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OFFICER OF THE YEAR



from the STAFF



Major Michael A. Turner
Field Operations Bureau

Over the previous 90+ years, the Patrol has faced numerous and varied challenges, personnel shortages, technology advances, supply chain issues, vehicle shortages, even a global pandemic. The Patrol has continuously met those challenges, and 2023 is no different.

The passage of Amendment 3 created the legalization of recreational amounts of marijuana within Missouri. This has presented additional challenges for the Patrol, from both a training and an enforcement standpoint. While many of the rules and regulations surrounding Amendment 3 remain unclear, one item required an immediate change. The Patrol would no longer be able to utilize drug detection canines that were certified in the detection of marijuana.

In preparation for the potential legalization of marijuana, the Patrol had purchased two canines that were not trained to detect the odor of marijuana. Shortly after their training was completed, the Patrol's long-time canine trainer retired from the industry. The decision was made to begin the selection, training, and certification of two of our current canine handlers as trainers. After many weeks of rigorous training, these handlers were certified to begin training the Patrol's own canines, something our agency has not done since the early 1990s.

In March 2023, a new canine vendor was selected, and the Patrol purchased three canines suitable for training. The canines were hand-selected overseas based on skills and abilities that are applicable to Patrol duties. They will be trained to detect the odors of cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin and its derivatives. Additionally, they are trained in tracking, obedience, handler protection, and article detection. In April, these new canines, including the Patrol's first-ever female canine, began a detailed training program that will take more than 320 hours to complete. These canines will certify and be ready for duty by June 1.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. A. Turner".

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ON THE COVER

Col. Eric Olson presents the Benjamin O. Booth Officer of the Year Award to Sergeant Patrick Sublette (Q/DDCC) at the annual awards banquet.

Since joining the Digital Forensic Investigative Unit in 2011, Sgt. Sublette (Q/DDCC) has expanded its mission and developed teams in various parts of the state to serve search warrants. He introduced using the Webex service to enable the team to communicate while working on the case, serving search warrants, and during suspect interviews. He also built a small remote computer network specifically for use by DFIU investigators.

Sgt. Sublette consistently connects the digital dots during an investigation, and explains complex computer communications to officers, prosecutors, and juries across Missouri. He is the first member of the Patrol to be certified in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri as an expert witness regarding child pornography investigations and peer-to-peer BitTorrent investigations. In 2022, Sgt Sublette was the main witness in a federal court case where he explained in detail, over four hours, about the peer-to-peer file sharing investigation. The jury handed down a conviction.



SCOOBY DOO VISITS THE CRIME LAB

Temp. Professional Nancy Massman shows the students what a single hair (from her own head) looks like under a microscope (see screen).

Allison Whitley
Criminalist III (Q/CLD)

St. Joseph School in Westphalia, MO, had a special request for the Crime Laboratory Division: Would criminalists join a class of first graders during their visit to the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Safety & Education Center to provide a brief presentation on the various forensic science disciplines in the laboratory? The Crime Laboratory Division was happy to assist.

After the presentation, students were called upon to investigate the fictitious case of the missing Scooby Snacks. Much like we do every day in the laboratory, evidence was processed and latent prints were lifted. In this specific case, the prints came from the snack container. Their investigation revealed evidence of a four-pawed intruder throughout the crime scene. Employing a visual comparison method to other known paw prints (Scooby, Scrappy, Snoopy, Clifford, and Goofy), the young investigators deduced the intruder was Scrappy. An interview with Scrappy revealed he ran through the crime scene in fear of the dreaded Phantom Shadow.

The students also examined ink from a mean letter written to Scooby Doo, found at the crime scene, to determine what type of marker was used. The young investigators learned that the ink from different markers would generate different separation patterns. They used their novice thin layer chromatography skills to create a profile of common marker inks in addition to the ink from the mean letter. The patterns were compared to determine which marker was used during the crime. When the Phantom Shadow was apprehended, he was found in possession of the marker used to write the mean letter. Case solved!

The Crime Laboratory Division often examines evidence from a variety of violent crimes. Consequently, it can be challenging to explain forensic science in an age-appropriate manner to young children. This adventure was created to help generate interest among the students for some of the analyses performed by the Crime Laboratory Division.



After discovering paw prints in the crime scene, this young scientist compares a known paw print to the crime scene paw print.



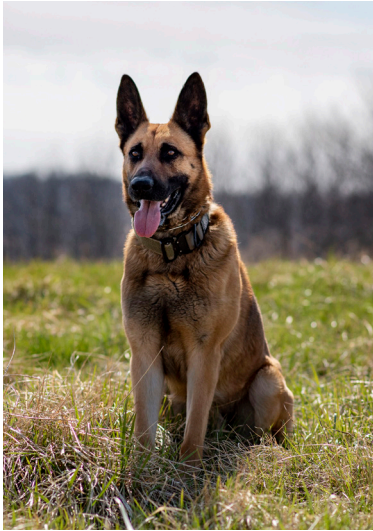
Temp. Professional Nancy Massman conducts ink chromatography with the students.



Criminalist III Allison Whitler guides the class through processing and collecting latent prints from the evidence.

K9

RONY RETIRES!



Congratulations to K9 Rony upon his retirement March 29, 2023. Rony joined the Patrol in February 2018 and after training was certified for “road duty” in June 2018. During his career, he was deployed 193 times for drug sniffs and conducted 22 tracks. His work led to the seizure of 1,285 pounds of marijuana, 65 pounds of methamphetamine, 4.4 pounds of cocaine, eight weapons, and \$171,375. Rony enjoyed and was very good at demonstrations. Since 2013, K9 Rony and his handler, Sergeant Nathan D. Wallace (F), provided 33 demonstrations, mostly for children and schools. Thank you for your service, K9 Rony!



K9 Rony was an excellent communicator and could express himself without a single bark. Tpr. Nate Wallace (F) and K9 Rony are pictured.

#Who's a Good Dog?



TRUST YOUR

TRAINING



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

After 15 weeks of intense training, the 116th Recruit Class graduated at 10 a.m., April 14, 2023. The six members of the class entered the gym to a crowd of friends, family, and coworkers, their voices filling the rafters with a cadence as they marched to their seats. As Sergeant Andy A. Henry (H) sang the national anthem, everyone stood a little straighter.

Lieutenant C. Joey Day (Q/TND) served as emcee for the event and introduced members of staff and special guests before inviting the Honorable Robin Ransom, Supreme Court of Missouri, to deliver the keynote.

Judge Ransom said before she chose the law, she wanted to be a rock star. She had an interest in law enforcement, but a ride along at high speeds changed her focus to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After deciding Quantico's obstacle course wasn't in her future, she began her journey in the judicial branch. In preparing for her speech, she reviewed the Patrol's core values.

"Our justice system relies on every one of us to do our job and to do our duty," said Judge Ransom.

