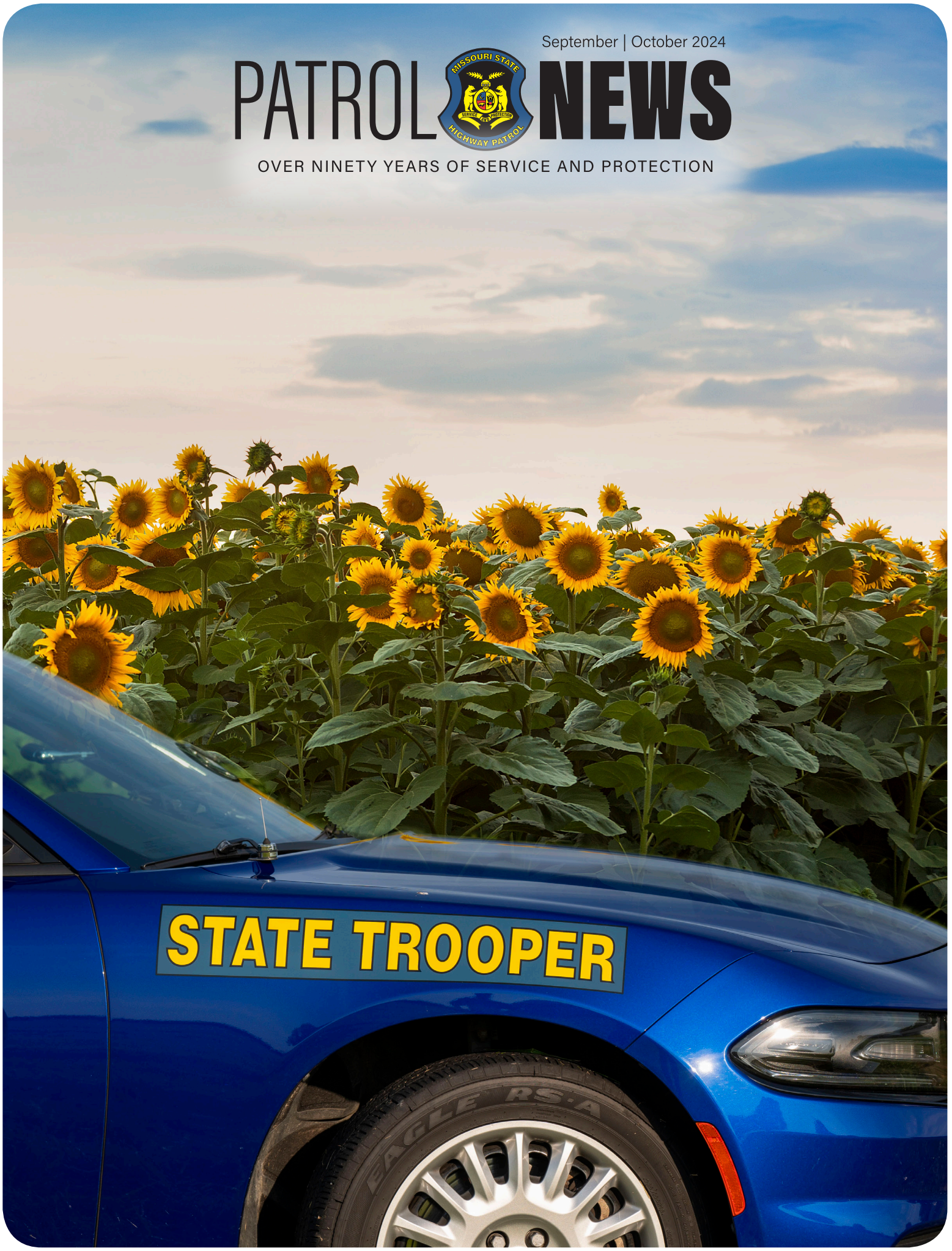
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OVER NINETY YEARS OF SERVICE AND PROTECTION



from the STAFF



Major Corey Schoeneberg
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In 1931, the first Missouri State Highway Patrol fleet consisted of 36 new Ford Model A roadsters, a Plymouth sedan, an Oldsmobile, a Ford sedan, a Buick, and three Chevrolets. Also included in the fleet were 12 Harley Davidson, three Indian, and two Henderson motorcycles. The Model A roadsters were purchased for $413.18 each and were equipped with twin Klaxon horns, a spotlight, a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, and an electric "PATROL" sign behind the right side of the windshield.

A lot has changed since 1931, and the modern police vehicle has evolved significantly, integrating advanced technologies that enhance law enforcement capabilities. Today, our fleet consists of 1,330 vehicles, 150 vessels, and the cost to purchase 471 new vehicles during fiscal year 2024 exceeded 19 million dollars. Each enforcement vehicle is equipped with nearly $40,000 worth of equipment and advanced technologies like sirens, emergency lights, MOSWIN radios, mobile computer device (MCD), Cradlepoint, in-car video camera system, body worn camera, etc. For many Patrol employees, these portable workstations are a crucial tool in the delivery of the services they provide.

Legislation created in 1983 is the basis for today's Missouri State Highway Patrol fleet program. Our fleet program is the best in the nation, a major public investment, and a valuable resource. With nearly 28 million miles driven and over 8,000 vessel engine hours annually, it is imperative to stay on top of preventative maintenance schedules to preserve the functionality of the fleet. Our automotive technicians generate more than 10,000 service tickets each year. From upfitting new Patrol vehicles, to maintenance, to trouble shooting complex systems, automotive technicians play a vital role in keeping the Patrol operating efficiently. The collaboration between the Fleet and Facilities Division, Communication Division, and Criminal Justice Information Services Division ensures our fleet, and the included technology, is in optimal condition for reliable performance. We are so very fortunate to have great employees and an excellent fleet program.

