wrapped as a birthday present addressed to "Amy." The investigation led to the driver being arrested and the "birthday present" seized. The Missouri firefighters memorial was dedicated.

### 5 years ago

*September/October 2012* — President Barrack Obama delivered an address at the Joplin High School commencement. Captain Juan O. Villanueva accepted the Patriot Award from the Department of Defense for his support of the employees who serve in the military. The Patrol provided support and security for the Major League All-Star game in Kansas City. Corporal Justin S. Johnson and Trooper Benjamin R. Hilliard, both Troop H, responded to a call that became a 62-mile trek to protect and serve when a Kia's gas pedal became stuck while it was traveling on Interstate 35. The troopers stayed with the vehicle and used lights and sirens to help control traffic until the problem was resolved.

# Cpl. Nate Bradley Named MPOA Officer Of The Year

**Ret. Major Dale A. Schmidt**  
**Executive Director, MPOA**

The Missouri Peace Officers Association is proud to present Corporal C. Nate Bradley with the Hank Johnson Officer of the Year Award. Nate is assigned to Troop A, Lee's Summit.

Nominated by MSHP retired Lieutenant Jim P. Ripley, Cpl. Bradley has set a standard that would be difficult for even the most dedicated personnel to mirror. As a road officer, Cpl. Bradley realized the far-reaching effects of auto theft and fraud to the citizens of Missouri. His self-developed expertise in this area has led to countless, large-scale investigations in concert with local, state, and federal agencies. He is generally viewed as the auto theft/fraud expert in the state and most certainly in the Kansas City Metropolitan area.

In 2015, Cpl. Bradley discovered a new piece of technology that he felt would be useful in examining metals with altered or removed serial numbers. He coordinated a product demonstration with members of crime laboratories in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska. The company flew in representatives from Germany and California for the demonstration as the company had never considered the benefit of this technology for law enforcement.

Cpl. Bradley is also the supervisor of the Troop A Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit. He has worked with personnel to develop a customer service plan to inspect rebuilt vehicles on state holidays when facilities are more accessible. The service plan also includes traveling to sites to conduct inspections rather than requiring businesses to pay someone to transport a vehicle to Lee's Summit for inspection.

One business owner estimates that the new policy of the Troop A unit has saved him \$36,000.

Additionally, Cpl. Bradley holds the rank of sergeant as a combat medic in the Army National Guard. In 2012 while stationed in Afghanistan, Cpl. Bradley was awarded the Combat Medical Badge for valor in connection with the attack on forward operations base Finley Shields.



(l) Retired Major Dale Schmidt, who currently serves as the executive director of the MPOA, and (r) Mr. Michael Wiegard, MPOA past president, present the organization's Hank Johnson Officer of the Year Award to (c) Cpl. Nate Bradley, Troop A.

The following is a condensed account of his actions:

*"While conducting medical operations at FOB Finley-Shields, sergeant bradley and reduced FOB personnel came under surprise attack by 25 enemy insurgents who utilized a 400-pound vehicle borne improvised explosive device (vibed), rocket-propelled grenades, suicide vests, hand grenades, and small arms fire from multiple locations inside the FOB perimeter.*

*Insurgents utilized surprise, timing, and insurmountable force to affect 23 coalition casualties. Despite overwhelming odds, Sergeant Bradley quickly established two casualty collection points (ccp) while simultaneously creating a make-shift fighting position to deliver accurate, devastating, suppressive fire as he continued to provide care under fire.*

*Continually subjecting himself to intense barrage of enemy gunfire, he continued to administer and oversee combat lifesaving treatment to 17 wounded soldiers at his makeshift CCP.*

*During a lull in battle, Sergeant Bradley inquired about two missing troops, quickly conducted search and rescue operations throughout camp, located the isolated personnel, rescued them from an engulfed building, provided lifesaving treatment, and ensured evacuation. Finally, he continued medical treatment to wounded soldiers and enabled medical air extraction for 23 personnel."*

MPOA thanks Cpl. Bradley for his service to our country and to the citizens of Missouri. Congratulations!

## Confidence

*“Confidence is the mark of a hopeful disposition.”*

— Aristotle

# DPS Recognizes Sgt. Merseal, Cpl. Silverthorn

By Sgt. Cody H. Fulkerson, Troop I

On August 31, 2017, Sergeant Kurt C. Merseal, Q/WPD, and Corporal Bryan S. Silverthorn, Troop I, accepted the Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month Award for August 2017. The award resulted from their heroic actions on April 30, 2017, on the Meramec River in Crawford County near Bird's Nest Lodge.

