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From the Staff ...

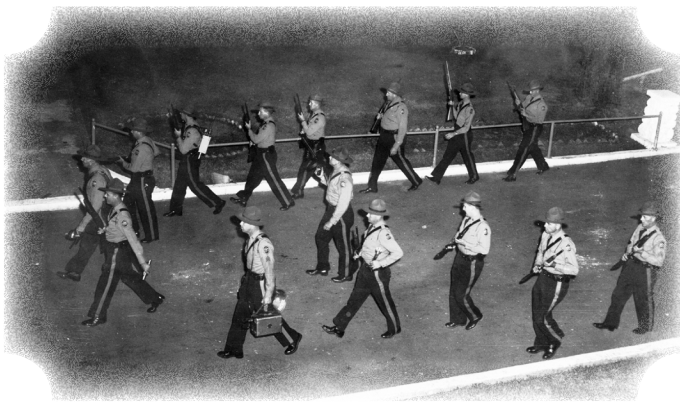
Major J. Bret Johnson
Field Operations Bureau



The Missouri State Highway Patrol's vision statement is, "By excelling as a criminal justice leader in the delivery of quality services, the Missouri State Highway Patrol will ensure Missouri is a safe place to live or visit." That's quite a responsibility—to *ensure* Missouri is a safe place to live or visit. To meet this responsibility takes vision ... and planning.

The Patrol's first written emergency plan covered how the agency would respond if a riot occurred at the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City. Prison riots were occurring throughout the country in the early 1950s. After Governor Phil Donnelly and Highway Patrol officials reviewed a film about a 1952 riot in Michigan, the governor made it clear that if such an event were to occur at the Missouri State Penitentiary, the Patrol was to use any force necessary to stop it. Gov. Donnelly decreed that there would be no negotiating. The Patrol's command staff took the governor seriously and devised an emergency plan in 1953. That plan was put into action about a year later, and included 265 troopers and several communications employees.

This emergency response plan was the Patrol's first written plan for a specific incident *in the event of an occurrence*. This initial emergency response plan would evolve and expand over the years into the 644-page, 25 annex Emergency Operations Plan we have today. Originally referred to as the Riot Manual and covering such events in prisons, on college campuses, and in larger Missouri cities, the current plan covers a variety of emergency situations—natural or man-made.



Troopers answered a summons to the Missouri State Penitentiary quickly and acted decisively to quell the riot in 1954. Here, officers prepare to enter "B" and "C" halls to restore order using a wedge formation.

Over the past five years, the Patrol's Emergency Operations Plan has been exercised most often in the aftermath of a natural disaster. The Patrol's disaster response was tested during 2011, when Missouri experienced five natural disasters. In each instance, the Patrol responded immediately, providing manpower and resources to help Missourians recover. The epic snowstorm February 1, 2011, brought with it ice, freezing rain, sleet, or snow. For the first time in history, the entire length of Interstate 70 closed for 14 1/2 hours due to the hazardous conditions. Nature hit the state with flooding, which claimed the life of one of our own—Trooper Fred F. Guthrie Jr.—in Northwest Missouri. Multiple flooding events

took place and covered much of the state for many months. In May 2011, an EF-5 tornado struck Joplin, MO, killing 161 people and injuring another 1,150.

The Patrol's response would eventually include approximately 300 troopers and dozens of civilian support staff. The area required traffic management, site security, search and rescue, the location of missing persons, body identification, etc. The seamless way the Patrol handled the recovery demonstrated the expertise of the agency and its employees.

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Click It Or Ticket!



Colonel Ron K. Replogle speaks at the MoDOT Division of Highway Safety's kickoff for the annual Click It Or Ticket campaign held at Troop F Headquarters in Jefferson City. This campaign was part of a national effort focusing on seat belt violations in an effort to raise seat belt use and awareness. Members of the Patrol took a zero tolerance stance toward those who choose to not wear their seat belts. If a motorist was stopped for a traffic violation and found to not be in compliance with Missouri's seat belt law, they received a ticket. The Click It Or Ticket enforcement campaign, which took place May 24 through June 6, 2014, resulted in 2,685 arrests, 2,090 warnings, and 269 seat belt citations statewide.

Cover

Col. Ron Replogle (r) presents the Superintendent's Award to Tpr. Jose Sanchez Jr. Gov. Jay Nixon (l) also congratulated Tpr. Sanchez.

— Staff

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In the years since, the citizens of Missouri have called upon the Patrol for assistance after numerous other emergencies, the most recent being on May 11, 2014. Numerous houses and two schools sustained major damage from an F-2 tornado that day in Orrick, MO. Troopers from Troop A and the Field Operations Bureau spent several days there securing the town to prevent looting and assisting with communication needs.

It's been 60 years since the Patrol's first emergency plan became action. In 1954, a phone call to the trooper's home phone was the primary means of communicating the emergency situation. The 2011 response to Joplin included phone calls, cell phones, mobile computing devices, and the Patrol's radio communication system. In 1954, most of the communications were handled by Troop F, Jefferson City. In 2011, communication in Joplin came to a standstill until the Patrol's Mobile Command Communication Vehicle arrived a few hours after the tornado and established a communication network for the area and responding agencies. The destruction of the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1954 was estimated at \$5 million; the devastation of the 2011 Joplin tornado is estimated to be over \$2.8 billion.

The Patrol's motto of Service and Protection becomes action during an



Hundreds of troopers and dozens of civilian employees assisted the people of Joplin after an EF-5 tornado hit in May 2011.

emergency. Protecting life and property, stabilizing emergency situations, and providing situational awareness are primary missions for the Patrol. We have a key responsibility of preparing ourselves and the public for natural and man-made emergencies/disasters. To that end, we seek to develop partnerships with federal, state, and local partners to provide assistance in prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. But, more importantly, Patrol members and em-

ployees are your neighbors and friends. We care about our towns and cities and strive to serve and protect every citizen every moment of every day. On behalf of the superintendent and his staff, I want to thank every Patrol employee for what they do each day to protect and serve our citizens.

Editor's Note: *For a look back in Patrol history and the events of September 1954, see the Patrol History Trivia article on page 5.*

Bret Johnson

Editor's Note:

While this issue was in the editing process, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was called upon to assist in Ferguson, MO, where an officer-involved shooting resulted in an emotionally charged situation. Protests, not always peaceful ones, were growing, looting occurred, and a business was burned. The Patrol responded initially right after the shooting and later assumed the leadership role in the security detail at the direction of Governor Jay Nixon. The Patrol's Command Staff advised members to protect the protestors' Constitu-

tional right to protest, while at the same time remind everyone that the law must be followed.

Given the topic of the From The Staff column in this issue, it made sense to include Ferguson, too.

Looking at the situation in Ferguson from the standpoint of our Emergency Operations Plan, the Patrol's response seemed familiar, even though this situation was not. This detail has included all four of the SWAT teams, over 100 members, the Mobile Command Communications Vehicle, several civilian employees from the Supply Section of the Budget and Procurement Division, and communications employ-

ees from the Information and Communications Technology Division. The Patrol contingent worked closely with multiple agencies and the Missouri National Guard.

Employees not responding to Ferguson directly have provided support—answering the many phone calls and taking care of the logistics involved with sending officers somewhere for days. Members not in Ferguson were helping to cover shifts for those deployed there. This response was truly a team effort ...

The situation in Ferguson is fluid at this time, so additional stories will appear in a later issue.

Patrol History Trivia

Patrol Responds To 1954 Prison Riot

By Sgt. E.M. Raub, GHQ

Donald W. DeLapp, an inmate in "E" Hall, the maximum security cellblock of the Missouri State Penitentiary, started a flood of violence by breaking a faucet in his cell on the evening of September 23, 1954. A guard shut off the water to DeLapp's cell, but was then lured into the cell by the inmate's complaint about his saturated bunk. The guard was overpowered and his keys stolen. Using the guard's keys, DeLapp freed other inmates who in turn overpowered more guards and freed more inmates. Within minutes, 3,600 prisoners were roaming inside the walls, setting buildings on fire, vandalizing others, and seeking revenge on inmates in protective segregation cells.

Colonel Tom Whitecotton, director of penal institutions, contacted Ira Letterman, the radio operator at Troop F, and informed him of the situation. Colonel Hugh Waggoner was quickly notified, and Troop F and GHQ officers were summoned to the prison. The first members of the Patrol arrived at the prison shortly before 7 p.m. They found the institution in a total state of emergency. Colonel Waggoner directed that all available officers proceed at once to the scene.

The first officers to arrive acted decisively. Using shotguns and one Thompson submachine gun, they forced inmates to seek cover and stay in one place. Lieutenants Herbert Brigham and Willie Barton then led a group of 24 officers into the prison where, one by one they secured prisoners in the cell blocks. The process was difficult due to the demeanor of

the inmates, the lack of good lighting, and the thick smoke. Eventually, all areas were secured except "B" and "C" halls, where the ringleaders of the riot had holed up and still held two guards as hostage. It was decided it would be best to wait until daylight to regain control of that area. The growing number of troopers, St. Louis Police officers, and National Guardsmen at the prison assumed a temporary holding action.

Some inmates tried to negotiate the next morning, but were flatly told



Troopers stand ready to sort a group of inmates outside one of the halls.

no negotiations would take place until all hostages were released unharmed and all inmates were back in their cells. Lt. Barton reportedly told them the Patrol was there to restore order, not negotiate. The last two hostages were released moments before Barton led 34 patrolmen into "B" and "C" halls. Inmates belligerently threatened and taunted the officers, then one was shot as he prepared to drop heavy items on them. Total quiet suddenly filled the cell blocks; the riot was over.

The riot and the Patrol's response to it were both remarkable. Within less than four hours, 242 Patrol officers, approximately 80% of the entire

department, had amassed in Jefferson City. Not a single patrol car had been involved in a traffic crash, due in part to the many police departments which cleared the way for the officers through towns along the highways and truckers who got off the main roads to let the troopers have a clear route. No officers were significantly injured, and due to their resolute action, violence at the prison lasted only 14 hours. Four inmates died in the riot, two at the hands of fellow inmates, and approximately 25 were wounded.

Seven inmates were charged with murders they committed during the riot. Five buildings were totally burned while twice that number were badly damaged by fire or vandalism (755 windows were broken during the riot). The damage to the prison totaled almost \$5 million.

The Patrol's response to the crisis was credited with containing the violence within the walls

and preventing additional deaths, injury, and property damage. It was the largest operation of its kind by the Patrol, and, potentially, the most dangerous. It has never been matched to this day.

(This article was printed originally in the September 1989 issue of the *Patrol News*. Captain Raub is now retired.)

From The Editor: On the day of the 1954 riot, the prison housed 3,285 inmates. When the Missouri Department of Corrections closed the Missouri State Penitentiary in 2004, it housed 1,355 inmates. The penitentiary served the state of Missouri for 168 years.

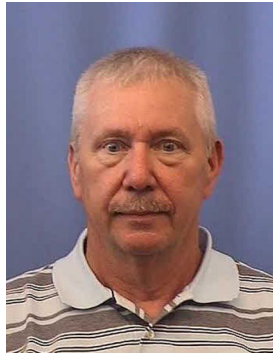
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Troop A



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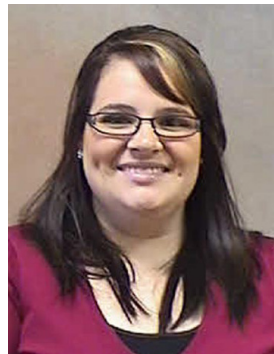
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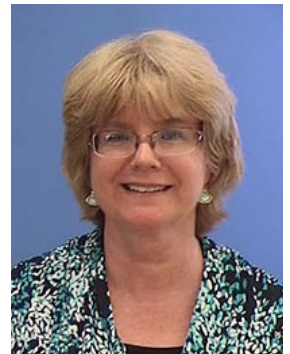
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“Vision is a picture of what future success looks like.”