"You've all worked hard to get here. You've been vetted by the best," said Judge Ransom. "They would not be putting you on these roads if they didn't think you were the best. It is hard sometimes when we don't feel supported or trusted, or when others try to discredit our justice system. When that happens, trust your training, trust your

gut, and do your jobs. Congratulations on your accomplishment today."

Judge Ransom also administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Provost Roger McMillian, Mineral Area College, conferred associate degrees to two members of the 116th Recruit Class.

After commissioning the new troopers, Colonel Eric T. Olson addressed the class. "Today, we are focused on the future, specifically your future and how each of you will impact the citizens of this state." He spoke of meeting with each member of the class and that he was impressed. "All of you possess a wide array of personal experience and that will benefit you tremendously as you interact with the citizens of this state. Our core values are lofty, they embrace and drive us toward perfection. But we know that's not possible. While we can't do perfect, we should try, and we will continue to be excellent. That is my expectation. Congratulations to each of you. Thank you and your families for the sacrifice that you've made and the sacrifices you are going to make. Welcome to the Patrol family."

Four class awards were presented during the graduation ceremony. Trooper Brett E. Twenter accepted the Physical Training Award. Trooper Eleanore A. Ferrel accepted the Academic Award. Trooper Eleanore A. Ferrel accepted the Firearms Award. Trooper Brett E. Twenter accepted the Superintendent's Award.

Trooper Dustin W. Harrison, class commander, issued a special thank you to the instructors on behalf of the class. "You never wavered from giving us your best day in and day out. I can attest to the fact that we were humbled

throughout this training. Some skills were honed, and others were completely re-learned." He then told his classmates to recognize the feeling of pride they have at graduation and store it away for a darker day, then use it to renew their oath for duty.

While the class went to the Academy's office to sign their oaths, family members waited in the gymnasium. One of the family members was Mr. Jeff Ferrel, Tpr. Ellie Ferrel's husband and a captain in the U.S. Army serving as a company commander assigned to Fort Leonard Wood. He said the Troop F color guard did an amazing job presenting the colors.

"It was slightly different from how the Army does it," said Mr. Ferrel, "but, it was well done and obviously rehearsed. Sgt. Henry also did an amazing job."

The Academy welcomes spouses or significant others to General Headquarters a couple days prior to graduation for a special "welcome to the family" program. "I was impressed with the firearms instruction for the spouses," said Mr. Ferrel. "The instructor was phenomenal and detail oriented. This presentation was a massive benefit to the family members. I told an MP friend about it, and she was impressed and thought that was something our families would benefit from."

In a short time, the members of the 116th Recruit Class returned to the gymnasium to celebrate with their families. Pictures were taken and laughter was heard throughout the room. Congratulations to all of you!

TRUST YOUR

GUT



116th Recruit Class Accelerated Academy Graduates

Introducing the 116th Recruit Class: (l to r) Tpr. Anel Palislamovic, Tpr. Dustin Harrison, Tpr. Eleanore Ferrel, Tpr. Brett Twenter, Tpr. Brock Billings, and Tpr. Dylan Green.



The Honorable Robin Ransom, Supreme Court of Missouri, provided the keynote and swore in the new troopers.



Tpr. Eleanore Ferrel accepted both the Academic and the Firearms awards. The awards were presented by Col. Eric Olson and The Honorable Robin Ransom.



Col. Eric Olson and The Honorable Robin Ransom presented both the Physical Training and Superintendent's awards to Tpr. Brett Twenter.



Tpr. Brock A. Billings accepts his diploma from his father, retired Sergeant Greg Q. Billings, while his uncle, retired Tpr. Geoff Billings, waits to congratulate him.



Tpr. Dustin Harrison signs his Oath of Office.

116th: High Praise FOR INSTRUCTORS

By Cheryl D. Cobb
Public Information Specialist III (Q/PIED)

A week prior to graduation, I visited with members of the 116th Recruit Class. They'd had a full day of training, but took time to talk to me one evening about their journey to become troopers. I found them relaxed and confident, articulate yet thoughtful during our conversation. Their connection and sense of humor was always present just beneath the surface.

The six members of the 116th bring 57 years of experience in law enforcement. Before accepting the title of recruit, they served as recruiters, as a street narcotics officer, a SWAT commander, a field training officer, an instructor, a K9 handler, a crash investigator, a certified Type II for the Intox DMT instrument, etc. They have made hundreds of DWI arrests and served in rural and urban police departments, in the military police, and as a park ranger.

They admitted there were some surprises and that even though they were experienced officers, they learned and improved their skills.

"It surprised me how long the intensity lasted," said Trooper Dustin W. Harrison, referring to the stress training all Academy classes endure. "I thought that part would be shorter."

The amount of running surprised Trooper Anel Palislamovic. "It was constant. There is no recruit wisdom at the bottom of the hill."

"We looked," added Tpr. Harrison. "Sleep became a commodity," said Trooper Brock A. Billings.

"I was surprised at how out of shape I was," said Trooper Dylan G. Green.

For Trooper Eleanore A. Ferrel, how quickly the class became a team surprised her. "We come from different walks of life, but came together fairly quickly."

"The instructors said our class came together super fast," said Tpr. Billings. "Faster than they expected. We noticed the instructors treated us differently than the other class." (continued)

- High Praise

The class gave the Academy instructors high praise. Tpr. Palislamovic learned more about field sobriety and was impressed with Cpl. Ryan Hutton's knowledge. Although not unknown to him, Tpr. Harrison felt he sharpened his skills and became more proficient in the areas of ground fighting and use of force.

"I knew how to shoot, but Sgt. Bret Brooks tweaked the small errors. I give him a lot of credit for that," said Tpr. Green.

Tpr. Billings also gave Sgt. Brooks a shout out. "Not that I didn't know how to search a building, but the training took my previous knowledge up to a 10. It really honed my skills."

Tpr. Ferrel agreed, saying active shooter week with Sgt. Brooks was eye opening.

"The concepts they are teaching regarding active shooter are new to law enforcement," said Tpr. Harrison.

"I've been to a lot of training where they tell you things," said Trooper Brett E. Twenter. "But, here, they show you."

"And, they have a reason behind it," said Palislamovic. "They tell us why."

The training is challenging, but class members admitted seeing their children cry when they left home or feeling as if they weren't able to support a spouse as needed was the hardest part.

"It was the worst," said Tpr. Green.

Tpr. Billings said he and his dad, retired Sergeant Gregory Q. Billings, compared notes about their Academy experiences. He brought the same dirty clothes bag to the Academy that his father used while in recruit training and he made sure, "to crease the patches on my sleeve 'like they used to do.'"

"For the math portion of crash investigation, I got to use the same calculator he had as part of the crash team all those years," said Tpr. Billings. "Dad's comment was, 'I put more people in prison with my calculator than I ever did with my handcuffs.'"

Tpr. Billings said in some ways, coming to General Headquarters has been like a family reunion for him. "It's been cool to be Greg's kid. Every class we went to I got asked, 'Hey, are you Greg's son?' Neat to have a family reunion."

