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from the STAFF



Major Christopher S. Jolly
Technical Services Bureau

Leveraging Criminal History Record Information for the Safety of Officers

As you know, our troopers and other law enforcement officers routinely face unpredictable and potentially dangerous situations in the line of duty. In these moments, access to timely and accurate information can be the difference between life and death. One critical tool in enhancing officer safety is the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Violent Persons File (VPF), established in 2012, and is designed to alert officers to individuals they encounter who have been convicted of violent crimes or have made credible threats toward law enforcement and the criminal justice community.

I had the opportunity to learn about the VPF from a presentation by FBI Supervisory Special Agent Shawn Matthews. He had the idea to develop the file after the tragic murder of his friend and colleague, Deputy Billy Giacomo of the Nicolas County, West Virginia Sheriff's Department on September 1, 2000, while processing a subject for DWI. SSA Matthews believed if Deputy Giacomo had known about the subject's violent past, he may have requested back-up and changed the way he handled the arrest. SSA Matthews' presentation was very impactful and when I returned to Missouri, I learned that the number of VPF entries in our state was an embarrassingly low number of 271. I also discovered we were not alone, and the rest of the country was under-utilizing this important file as well. After working to increase the VPF through education and outreach, the number of VPF entries only increased by 23, totaling 294.

Recently, I became aware of an automated batch record entry concept that other states were considering. After reaching out to NCIC personnel for assistance, the Patrol's CJIS Division began working to identify the charge codes that would be applicable for a person to be entered into the file and in coordination with the Communications Division staff, developed a policy and training curriculum for our troopers and communication operators to educate them on the use of the file. Additionally, the Patrol's CJIS-IT staff utilized the Computerized Criminal History database to automate the population of entries into the VPF. Due to the outstanding efforts of our employees, the VPF in our state has now eclipsed 85,000 entries and is among the leaders in the country in the number of entries into the file. Sharing this information nationwide will enhance the situational awareness of officers and give them the ability to adjust their tactics when faced with these potentially volatile encounters. It is my belief that the commitment and dedication of our Patrol employees to expand the VPF has greatly contributed to Governor Mike Kehoe's initiative to, "Make it easier to be a cop than a criminal."



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ON THE COVER

Photo submitted by Corporal Adam Hitt (F) who took the scenic route and stopped for a photo at the Pay Down Mill located in Osage County.

Missouri Department of Public Safety recognizes

April Sworn Team Members of the Month

By Emilee Kuschel (Q/PIED)

The Missouri Department of Public Safety Sworn Team Members of the month for April 2025 were recognized during a ceremony at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Headquarters in Jefferson City on April 17. Corporal Blake Groves and Trooper Scott Roettger were honored with the award for their work to pursue an arrest for an ongoing child abuse and stalking case that had gone cold.

In October 2023, The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control was asked to investigate the abuse of a child and the stalking and harassment of the child's mother by the Pike County, MO, prosecuting attorney. The case had become inactive, so Cpl. Groves and Tpr. Roettger stepped in to investigate.

A six-week-old infant had been seriously injured at a home in Louisiana, MO, in March 2023, and a medical exam revealed he had multiple rib fractures, a laceration to the liver, and multiple bruises. In April, a skeletal survey revealed that the infant had a fracture on his right leg that the first medical screening had not caught.

Cpl. Groves contacted the victim's mother, who revealed that the suspect had attempted to contact her over 100 times over the phone. Cpl. Groves validated her claims by sending search warrants to various companies to confirm the phone records. Cpl. Grover and Tpr. Roettger conducted several interviews, which confirmed the suspect's abuse of the infant. Through further investigation, they discovered the suspect was hiding from law enforcement in Illinois.

With the help of the Quincy, Illinois Police Department, Cpl. Groves and Tpr. Roettger took the suspect into custody, where he admitted to causing the injuries to the baby. He also admitted to harassing and stalking the infant's mother. In September 2024, the suspect pleaded guilty to first-degree abuse of a child and first-degree harassment and violation of an order of protection. He was sentenced to 13 years in jail for the abuse charge, two years for the harassment charge, and 180 days in jail for violating an order of protection.

Pike County Assistant Prosecutor Michelle Krueger sent a letter acknowledging Cpl. Groves and Tpr. Roettger's efforts, saying, "I can't than you enough for your diligence in investigating this case. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have been able to move forward with the case. The thoroughness of your investigation was so impressive that the suspect's attorney, who likes to argue over everything, realized she was not in a position to argue over the facts of the case or for a lesser sentence. The mother was present for the guilty plea and sentencing and was grateful as well. The victim is almost two years old and is a happy, healthy little boy."







The Patrol Takes THE PLUNGE for Special Olympics Missouri



By Trooper Olivia G. Imhoff (F)
and Trooper Easton R. Corcoran (F)

When Special Olympics Missouri called upon Troop F, we exceeded their call! As 2024 came to a close, Region 5 Special Olympics needed a new law enforcement partner to host 2025's Polar Bear Plunge. Previously, the Columbia Police Department hosted the annual event at the Bass Pro Shops Lake in Columbia. When Special Olympics sought a new venue at Finger Lakes State Park, Troop F stepped up to host. This year's theme was Neon! The event went swimmingly!