—BSA National Youth Leadership Training syllabus

TRAFFIC FATALITIES				
Year To Date August 10, 2014	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2012 Traffic Fatalities	2013 Traffic Fatalities
431	427	+4	826	757

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

Bronaugh High School Holds Docudrama

Sgt. Mike W. Watson, Troop D

On April 4, 2014, troopers assigned to Zone 8 in Troop D assisted with a docudrama at Bronaugh High School in Vernon County. Along with members of the Bronaugh Fire Department, Nevada Fire Department, Vernon County Ambulance District, and Life Net air ambulance, Corporal Jim E. Wilde and Trooper Justin D. LeeMasters responded to a one vehicle "crash" on school property. Four role-players were selected from Bronaugh's senior class. During the course of the mock investigation, while the student body and teachers watched, troopers arrested the impaired driver, made a next of kin notification, and assisted medical personnel with the injured. Following the program outside, Cpl. Wilde and Tpr. LeeMasters sat on a panel along with the other first responders and answered questions from students regarding the docudrama, as well as other, personal experiences in the field. The program ended following a powerful testimony from the mother of a Bronaugh High School student who died in a car crash in 2013.



Tpr. Justin LeeMasters administers a field sobriety test to the "impaired teen driver" taking part in the docudrama.



Emergency personnel work the "crash" during the docudrama at Bronaugh High School



Tpr. Justin LeeMasters makes an "arrest" during the Bronaugh High School docudrama.

Cpl. Jim Wilde talks with Bronaugh High School students after the docudrama.



Beyond The Call Of Duty: DPS Recognizes Tpr. Ayers

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

On April 27, 2014, Trooper Richard L. Ayers received information from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department of a person yelling for help near Barefoot Village on Missouri Highway 34. It was approximately 11:20 p.m. when Tpr. Ayers arrived on the scene to discover a vehicle had been washed off a private bridge into Clarks Creek and traveled approximately 100 yards downstream. The driver had made it to the bank; however, a passenger was clinging to a tree in the dangerously swift water. The passenger sustained a leg injury during the incident and was calling for help.

A local volunteer firefighter arrived on scene with his riverboat and agreed to use his boat in a rescue attempt. Tpr. Ayers and a local police officer entered the boat with the firefighter and crossed the swift water. As the boat made it to the tree line it started to go sideways and tilt. Water then came over the side of the boat and it capsized. Tpr. Ayers was under the boat, but remained calm. He pushed himself from under the boat to the water's surface. Tpr. Ayers was then able to swim to shallow water and make it to the bank. The firefighter and city police officer also safely made it to the shore.

Tpr. Ayers made his way down the bank near the passenger's location. He removed the passenger from the tree and assisted him to a safer location. While waiting on other officers, Tpr. Ayers removed his life vest and placed it on the passenger. He then made an opening for rescue boats to gain access to them.

Trooper Logan B. Monahan, assisted by Missouri Department of Conservation Agent Alan Lamb, arrived on scene and was able to safely transport Tpr. Ayers and the passenger back across the creek. The passenger was then transported by emergency medical services to Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Department of Public Safety Director Jerry Lee recognized Tpr. Ayers' bravery and heroism by naming him the June 2014 DPS Employee



Capt. George E. Ridens, Troop E, was proud to congratulate Tpr. Richard Ayers for being named DPS Employee of the Month For June 2014.

of the Month. Tpr. Ayers accepted the award at a ceremony on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, in the GHQ second floor conference room. In his remarks, Director Lee marveled at Tpr. Ayers' actions during this dangerous incident.

"You did a great job," Director Lee said. "I guess the thing that struck me was that you had to rescue yourself when the boat capsized. You still continued. You gave him your vest and you directed other troopers to rescue him."

Director Lee then showed those attending the ceremony the DPS Employee of the Month traveling plaque, where a plate with Tpr. Ayers' name would be added. "I used to call this

the traveling plaque. It's actually the MSHP plaque," he quipped, referring to the fact that five of the six employees of the month thus far in 2014 have been Patrol employees.

He then congratulated Tpr. Ayers saying, "You're a credit to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the state of Missouri."

Colonel Ron Replogle congratulated Tpr. Ayers and noted that the trooper has completed the four-week marine operations training school. Since the incident, Tpr. Ayers has transferred into Troop E's marine operations. The colonel presented a Patrol challenge coin and said on April 27, Tpr. Ayers demonstrated every one of the core values listed on the coin.

Congratulations, Tpr. Ayers!

August

Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over (August 15 to September 1)

- August 1** ● **Tpr. F.F. Guthrie Jr.** died in 2011.
- August 6** ● **Missouri State Fair** detail begins.
- August 17** ● **Cpl. J.A. Sampietro Jr.** died in 2005.
- August 18** ● **Missouri State Fair** detail ends.
- August 20** ● **Patrol News** articles due.

Science Olympiad: Skepticism & Wonder

Criminalist III Meagan A. McCormick, Q/CLD

On April 12, 2014, I had the honor of traveling with Springfield's Carver Middle School to the Missouri State Science Olympiad on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia. Steven Keller, a professor at MU, quoted the documentary television series "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey" during the awards ceremony when he said, "Science is a marriage between skepticism and wonder." As an adult working in the science field, I know I have the skepticism part down, constantly questioning why things are the way they are. Sometimes, though, I think I forget about the wonder part, and about the excitement and awe that can come from science. Experiencing a Science Olympiad with a group of middle school students reminded me just how amazing science can be.

Carver Middle School earned their trip to the state tournament after winning the regional tournament held at Missouri State University in Springfield last February. State tournament day started at 5 a.m. After registration, one of the students gave a motivational speech to his peers modeled after Dr.



Criminalist III Meagan McCormick, Q/CLD (r), smiles alongside two of the Carver Middle School Crime Busters sporting their second place medals.

Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. For six hours, students scrambled around the sprawling MU campus, competing in events such as Disease Detectives, Shock Value, Helicopters, and Wheeled Vehicles. The events included written tests, laboratory work, and in some cases, testing materials the students had built beforehand, including robots and instruments. I visited Carver Middle School on several occasions to help prepare the team for competing in the Crime Busters event, which involved testing physical and chemical properties of powders and liquids; comparing fingerprints, foot-

wear impressions, and DNA profiles; analyzing inks by chromatography; and following up with an analysis of their evidence to determine which suspect committed the fictional crime.

Awards were given for first through fifth place in each of the 23 events and for the overall teams. Carver Middle School placed fifth in Entomology, third in Solar System, and second in both Meteorology and Crime Busters. In addition, the school earned fifth place overall, an achievement that could not have been reached without all of the students doing an excellent job in their respective events. Awards aside, what inspired me the most about this experience was the students' enthusiasm for science and how much fun they had competing in this tournament. I am grateful to the students of the Carver Middle School Science Olympiad team for putting the wonder part of science back into perspective for me.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Tpr. Zac A. & Mrs. Samantha J. Czerniewski
Troop F

Jarryn

Tpr. Jason W. & Mrs. Ashley B. Philpott
Troop G

Alex Michael

Cpl. Tom G. & Mrs. Kara N. Sims
Troop A

Reese Renee

Tpr. Brandon A. & Mrs. Toby A. Hall
Troop C

Kellen Joseph

Sgt. Brent J. & Mrs. Janell M. Drummond
Troop F

Harper Kay

Tpr. Chuck D. & Mrs. Misty R. Gullett
Troop C

Reese Olivia

Cpl. Justin E. & Mrs. Crystal M. Peabody
Troop H

Britton Genevieve

Cpl. Bob J. & Mrs. Rachel L. Parr
Troop C

Cecily Anne

Comm. Oper. II Charlie F. & Mrs. Sarah E. Kirby
Troop D

Lydia Kathryn

Tpr. Jonathan M. & Mrs. Stephanie A. Conrad
Troop C

Luke Dwayne

Tpr. Jason D. & Mrs. Amy L. Miller
Troop F

Lydia Taylor

Tpr. Chad W. & Mrs. Dawnya L. Walton
Troop B

'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 April 22, 2014 to June 22, 2014. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

Troop A

Tpr. C.R. Blackmon, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.E. Crabtree, 1 arrest
Tpr. L.R. Dancy, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. DeHaan, 2 arrests
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 5 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.A. Engelhart, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.P. Fennewald, 1 arrest
Sgt. K.M. Fisher, 1 arrest
Tpr. S.S. Gates, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 1 arrest
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Langsdale, 12 arrests
Tpr. E.A. Lusk, 3 arrests
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest
Sgt. B.G. Parrott, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 1 arrest
Sgt. G.D. Primm, 4 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.M. Smith, 1 arrest
Sgt. C.E. Utterback, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.D. Wallace, 2 arrests
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest

Troop B

Tpr. D.L. Gipson, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 2 arrests
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 4 arrests
Tpr. K. McGivney, 1 arrest
Tpr. E.J. Ruckenbrod, 1 arrest
Sgt. T.D. Shoop, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.D. Tappendorf, 2 arrests

Troop C

Tpr. M.T. Angrisani, 1 arrest
Tpr. O.R. Baker, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.V. Buchheit, 3 arrests
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.W. Clement, 1 arrest
Cpl. A.D. Gadberry, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.D. Gullett, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Hilliard, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.F. Isringhausen, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.E. Lacy, 2 arrests

Tpr. A.D. Lindgren, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.C. Long, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.J. Mayer, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.A. Metteer Jr., 1 arrest
Cpl. J.M. Potocki, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest
Tpr. B.A. Teague, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.E. Williams, 2 arrests

Troop D

Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 3 arrests
Tpr. T.A. Bible, 1 arrest
Sgt. G.L. Braden, 1 arrest
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 4 arrests
Cpl. S.C. Jones, 1 arrest
Tpr. W.S. Lashmet, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.R. Monk, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 6 arrests
Tpr. L.A. Wilson, 3 arrests

Troop E

Tpr. M.R. Ashby, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.K. Brooks, 2 arrests
Tpr. C.B. Christian, 1 arrest
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Foster, 5 arrests
Tpr. C.M. Heath Jr., 4 arrests
Sgt. B.S. Lively, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.B. Lomedico, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.D. Lynch, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.J. McBride, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 4 arrests
Cpl. R.D. Owens, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 3 arrests
Tpr. E.M. Reynolds, 2 arrests
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.S. Stewart, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.J. West, 2 arrests
Cpl. G.N. Williams, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 5 arrests

Troop F

Cpl. B.W. Adamson, 3 arrests
Cpl. S.A. Ballard, 3 arrests
Cpl. M.G. Broniec, 2 arrests

Sgt. M.J. Broniec, 4 arrests
Tpr. M.A. Dickens, 2 arrests
Tpr. R.R. Dowd, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.C. Fick, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.A. Finkemeier, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 9 arrests
Tpr. D.W. Foust, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.S. Halley, 2 arrests
Tpr. D.P. Hutzler, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.B. Johnson, 6 arrests
Tpr. M.G. Kettenbach, 1 arrest
Sgt. A.J. Mattox, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.O. Mitchell, 1 arrest
Cpl. M.E. Morice, 4 arrests
Tpr. E.B. Mueller, 2 arrests
Cpl. D.R. Powell, 2 arrests
Tpr. A.M. Richerson, 3 arrests
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 1 arrest
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 2 arrests
Tpr. G.L. West Jr., 3 arrests
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 1 arrest

Troop G

Tpr. C.P. Chatman, 1 arrest
Sgt. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest
Cpl. S.M. Dougherty, 3 arrests
Cpl. A.D. Johnson, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.C. Kuessner, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 7 arrests
Cpl. T.R. Nelson, 1 arrest
Tpr. M.A. Philpott, 3 arrests
Sgt. C.N. Ponder, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. Roberts, 3 arrests
Tpr. L.W. Sanders, 3 arrests

Troop H

Cpl. M.S. Belshe, 1 arrest
Tpr. T.J. Black, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.M. Cross, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.P. Dudeck, 1 arrest
Tpr. N.J. Greiner, 1 arrest
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest
Sgt. A.A. Henry, 2 arrests
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 4 arrests

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Cpl. B.E. Maudlin, 2 arrests
Cpl. J.A. Pithan Jr., 1 arrest
Sgt. M.B. Richardson, 1 arrest

Troop I

Lt. J.A. Bair, 1 arrest
Tpr. C.R. Capps, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.I. Cobb III, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 3 arrests
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 3 arrests
Cpl. E.T. Hane, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.A. Ice, 1 arrest
Cpl. J.L. Keathley, 1 arrest
Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 2 arrests
Tpr. J.J. McDonald, 1 arrest
Sgt. M.A. Mitchell, 1 arrest
Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 3 arrests
Tpr. N. A. Smith, 1 arrest
Tpr. R.A. Tyler, 1 arrest
Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 3 arrests

September

Child Passenger Safety Week
(September 14-20)

National Farm Safety & Health
Week
(September 21-27)

Sept. 1	● Labor Day
Sept. 14	● Act establishing the Missouri State Highway Patrol became effective in 1931.
Sept. 15	● Tpr. C.P. Corbin died in 1943.
Sept. 21	● Tpr. R.J. Kolilis died in 1988.
Sept. 22	● Tpr. D.K. Floyd died in 2005.