After the first month, the two recruit classes separated. "We didn't notice that we were the ones answering questions until we separated," said Tpr. Ferrel.

"We carried them [the first month] in organization and preparation," said Tpr. Harrison. "There is no substitute for life experience."

Training continued along separate paths, but living in the same dorm

provided some interaction between the two recruit classes.

One connection is especially strong for the 116th. A member of their group, Recruit John K. Rizer, was injured during training and in order to complete Academy training requirements he needed to roll into the 117th Recruit Class. This added 10 weeks to the training he expected. The 116th still consider him to be part of their group and say he is an inspiration to all of them for sticking it out. None of them feel they would have been as tough as John—to change classes and continue the training for a longer period of time.

To future recruits who want to become troopers, every member of the class stressed preparing for the Academy.

"Mentally and physically prepare," said Tpr. Palislamovic. "If you can't handle the first four weeks of training you don't deserve to be here."

"And, run hills, not just flat roads," said Tpr. Harrison.

"... and sprints," added Tpr. Ferrel.

"You'll hate all the instructors in the beginning," said Tpr. Green, "but at the end, you will respect them and appreciate all the time and effort they put in."

WITH sympathy

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

Ret. Sgt. William D. "Rusty" Bourg - wife

Cpl. Justin E. Henderson (D) - father

Tpr. Byron D. Hahn (H) - grandmother

Cpl. Terry A. Bible (D) - mother

Tpr. Andy J. Foss (A) - grandmother

DE Chief Kim V. Crewse (G) - father-in-law

Cpl. Stacy J. Crewse (G) - father

Tpr. Rob D. Crewse (G) - father

Tpr. J. Alan Crewse (G) - grandfather

Sgt. Jon D. Hulse (Q/GD) - father

Clerk Typist III Jennifer L. Hulse (A) - father-in-law

Ret. CVO Sprv. J. Mike Masters - wife

MVI III Donny D. Wyatt (B) - mother

DE II Melanie A. Wyatt (B) - grandmother

Cpl. Joe A. Pithan (Q/GD) - grandfather

Ret. Sgt. E. DeWayne Rucker - mother-in-law

Lt. Julie A. Scerino (C) - father-in-law

MVI III Jamie D. Shepard (E) - father

Sgt. Trois L. Maloney (Q/TND) - grandmother

Sgt. Andy F. Cheaney (E) - father-in-law

CVO Sprv. Bill G. Cooper (E) - father-in-law

Comm. Oper. III Emily L. Smith (D) - mother-in-law

Sgt. Brian D. Holcomb (Q/GD) - grandmother

Tpr. John P. Blinksop (D) - grandmother

Clerk IV Emma L. Kliethermes (Q/BPD) - grandmother

Ret. Clerical Services Sprv. Dixie E. Kliethermes - son

Special Asst. Dee A. Kempker (Q/CIB-SSB) - brother

Technician III Becky L. Salmons (Q/CLD) - brother

DE Sprv. Tumica L. Cosey (C) - stepmother

thank you

Thank you for the kind words, thoughts, prayers, cards, and phone calls as we dealt with the sudden loss of my father, Mike Shepard. We appreciate you all. Thank you for your outpouring of love through this difficult time.

- MVI III Jamie D Shepard (E)

Thank you to our Patrol family for the love and support we received following the unexpected loss of our beloved brother and son, Brett. While our hearts were broken and our sorrows were heavy, your kindness and compassion brought significant comfort during a very difficult time. We are truly humbled and thankful for our extended (Patrol) family.

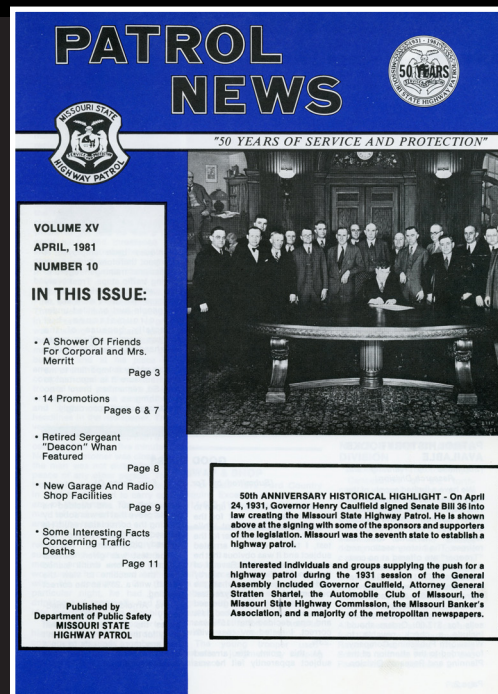
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- Technician III Rebecca L. Salmons (Q/CLD)
- Special Asst. Dee A. Kempker (Q/CIB, Q/SSB)

50 YEARS AGO MAY 1973

According to an excerpt from the MULES newsletter, Rolla received a report of a stolen truck at 7:24 p.m. one evening. At 7:26 p.m., the information was dispatched to officers on patrol. At 7:34 p.m., the owner of the truck called home to obtain some additional information needed for a computer entry on the pickup. His wife reminded him his truck was at home, and that he was driving their car. At 7:36 p.m., the information broadcast to officers was canceled because the truck had not been stolen.

40 YEARS AGO JUNE 1983

Trooper T.J. Rousset (D) was asked to check on two people in an older Chevy parked on the shoulder of Interstate 44. He responded to the two-door vehicle's location and parked behind it. As he approached the driver's door, it was evident the two people had been drinking. He asked if they were having car trouble, but the driver's answer was muffled by the noise of a passing truck. Tpr. Rousset told the driver he could not hear him well due to the traffic and gestured toward his patrol car asking him to have a seat in the back. The driver got out of his car, leaned the driver's seat forward, and climbed into the back seat of his own car. He then asked, "How's this officer? Can you hear me better now?"



30 YEARS AGO MAY 1993

Sergeant Cliff Collier (B) and Trooper Jimmy Wilt (B) assisted with a pursuit when the subjects attempted to travel from El Dorado Springs, MO, to Peoria, IL. The pursuit began after the subject failed to pay for gas in Kingdom City, MO. When the pursuit approached Sgt. Collier's location, he deployed a spike strip across U.S. Highway 36. Law enforcement nabbed the subject about two miles later with the help of two flat tires. Luck had a part in the subject's vehicle striking the spike strip. The spike strip was only 15 feet long, but the roadway and two paved shoulders made the drivable area 44 feet wide.

20 YEARS AGO JUNE 2003

The agency was mourning Trooper Michael L. Newton, who died in the line of duty May 22, 2003. This issue paid tribute to him as a law enforcement officer and friend.

10 YEARS AGO MAY/JUNE 2013

This issue announced the St. Peters Driver Examination Station opened April 1, 2013. The Patrol honored 10 employees at the annual awards ceremony. Eleven commercial vehicle inspectors graduated from training.

Congratulations

on your Retirement!

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



WILLIAM D. BEATTY

Bldg. & Grnds.
Maint. Sprv. | Troop D

Retired April 1, 2023.
10 years, four months of dedicated service.