As technology continues to advance, police vehicles will continue to evolve, and our fleet will remain an indispensable asset that empowers our ability to accomplish our mission and achieve our vision.



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ON THE COVER

This photo was taken at South Farm in Boone County. South Farm is part of MU's mission to support the research, outreach, and teaching missions of animal science, plant science, and veterinary science. The Dodge Charger's polished exterior gleams under the golden sunlight, contrasting beautifully with the vibrant yellow blooms stretching endlessly toward the horizon.

SOCIAL MEDIA SNAPSHOT

National Dog Day is August 26. On this day, we love to show off the Patrol's K-9 team! This year we featured the K-9 Unit's trading cards.

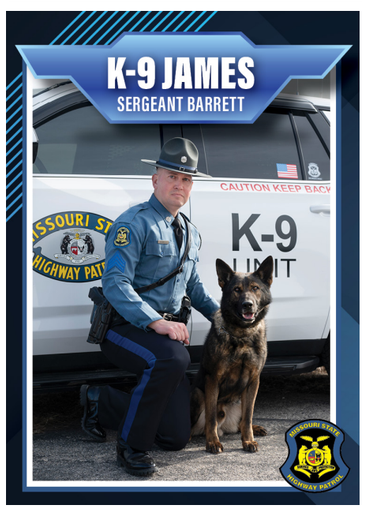
Sports-like trading cards of the Patrol's K-9 team are a hit with all ages! These cards feature a photo of the handler and K-9 on the front, with some fun statistics about the K-9 on the back. This includes the dog's breed, birthday, favorite treat, favorite toy, and what they like to do when not on duty. K-9 Aron enjoys "playing with his frisbee, the tire swing, and barking at squirrels."















ROBINSON RECOGNIZED AS JULY NON-SWORN TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH



CJIS Program Mgr. Scott Robinson (Q/CJIS)

During a ceremony at General Headquarters in Jefferson City, the Department of Public Safety Director Sandra K. Karsten awarded Criminal Justice Information Systems Program Manager Scott A. Robinson (Q/CJIS) its Non-Sworn Team Member of the Month for July. Program Manager Robinson was recognized for his leadership, expertise, and advanced planning to ensure Missouri criminal justice agencies were prepared to implement complicated new FBI policies.

In the nomination, Program Manager Robinson, a retired Marine lieutenant colonel, was praised as, "highly organized and committed to the highest level of customer service to Missouri's 800 criminal justice agencies and compliance with FBI information system security policy. In the last year, the FBI policy tripled in size and became extremely technical and complicated. For this reason, and because local agencies will have to devote additional resources to implement the new policy, Scott traveled across the state providing classes to explain how the policy has changed and adjustments that must be made to remain in compliance." Program Manager Robinson was further recognized as "a natural leader who instills confidence and raises morale."

Director Karsten, Colonel Eric T. Olson, and Captain Gara N. Howard (Q/CJIS) were all on hand to congratulate Program Manager Robinson for his excellent work. Director Karsten presented the award, and Colonel Olson presented Program Manager Robinson with a challenge coin. The colonel praised Robinson's commitment to the Patrol and how well he represents the Patrol's core values.

Congratulations Program Manager Scott Robinson for your July DPS Non-Sworn Team Member of the Month award!

> "... a natural leader who instills confidence and raises morale."



Program Manager Scott Robinson (Q/CJIS) poses with (l to r) CITS-II Jeff Heckman, (Q/CJIS) Temp. Dustin Russell (CJISD), CITS-II Chad Mengwasser (Q/CJIS), CIT-III Nico Baratti (Q/CJIS) , CITS-I Colby Luebbert (Q/CJIS), CITS-II Caleb Kemna (Q/CJIS), Assistant Director Steve White (Q/CJIS), Security Operations Manager Rochelle Hulett, (Q/CJIS), Cyber Threat and Analysis Manager Erin Hug (Q/CJIS).

June 2024 DPS Team Members Honored for HEROIC ACTIONS During Super Bowl Parade



(I to r) Major Mike Turner (Q/FOB), Tpr. Matthew Neely (H), Tpr. Christopher Kottwitz (B), Tpr. Aaron Booker (A), Cpl. Emilio Villanueva (F), Sgt. Ryan Smith (A), and DPS Director Sandra Karsten pose for a photo.

By Cpl. Justin Ewing (A)

A ceremony held at Troop A Headquarters on June 24, 2024, honored five troopers as the Missouri Department of Public Safety's Sworn Team Members of the Month for June 2024. Sergeant Ryan S. Smith (A), Corporal Emilio J. Villanueva (F), Trooper Aaron K. Booker (A), Trooper Christopher R. Kottwitz (B), and Trooper Matthew W. Neely (H) were recognized for their heroic actions after tragedy struck during the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl parade on February 14, 2024.

Major Michael A. Turner (Q/FOB) highlighted the crucial work each trooper performed on the day of the parade, noting their quick thinking and bravery. Each of the troopers played a pivotal role in securing evidence, pursuing suspects, tending to the wounded, and conducting thorough interviews of those at the scene. Major Turner commended all five men for exemplifying the qualities for which the Missouri State Highway Patrol is known.

DPS Director Sandra K. Karsten echoed Major Turner's sentiments, praising the troopers for their commitment to public safety. Troop A Captain Steve V. Wilhoit also spoke at the event, expressing his pride in the honorees and in every trooper assigned to the Super Bowl parade detail.

