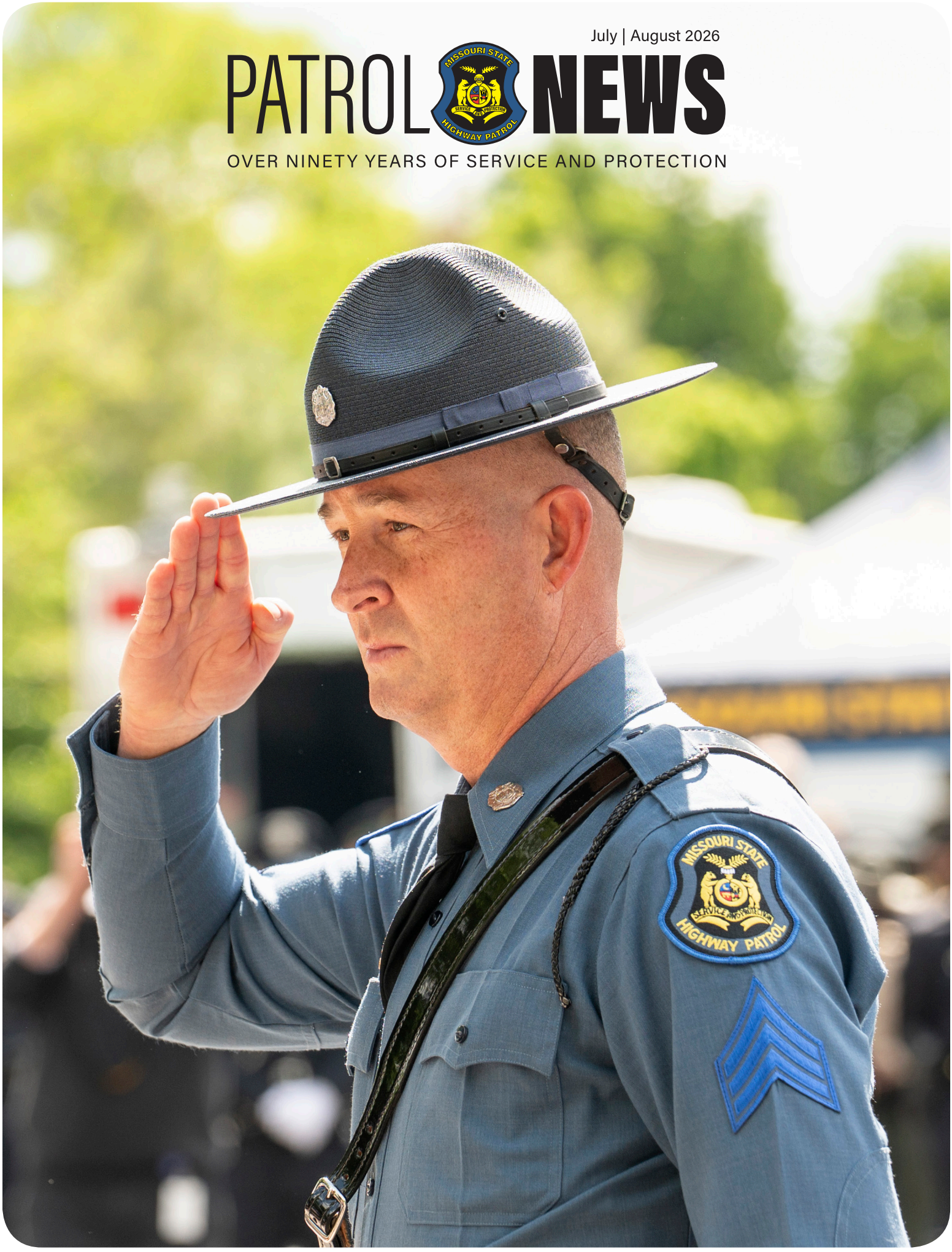
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GAME-CHANGING TECHNOLOGY

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Technology enhancements continue to transform law enforcement, providing officers with tools that improve safety, increase efficiency, and enhance service to the public. The Technical Services Bureau has been busy developing and deploying some of the most impactful advancements in the Patrol's history that solve everyday challenges faced by troopers in the field.

The Communications Division recently rolled out the new Motorola APX NEXT portable radio statewide. One of the most innovative features is a voice-activated assistant that allows officers to operate and even change channels hands-free. Additionally, integrated mapping capabilities provide real-time location information, helping officers navigate incidents, coordinate resources, and manage large officer deployments, which has already shown its value at the recent FIFA World Cup detail in Kansas City, MO. Radio updates, encryption keys, and software patches can now be delivered remotely, reducing the need to bring radios back to the radio shop. These features ensure that officers remain connected to critical information while staying focused on their mission.

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division, in cooperation with the Cybersecurity and Technology Division (CTD), recently developed the Missouri Biometric Identification Livescan Enterprise (MOBILE)—a web-based, FBI-certified livescan system, hosted by the Patrol. It turns any computer, when paired with an Integrated Biometrics mobile fingerprint scanning device, into a fully functional livescan station. The compact, ruggedized device is about the size of a cellphone that reliably captures fingerprints to support tenprints, tenprint plus palms, or Rapid ID. Traditionally, individuals arrested for minor offenses required transportation to a detention facility for fingerprinting and processing. This consumes valuable officer time and can remove personnel from service for extended periods. Mobile fingerprint scanners will allow officers to capture and verify fingerprints in the field, reducing the need for unnecessary transports and lengthy booking procedures. The result is a more efficient use of resources, faster identification of individuals, and increased officer availability for calls for service and proactive policing efforts.

CTD continues to utilize artificial intelligence solutions to further efficiencies for our troopers. A revised crash reporting system will soon provide officers with tools that simplify and streamline the reporting process. One of the most valuable enhancements will be an automated crash diagram generator that will eliminate one of the most time-consuming aspects of crash reporting. After entering information in the required fields of the crash report, a diagram will automatically be created and then can be further edited by the trooper. The system will improve accuracy, consistency, and efficiency while reducing administrative workload.

By leveraging innovations such as smart communications, mobile biometrics, and advanced reporting systems, the Patrol will continue to improve operational effectiveness, enhance officer safety, and deliver better service to those they protect. We are so fortunate as an agency to have employees in the Technical Services Bureau that understand the mission of the Patrol and the challenges faced by those on the frontline. They are dedicated to ensuring they do their part to provide the latest game-changing technology to troopers and our law enforcement partners.

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Sgt. Robert "Brooks" McGinnis (A) salutes the fallen at the 2026 Law Enforcement memorial service.

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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 May 2026 through June 2026.

* Editor's note: This 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. L.T. Baggerly, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.J. Drum, 2 arrests
Sgt. C.G. Dunfee, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.P. Gomez, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Haines, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.C. Hunolt, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.D. Jackson, 3 arrests
Tpr. B.S. Lautenschlager, 1 arrest
Cpl. N.T. Ott, 2 arrests
Cpl. B.A. Shows, 2 arrests
Tpr. K.M. Stewart, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Storey, 1 arrest

TROOP B
Sgt. G.L. Gaines, 1 arrest
Tpr. T. Hilliard, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.N. Schafer, 1 arrest
Cpl. T.B. Smith, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.J. Snyder, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.A. Willock, 1 arrest

TROOP C
Cpl. R.A. Allee, 7 arrests
Tpr. T.L. Benner, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.J. Bittick, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.T. Chastain, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Childers, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.C. Coleman, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.T. Dorff, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.O. Gillespie, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.L. Hughes, 1 arrest
Tpr. N. Konopelski, 2 arrests
Tpr. P.B. Martin, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.S. Ogborn, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.D. Pogue, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.A. Schuetz, 1 arrest
Lt. W.B. Sevier, 1 arrest
Tpr. M. Smith, 1 arrest
Cpl. R.J. Steele, 3 arrests

TROOP D
Tpr. J.P. Blinkinsop, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.R. Chronister, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. Collins, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.T. Cook, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. DeMasi, 1 arrest
Cpl. Z.C. Dudley, 1 arrest
Cpl. K.L. Elledge, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.R. Goddard, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.S. Gunby, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.T. Hackett, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Henderson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.J. Hickman, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.L. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. F.R. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.M. Kenyon, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.S. Leek, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Lock, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.S. Mendoza, 2 arrests
Tpr. Z. Moore, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.D. O'Hara, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.O. Prater, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.A. Powell, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.T. Schmidt, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.R. Williams, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.E. Wommack, 1 arrest

TROOP E
Tpr. B.M. Breedlove, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.K. Bridges, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.W. Brown, 2 arrests
Tpr. K.R. Carpenter, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.L. DeJournett, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.W. Dillon, 1 arrest
Tpr. G.D. Miller, 1 arrest
Sgt. T. Karizamimba, 2 arrests
Cpl. A.J. LeRoux, 4 arrests
Cpl. J.P. Lewis, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.C. Pruiett, 3 arrests
Tpr. E.N. Stinson, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.M. Warren, 1 arrest

TROOP F
Tpr. L.T. Carson, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.R. Cavanaugh, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.W. Cox, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Fox, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.L. Gregory, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.M.P. Guinnip, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.M. Hagenhoff, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Kamp, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.M. Johnson, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.W. Masek, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.A. Minarik, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.J. Nichols, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.S. Romano, 1 arrest

TROOP G
Cpl. J.L. Dedmon, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.M. Dougherty, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.D. Healy, 4 arrests
Tpr. J.Q. Hummel, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.B. Tate, 1 arrest

TROOP H
Tpr. J.D. Bedingfield, 1 arrest
Sgt. S.J. Cool, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.D. Hahn, 11 arrests
Sgt. L.M. Newman, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.D. Schmedding, 2 arrests

TROOP I
Tpr. D.J. Creamer, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.M. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.J. Estes, 3 arrests
Tpr. M.L. Grapes, 2 arrests
Tpr. K.P. Hunt, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.L. Francom, 1 arrest
Cpl. C.C. Marlow, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.A. Martin, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.T. Peart, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.B. Townsend, 1 arrest
Sgt. P.V.J. Volkmer, 3 arrests

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Sgt. T.M. Barthelmass, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.L. Bradley, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.W. Neely, 2 arrests
Sgt. T.L. Peters, 2 arrests
Cpl. N.A. Regan, 1 arrest
Cpl. B.M. Ryun, 7 arrests
Sgt. C.F. Scott, 2 arrests



TROOP F HONOR GUARD COMPLETES QUARTERLY TRAINING

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

The Troop F Honor Guard completed their quarterly training at the Howard-Millard Funeral Home in Boonville, MO, and at Memorial Stadium Faurot Field at the University of Missouri - Columbia.