Glowing at the opportunity, Trooper Olivia G. Imhoff (F) and Trooper Easton R. Corcoran (F) asked for assistance from colleagues across the state. Colonel Michael Turner represented the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a judge for the annual costume contest prior to the plunge. Sergeant Derek T. Shikles (F) represented Troop F's SWAT Team, showcasing Troop F's Bearcat. Corporal Tyler W. O'Brien (F) responded to the call, representing Zone 19 with a watercraft for display, and Corporal Brant W. Masek (F) opened up the doors to his newly assigned 2024 Dodge Durango Patrol Vehicle.

As registration began, the Aircraft Division stunned the crowd, landing '93MP', the legendary Bell 407 helicopter, just feet away. Sergeant Shawn L. Price (F) and Trooper Jacob H. Hirner (F) piloted the craft and proudly displayed it for many photo opportunities. Sergeant Charles W. Hoff (F) and Trooper Steven R. Peterson (F) dressed for a different kind of plunge; as members of the MSHP Dive Team, they assisted plungers in the frigid water. Sergeant Gentry T. Pemberton (F) and Trooper Luke A. Benke (F) represented the local zone and encouraged the plungers from the shore.

As the opening ceremony began, Deputy Eric Brotherton of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office sang the national anthem before dressing out to plunge with Troop F's Luminous Law Team. Luminous Law, represented by 13 plungers, consisted of the following personnel: Lieutenant Chis S. Daniels (F); Lieutenant Morgan B. Patterson (F) and sons Griffin and Brady; Sergeant Marylyn A. Dickens (F) and Ashley Fincher; Corporal Brant W. Masek (F); Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Deputy Eric Brotherton; Trooper Olivia G. Imhoff (F); Trooper Brittney S. Romano (F); Trooper Easton R. Corcoran (F) and Brittney Corcoran; and Gavin Green, son of Sergeant Kyle Green (F).

After a brisk dip in the 48-degree water, the fundraiser's totals were revealed. The Region 5 Polar Bear Plunge collected over $63,200 from over 200 Plungers who took the initiative in raising funds for Special Olympics Missouri. Troop F earned a respectable third place with $3,985 raised!

A special thanks to our local businesses, Slate Towing and Performance, I-70 Towing and Recovery, Kendall's Towing and Recovery, and Schreiber's Towing for their donations to the Luminous Law team.

Special Olympics Missouri utilizes these funds to provide athletes with life-skill classes, medical care, dental care, vision care, and, of course, the Special Olympics athletics. Their generous financial support, effort, and time are deeply appreciated. We are sincerely thankful to everybody involved in making this event a success. We look forward to plunging again next year, and we hope to see you all there again!

Congratulations ON YOUR RETIREMENT

For your years of dedicated service, loyalty, and selfless giving, we thank you.



EDWIN A. BLAYLOCK
Captain
Troop I
Retired on April 1, 2025
25 years of dedicated service



MARK W. HICKS
Corporal
Troop B
Retired on April 1, 2025
27 years, two months of dedicated service



SCOTT R. RICHARDSON
Sergeant
Q/FOB
Retired on April 1, 2025
27 years, nine months of dedicated service



GARY D. DAVIS
Forensic Scientist Supervisor
Q/CLD
Retired on April 1, 2025
18 years, two months of dedicated service



BRADLEY C. FRISBIE
Driver Examiner
Troop A
Retired on May 1, 2025
Six years, one month of dedicated service



DALE R. REUTER
Sergeant
Troop H
Retired on May 1, 2025
22 years, six months of dedicated service



JULIANNE SAMEL
Admin. Support Assistant
Troop B
Retired on May 1, 2025
25 years, five months of dedicated service



TIMOTHY C. BUERKY
Driver Examiner
Troop H
Retired May 1, 2025
Three years, eight months of dedicated service



JONATHAN C. CHANEY
Director of Radio
Q/CD
Retired on May 1, 2025
32 years, four months of dedicated service



ALLISON A. AMEND
Human Resources Generalist
Q/HRD
Retired on May 1, 2025
Six years of dedicated service

LET'S LUNCH.

TROOP H RETIREES GATHER FOR LUNCHEON IN ST. JOSEPH

By Sergeant Shane M. Hux (H)

On April 16, 2025, Troop H retirees gathered once again for their monthly luncheon at the San Jose Steakhouse in St. Joseph, Missouri. The event was filled with warm conversations, shared memories, and hearty laughter as former troopers and staff reconnected over a delicious meal.

This monthly tradition serves as a time-honored way for retirees to maintain their strong bonds and to reflect on their years of service. Troop H is proud to have a dedicated and tight-knit group of retirees who continue to support one another and the Patrol long after their official duties have ended.

