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Miss America Debbye Turner visited the Capitol in Jefferson City on January 10. Several of our officers were part of the security detail. Miss Turner was the first Missouri resident to win the Miss America title.

The Share-A-Bear Program began in March. Shoney's Incorporated provides Shoney bears to our road troopers to give children, ages one to six years, who have encountered a traumatic situation.

On March 8, 1990, Governor John Ashcroft officially announced to the citizens of Missouri the Patrol's new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The new system referred to as PRINTS (POLICE RAPID IDENTIFICATION NETWORK TERMINAL SYSTEM) was located in the Criminal Records Division.

A 1986 Cessna Skylane was purchased with a federal grant through the Division of Highway Safety. The aircraft was assigned to Troop B, Macon.

The Commercial Driver License (CDL) program was implemented during the year. Under the program, written and skill tests are given to commercial motor vehicle drivers wanting a CDL license. Our agency first gave the written tests in January and the skill tests in July. By April 1, 1992,

all commercial motor vehicle drivers nationwide must have a CDL license to legally operate their vehicles upon the public highways.

Gerry Andres and Sammy Brizendine of the Motor Equipment Division built a rollover simulator exhibit. The simulator demonstrates the value of seat belts. It is used by our public information and education officers around the state.

The Patrol began actively to seek accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies in September. The Patrol's Research and Development Division was charged with coordinating efforts toward accreditation which would take approximately two years to complete.

The Patrol's 62nd Recruit Class graduated June 8. The 46-member class had been in training since January 1. They reported for duty on June 25.

The Professional Standards Division was created on June 8, 1990. This division was assigned the responsibility for conducting or supervising internal, administrative investigations and for conducting staff inspections in the troops and divisions.

Corporal Timothy J. Rousset, Troop D, was selected as July State Employee of the Month. Cpl. Rousset had distinguished himself through his outstanding law enforcement efforts, both in traffic and drug arrests.

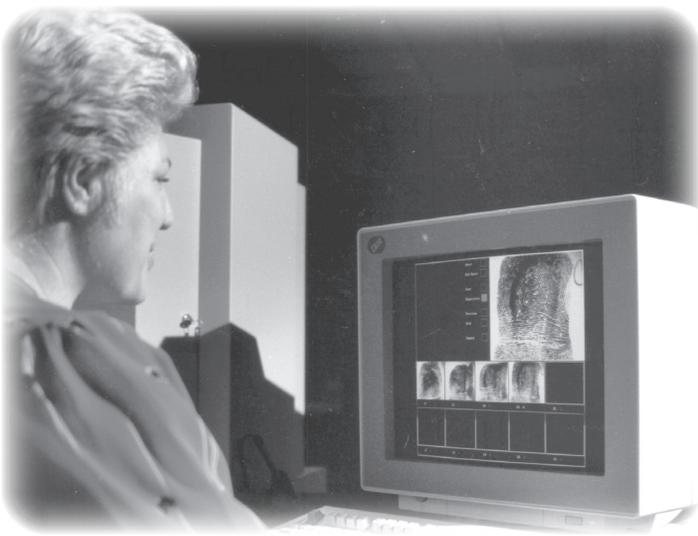
House Bill 1452 passed by the 85th Missouri General Assembly states that when calculating years of service for retirement, each person

shall be entitled to one-twelfth of a year of creditable service for each 21 days of unused accumulated sick leave earned by the employee.

Six members attended a Mentor Officer Training school from



Pictured is the security for Miss America Debbye Turner at the State Capitol in Jefferson City.



A technician operates an AFIS terminal.

July 25-29 at the Illinois State Police Academy. The school was taught by Los Angeles Police Department D.A.R.E. Unit members. Completion of this school qualified our officers to teach D.A.R.E. to other law enforcement officers.

The first CDL driving skills test in Missouri was given on July 23 by Driver Examiner Supervisor Robert L. McGraw in St. Louis County.

A reorganization of General Headquarters staff responsibilities took effect August 1. Five bureaus were created to oversee the various divisions within GHQ.

The Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) celebrated its 20th Anniversary during the annual training conference in Jefferson City held from September 30 to October 2.

New metal name tags were distributed to uniformed members and uniformed-civilians in September and October. They replaced the blue plastic tags worn since 1969.

Twenty-eight police officers graduated September 7 from the first Drug Abuse Resistance Education training program taught by members of this agency.

Glock, Inc. of Smyrna, GA, was awarded the contract for new .40-caliber S&W semi-automatic pistols. The weapons, service holsters, and ammunition were distributed to personnel in early 1991. Patrol members have carried revolvers since 1931.

The Patrol's 63rd Recruit Class graduated on December 7. The 38-member class had been in training since July 1. They reported for duty on December 26.

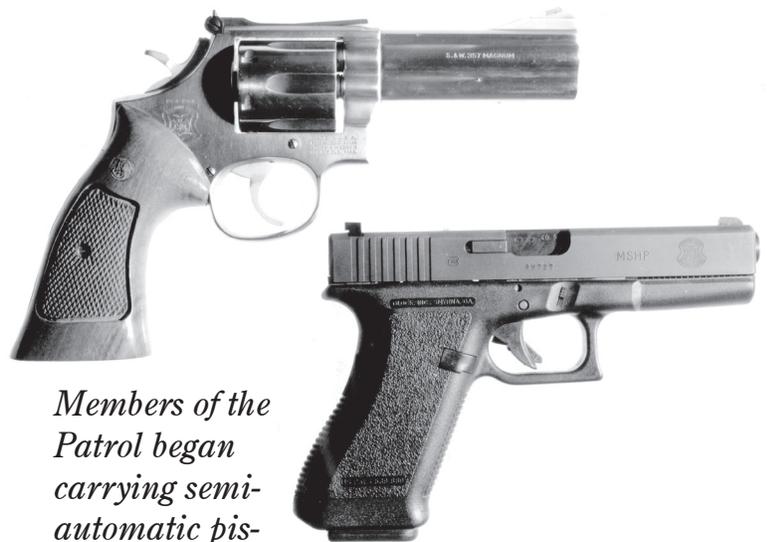
Employees of the Patrol belonging to the National Guard and reserve units began being activated to duty in November and December. The Kuwait crisis in the Middle East prompted the calls. It would later be named Operation Desert Storm.

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Members of the Patrol began Glock pistol transition training in January. The officers were required to successfully complete the training before being issued the new Glock Model 22 .40-caliber S&W pistol.