The Honor Guard's time at the Howard-Millard Funeral Home consisted of how to open a funeral ceremony, changing the casket guards, and closing the ceremony. The training allowed several members of the Troop F Honor Guard to learn how to carry a casket and how to honor and respect the life of those they are serving one last time.

While at the Howard-Millard Funeral Home, the Troop F Honor Guard also took time to practice the 21-gun salute. The 2026 Law Enforcement Memorial Day was quickly approaching, so the members assigned to that detail were taught proper drill movements and commands to execute the salute. Tpr. Brittney S. Romano (F) said, "It was quite impressive to watch my teammates learn the commands and movements so quickly at the instruction of Corporal Penrod and Sergeant Holzschuh."

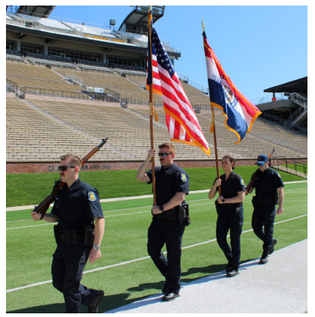
The second half of the training was held at Faurot Field in Columbia. The training consisted of working as a team on basic drill movements, staying in unison, and specifically where to present the colors on the Mizzou football field, as Troop F has several honor guard details on this field throughout the year.

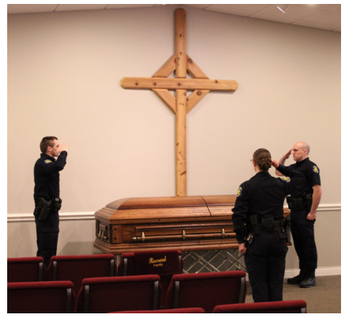
Honor Guard training not only keeps the team sharp on basics movements but allows new members to learn from the veteran members. A typical detail consists of four team members, so on the training days when the entire team is together, it is something special. Tpr. Romano said, "Building comradery and teamwork on training days like these, I believe, are what sets the Troop F team apart from the rest. We are all committed to perfecting our craft and being a part of something bigger than ourselves. It is always an honor to present the colors, represent the Patrol in such a positive light, and respect troopers that have come before us."

Members of the Troop F Honor Guard include:

Sgt. Nicholas J. "Nick" Borgmeyer
Sgt. Timothy C. "Tim" Fick
Sgt. Coby G. Holzschuh
Cpl. Jonathan R. Atherton
Cpl. Brian R. Lange
Cpl. Eric C. Penrod
Tpr. Colton R. Cavanaugh
Tpr. Matthew M. Guinnip
Tpr. Jaclyn P. Heil
Tpr. Bailey N. Hunsicker
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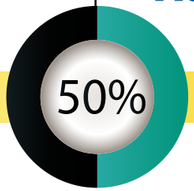






HALF OF THE JOURNEY

126th Makes Strides Through Academy



By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

On April 20, 2026, the 126th Recruit Class began their journey at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy. The class has made it to the half-way mark of completing their training before graduating in October. But before their time at the Academy started, recruits spent months preparing to join the Patrol—both physically and mentally.

Potential recruits participated in group workouts with their future classmates months before starting at the Academy. These workouts served as a tool to help recruits build a sense of comradery that is essential for the next six months. These workouts also served another purpose—creating successful troopers.

One of Colonel Michael A. Turner's priorities is employee safety and wellness, and that begins with physical fitness. Before officially becoming recruits, those interested in joining the 126th Recruit Class had to pass their physical fitness test. After completing the test, a signing day was held for the recruits. The Recruitment and Community Outreach Division wanted to show their support to the incoming recruits by giving them special recognition. Captain Danielle E. Heil (Q/RCOD) said, "Our hiring process is long and stressful, so for those that actually make the cut, we wanted to celebrate that accomplishment. It is also a great way to get community support behind these new recruits."

The day finally arrived for the recruits to start their lives as members of the Patrol. As the recruits left behind their lives as civilians and stepped into the world of law enforcement, many thoughts went through their minds. Recruit Erin K. Bock said, "The feeling of the unknown was all that was on my mind the first day. An uneasy feeling of not knowing what was coming." Recruits had a typical first day: uniform fittings, writing their biographies, and learning the rules and regulations of the Patrol. Rct. Bock's uneasy feeling was soon explainable. This year, instructors decided to bring on the stress early to the 126th Class.

At 3 a.m. the following morning, recruits were woken up to a surprise fire drill. Music blasting, instructors yelling, lights flashing, and alarms going off created a confusing and stressful environment. After exiting the dorms, recruits were gathered into their squads, sounded off, and were thrown into team building exercises. Academy instructor Corporal Matthew E. Morice (Q/TND) emphasized the importance of these exercises: "Team building helps the recruits learn how to communicate and function as a unit. Although we work a great deal by ourselves, we are a collective statewide organization and are stronger when we work together. That only happens with communication and everyone pulling in the same direction." Squads competed in a friendly competition to determine the lunch line order. Exercises involved rowing, carrying a raft, group burpees, and other physical activities. The recruits' morning didn't stop there. It was now time for equipment issue.

Equipment issue is something each and every recruit will always remember during their time at the Academy. The amount of stress and confusion, paired with mental and physical exhaustion, makes for a very long morning. Recruit Ryan C. Brown reflected on his experience that morning. "Equipment issue felt like a rat race. Everyone was doing their best to grab what they needed, and we were all failing collectively. It was a huge relief to have made it through, however, and taking those smalls wins one day at a time is how you have to live during the Academy." On the outside, equipment issue may look unnecessarily stressful, but in reality, this stress builds strong troopers. There will be times when new troopers will have to work under immense pressure, and equipment issue helps to build that stress tolerance. After 'graduating' from equipment issue, recruits were full steam ahead into life at the Academy.

Within the first three months, the recruits have learned many important skills needed for a career in law enforcement. To have a long career in law enforcement, one necessary skill to have is attention to detail. This is where room checks come into play. The recruits' first room check was an excellent learning experience. Recruits quickly learned how to pay attention to the smallest details. Instructors checked all areas of their rooms; high, low, in, and out. Recruits must keep their room tidy, including keeping furniture, bed sheets, pillows, and towels at certain measurements. And during this entire process, instructors are quizzing the recruits of what they have learned so far. While teaching recruits the importance of attention to detail, this served as another stress tolerance exercise.

The third week of the Academy was filled with new experiences. Recruits were introduced to the Glock 45. They learned the basic fundamentals of unholstering, reloading, and the general skills of manipulating the Glock 45. They also spent time in the classroom for Intro to Report Writing. That Wednesday brought the 'heat' to the recruits. It was finally time for the recruits to face the oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray.

After being sprayed by their fellow classmates, recruits had to take a subject to the ground using a wrist-weave takedown. They then had to radio for assistance and give a description of what they were involved in. The recruits weren't done yet, as they had to locate their handgun and eliminate a threat, while verbally controlling another subject. Once recruits completed the objectives, they were able to begin decontamination.

The following month covered a variety of topics such as first responder/emergency medical responder training, swimming, use-of-force, mechanics of arrest controls, and crime scene investigation and processing.

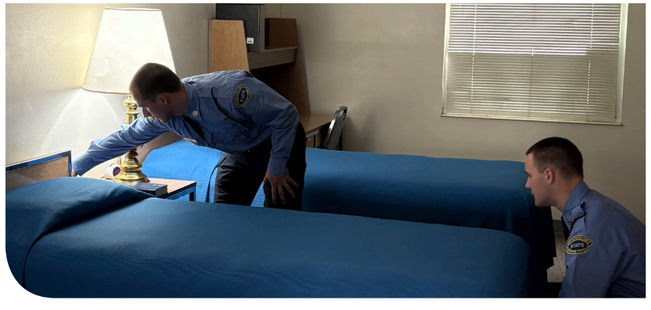
Besides the physical challenges, recruits face mental challenges as well. "The biggest challenge has definitely been time away from family. There's plenty of physical stress, academic stress, but the impact of being away from family leaves the biggest toll on your mental state," said Rct. Brown. Despite these challenges, the 126th Recruit Class has shown a strong sense of comradery. Classmates are willing to hold each other accountable, be respectful, and uplift those around them. The instructors, RCOD, and all others involved in the recruiting and instructing of this class should be proud of the work they have done thus far. The next two months will not be easy, but the 126th Recruit Class is ready to take them head-on.