The heroic actions of these five troopers during the parade have set a high standard for excellence within the agency. Their recognition is a testament to the values and commitment of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Congratulations, gentlemen!



(I to r) Major Mike Turner (Q/FOB), Capt. Scott Sater (D), Sgt. Chase Stallcup (D), Ret. DE Super. Jordan Stallcup, DPS Deputy Director Kevin Bond, and Col. Eric Olson were present.

CALM PROFESSIONALISM HELPS DE-ESCALATE A TENSE SITUATION

By Cpl. Justin Ewing (A)

Sgt. Chase A. Stallcup (D) was named the DPS Sworn Team Member of the Month for July 2024. Sgt. Stallcup was recognized for the restraint he showed in resolving a standoff with a suicidal man who pointed a weapon at him and later fired it.

In February, as Sgt. Stallcup responded to a vehicle crash scene, he was informed the driver was intoxicated, suicidal, and had a firearm. The man had reportedly pointed the gun at a person who had attempted to help him. Upon arrival, Sgt. Stallcup entered a wooded area and made contact with the suspect. Taking a defensive position, the sergeant initiated a dialogue with the suspect, who was extremely volatile and threatened to shoot Sgt. Stallcup and himself. The suspect then pointed the weapon at the sergeant, turned around, and fired one round.

The suspect then placed the pistol on the trunk of his vehicle and approached Sgt. Stallcup with clenched fists. Sgt. Stallcup was able to take the suspect into custody solely through verbal commands. He then transported the suspect to a hospital for psychiatric care.

Sgt. Stallcup's extreme calm during a highly dangerous confrontation with a volatile gunman resulted in the preservation of the suspect's life. Sgt. Stallcup bravely used his emotional intelligence and verbal skills instead of force to de-escalate the situation.

Department of Public Safety Deputy Director Kevin C. Bond presented Sgt. Stallcup with the award at Troop D Headquarters in Springfield, MO. Colonel Eric T. Olson, Major Mike A. Turner, and Captain D. Scott Sater (D) were also on hand to recognize Sgt. Stallcup's excellent work.

Colonel Eric T. Olson presented Sgt. Stallcup with a challenge coin and said, "Very rarely do we get to see and hear from media outlets the positive outcomes of potentially violent encounters with suspects, where life was preserved and not taken." He further appreciated the sergeant's professional approach and good judgement, and appreciated his leadership. Colonel Olson concluded, Sgt. Stallcup "exemplified the core values which are the foundation of the Missouri State Highway Patrol."

Capt. Sater stated, "Sgt. Stallcup's actions during this stressful encounter with an armed suicidal subject were commendable, where he exhibited the Patrol's core values. He remained calm, demonstrated restraint, and worked diligently to communicate effectively with a subject who was clearly experiencing a personal mental crisis." Capt. Sater concluded, "Sgt. Stallcup utilized his training and experience to de-escalate a tense situation to resolve this situation peacefully and provide the subject with professional help he needed."

Congratulations Sgt. Chase Stallcup for your July 2024 DPS Sworn Team Member of the Month award!



Col. Eric Olson congratulates Tpr. Chase Stallcup with a hearty handshake.

THE END OF AN ERA

During her tenure, Public Information Specialist III Cheryl D. Cobb served as editor of over 200 editions of the Patrol News.

THE END OF AN ERA

Written By Dr. Mark Pottorf (Q/PIED)

The first article of the November 1997 edition of the Patrol News had the headline, "Patrol News Names Cheryl Cobb Editor." In addition to introducing herself to the readers, Cheryl wrote a two page article introducing the Patrol's new Superintendent, Colonel Weldon L. Wilhoit, for that edition. Now, after 26 years and nine months, Cheryl D. Cobb, Public Information Specialist III, has retired, taking with her a vast knowledge of the Patrol and its long history.

When Cheryl started her career with the Patrol, the Patrol News was printed monthly, and this continued until January of 2004. Beginning that month, the Patrol News was printed bi-monthly, so during her tenure with the Patrol, Cheryl was editor for 200 editions of the Patrol News.

Cheryl served under seven colonels and four commanders of the Public Information and Education Division. Additionally, she wrote or edited articles about every class since the 74th Recruit Class graduated on January 16, 1998, covered numerous advances in Patrol technology, honored the memory of 13 fallen troopers with dignity and grace, and celebrated numerous members' and civilians' achievements and heroic deeds. She did all of this with a reverence for the Patrol and a determination to uphold the traditions of 93 years of service and protection for the state of Missouri.

When asked about his time working with Cheryl, Colonel Eric T. Olson spoke of her "vast and impressive knowledge and recollection of Patrol history. If I needed historical facts about the Patrol for a presentation, she was always my first stop."

Col. Olson said one particular story Cheryl shared from Patrol history really stood out for him; the story came during "a conversation we had regarding a photograph of the first recruit class. The class picture has two less troopers in it than actually graduated. Cheryl explained to me one of the recruits had an unfortunate encounter with the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department the night before graduation. Apparently, the trooper recruit was carrying his firearm, and that was prohibited by the PD at the time. A Captain in the Patrol class had to go down to the PD to vouch for the recruit, and while they were gone, they both missed the photo opportunity." Col. Olson stated, "I have walked by that picture many times in my career and was unaware of this interesting fact."

The colonel concluded, "Cheryl also has a great sense of humor and positive attitude. I will definitely miss our interactions and informal conversations. She truly exemplifies the Patrol core values and has left an indelible mark of her own on Patrol history."