These men and women helped build the foundation of what the Missouri State Highway Patrol is today. Their dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence set the standard for those who followed. The values they upheld continue to resonate throughout the organization and serve as a guiding influence for all personnel. Their legacy remains a source of pride and inspiration to current and future members of the Patrol.

Troop H extends its deepest appreciation to its retirees for their lasting contributions and encourages continued participation in these monthly gatherings. The camaraderie and shared history within this group remain a vital part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol family.





PATROL PREPARES FOR 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP WITH TRAINING IN Scotland

By Lieutenant Scott A. Ballard (Q/FOB)

The 2026 FIFA World Cup will be conducted in sixteen cities across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, starting in June 2026. Six matches will be played in Kansas City, at Arrowhead Stadium. Planning is currently underway for the Patrol's participation. March 12-16, 2025, Police Scotland hosted a Planning for Major Football Events course. The course was attended by 23 students. Lieutenant Scott Ballard, Field Operations Bureau, attended this course, along with members of the Kansas City Police Department, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, Alameda County, California, Broward County Sheriff's Department, Florida, Mesa Police Department, Arizona, Toronto Police Department, Canada, and the Vancouver Police Department, Canada.

Police Scotland gave students a brief history of their organizations and presented several debriefs from various football events. Students were given tours of three football stadiums in Glasgow, and demonstrations and overviews of various Police Scotland assets and how they are used for football events, including public order units, mounted units, canines, drones, and police spotters.

The course culminated with a match between the Celtic Football Club and the Rangers Football Club, one of the biggest football rivalries in the world. The rivalry between the teams is based in the sectarianism of Catholics and Protestants in Scotland, dating back to



1888. This match was the first time in three years that the Rangers fans were allowed entry into Celtic Park. The stadium has a capacity of 60,000, and the Rangers fans were only allocated 2,500 tickets. Due to historical violence from the ultra-fan groups, fans are segregated and not allowed to intermingle like they do in American sports. Nets and other counter measures are employed to prevent physical contact and objects from being thrown.

Students were able to observe a command-level briefing, the arrival of both teams, and the use of the public order units. They were able to watch the pre-game festivities and the kickoff from the field level. The energy of the crowd was electric. The crowd sang and chanted non-stop after the pre-game festivities concluded. Police Scotland deployed 850 officers inside and around the stadium, with enough public order unit officers to equate to 12 Patrol Public Order Unit platoons. In the end, the Rangers beat Celtic 3-2. Due to proper planning, training, and deployment of the personnel, minimal issues arose. Rangers football fans were required to arrive two hours early and wait in the stadium an hour after the match to prevent the intermingling of fans.

During the trip, students were given free time to explore the wonderful city of Edinburgh. A member of Police Scotland took the group on a guided tour of Culross, Scotland. The town was established in the 1500's and was the location where the Starz series Outlander was filmed. While dining in Culross, they dined on the Scottish delicacy of haggis.



The Rangers Football Club locker room.


The Rangers Football Club field at Ibrox Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland.



The Rangers Football Club entryway at Ibrox Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland.


Police Scotland Headquarters at Tulliallan Castle.


A police station for road policing.



The Rangers Football Club logo.

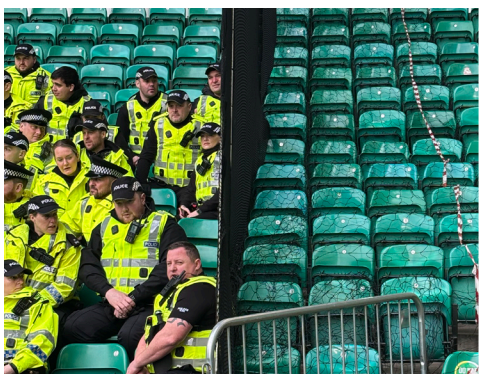


Seats at the Rangers Football Stadium with netting to prevent fans from opposing teams from interacting.


Members of Police Scotland pose with Lt. Ballard at the Celtic Park Football Stadium.



The Celtic Football Club Stadium.


Members of Police Scotland prepare to do crowd control at a football game at the Celtic Park stadium.



Seats in the Celtic Football Club stadium that have been destroyed by fans of an opposing team during a game.



Police Scotland mounted units prepare for a public order response.



Outside Celtic Park, home of the Celtic Football Club.



Members of Police Scotland prepare to assist with a public order response at Celtic Park during the match.



The city of Edinburgh.



Police Scotland mounted units prepare for a public order response.



Police Scotland officers line the stands at the Celtic Park stadium ahead of the match between the Celtic Football Club and the Rangers Football Club.



Members of Police Scotland prepare to assist with a public order response at Celtic Park.



Fans of opposing teams destroyed seats at the Rangers' stadium, pasting anti-police stickers, as well as other graffiti.



Members of team Missouri pose at Queen's Park in Scotland ahead of a football match.