BRENDA L. CONE

Sergeant | Q/DDCC

Retired April 1, 2023.
32 years, nine months of dedicated service.



KENDALL G. HAMPTON

Trooper | Q/GD

Retired April 1, 2023.
25 years, two months of dedicated service.



CLINTON T. MORELAND

Corporal | Q/GD

Retired April 1, 2023.
28 years, three months of dedicated service.



DARREN P. MUELLER

Corporal | Troop B

Retired April 1, 2023.
30 years, three months of dedicated service.



JAMES C. RECTOR

CVO | Troop A

Retired April 1, 2023.
29 years, two months of dedicated service.



KELLEY S. YOUNG

Sergeant | Q/GD

Retired April 1, 2023.
30 years, three months of dedicated service.



LORI A. BURKEMPER

CLERK IV | TROOP C

Retired May 1, 2023.
10 years, three months of dedicated service.



CHARMAIGNE G. JOHNSON

CDL Exam Aud. | Troop D.

Retired May 1, 2023.
29 years, two months of dedicated service.



DARIN A. JONES

MVI II | Troop D

Retired May 1, 2023.
24 years, nine months of dedicated service.



DEBORAH V. KNOX

DE Chief | Troop H

Retired May 1, 2023.
27 years, six months of dedicated service.



BILL W. LOWE

Sergeant | Troop A

Retired May 1, 2023.
27 years, ten months of dedicated service.



JOHN R. NOVOTNY

Asst. Chief Oper. | Troop D

Retired May 1, 2023.
28 years, one month of dedicated service.



SAMUEL G. RAYFIELD

Comm. Oper. III | Troop I

Retired May 1, 2023.
26 years, one month of dedicated service.



TROY D. STEGEMAN

Sergeant | Q/GSD

Retired May 1, 2023.
26 years, one month of dedicated service.



MARK D. WARD

Sergeant | Troop I

Retired May 1, 2023.
26 years, ten months of dedicated service.



IVY A. WARREN

Trooper | Troop D

Retired May 1, 2023.
28 years, six months of dedicated service.

happy
RETIREMENT



Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.

– Fred Rogers

and the Award goes to ...

PATROL HONORS 21 EMPLOYEES



*Congratulations to the award recipients.
(Missing from the photo is Cpl. Billy Cole (A).)*

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

It has been a pleasure to attend numerous awards banquets in my capacity as a public information specialist. There are always details needing attention that evening, and I enjoy assisting the other members of my division, staff assistants, MultiMedia Unit, and executive director of The MASTERS in our quest to make the evening memorable. This year, I was honored to be one of the recipients. When mulling over the story for this year's event, I thought perhaps I wasn't the only person with a new perspective. I enlisted the help of the Patrol's recently hired Staff Artist III Holly C. Hyde (Q/PIED) to describe the event. Here are some of her thoughts:



"I enjoyed meeting new people at my table and people-watching."

"I liked the fact that the room was so attentive and respectfully quiet as the color guard presented the colors. We could hear the squeak of their shoes."

"The true heart of the people who work for the Patrol was evident to me after watching the slideshow of troopers who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

"I felt very secure as I sat and ate my dinner, knowing I was seated at a table with a man who had just saved someone's life."

"The pepper (on the pork loin) made lieutenant's head sweat. He used his fancy, cloth napkin to wipe it off and it slicked down his hair."

"You know that troopers save lives, but I had no idea the many ways they do this. I was fascinated by the lifesaving award narratives."

"Sometimes things don't always run smoothly, and I liked how the president of The MASTERS was casual about that. He treated us like we were family."

"The colonel talked to each recipient, and I desperately wanted to be able to read his lips to see what he was telling them."

"I was very pleased to see people being recognized for their hard work."

"I felt honored to visit at length with the last living founder of The MASTERS."

The April 29 event hosted 251 attendees at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. Enjoy the pictures from the evening!



Public Info. Spec. Ills Meghan Basinger and Cheryl Cobb (Q/PIED) hold their awards. Both agreed it was an honor to be recognized with such an impressive group of coworkers.



Cpl. Billy Cole (A) was accompanied by his wife, Amanda, when he accepted the MASTERS Public Service Award. "It is a big honor to receive the Fred M Mills MASTERS Public Service Award," said Cpl. Cole. "It was a privilege to meet Sandy Mills after receiving this award and speak with her about what it means to her and her family."



Tpr. Adam Shipley (E) accepts a Valor award from Col. Eric Olson. His wife, Genny, accompanied him. "It was a privilege to be there and in the company of the others being honored," said Tpr. Shipley.



Col. Eric Olson presents a Valor Award to Tpr. Joshua Schuenemeyer (E), who was accompanied by his wife, Rachel. "It's humbling to be honored when you are so impressed by what others have done," said Tpr. Schuenemeyer. "It was a great experience. I also wouldn't mind having a mustache like (Tpr.) Shipley."



Tpr. David Beck (E) accepts a Valor Award from Col. Eric Olson. Tpr. Beck's wife, Denai, accompanied him. "It was a very memorable evening," said Tpr. Beck. "It was nice to see other troopers from across the state and hear their stories and accomplishments. I enjoyed being able to share this moment with my family as well as the Patrol."



Cpl. Terry Bible (D) accepted a Valor Award from Col. Eric Olson. He said he and his guests were impressed with the banquet. As he accepted the award, he told the colonel, "I don't know if I truly deserve this, but it is much appreciated." Cpl. Bible's wife, Julie, accompanied him.



The Troop C Color Guard presented the flags with precision and respect. The color guard includes: Cpl. Trevor Elliston, Cpl. Dallas Thompson, Cpl. Michael White, and Tpr. Mark Benson.



Col. Eric Olson presents a Meritorious Service Award to Tpr. John Colwell (A). Tpr. Colwell said he and his wife, Samantha, enjoyed the banquet and he appreciated receiving the award.



Sgt. Timmy Shoop (B) accepts a Meritorious Service Award from Col. Eric Olson. Sgt. Shoop was quick to give credit to the 100+ first responders with whom he worked at the scene of the Amtrak derailment. He said he was very honored to receive the award, though he honestly was content knowing he was in the right place at the right time and able to assist his community.



(l to r) Special Asst. Dee Kempker (Q/CIB), Desig. Prin. Asst. Cindy Scheidt (Q/SO), and Desig. Prin. Asst. Mary Redel (ASB) welcomed everyone to the annual awards banquet. "It's always a privilege to be involved in recognizing employees for their actions," said Desig. Prin. Asst. Redel. "Being able to help coordinate the banquet each year is truly more than just part of my job - it's an honor."

Congratulations award recipients!