Retired Captain John J. Hotz worked closely with Cheryl for many years, first as a Public Information Officer in Troop A, then as Lieutenant and Captain of PIED. He recalls, "Cheryl was an integral part of our division family for the entire time that I worked in PIED. Her dedication and hard work were unmatched by anyone that I have worked with." He relied on Cheryl's expertise and knowledge of Patrol history and operations and said, "Anytime I received a request from the colonel or lieutenant colonel, Cheryl was usually the first call that I made because Cheryl wanted every project that she completed to represent the Patrol in a positive manner."

He said Cheryl "had a way of popping into my office (while I was in there minding my own business) and saying 'Hi.' She would then tell me how much fun an upcoming project was going to be. I could always tell how much work was coming my way based on how many times she would say 'fun.' If she said the word 'fun' several times in one sentence, I knew there was going to be copious amounts of reading/editing coming my way." Capt. Hotz said, "Cheryl contacted me during her last week to complete an article about the renovation of the 1988 Ford Mustang Patrol car. She said it was her last interview before she retired. I was happy to work with her one last time."

Reflecting on Cheryl's retirement, Capt. Hotz stated, "Cheryl's position will undoubtedly be filled, but her historical and institutional knowledge and positive attitude will be very hard to replace." He concluded by saying, "As I listened to the colonel read Cheryl's retirement certificate, the words 'honorably and faithfully' stood out to me about Cheryl's service. Those words are listed on every employee's retirement certificate, but they were never more true than when I heard them that day describing her service to the citizens of Missouri."

Lieutenant Eric F. Brown (Q/PIED) first worked with Cheryl as a PIO for Troop B, beginning in 2017. He stated, "Cheryl immediately welcomed me into the division, and I quickly learned that she would be my 'go to person' in the division ninety percent of the time. It didn't matter whether you were looking for historical data, help in editing, or creating a new program, Cheryl was there to help." He said it didn't matter how busy Cheryl was, she "would take the time to help you, and her work was never less than the best she could produce."

Lt. Brown was promoted to Assistant Director of the Public Information and Education Division in 2020 and got the chance to work with Cheryl every day. He recalled, "I was immediately impressed by her vast knowledge of Patrol history and her drive to be excellent in all her endeavors. Cheryl worked very hard to accurately document the Patrol's history, promote the agency and our activities, and be sure the division was meeting and exceeding all of our goals. I could always tell how excited Cheryl was about a project or phone call she had gotten by how quickly she covered the length of the hall between my office and hers."

Lt. Brown concluded, "Employees are replaced, but we will never have another Cheryl. Her love and knowledge of the Patrol, her dedication to her job, her family, and fellow team members will never be replicated."

Putting together this Sept./Oct. 2024 edition of the *Patrol News* has been an odd experience for Cheryl's PIED family. It has taken at least three of us to try to fill her shoes for the interim, but we wish our friend nothing but the best in her retirement!



Public Information Specialist III Cheryl Cobb



Cpl. Ralicia A. Tyler (I) engages a young boy who came to visit Otto.

SINCE HIS FIRST TRIP TO THE STATE FAIR

By Dr. Mark G. Pottorff (Q/PIED)

In the early 1960s, then-Trooper Alvin R. Lubker, and his wife, Marva, set out to find an original, MSHP 1931 Ford Model A Roadster. Although they never found one that was used by the Patrol, they did find a car of the same model in 1964. Four years later, and with some help from the Walt Disney organization, Otto - the Talking Car made his first appearance at the Missouri State Fair.

For the 11 days each year that Otto - the Talking Car goes to the state fair, public information officers work behind the scene operating Otto and inside his pavilion, in the Highway Gardens, speaking with members of the public. Since his first appearance at the fair in 1969, thousands of children have visited with Otto, and each year more children are excited (and sometimes scared) to speak with Otto. The Patrol's PIOs have some great memories of their time with Otto.

Corporal Sam D. Carpenter (D), has worked with Otto for five years. He says he really enjoys watching the kids' faces when Otto talks directly to them and finds it touching when children say, "I love you, Otto!" Cpl. Carpenter recalls many times when he has known someone from the hometown of the child speaking to Otto, and he (as Otto) has been able to talk to the child and ask them if they know that specific person. "It's a unique experience when the child can relate to Otto in that manner," he said.

Sergeant. Andy J. Bell serves as a public information officer for Troop A in Lee's Summit, and has also worked with Otto for five years. He really enjoys meeting new people and entertaining them. He also enjoys seeing the adults trying to figure out how Otto works and asking, "Is there a trooper in the back of the car?" Sgt. Bell agrees it is touching to hear a little girl or little boy say, "I love you, Otto." However, he adds, "It's always funny when the little ones tell on their parents. Like saying Dad or Mom speeds, forgets to wear their seat belt, texts and drives, etc. The reactions from the parents are priceless!"

On a more serious note, Sgt. Bell said, "2019 was my first time playing the role of Otto at the fair. I remember a family with a daughter that had a terrible life-threating illness. It was possibly her last time to visit Otto. The parents were so brave and the little girl was so excited to see Otto. With the fair being closed in 2020, we didn't know if the young girl had survived her illness. In 2021, the family returned, and wouldn't you know, the young girl was much better! Her prognosis had improved and she was able to visit her good friend Otto!"

Sergeant Shane M. Hux (H) has worked Otto's exhibit for three years. "My favorite part is just interacting with young people and adults of all ages," he said. Probably the most touching thing is when people with special needs come to visit Otto. You can really see and feel their excitement!"