MSHP'S DEFENSE TEAM EARNS AWARD



PCIS Peers with the 2025 First Responder Wellness Award (left to right): Assistant Chief Operator Michael Crase, FRPN Executive Director Kimberly Hicks, Lt. Trois Maloney, Sheriff Jason Klaus, Cpl. Ralicia Tyler, Inv. Crystal Kent, DMH Deputy Director Dr. Jeanette Simmons, MSHP Wellness Coordinator Audrey Yates, and DMH Diversion Coordinator Angie Plunkett.

By Corporal Ralicia A. Tyler (I) and DMH Diversion Coordinator Angie Plunkett

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's DEFENSE and Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS) teams have been awarded the 2025 First Responder Wellness Award at the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Conference. This honor highlights their relentless efforts in creating programs and providing essential support systems to those who serve on the front lines of crises and emergencies.

The PCIS program is a three-day, intensively focused therapeutic seminar tailored to assist first responder personnel in coping with traumatic stress following their involvement in critical incidents. These critical incidents may include officer-involved shootings, mass casualty incidents, line-of-duty deaths, and other highly stressful situations. First responders often face immense mental strain from the demands of their careers. They benefit from the specialized support and structured guidance that PCIS provides.

Initially developed by the FBI, PCIS was introduced in Missouri in 2017 under the leadership of Ret. Lt. Michele Coon, Lt. Trois Maloney, Assistant Chief Operator Michael Crase, Lt. Jerry Callahan, Ret. Lt. Phil Morrison, and DMH Deputy Director Dr. Jeanette Simmons. Their vision led to the development of a tailored approach to help first responders process their experiences, build resilience, and access resources for recovery and long-term wellness.

The seminars are led by mental health professionals trained to work with first responders, and driven by a team of law enforcement, fire fighters, EMS, and public safety dispatch peers who have experienced their own critical incident and received training in Critical Incident Stress Management.

Participants are encouraged to bring their spouse/significant other to PCIS to connect with others affected by critical incidents, learn about the effects of trauma, and receive training from the resources available. Lodging and meals are provided for all PCIS attendees.

The first PCIS was conducted in 2019. There have been 14 PCIS sessions conducted, serving 456 law enforcement officers, first responders, and their spouses/significant others.

PCIS saves lives. After each event, a survey is conducted with participants, and comments included: "this saved my career," "PCIS saved my marriage," and "this event has saved my life."

Receiving the 2025 First Responder Wellness Award is a significant occasion for the DEFENSE and PCIS teams. The award acknowledges their efforts in improving first responder wellness. The award specifically recognizes organizations with advanced wellness programs and resources designed for mental health awareness, resilience, and comprehensive support systems for those who dedicate their lives to serving others.

The DEFENSE and PCIS initiatives have made a lasting impact, ensuring first responders receive the mental and emotional tools needed to navigate the unique stressors of their careers. They promote peer support, professional guidance, and different treatments. These programs continue to strengthen the well-being of emergency personnel and the communities they protect.

In response to the award, Wellness Coordinator Audrey Yates of the Missouri State Highway Patrol expressed deep gratitude and reiterated the team's commitment to prioritizing first responder wellness. "We are deeply honored to receive the 2025 First Responder Wellness Award," Yates stated. "This recognition stresses our mission to ensure that first responders have the support they need to continue their incredible work. We remain dedicated to advancing these initiatives and making a lasting difference in the lives of those who serve."

The annual CIT Conference serves as a vital platform for crisis intervention professionals, leaders, and advocates to share best practices, discuss developing strategies, and collaborate on solutions that improve the effectiveness of support programs. The conference provides an opportunity for experts to address the growing needs of first responders while developing community-driven approaches to crisis response and mental health advocacy.

The award presented to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's DEFENSE and PCIS teams stands as a testament to the importance of collaboration, compassion, and continuous efforts in improving the overall wellness of first responders. As these teams take the lead, their commitment to creating a sustainable and supportive environment remains stronger than ever.

Driver Examiner of the Year and Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year named

HONORED THIS YEAR

By Emilee Kuschel (Q/PIED)



Matthew R. Lannin (A)



Britni L. Neal (C)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Division of Driver and Vehicle Safety has named the 2024 Driver Examiner of the Year and the 2024 Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year.

This year, Motor Vehicle Inspector Supervisor Matthew R. Lannin (A) was chosen to receive the award for 2024. Supervisor Lannin has taken on the role as the school bus inspection program supervisor in Troop A, which encompasses 13 counties, 112 individual school districts, and approximately 2300 school buses. His performance in this role is recognized for its high level, with an emphasis on thoroughness and completeness.

He is further described as leading by example and always ensuring a safe and secure work environment. Supervisor Lannin shares his knowledge with his subordinates, peers, and supervisors, is organized and focused, and mentors new inspectors. Additionally, Supervisor Lannin has displayed his team-oriented approach by filling in during times of short staffing at the Clay and Platte County inspection stations.

Supervisor Lannin's professionalism, dedication, and commitment make him a worthy recipient of the Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year award.