THE MASTERS' CORNER

On May 21, 2014, the Bloomsdale Excavating Company of Ste. Genevieve's annual golf tournament was held at the Bloomsdale/Ste. Genevieve Golf Course. This event has benefited The MASTERS in the past and, once again, the sponsors demonstrated their interest in including The MASTERS as a beneficiary of this excellent fundraiser. There were several Patrol members participating in the tournament, and the two Troop C The MASTERS directors were there to hand out brochures and answer questions any of the participants might have had. The weather was outstanding and the number of players impressive. This year, The MASTERS was provided a check in the amount of \$1,060 which included a cash membership of \$75 from one of the players. The MASTERS added seven new memberships as a result of this golf outing. We hope the Drury family will be willing to support our very worthwhile organization next year as they have in the past.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 43rd Annual MSHP Golf Tournament which was held on June 2, at the Redfield Golf Course in Eugene. Special thanks goes to Ret. Major Hugh E. McKay, Capt. Greg Smith, Q/FOB, and Lt. Richard Fredendall, Q/BPD, for their time and effort in planning and hosting the event. We are grateful to once again be chosen as the recipient of the proceeds from the tournament which this year totaled \$2,655.

On behalf of everyone in The MASTERS, thanks to all who were involved in these two fundraisers. Due to the support of our many members and friends, The MASTERS continues to become stronger.

A NOTE FROM THE COLONEL

To: All Highway Patrol Employees

Missouri's State Employee Recognition Week (SERW) was held May 27 through May 30, 2014, to honor all state employees. I would like to take this time to personally thank each of you for your dedication and commitment to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I consider us a team at the Patrol. Each of you play a vital role in the successes we have enjoyed and, ultimately, in making our state a safe place for all to live, work, and play. We, as an agency, faced many challenges in 2013. I am very proud of all we accomplished and of the great service that was provided to our state and its citizens. Again, thank you for your hard work in making the Patrol a great organization. It is a pleasure and an honor for me to serve as your colonel.

Colonel Ron Replogle

PERSPECTIVE

We're Going To Have Fun

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

Editor's note: Dad and I truly appreciated the patience, encouragement, and amusement of our partners, Jerry and Pat Herigon. Thank you for being part of our day!

Relax. Feet apart. Left hand on the club so the thumb is tucked near where the right hand rests. Relax. Watch the ball. Lean on the left foot when you swing, so your shoulder won't come up, because that will affect where the ball goes. Relax. This is fun. Pull the club back. Eye on the ball. Swing the thing. Hope you hear a *tink*. That means you hit the ball. Shake your head in amazement at how much thinking it takes to experience something so many people call relaxing.

In April, retired Sergeant Larry Long called me. That isn't unusual, given the fact he's my dad. But, this call took a turn for the surreal when he asked me to be his partner in the upcoming 43rd Annual Missouri State Highway Patrol Employees and Retirees Golf Tournament. Huh? I don't play golf. I struggle at miniature golf. I've never played a single hole on a golf course. Dad assured me we were just going to hang out together and have fun. (For the record, he asked last year, but I was going to be out of town.)

A bit of panic set in when I realized he was serious. He wanted me to go play in a golf tournament. So, I fretted and told Dad he had to take me to putt and to the driving range before the tournament. We were able to go putting once and to the driving range once. Unfortunately, with volunteer commitments and a son graduating from high school, my schedule didn't get me there more often.

As he calmly gave me pointers, I experienced more than one flashback.



Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl Cobb, Q/PIED, hugs her dad, retired Sgt. Larry Long.

Growing up, I watched him coach my brother's baseball teams with the same approach he took with me and golf. Knowledgeable. Patient. Consistent. Repetitive. Steady. Did I mention patient? That deserves to be said twice. He tells me not to worry that I only need to putt. Um, even I know you don't use the putter to tee off ... Then, he explains what a scramble is and a little of my trepidation leaves.

Well, the big day arrived. He reassured me on the way there that we were just going to have fun. Then he mentions a couple of golf etiquette items: Some people don't want you to stand where they see you in their peripheral vision when they swing. Got it. Some people get a little excited if you walk between their ball and the hole ... something about messing with how the grass lays. Easy. I won't walk between a ball and the hole. But, I can't help but wonder about the golfers who walked there before we got to that hole. Don't

talk to someone who's about to take a swing. Gotcha. I might have goofed on that one during our game.

We get there and I check us in while Dad drops off his golf bag and then parks. (We're using his clubs; I don't own any, of course.) I check in and pick up our shirts, then wander around greeting a few people. Each one is relaxed and enjoying the day. Each one is surprised to learn it's my first day of golf—*ever*. But, everyone tells me I'll have fun.

I believe I detected amusement from Lieutenant Jerry C. West, Q/TND, which I count as a successful moment for the day. I recognized retired Assistant Chief Telecommunications Engineer Rob Murray, so I trotted over and said hello. His reaction to my being there as a true, first time golfer mirrored my initial reaction to the invitation. So, had a good laugh with him. Two successful moments and I'm not even on the course. We're going to have fun. Dad hollers and I went over to the putting green. He knew I'd wanted to putt one more time, so we hit a few while waiting for the tournament to start. We surprised Captain Lester D. Elder, Q/MVI, when he put two and two together and came up with the fact that Dad and I are related. Enjoyed that moment, too.

Well, the clock moved to 9 a.m. and after the rules were explained, my first game of golf began. In the interest of space, I've condensed my experience to random thoughts and conversations.

Is it ever going to stop raining? (Five holes.) This is more like it. (Eight holes.) It's getting warm out here. I think I'm starting to get pink. (Five holes.)

At one hole, Dad drove around where the Herigons had parked and

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— Fun

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zipped up the path around a curve and small hill. He stopped, paused, zipped back around, and drove right back.

Me: What did we just do?

Dad: I checked to make sure no one was on the green, since it's obscured from the tee.

Me: So, that wasn't just a joyride?

Dad (laughing): No. No joyrides.

Dad's ball is really going, and how cool is that? The ball curved to the left and kept flying ... oh, wait. That's a little bird. Where's the ball? Where's any ball? How do people know where to find their ball?

Back in the cart. Hug Dad again. My favorite part of the day and it gets repeated numerous times.

Once, as I prepared to tee off, I asked Dad if he had any tips. He says, "Don't hit it in the tall grass." Of course, that's right where my ball landed, which prompted him to say, "Reminds me of when you were a teenager."

Two holes later, there was a small body of water to get over, around, or past. Dad says, "Don't hit it in the water. No, wait. Hit it in the water." *Har-rumpf.*

Swing. Miss. Laugh at myself. Concentrate. Swing—hey! I hit it! Got one over 90 yards!

Uh-oh. My ball isn't close enough and Dad's in the tall grass. Here's that conversation:

Dad: Here, use this one. (Hands me a club.) Hit it hard. Like chopping the head off a snake.

Me: WHAT?!?! (But, on that particular hole, in that moment, I did it. My ball was the one that landed on the green!)

We par'd the 16th hole. My putt took that victory. A celebration worthy of a college endzone followed. We probably deserved to be flagged for that.

Awesome shot, Pat! Herigons got another birdie! Jerry's swing is like poetry in motion. They are having a great game. With all of the distractions we provided, Jerry and Pat still shot a round of par golf!

After the game, we ate lunch, the raffle prizes were awarded, and the winners were named. As I was leaving, Captain Mark G. Inman, Troop G, gave me his door prize – a gopher golf head cover ala "Caddyshack." He asked me if I have golf clubs. Heck, no. I'm using Dad's, I reply. Capt. Inman thought I needed the gopher more than he did. Made me laugh and I thanked him. The gopher is hanging out in my office as a way to remind myself to try new things.

Being a firm believer in life-long learning, I'll share my life's lessons from the 43rd Annual MSHP Employees & Retirees Golf Tournament: Try something new. Golf is a mental exercise. Laughing at yourself reminds you not to take yourself/life too seriously. Hang time with your dad is priceless.

Will I be there next year? Well, I may. Of course, it'll be to spend time with Dad ... 'cause I'm sure not a golfer!

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

45 years ago

July 1969—A photograph showed the "pepper fog" equipment demonstrated at the Missouri Training Center For Men in Moberly, MO. Members from Troop B were in attendance. The centerfold story highlighted the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. Photos and stories told of the Patrol's Task Force Frank, which was created after the court issued a restraining order against protesting Lincoln University students.

35 years ago

August 1979—Colonel Al Lubker's column introduced a new organization: The MASTERS. For the first time, commercial vehicle inspectors recited an oath of office. A retiree spotlight article focused on Major Russell Minor, the first person to hold that rank. Lieutenant Robert J. Hagan tied a national record when he shot a perfect score of 240-24X at the Regional Police revolver Championships in Granite City, IL.

25 years ago

July 1989—An article celebrated that Missouri led the nation in the number of inspections completed during the International Commercial Vehicle Road Check that year. The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Kansas City (MO) Police Department, and St. Louis Police Department committed a total of 9.4 percent of the officers to this inspection effort. Missouri completed 1,816 of the 31,522 inspections (5.8 percent). Missouri joined 43 other states, seven Canadian provinces, and Puerto Rico in this inspection effort.

15 years ago

August 1999—The driver examination clerks met at the Academy to learn about applicable laws, practice verbal judo, and enjoy camaraderie. The Attorney General's Office basketball team hammered the 76th Recruit Class 76 to 57, although it was for a good cause. Funds raised went to a Patrol family in need. The "prettiest cheerleader" contest was an interesting twist to the event.

5 years ago

July/August 2009—This issue was crammed full of stories—Special Olympics, Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony, Boys State, USEOW, Girls State, and the Patrol Cadet Academy all appeared. Everyone smiled when they saw the cover of this issue: A Special Olympics athlete was so happy to get a medal; she kissed Troop D Sgt. Dan Bracker's hands.

Promotions



Paul D. Kerperin
Captain
Q/PRD



Eric T. Olson
Captain
Troop A



James W. Remillard
Captain
Troop I



David C. Dinges
Sergeant
Q/AD



Lance M. Newman
Sergeant
Troop H



Dale B. Pounds
Sergeant
Troop G



Richard L. Ayers
Corporal
Troop E



Jason M. Cross
Corporal
Troop H



Evan T. Hane
Corporal
Troop I



Anthony C. Helfrecht
Corporal
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Mark W. Hicks
Corporal
Q/GD



Bryan W. Long
Corporal
Troop C



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Corporal
Q/AD



Terry R. Nelson
Corporal
Troop G



Jared W. Servais
Corporal
Troop C

Promotions



Thomas J. Stevens
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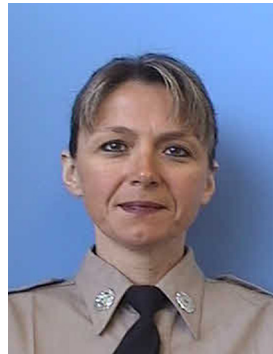
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Troop D



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Personnel Records
Clerk I
Q/HRD



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Asst.
Troop A



Lindsay M. Lambert
Criminalist III
Q/CLD

Central Methodist University

Honors Cpl. Griggs

Central Methodist University presented special awards to seven alumni and friends at its 68th annual Alumni Awards Celebration on May 2.

Five CMU graduates received Distinguished Alumni Awards. Another was given the annual Young Alumni Award, and a seventh very special friend was presented CMU's University Service Award.