During the last week of April 2017, the National Weather Service predicted a major weather event with large amounts of heavy rain across the Midwest. Troop I experienced an unprecedented level of rainfall over a three-day period, with most areas receiving over 10 inches of rainfall. The rivers in the Troop I region entered flood stage quickly with many reaching record levels. The Meramec River was one of the rivers in the area that reached record flood stage—36.52 feet. The river had risen to a level that made it several hundred feet wide when the following incident occurred.

At 3:14 p.m. on April 30, 2017, Crawford County Central Communications dispatched all available units to a water rescue on the Meramec River, near Bird's Nest Lodge. The call stated three people were in the water clinging to trees. Sgt. Merseal and Cpl. Silverthorn responded to Bird's Nest Lodge and immediately launched a jet boat to look for the individuals. The flood water was extremely swift between the railroad bridge and Bird's Nest Bridge and was not safe to utilize the jet boat. The decision was made to dock their boat near the railroad bridge and cross over the bridge on foot.

Sgt. Merseal and Cpl. Silverthorn located the subjects on the opposite side of the river. Two juvenile females and one adult male were clinging to the trees approximately 45 feet from the shore. Cpl. Silverthorn ran back to the boat and retrieved personal flotation devices for the individuals. As he was running back, he heard a scream from one of the females in trouble who began losing her grip on the tree to which she was clinging.



(l to r) Major Vince Rice, Q/ASB, Cpl. Bryan Silverthorn, Troop I, DPS Director Drew Juden, Capt. Jim Remillard, Troop I, Sgt. Kurt Merseal, Q/WPD, and Lt. Col. Eric Olson, Q/ASO, paused for this photo after the award presentation.

Because of the dangerous swift water, the debris in the water, and the location of the victims, Sgt. Merseal and Cpl. Silverthorn were forced to rely on their rescue swimming training. Sgt. Merseal rushed into the water and swam to the female, securing her before the flood waters swept her away. Cpl. Silverthorn entered the water and swam out with a life jacket and rope. He secured the rope to the tree where the other juvenile female was located and swam to the male subject in the water.

Cpl. Silverthorn threw the life jacket to Sgt. Merseal, who secured it on the juvenile female. Sgt. Merseal then swam the juvenile female to the shore where her mother was waiting. Once the juvenile female was secure, he returned to the water and threw a life jacket upstream from Cpl. Silverthorn, so it would float to him. Cpl. Silverthorn retrieved the life jacket and secured it on the male subject. With all the remaining subjects secured in life jackets, Troop I Sergeants Rob G. May and Mike A. Mitchell arrived and used a rope to pull Sgt. Merseal and second

juvenile female to shore. Sgt. Merseal then swam back to Cpl. Silverthorn's location with the rope and was able to secure both Cpl. Silverthorn and the remaining victim, allowing them to be pulled to shore.

This incident was nothing short of heroic, and if you asked any of the troopers involved, they would say they were just doing their jobs. We are honored to have such dedicated and brave troopers assigned to Troop I. Without a doubt, lives were saved on April 30, 2017, through the unselfish and brave actions of Sgt. Merseal and Cpl. Silverthorn.

DPS Director Drew Juden and Lieutenant Colonel Eric T. Olson presented the award.

"Sgt. Merseal and Cpl. Silverthorn are fine examples of the troopers that serve and protect Missouri every day," said Lt. Col. Eric T. Olson. "I am very proud of their dedication to duty, service to the public, and courage in the face of personal danger."

Congratulations, gentlemen!

# Deaths

## Raymond W. Magruder



Raymond W. "Ray" Magruder, 73, of Winfield, MO, died Saturday, July 8, 2017, in Winfield, MO. Ray was born in Piedmont, MO. He graduated from Shelbina High School. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on March 1, 1970, as a member of the 39th Recruit Class. Ray served as a member of the Patrol for 34 years, retiring as a sergeant on May 1, 2001. Ray is survived by his wife, Karen, five children, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. To read more about Ray's life, visit the Newcomer Funeral Home website at <http://www.newcomerstlouis.com>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Magruder family.

### Do Right

“Always do right. That will gratify some of the people, and astonish the rest.”

— Mark Twain

## Oliver E. "Ollie" Kernick III



Oliver E. "Ollie" Kernick III, 81, of Rolla, MO, died Sunday, July 16, 2017. He was born in Mammoth Springs, AR. Mr. Kernick graduated from Maplewood/Richmond Heights High School in 1955. He joined the Patrol on October 1, 1958. Mr. Kernick was appointed to the Patrol's Academy on October 15, 1961, as a member of the 24th Recruit Class. He retired as a sergeant after 33 years of service. He is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. To read more about Mr. Kernick's life, visit the Null & Son Funeral Home website at <http://www.nullandsonfuneralhome.com>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Kernick family.