ASSESSMENT CENTER BUILDS PATROL LEADERS

2 WEEKS
active assessments

69
sergeants participating

5
lieutenants developing testing

20+ YEARS
Building Patrol Leadership

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

It's promotion season at the Patrol and that means sergeants made a visit to the Assessment Center. The Assessment Center serves as a test of their capability to perform supervisory and managerial functions. It is a chance for members to demonstrate their abilities through various scenarios that are not occurring daily.

During February 2026, the Assessment Center was active for two weeks and 69 sergeants participated in the evaluation. During that time, the dorms of the Academy were transformed into testing rooms. The assessment is a packed, day-long process that tests sergeants to the fullest extent.

The success of the Assessment Center is dependent upon the collaboration between the Human Resources Division (HRD) and a team of five lieutenants. Before the Assessment Center is implemented, HRD selects five lieutenants to develop test components. Components include a writing exercise, an in-basket scenario, a critical incident, and a one-on-one scenario. All the scenarios are based on real-life incidents experienced within the Patrol.

The writing exercise focuses on a member's ability to interpret a situation and provide a logical, well-organized, and clearly written response. The Day-in-the-Life exercise is a compressed scenario designed to evaluate a member's ability to prioritize tasks, manage competing demands, complete required work, and professionally respond to incoming calls and situations. Participants must make outgoing calls, gather information, assign tasks, and manage workflow. During the critical incident, members are required to manage the situation and provide guidance to the officers involved. Candidates will also interact with a walk-in role player and conduct a one-on-one interview as part of the assessment.

Once the test is drafted, newly promoted lieutenants across the state complete the assessment to identify areas of improvement before it is implemented. This collaborative effort is essential to creating a thorough assessment for future leadership. Captain Scott A. Ballard (Q/HRD) emphasized the importance of utilizing lieutenants from across the state. "Bringing in the lieutenants from different components offers different viewpoints and experiences which can influence the test. The team begins working at least a year in advance to develop and revise the test."

The varying exercises and the time limit of the Assessment Center can be stressful. Every testing cycle, the tasks have changed, and sergeants don't know what they may encounter. Piles of paper can overtake the participant's desk, the phone can be constantly ringing, and there may be no time to think.

Even though the Assessment Center may be dramatized to an extent, it serves a very important purpose. "Now that I'm on the other side of the process, I can say that this stress is a fairly accurate reflection of a typical day in the life of a lieutenant. Having worked in both the Field Operations Bureau and the Human Resources Division, I often start the day with a plan, but just like working the road, priorities can shift instantly. A single high-priority issue can completely change the trajectory of the day," said Capt. Ballard.

It is highly recommended that those who want to participate in the Assessment Center study and train beforehand. Lieutenant Morgan B. Patterson (F) said, "Training is offered to all participants, and I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of it. Preparing for a role you've never performed can be challenging, and the training helps bridge that gap." He also recommends that participants familiarize themselves with their local troop staff before the Assessment Center. This familiarization can help participants learn key responsibilities, observe everyday processes, and be able to gain confidence before the assessment.

Capt. Ballard advises those who are preparing for the Assessment Center to "Be a student of the Patrol. Monitor IOCs, critical incidents, policy updates, new laws, new training, and other significant events—even when you're not directly involved. Watching how these situations unfold helps build a mental 'rolodex' of experiences to draw from, ultimately improving the speed and quality of your decision-making."

The Assessment Center has been used to build leadership throughout the Patrol for over 20 years. The impact of the Center is still felt. Every trooper who has been promoted to a command-officer level has gone through the Assessment Center. The skills that were developed and refined during those experiences have strengthened the Patrol and continue to become stronger.



54TH CADET CLASS GRADUATES

The 54th Cadet Patrol Academy Class completed one week of intense training, building the foundation for a career of service and protecting Missouri communities.

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

On Sunday, June 7, 2026, the Patrol welcomed the 54th Cadet Patrol Academy Class to General Headquarters. The joint program between the Patrol and the American Legion consisted of 19 cadets and two counselors, young men and women ages 16-18, who had an interest in gaining a greater understanding of law enforcement.

As soon as the cadets arrived at the Academy, they were instructed on the Patrol standard. Cadets learned how to properly wear their uniform, proper meal line procedures, and were given room inspections.

Each day, cadets started bright and early with running drills and participating in calisthenics. The next four days immersed the cadets in the life of a recruit for the Patrol. Cadets voted on class officers, participated in team building exercises, and learned about different divisions that make up the Patrol. Corporal Michael K. Halim (Q/TND) served as the coordinator for the 54th Cadet Class. "The most important aspect of the Cadet Academy is seeing these young men and women take part in something bigger than themselves, often for the first time in their lives. Even though this academy is a condensed, one-week version of the standard six-month training, we still give them a genuine look into the recruit experience." Cadets participated in firearms training, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course training, performed building searches, and took a a physical training test. They also learned about the various career paths available within the Patrol.

The 54th Cadet Class celebrated their completion of the Academy with a graduation ceremony that Friday. Colonel Michael A. Turner and Jerome Coolsby, State of Missouri Commander, spoke during the ceremony, commending the class on a job well done. When the young adults could have been enjoying their summers, they decided to gain new skills and learn more about law enforcement. The cadets were also given several awards; Male and Female Physical Fitness, Firearms, and the Ben Gooden Award.

Congratulations to the 54th Cadet Patrol Academy Class!



CADET CLASS AWARDS

FEMALE PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD
Phoebe Jones

MALE PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD
Clayton Archambault

FIREARMS AWARD
Jesse Kuntz

BEN GOODEN AWARD
Phoebe Jones



Remembering

CORPORAL GARY T. DANIELS

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

On Thursday, May 28, 2026, the Patrol lost one of its own, Corporal Gary T. Daniels (Q/TND). He dedicated 10 years of service to the Patrol and created a lasting impression on all he met during his years of serving the citizens of Missouri.

Gary was a native of San Bernardino, CA, and graduated from Onaga High School in Onaga, KS. During high school, he played football, basketball, and track. Gary continued to play football at Highland Community College and received his associate degree in criminal justice before transferring to Avila University in Kansas City, MO. He continued playing football and earned a bachelor's degree in criminology. After graduation, Gary worked as a youth care specialist for Marillac in Overland Park, KS.

During college, Gary took part in ride-alongs with multiple Kansas City area law enforcement agencies, including the Patrol. After each ride-along, he became more and more interested in joining the Patrol. On July 1, 2015, Gary became a member of the 101st Recruit Class. After graduating on December 18, 2015, he was then assigned to Troop C, Zone 3, serving the citizens of St. Louis and Jefferson counties. Gary then transferred to Troop A, serving the citizens of Bates County. In September 2019, he joined the Recruiting and Community Outreach Division as a recruiter for the Troop A and Troop H area. Gary became an instructor for the Training Division in the beginning of 2026 and served as a primary physical training instructor.

Those who knew Gary are aware of how caring, kind, and dependable he was. His presence alone could change the atmosphere of the room. He personified the core values of the Patrol to the fullest extent and served as strong example to both members and civilians of the Patrol. The 126th Recruit Class wrote of the inspiration he left with them. "As one of the primary physical training instructors, Cpl. Daniels never shied away from helping the recruits with exercises or assisting and educating those that were missing key points of movements. Simply put, on the last set of an exercise, the recruits push to give one more; on the final stretch of a run, you give it an all-out sprint. In every exercise done, you give it all and more, because that was the standard of Cpl. Gary Daniels."

With reverence, we remember Gary and the positive impact he made in his home, his community, and the Patrol. Gary is survived by his two daughters, wife, four brothers and three sisters, and his mother. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Daniels family.

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TIPS AND RESOURCES

FOR MENTAL WELLNESS

By Audrey A. Yates (Q/WU)

Often, you will hear about how working in the law enforcement field brings its own set of unique challenges, like an increased risk for developing certain health issues, both physically and mentally. Long shifts, exposure to trauma, and unpredictable hours can take a toll over time. It's easy for these stressors to become "part of the job," but that doesn't mean they should be ignored.

Mental health is complicated, especially in a profession that exposes people to intense pressure and unpredictable situations. There's never one single cause or a simple explanation when someone is struggling, and wellness steps alone can't prevent every challenge or crisis. What they *can* do is help us stay aware of how we're doing, recognize concerns sooner, and support each other as we navigate the realities of this work and life in general.

Take care of your basic needs: sleep, hydration, nutrition, and regular movement. Small, consistent habits go a long way toward staying resilient.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO:

Stay connected to people you trust—both in and outside of the Patrol. Talking things through helps you process stress in healthier ways.

Pay attention to changes in your physical or mental health. Early awareness and frequent check-ins with yourself make it easier to manage stress before it becomes overwhelming.

Reach out when things start feeling heavy. Asking for help is a sign of strength and a way to protect your well-being, not a sign that something is wrong with you.