**Fred M. Mills MASTERS
Public Service Award**
Corporal Billy V. Cole (A)

Career Milestone
Corporal Aaron A. Engelhart (A)
Sergeant Jeffery D. Johnson (Q/DDCC)
Sergeant Scott E. Rawson (Q/DDCC)

**Superintendent's Award For
Excellence In Public Service**
Public Information Specialist III
Cheryl D. Cobb (Q/PIED)

Lifesaving Award
CVO Gary W. England (D)
Trooper Justin L. Dedmon (G)
Trooper James P. Lewis (E)
Corporal Joseph D. Hall (A)
Corporal Jason M. Hurt (I)
Corporal Louis B. Lairmore (Q/GD)
Lieutenant Collin M. Stosberg (Q/ESB)
Major Scott A. Shippers (Q/ESB)

Meritorious Award
Trooper John L. Colwell (A)
Sergeant Timmy D. Shoop (B)

**Matilda "Tillie" Sonnen
Civilian Of The Year**
Public Information Specialist III
Meghan E. Basinger (Q/PIED)

**Benjamin Oliver Booth
Officer Of The Year**
Sergeant Patrick D. Sublette (Q/DDCC)

Valor Award
Trooper David A. Beck (E)
Trooper Joshua J. Schuenemeyer (E)
Trooper Adam R. Shipley (E)
Corporal Terry A. Bible (D)

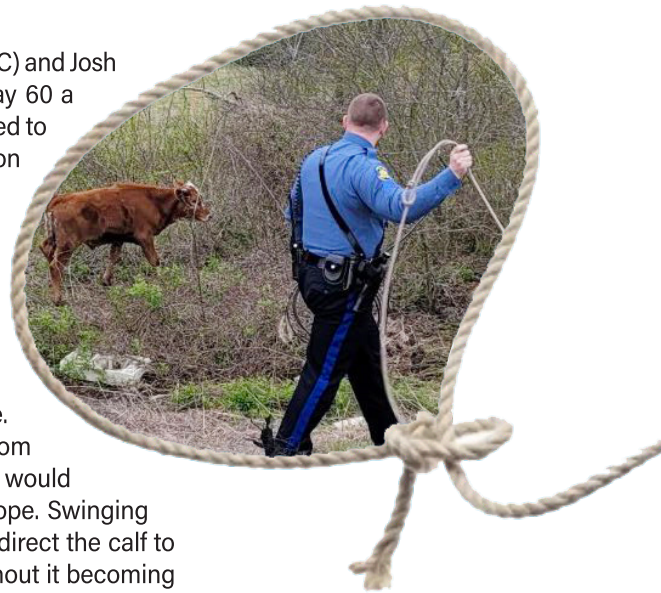
'GIT ALONG LITTLE DOGIE!'

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

On Thursday, March 30, Troopers Chance D. Berry (Q/DDCC) and Josh D. Conover (E) responded to a location on U.S. Highway 60 a couple miles east of Poplar Bluff, MO, after a calf was reported to be in the roadway. According to Tpr. Berry, this is a common occurrence. When the troopers arrived, they found a red and white longhorn calf.

"I have kept a rope in my patrol car for the last few years," said Tpr. Berry, "and have roped a mini horse and full-sized horse while on duty. However, I have not roped a calf." Tpr. Berry said he worked for a local cattle rancher prior to becoming a trooper and practices roping as a hobby. This was a case of the right trooper being on duty at the right time.

Tpr. Berry said he used the rope to keep the calf from running toward the roadway. "I thought if I did rope the calf it would make it run, and I would not be able to hang on to the rope. Swinging the rope deterred the calf from the road. We were able to direct the calf to a gate and got it back in the pasture that it came from without it becoming a traffic hazard."



TROOPERS REMAIN UNDEFEATED



The running team of (l to r) Sgt. Shawn Brazas (F), Tpr. Mike Malone (Q/RCOD), Tpr. Alex Philipps (I), and Sgt. Paul Meyers (Q/FOB) competed in the first responder challenge "Molly's Miles" for the seventh year in April 2023. The event takes place in Columbia, MO, and honors fallen Columbia Police Department Officer Molly Bowden. The team celebrated its seventh win, keeping their undefeated streak alive! Congratulations, gentlemen!



By Sergeant Shane M. Hux (H)

In 1984, "Blinky" was brought into this world with a little help from Robotronics in South Springville, UT. Blinky is a robot vehicle used for educational purposes. Looking at him, you might think Blinky was Otto—the Talking Car's offspring.

Our mission at the Missouri State Highway Patrol is to serve and protect all people by enforcing laws and providing services to ensure a safe and secure environment. Although Blinky does not enforce any laws, he does provide services. Blinky brings lots of smiles to kiddos and adults when he talks about the importance of obeying traffic laws and making sure you buckle up every time you get into a motor vehicle.

Blinky has definitely been used over the years. As time passed, his appearance diminished, and his lights went dim. Troop H staff realized it was time to help a brother in need. The experts at Ken Smith Auto Body donated their time and the materials needed and gave Blinky a makeover. The fresh coat of paint looks great and is much appreciated. Yellow Frog Graphics' artisans manufactured his new decals.

Blinky is proud to be strutting his stuff and feels like a part of the MSHP family again. He may resemble Otto, but he thinks he is a Lamborghini!



Blinky felt much better after the paint job. Thank you, Ken Smith Auto Body!



Blinky was happy to pose with his friends at Yellow Frog Graphics.

DEATHS



Naomi A. Murray

NAOMI A. MURRAY, 90, of Emporia, KS, and formerly of Adrian and Butler, MO, died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the Emporia Presbyterian Manor. Naomi and Charles W. Murray celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Nov 9, 2022.

Naomi is survived by her adoring husband, Charles, two daughters, six grandsons, six great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, and one grandson. Naomi began working for the Missouri State Highway Patrol August 17, 1970, as a driver examiner assigned to Troop A, Lee's Summit, MO. She retired March 5, 1982. Visit the Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home website at <https://www.robertsblue.com/obituary/naomi-murray> to learn more. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Murray family.



Bradley S. Baker

BRADLEY S. BAKER, 68, of Lee's Summit, MO, died Sunday, March 5, 2023, at KU Medical Center. Brad was born in Kansas City, KS, and graduated from North Kansas City High School. Brad worked full-time as a dispatcher and police officer for the Sugar Creek Police Department while working toward his BS in Administration of Justice from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He joined the Patrol as a member of the 47th Recruit Class in 1978. During his 33 years with the Highway Patrol, Brad held many positions. He was a member of the Special Emergency Response Team, past president of the Missouri State Troopers' Association (Troop A), and a part of the K-9 Unit. After retiring from the Highway Patrol as a sergeant, Brad continued to work in law enforcement, joining the Missouri State Gaming Commission as an investigator. Brad is survived by his wife, Marion, a daughter and her husband, three grandchildren, a sister, and many nieces and nephews. The family suggests memorials be made in Brad's honor to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. To read more about Brad, visit the Langsford Funeral Home website at <https://langsfordfuneralhome.com/tributes/bradley-stanton-baker/>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Baker family.