## Virginia M. Waltermann



Virginia M. Waltermann, 88, of Wentzville, MO, died July 20, 2017. Mrs.

Waltermann joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol on August 26, 1984, and retired as a driver examination clerk on April 30, 1994. She is survived by her son, daughter, and extended family members. To read more about Mrs. Waltermann's life, visit the Pitman Funeral Home website at <http://www.pitmanfuneralhome.com>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Waltermann family.

## Richard J. Underwood



Richard J. Underwood, 80, of Springfield, MO, died Saturday, August 5, 2017. He was born in Franklin, NY, where he graduated from high school in 1954. He served in the United States Air Force from 1958 until he retired after 23 years. Richard then joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver examiner on December 31, 1978. He retired in 1993, as a driver examiner supervisor. Richard is survived by his wife of 59 years, Della, their three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. To learn more about Mr. Underwood's life, visit the Sweeney-Phillips Funeral Home website at <http://sweeneyphillipsholdren.com>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Underwood family.

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# Deaths

## James D. Miner



James D. "Dave" Miner, 77, of Grandview, MO, died August 8, 2017. He was born in Marion, IL. Dave was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He joined the Patrol on April 8, 1962, as an automotive technician. He retired in 1997. Dave is survived by his wife, Mary, and extended family members. To read more about Dave's life, visit the Mount Moriah Freeman website at <http://mount-moriah-freeman.tributes.com>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Miner family.

## Robert A. Scully



Robert A. "Andy" Scully, 72, of St. Joseph, MO, died August 14, 2017. Andy was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1999, assigned to Troop H. He retired as a telecommunicator on September 1, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Patty, two stepdaughters, and other family members. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Scully family.

“ You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty. ”

— Mahatma Gandhi

(Retrieved from: <https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mahatmagan150710.html>)

## ~Thank You~

Thank you all for the calls, emails, cards, plants, flowers, plaques, and other expressions of sympathy upon the passing of my father, Jay Munden. I remain grateful to my coworkers, Patrol retirees, and staff for the words of encouragement and comfort provided to my family. My father was very proud of the Patrol, and the outpouring of support shown during his services certainly underscored the reasons for that pride. Thanks to each of you!

Colonel Sandra K. Karsten, Q/SO

## Sympathy

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

DE III Darren E. Turner (F) - mother  
Tpr. John C. Gilliland (H) - grandmother, grandfather  
DE Sprv. Lorna Y. White (C) - brother  
Ret. Cpl. Charlie L. Brown - mother  
Criminalist III Toni Smith (Q/CLD) - grandmother-in-law  
Cpl. Mark W. Hicks (Q/GD) - father  
Ret. Lt. David P. Reynolds - mother  
Ret. Sgt. F. Leroy Tucker - brother  
Ret. CVO Sprv. II Mary E. Allen - aunt  
Ret. Clerk IV Genie M. Allen - aunt  
Asst. Garage Supt. Adam J. Feltrop (Q/FFD) - brother and sister-in-law

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# Troopers Provide Roadside Service

By Lt. Andy O. Tourney, Q/GD

Have you ever heard the expression, "You can take the trooper out of the road, but you can't take the road out of the trooper?"

After finishing their annual physical testing in Riverside, MO, and while heading back to their cars, members of the Gaming Division's Western District came across a very shy young man (seen hiding behind the tree in the photo), who along with his mother, needed assistance. The chain on the youngster's bicycle had come off the sprockets. Observing an obvious stranded motorist, Sergeant Jeff T. Fitzgerald, Q/GD, Corporal Ron V. Meade, Q/GD, Trooper Doug S. Christmas, Q/GD, and Trooper W. Joe Luzenko, Troop A, sprang into action and "pulled over" to offer their assistance. After getting very dirty, the team had the chain back on and ready for road operation.

The young man would not come out from behind the tree, even under



(l to r) Cpl. Ron Meade, Tpr. Doug Christmas, both Q/GD, Tpr. Joe Luzenko (back to camera), Troop A, and Sgt. Jeff Fitzgerald, Q/GD, get a young bicyclist back on the road. (Photo by Cpl. Jesie Phillips, Q/GD.)

his mother's firm orders, but we felt sure he was thankful for the troopers' efforts. Once the officers backed away from the bicycle, to a distance he deemed safe, the boy ran to his bicycle, jumped on, and took off without looking back. His mother stayed

as long as she could, and offered her sincere thanks before needing to run off after her son. There is little doubt the Gaming Division and Troop A troopers made a lasting impression on the youth.