As the Patrol continues to process the loss of Corporal Gary T. Daniels, we want to ensure employees know it's okay to seek support if you need it. No one has to navigate hard emotions alone. Here is a brief description of the resources available to employees and their families, however, full details and login information can be found on the Wellness Unit's SharePoint site.

DEFENSE PEER SUPPORT

The Patrol's DEFENSE program provides support to employees and their families experiencing work-related or general life stressors through peer support and the Post Critical Incident Seminar.

Peer Support offers access to specially trained and trusted co-workers who have a genuine desire to support you after a personal or professional crisis. These peer team members are employees who have faced similar situations themselves.

POST CRITICAL INCIDENT SEMINAR

The Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS) is another component of the DEFENSE program. PCIS is a three-day intensively focused therapeutic seminar to assist first responder personnel suffering from traumatic stress following their involvement in a critical incident(s).

If you want to get connected to a peer or learn more about PCIS, please call 573-522-7600 or email DEFENSE@mshp.dps.mo.gov.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

The Patrol's EAP offers a wide range of free services to support employees and members of their household. Services provided include confidential counseling, legal guidance, financial resources, and support for other challenges (child or elder care, moving and relocation, etc.).

CORDICO

The Cordico wellness platform provides 24/7 access to critical mental and behavioral health resources to all MSHP employees, spouses, and retirees. It is 100 percent confidential and anonymous because there is only one agency login (no personal logins).

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The Patrol Chaplains work closely with the DEFENSE Peer Team to provide nondenominational spiritual support and counseling to Patrol employees and members of their immediate families regardless of their religious affiliation or beliefs, when so desired by the affected employee.

988

If you or someone you know is struggling, you can call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. It's available 24/7 and offers confidential support from trained counselors.

FIRST RESPONDER PROVIDER NETWORK

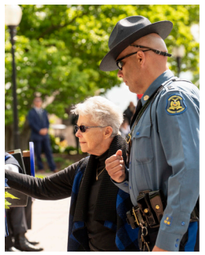
An identified list of trained behavioral health professionals who specialize in helping first responders struggling with depression, anxiety, relationships, post-traumatic stress symptoms, and more. The providers on this network understand our unique professional culture and are trusted and vetted by first responders. Their website is available at www.mofrpn.org

LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

2026







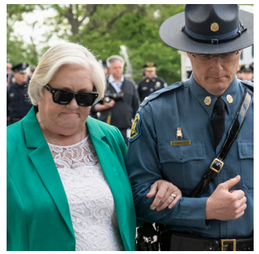















754 fallen heroes are now memorialized on the Wall of Honor.
Two law enforcement officers' names were added:

Officer Eddie A. May
EOW June 5, 2025
Bernie Police Department
30 years of dedicated service

K-9 Officer Henry Franklin
EOW October 6, 2025
Sikeston Department of Public Safety
12 years of dedicated service

MILES AND SMILES

PATROL RUNS IN ANNUAL TORCH RUN

Every year, the Patrol looks forward to the Law Enforcement Torch Run. This year, the 126th Recruit Class, GHQ, Troop F, and other law enforcement agencies joined the Special Olympics on May 20 to complete the Central Region leg of the Torch Run. The run consisted of four miles and ended their route at the Law Enforcement Memorial at the State Capitol in Jefferson City.

Troops around the state participated in their own legs of the Torch Run throughout the end of May. In total, 31 routes were run by law enforcement agencies. The summer games were held May 29-31 at Truman State University in Kirksville. Congratulations to all the athletes and Patrol members for a successful Torch Run!

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)


Troop C

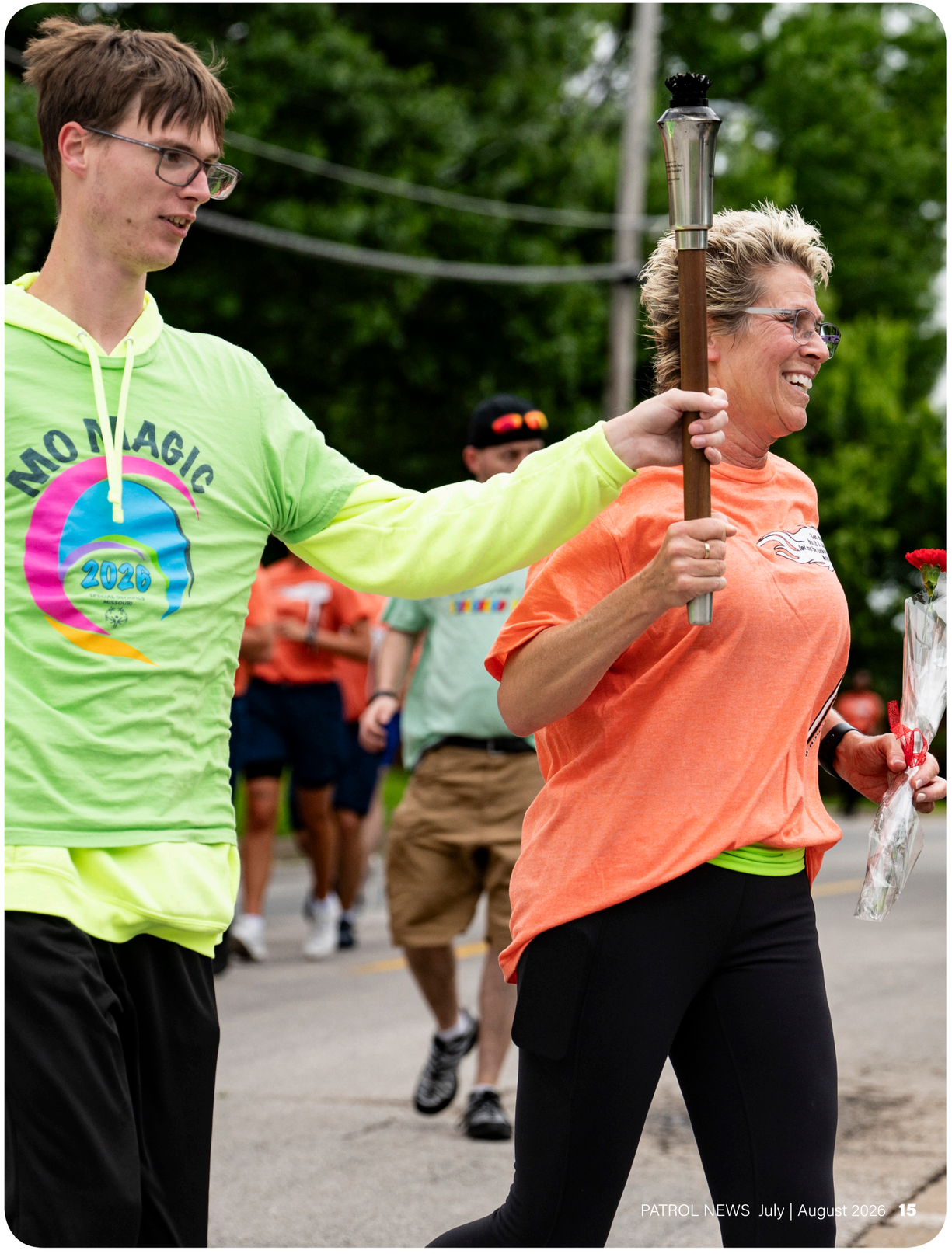

Troop G


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GHQ


Troop I


GHQ





ALL BETS ARE OFF

Illegal Gambling Unit Cracks Down On VLTs

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

Over the past several months, the Illegal Gambling Unit has successfully conducted three major search warrant operations targeting illegal gambling activities. Most recently, the Division of Drug and Crime Control (DDCC) has carried out enforcement operations in Dunklin, Greene, Boone, Miller, Dallas, and St. Francois counties. These operations have involved close collaboration with both city and county governments to address the spread of illicit gambling devices across the state.

In February 2026, a federal court ruled that video lottery terminal (VLT) devices, which had operated for years across Missouri, are illegal under state law. Following that ruling, the Missouri Attorney General's Office partnered with DDCC and other law enforcement agencies to investigate and seize the unlawful gambling devices.

The Illegal Gambling Unit's work demonstrates DDCC's commitment to protecting Missouri communities, supporting local governments, and enforcing state laws related to illegal gambling. The unit's proactive enforcement efforts have not only resulted in the removal of unlawful devices but have also strengthened interagency relationships with local and state agencies while working toward a common goal.

Sergeant Bradley R. Germann (Q/DDCC) stated, "Law enforcement agencies across the state understand these unregulated gambling devices are impacting nearly every community. From small towns to larger metropolitan areas, law enforcement and local governments have been concerned with the negative impact of these devices. In many cases, other criminal activities are associated with VLTs, including drug abuse and sales. DDCC has partnered with several agencies across this state to combat these illicit devices, and the currency seized is often filed for forfeiture. The investigations and operations take a considerable amount of planning and coordination. I believe our unit has made a significant impact thus far, and we look forward to future operations to combat these illegal devices and establishments."

> **"THESE UNREGULATED GAMBLING DEVICES ARE IMPACTING NEARLY EVERY COMMUNITY.**
> **- SGT. BRADLEY R. GERMANN (Q/DDCC)**

TIMELINE:

2/13/26
U.S. District Judge John Ross ruled against the use of VLTs

3/18/26
AGO files two felony counts of first-degree Promoting Gambling in Greene County: 12 devices & $36,909 seized

4/8/26
Torch Electronics, largest provider of illegal gambling devices, agrees to suspend all operations, effective April 10, 2026

4/12/26
Operation in Boone, Dallas, Jefferson, and Miller counties: 35 devices and $58,815 in U.S. currency seized

6/17/26
Seizure of 13 illegal electronic gambling devices, one kiosk, and $23,593 in St. Francois County.