Driver Examiner Supervisor Britni Neal was awarded the Driver Examiner of the Year award for 2024. Neal is assigned to the North Travel Crew out of St. Clair. She currently has six counties in her testing area. Supervisor Neal personifies the Core Values of the Highway Patrol, and I am very appreciative of the work she does. I believe she is worthy of this recognition as she accepts tasks and assignments with humbleness and a desire to give the best service she can.

Supervisor Neal's unselfish approach, strong leadership in challenging circumstances, and commitment to professionalism make her a worthy recipient of the 2024 Driver Examiner of the Year award.

Bad Weather

TROOP G WEATHERING THE STORM: A RELENTLESS SPRING

By Sergeant T. Eddie Young (G)

An old adage says, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb," but for Troop G, we're still waiting on the lamb to arrive.

This spring has delivered a punishing series of hazardous weather events across our nine-county region, beginning with violent tornadoes, followed by wildfire outbreaks, and culminating in deadly flooding. Troopers across Troop G have worked tirelessly in response to these disasters, risking their own safety to protect lives and property.

The chaos began on March 14, when an EF-3 tornado touched down near Bakersfield shortly after 8:30 p.m., cutting a 35-mile path of destruction through Ozark and Howell counties. The storm tragically claimed three lives and left four others seriously injured. Unfortunately, that was only the beginning. In the days that followed, additional large tornadoes tore through Oregon, Carter, Reynolds, and Wright counties, keeping troopers engaged in clearing debris-covered roadways and assisting with rescue efforts for trapped or injured individuals.

By March 19, winds exceeding 60 mph ignited and fueled wildfires across the region, prompting road closures due to zero visibility. Troopers assisted with evacuations in Douglas and Reynolds counties as fires scorched five of the nine counties within Troop G.

April 2 brought yet another round of tornadoes, and soon after, the skies opened. By April 6, large-scale flooding engulfed the region. Most areas received 6 to 8 inches of rainfall, with Howell County exceeding 12 inches. Troopers responded to numerous flooded roads, most notably rerouting traffic around a section of U.S. 63 north of West Plains, which remained underwater for several days.

Our Marine Troopers were instrumental in rescue operations, retrieving stranded individuals from submerged vehicles and flooded homes. Tragically, two lives were lost in Howell County after floodwater swept vehicles from roadways. As of this writing, troopers continue to assist the Oregon County Sheriff's Office in the search for a 49-year-old Springfield man who went missing along the Eleven Point River during the April 5 flooding in Thomasville.

Despite the devastation, Troop G personnel have demonstrated unwavering commitment in the face of adversity. Whether clearing roads, conducting rescues, or supporting evacuation efforts, the dedication of Missouri State Troopers continues to shine through, even as the lion of spring refuses to yield.

"'March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb,' but for Troop G, we're still waiting on the lamb to arrive."



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WEATHERING THE STORM



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PHOTO 1

Outside a residence after an EF-3 tornado in Ozark County, where multiple victims received severe injuries and troopers assisted EMS to get victims transported.

PHOTO 2

One of many large wildfires that burnt across troop g, this was located at Royal Oak charcoal plant in Carter County.

PHOTO 3

Residence destroyed in Oregon County where troopers had difficulty getting rescue personnel to victims due to multiple roadway blockages.

PHOTO 4

Cpl. Roberts and Sgt. Johnson rescue two elderly subjects and a teenage male who were swept off a low water bridge and become stranded needing rescue in Ozark County.

TROOP I RESPONDS TO SEVERE STORMS

By Corporal Ralicia A. Tyler (I)

Meanwhile in Troop I, on March 14, severe storms swept through Missouri, including an EF2 tornado that struck Rolla. The storms caused extensive damage to utilities and ripped apart homes and businesses. The aftermath left hundreds without power for days. Troopers were among the first to respond. Their initial priority was conducting a door-to-door grid search. After it was determined no death or serious injuries had occurred, Troopers began roaming the hardest-hit areas, keeping an eye out for looters. *(See weather photos for Troop I on following page.)*

Bad Weather



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WEATHERING

THE STORM

PHOTO 1

A homeowner sitting on his couch was thrown to his front yard by a tornado. Miraculously, he was uninjured.

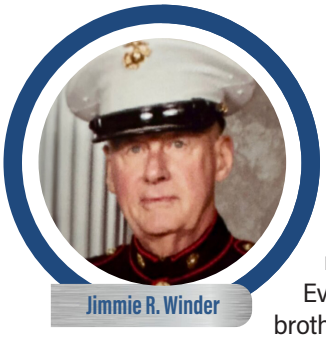
PHOTO 2

The Mark Twain Elementary School sustained substantial damage.

PHOTO 3

A shopping center on South US 63 was damaged in the storm.

Obituaries


Jimmie R. Winder

JIMMIE R. WINDER

Jimmie Ray Winder passed away peacefully on April 19, 2025, at the age of 85. A man of deep love, laughter, and service, Jimmie now rejoices in eternal reunion with his siblings Bobby and Mary Evelyn, who passed in childhood, and his brother, Lawrence (Duda) Winder, Jr.