Randall L. Ferguson

RANDALL L. FERGUSON, 83, of Savannah, MO, died March 12, 2023, at ANEW Healthcare (Shady Lawn) surrounded by his children. He now joins his beloved wife, Sharon, and his parents in heaven. Randall was a graduate of Rosendale High School in Rosendale, MO. After graduating from high school, he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1958 to 1961 as an ammunition truck driver for an artillery unit before being honorably discharged. Prior to joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Randall worked on the family farm and served as a laborer foreman for several construction companies. He joined the Patrol on February 1, 1995, as building and grounds maintenance assigned to Troop H, St. Joseph, MO. He retired as a building and grounds maintenance supervisor June 1, 2002. He is survived by three children, five grandchildren, one sister, two brothers, as well as by the many adoring great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews. In lieu of flowers, his family invites those who knew him to donate in his honor to the Andrew County Senior Center, 12737 State Hwy E., Savannah, MO 64485. To read more about Randall, please visit the Heaton-Bowman-Smith website at <https://www.heatonbowmansmith.com>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Ferguson family.



Mickey D. Mason

MICKEY DEAN MASON, 82, of Nevada, MO, died Monday, March 27, 2023, in his home following a lengthy illness. He was surrounded by his children. He graduated from Southwest City High School in May 1958 and then studied for one year at the School of the Ozarks. Mickey applied and was accepted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy on June 15, 1961, his 21st birthday. At that time, he was the youngest trooper in the state. He proceeded to serve as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol assigned to Troop D from April 1, 1962, until his retirement on August 28, 1994. After his retirement, he served part time as a Vernon County deputy sheriff. He then was elected as Vernon County sheriff from 1997-2000. After leaving the position of Vernon County Sheriff, Mickey served as deputy sheriff of Barton County, served the 28th Circuit Court, Juvenile Division, Division of Family Services, and Division of Youth Services. Mickey was preceded in death by his wife, Laurel, and two granddaughters. Survivors include five daughters, two sons, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a sister. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Vernon County Cancer Relief Fund in care of Ferry Funeral Home. To learn more about Mickey, visit <https://www.ferryfuneralhome.com/obituary/Mickey-Mason>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Mason family.



Doris A. Boes

DORIS ANN BOES, 70, of Westphalia, died Saturday, April 1, 2023, at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She graduated from Fatima High School in 1970. She was united in marriage on June 9, 1978, in Jefferson City to Edward George Boes, who preceded her in death on February 9, 2018. Doris worked for Cheesebrough Ponds for 23 years and then worked for the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 20 years. She retired October 1, 2014, as a quality control clerk in the Patrol Records Division. Survivors include her mother, granddaughter, three brothers, two sisters, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, husband, and a sister-in-law. To learn more about Doris, visit the Trimble Funeral Home website at <https://www.trimblefunerals.com/obituaries/doris-boes>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Boes family.



Nathan L. Winkler

NATHAN LEE WINKLER, 46, of Macon, MO, died Saturday, April 1, 2023, at his home southeast of Macon. Nathan was born on March 16, 1977, the son of Donny and Robin (Davolt) Winkler. He graduated from Macon High School in 1995. Nathan was united in marriage to April Young on August 28, 1999, at the Atlanta Baptist Church. He worked for Missouri State Highway Patrol as a motor vehicle inspector from October 1, 2000, until his death. Nathan enjoyed hunting, fishing, tractors, cars, playing pool, and especially spending time with his family and friends. Nathan is survived by his wife, April; one daughter, Emily Winkler (Nick Wyatt); one son, Hunter Winkler; his parents, Donny and Robin Winkler, of Macon; one brother, Tony Winkler and his wife, Amanda, of Macon; a niece and nephew, Whitley and Gage. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tom and Gloria Winkler, and Bernard and Barbara Davolt, and one uncle, Frankie Winkler. Visitation and a memorial service took place on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at the Hutton & McElwain Funeral Home in Macon. Memorials are suggested to the Friendship Cemetery. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Winkler family.



Frank G. Thomen

FRANK G. THOMEN, 78, of DeSoto, MO, died April 12, 2023, at his home in DeSoto, MO. He joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a motor vehicle inspector from 1972 to 2001. He retired as a motor vehicle inspector supervisor. Frank is survived by his wife, Donna, of DeSoto, MO, two stepsons, one daughter, one stepdaughter, two sisters, and numerous family members and dear friends. Frank was

preceded in death by one son. To learn more, visit the Mahn Funeral Home website at <https://www.mahnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Frank-Gene-Thomen?obId=27710834#/celebrationWall>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Thomen family.



James J. Christ

JAMES J. CHRIST, 72, of Troy, MO, died Friday, April 14, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, daughter, and grand puppies. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. James retired from the Missouri Highway Patrol after 33 years of service as a commercial vehicle officer assigned to Troop C, Weldon Spring, MO. To learn more, visit the Pittman Funeral Home website at <https://www.pitmanfuneralhome.com/obituary/James-Christ>. The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Christ family.



WE REMEMBER.



KANSAS CITY IS ON THE CLOCK!

By Sgt. Andrew J. Bell (A)

The NFL uses the phrase “On the Clock” to indicate the time each NFL team must use to select a draft pick to their team. The Patrol was “On the Clock,” but for other reasons. At the request of the Kansas City (MO) Police Department, the Patrol assisted in providing resources and personnel to ensure a safe and secure environment for more than 300,000 fans and spectators during the 2023 NFL Draft.

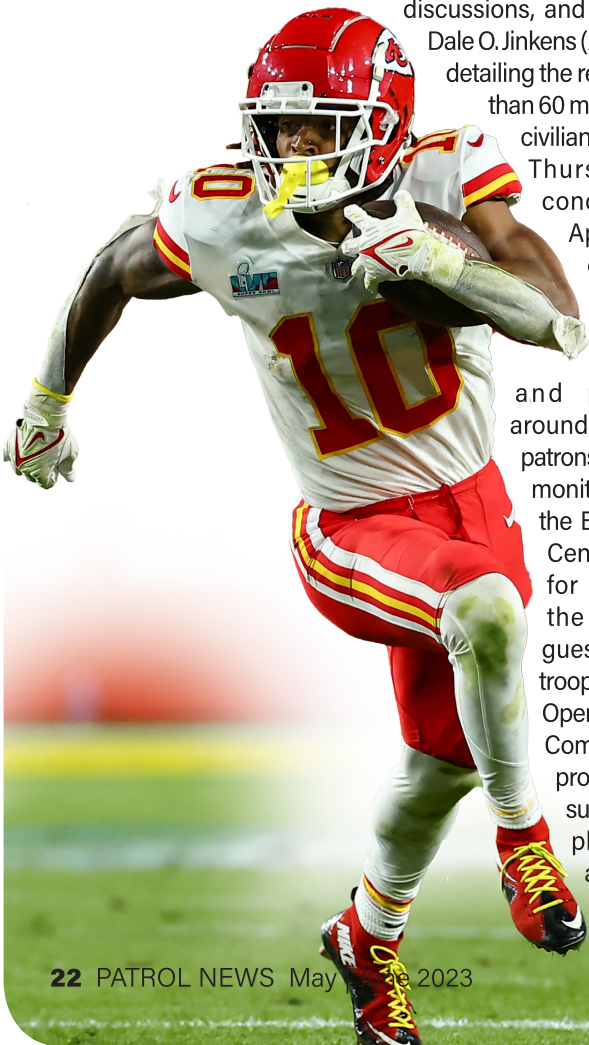
After many months of meetings, discussions, and planning, Lieutenant Dale O. Jinkens (A) hit send on the email detailing the responsibilities for more than 60 members and uniformed civilian staff. The Draft began Thursday, April 27, and concluded on Saturday, April 29. The duties of our personnel varied: providing security at the main stage, directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic safely around the venue, assisting patrons at the Fan Experience, monitoring activities within the Emergency Operations Center, and even posing for a few pictures with the crowd and special guests. Eight of the nine troops, along with the Field Operations Bureau and the Communications Division, provided the personnel to supplement the other 20 plus law enforcement agencies assigned to the Draft.