HIGHWAY HIGHLIGHTS

Troopers go above and beyond to serve Missourians every day.



TROOPER BRADY A. SHOWS (A)

Trooper Brady A. Shows (A) left an impression on Deputy Chief Kent Pine from the Central Platte Fire Protection District. Deputy Chief Pine wrote, "I just wanted to reach out and tell you my experiences today with your Trooper. First call was an anxiety attack SB 29 and 19.8 ish. Second was an accident NB 29 at the 23-mile marker. What a classy man. Very polite, and very easy to communicate with. You all should be super proud!!! I'm sure this will not be our last encounter."



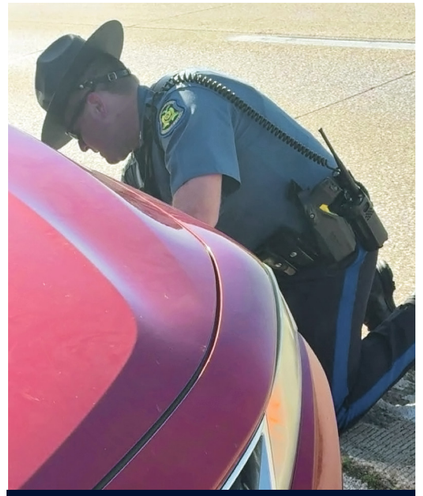
TROOPER AUSTIN M. JAMES (D)

Trooper Austin M. James (D) came upon a husband and wife with a flat tire on I-44. The couple was able to pull off to the shoulder, but it was very close to traffic, and the other side was a drop off in the road. Tpr. James immediately took control of the situation and was able to change the tire. The wife, Helen Williams wrote in her commendation, "He was very professional, polite, and went way beyond what we ever expected! Thank you so much, Trooper James! You really made our day! It was a bad situation, and you made it so much better! Thank you, thank you!"



TROOPER CHRISTIAN J. DRUM (A)

Ms. Susan Hill was traveling home from work on June 1, 2026, when her vehicle got a flat tire. Trooper Christian J. Drum (A) was in the nearby area and came to assist. "I knew when he got out of his car that I wasn't going to be stranded there by myself. His attitude showed that he was there to help, whatever my problem."



TROOPER PETER D. HUMMEL (B)
assisted a motorist who was stuck on the side of the highway. Tpr. Hummel stopped to check on the motorist and changed their flat tire.



TROOPER NATHAN M. BOGART (G)
assisted a citizen who needed help pumping her gas. A Facebook user wrote, ". . . he saw that she needed help and stepped right up. Thank you for being that police officer that helps no matter what."

MISSOURI LAW ENFORCEMENT

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TESTING

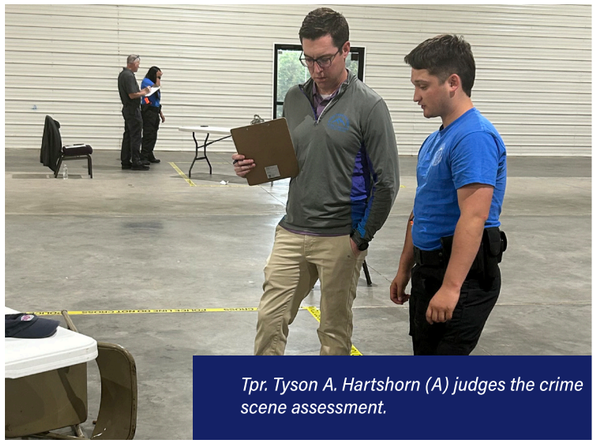
Students put their skills and knowledge to the test during crime scene and traffic stop assessments.



Sgt. Dallas R. Thompson (C) assists a student during a traffic stop assessment.



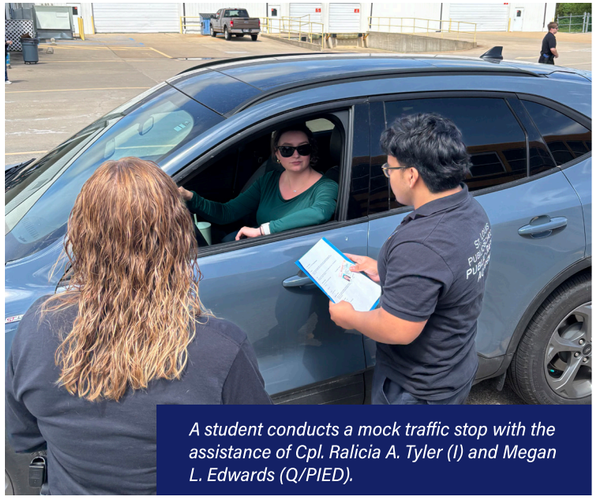
Chief Mike Russel, Blue Springs School District, grades a student during their crime scene investigation.



Tpr. Tyson A. Hartshorn (A) judges the crime scene assessment.



Lt. Eric F. Brown (Q/PIED) grades a student during their traffic stop assessment.



A student conducts a mock traffic stop with the assistance of Cpl. Ralicia A. Tyler (I) and Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED).

TWO NAMED HONORARY TROOPERS

By Sergeant Dallas R. Thompson (C)



Antony Woensdregt



Elijah Huddleston

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Troop C commanding officer, Captain Kevin W. Malugen awarded Honorary Trooper certificates to two individuals who sacrificed their own safety to help one of our troopers. Trooper Dalton B. Howell (C) submitted the following request to Colonel Michael A. Turner for his consideration [edited for space]:

"On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, I responded to an unknown injury crash on westbound Missouri 30 at Route PP, in Jefferson County. When I arrived, a witness stated the driver of the vehicle traveled through a solid red traffic signal and struck another motorist. The driver then took his dog out of the vehicle and began to walk away. I activated my emergency equipment and traveled westbound where I observed the white male carrying his dog.

I exited my patrol vehicle and instructed the man to stop walking. The man stopped momentarily and stated he was in a crash but was okay. He stated he was 'going to church' and began walking away. I instructed him to stop multiple times. However, he continued to walk away, ignoring my commands. I grabbed the man's right arm and attempted an arm drag to subdue him. He began to push away from me, attempting to have his dog attack me by giving his dog verbal attack commands. I pushed away from him, created distance, and drew my TASER. A citizen, later identified as Elijah Huddleston, stopped his vehicle and began running toward the man. Huddleston grabbed the man by the waistband and pushed him to the ground. I secured my TASER and gained side control of the man. Huddleston secured the man's legs by laying on them as I continued to struggle to handcuff him.



Elijah Huddleston, Capt. Malugen, Antony Woensdregt, and Tpr. Howell pose for a photo during the Honorary Trooper ceremony.

Another citizen, later identified as Antony Woensdregt, observed the driver's dog running around Huddleston and I, and came to assist without hesitation. Woensdregt did not know if the dog was aggressive as it ran around us. Woensdregt distracted the dog as Huddleston and I were eventually able to get the man in handcuffs. The man was having a mental health episode and attempted to leave the scene of an crash with physical injury to the other driver.

Without Mr. Huddleston and Mr. Woensdregt's help, the ability to control the man safely without bodily harm would have been much more difficult. The driver was 6'5" and approximately 180 pounds. Their willingness to help, without being prompted, shows their high moral compass and character. Mr. Huddleston and Mr. Woensdregt put themselves in a dangerous situation without hesitation in helping a law enforcement officer, and that type of selfless action should be commended."

Colonel Turner gave a favorable endorsement, saying, "Elijah and Antony demonstrated exceptional courage, selflessness, and a deep commitment to the safety of others. Without hesitation and with no obligation to act, they placed themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety of a law enforcement officer and the public. Their actions reflect the highest ideals of service, bravery, and integrity; qualities that are the foundation of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. In a moment that required immediate action, they answered the call, showing resolve and character that embodies their immense respect for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and law enforcement in general. For their extraordinary actions and unwavering courage, I favorably endorse the request to acknowledge Elijah James Huddleston and Antony Woensdregt as honorary troopers."

During a ceremony at the Troop C Headquarters, Mr. Huddleston and Mr. Woensdregt received the Honorary Trooper Certificates for their actions.

Obituaries



Samuel Rayfield

SAMUEL G. RAYFIELD

On May 21, 2026, Samuel G. Rayfield passed away at the age of 57. Samuel joined the Patrol in 1997 as a communications operator. He retired in 2023 after 26 years of dedicated service. He was married to his high school sweetheart, CDL Examiner Anne M. Rayfield (I) for 33 years. Samuel is survived by his wife and three children, Rachel, Bethany, and Jacob. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Rayfield family.



Kenneth Harris

KENNETH G. HARRIS

Kenneth G. Harris passed away on May 15, 2026, at the age of 79. Kenneth proudly served in the United States Coast Guard for 24 years, dedicating much of his life to serving his country. He joined the Patrol in 2002 as a Troop C motor vehicle inspector. He retired in 2010 after eight years of dedicated service. Kenneth is survived by his six children, son-in-law, three sisters, 29 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren. To learn more about Kenneth, please visit the Pitman Funeral Home website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Harris family.