The Division of Drug and Crime Control's Corporal Shawn M. Griggs, Class of 2004, received the Young Alumni Award. All were honored at the Alumni Awards Celebration with a reception and dinner in the Jacobs Conference Center of the CMU Student and Community Center.

[Cpl.] Shawn Griggs, Young Alumni Award

This year's Central Methodist University Young Alumni Award recipient is [Cpl.] Shawn Griggs, a Jefferson City resident and native, and a 2004 CMU graduate. He is coordinator of the East Central Drug Task Force for the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

He joined the Patrol months after leaving CMU with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He spent several years in the South St. Louis County/North Jefferson County region, gaining promotion to the rank of corporal in February 2010. In March 2011, he was assigned to the Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control as a narcotics investigator.

[Cpl.] Griggs also worked security details for former President George W. Bush, Missouri Governors Matt Blunt and Jay Nixon, and others. He

has worked as a marijuana eradication officer, and on several enforcement initiatives against driving while intoxicated, earning accolades four times from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). He also has served as a field training officer three times.

[Cpl.] Griggs' current assignment with the East Central Drug Task Force began in September 2012. The Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional effort coordinated by the Patrol that encompasses 15 different law enforcement agencies in the counties of Audrain, Cooper, Howard, Montgomery, Warren, and Pike.

The former CMU football player and assistant coach has returned to campus on several occasions to speak to Eagle student-athletes about topics such as drinking and driving, and seat belt use.

To be eligible for CMU's Young Alumni Award, one must have graduated within the past 15 years.

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This picture at Central Methodist University was taken near the Cross Memorial Tower near the center of campus.

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.”

—Rosalynn Carter

We Shall Never Forget

Missouri Honors Its Heroes

By Sgt. Jerry G. Callahan, Q/HRD

The week before the National Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony in Washington, D.C., the state of Missouri takes a day to honor its fallen heroes. This year, the ceremony took place on May 3, 2014, at the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial on the north lawn of the State Capitol building. This special memorial is nestled in the shaded bluffs overlooking the Missouri River. It was here that numerous agencies from across the state gathered with friends, family, and public officials to recognize the service and ultimate sacrifice of those who have given their lives in the line of duty protecting the people of Missouri. Attorney General Chris Koster and Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Jerry Lee both addressed the attendees.

This year, four new names were added to the memorial. Detective Christopher C. Simpson and Officer Joseph C. Smith, both of the Chesterfield Police Department, saw their end of watch on February 12, and March 13, 2013. The other new names added to the wall were Vernon O. Winn, of the Iberia Police Department (end of watch April 24, 2011), and Edward Bell, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Police Department (end of watch February 11, 1919). Through the grace of God, this year no new names from the Patrol

were added to the 30 Highway Patrol names already on the memorial. For this, we are all thankful. We at the Patrol recognize 31 heroes, which includes Trooper J.D. Ellis, who lost his life while serving in the military during

“We remember our brave brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate price and continue to stand with their loved ones who will always be part of our extended law enforcement family.”

— DPS Director Jerry Lee

World War II. There were many attendees from the Patrol family present to remember the sacrifice and celebrate the lives of our fallen heroes. We shall never forget.

The ceremony was greeted with clear warm weather. Law enforcement pipe and drum corps, buglers, and honor guards from different agencies came together to honor fallen officers. The Missouri State Highway Patrol's honor guard was on hand to supply the 21-gun salute. Families of the fallen and law enforcement agencies from across Missouri participated in the annual event by placing wreaths at the memorial wall. In addition, the families

and friends of fallen officers were able to pin flowers to a memorial wreath as the name, agency, and end-of-watch day were announced. Following the ceremony, a meal was provided for attendees to enjoy before departing. The evening prior to the ceremony a candlelight vigil is traditionally held. While never personally having attended this part of the weekend events, I can attest by the testimonials of those having attended that for many this is the most moving and special part of the memorial ceremonies. I would invite each of you to attend this annual memorial service.

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” - John 15:13

Roll Call

Sergeant Ben O. Booth
Trooper Fred L. Walker
Trooper Victor O. Dosing
Trooper Charles P. Corbin
Trooper J.D. Ellis
Trooper Ross S. Creach
Trooper John N. Greim
Trooper Wayne W. Allman
Trooper Jesse R. Jenkins
Trooper Gary W. Snodgrass
Trooper William R. Brandt
Trooper Dennis H. Marriott
Trooper James M. Froemsdorf
Trooper Jimmie E. Linegar
Trooper Russell W. Harper
Corporal Henry C. Bruns
Trooper Robert J. Kolilis
Corporal Michael E. Webster
Sergeant Randy V. Sullivan
Sergeant David C. May
Sergeant Robert G. Kimberling
Sergeant Robert A. Guilliams
Trooper Kelly L. Poynter
Trooper Michael L. Newton
Sergeant C. Dewayne Graham Jr.
Trooper Ralph C. Tatoian
Corporal John A. Sampietro Jr.
Trooper Donald K. Floyd
Corporal Dennis E. Engelhard
Sergeant Joseph G. Schuengel
Trooper Frederick F. Guthrie Jr.

Mr. Hayden Graham places a flower in memory of his dad, Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr., who was killed in the line of duty on March 21, 2005.



Rolla Optimists Recognize Troop I Employee

By Sgt. Cody H. Fulkerson, Troop I

On May 7, 2014, the Optimist International Club of Rolla recognized Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, Troop I, at their annual Respect for Law Enforcement banquet by presenting her with the club's prestigious Bramlet-Light Award. Each year, this honor is bestowed to an individual or group who through initiative, dedication, and many hours of labor has gone above and beyond in supporting and improving either the legal system or programs for the youth in the Rolla community.

At Troop I, Jamie not only excels with her many clerical duties, but has also taken on the additional responsibilities as the liaison with the Phelps County prosecuting attorney and as a part-time recruiter for the Patrol. Jamie is well known for her participation at Troop I to help assure the success of all special events and for support when other employees are faced with emergency situations.

Jamie's benevolent nature does not end at work, as she is often busy serving the public in various capaci-

ties during her free time. For several years, she has played an integral part of the committee responsible for organizing the ever-growing and highly successful annual Cancer Gala in Rolla. Jamie also has donated her time to the Joy of Caring Foundation. However, Jamie may be best known for her work in raising funds for Special Olympics. Since 2009, she has been designated the Troop I Special Olympics' coordinator. In the past, she has been instrumental in all aspects of organizing the troop's fundraising efforts, including such events as the Hot Pursuit 5K Run, Tip A Cop events at Colton's Steakhouse, the Over the Edge repelling event in Jefferson City, and the Rolla area's first Polar Bear Plunge. Jamie has played a huge role in the organizing of Troop I Law Enforcement Torch Runs and has donated countless hours on Saturdays to selling SOMO T-shirts at area Wal-



Judge John Wiggins (r) presents the Rolla Optimist Club's Bramlet-Light Award to Clerk Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, Troop I.

Mart stores. Her drive to succeed and serve has resulted in continuous financial growth for SOMO, culminating last year in over \$20,000 being raised by Troop I for this cause.

All of us would like to congratulate Jamie for being selected to receive this award.

MoDOT Employees Named Honorary Troopers

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

On May 21, 2014, Missouri Department of Transportation employees Mr. Timothy Glasgow, of Canton, MO, and Mr. Arney Carroll, of Kahoka, MO, accepted Honorary Trooper certificates for their valiant efforts in extricating and potentially saving the lives of two traffic crash victims on U.S. Highway 61 in Clark County.

On February 21, 2014, Corporal Doug E. Seigfried was called to the scene of an injury traffic crash on U.S. Highway 61, south of Route C, in Clark County. Upon his arrival, he was able to determine a pickup truck towing a cargo trailer had lost control, spun around on the ice covered roadway, and was struck by a semi-truck. After the initial impact, the semi-truck trav-

eled off the left side of the roadway and overturned in the median. Shortly after the vehicles came to rest, a Missouri Department of Transportation truck occupied by Mr. Glasgow and Mr. Carroll, who had witnessed the

crash, stopped to render aid to the two occupants of the pickup truck. It quickly became apparent to them that the driver of the pickup truck was pinned in the driver's seat.

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Pictured are: Sgt. Michael Kauth, Cpl. Doug Seigfried, Mr. Timothy Glasgow, Mr. Arney Carroll, Capt. Jimmie Wilt, and Lt. Brian Anderson.

— Honorary

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While attempting to free the driver, the front of the pickup caught fire. Mr. Glasgow quickly retrieved a fire extinguisher from his MoDOT truck and was able to extinguish the flames. A short time later, they were able to free both of the occupants from the pickup, enabling them to be treated by responding medical personnel. Both occupants sustained moderate injuries

and were transported to Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. There is no doubt the bravery and quick actions of Mr. Glasgow and Mr. Carroll went above and beyond their required duty, and prevented further injuries to the occupants.

Troop B's Captain Jimmie W. Wilt, Lieutenant Brian N. Anderson, Sergeant Mike E. Kauth, and Cpl. Seigfried presented Honorary Trooper certificates to Mr. Glasgow and Mr. Carroll at the Wayland MODOT building.

The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.

—Jim Rohn

Anniversaries

August

30 years

Tech. Support Mgr. Jeff N. Myers, Q/ICTD
DE Sprv. Lisa D. Swafford, Troop F
Staff Artist II Yvonne D. Cook, Q/PIED

25 years

Chief Oper. Rocky L. Ponder, Q/ICTD
DE III Myra J. Ripple, Troop D
Asst. Chief Oper. Bruce G. Smith, Troop G
Fiscal & Budgetary Analyst III Bev A. Knoll, Q/CJISD

20 years

Info. Analyst II Karen C. Burge, Q/DDCC
MVI III Llona C. Hance, Troop I
DE Sprv. Teresa L. Oliver, Troop H

15 years

DE Sprv. Tumica L. Cosey, Troop C
Comm. Oper. II Lori K. Downey, Troop B
DE Sprv. Marilyn J. Thompson, Troop E
Comm. Oper. III April L. Warren, Troop F
Comm. Oper. II Russ A. Windle, Troop D

10 years

CDL Exam. Auditor Gaye A. Derausse, Troop C
Clerk-Typist III Jamie L. Maddux, Troop I
DE III Ken W. King, Troop C

5 years

DE III Danny L. Williams, Troop F

September

45 years

Account Clerk III Dianne P. Stricker, Troop C

30 years

Criminalist III Nick W. Gerhardt, Q/CLD
Clerk IV Brenda L. Starke, Q/PRD

25 years

Exam. Monitor Barb A. Huber, Troop C
Asst. Director D. Russ Dunwiddie, Q/PRD

20 years

Chief Tech. Mike A. Hall, Q/ICTD
Quality Control Clerk II Doris A. Boes, Q/PRD

15 years

Telecom. Jeannie A. Burns, Troop E
Clerk IV Jenn J. Canaday, Q/DE
DE III Debra K. Curry, Troop A

Comm. Oper. II Ila R. Duvall, Troop A

Comm. Oper. II Mark C. Nelson, Troop B

10 years

DE Sprv. Linda A. Bradley, Troop D
Criminalist III J. Bob Burgio, Q/CLD
Crim. Sprv. Brad D. Gibson, Q/CLD
CITS II Jeanne V. Livers, Q/TND
Cpl. Mike P. McClure, Troop D
Criminalist III Amanda R. Neely, Q/CLD
CDL Exam. Aud. Kathie A. Ryun, Troop A

5 years

Technician II Melanie R. Branson, Q/CJISD
Technician II Ash N. Brewer, Q/CJISD
DE III Renee S. Gentry, Troop E
MVI III Ron W. Hoffman, Troop C
DE III Shirley B. Moore, Troop C
CDL Exam. Faye A. Newkirk, Troop C
Technician II Michelle E. Sturgeon, Q/CJISD
Technician III Kyle J. Vaught, Q/CJISD

Patrol Negotiators Take First Place

By Tpr. Brian J. Geier, Troop F

On May 28, 2014, negotiators from Troops A, C, and F SWAT teams competed in a scenario-driven competition in Kansas City, MO. Troop A Negotiators Corporal M. David Miranda and Corporal Charles W. Hoff were placed on a multi-jurisdictional team and Troop C Negotiators Sergeant Michele L. Coon and Corporal Sam V. Buchheit, as well as Troop F Negotiators Corporal Matt T. Halford, Trooper Brian J. Geier, and Trooper Diana P. Hutzler were placed on a team.