Twenty-six employees were activated into military service during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Some were stationed overseas while others served in the states. All returned home safely and to their respective jobs. Two members of the 63rd Recruit Class that graduated December 1990, Gregory D. Smith and Ronald V. Meade, were commissioned in 1991 when they returned from active military duty. Trooper Smith was commissioned in May and Trooper Meade received his commission in July.

Due to a sharp drop in state revenues, there was a significant cutback on Patrol funding. As a



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certain steps were taken by the superintendent to ensure the Patrol had sufficient funds to operate. The steps included a hiring freeze, severely restricted out-of-state travel, and the cancellation of a recruit class that had been scheduled for this year.

The Patrol received delivery of 90 Chevrolet Caprices in March. These are special police vehicles with heavy duty brakes and suspension. Approximately 200 of these vehicles were in service by the Patrol at the end of the year.

Two German shepherds were purchased by the Patrol in 1991. "Argo" was assigned to Troop F and "Ben" was assigned to Troop H. There were now six dogs in the Patrol's K-9 Unit.

The Patrol's first awards banquet was held May 18 at the Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City. Sergeant Larry Williams of Troop A was the first recipient of the Valor Award. Sgt. Williams heroically rescued numerous residents of an apartment complex when the building caught fire in 1990. Lifesaving Awards, Certificates of Achievement, and Work Recognition Awards were also presented to various employees. This awards and certificates recognition program was initiated in 1990 to recognize those Patrol employees, citizens, or groups who demonstrate excellence in the performance of duties or perform extraordinary acts which further the mission of our agency. An awards committee reviews the awards nominations and the supporting documentation.

The *Patrol News* completed 25 years of publication with the June 1991 issue. Mr. Dean Hollis was editor from its first issue in July 1966 until his retirement in September 1992.

President George Bush visited Missouri on the Fourth of July holiday. He spent time in Springfield



The Patrol in cooperation with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education began a pilot program known as D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in 1991.



Members of the Patrol were trained in the use of pepper mace beginning in 1991.

and Marshfield where he watched a parade. Several members of the Patrol helped with security during the president's visit.

Members of the Patrol were trained in the use of pepper mace during the year. This product is designed to incapacitate a person through pain, disorientation, and irritation to the eyes, nose, and mouth when applied directly to a subject's face. Pepper mace will be used in situations where less than strong physical or deadly force is appropriate. Each member is now equipped with this product.

On October 1, the Patrol began a random drug testing program for employees. Under the program, all uniformed officers and commercial vehicle inspectors may be given drug tests at random. In addition, workers in "drug-sensitive" positions, such as laboratory technicians, may be randomly tested. The program also calls for all prospective employees, including civilians, to submit to drug tests after they have been offered jobs. Trooper recruits are subject to random testing during their six months of training.

A Peer Counseling Program was implemented during the year. Peer counseling is designed to assist employees who have been involved in traumatic incidents with a support network of trained

volunteers. Peer counselors will come from within the agency. About 15 employees received specialized peer counselor's training by Dr. Wayne Anderson of the University of Missouri-Columbia in November.

The organizational structure of the Patrol was changed effective November 1, to include four bureaus instead of five. The three divisions, Motor Vehicle Inspection, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, and Driver Examination, under the deleted Motor Vehicle and Driver Regulation Bureau,

were placed under the Support Services Bureau. The Construction and Maintenance Division was moved from the Support Services Bureau to the Administrative Services Bureau. The Information Systems Division was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Bureau. It was formerly under the command of the assistant superintendent.

The Safety and Information Division was renamed the Public Information and Education Division. It continued to be under the Administrative Services Bureau. Also, the Criminal Records Division was renamed the Criminal Records and Identification Division. It remained under the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

The Patrol's Defensive Driving Track in Jefferson City was completed in 1991. The track will be used for pursuit driving training for Patrol members, recruits, and in-service personnel as well as for officers from other departments. Informally, the track is known as the EVOC track, named after the Emergency Vehicles Operations Course taught there. Firearms training will also be available at an adjacent facility.

Members of the Patrol participated in a manhunt in the California, MO, area December 9 and 10. Four persons, including three county law en-



President George H.W. Bush celebrated the Fourth of July in Missouri in 1991.

forcement officers, were shot and killed and another officer wounded. The subject of the manhunt, James R. Johnson, surrendered without incident.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol celebrated its 60th anniversary this year.

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The Patrol officially assumed responsibility for the Jefferson County Crime Laboratory in Hillsboro, MO, on January 15. The laboratory is located at Jefferson County Community College and is operated as the Troop C Satellite Laboratory.

Former Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev delivered a speech on the Westminster College campus in Fulton, MO, May 6, before a crowd of nearly 20,000 people. Approximately 50 members of the Patrol assisted in security during his visit.

The 64th Recruit Class graduated 35 new members June 12. The class members began training January 1 and reported for duty July 1.



This is an aerial view of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Defensive Driving Track in Jefferson City.



Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev waves to the crowd on Westminister College campus (Fulton, MO) in 1992.

President George Bush opens the Show-Me State Games in 1992.



Governor John Ashcroft signed House Bill 852 into law July 8. The new law gives the Patrol authority to apply for and serve search warrants without going through local law enforcement agencies. Troopers still have to notify the local sheriff and be accompanied by a representative of the local sheriff's department when serving a warrant.

Sergeant Thomas E. Pfaff, Troop H, was honored with the 1991 Valor Award at the Patrol's second annual Awards Banquet May 16, in Jefferson City. He received the award for protecting the lives of fellow officers by confronting and disarming a man armed with a loaded rifle.

The Patrol provided security for President George Bush in Columbia, MO, on July 24. President Bush officially opened the Show-Me State Games.

On November 11, the Patrol became the 10th state patrol/state police in the United States to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. The commission grants accreditation only after compliance with its 923 accreditation standards has been verified by a team of independent assessors. The Patrol chose to seek accreditation as part of a major effort to improve its services and operations, to have a method to ensure the agency provides the highest quality of service to the public and that it will continue to do so in the future.

The Patrol's Safety Education Center, located on the ground floor of General Headquarters celebrated its 10th anniversary. Approximately 132,000 people have toured the Safety Education Center since it opened in April 1982.

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The Missouri State Highway Patrol implemented a Physical Standards Program requiring its officers to meet minimum fitness standards annually. The program consists of push-ups, sit-ups, flexibility, and a one and one-half mile run.