Jim Fuller

JAMES D. FULLER

On May 25, James D. "Jim" Fuller passed peacefully at home surrounded by family. Jim grew up in Poplar Bluff, MO, and served as a military police sergeant in the United States Army. He joined the Patrol in 1968. Jim retired in 1995 with nearly 30 years of dedicated service. Jim is survived by his son, Cameron (Carlin) Fuller; life partner Vickie Salmons; sisters Candy and Connie Stour; adopted daughter Carola; two grandsons; and five great-grandchildren. To learn more about Jim, please visit the Parker Mortuary and Crematory website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Fuller family.



Tom Hoelscher

THOMAS A. HOELSCHER

On May 24, Thomas A. "Tom" Hoelscher passed away at the Harry S. Truman V.A. Hospital, with is his family by his side. Tom proudly served in the United States Army from January 15, 1981, until June 16, 1993. He then began his career with the Patrol in 1994 as part of the Construction and Maintenance Division. Tom retired in 2017 after 23 years of dedicated service. He is survived by his wife, Karen, five children, 22 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three brothers, one stepsister, and many other loving relatives and friends. To learn more about Tom, please visit the Freeman Mortuary website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Hoelscher family.



Mark Eveler

MARK H. EVELER

Mark H. Eveler passed away on June 1, 2026, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Mark served in the United States Navy from September 1956 to December 1959. He joined the Patrol as a budgetary and fiscal analyst on April 1, 1960. He retired after 34 years of dedicated service in 1994. Mark is survived by his loving wife, Laverne; his children, Donna (Randy) Seidel, Tina (Randy) Werner, Lisa (Marc) Patten; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way, his sisters-in-law, Pat Licher, Dorothy Kroll, and Dixie Kroll. To learn more about Mark, please visit the Trimble Funeral Home website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Eveler family.



Harold Reynolds

HAROLD D. REYNOLDS

On June 1, 2026, Harold D. Reynolds passed away. Harold enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1950 during the Korean War. He was awarded several medals during his service. He earned a battlefield promotion to sergeant on March 1, 1952, at the Inje River Bottoms. In 1954, Harold joined the Patrol and served the citizens of Troop D for over 35 years. Harold is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mary Jo Buitt Reynolds; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Melisa; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. To learn more about Harold, please visit the Green Lawn Funeral Home website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Reynolds family.



Carla Doll

CARLA J. DOLL

Carla J. Doll passed away at the age of 69, after a brave fight with cancer. Carla joined the Patrol in 1985 and retired as a senior CJIS manager in 2011. She dedicated 26 years of service to the Patrol. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Doll family.



Steve Barker

STEPHEN L. BARKER

Reverand Stephen L. "Steve" Barker passed away into the arms of the Lord on June 13, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. Steve was a man of faith, knowledge, and wisdom who enjoyed sharing those gifts with those he met. He served for several years as pastor of Good Shepherd Christian Church in Blue Springs, MO. Steve later moved to the Hannibal area and faithfully ministered at First Christian Church until his retirement in 2021. At the time of his passing, he was serving as pastor of Palmyra Presbyterian Church. Throughout his life, Steve faithfully served as a chaplain for many first responder and law enforcement agencies, including the Patrol as a chaplain for Troop B. To learn more about Steve, please visit the Smith Funeral Home and Chapel website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Barker family.



Bill Welch

WILLIAM C. WELCH

On June 13, 2026, William C. "Bill" Welch, passed away at his home, in rural Clinton, MO. Bill began his career in law enforcement with his enlistment in the U.S. Air Force in 1978 where he served as a member of the 96th Security Police Squadron. He joined the Patrol in 2002 as a Criminal Justice Information System Trainer/Auditor. He dedicated 18 years of service before retiring in 2020. Bill is survived by his children, Billy Joe Welch, Corey Welch, and Arianna (Kevin) Abbey, two grandchildren, his sister, Debbie, and two nieces. To learn more about Bill, please visit the Hidden Valley Funeral Homes website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Welch family.



Lionel Daugherty

LIONEL A. DAUGHERTY

Lionel A. Daugherty passed away on June 3, 2026, surrounded by his family. Lionel's career started by working in the wiring department at Royal McBee Corporation in Springfield, MO. After playing on a men's softball team with newly recruited Missouri State Highway Patrol members, Lionel was inspired to apply to the Patrol Academy. He was appointed to the Patrol on November 1, 1973, and served the citizens of Troop G for 30 years. Lionel is survived by his two daughters, Caron (Kory) Mitchell and Casey Daugherty; sister, Della (Tony) Lavonne Isaacs; sister-in-law Viola Daugherty, brother-in-law Danny (Jenny) Johns, sister-in-law Cathryn (Terry) Bumgarner, sister-in-law Cindy (Faron) Adamson, brother-in-law Rick (Jinhua) Johns; cousins, nieces, nephews, and many, many great friends. To learn more about Lionel, please visit the Adams Funeral Home website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Daugherty family.



Adam Buff

ADAM K. BUFF

Adam K. Buff passed away on May 27, 2026. Adam joined the Patrol in 1996 and retired after 26 years of dedicated service in 2022. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Buff family.



Cindy Dudgeon

LUCINDA R. "CINDY" DUDGEON

Lucinda R. "Cindy" Dudgeon passed away on July 26, 2026, at her residence. Cindy was a lifelong dedicated public servant and dedicated 17 years of service to the Patrol. She was the assistant director of the Missouri Information and Analysis Center. Cindy took the most pride in being a mother and grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Larry; sons, Scott (Katie) Stranghoener, Ryan Stranhoener and fiancé Catherine Guthrie, and Steven Brandhorst; stepson, Ethan Klausner; daughter-in-law, Mary Kohrmann; two brothers, four sisters, and 11 grandchildren. To learn more about Cindy, please visit the Gottenstroeter Funeral Home, Inc. website. The Patrol extends to sincerest condolences to the Dudgeon family.

spotlight on Wellness

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS SPOTLIGHT

By Audrey A. Yates (Q/WU)

SERGEANT
Bryan Long

Sgt. Bryan W. Long serves as a Troop F trainer.



Sgt. Long with his wife, Angel



Sgt. Long trains Rct. Romano

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAY WELLNESS DRAWING WINNER!

DE Supervisor Marlene J. Jones (C)

1. What does wellness mean to you?

Wellness, to me, is just being balanced mentally, physically, and emotionally. It's about staying active, eating right, and taking care of my body so I can perform my best. It also includes managing stress, staying disciplined, and maintaining routines that will help me in my long-term health—physically and mentally.

2. How do you prioritize wellness in your day?

I prioritize my wellness by staying consistent with exercising, eating right, making sure I get enough sleep, and managing my stress so I can try to be my best self every day.

3. What healthy habit or routine helps you stay at your best?

My biggest healthy habit that has helped me the most, not just physically but mentally, is having a consistent workout routine. Exercising keeps me physically strong, improves my endurance, and helps me stay mentally focused and disciplined. It reduces my stress and helps me with having a good amount of energy in my day.

4. What's something the Patrol offers that supports your wellness goals?

One thing the Patrol provides that really supports my wellness is the access to a fitness facility. Being able to take care of my physical health during the workday helps me in a big way.

5. What's your favorite way to recharge outside of work?

I feel most recharged when I'm with my family, especially when we're outside hiking or kayaking. On some days, relaxing at home and watching TV together is exactly what I need.

SCAN TO JOIN OUR WELLNESS EMAIL LIST!

DID YOU KNOW?

You and your spouse have 24/7 free access to the Cordico wellness platform.

The Cordico wellness platform provides 24/7 access to critical mental and behavioral health resources to all MSHP employees AND families. It is 100% confidential and anonymous because ther is only one agency login (no personal login). Therefore, no personal information is ever requested or stored, and there is no data/history saved to a device. The Patrol's Cordico wellness platform is available to all active employees, spouses, and retirees.

You will find contact information for the Patrol's peer support team members and chaplains, along with access to a library of self-guided resources to address stress, fatigue, trauma, and more. You will also find on-demand tools and education to help build healthy habits.

You can access Cordico by downloading it from your phone's app store or on a desktop at: https://wellness.cordico.com/login

LOGIN INFORMATION:

Department ID:
- Active Employees: MSHP-A
- Spouses: MSHP-S
- Retirees: MSHP-R

Department Code:

Patrol1931

SAVE *the* DATES!

- **PCIS #19:** February 22-24, 2027
- **PCIS #20:** April 19-21, 2027
- **PCIS #21:** October 18-20, 2027

LEARN MORE:
https://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/HRD/PCIS/index.html

Wellness DRAWING

As a thank you for taking time to stay informed and engaged with your well-being, we're offering a monthly prize drawing. Simply complete the short form linked below to enter. It only takes a minute, and all employees are welcome to participate.