In 2023, Otto was given a "face-lift" by Public Relations Specialist Holly C. Hyde (Q/PIED), who gave Otto a fresh glow and rosy cheeks. When asked what it was like being tasked with repainting such an iconic figure, Public Relations Specialist Hyde responded, "It's not often that I am asked to repaint something so old and filled with rich history. The idea was a little intimidating. However, after so many trips to the fair, Otto's face was scuffed, faded, and had visible cracks in the fiberglass. It was definitely time for some freshening up. I brought my favorite paintbrushes from home, put a little Vivaldi in my earbuds, and went to work, making sure to stay true to the original design and color palette."

Before this year's fair, Chief Technician Mike H. Gartner (Q/CommD) updated Otto's operating system with a new computerized system.

Due to multiple operational issues that Otto had at the 2023 Missouri State Fair, it was clear that the electronics were showing their age. So, Chief Gartner outfitted Otto with an ethernet controller which allows him to be controlled remotely with a computer provided by CJIS Division.

"Most of the electronics that control Otto's functions remain," said Chief Gartner. "We basically just gave him a brain transplant. Needless to say, I was a bit nervous making this change. There are still a few bugs to be worked out, but Otto seemed to behave himself at this year's fair."

With the care he receives, it is safe to say Otto should be meeting new friends at the Missouri State Fair for years to come.



"In years past, I have worked on Otto with my predecessor, but nothing to this extent. It was just nice to see him working correctly after such a big change," said Chief Mike Gartner (Q/COMMD).



Capt. Scott White (Q/PIED), center, and Lt. Eric Brown (Q/PIED) thank Chief Mike Gartner (Q/COMMD) for his work on Otto.



Public Relations Specialist Holly Hyde (Q/PIED) gave Otto's face a much needed fresh coat of paint.





PRESERVING MEMORIES: *Just Write it Down*



By Ret. Sgt. E. DeWayne Rucker

Everyone has a story they can tell. I grew up in the small, north-central Missouri town of Macon. The headquarters of Troop B is where you can find a lot of my favorite color - blue.

While a student at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO, I secured an internship with the Quincy, IL, Police Department. I vividly recall riding to a call at high speeds through the city streets of Quincy. That experience nearly caused me to change my degree.

I decided upon my career long before graduating from Culver-Stockton. Law enforcement was first and foremost on my mind, but appropriate study habits to obtain that degree was not. One must apply themselves in order to achieve lofty goals.

To achieve goals, you must expect challenges along the way. The number of applicants for academy training were huge. I was asked during my applicant oral interview, "If you weren't successful, would you apply to the patrol again after graduating college?" It was a sign that I would have to give it another try. During my second attempt, with a copy of my college diploma on file, different questions arose during my oral interview. Later, I remember the phone call from the captain of the Personnel Division (now Human Resources Division). He told me I was accepted to begin recruit training January 15, 1979. Thirty-six years later, I achieved another lofty goal and retired from the Highway Patrol.

My Academy roommate could play pool into the late hours and do extremely well on a test the following morning. I could study well into the night and be thrilled to obtain a mere passing score. During training, I recall nodding off to sleep in class, and later awakening to see that stripe on the instructor's trousers standing next to me. Blue is still my favorite color.

I remember working fatality traffic crashes, intoxicated drivers, my promotions, and my move from Troop I to GHQ after being selected for a position in HRD.

I remember assisting Troop F and being the first officer to reach the Patrol helicopter, which just landed in a field off Highway 94. There were two Patrol pilots aboard — one wounded after pursuing suspects of the Ashland bank robbery.

I remember standing on the roadway at the twin bridges in Jefferson City during the '93 flood, looking up at the orange Coast Guard helicopter circling above.

One day, as I was driving home for lunch, I answered Troop F Communications. I was asked to return to HRD and contact the division director. Upon returning, he informed me that my father had passed away.

I remember a lot of things after serving 12 years within the Governor Security Division. I have stories to tell, and I'm sure you do as well.

Some of my strongest memories can be found in printed novels, but only recognized by me, the author. The names and locations are altered, but the specifics, as I recall them, are forever etched in my memory. I would say it's cheaper than therapy.