Governor Mel Carnahan named Springfield, MO, Police Chief Terry L. Knowles the director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety on January 25, 1993. Knowles had served as the Springfield police chief since 1989, after serving for 24 years with the FBI.

The Patrol took first place in its division — 501-1,000 sworn officers — in the National Chiefs' Challenge Award Program for 1992 sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The challenge highlights law enforcement's contribution in promoting the correct use of seat belts, child safety seats, and air bags nationwide.

Corporal William L. Hobbs and Trooper Daniel P. Banasik were awarded Valor Awards at the Patrol's third annual Awards Banquet May 15, 1993, in Jefferson City. This year's awards ceremony was held in conjunction with The MASTERS annual banquet for the first time. Cpl. Hobbs was honored for his actions in protecting fellow officers under fire from a suspect shooting an AK-47 automatic rifle. Tpr. Banasik received his award for extricating an unconscious driver from a burning truck.

Motor Vehicle Inspection Supervisor Henry "Hank" Maness, Troop F, was selected Missouri State Employee of the Month in April for submitting a school bus inspection plan that saved the Patrol and 11 area school districts money, expedited the inspection of the buses, and increased passage rates.

Thirty-eight new troopers graduated in the 65th Recruit Class June 28, 1993. For the first time in the Patrol's 62-year history, a father, son, and grandson have graduated from the Patrol Academy — Trooper Brian T. James, Troop A; Sergeant Jerry A. James, Troop F; and retired Lieutenant Dorwin A. James.

The Great Flood of '93 paralyzed most of the Midwest as well as mid-Missouri, flooding farm land, destroying highways and bridges, and bringing most travel to a standstill. To help field the thousands of calls for road condition reports, the



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Patrol instituted a 1-800 number with an audiotext listing closed roads. In the first six weeks, the 1-800 number answered nearly 90,000 calls. During that time, Patrol personnel in all troops and at GHQ also spent hours on the phone answering travel condition questions from all over the country as well as the state. The flooding Missouri River swept across the Jefferson City Memorial Airport destroying the Patrol's hangar along with many other nearby buildings. The Patrol's aircraft were forced to move to higher ground at Columbia International Airport.

Acting-Governor Roger Wilson signed House Bill 220 into law July 8, 1993, authorizing the Patrol to expand its forces from 900-940. Due to funding, the Patrol currently has 889 troopers.

To make itself more accessible to the public, the Patrol held open houses at each of its troop headquarters in the spring 1993. The public was invited to tour the facilities, get acquainted with the officers, and view special equipment used by the Patrol.

In the fall, the Missouri State Highway Patrol began a program of town hall meetings to be held

in each of the troops over the next year. Troop A began the program with a town hall meeting in each county within the troop over the summer. Officers were on hand to field questions from the public; explain special equipment or units, such as the canine unit or the SERT teams; and show a slide presentation outlining the Patrol's history, services, and capabilities.

Governor Mel Carnahan nominated Major Fred M. Mills, commander of the Field Operations Bureau, to serve as the superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Colonel Mills was sworn in September 24, 1993.

Captain Charles R. Jackson became the first black officer to command a troop for the Missouri State Highway Patrol when he took charge of Troop F, Jefferson City, on October 1, 1993.

Corporal Michael E. Webster, 33, became the 17th Missouri State Highway Patrol officer to be killed in the line of duty when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver on October 2, 1993, while conducting a routine traffic stop in Troop A.

Patrol pilot Corporal Mark A. Tovar and his passenger Sergeant Timothy R. Selvey, both from



Flood waters destroyed roadways across the state in 1993. Pictured is MO Highway 54 in Jefferson City.



Colonel Fred M. Mills

Troop D, walked away with only minor injuries from a helicopter crash October 6, 1993, at the Cassville, MO, airport. The Hughes 500 helicopter was being used in a marijuana eradication operation when Cpl. Tovar lost tail rotor control causing the helicopter to crash. It appeared bolts that mount the tail rotor gear box to the bail boom may have failed.



Cpl. Mark A. Tovar and Sgt. Timothy R. Selvey sustained only minor injuries in this helicopter crash October 6, 1993.



Captain Charles R. Jackson

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Flat River, the home of Troop C's Satellite Headquarters, consolidated with nearby towns Esther and Elvins and the village of Rivermines to form Park Hills effective January 1, 1994.

January 1, 1994, K-9 Wiko, handled by Corporal David A. Henson, Troop D, became the first Patrol canine to retire from duty. Wiko, who had been with the Patrol since 1988, was retired due to severe arthritis.

The Patrol gained 59 additional troopers upon the graduation of its 66th Recruit Class on February 4, 1994. The class was the second largest to graduate in Patrol history and included the largest



Corporal Michael E. Webster

group of females — eight — to graduate from the Law Enforcement Academy. This brought the total number of female troopers in the Patrol to 28.

Patrol aircraft N92MP piloted by Sergeant William V. Cottom was forced to make an emergency landing on U.S. 54 east of Brazito, MO, on February 13, 1994. Sgt. Cottom had been working the speed blocks on U.S. 54 when his engine failed forcing him to make an immediate landing. Power lines across the highway made him lower than he intended forcing him down before his landing gear had locked in place. The pilot was uninjured.

February 14, 1994, the Missouri Road Condition Report went on-line. This toll-free number, 1-800-222-6400, features recorded messages giving road conditions throughout the state and is updated a minimum of four times daily — 3 a.m., 9 a.m., 3 p.m., and 9 p.m. — or as conditions warrant.

The Law Enforcement Academy achieved national accreditation as a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) State Training Center. The accreditation process ensures State Training Centers maintain the high standards of the national D.A.R.E. program and took more than one year to complete.

Not only did the Patrol graduate its largest class of female troopers in 1994, it also promoted its first female zone commander and appointed its first female assistant division director. Sergeant Keverne L. McCollum was designated zone commander of Troop H, Zone 9, in Chillicothe, on May 1, 1994. Patsy Muessig was named the civilian assistant director of the Human Resources Division on August 1, 1994.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol was tasked in 1994 to enforce riverboat gambling laws in Missouri. To accomplish this new role, the Patrol established a Gaming Division within its organizational structure. Formerly a unit of the Patrol's Drug and Crime Control Division (Riverboat Gambling Unit), the new division became a separate entity within the Patrol with all expenses incurred by division members in the performance of their duties paid by the Missouri Gaming Commission. Four riverboats went into operation in 1994.