Enter Here!

https://forms.office.com/g/hvYmf9Ay04

Congratulations ON YOUR RETIREMENT



RANDALL K. COOPER
CVO Sprvsr.
Troop E
Retired June 1, 2026
24 years of dedicated service



DAVID L. GIPSON
Corporal
Troop B
Retired June 1, 2026
14 years, 1 mo. of dedicated service



BRIAN K. HOEY
Division Director
Q/CLD
Retired June 1, 2026
33 years, 5 mo. of dedicated service



KRISTEN L. HOEY
Forensic Scientist
Q/CLD
Retired June 1, 2026
33 years, 7 mo. of dedicated service



BENJAMIN L. ISRAEL
Trooper 1st Class
Troop H
Retired June 1, 2026
27 years, 5 mo. of dedicated service



KURT S. MERSEAL
Sergeant
Q/WPD
Retired June 1, 2026
29 years, 8 mo. of dedicated service



LARRY D. MEYERS
Driver Examiner
Troop H
Retired June 1, 2026
16 years of dedicated service



SHAWN P. SKOGLUND
Captain
Troop H
Retired June 1, 2026
31 years, 5 mo. of dedicated service



JIMMY P. STROUP
Driver Examiner Sprvsr.
Troop H
Retired June 1, 2026
8 years of dedicated service



JANA M. VANDEGRIFF
Accounts Assistant
Q/BPD
Retired June 1, 2026
26 years of dedicated service



SEAN D. JACOBS
Sr. Auto/Marine Tech
Troop A
Retired July 1, 2026
29 years, 3 mo. of dedicated service



SCOTT L. NELSON
Sergeant
Troop G
Retired July 1, 2026
32 years of dedicated service



SHAWN L. PRICE
Sergeant
Q/AD
Retired July 1, 2026
29 years, 6 mo. of dedicated service



SHERI L. REEVES
Admin. Support Asst.
Troop D
Retired July 1, 2026
17 years, 9 mo. of dedicated service



JEFFREY B. SHINKLE
Comm. Operator
Troop F
Retired July 1, 2026
16 years, 1 mo. of dedicated service

PATROL HISTORY

By Sgt. E. M. Raub (Q/RDD)

The Ford Model A Roadster was a good choice as the first patrol car for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. At a price of $413.18 each, they were purchased through the Ford dealer at Steelville, MO.

One of the chief reasons that they were well suited for their mission was that they were lightweight. While today, we feel that a heavier car gives better road ability, the lighter weight was desirable in the early thirties for another reason. Few paved roads existed at that time, many highways were gravel, and most roads were mud. While paved roads and bridges were under construction, it was common for the road to ford small streams. During the daytime, construction workers would sometimes help motorists through the streams, but at night, it was everyone for themselves. Getting stuck was common.

The lightweight Roadsters could be freed from a muddy rut by putting the car in a forward gear while the driver pried against the rear of the car with an old fence post (most bad places in the road had a post nearby just for that purpose which, after use, was to be left there for the next person who found themselves in the same predicament).

In the mid '30s, one Troop B officer returned from his patrol route late one evening, completely covered with mud. When asked about his condition, he explained that while prying his patrol car out of a creek bed, he had slipped and fallen face-first in the mud. After getting back on his feet, he realized that his patrol car had lurched free and was driving slowly away without him. Covered with mud, he chased the car, retrieved it without further incident, and headed for his hometown.

For those who thought that driving with the top down on these Roadsters was the only problem faced by the original force of patrolmen, this is just one more of many trials and tribulations these men faced as part of 'routine patrol.'

(This article was printed originally in the August 1984 issue of the Patrol News. Captain Raub is now retired.)

YEARBOOK UPDATE

The Public Information and Education Division (PIED) has been working hard with Acclaim Press to create a yearbook for the Patrol's 95th Anniversary. PIED will be receiving a drafted version of the yearbook in September and will give Acclaim Press any edits by the end of the month. Once any edits are made, the yearbook will be printed and mailed to customers by the end of October.

Questions?

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Ret. Capt. Mark G. Inman - father

Ret. DE Virgina K. Estes - brother

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CDL Examiner Anne M. Rayfield (I) - husband

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thank you

Thank you to the Patrol family for all the cards, messages, and prayers after the passing of Cindy. It was very comforting and appreciated by our family.

- Family of Cindy Dudgeon

LOOKING BACK IN THE PATROL NEWS



30 YEARS AGO

The August 1996 edition of the Patrol News featured the Patrol's 25th Annual Employees' and Retirees' Golf Tournament. 60 golfers participated and Cpl. William M. "Mitch" Bush and Capt. Clark N. Stratton became tournament champions after shooting a 70.



50 YEARS AGO

Jeanne Pruett, a noted country singer, took time to record traffic safety public service announcements for the Patrol. A photo from the recording was shared in the August 1976 edition of the Patrol News.


My Adventures In Washington, D.C.

By Ralph A. Tatoian Jr.

When I was off the plane a whole that showed a big blue man all above us.

Ralph Tatoian Jr. stands with Colonel Roger D. Stuttlemyer.

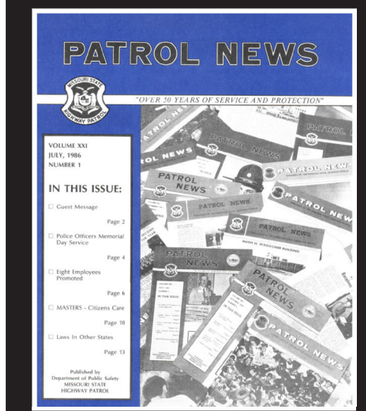
President George W. Bush poses with (from left) Samantha, Ralph Jr., and Deborah Tatoian.

Lt. Lee Ann Kinley escorts the Tatoian family (Deborah, Ralph Jr., Samantha, and Max) during the memorial ceremony in Washington, D.C.

0 Memorial/July-August 2006

20 YEARS AGO

A special section of the July/August 2006 edition of the Patrol News served as a memorial to those killed in the line of duty. Featured articles included a story written by Tpr. Ralph A. Tatoian Jr., Associate Editor Michelle Friedrich from the Daily American Republic, Sergeant Al E. Raetz, and Mrs. Jennifer Sampietro's message from the Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Springfield, MO.


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40 YEARS AGO

The Patrol News celebrated 20 years of publishing in July 1986. The cover of the July 1986 edition of the Patrol News featured past editions. The editor, Dean Hollis, wrote a happy birthday message announcing the 20 years.


— Constitution

competition. But, the students were happy they participated.

"I think it's a good project to continue to pursue," said Ann Garrison, a journalism major. "I didn't think it was going to be so in-depth as it is. I thought it would be more observation and I didn't realize how much (in the journalistic, criminal justice, political science) was good. It was more like real life."

"I like that it has real world application," said Jan Tinnel, a senior. "You can read about how things will happen, but being there to see what it would be like in real life is a good experience." If given the opportunity, Denise said she would participate again.

The student "attorneys" argue their case in the Supreme Court chamber during the last part of the competition.

MSHP Featured In FBI Training

By Trainer/Auditor IV Chris L. Parr, Q/CJSD

In April 2016, the MSHP CJIS Division received notification from the FBI CJIS Training Unit that Missouri had been selected as the setting for a training video for the NCIC Sex Offender File. This video will be released to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies nationwide to help NCIC users understand how Sex Offender information is stored and queried in NCIC.

The Missouri Capitol building, MSHP SVOC truck, Jefferson City's Riverside Park, the Cole County Courthouse, and a private residence in Jefferson City were used as backdrops for several mock scenarios involving law enforcement coming into contact with registered sex offenders. Members of the CJIS Division got to play "bad guys" and officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City Police Department, and Cole County Sheriff's Department were the law enforcement roles. In order to maintain anonymity, players will be uncredited and the scenes were shot in such a way as

Manager Theresa A. Hahn, Program Manager Kerry K. Crouch, Trainer/Auditor IV Chris L. Parr, Trainer/Auditor IV Bruce D. Snider, Technician III Tiffany M. Garrett, Technician II John M. Ballou, Program Supervisor Jennifer L. Hulse, Technician III Pam M. Keeler, Jr. Technician III Michelle E. Pfeiffer, Communications Specialists Jan Reed Tinnel, Jackson, of the Cole County Sheriff's Department, also played roles in the video.

Officers featured in the film are Corporal Kyle A. Green, Trooper Marylyn A. Dickens, and Trooper Cody A. Naramore. Also, Trooper Trenton T. Abbott, Trooper David Mayo, Sergeant Jason Payne, and Detective Curt Finke from the Jefferson City Police Department, and Special Agent Todd Morrow from the Cole County Sheriff's Department.

Tpr. Marylyn Dickens, Troop C, prepares to record a training scene prior to shooting a traffic stop scene for the FBI's new Sex Offender File training video.

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10 YEARS AGO

10 years - CJIS employees were featured in the FBI CJIS Training Unit's film on the NCIC Sex Offender Filer. The video was released to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies nationwide. To learn more about the training video and those in the Patrol involved, please read the 2016 July/August edition of the Patrol News.

IN IT TO WIN IT: GHQ HOSTS TOP TROOPER COMPETITION

By Megan L. Edwards (Q/PIED)

Four troopers competed in the Top Trooper competition held at General Headquarters to determine who would represent Missouri at the national competition later this year. The competition spanned two days' worth of events including a physical fitness test, firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC), and an interview. Representing Troop F was Trooper Collin J. Nichols, Trooper Dean M. Hagenhoff, and Trooper Jaclyn P. Heil. Corporal Christopher R. Kottwitz represented Troop B.