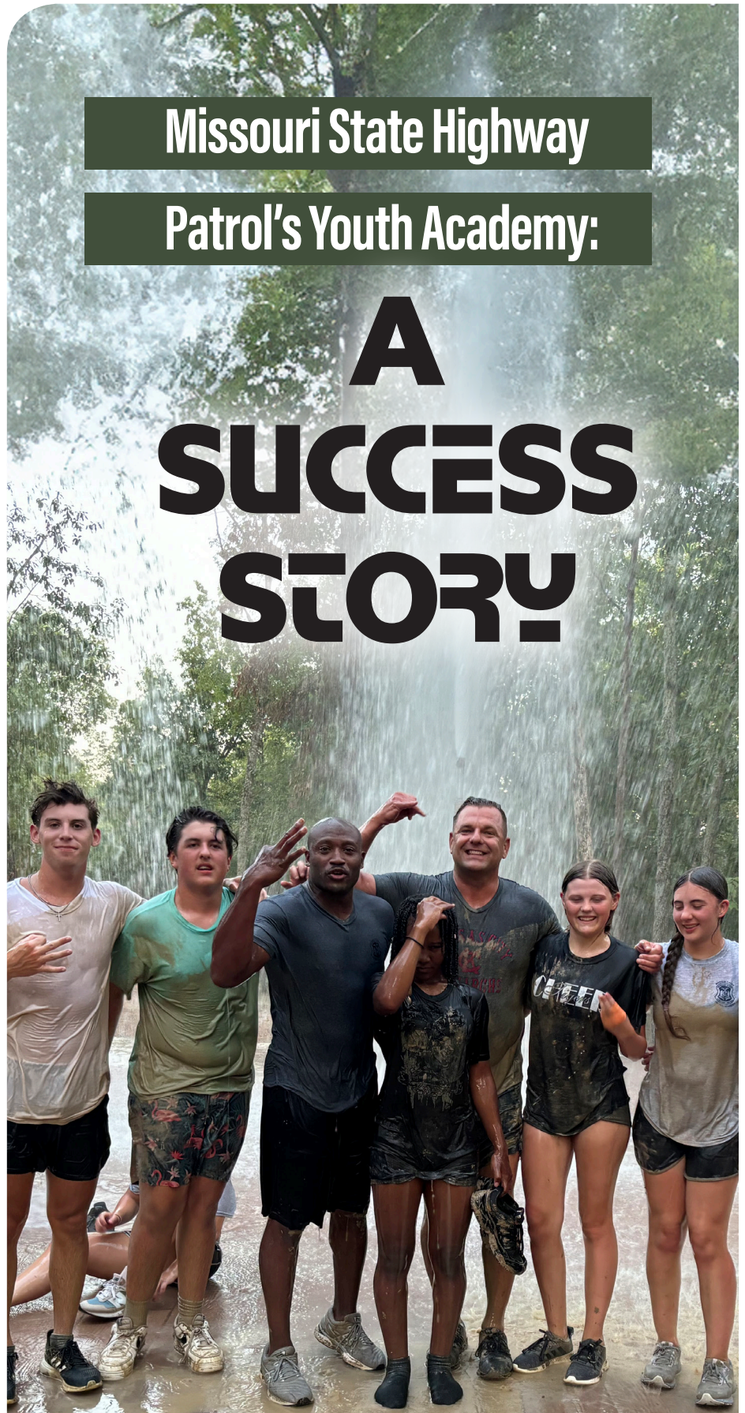
Make an obtainable goal if you can. Write poetry, a short story, a memoir, or contemporary literary novel. Just write it down. Your friends, family, kids, grandkids, or great grandchildren may want to achieve a similar goal of their own. Let them. Teach them. Encourage and support them. Have them reach for those goals so others can also.

Just write it down.



Ret. Sgt. E. DeWayne Rucker served with the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1979 to 2015. Since retiring, he has authored two books, Swift Justice: The Clandestine Protectors *and* Patriot Partners. *Some of his memories with the Patrol can be found woven discreetly through their pages.*

Missouri State Highway Patrol's Youth Academy: A SUCCESS STORY



After successfully completing a challenging mud course, Squad Three, which included Tpr. Brandon Harris (F) and Sgt. Collin Stosberg (Q/RCOD), paused for a photo.

By Tpr. R. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD)

The Recruiting and Community Outreach Division hosted the 11th Patrol Youth Academy from July 29 - August 2, 2024, at Eagle Sky, a camp located in Piedmont, MO.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Youth Academy has emerged as an exceptional program, aimed at fostering positive relationships between state troopers and young people interested in law enforcement. The Youth Academy offers an immersive experience to cadets, giving them a glimpse into a Missouri state trooper's daily duties and responsibilities. The week-long camp covers various topics, including leadership development, teamwork, crime scene investigation, physical fitness, and traffic stops.

The Youth Academy's success can be attributed to its focus on personal growth and education. Participants are encouraged to build teamwork skills, enhance their self-discipline, and develop a deeper understanding of the duties of a trooper. During the week-long camp, troopers from all over the state provide the cadets with hands-on experiences. The academy helps foster a sense of respect for law enforcement while allowing the cadets to explore all of the potential career paths within the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The Youth Academy's focus on teamwork has been vital to its success. When challenged, cadets quickly realize that true success is often a group effort. They learn to rely on one another, communicate effectively, and solve problems together. This emphasis on collaboration boosts their confidence and teaches them they can lead and succeed in various situations.

The academy's success is evident in the growing interest from young people across the state and the positive feedback from past participants. Through its innovative approach, the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Youth Academy has undoubtedly cultivated future leaders and strengthened the relationship between law enforcement and Missouri's youth.

> "The troopers pushed me to be the best I can be. I learned so much about the Patrol and myself. - Cadet Natalie Armistead"



> "I no longer see troopers as just law enforcement. I see them for the people they are. – Cadet Austin Harris"









Sgt. Richard Stewart (Q/RCOD) and Capt. Danielle Heil (Q/RCOD) work as a team to help a cadet over a slippery incline.

Congratulations

ON YOUR RETIREMENT

For your years of dedicated service, loyalty, and selfless giving, we THANK YOU.