Sergeant Timothy R. Selvey, Troop D, received the Patrol's 1993 Valor Award for saving the life of Corporal Mark A. Tovar, Troop D's pilot, following a helicopter crash Oct. 6, 1993.

On June 14, 1994, Governor Mel Carnahan signed into law legislation creating commercial vehicle officers within the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Qualified commercial vehicle inspectors, who successfully complete the required training, became commissioned commercial vehicle officers and continued to enforce Missouri's commercial vehicle regulations.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol provided security at the Olympic Village on the campus of Washington University during the U.S. Olympic Festival held in St. Louis, MO, on July 1-10, 1994. More than 3,000 amateur athletes from around the country competed in the games. The Patrol had 35 officers and 13 communications personnel assigned to the Olympic Festival security detail.

Twenty-four Highway Patrol troopers were assigned to a 60-day operation in Kansas City and St. Louis over the summer. This first-ever, joint operation to fight violent crime in Missouri — Reaching Out to Form a Partnership — involved interagency collaboration to address the vital public need of Missouri citizens — to feel safer in their neighborhoods and homes. Troopers assigned to the Kansas City/St. Louis details worked with homi-



Governor Mel Carnahan signed a bill establishing the Patrol position of commercial vehicle officer, 1994.



(left) Two suspects in the robbery of the South County Bank in Ashland, MO, lay dead after a gun battle with law enforcement officers in 1994. (above) Sgts. A.J. Stricker and Gregory L. Word and Cpl. David H. Mease were injured during a gun battle with two bank robbery suspects in 1994.

cide detectives in violent crime units; as a part of Violence Reduction Teams and City Wide Strike Forces, which included patrols and foot beats in high crime areas relating to drugs, assaults, and prostitution-related homicides; and in Community Policing efforts working with kids from violent crime communities. The operation was a success. Both the Kansas City and St. Louis City police departments saw a positive impact made on violent crime in their cities. The detail also offered many troopers assigned to rural county zones the opportunity to experience law enforcement in an urban environment.

The Patrol celebrated the holidays by graduating another 59 recruits December 16, 1994. The class reported for duty on January 2, 1995.

The 1994 Legislature passed a bill, which was later signed by Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, providing state employees an opportunity to retire from state service if the employee's number of years of service to state government and the employee's age equaled at least 80 — thus named the “80 and Out” bill. Sixty-two Patrol employees retired effective September 1, 1994. This was the first month employees became eligible since the bill became effective August 28, 1994. Of the 62, 37 were uniformed troopers and 25 were civilian



Tpr. Curtis A. Martin was injured and Sheriff Roy Bassett killed in a gun battle following a traffic crash on September 23, 1994.

employees. During 1994 the Patrol experienced 89 retirements (58 uniformed troopers and 31 civilian employees).

This year proved to be a violent year with six officer-involved shootings. April 17, Corporal Terry M. Wilkinson and Trooper Roger E. Pipkin, Troop I, were involved in a gun battle with three suspects who were believed to be in a stolen vehicle and who had fired on local law enforcement officers. One suspect was fatally shot; the two remaining suspects were captured. May 19, Sergeant Gregory L. Word, Q/AD, was shot after participating with officers from nine law enforcement agencies in a car chase and gun battle with two suspects



Governor Mel Carnahan (center) presented the August State Employee of the Month plaque to Commercial Vehicle Officer Harry A. Scott and his wife, Sharon, in 1994.

believed to have robbed the South County Bank in Ashland, MO, and fatally shot the bank's vice president. At the end of the car chase, one suspect exited his vehicle and shot at the Patrol helicopter in which Sgt. Word was riding, before ground officers could fire upon the suspects. Sergeants A.J. Stricker and Gregory L. Word, and Corporal David H. Mease were injured during the shooting. It was later determined that both suspects died of self-inflicted wounds.

July 29, Corporal Robert W. Hayes, Troop F, was shot following a routine traffic stop for expired plates on Interstate 70. The four suspects were apprehended after a three-hour manhunt. September 2, following a lengthy car chase, Trooper Perry C. Hazelwood, Troop E, fatally shot a suspect who was brandishing an automatic weapon in a busy intersection near Cape Girardeau. Two other suspects were taken into custody.

September 16, a sniper's bullet struck and nearly killed Corporal Bobbie J. Harper, Troop D, as he stood in his kitchen. The investigation determined the shooting was in retaliation for an earlier arrest by Cpl. Harper. Charges were filed against Timothy Thomas Coombs, who had fled the state.

Last, September 23, Trooper Curtis A. Martin, Troop I, and Maries County Sheriff Roy L. Bassett



Cpl. Jerry C. West, Troop F, and Sgt. Kim E. Hull, Troop A, check security passes at the gate into the Olympic Village, 1994.

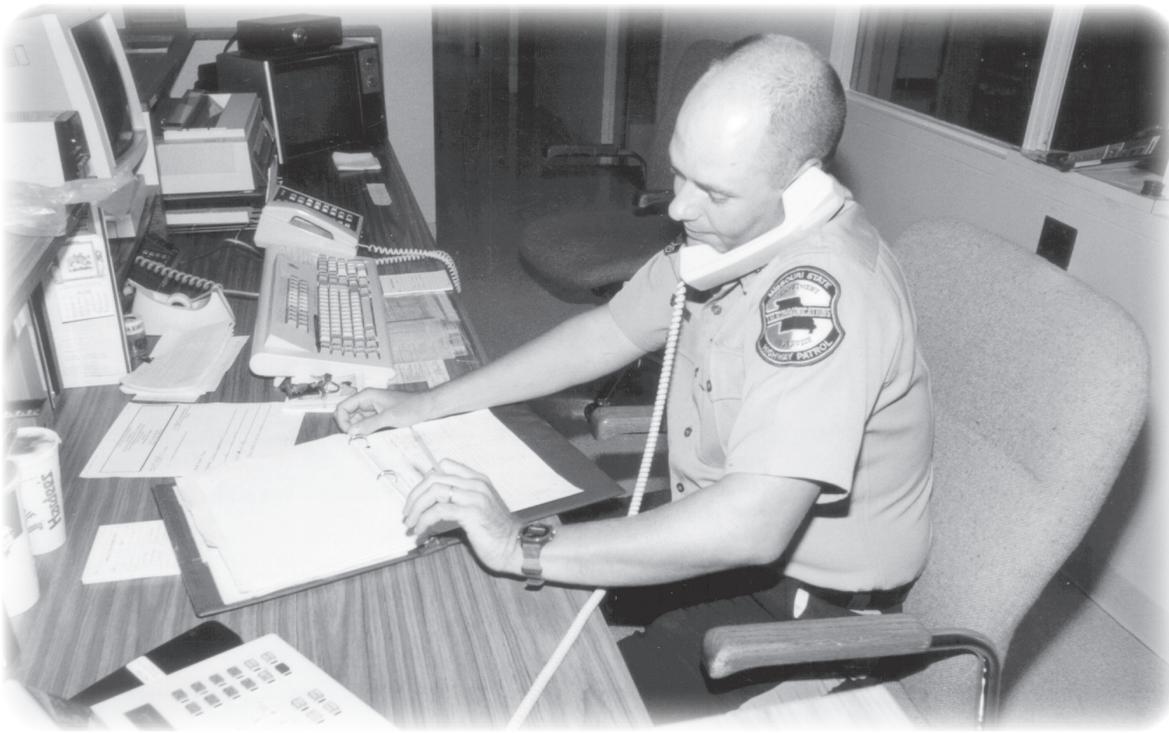
were involved in a gun battle following a routine non-injury accident on U.S. 63. Tpr. Martin and one suspect were wounded, and Sheriff Bassett and the other suspect were killed.