The first day of the Draft was clearly the busiest, with nearly 60,000 people entering through the main gate between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. By 4 p.m., the line of people walking to the draft and waiting to get inside spanned two miles long! Officials from the NFL stated the layout of the geography, including every aspect of the Draft, was the largest footprint in NFL Draft history. Kansas City had never hosted a Draft, let alone the largest Draft. Additionally, NFL officials stated the third day of the Draft is typically the least visited; however, this year’s Draft on day three was the busiest. Despite the immense turnout of people, there were very few incidents. The Kansas City Police Department reported eight arrests for minor violations over all three days. Most people were happy, patient, and excited to experience a potentially once in a lifetime opportunity.

Captain Steven V. Wilhoit (A) and Lt. Jinkens were behind the scenes as well as front and center throughout the Draft. When asked to name one of the biggest obstacles the Patrol overcame, Captain Wilhoit replied, “Working with a large corporation such as the NFL was a unique experience that had challenges and opportunities. Not every detail was centered around the fundamentals of law enforcement operations. However, the opportunity to collaborate and work together on several details turned out well for our people and the patrons.”

One of the more surprising observations was made by Lt. Jinkens. He commented on the fact Raiders’ fans actually got along well with Chief’s fans, which was a microcosm of what was observed throughout the entire Draft. There was an overall positive feeling leaving the Draft on Saturday evening. The fans, spectators, event staff, officers, and volunteers were all in good spirits, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. What a testament to the city of Kansas City and the culture of the Show-Me State.

(Running back Isiah Pacheco. Photo courtesy of the Kansas City Chiefs.)





Law enforcement held morning briefings during the event.



(l to r) Tpr. Allen D. Neighbors (H), Mr. Mitch Holthus, KC Chiefs announcer, and Cpl. Mark Pate (A) are pictured at the main entrance to the event.



(l to r) Sgt. Bryan Hamerle (A), Chiefs' mascot KC Wolf, and Cpl. Daniel Schubert (A) pause for a photo.

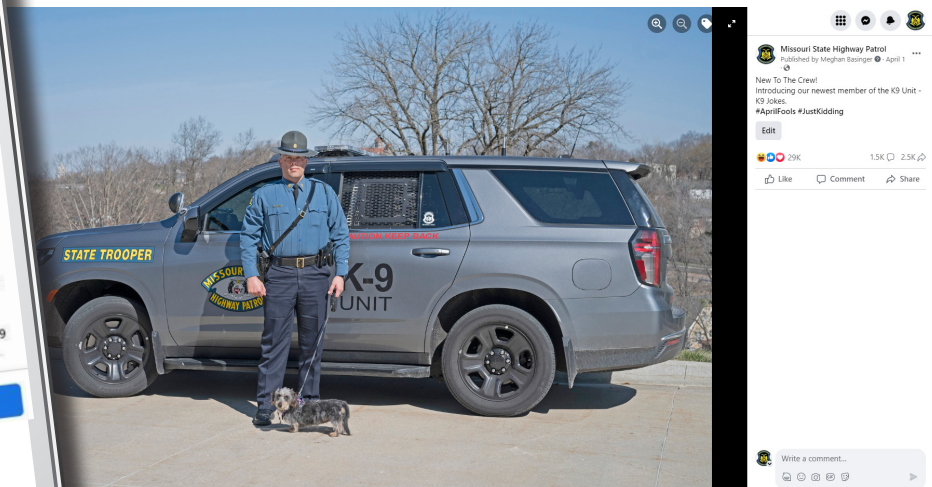
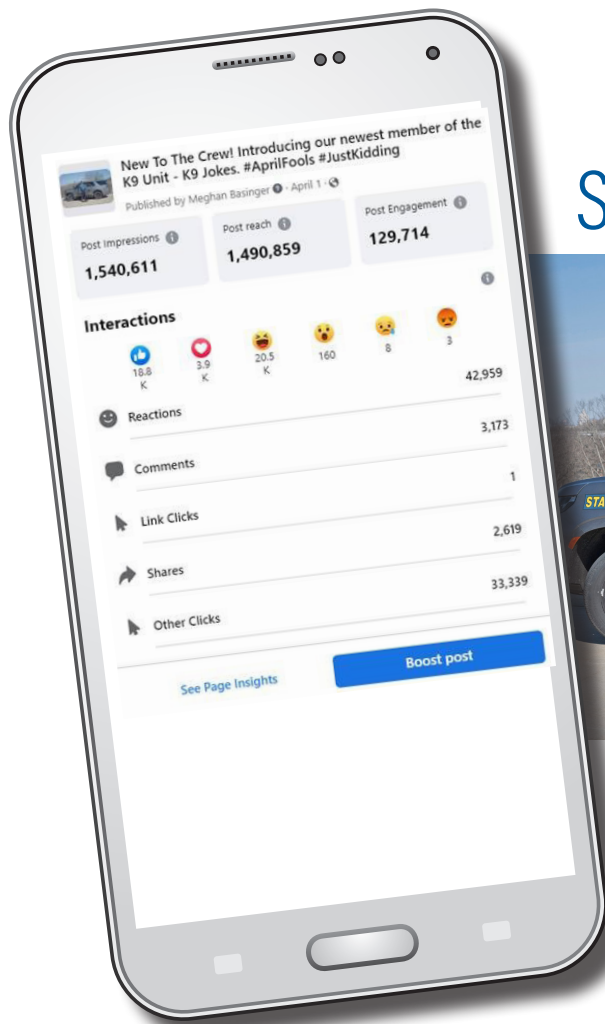


The people of Kansas City were terrific hosts for the NFL Draft 2023.



The NFL Draft's brain center kept watch over the venue throughout the event.

SOCIAL MEDIA **SNAPSHOT**



The Patrol's April Fool's social media post got a lot of attention. A dachshund named "Lucy" dropped by GHQ and posed with Lt. Scott Ballard (Q/FOB) and a K9 vehicle. The reactions sent Lt. Ballard and Lucy viral!