GREGORY L. FRANKLIN
DE III
Troop A

Retired August 1, 2024.
8 years, 8 months of dedicated service



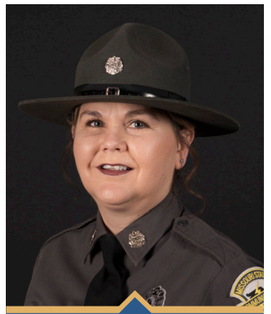
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Sergeant
Troop A

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28 years, 7 months of dedicated service



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Corporal
Troop D

Retired August 1, 2024.
30 years, 1 month of dedicated service



MICHELE L. RIDDICK
Chief Operator
Troop A

Retired August 1, 2024.
29 years, 2 months of dedicated service



SHARON R. THOMAS
CDL Examiner
Troop A

Retired August 1, 2024.
7 years, 9 months of dedicated service



LESLIE D. THURSTON
Lieutenant
Q/HRD

Retired August 1, 2024.
28 years, 1 month of dedicated service



STEVEN M. BIELAWSKI
Lieutenant
Troop C

Retired September 1, 2024
34 years, 2 months of dedicated service



WILLIAM S. CONNER
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Retired September 1, 2024.
27 years, 5 months of dedicated service



BRIAN D. HOLCOMB
Sergeant
Q/GD

Retired September 1, 2024.
29 years, 8 months of dedicated service



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19 years of dedicated service



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Q/GD

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28 years, 2 months of dedicated service



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36 years, 2 months of dedicated service

WITH sympathy

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

Ret. Chief Tech. Warren D. Reynolds (Q/COMMD) - brother
DE Sigrid E. Reynolds (D) - uncle
DE Sprv. Nancy L. Hoye (A) - father-in-law
Admin. Supp. Prof. Kimberly J. Heritage (Q/DVSD) - father-in-law
Ret. Auto. Mechanic III Don H. Duffey (E) - mother
Ret. MVI Sprv. Carl L. Rose (D) - brother
Ret. Clerk Typist Charlotte M. Cline (D) - husband
DE Sprv. Tina K. Johnson (A) - stepfather
Ret. MVI Sprv. Tobi A. Vance (A) - husband
Cpl. Scott E. Pritzel (H) - brother
Ret. Cpl. Terry W. Lee (E) - mother
Tpr. Travis E. Bigler (A) - wife
DE I Kathleen K. Kelly (C) - mother
DE Lisa K. Nielson (H) - stepfather
Ret. Sgt. Thomas L. Zoellner (C) - wife
Tpr. Zach C. Dudley (D) - wife
Bldg. & Grnds. II Steve C. Cannon (E) - mother
Grants Specialist Teri L. Ford (Q/BPD) - mother
Chief Oper. Chris R. Nicholson (H) - mother
Ret. DE III Christine M. Stefanus (C) - husband
Ret. Sgt. Steve J. Childers (I) - stepson
Ret. MVI John H. Lewis (E) - wife
Ret. DE Sprv. Willis L. Lewis (E) - mother

thank you

On behalf of the family, we thank you for your cards and notes of sympathy after the loss of our son. — Ret. Sgt. Steve Childers

GRIGGS GRADUATES FROM SCHOOL OF POLICE STAFF AND COMMAND



Pictured is Lt. Shawn Griggs with the School of Police Staff and Command, class 580. Congratulations!

By Capt. Andy O. Tourney (Q/GD)

Lieutenant Shawn M. Griggs (Q/GD), graduated from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, Class 580, on June 28, 2024. The 10-week Staff and Command program, hosted by the Clay County Sheriff's Office in Liberty, MO, began April 22, 2024, and ended June 28, 2024. The challenging course provided upper-level college instruction in a total of 27 core blocks of instruction and additional optional blocks during each session. The major topics of study included: Leadership, Human Resources, Employee Relations, Organizational Behavior, Applied Statistics, Planning and Policy Development, and Budgeting and Resource Allocation. Lieutenant Griggs' Staff Study research work involved the assessment of an artificial intelligence program which reviews video footage and provides feedback to supervisors and managers. Congratulations to Lieutenant Griggs on his achievement and dedication to leadership.

OBITUARIES



Jo L. King

JO L. (BLOODWORTH) KING

Jo L. (Bloodworth) King, 74, of Poplar Bluff, MO died on July 25, 2024, at The Arbors at Westridge in Sikeston, MO. Jo was one of the first female police officers for the city of Poplar Bluff. She joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a Driver Examiner I on Feb. 1, 1992, and later retired as a Driver Examiner Supervisor on Dec. 1, 2007. Jo is survived by one daughter, one brother, two grandsons, three step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, eight step great-grandchildren, and one special niece. To learn more about Jo, visit the Cotrell Willow Ridge Funeral & Cremation Services website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the King family.



Michael "Mike" Wayne Vance

MICHAEL WAYNE VANCE

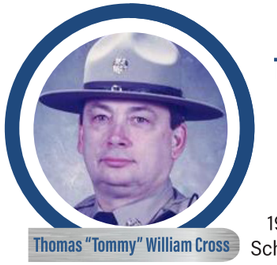
Michael "Mike" Wayne Vance, 72, of Richmond, MO, died Friday, July 5, 2024, at his home. He was united in marriage to his soulmate, Tobi Todd, of Harrisonville, MO, on January 16, 1999. She survives of the home. Mike graduated from Richmond High School, in 1969, and he continued his education at Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, MO, and later earned a Bachelor of Science in history from William Jewell College in Liberty, MO. Mike dedicated 27 years of service to the Missouri Highway Patrol as a Commercial Vehicle Officer, retiring in 2004. His commitment and dedication to his work left a lasting impact on those he served with and the community he protected. In addition to his wife, Mike is survived by one daughter, two sons, three grandchildren, one great-grandson, two stepsons, five step-grandchildren, one brother, and his beloved dogs. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Mike Vance Memorial Fund, to be forwarded to the Missouri Trappers Association. To learn more about Mike, visit the Thurman Funeral Home website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Vance family.