Each team was presented with an identical scenario and negotiators communicated with role-players. The Troops F/C team used a Patrol throw-phone to simulate a real-life call. The scenario was based on a real-life incident and consisted of a barricaded and suicidal subject. Although each role-player is required to stick to a certain set of rules, the information they give the negotiators depends on how well the negotiator is doing. Each team is responsible for determining if there are hostages, weapons involved, past criminal history, and many other pieces of information. There are also a number of outcomes which are dependent on the negotiators' performances, including: peaceful surrender, suicide of the suspect, and tactical entry.

Each team was evaluated by two experienced judges throughout the entire scenario, which lasted approximately five hours. The judges also periodically visited other teams to verify they were scoring in accordance with other judges.

At the end of the day, it was announced the Patrol's Troops F/C team had won first place. The Troops F/C team was able to negotiate a peaceful surrender of the suspect and avoid a tactical entry. When the judges gave their critique of our performance, they were surprised to learn we were actually composed of two teams, and had never worked together on a negotiation. It should be noted the Patrol's negotiation teams are part-time positions, like that of any other Patrol SWAT position. Other teams involved in the competition were made up of full-time SWAT members who work and train together daily.

Cpl. Halford served as team leader and was responsible for communication between the negotiation team and the incident commander. Tpr. Geier served as primary negotiator and was in direct contact with the suspect throughout the exercise. Cpl. Buchheit served as secondary negotiator

and was responsible for assisting the primary negotiator by relaying information and suggesting tactics through notes. Tpr. Hutzler served as the team recorder and kept a detailed log of all contact between negotiators and the suspect, as well as assisting Sgt. Coon with the organization and dissemination of all intelligence to the team. Tpr. Hutzler and Sgt. Coon actually used an entire wall's worth of dry erase boards to create a very detailed, yet easy to read reference of all pertinent information. Troop F SWAT Team Leader Corporal Scott A. Ballard and Troop C SWAT Team Leader Sergeant Dan E. Caldwell were present as observers of the scenario.

As winners of the Missouri Association of Crisis Negotiators Challenge, the Patrol was invited to compete in a national completion early next year in Texas. Congratulations to all those involved in this year's win!



Pictured (l to r) are: Tpr. Brian Geier, Troop F, Cpl. Matt Halford, Troop F, Ms. Debra McMahon, director of Missouri Association of Crisis Negotiators, Tpr. Diana Hutzler, Troop F, Sgt. Michelle Coon, Troop C, and Cpl. Sam Buchheit, Troop C. Ms. McMahon, owner of Crisis Systems Management LLC, is a retired Special Agent of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. She currently trains officers in crisis/hostage negotiation for the Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, in Johnston, IA; The Institute of Police Technology and Management at the University of North Florida, in Jacksonville, FL; the Center for Advanced Technical Law Enforcement Training; and for the Department of Defense. Ms. McMahon's negotiator training courses have been the standard training for Patrol negotiators for the past several years. The standardized training allows negotiators from different teams to come together and operate seamlessly during calls or training. She resides in the Troop I area.

Officers Run For SOMO; Enjoy Camaraderie

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

On May 28, 2014, officers from the Platte County Sheriff's Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and Missouri Conservation Department participated in the 2014 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Platte County. This leg of the Torch Run, which is in Special Olympics' Region 2, began at the Missouri Highway 152 and Interstate 435 interchange and ended 8.4 miles east at Platte Purchase. Both Patrol and Platte County officers followed the group as they ran in order to assist with traffic control. Officers running along the shoulder of MO 152 heard several honks and shouts of encouragement during the event.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a project that partners law enforcement agencies around the state with Missouri Special Olympics. Many law enforcement agencies sell Special Olympics T-shirts to raise funds for this important program. However, this effort makes up only a small percentage of the organization's revenue.

The Torch Run started in Kansas in 1981 as a one-day run, and has expanded to include 46 countries and



Those officers participating in the Platte County Law Enforcement Torch Run include: (front row, l to r) Platte County Sergeant Greg Crader, Platte County Reserve Deputy Mark Adams, Missouri Conservation Officer Aaron Post, and Trooper Jack T. Thomas, Troop A; (second row, l to r) Trooper Belinda K. Huff, Q/GD, Platte County Sergeant Jerin Almond, Platte County Dispatcher Rachelle Boston, retired Trooper Bruce E. Kerr, and Sergeant D.J. Hedrick, Troop A.

year-round fundraising programs such as Tip-A-Cop, Cop On Top, Polar Bear Plunge, and Over-the-Edge. Officers throughout the state carry the torch with pride each year to the site of the annual Missouri Special Olympics Summer Games.

Platte County Sergeant Greg Crader has been instrumental in planning and organizing the Torch Run held in Platte County each year. Platte County Reserve Deputy Mark Adams summed up the feelings of all of the officers when he said he enjoys the camaraderie and fellowship throughout the run.

Optimists Honor Tpr. Kuessner

By Sgt. Jeff Kinder, Troop G

Trooper Jason C. Kuessner, Troop G, was honored recently during a West Plains Optimist Club luncheon at Ryan's Steakhouse in West Plains, where he accepted the Optimist Club Respect For Law Award. The inscription on the plaque reads "For Distinguished & Dedicated Service Advancing The Respect For Law Enforcement." Tpr. Kuessner has served as both a Missouri State Water Patrol officer and Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper for a combined 17 years.

Currently, he is assigned to Troop G, Zone 4, Van Buren, MO. Tpr. Kuessner was recognized for his contributions to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Dive Team. In 2013, he re-

sponded to 18 dives where he assisted in the recovery of potential evidence, such as weapons used in the commission of crimes, automobiles, and a drowning victim. He is also a trainer for the state's dive team program and holds a rating of dive master. His experience and expertise has proven to be invaluable in this capacity and he is considered a

Pictured (l to r) are Tpr. Jason Kuessner, Troop G, accepting the Respect For Law Award from West Plains Mayor Jack Pahlman, who is also representing the West Plains Optimists, and Captain Mark G. Inman, Troop G.



leader in the field. In addition to being an accomplished marine officer, Tpr. Kuessner has excelled as a road officer. During 2013, he accumulated an impressive 69 drug arrests. He is focused on the mission of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and is a valuable asset to his community as well as the state of Missouri. Congratulations, Tpr. Kuessner, for a job well done!

Tpr. Leathers Named DPS Employee Of The Month

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

Fire. Just the word by itself elicits a physical response from most people. When you hear that word, your situational awareness sharpens. You start looking to see where the fire is, so you can get away from it. Unless, of course, you're a hero. Heroes go toward the fire ... they feel the heat and smell the smoke, but they are driven to make sure no one is in danger from the flames.

On January 19, 2014, Trooper Jeffrey S. Leathers, Troop I, *was* that hero. He responded to a call about a residential fire, and when he arrived, he found a house engulfed in flames. Adding to the danger were the numerous propane tanks located near the garage that were venting gas and exploding, causing debris and shrapnel to fly through the air.

Fire is a hungry, angry beast, and this one was no different. It spread to the house next door, putting that family in danger, too. Tpr. Leathers went into the second residence and contacted two female residents. He informed them of the fire and instructed them to evacuate. He inquired as to whether anyone else was in the house and was informed that no one was. Tpr. Leathers then exited the residence.

After leaving the residence, Tpr. Leathers moved away from the fire. A man arrived and tried to get to the propane tanks with the intent of moving them. Tpr. Leathers intercepted him and moved him out of harm's way. The highly distraught man then attempted to get inside the second home. Tpr. Leathers and a Dent County deputy met the man at the door where he was cursing at the fire department. Tpr. Leathers then heard the man yell a girl's name. At that point, the man explained that a young cousin, age 10, was in the residence. She had been

watching a movie in a bedroom under the covers.

"I don't know if she didn't hear me when I was banging on the doors when I first went into the house," said Tpr. Leathers, "or if she got scared and didn't answer. The man was hollering her name and I was pushing him back



The Leathers family joined Tpr. Jeffrey Leathers, Troop I (center), for the DPS Employee of the Month presentation.

from the door. Deputy Davis opened up the door and we saw a room immediately to the left as you entered the home. There she was, standing in the room. We stepped in and got her. We took her and the man across the street to her mom. I was a little more understanding of his behavior at that point."

As a result of Tpr. Leathers' actions, Department of Public Safety Director Jerry Lee named this hero the May 2014 Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month. Director Lee presented a certificate and DPS challenge coin to Tpr. Leathers at a special gathering on May 29, 2014, in the PIED Theater.

Director Lee acknowledged that, "Fires scare me, but propane is really scary. Your actions are a credit to yourself and to the Patrol. Congratulations."

Colonel Ron Replogle also congratulated Tpr. Leathers, describing the trooper's actions as a great representation of our core values.

"I can think of no greater service than to save someone's life," said Col. Replogle. The colonel gave Tpr. Leathers a Patrol challenge coin saying, "The coin has the core values on the back. I think you represent each of them."

Lt. Jim W. Reimillard, who was promoted to captain and became commanding officer of Troop I effective June 1, also attended the ceremony. "I want to express my appreciation to Tpr. Leathers for his actions that day. I am proud that he represents Troop I. He represents what the Patrol's been about since 1931—selfless service."

When Tpr. Leathers introduced his parents, Jack and Linda Leathers, his wife, Christy, his son, Noah, and a family friend, Chad Elliott, Col. Replogle thanked them for coming to the ceremony. "I like to see a trooper have the support of family. Not only a wife and children, but I like to see Mom and Dad. I'm sure you pray for him on a daily basis. Thank you for coming up."

Tpr. Leathers' son, Noah, said the day of the fire they were watching television and getting ready to eat dinner when his dad got home. "He told us the story while we were eating. When he finished, I was thinking about the different movies I've seen with scenes like that in them." Noah is a student at Salem Middle School in Salem, MO, where he enjoys math class, serving on the Student Council, and playing football. Although Noah described his dad as "joking all the time," Noah was very serious when he said, "He's a special person ... He's my dad and I feel really safe with him around."

Retirees, Employees Enjoy 43rd Tournament

By Ret. Major Hugh E. McKay

The 43rd Missouri State Highway Patrol Employees & Retirees Golf Tournament took place June 2, 2014, at the Redfield Golf Course in Eugene, MO. Captain Greg K. Smith, Q/FOB, and myself (retired Major Hugh E. McKay) served as this year's tournament coordinators. A total of 76 players participated in this year's two-person scramble. After 18 holes of golf, everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch while waiting to find out the tournament results. Random drawings for sponsor prizes also took place. Over \$2,600 collected from corporate sponsors and participating golfers will be donated to The MASTERS. Invaluable assistance was provided by Lieutenant Richard Fredendall, Q/BPD, who served refreshments and putting advice to the golfers on course.

Listed are the golfers who placed:

Championship Flight:

- 1st – Tournament Champions – Lt. Mike W. Cross (A)/Tpr. Jason M. Cross (H) — 60
- 2nd – Cpl. Neil R. Atkinson (F)/Sgt. Clark N. Stratton (A) — 65
- 3rd – Cpl. John P. Gassen (Q/GD)/Ret. Sgt. Dave V. Gisel — 66

A Flight:

- 1st – Ret. Maj. Hugh E. McKay/Ret. Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey — 70
- 2nd – Capt. Larry W. Plunkett Jr. (Q/CJISD)/Ret. Sgt. Lonnie L. Hickman — 71
- 3rd – Ret. Chief Telecom. Eng. Richard W. King/Ret. ACTE Rob E. Murray — 71

B Flight:

- 1st – Lt. Chris S. Jolly (Q/PSD)/Ret. Cpl. Mike C. Arand — 75
- 2nd – Ret. Criminalist Sprv. Don L. Lock/Ret. Tpr. Larry F. Lock — 75
- 3rd – Capt. Brad W. Jones (Q/PRD, now retired)/Ret. Lt. Jerel A. Schomer — 76

C Flight:

- 1st – Ret. Capt. Paul D. Parmenter/Ret. Capt. Bob P. Stieffermann — 80
- 2nd – Asst. Chief Oper. David R.