The first day consisted of EVOC and the physical fitness test. Troopers competed on the green course, a POST practical for EVOC courses. They ran the course twice and their times were averaged. The course had multiple areas of obstacles, and if hit, five seconds were added to the competitor's time. While completing the course, Tpr. Nichols thought back to his training. "I was taught in the Academy that it does not matter what speed you can get your vehicle to if you cannot get there safely. Not driving over my abilities allows me to maneuver and control the car better. . . On the EVOC track, you get to drive fast to push your limits as a driver." Tpr. Nichols' training paid off and he won the male category by one second.

The physical fitness test was comprised of two circuit exercises – cardio and weightlifting. The circuit lasted for 20 minutes and participants had to complete 10 rounds. Competitors were graded on the number of calories burned while using the designated cardio machine for the round. Cpl. Kottwitz described the fitness portion of the competition as both physically demanding and mentally challenging. "As I progressed through each stage of the competition, I felt a combination of determination and focus to perform at a high level. The intensity of the competition pushed me to rely on the tireless training I had invested, ensuring I represented the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Troop B in a positive light. Throughout the rigorous competition, I kept my wife and children at the forefront of my mind. Thinking about them and the unwavering support they provide gave me the motivation to push through fatigue, remain focused, and give my best effort in every event." After a grueling day, Cpl. Kottwitz was announced as the male winner of the physical fitness test.

The second day continued to push the competitors. At the outdoor range, troopers had to complete a workout consisting of both cardio and weightlifting before firing any firearms. Tpr. Hagenhoff said, "The firearms portion was especially challenging because it incorporated physical fitness into the course. By the time we reached the shooting stage, our hearts were around 180 beats per minute, so it took controlled breathing and intense focus to perform well. Fortunately, I had attended red dot training about a week beforehand and had plenty of practice." After completing a round of shots, competitors went right back into lifting weights, running 150 meters back to the original workout station, and completing five sandbag over/unders before starting the next round.

Troopers then had to shoot from behind a v-tac barricade. Five ports were available and two shots had to be fired from each port at the target. The exercise was timed and judged on the accuracy of the shots. The third and final portion of the firearms assessment consisted of the participant firing their rifle at a target 25 yards away for five rounds, moving up five feet, firing at the target again









CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP TROOPERS!



TOP FEMALE COMPETITOR
Tpr. Jaclyn P. Heil
Troop F



TOP MALE COMPETITOR
Cpl. Christopher R. Kottwitz
Troop F

> "Although it was a competition, we were still a **TEAM OF TROOPERS.**"
>
> — Tpr. Collin Nichols

until they reached the five-foot mark, and then using their pistol to fire five shots on the target. Tpr. Heil echoed the encouragement that every competitor received: "During this competition, everyone was so encouraging and helpful. The comaradery of the Patrol is what sets us apart."

The Top Trooper competition allowed participants from different zones and troops to interact with their fellow members that they may not have had the opportunity to previously. Tpr. Hagenhoff said, "One of my favorite parts was the opportunity to compete alongside troopers from across Troop F and throughout the state. It allowed me to build connections in a fun environment. The entire experience was highly competitive and pushed me to bring everything I had in every facet of the competition."

The day was almost over, but participants still had to complete an interview. Each trooper completed an interview focused on leadership. How they lead, where they draw inspiration from, how they showed leadership to their fellow competitors, as well as how they would show leadership for the Patrol at the national competition. Tpr. Heil reflected on what she learned about herself during the process by saying, "I am capable of more than I believe."

Competitors became proud of their accomplishments during the two days and became even more motivated to continue training. Tpr. Nichols reflected, "I would describe my experience as a blessing. I got to push myself physically and mentally through the different phases of law enforcement. I want to be able to perform in all these categories to the best of my ability because one day, someone's life may depend on how in shape I am, how well I can drive, and how well I am able to shoot a firearm in a high stress scenario. This competition allowed me to see what I needed to improve upon to make myself the best trooper I can be. I have been training in the gym and at the range more since this competition than I had previously to work on bettering myself."

After a long two days, those who participated in the Top Trooper Competition gathered at the Academy for the announcement of the winners. Representing the Patrol at the National Top Trooper Competition in Ohio will be Tpr. Heil and Tpr. Nichols. Major Kirk A. Davis (Q/ASB) said, "The comradery displayed between the competitors was exceptional. The encouragement, the mutual respect and the will to push each other was amazing to watch. I would like to congratulate each competitor on their willingness to show up and look forward to the national competition where Trooper Nichols and Trooper Heil will represent our agency in a positive light. I would encourage everyone to participate in future Top Trooper competitions."

Editor's Note: Cpl. Kottwitz was the overall male top trooper, but due to the Ohio State Patrol's rule changes, Tpr. Nichols will compete in his place.

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL'S

PATROL UNIVERSITY

EXPANDS STUDENT HORIZONS IN HIGH SCHOOLS



By Corporal Ralicia A. Tyler (I)

What started in universities has now been brought to high schools. Rolla Technical Center (RTC) and Lake Career and Technical Center (LTC) were the first two schools to attend the Patrol University, which is now growing to many more schools in the state.

The goal of Patrol University is straightforward: give students a realistic, hands-on look at the many specialized careers within the Patrol. Each week, students met with a different Patrol division, learning not just what troopers do on the road, but how the agency operates far beyond traffic stops. The program highlighted the wide range of career paths available, from emergency response to high-tech investigations and real-world stories that brought law enforcement to life.

Students didn't just hear about the Patrol—they experienced it. Every session highlighted a different unit, showing the range of opportunities available.

Patrol University allowed students to experience the following:

PATROL OPERATIONS
Students learned how troopers respond to emergencies, conduct traffic stops, and serve and protect the citizens of Missouri.

K-9
Troopers demonstrated detection work, tracking, and the deep bond between handlers and their dogs.

WATER PATROL DIVISION
Troopers showcased specialized equipment, discussed boating safety and enforcement responsibilities, and how to conduct search and rescue operations on waterways.

MAJOR CRASH INVESTIGATION UNIT
Troopers demonstrated how the unit uses advanced technology, forensic mapping, and evidence analysis to determine factors that contribute to complex crash investigations.

DIVISION OF DRUG AND CRIME CONTROL
Investigators demonstrated how evidence is collected, documented, and analyzed. The students investigated a mock crime scene, giving them a firsthand look at the work involved in processing a crime scene and supporting criminal investigations.

AIRCRAFT DIVISION (AD)
Students learned how AD supports traffic enforcement, pursuits, search-and-rescue missions, and disaster response.

BOMB SQUAD
Members showcased specialized equipment and explained the techniques used to identify, assess, and neutralize potential hazards while protecting the public. The Bomb Squad brought real-world examples of explosive devices.

MISSOURI INFORMATION ANALYSIS CENTER (MIAC)
Analysts explained how intelligence gathering, data analysis, and interagency communication help prevent crime and protect communities.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT
Officers explained how they inspect commercial vehicles and enforce both state and federal regulations.

"One of the best opportunities I've ever been given..."

The program concluded with a Patrol University graduation, where students received certificates recognizing their participation and dedication. Troopers, instructors, and families attended, celebrating the students' willingness to learn about public service and the responsibilities that come with it.

Educators at both technical centers say the program's impact is clear. By giving students direct access to troopers and specialized units, Patrol University helps them understand not only the skills required but the values that guide the Patrol: service, integrity, and professionalism.



The Aircraft Division shows off an N95MP.

Major Mark Bailey (RTC) stated, "We are thankful to have been included in Patrol University this year. We have been one of only two high school-level career centers in the state to be able to participate in the program. During the school year, the Patrol brought many divisions within their agency into our classroom and brought to life before our students all aspects of a state law-enforcement agency. Patrol University was a great complement to our curriculum and offered many diverse hands-on learning experiences. The students looked forward to every new opportunity to have a trooper in the classroom. Troopers and support staff also showcased their capabilities outside of the classroom with the aviation unit, the K-9 unit, and the dive team all making fun and educational appearances. Several of my students have gravitated toward wanting to serve with the Patrol over the course of the year. We're very thankful that they included us in this year's Patrol University program, and we look forward to next year."

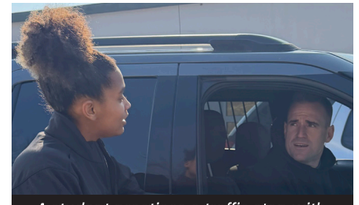
Student Carter Reeves summed his experience, "One of the best opportunities I've ever been given was the opportunity to attend Patrol University with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It allowed me to see firsthand the dedication, professionalism, and service that defines the Patrol. It has inspired me to pursue my dream of becoming a trooper. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is the best agency ever."

Student Jamis Borg said, "Patrol University opened my eyes to the wide variety of career paths available within the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It demonstrated that no matter what your background, skills, or interests, there are opportunities to build a meaningful career in public service."

Instructor Ryan Stiffler (LCTC) stated, "Patrol University provided an outstanding experience for our criminal justice students. Through engaging presentations, hands-on practical exercises, and direct interaction with Patrol personnel, students gained valuable insight into diverse career opportunities and responsibilities within the Patrol. Their professionalism, expertise, and commitment to mentoring future safety professionals made a lasting impact on our students."


Students learn about the responsibilities of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division.


Students learn about the Bomb Squad and the vital role its members play in protecting the community.


A student practices a traffic stop with Cpl. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD).

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Patrol University connects students with real careers and real purpose, helping shape the next generation of leaders in public safety.



RTC students graduate from Patrol University.

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