Roselle "Rosie" Mae Butterfield

ROSELLE MAE BUTTERFIELD

Roselle "Rosie" Mae Butterfield, 80, of Neosho, MO, entered her forever home on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, MO. She graduated from Tipton High School in 1962. She worked as a secretary for several chiefs of police in Joplin. After working for the police station, she moved to Jefferson City, MO. and worked for the Highway Patrol. After some time in Jefferson City, she moved back to Joplin and worked for Troop D at the service center in Carthage, MO. Rosie is survived by her two children, one sister, two sisters-in-law, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Watered Gardens or Royal Heights Methodist Church. To learn more about Rosie, visit the Parker Mortuary website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Butterfield family.



Thomas "Tommy" William Cross

THOMAS WILLIAM CROSS

Thomas "Tommy" William Cross, 76, of Dixon, MO, passed from this life on Monday, August 12, 2024, at his residence. He was a 1965 graduate of Dixon High School. Tommy was one of the founding members of the Dixon Rural Fire Department, serving as fire chief for several years. He also worked for the Dixon Police Department. Tommy began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on April 1, 1990. In 1996, he completed Commercial Vehicle Officer training. He retired on July 1, 2012 as a commercial vehicle officer supervisor. Tommy is survived by his wife, Glenda, one daughter, one son, five grandchildren, four step-children, 12 step-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. The family suggest memorial contributions be made to Hancock Christian Church. To learn more about Tommy, visit the Martin-Kloeppel Funeral Home and Cremation Services website. The Patrol extends its sincerest condolences to the Cross family.

WE REMEMBER.

PATROL HISTORY TRIVIA

By Cpl. Ernest M. Raub, (F)

In August 1941, State Attorney General Roy McKittrick issued an opinion that because troopers were paid from highway funds, they could make arrests only for offenses growing out of traffic and criminal violations actually observed on the state maintained highways.

Public sentiment rose quickly against McKittrick's opinion and was expressed well by a Moberly newspaper after the Patrol assisted in capturing two dangerous felons in Randolph County. It read, (condensed) "Don't tell the attorney general, but the Patrol had quite a hand in capturing two fleeing convicts last week after they had stabbed one man, kidnapped two women, and wrecked three cars. The attorney general's opinion says that the Patrol should have stayed on the highways watching for traffic violators, and the terrorists should have been free from interference by the Patrol unless a crime was seen being committed on the highway. The arrest was made on the Chicago & Alton Railroad tracks. According to the attorney general, the patrolmen could have waved to the fugitives from the highway, but had no authority to cross a fence to stop the terror. Tut, tut, all very unconstitutional! Maybe no charges should be filed against the two young knife toters. The people of Randolph County hardly agree. We have the idea that dangerous criminals should be caught as quickly as possible, no matter who puts up the money."

In 1943, Patrol law was changed so that up to 10% of Patrol appropriations could come from general revenue for criminal work. The next significant legislation in this area came in 1983, with the passage of the drug and crime control bill.

(This article was printed originally in the August 1983 issue of the Patrol News. Captain Raub is now retired.)



The 1942 Chevrolet was the first patrol car to have "State Patrol" painted in bold letters on the side doors and the car's number painted on the top of the car. The number on top of the car made it easier for patrol aircraft to identify the trooper from the air. Trooper Tom Pasley traveled the state to paint every patrol vehicle.

50 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 1974 — The cover of the September 1974 *Patrol News* featured a photo of Patricia Ruth Wright and Bridget Ann Cronin (Hug) being welcomed to the Academy by Captain James H. Dickson as they reported as part of the 43rd Recruit Class. They were the first women in Missouri selected to enter Patrol recruit training. The caption stated that the women would "receive the same intensive five months of instruction as the men recruits."

40 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 1984 — The October 1984 issue of the *Patrol News* featured an article of the Patrol's work to close two clandestine labs, one in Hickory County and the other in Stone County. Patrol Chemists Afton L. Ware and Everett H. Markway were called out to assist in the investigations of the two labs. The lab in Hickory County contained marijuana, methamphetamine, and another controlled substance in large quantities. The lab in Stone County had enough chemicals to produce known controlled substances in significant quantities.

30 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 1994 — The cover of the September 1994 *Patrol News* featured a photo of small child receiving a Junior Trooper sticker from a trooper at the Missouri State Fair. Otto first attended the fair in 1969, and to celebrate the anniversary, the Public Information and Education Division threw Otto a surprise party, serving cake and punch to the first 200 people who stopped by to say happy anniversary to Otto. Retired Colonel Al R. Lubker, the man who created Otto, was on hand to share memories with the crowd.

20 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2004 — The cover of the September/October 2004 *Patrol News* featured photos of Troopers James E. Lowary and Antonio Sandoval Jr. with then Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre at the graduation ceremony for the 82nd Recruit Class. Tpr. Lowary received the Superintendent's Award from Col. Stottlemyre. This edition also featured an article of "Recollections" commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1954 prison riot in Jefferson City, MO. The article included first-hand accounts of the riot from many retired members of the Patrol, including retired Lt. Col. Paul V. Volkmer.



10 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014 — The September/October 2014 edition of the *Patrol News* included an article celebrating Troop B's Sergeant Jeffery C. Creech and Trooper Steve R. Peterson as the July 2014 DPS Employees of the Month. Sgt. Creech and Tpr. Peterson risked their lives to rescue two individuals whose vehicle had become disabled while trying to cross over a low water crossing. Creech and Peterson found the vehicle had shifted and was moving downstream, so they launched a Patrol boat into the raging waters to rescue both individuals.



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Cpl. Ron Metteer (C), Sgt. Collin Stosberg (Q/RCOD), Capt. Danielle Heil (Q/RCOD), Tpr. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD), Tpr. Rich Stewart (Q/RCOD), and Tpr. Dennis Pogue (C) strike a jubilant pose with cadets from the Youth Academy.