The winners of the 43rd Annual Patrol Employees & Retirees Golf Tournament smile after a great day of golfing.

Axelrod (C)/Comm. Oper. II J.
Pat Callihan (C) — 80
3rd – Capt. David P. Perkins
(Q/DE)/CITS II Charlie M.
Herigon (Q/ICTD) — 80

Closest To The Pin:

Retiree – Ret. Sgt. J. Rod Applebury
– Hole #15
Active – Tpr. Jason M. Cross (H) –
Hole #8

Longest Putt Made:

Retiree – Ret. Sgt. Larry M. Bodenhamer – Hole #18
Active – Col. Ron K. Replogle – Hole #2

Longest Drive In Fairway:

Retiree – Ret. Lt. Mark D. Harwell –
Hole #5
Active – Cpl. John P. Gassen (A) —
Hole #11

Thank you to everyone who participated and those who helped organize this event. Special thanks to Ret. Capt. Ron L. Walker, Capt. Smith (Q/FOB), and Lt. Fredendall (Q/BPD) for their assistance on and off the course, and to Shane and the entire Redfield Golf Course staff.

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What's Your Vision?

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

The 45th American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy graduated June 6, 2014. Members of the class ranged in age from 16 to 18 years old and came from all across the state to experience firsthand the role of law enforcement in safeguarding American freedoms and rights. The week reflects a typical week of intensive Patrol recruit training. This year's academy included 40 young people.

After marching in to the gymnasium, they assembled in the front of the room and took their seats. Sergeant C. Joey Day, Q/TND, served as the master of ceremonies for the event. Cadet Zachary Compton provided the invocation and benediction. Class Commander Jacob Muehring addressed his fellow cadets, acknowledging the challenges of the week, but added, "... the reward of being in this building with these professional troopers free-of-charge is unbelievable." He said he hoped his fellow cadets learned as much and gained as much respect for the Patrol as he had during the experience.

Certificates were presented to each cadet. Cadet Dylan White accept-

ed the title of Top Shot. Cadet Ashton Reuter and Cadet Joshua Ramirez accepted awards in physical fitness. The American Legion presented scholarships to Cadet Ashton Reuter and Cadet Riley Walquist.

Major Duane Robinson spoke to the class. "You're in high school now, which is a time of learning who you are and making choices that affect your future. All of us need to constantly remind ourselves of what we want to stand for; in essence, what is our vision for our life ... Whether you find your purpose is a career in law enforcement or something else, I hope you can use some of the skills and ideals you learned this week." He also spoke of the Patrol's core values and told them these same core values



State Director Cadet Patrol Bob Jordan congratulates Patrol Cadet Ashton Reuter for earning the women's physical fitness award.



(l to r) State Director Cadet Patrol Bob Jordan presents the "Top Shot" award to Patrol Cadet Dylan White.

would serve them well in any of their endeavors. "Congratulations on your graduation and thank you for your interest in the Patrol. If you eventually find that this is your purpose, I look forward to seeing you out there, serving and protecting."



(front row, l) Sgt. C. Joey Day, Q/TND, stands with members of the 45th American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy and the cadet counselors. State Director Cadet Patrol Bob Jordan is pictured also (front row, r).

MSHP Crime Lab Welcomes Visitors From Moldova

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

The Mission: Travel to a foreign country whose language you most likely do not speak. Along with eight of your countrymen, visit four forensic laboratories to learn about their quality system management (document control, record control practices, internal audits, and management practices), accreditation, and how the laboratory approaches a case. This is the mission, should you choose to accept it.

Nine Moldovan professionals did indeed accept this mission. Four quality managers, a chief chemist, a toxicology chief, a chemist, and two language assistants arrived in Missouri to learn from four of Missouri's highly respected forensic laboratories. After visiting St. Charles County Police Department, St. Louis Medical Examiner's Office, and St. Louis County Police Department facilities, the group arrived at the Missouri State Highway Patrol's General Headquarters on June 12, 2014. Their goal was to learn as much as possible before beginning their own process of international accreditation under the ISO/IEC 17025 international standard.**

The Moldovan contingent represented four government laboratories and that country's Department of State. After introductions had been made, QA Manager Robin L. Rothove explained the Laboratory's Quality Management System, which covers policies, procedures, quality assurance, document control, employee competency/proficiency testing, etc. She explained that although we have many different customers, the policies have to cover all customers and all situations. Policies should be practical and all employees must read, understand, and apply them in everything they do.

The language assistants communicated to the Moldovan contingent and relayed questions back to QA Mgr. Rothove and the other Patrol employees present. How many employees work in the Patrol's eight laboratories? Are all of those employees considered



Crim. Sprv. Adam Benne explains the Laboratory Information Management System to the Moldovan contingent.

experts? When asked, the interpreter explained the group wanted to know if all employees performed forensic testing. The answer: There are analysts and support personnel assigned to the Crime Laboratory Division. So, no, not all employees perform testing. However, all of the employees are trained and all analysts are tested to prove

competency, which is a rigorous and thorough process. How long is training for a new employee and can new employees sign reports? Each discipline handles specific training for that discipline—toxicology, DNA, firearms, etc. Who gives the test?

"We can break down the training and test them so they can do part of the tests and write part of the report and sign that part," said Criminalist Supervisor Adam Benne, "As technical leader, I test all drug chemistry employees and deem them competent. The director gives me the authority and responsibility to ensure their competency."

QA Mgr. Rothove stressed the importance of good communication and explained that communication is constant. For example, the records for internal audits are accessible to all employees, and ISO 17025 requires that all employees be notified of policy updates. She spoke about audits, both external and internal, and how audit's findings result in corrective actions. She also showed the group examples of forms used in the laboratories.

QA Mgr. Rothove also explained document control, saying that the required master list is a defined computer system folder where all policies, procedures, and forms are maintained. The Moldovans learned the laboratory's records are maintained electronically. The specially designed Laboratory Information Management System tracks chain of custody (the movement of evidence within the laboratory) utilizing the barcodes assigned to both employees, evidence, and storage locations.

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After lunch at the Academy, Crime Laboratory Division Director Bill Marbaker took the group on a tour of the General Headquarters Lab. From there, the group was turned over to Crim. Sprv. Benne to observe chain of custody and testing procedures for a “mock” drug case. He showed them how a suspected controlled substance case is documented and examined.

Always, the Moldovan contingent was attentive, professional, and friendly. Their questions were specific as they tried to relate how their laboratories operate to what would be expected of an accredited facility. Though most of the Patrol’s Crime Laboratory Division’s records are computerized, laboratory employees were able to show how records kept on paper could still meet accreditation standards.

“Explaining our accreditation requirements to new employees is difficult,” said QA Mgr. Rothove. “Explaining the requirements in a different language seemed impossible. Fortunately, the Moldovans were experts and probably understood more than I imagined.”

When told the laboratory included a Toxicology Section, the Moldovan group wanted to know if testing was done “for a dead person or alive.” The answer: Both. Later, they asked to speak with a criminalist in the Toxicology Section, so Criminalist I Craig Bishop came over to answer a few questions. Is there testing of heavy metals in body fluids? Cyanide? Pesticide? He answered that none of these items are tested by the Patrol’s Toxicology Section.

At the end of the day, Director Marbaker spoke to the group about some of the challenges of having eight laboratories and ensuring that all employees follow procedures and policies. He also explained the benefits of computerized records. He explained another challenge the laboratory faced when becoming internationally accredited: ISO requires the laboratory to contract with an outside firm to certify its calibration for its pipets and balances once per year. With eight



(front row, l to r) Pictured are: Language Assistant Vitalie Tigulea, Quality Mgr. Angela Baciu, Quality Mgr. Olga Carataga, Chief Chemist Alina Nitrean, and Chief of Toxicology Maia Botzatu; (back row, l to r) Quality Mgr. Elena Golban, QA Mgr. Robin Rothove, Q/CLD, Chemist Alexandru Fonari, Quality Mgr. Constantin Ciorba, Program Mgr./Language Assistant Alexandru Molcean, Criminalist Sprv. Adam Benne, Q/CLD, Director Bill Marbaker, Q/CLD, Vice Pres. International Development and Training Donnell Christian, Professional Business Solutions Inc., and Criminalist III Abby Graham, Q/CLD. The Moldovan guests represented the Ministry of Internal Affairs/Center of Technical Criminalistics and Judicial Examinations; Ministry of Health/Center of Legal Medicine; Ministry of Justice/CEJ; National Anticorruption Center; and Department of State/INL.

laboratories requiring weight sets to be certified, the laboratory found that purchasing an extra set of weights that “travel” to a different laboratory each month alleviated concern of meeting the certification deadline and needs of the laboratory.

So, what will the Crime Laboratory’s Moldovan visitors take home from their experiences in Missouri? For one, they liked that the criminalists had enough space to work and that the equipment is organized. “Everything done is what is necessary, there is nothing extra,” Language Assistant Vitalie Tigulea translated. “The process is very efficient. We use old buildings for our laboratories, so the work flow has some problems. There is good work flow here. The chain of custody is good, you always know where the sample is.” The group consensus was that it is good that everything is computerized, that a criminalist can fill out a form or worksheet in the labora-

tory and access it anywhere.

“I like that my colleagues’ are like children with a nice toy,” said Program Manager/Language Assistant Alexandru Molcean. “I hope when we go back, there will be many proposals from their side and we will move forward in a better way.”

***The Patrol’s laboratory system has been accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board since 1984. The original accreditation program included 150 individual requirements; the new, international accreditation includes over 500 standards. The process of converting the Crime Lab’s quality assurance management system to the new, internationally recognized system took five years. In 2011, after a weeklong review by a team of 14 forensic experts, all eight laboratories in the Patrol’s Crime Laboratory system achieved this highly respected status.*

Where In The World Is Moldova?

Compiled from Republic of Moldova Website

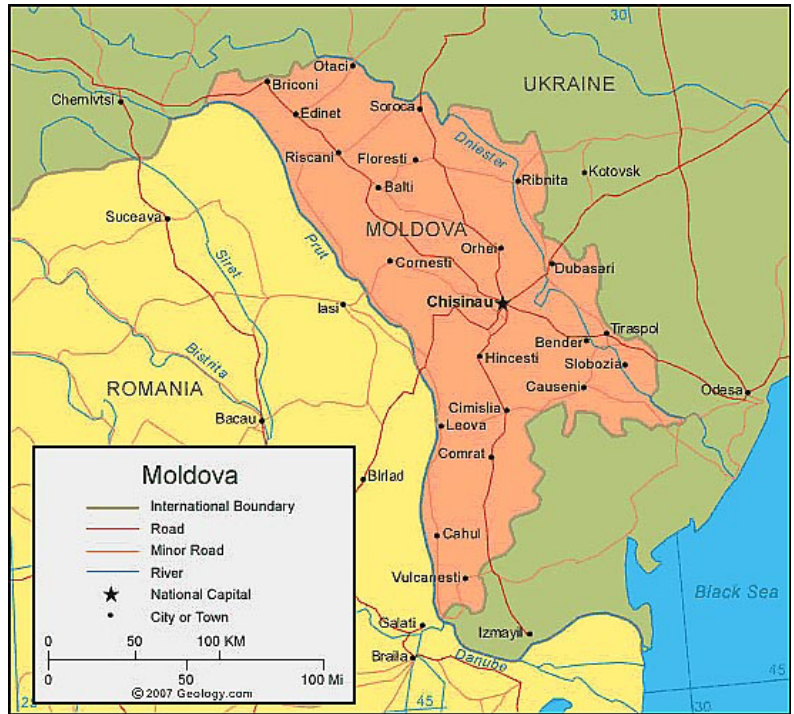
Moldova (population 3,583,299) can be found between Romania and Ukraine. It has been part of both Romania and Russia, but became an independent country in 1991. Moldova's total area is 33,851 square kilometers, which would make it slightly larger than the state of Maryland. It is land locked with moderate winters and warm summers. Its natural resources include lignite, phosphorites, gypsum, arable land, and limestone. The official language is Moldovan, which is virtually the same as the Romanian language. The majority of the country's population is Orthodox Christian.