1995

January 1, 1995 marked the beginning of a new Sex Offender Registration Program in Missouri coordinated by the Patrol's Criminal Records and Identification Division. The program requires sex offenders to report to the sheriff and chief of police of the jurisdiction in which the sex offender will reside. The Patrol maintains the central registry file for sex offenders, which can be accessed through MULES.

Construction of the new C-4 East and West Weigh Stations at Foristell, MO, was completed in January. The "Superstation" is equipped with the latest technology allowing inspectors to weigh commercial vehicles as they pull off the highway to pre-screen the vehicles for compliance with axle, tandem, gross weights, and more. Those vehicles in which the computers detect problems can be driven into the new fully-enclosed inspection building for further investigation.

Retired Major C. Maurice Parker died March 12. Parker was the last living original member (retired) of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He retired from the Patrol in 1966.



Telecommunicators like Troop B's Andrew J. Primm started working at the front desks in troop headquarters on April 1, 1995.

Beginning April 1, eighteen telecommunicators began working the front desks at all Patrol headquarters to assist the public. These uniformed civilians were trained to fill the desk officer positions freeing up additional officers to return to road duty. This process was helped when the Patrol received more than \$500,000 from the federal government's COPS MORE program to aid in putting more officers on the road. This was another step for the Patrol in its process of civilianization of many of its administrative jobs. At the end of the year, the Patrol had 24 telecommunicators working throughout the state.

April 3, Governor Mel Carnahan signed House Bill 461, which contained an emergency clause providing members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol "permanent" search and seizure authority.

In 1995, the Patrol began a process of reorganization within its troops to provide better coverage and expand its 24-hour coverage. Prior to the reorganization only nine of Missouri's 114 counties had 24-hour coverage. By the end of 1995, that number had increased to 38. This process was made possible through civilianization of many administrative positions and also by 116 new troopers who graduated in three classes in 1995.

The 68th Recruit Class graduated 20 new troopers on May 5. Forty-one new troopers were added from the 69th Recruit Class, which graduated June 22. The 70th Recruit Class completed its training

on December 15, with 55 new officers.

Only a month after the dedication of the Patrol's new aircraft hangar at the Jefferson City Memorial Airport, members of the Aircraft Division found themselves paddling, not flying, to get to their offices. Torrential spring rains in mid-Missouri and states to the west caused the Missouri River to flood ... again. The river eventually crested in Jefferson City at just under 34 feet above flood level, somewhat less than the record level 38.6 feet recorded in 1993. The new design of the hangar resulted in only minor damage during the flood in 1995.



Cpl. Samuel L. Mudd, Troop G, questions a Kansas City native. Cpl. Mudd was a member of the Kansas City "bike detail" in 1995.

Again in 1995, the Patrol sent officers into Missouri's two largest metropolitan areas to assist the Kansas City and St. Louis Metropolitan police departments. The special detail, called "Reaching Out to Form a Partnership — The Commitment Continues", ran from May 22-August 11. During that time Patrol officers worked in the traffic, bicycle, and homicide divisions of the two police departments adding extra manpower and expertise. In Kansas City, Patrol officers trained members of the KCPD in drug interdiction techniques. In St. Louis, Patrol officers learned about investigating gang activity.

In June, the Patrol honored Trooper Curtis A. Martin, Troop I, with its 1994 Citation of Valor for his involvement in a shooting incident September 23, 1994. During the shoot-out with two suspects, Maries County Sheriff Roy L. Bassett was shot and killed. Tpr. Martin, himself wounded, shot and killed one suspect and injured the second. Tpr. Martin also received the Officer of the Year award from the Missouri Peace Officers Association and was recognized as one of the country's top law enforcement officers by PARADE magazine.

Colonel Fred M. Mills, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, was invited to testify before a Senate Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Government Information in Washington, D.C., on June 15. Col. Mills provided information to the subcommittee based on the Patrol's investigation of extremist groups in Missouri and the murders of two Patrol officers and the shooting of another Patrol officer by members of extremist groups.

The Patrol celebrated the 25th anniversary of its affiliation with the Missouri American Legion in the American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy. The Cadet Patrol Academy began in 1971, and started a project that has since spread across the country teaching youth about leadership skills, discipline, and civic responsibility.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol hosted representatives from more than 25 law enforcement agencies from several states in St. Louis in June to plan a joint law enforcement project that spanned the country on three separate interstate highways — Interstate 10, Interstate 44, and Interstate 55. Operation Partnership, as it was later called, took place in September.



The Patrol's new aircraft hangar withstands its first test during a flood in 1995.



Two Kansas City officers joined five troopers to form the first bicycle patrol at the Missouri State Fair in 1995.



The Patrol placed second in the best dressed police department competition in 1995. Pictured from left to right are Lt. Harold W. Stanfield, Cpl. Alan H. Walton, Cpl. Luke Vislay, Cpl. Kathy A. Frazier, and Tpr. Vince S. Rice.



Nineteen commercial vehicle inspectors became the first to graduate from the Academy's commercial vehicle officer school in 1995.