THIS STOP WAS **NO APRIL FOOLS!**

By Sgt. Shane M. Hux (H)

At 2:18 p.m. April 1, 2023, Corporal Chris J. Sullivan (H) stopped a white Chrysler minivan for traveling 92 mph, when 60 mph was the posted limit. The stop occurred on U.S. Highway 136 near Albany, MO, in Gentry County, MO. A computer inquiry revealed the driver of the minivan had a felony warrant for his arrest out of Arkansas for forgery. During their conversation, the driver failed to convince Cpl. Sullivan he was legitimately traveling through Missouri. Cpl. Sullivan requested assistance to dive a little deeper into the stop.

Cpl. Sullivan then contacted the passenger inside the minivan. A computer inquiry revealed the passenger had an active federal warrant issued by the U.S. Secret Service for fraud. The passenger appeared nervous and his reason for travelling contradicted what the driver stated. Cpl. Sullivan arrested the driver and passenger for the felony warrants.



Cpl. Chris Sullivan (E) looked beyond the stop and located these 60 counterfeit \$100 bills.

60 counterfeit \$100 bills, 85 gift cards, and a printer/scanner. In addition to the felony warrant, the driver was arrested for 60 felony counts of forgery and possession of a forging instrument. The passenger was arrested for a felony warrant and 60 felony counts of forgery. This traffic stop has since become a multi-state investigation.

Cpl. Sullivan searched the minivan to document the contents prior to it being towed from the scene. Immediately, he located a \$100 bill on the floorboard of the minivan. (I don't know about you, but most people do not drive around with \$100 bills laying around like candy wrappers.) Cpl. Sullivan realized the \$100 bill did not look or feel right—it appeared to be counterfeit.

As a result of looking beyond the traffic stop, Cpl. Sullivan seized

SOR UNIT HOSTS CONFERENCE, SHARES EXPERTISE



Meet the SOR Unit! Pictured are (front row, l to r) CJIS Technicians April Masterson, Stacey Hinson, Jaelin Harris, and Krystal Conn, (back row, l to r) CJIS Program Manager Scott Schlueter, and CJIS Technicians Michele Klebba and Jodie Raynor, CJIS Program Supervisor Pam Aberle, and CJIS Technicians Gayla Jenkins and Abby Vogel.

By Capt. Gara N. Howard
(Q/CJISD)

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division's Sex Offender Registry unit, in conjunction with the Missouri Troopers Association, held a conference March 28-30, 2023, at the Capital Bluff Event Center in Jefferson City, MO. The last SOR conference was held in 2009. The agenda included topics presented by the Department of Justice Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART office) out of Washington, D.C., National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the United States Marshals Service (Kansas City field office), the Daviess County Prosecutor's Office, the Patrol's Crime Laboratory Division, the Division of Drug and Crime Control, CJIS Division, and the Patrol's legal counsel.

Topics included:

- Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC)
- Fingerprint and DNA Collection
- RAP Sheet training
- Failure to Register
- Petition for Removal and Appeal Process
- Missouri Rights of Victim of Sexual Assault Task Force



CJIS Program Supervisor Pam Aberle (Q/CJISD), Daviess County Prosecuting Attorney Annie Gibson, Assistant Director Stacey Bolinger (Q/CLD), and Legal Counsel Kayla Kemp (Q/ASO) provide expertise during a panel discussion.

"It was very exciting to see all levels of the sex offender registration process under one roof," said CJIS Program Supervisor Pam M. Aberle. "One of the benefits of this conference will be the ongoing communication between agencies, and ultimately, improvements of the Missouri Sex Offender Registry. By providing invaluable resources to those who are directly and indirectly involved in the registration process, the state of Missouri will be a safer place to live and work."

The conference welcomed 134 attendees from various sheriff's departments, police departments, federal and state probation and parole personnel, Department of Corrections employees, prosecuting attorneys, and legal counsel.

"I really felt like the group was engaged and asked questions," said CJIS Technician III Jaelin W. Harris. "It was an opportunity for agencies to network with one another. We learned a lot from the counties we support, and they learned from us. So, it was mutually beneficial. Some agencies do not have the opportunity to receive SOR training, so I felt like this was a great opportunity."

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is responsible for the maintenance of the sex offender registry for the state of Missouri. There are currently over 18,000 registered sex offenders.

MIAC EMPLOYEES **SET THE BAR HIGH**



Criminal Intelligence Analyst II Amanda N. Rowden (Q/MIAC) recently earned certification as criminal intelligence certified analyst. Certified analysts must meet criteria established by the International Association of Law Enforcement Analysts and pass a comprehensive exam. CIA II Rowden is one of only a handful of MIAC analysts have obtained the CICA designation. Congratulations, CIA II Rowden!



Criminal Intelligence Analyst II Madison K. Miller (Q/MIAC) recently completed her master's degree in security studies through the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security. CIA II Miller's thesis addressed the metaverse and the implications of virtual reality for the homeland security enterprise.

WOMEN IN **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

(from l to r) Sgt. Diana Hutzler (Q/GSD), Tpr. Amanda Sapp (B), Cpl. Catlynn McKinney (F), Sgt. Amy Johnson (Q/GD), Cpl. Catherine Bishop (C), and CVO Sprv. Brenda McIntyre (Q/CVE) attended the Women in Law Enforcement Conference in Nashville, TN.



Shipley Named IACP Regional

TROOPER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Trooper Adam R. Shipley (E) for being named a regional finalist for the International Association of Chiefs of Police Trooper of the Year. Tpr. Shipley responded to an aggravated rape in progress call at the Amidon Conservation Area in Madison County. He also accepted a Valor Award for his actions on January 22, 2022.



PRESERVING HISTORY:
SEC COLLECTION

SPIFFED AND SHINED

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

When retired Sergeant Bruce M. Johnson visited the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Safety & Education Center, he was especially interested in the firearms. As a retired member of the Patrol and Troop A's range officer, he possesses a vast knowledge of and appreciation for the wide variety of firearms. While visiting with Captain John J. Hotz (Q/PIED), retired Sgt. Johnson suggested the collections would benefit from a little preventive maintenance.

On March 23, retired Sgt. Johnson and his brother, Dennis, came to the museum and spent time wiping down each firearm and using steel wool on a few rust spots. They brought along a Smith & Wesson publication and enjoyed determining the make and model of various pieces. Their favorite? All of them. However, retired Sgt. Johnson did say the Military & Police Model of 1905 (4th Change) got his attention. This model was made between 1915-1942 and is rare.

The visit was only a few hours, but much appreciated. The collection is looking great and ready for museum visitors. A big thank you to the Johnson brothers!



Ret. Sgt. Bruce Johnson returns a firearm to its place in the display.



Ret. Sgt. Bruce Johnson and his brother, Dennis, inspect firearms on display in the Col. Alvin R. Lubker Safety & Education Center.



These firearms are part of a display in the Safety & Education Center.

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The members of the 116th recruit class repeat their Oath of Office.