The Moldovan government includes an Executive Branch, a Legislative Branch, and a Judicial Branch. It includes both a president (elected) and a prime minister (designated by president; approved by Parliament). The cabinet is selected by the president, but must be approved by Parliament. There are quite a few political parties in Moldova.

Moldova is making a lot of progress, yet remains one of the poorest

countries in Europe. It relies heavily on its agricultural exports, which features fruits, vegetables, wine, and tobacco. The country also exports machinery and equipment, chemicals, and textiles. The government has a goal of integration into the European Union.

When asked, the Moldovan contingent described themselves as friendly and optimistic. "We are a country that has many problems now, but we have the desire to change things to live bet-



ter. That's why we are here and are curious," said Program Manager/Language Assistant Alexandru Molcean, Moldova Department of State.

Congratulations On Your Retirement!



Lola J. Parris
Buyer II
Q/BPD

*Retired May 1, 2014.
11 years of dedicated service.*



Brenda K. Davidson
Stenographer III
Troop E

*Retired June 1, 2014.
30 years, six months of
dedicated service.*

Congratulations On Your Retirement!

Jill E. Speckhals
Admin. Office
Support Asst.
Q/GD

Retired June 1, 2014.
30 years of dedicated service.



Mitch K. Allen
Corporal
Troop H

Retired July 1, 2014.
30 years of dedicated service.



Pamela L. Berry
Telecommunicator
Troop D

Retired July 1, 2014.
16 years, 10 months of dedicated
service.



Vickie L. Kanatzar
Stenographer III
Troop H

Retired July 1, 2014.
17 years of dedicated service.



Terry D. Norment
Computer Info.
Tech. Spec. II
Q/ICTD

Retired July 1, 2014.
14 years, nine months of
dedicated service.



Jim C. Ortvals
Asst. Garage Supt.
Q/FFD

Retired July 1, 2014.
21 years of dedicated service.



Retirement

Sgt. Jeff C. Creech



On July 1, 2014, Troop B Sergeant Jeff C. Creech, retired after serving over 24 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Jeff began his career with the Patrol on January 1, 1990, and was a member of the 62nd Recruit Class. After graduating from the Patrol Academy, he was assigned to Troop B, Zone 9, which serves Marion and Ralls Counties. On July 1, 1998, he was promoted to corporal and designated the assistant zone commander of Zone 8. On October 19, 2003, Jeff was promoted to sergeant and designated the zone commander of Zone 7, which serves Knox and Lewis Counties. On June 1, 2010, he transferred into the Patrol's Gaming Division and was assigned to the Mark Twain Casino in LaGrange, MO. On March 1, 2012, he transferred to Troop B, Zone 8, and he was assigned to marine operations. In that position, his primary responsibility was patrolling Mark Twain Lake. It is from this position that he retires. During his career with the Patrol, he has served as a troop marijuana eradication officer, an EVOC instructor, and a Basic Boating instructor. Jeff was assigned to several special details including the National Governor's Conference, University of Missouri football, and the Missouri State Fair, and was part of the emergency response after the 2011 tornado in Joplin.

Jeff is a native of Cumberland, KY, and graduated from Cumberland High School. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in police administration from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, KY. Prior to his appointment to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, he served as a police officer in Hannibal, MO, for three years; and as a patrolman with the former Missouri State Water Patrol for four years. He is married to Alicia (Watson), a native of Decatur City, IA, and they have a grown son, Jordan.

Jeff became interested in becoming a trooper while being employed with Hannibal Police Department and working around some of the local troopers. The professionalism shown by the troopers left an impression on him.

Jeff's future plans include a new career with no late night call outs and, "being at home with my family on holidays."

Everyone at Troop B wishes Jeff a long and healthy retirement.

CVO Sprv. I Linda J. Stafford



On June 1, 2014, Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor I Linda J. Stafford, Troop D, retired after serving with the Patrol for over 29 years. Linda began her career as a commercial vehicle inspector with the Patrol on

December 1, 1984, and was assigned to the A-1 scale house in Platte City, MO. After six months, she transferred to the A-2 scale house in Kearney, MO, where she worked until her transfer to Troop D. In August 1986, Linda was assigned to the D-4 scale house in Newton County, near Joplin, MO, where she remained until her retirement. She was promoted to Supervisor I in 1997, and attended POST certification school and designated a commercial vehicle officer in 2010. During her tenure with the Patrol, Linda has been honored as Driver Inspector of the Year, Commercial Vehicle Inspector of the Year, Cargo/HazMat Inspector of the Year, and DPS Employee of the Month. She was also a recipient of the Patrol's Meritorious Service Award.

Linda is originally from the Kansas City, MO, area. She graduated from William Chrisman High School in Independence, MO, and attended University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO. In addition to spending time with her daughter, Sarah, Linda is active with the Granby Saddle Club and a local flower and garden club. She volunteers her time at local nursing homes as well as the Trails for Kids foundation, which benefits children with cerebral palsy.

She describes her two greatest passions as her family and trail riding with her horses. Linda also says retirement will free her up to fish a little more, as well as hit the flea markets and attend some auctions.

Everyone at Troop D would like to wish Linda a long, healthy retirement.

“Outstanding leaders go out of their way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish.”

—Sam Walton

Gov. Nixon Issues Charge To 98th Recruit Class

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

Friday, June 27, 2014, was a big day for the 98th Recruit Class. After 25 weeks of rigorous training, the 34 men and women making up the class would take the oath of office for Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper.

The somber tolling of St. Peter's Church bell marked what was actually a joyous occasion. Once Governor Jay Nixon, the Patrol's command staff, troop commanders, and other dignitaries filed in and took their places, Sergeant Mark Wilson, Q/TND, gave the command to, "Prepare the class for graduation."

The 98th Recruit Class adopted a "left, right, left" and "MS HP" cadence that reverberated off the walls of the Capitol as they came from the tunnel and around the driveway to the sidewalk. The class looked sharp in their freshly pressed uniforms and stood straight from their polished boots to their smokey hats.

Pastor Jeff Hardy, First Baptist Church, Kimberling City, MO, gave the invocation and benediction. The

Troop F Color Guard presented and retired the colors, and Mr. Alexander J. Armstrong, son of Trooper Andrew A. Armstrong, Troop F, sang the national anthem.

Governor Jay Nixon gave the keynote address during the ceremony. In his remarks, the governor congratulated the new troopers and also issued a charge. Referencing President Thomas Jefferson's comments about Meriwether Lewis, Gov. Nixon encouraged the class to have, "undaunted courage, possessing a firmness & perseverance of purpose ..." He expressed his respect for the



Ret. Lt. Col. Ted Rizo, Illinois State Police, proudly presents a diploma to his nephew, newly commissioned Tpr. Roberto A. Rizo.

Missouri State Highway Patrol, saying the organization not only embraces its traditions, but also embraces diversity, and advancements in technology and equipment. The governor said that the new troopers don't know what challenges they will meet each day, but that he has supreme confidence in the Missouri State Highway Patrol and that confidence now extends to each of them.

Colonel Ron Replogle also spoke to the class, offering his congratulations

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The 98th Recruit Class listen to Gov. Jay Nixon speak at their graduation ceremony.



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and emphasizing the importance of their family's support throughout the Academy training. He instructed the new troopers always to remember the Patrol's core values— integrity, responsibility, respect, professionalism, compassion, resourcefulness, character, and commitment. The colonel reminded the troopers that they are ladies and gentlemen who enforce the law, and to treat others as they would want to be treated. The colonel also wished them a blessed career and said he would pray for their safety each day.

The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, Supreme Court of Missouri, administered the oath of office to the new troopers. Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs for Mineral Area College, was present to confer an associate's of applied science degree to 13 of the new troopers based on their course work at the Academy.

Four class awards were presented. The recruits accumulated points to-

ward graduation in the categories of physical fitness, firearms, and academics throughout their 25 weeks at the Academy. The person with the highest number of points in each category earned the respective award. Trooper Gregory T. Hackett earned the physical fitness award. Trooper Shaun P. Sprague earned the firearms award. Trooper Keith D. Scruggs earned the academics award. Trooper Jose Sanchez Jr. accepted the Superintendent's Award, which is presented to the person with the most points overall.

The 98th Recruit Class reported to the Academy on January 2, 2014. The new troopers reported for duty in their assigned troops on July 14, 2014.



Capt. Kyle D. Marquart, Q/CIB, congratulates his nephew, newly commissioned Tpr. Brian N. Marquart.

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The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, Missouri Supreme Court, administers the Oath of Office to the 34 new troopers.

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Listed at right are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 98th Recruit Class:



Tpr. Brandon M. Parker, Troop A, welcomes his twin, newly commissioned Tpr. Matthew R. Parker, to the Patrol family.



Tpr. Krystalyn H. Davis signs her oath of office with the Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, Missouri Supreme Court, as witness.

Name	Hometown	First Assignment
Matthew P. Acord	Bonne Terre, MO	Troop F, Miller County
Ruthanne A. Altaffer	Springfield, MO	Troop D, Greene County
Grant A. Ayres	Jefferson City, MO	Troop I, Crawford County
Daniel R. Becker	Athens, IL	Troop A, Platte County
Logan M. Bolton	Salem, IL	Troop C, Jefferson County
Jeffrey J. Burnett	Sparks, NV	Troop C, St. Charles County
Keenan J. Cool	Newton, MO	Troop H, Daviess/DeKalb Counties
Cathryn L. Davis	Wright City, MO	Troop G, N. Howell/Shannon Counties
Krystalyn H. Davis	St. Joseph, MO	Troop H, Andrew/Buchanan Counties
Iris R. Elfrink	Leopold, MO	Troop E, New Madrid/Mississippi/Scott Counties
Matthew R. Freeman	Kennett, MO	Troop E, New Madrid/Pemiscot Counties
Mark A. Frigy	Decatur, IL	Troop C, Franklin County
Gregory T. Hackett	Springfield, MO	Troop I, Pulaski/Maries County
Landon J. Haggett	Dexter, MO	Troop E, New Madrid/Pemiscot Counties
Jacob R. Hardy	McKenzie, TN	Troop F, Camden County
Brandon L. Harris	Jefferson City, MO	Troop F, Boone County
David W. Henley Jr.	Nevada, MO	Troop D, Greene County
Kyle L. Huggins	Poplar Bluff, MO	Troop E, Butler/Ripley Counties
Nicholas W. March	Columbia, MO	Troop C, Ste. Genevieve/Perry Counties
Brian N. Marquart	Ballwin, MO	Troop A, Clay County
Thomas W. Meyer	West Plains, MO	Troop D, Greene County
Tyler W. O'Brien	Springfield, IL	Troop B, Randolph/Monroe Counties
Matthew R. Parker	Springfield, MO	Troop F, Camden County
Matthew H. Riley	Atlanta, MO	Troop B, Clark/Scotland Counties
Roberto A. Rizo	Rolla, MO	Troop I, Phelps/Maries Counties
Jose Sanchez Jr.	Glendale, AZ	Troop C, North St. Louis County
Keith D. Scruggs	Overland, MO	Troop C, South St. Louis County
Spencer D. Sears	Gravois Mills, MO	Troop A, Clay County
Alex J. Shibley	Desloge, MO	Troop C, Ste. Genevieve/Perry Counties
Shaun P. Sprague	Agency, MO	Troop H, Andrew/Buchanan Counties
Tyler R. Stults	Branson, MO	Troop B, Marion/Ralls Counties
Cody D. Tucker	Corning, AR	Troop E, Wayne County
Gregory T. Ulm	Dexter, MO	Troop G, Carter/Reynolds Counties
Ethan N. Wilson	Aurora, MO	Troop A, Platte County

Who Was That Young Man?

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

A young man dressed in slacks, white shirt, and tie stepped up to the podium at the beginning of the 98th Recruit Class graduation ceremony. He stood straight and alert, appearing calm as he waited for the Troop F Color Guard to present the colors. When the Missouri flag had lowered into its proper position, it was time for the young man to sing. The crowd had noticed him when he stepped up to the microphone, but he truly commanded their attention as soon as he sang the first few notes of our national anthem.