The Patrol's Crime Laboratory was reaccredited for the third time by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Board. Pictured (l to r) are Colonel Fred M. Mills; Lt. Terry J. Luikart, director of the Crime Laboratory Division; Manuel Valadez, ASCLD/LAB; and Lt. John H. Ford, Q/CLD.



The Patrol introduced a new detail at the Missouri State Fair in 1995 — the Patrol's bike detail. Ten officers were assigned to the special detail, which used five specially equipped police bicycles to patrol the fairgrounds in Sedalia.

Nineteen commercial vehicle inspectors became the first class of commercial vehicle officers to graduate from the Patrol's Academy. The CVO program was established by Senate Bill 475. The CVOs were required to complete a minimum of

Mr. Dan Needham, director of the Division of Highway Safety, presented two SMART units to Colonel Fred Mills at a news conference in 1995.

240 hours of training under the new program. They are armed and have limited arrest powers involving commercial motor vehicle violations, but will not be certified peace officers.

The Patrol, in response to the governor's request in his 1994 State of the State address, introduced in August its new Violent Crime Support Unit. The special unit within the Division of Drug and Crime Control will provide assistance to criminal justice agencies throughout the state during the investigations of serious crimes.

The Patrol received two SMART (Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer) units from the Missouri Division of Highway Safety in August. The SMART units are portable trailers equipped with a radar and display device. When a motor vehicle approaches the trailer, the radar detects how fast the vehicle is traveling and displays the speed for the motorist to see.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory system underwent and successfully passed the re-accreditation process of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) during 1995. This accreditation would be valid through the year 2000.

On October 2, 1995, U.S. Highway 40 from Missouri Highway 291 in Independence, MO, to Missouri Route BB in Grain Valley, MO, was dedicated as the "Cpl. M.E. Webster Memorial Parkway." (*KOD October 2, 1993, see page 65.*)

The Patrol's Troop D Satellite Crime Laboratory moved into a newly renovated building located on the campus of Southwest Missouri State University. This move, which was completed in December 1995, was a combined effort of the Springfield Police Department, SMSU, and the Highway Patrol.

The Springfield, MO, and St. Louis County and Metropolitan police departments received remote Automated Fingerprint Identification System terminals in 1995 with the help of the Patrol. The terminals will allow the three police departments to search fingerprint evidence collected from crime scenes as well as fingerprint records from arrested subjects against the state database of more than 680,000 fingerprint records maintained by the Patrol's Criminal Records and Identification Division.

Missouri was awarded \$1.6 million to modernize its criminal history records system through the Department of Justice's National Criminal History



Governor Mel Carnahan announces the formation of the Violent Crime Support Unit in 1995.

Improvement Program (NCHIP). The Criminal Records and Identification Division, the state's central repository for all criminal records, will coordinate the grant monies, which will be used to automate criminal history records at all levels of the criminal justice system.

1996

The Patrol retired its last two motorcycles from its fleet in February 1996. The Kawasaki police motorcycles had been stationed in the Troop A area and had been used for parades and special details such as the State Fair and as escorts for the Olympic torch. One of the two motorcycles was placed on display in the Patrol's Safety Education Center.

Corporal Rex B. Kaunley and Trooper Darren S. Call, members of the Troop D Special Emergency Response Team, were injured in a gun battle between the Patrol's SERT and a 73-year-old Ozark County resident February 12, 1996. The SERT was activated at the request of the Ozark County Sheriff's Department after one of their deputies was shot and injured by a man who deputies believed had tried to set fire to a neighbor's house. Members of the SERT had established a command post near Theodosia, MO, and were securing the area when they spotted the suspect. After being told to drop his weapon, the man turned and opened fire on the officers, who returned fire, killing the suspect. Cpl. Kaunley suffered a wound to his thigh; Tpr. Call received a scalp wound. A jury in a coroner's inquest exonerated the officers in the suspect's death.



Patrol retires its last motorcycle to the Safety Education Center, 1996.



Sergeant Randy V. Sullivan

Sergeant Randy V. Sullivan, Troop E, was killed in a traffic crash February 17, 1996, on MO Highway 72 in Madison County, eight miles west of Fredericktown, MO. The crash occurred when Sgt. Sullivan, 40, checked a speeding vehicle by radar; turned around to overtake the violator; and, as he came over a hill, ran off the roadway and struck several trees. Troopers responding to the scene found Sgt. Sullivan's patrol car engulfed in flames; Sgt. Sullivan's body was located in the car. Patrol Recruit Christopher R. Thomas, who was riding with Sullivan, was found outside the vehicle; he sustained moderate injuries. Sgt. Sullivan was a 17-year veteran of the Highway Patrol.

March 13, 1996, Governor Mel Carnahan signed the Conference Committee Substitute for

House Bill 1047 establishing new speed limits on all Missouri roadways. The new speed limits, which went into effect immediately upon being signed, are the same for both passenger and commercial vehicles. The new limits are:

- Rural interstates and freeways 10 miles or more in length — 70 mph
- Rural expressways 10 miles or more in length — 65 mph
- Urban interstates, freeways, and expressways — 60 mph
- State lettered highways — 55 mph
- All other roadways — 60 mph

The Patrol's Public Information and Education Division developed a public service campaign with



Governor Mel Carnahan announces the new speed limits at a news conference on March 13, 1996.



Tprs. Alan R. Sullivan and Travis E. Bigler, Troop A, were critically injured in a hit-and-run on September 5, 1996.



Troop H invited local citizens to an open house to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1996.

the theme “Do you know your limit? We do!” to help educate the public on the new speed limits.

Four officers received the Patrol’s Citation of Valor for 1995 for their acts of heroism while involved in a vehicular pursuit/hostage situation on Interstate 70 in Saline County. Sergeant Juan O. Villanueva and Corporal Gregory Q. Billings, both from Troop A, and Corporal Christopher J. Harris and Trooper Gary E. Gundy, both from Troop F, were in pursuit of a kidnapper who had taken his girlfriend hostage after a domestic dispute. During the pursuit the suspect fired several shots at citizens along the highway. After the suspect’s vehicle was disabled by a tire deflator, the suspect left his vehicle and ran across the interstate toward another vehicle that had pulled to the side of the road upon seeing emergency lights. The suspect was ordered to stop; he then turned and fired on the officers who, fearing for the lives of citizens in the area, opened fire killing the suspect.

Commercial Vehicle Officer Harry Scott was named State Employee of the Month for August by Governor Mel Carnahan for his role in interdicting more than 3,000 pounds of marijuana off Interstate 44 in April.