Born on September 22, 1939, in Bay, AR, to Lawrence and Marie (Blevins) Winder, Jimmie moved with his family to Poplar Bluff, MO, in 1944. He graduated from Poplar Bluff High School in 1958 before proudly serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1959 to 1963, stationed primarily in Okinawa, Japan.

On November 30, 1963, Jimmie married the love of his life, Jeanette Wilkerson. Jimmie dedicated over three decades to public service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He began his career as a Weight Inspector at Troop C and retired in 2000 as the Chief Motor Vehicle Inspector at Troop E.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Jeanette Winder, his three sons, his two daughters, his sister, Judy, and several grandchildren. In life and legacy, Jimmie Ray Winder was a servant, a patriot, a storyteller, and a rock to his family.

CLINTON D. JACOBS, TROOP F


Clinton D. Jacobs

Clinton DeWayne Jacobs, age 82, of Meta, MO, passed away on Thursday, April 17, 2025. He was born on May 24, 1942, the son of the late Willie and Marjorie (Clarke) Jacobs.

Clinton was known to his family and friends as Wayne. He was a cherished member of his community who appreciated the simple pleasures of life, particularly being at home. Wayne served in the United States Navy from September 6, 1960, until his honorable discharge on August 28, 1964. He was employed with the Missouri Highway Patrol for many years before retiring.

He is survived by his daughter, his son, and several grandchildren, as well as his brother, Joe, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his parents, Willie and Marjorie Jacobs, he was also preceded in death by his brother, William "Billy" Jacobs.

RETIRED CPL. RONALD L. COLE


Ronald L. Cole

Ronald L. Cole, of Ozark, MO, went to be with his Lord and Savior on April 19th, 2025. Ronald was born on March 21, 1955, to Don and Vera Cole.

Ronald is survived by his wife Susan, his daughter, his son, his 3 grandchildren, and his two sisters.

Ronald devoted his life to helping others and was proud to be a member of the Missouri Highway Patrol for 30 years as well as being a K-9 handler for the patrol. Ronald was also a member of Missouri Search and Rescue. Ronald had many hobbies that included being a certified HAM radio operator, going on motorcycle trips with his friends, and he loved to fish. However, his greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren and also playing video games with them.

Ronald was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother and will be greatly missed by his family.

Honoring the Past, Building the Future:

TROOP A OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS

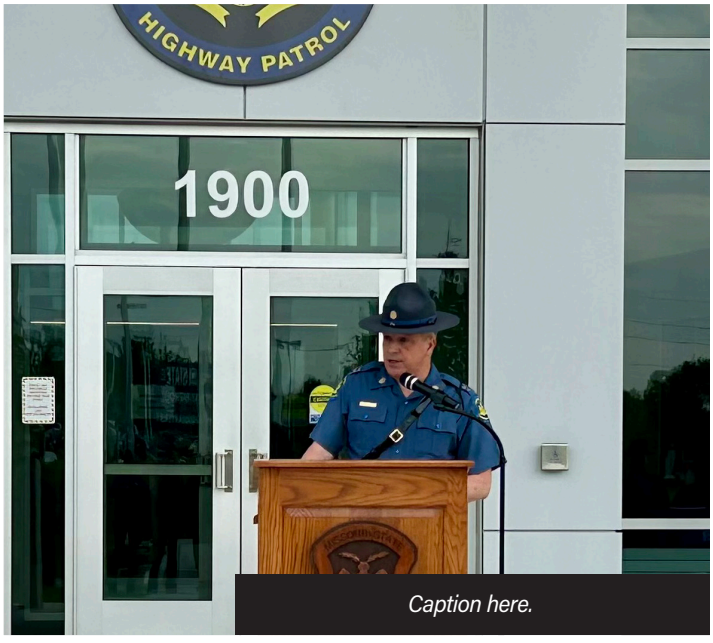
"As we open these doors, we open a new chapter in service. May this space be a place of leadership, integrity, and purpose." - Captain Steven Wilhoit