Strong. Sure. Steady. The voice seemed older than the young man using it to honor our nation. Respectful. Reverent. Rich. The tone and strength of Alexander's voice projected wisdom and character beyond what one expects of a person his age.

The program identified the person singing the national anthem as Trooper Andy A. Armstrong, Troop F. Since it was obvious to everyone in attendance that the young man singing was not a trooper, the audience was left to wonder, "Who is that young man?"

The young man singing that day was Mr. Alexander J. Armstrong, age 12 and a seventh grader at Kingdom Christian Academy in Fulton, MO. He is also the son of Tpr. Andy (& Mrs. Donna) Armstrong. On several occasions, Tpr. Armstrong has sung the national anthem for the Patrol. This time, his

son filled that role while he served as a part of the Troop F Color Guard.

Tpr. Armstrong said that they needed someone to sing at graduation and the colonel asked him to do so. He suggested that Alex sing, saying, "He's better at it than I." The colonel had

when he began singing the national anthem with his uncle. He said his parents thought he was good, so he, "started to pursue that and I ended up where I am now." He also plays basketball, and is the starting point guard for the Kingdom Christian Academy Saints. His favorite class is history. "If I don't study music in college, I will study Greek or Roman history."

Alex takes voice lessons from Marlene Railton, an adjunct professor at William Woods University. He admits that his voice is changing, as is expected for someone his age. But, this hasn't caused him any problems because his teacher has given him ways to approach what could be a challenge.

The day of graduation, Alex met the Patrol command staff, troop commanders, and other dignitaries in the Capitol rotunda. Once Governor Jay Nixon, the day's keynote speaker, arrived, the group lined up and filed out through the tunnel and around to the front of the building on the first landing of the great staircase. Alex was pleased

to meet the governor and didn't feel nervous in the least. He says as much as he sings the national anthem he isn't ever nervous. "I love it so much I don't get nervous," he said.

If invited, would he provide a repeat performance?

"Yes, I would do it again. I love singing anywhere."



Mr. Alex Armstrong's voice captivated the audience when he sang the national anthem at the graduation ceremony. The Troop F Color Guard (Cpl. Bruce A. McLaughlin, Sgt. Craig R. Kicker, Tpr. Andy Armstrong (Alex's dad), and Tpr. Rick R. Dowd) presented the colors.

heard Alex sing at the Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony in the Capitol rotunda last April and approved the arrangement.

According to Alex, he's been singing since about age four. That was

Deaths

Raphael J. Gidley



Raphael James "Ray" Gidley, 90, formerly of Bonne Terre, MO, died April 17, 2014, at Green Tree Assisted Living in Mount Vernon, IL. He was born February 6, 1924, in Bonne Terre.

Ray attended St. Joseph Parochial School and Bonne Terre High School. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. Upon being discharged, he returned to Bonne Terre, and held various jobs prior to obtaining employment with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. His last assignment was office manager supervisor of the satellite station located in St. Francis County. Ray retired in 1986.

He was a very adept do-it-yourselfer mechanic and builder. He refurbished and flew/drove a World War basic trainer plane and two Model A Fords. He also developed property on the Courtois River where he could enjoy the peaceful outdoors. Travels included motorcycle trips with fellow employees and an RV for trips around the country.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Anna (Naeger) Gidley; five brothers, Vernon, Arthur, Leonard, Marvin, and Glenwood Gidley; and one sister, Johanna Gidley.

Ray is survived by his brother, Larry Gidley (and his wife, Susan), of Richmond, VA; niece and caregiver, Jennifer Gidley; several other nieces and nephews; and his best friends, Mike and Doc.

A mass of Christian burial took place on April 22, 2014, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bonne Terre, with Rev. Ted Pieper officiating. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery. C.Z. Boyer & Son Funeral Home in Bonne Terre handled the funeral arrangements.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Gidley family.

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Jimmie P. Ridenour



Jimmie Pat Ridenour, 86, Neosho, MO, died May 14, 2014, at the Spring River Christian Village, in Joplin, MO.

He was born December 26, 1927, in Kansas City, MO, to the late Charles and Ethyl (Robinson) Ridenour. Jimmie joined the U.S. Navy in 1945, and served as a photographer's mate.

He met Frankie, his wife of 61 years, in the Oxford Class Sunday school group. Together, they raised four children and moved to Neosho in 1968, when Jimmie retired from the Navy. Jimmie then began his second career—as a motor vehicle inspector for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired in 1988. Jimmie was active in the Fleet Reserve Association, enjoyed water aerobics at the Carthage YMCA, and enjoyed family time, classic movies, and a good steak.

Jimmie is survived by two daughters, Joy Reynolds (and her husband, Bill), of Neosho, and Janis Roethle (and her husband, Rick), of Morencie, AZ; two sons, Charles Ridenour (and his wife, Nancy), of Sacramento, CA, and Phillip Ridenour, of Ottawa, KS; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Velma Lou Enyeart.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frankie; and one sister.

Services for Jimmie occurred on May 17, 2014, at the Racine Christian Church, in Racine, MO. The body was

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Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, phone calls, and cards I received during the illness and passing of my husband, Randy Stokes. I would also like to thank those who attended his celebration of life service. I would especially like to thank Captain Dave K. Striegel, Q/AD, and Ms. Susan K. Sickman, Q/WPD, for working with me, so that I could spend as much time as possible with Randy during his last days. Everyone's kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

*Admin. Office Support Asst. Leigh Ann Jacobs-Stokes
Q/AD*

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cremated under the direction of Midland Cremation of Joplin. Jimmie requests that any contributions be made to the Racine Christian Church or Carthage YMCA.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Ridenour family.

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Charlotte F. Fowler



Charlotte Frances (Brookshire) Fowler was born on November 17, 1933, in Morrisonville, IL, to Joseph and Nellie (Vankirk) Brookshire, and died on June 19, 2014, in Salem, MO, at the age of 80 years.

On November 28, 2006, Charlotte was united in marriage to Lowell Dwain Fowler. She was a member of the Hobson Community Church. Charlotte worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for over 30 years. She loved spending her time with family and friends, and she enjoyed gardening, painting pictures, decorating, and dancing.

Preceding her in death were her parents; stepmother, Blanche Fipps; previous husband, James L. Potter; two children, Randy Williams and Charla Kay Latanzio; stepdaughter, Phyllis

Reeves; brothers, Eugene Brookshire and Marcus Hernandez; and sisters, Dorothy Wilson, Maxine Baird, and Janet Sidener.

Survivors include her husband, Lowell Fowler, of Salem; her daughter, Joy Manthei, of Salem; stepchildren, Gary Potter, of Vichy, MO, Ron Potter (and his wife, Kay), of Blooming Grove, Texas, David Fowler (and his wife, Michelle), of Rolla, MO, Dennis Fowler (and his wife, Janet), of Birmingham, AL, and Jeanann Sprayberry (and her husband, Robert), of Syacauga, AL; brothers, Paul Hernandez (and his wife, Velvet), of Malton, IL; Wayne Hernandez, of Malton, IL; sisters, Brenda Mesplay (and her husband, David), of Columbia, MO, Mary Hernandez, of Malton, IL, and Catherine Turner (and her husband, David), of Malton, IL; grandchildren, Justin Spear, of Salem, and Amanda Herman (and her husband, Jason), of Benton, AR; an aunt, Virginia Carver, of Salem; several step-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and many, many friends.

Charlotte was a loving wife, mother, stepmother, sister, grandmother, and friend to many. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

She made the world a better place to live.

A funeral service for Charlotte was held Monday, June 23, 2014, at the Hobson Community Church with Bro. Clinton Massey officiating. Retired Lt. J. Steve Betts, retired Clerk Typist III Peggy L. Brookshire, and Clinton Massey provided special music, Ms. Joy Manthei read a letter, retired Clerk Typist III Peggy L. Brookshire read a poem, and retired Clerk Typist III Linda S. Light gave a graveside eulogy. Serving as pallbearers were Sergeant Eric K. Volkmer, Troop I, Sergeant Danny J. Crain, Troop I, Sergeant Ron Copeland, Troop I, Sergeant Steve J. Childers, Troop I, Mr. Justin Spear, Mr. Brian Baird, and Mr. Ryan Fowler. Honorary pallbearers were Mr. Dennis Baird, Mr. Brandon Schloemer, Ms. Brandi Baird-Schloemer, retired Lt. J. Steve Betts, Cpl. Kyle D. Wilmont, and Mr. Don Bell. Wilson Mortuary, of Salem handled the arrangements.

The Patrol family extends its condolences to the Fowler family.

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Sympathy

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

Cpl. Monty D. Atkins (Q/GD) – father-in-law

Clerk Typist III Juli Samel (B) – father

Ret. Lt. Tom L. Meyer – sister

Lt. Scott E. Meyer (H) – sister

Ret. Sgt. Arie L. Hoard – husband

Tpr. Daniel A. Spring (B) – grandmother

Ret. Lt. Bruce T. Clemonds Jr. – father

DE III Myra J. Ripple (D) – mother

Tpr. Dale R. Reuter (H) – father

Ret. Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey – sister

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Tom A. Hoelscher (F) – mother

Food Service Helper II Staci N. Jones (Q/TND) – grandmother

Auto. Tech. II Robert L. Hoelscher

(Q/FFD) – grandmother

Ret. Col. Roger D. Stottlemire – mother

Sgt. Don R. Tyes (H) – sister

Tpr. Kyle R. Bartholmey (B) – grandmother

Tpr. Jeremy W. Miller (A) – brother

MVI Chief Tom W. Hollis (D) – mother

Tpr. Mason B. Hollis (D) – grandmother

Ret. Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.

Ron J. Deskin – mother

Ret. Admin. Ofc. Support Connie J. Deskin – mother-in-law

Capt. Brad W. Jones (Q/PRD, now retired) – mother-in-law

Tpr. David A. Jones (A) – grandmother

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Citizens Honored For Assisting Law Enforcement

By Sgt. Jake P. Angle, Troop H

On June 25, 2014, Captain Jim E. McDonald, Troop H, and Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White honored two citizens for their assistance in the apprehension of three bank robbery suspects. Mr. Zealand Robert "Bobby" Smith of Elmo, MO, and Mr. Kevin J. Rankin of Maryville, MO, assisted law enforcement in apprehending three armed bank robbery suspects. The robbery occurred at the Citizens Bank and Trust in Burlington Junction, MO, on March 21, 2014.

On March 21, 2014, Mr. Smith witnessed two masked men enter the Citizens Bank and Trust and immediately phoned Sheriff White and advised him of what he just witnessed. When the two men left the bank, Mr. Smith followed the suspects while keeping Sheriff White informed of his location. Officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Nodaway County Sheriff's Department responded to the area and a manhunt ensued. Mr. Smith continued to communicate with the sheriff, who relayed the information to responding

agencies and resulted in the suspects' apprehension.

Shortly after the bank robbery occurred Maryville Department of Public Safety contacted Mr. Kevin J. Rankin, manager of the Maryville Municipal Airport, and requested assistance. Mr. Rankin provided an aircraft and his piloting skills to Maryville DPS to aid in the search. Once the suspects were located from the air, Mr. Rankin flew his plane at treetop level, directly above the suspects, until officers could arrive and take them into custody.

The actions of Mr. Smith and Mr. Rankin went above and beyond what could be expected. Both men

ignored the risk to themselves when they assisted law enforcement in the apprehension of the armed bank robbery suspects. It is likely that without the assistance of Mr. Smith and Mr. Rankin the suspects would have eluded capture.

Capt. McDonald presented an Honorary Trooper Certificate to Mr. Smith and a Certificate of Achievement to Mr. Rankin; Sheriff White honored both gentlemen with plaques. The presentations took place at a luncheon held at the American Legion building in Burlington Junction.



Sgt. Tom B. Ziegler, Troop H, Capt. Jim McDonald, Troop H, Mr. Bobby Smith, Mr. Kevin Rankin, and Nodaway County Sheriff Darin White posed for this photograph after the presentation.