Troopers Alan R. Sullivan and Travis E. Bigler, Troop A, were critically injured in a hit-and-run crash on September 5, 1996. The officers were standing at the side of U.S. Highway 71 south of Butler, MO, talking with a commercial vehicle driver, when Tpr. Bigler was struck by a pickup

and thrown into Tpr. Sullivan and the truck driver. After an intensive investigation a 62-year-old white male from the Rich Hill, MO, area, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident.

Trooper McDonald H. Brand, Troop I, shot and killed Martin Lee Wells, 39, on September 23, 1996. Tpr. Brand had stopped Wells for speeding and careless and imprudent driving on Interstate 44. When Wells stepped out of his vehicle, a revolver dropped to the ground. Wells reached down to grab the weapon and began struggling with Tpr. Brand. As Wells pointed his weapon at Tpr. Brand at point-blank range, the trooper drew his service pistol and fired on Wells.

In October 1996, D.A.R.E. America Worldwide chose the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Training Division as the new Midwest D.A.R.E. Regional Training Center. As an RTC the Patrol will not only provide training services, but also oversee curriculum issues, evaluate the accreditation of each State Training Center, and develop the policies and procedures of the D.A.R.E. program, in addition to serving on the advisory board to D.A.R.E. America.

The Patrol celebrated many anniversaries in 1996. The Crime Laboratory System celebrated its 60th anniversary in 1996. Troops G and H and the Patrol’s Aircraft Division each turned 50. Finally, the Patrol’s Missing Children’s Unit celebrated its



Missouri's new registration plates were issued beginning in 1996.

10th anniversary.

Aircraft Division received a C-12 turboprop twin-engine King Air through a military surplus program. This aircraft has the ability to transport 10 people at once, cutting costs for the Patrol. Future uses of the plane also include drug interdiction.

The Patrol graduated 102 new troopers in 1996. The 71st Recruit Class, with 54 members, graduated June 14. The 48 members of the 72nd Recruit Class graduated December 14.

Several Patrol employees played roles in this year's Summer Olympic Games held in Atlanta. Sergeant Arthur J. Flynn and retired Driver Examiner Charleen T. Bossman each carried the flame as the Olympic torch came through Missouri. Three other Patrol employees — Corporal Rex B. Kaunley, Troop D; Assistant Telecommunications Engineer William E. Pollard, Troop G; and Sergeant David O. Meade, Troop H — volunteered on the Centennial Olympic Games Security Team for the 21 days of the games.

Colonel Fred M. Mills chaired the committee established to develop the design and color scheme for Missouri's new registration plates. The final design is a white-based plate with blue and green lettering. A wavy blue line underlining the word "Missouri" can represent the many rivers, streams, and lakes found in Missouri or its rolling hills.

Also in 1996, the Department of Revenue made significant changes in Missouri's driver's license. Through new technology driver's license will be issued immediately at the site of application. Each license type has a different color header. Individuals under the age of 21 receive licenses that are distinctly different from other driver's and non-

driver's licenses. Their photos will appear on the left side of the card, whereas the photos on the other licenses appear on the right side. Also the words "Under 21 Until (the person's 21st birth-date)" are printed across the front of the license in bold red letters.

1997

Beginning January 1, 1997, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Missouri Department of Transportation began offering an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to their employees. The EAP service will provide advice and counseling on a variety of family, personal, and emotional issues, and is prepaid for employees.

The Patrol again assisted the Missouri National Guard at Governor Mel Carnahan's Inauguration. Officers provided security for government officials and guests at the celebration, and conducted road patrols on major routes leading into Jefferson City.



A criminalist takes a sample from a suspected clandestine methamphetamine laboratory.

Clandestine methamphetamine laboratories continue cause for concern. In 1997, Patrol officers received six hours of POST-certified training on clandestine laboratory recognition and safety. Instruction was provided by officers from the Narcotics Section of the Division of Drug and Crime Control and personnel from the Criminal Laboratory Division.

Captain Gene T. Vaughn, FOB, was named April DPS Employee of the Month for his efforts in the Community Oriented Policing Program and for successfully obtaining new positions for the Patrol. Through the COPS program, the Patrol received 31 new patrol officers and 25 telecommunicator positions.

It was announced that a partnership agreement was reached between the Patrol and Mineral Area College to build a new Troop C Satellite building on the college campus. The new building will also house the crime laboratory.

The Alis Ben Johns manhunt involved the Patrol and several other law enforcement agencies in the state. Over 300 officers took part in the manhunt. Troops A, C, D, and F activated their SERT during the hunt. Johns was linked to three murders, an arson, car thefts, and several burglaries. The hunt ended when Missouri State Water Patrol officers cornered Johns in an abandoned cabin. Johns was wounded and taken to Bothwell Hospital in Sedalia; his girlfriend, Beverly Guehrer-McComb, was taken into custody. Thus far, Johns has been found guilty in two of the three murder cases—one conviction resulted in the death penalty; the second in life without parole. The third murder case will go to trial in 2002. The prosecutor is seeking the death penalty.

Ms. Jenny Smith, a criminalist in the Patrol Crime Laboratory Division, was honored by the Springfield Police Department for her role in the investigation of a southern Missouri homicide. Criminalist Smith examined debris collected from the victim's clothing and found 11 types of particles which were eventually described, examined, and found similar to debris from the rear area of the suspect's van. Criminalist Smith spent several months working on the case and testified for a total of 14 hours (five in deposition and nine on the stand). Her work was part of the successful prosecution of Tim Chaney, Springfield, MO, for the murder of 12-year-old Michelle Winter.

The Patrol honored eight Boy Scouts of America units for their crime prevention programs at a banquet in March 1997. The winning programs included a child fingerprinting project, bicycle identification and recording with local police, drug abuse awareness programs, etc.

Two Patrol officers received the Citation of Valor for their courageous actions in officer-involved shootings during 1996.

Trooper James T. Hedrick, Troop C, was honored for his involvement in the apprehensions of a murder/kidnapping suspect in St. Louis County. A male subject was shot and killed and a female kidnapped following a domestic dispute in Cape Girardeau County. Following the homicide, the male assailant and his hostage started north on Interstate 55. Tpr. Hedrick and other Troop C officers spotted the vehicle, pursued it onto Interstate 270, and forced the vehicle to stop using a rolling roadblock. The suspect continuously flourished two pistols, pointing them at officers and the kidnap victim. After ramming Tpr. Hedrick's car, the suspect had a clear view of the trooper. Gunfire was exchanged: The suspect was hit once in the head and once in the chest; Tpr. Hedrick received a minor leg wound from a fragment that apparently ricocheted from a bullet that had struck a Patrol car.