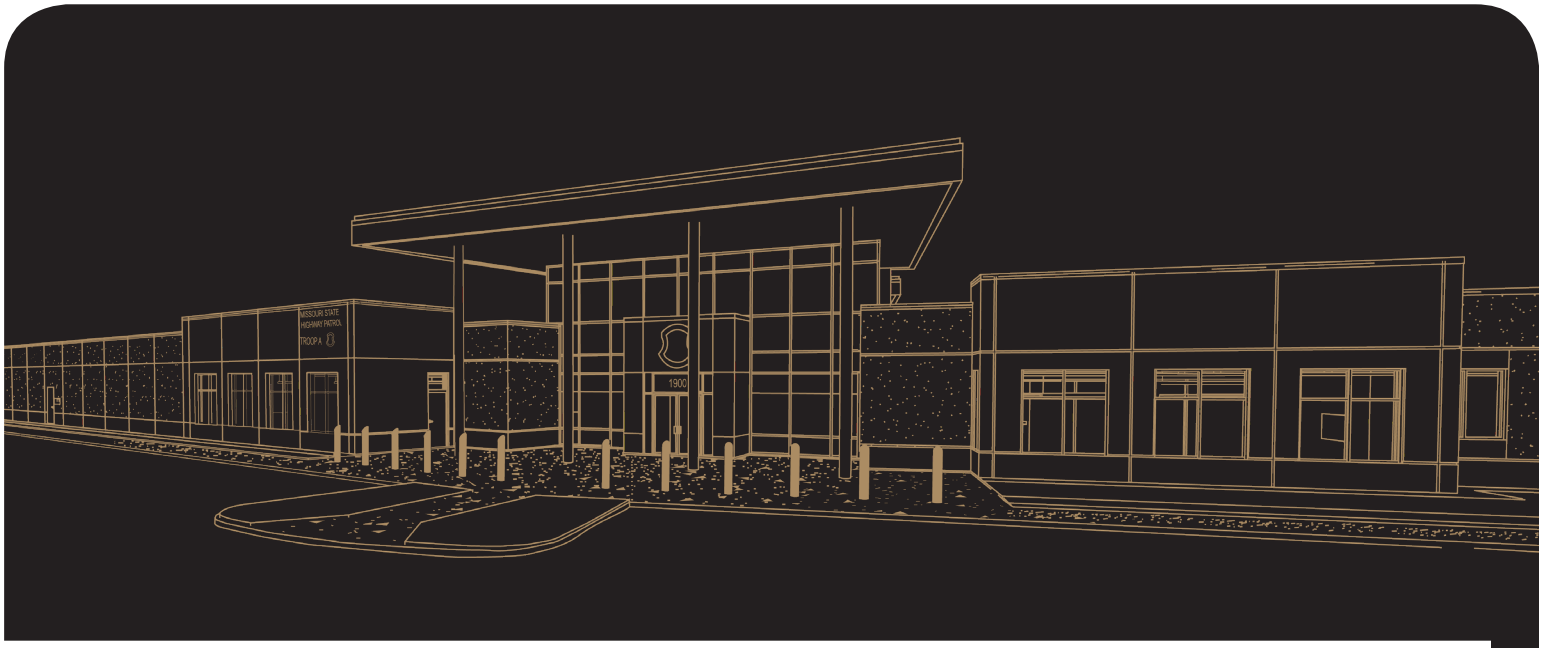
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After decades of operating out of an aging facility built in 1968, Troop A has finally established new roots in a brand-new headquarters, making a major step forward in modernization and operational capacity.

The new Troop A Headquarters, located just a few miles from the former headquarters at 1900 NE Independence Avenue, Lee's Summit, MO, began construction in November 2023, and was completed in April 2025. The planning for this project was an extensive and collaborative effort, spanning several years and involving many key stakeholders. The state-of-the-art building is equipped with modern technology, enhanced security infrastructure, and expanded space for both administrative and investigative units.



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Troop A Headquarters is conveniently positioned off Interstate 470, providing immediate access to one of Missouri's primary routes of transportation. This new location allows for more efficient deployment of resources, improved response times, and overall greater accessibility for other law enforcement agencies and the public.

With the construction and strategic location of the new Troop A Headquarters, a unified campus for state operations has been established. The new facility was built on the same parcel of land that houses the existing Motor Vehicle Inspection Station, the Driver Examination Testing Station, and the Commercial Vehicle Testing Station. This centralized layout enhances interdepartmental coordination and allows for more streamlined operations by placing key divisions in close proximity. Troop A Headquarters now sits just steps away from the Missouri Department of Transportation – Kansas City District Operations Facility.

The process of moving into the new headquarters began in late March and took several weeks, with different divisions transitioning in phases to minimize disruptions to ongoing investigations and daily operations. The relocation involved transporting thousands of documents, specialized equipment, and sensitive materials while ensuring privacy and security.

Troop A members and personnel have spent recent weeks getting acclimated to the new space, including setting up workstations, and overall becoming oriented to the new building. The new headquarters features modern workspaces, an upgraded evidence intake area to better support other law enforcement agencies, and an integrated communications center designed to enhance inter-agency coordination.

A grand opening ceremony was held on Friday, May 2, 2025, commemorating this moment in the Patrol's history. This ceremony was attended by the Assistant Director of the Department of Public Safety, Troy Murdock; members of the General Assembly; Colonel Turner, Major Shipers, Major Jolly, and Major McCullough; as well as the Mayor of Lee's Summit, Bill Baird, and other members of his staff. Members of the community also joined for this monumental moment. Captain Steven Wilhoit, Commanding Officer of Troop A, addressed all in attendance, saying, "Today marks more than the opening of a new facility; it marks the continuation of a proud tradition. A tradition built on honor, courage, and an unwavering commitment to protect and serve the people of Missouri. As we open these doors, we open a new chapter in service. May this space be a place of leadership, integrity, and purpose."

SHELBYFEST









The Patrol debuted the newest vehicle in the fleet, the Mustang, complete with interior lights and radio equipment. The new vehicle was displayed at Shelbyfest, where troopers spent time with the community, letting kids sit in the mustang and building rapport with our neighbors.

MISSOURI SKILLSUSA COMPETITION HELD AT PATROL HEADQUARTERS

By Sergeant Bradley R. Germann (Q/DDCC)

On April 11, 2025, the Missouri State Highway Patrol once again welcomed the state's most promising high school students for the annual Missouri SkillsUSA competition, held at the Patrol's General Headquarters in Jefferson City. This year's event involved students preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations — including those pursuing futures in law enforcement and criminal justice.

SkillsUSA is a national organization committed to preparing students for the skilled workforce through hands-on competitions in over 130 occupational areas. In Missouri, high school students compete statewide for the opportunity to advance to the national SkillsUSA Championships, where top performers may also earn scholarships in their chosen fields.

Competition day began early, with students gathering at the Missouri State Highway Patrol gymnasium by 7:00 a.m. Attendees witnessed a ceremonial flag-raising by the Patrol's 123rd Recruit Class before receiving a briefing on the day's events.

Students participated in either the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) or Criminal Justice (CJ) segments of the competition. CSI teams, made up of three students each, completed a written test before rotating through two realistic crime scene scenarios. The first involved a simulated hit-and-run scene, featuring a mannequin and authentic training props used by the MSHP's Major Crash Investigation Unit. Participants were evaluated on evidence collection techniques, including latent fingerprint lifting, firearm shell casing collecting/identification, and presumptive blood testing. The third stage of the competition took place in an Academy dorm room, where students processed a staged hotel room crime scene. During this portion, groups needed to apply for a search warrant, document evidence, and complete detailed reports. Judging was conducted by experienced crime lab personnel and DDCC investigators. In total, 21 teams made up of 63 students participated in this year's CSI competition.

For the criminal justice portion, students played the role of police officers. Participants responded to five distinct law enforcement scenarios, including a suspected illicit drug transaction in a public park, a suicidal subject in a business parking lot, an assault at a residence, and two traffic stops — one involving a driver with an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and another simulating a DWI arrest. In Total, 25 contestants participated in the criminal justice portion of the competition. The students with the highest overall scores from both categories will represent Missouri at the national SkillsUSA Championships, set to take place June 23–27, 2025, in Atlanta, Georgia.

While organized by the Patrol's Public Information and Education Division, the competition was a collaborative effort involving multiple MSHP divisions and personnel from across the state. Organizers say the event continues to inspire students and foster interest in public safety careers. This year's competition left a lasting impression on the next generation of professionals who may one day answer the call to serve and protect.

SYMPATHY

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

Assist. Chief Op. Scott A. Miller (C) – Grandmother

Comm. Op. James P. Landers (A) – Mother

Sgt. Kenneth R. Sanders (D) – Father

Sgt. John C. Gilland (H) – Grandfather

Sr. Auto Tech. Randy J. Lehmen (Q/FFD) – Father-in-Law

Ret. Patrol Records Tech. III Patrica A. Lehmen – Father

Auto Tech. Ernest G. Bunch (B) – Father

DE Tracy Medford (A) - Mother and Aunt

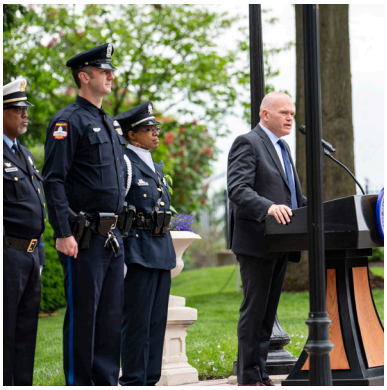
Chief Field Tech. Lauren Clausen (H) - Mother

MVI Josh Ward (D) - Father

Ret. Sgt. Mark Winder - Father

Ret. MVI Clerk Typist Grace Goodman - Husband

The Missouri State Highway Patrol attended the 2-25 Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial at the Capital building in Jefferson City, MO, on May 2. Troopers escorted family members of troopers who were killed in the line of duty to pay their respects to their lost loved ones. Troopers, as well, remembered their fallen friends and the sacrifices they made in order to follow through on the mission of the Patrol, to serve and protect Missouri.

























CVO



Two commercial vehicle officers graduated from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on May 2, 2025, with the 18th commercial vehicle officer recruit class. The ceremony took place at 10 a.m. at General Headquarters. The names of the members of the 18th CVO Class are Patrick L. Katumpe and Cameron J. Wilkes. The Honorable S. Cotton Walker, Division III, Cole County Circuit Court, administered the Oath of Office to the commercial vehicle officers. Mr. Tom Crawford, President and CEO of the Missouri Trucking Association, gave the keynote address to the graduates and their families. Wyatt C. Miller also walked with the graduates, but he will have to complete the physical portion of training after he injured himself during training at the Academy.









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