Trooper McDonald H. Brand, Troop I, was honored with the Citation of Valor for his heroism when confronted with a traffic violator who was armed and intent on taking the trooper's life. (*See page 75 for details.*)

The 73rd Recruit Class began its studies at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy on January 1, 1997. At their graduation ceremony on June 14, 1997, 50 new troopers were appointed.

A team of three employees from the Communications Division received one of nine Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity. The team was recognized for their participation in the development of the Patrol's Missouri Automated Report Telephone System (MARTS). Those honored were Assistant Chief Telecommunications Engineers Anthony F. Chinnici, Troop C, and Jeffrey K. Herzer, Troop H, along with Chief Projects Engineer James A. Lundsted, Q/CommD.

Trooper Robert M. DeWitt fatally shot Charles Holland, 27, of St. Peters, MO, when Holland tried to run down two troopers after a high-speed pur-



Colonel Fred M. Mills stands with three communications employees. These employees were honored with the Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity.

suit. The pursuit began on Highway 94, covered approximately 31 miles and reached speeds up to 100 mph. The pursuit ended in the city of St. Louis, when Holland's car ran a red light and was struck by another motorist. Holland then struck another patrol officer's car before driving at Tpr. DeWitt, who had exited his vehicle. As the suspect drove toward him, Tpr. DeWitt fired his service weapon at Holland, striking him in the chest. Holland was pronounced dead upon arrival at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

The Patrol's information technology infrastructure changed dramatically. With the assistance of the Office of Information Technology and the Office of Administration's Division of Data Processing, the Patrol's Information Systems Division moved the entire mainframe computing environment from the Patrol's Annex building to the state's Consolidated Data Center. This consolidation occurred because it will save tremendous amounts of money while providing the same or better service.

Governor Mel Carnahan signed Senate Bill 121 into law on July 1, 1997, establishing the first state restrictions on children riding in the back of pickup trucks, requiring children to wear seat belts, and extending mandatory seat belt requirements to include sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks.

In April 1997, Missouri State Highway Patrol hosted the 1997 Operation C.A.R.E. Conference in Branson. The C.A.R.E. organization is comprised



Colonel Fred M. Mills speaks to attendees at the Operation C.A.R.E. national conference in Branson, MO.

of state police agencies from across the United States, Canada, and United States Territories. Its mission is reducing traffic crashes on our nation's highways during peak holiday periods. The conference in Branson was the best attended in the history of the organization.

The firearm section of the Criminal Laboratory Division made its first Drugfire hit in July 1997. The Drugfire system is a computer system in which images of expended cartridge cases are entered and stored in a database. During a routine stop, Trooper James L. Musche, Troop D, seized a pistol. The pistol was sent to the crime laboratory in Jefferson City to test for functionality and for entry into the Drugfire system. An image of an expended cartridge case from the pistol closely resembled one in the database which had been entered after a drive-by shooting in Newton County. Microscopic comparisons were made between the two cartridges and it was confirmed that the pistol Tpr. Musche had confiscated was the same pistol used in the drive-by shooting a year earlier. When confronted with the evidence provided by



The Criminal Laboratory Division made its first Drugfire hit in 1997.

the Drugfire system, the suspect confessed to the drive-by shooting.

Colonel Fred M. Mills retired September 1, 1997. Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Weldon L. Wilhoit colonel effective October 1, 1997. Colonel Wilhoit became the 18th superintendent of the Patrol.

Effective October 15, 1997, the Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Unit was fully operational. This unit included three, two-person teams with alternates for each team. The purpose of the Major Crash Investigation Unit is to conduct detailed investigations and reconstructions of high-profile or serious vehicle crashes. The formation of the MCIU was the result of five years of planning and research of similar teams in other states. Each of the MCIU members received in-depth training in accident reconstruction, special reconstruction software, and the SOKKIA mobile station. In addition, each team has approximately \$30,000 of equipment at their disposal. The Major Crash Investigation Teams are stationed in Troop A, Lee's Summit; Troop C, Kirkwood; and, Troop D, Springfield; and divide the state geographically. The teams report to the Field Operations Bureau.

The Patrol received assistance in funding the Major Crash Investigation Unit with grants from the Department of Public Safety and the Division of Highway Safety. The grants enabled the Patrol

to purchase the specialized equipment and provide training.

November 9, 1997, marked the 10th anniversary of the Academy Audio-Visual Section. The AV Section's two civilians have produced videos



Colonel Weldon L. Wilhoit

for divisions of the Patrol, the Academy recruits in training, Special Olympics, "Real Stories of the Highway Patrol", as well as the U.S. Department of Transportation/Governor's Office/National Guard/Division of Highway Safety's joint "No Zone" video. In 1997, they received the bronze shield award in the music category for "To Serve and Protect."

The Patrol joined the Division of Highway Safety in the national Buckle Up America campaign. Bumper stickers were placed on Patrol vehicles during the month of November 1997. The goal was to increase seat belt use to 90 percent by 2005.

Troop G's Satellite Laboratory moved from the basement of Troop G Headquarters to its own building on the grounds of the troop. The new facility is 2,400 square feet, includes two offices for criminalists, one office for the records and evidence clerk, and an evidence room. The basement of the new laboratory provides much needed space for the troop's evidence room, and a much larger radio repair shop.

Troop A Supersite construction began late fall. The site is located in Lee's Summit just northwest of Interstate 470 and Highway 291. It is on approximately nine acres and borders the area being developed by MoDOT and the Department of Natural Resources. The Patrol's part of the Supersite includes a full-service driver examination office to



Commercial vehicle license tests take place at the Troop A Supersite.

offer all written, vision, and sign tests, along with the motorcycle skills, commercial driver's license skills and road tests.

Mr. David J. Hansen was hired as the Patrol's legal counsel. In previous years, the Attorney General's Office provided assistance when requested.

The Patrol received the 1997 Award of Excellence from the International Chiefs of Police State and Provincial Police Planning Officers. The Patrol received the award for its documentation of the growing methamphetamine problem in Missouri over the past several years and the multi-faceted, innovative approach taken to address the situation.

1998

The Patrol used news releases to make motorists aware of Section 303.025 RSMo., which became effective January 1, 1998. This law makes "failure to provide proof of insurance" when requested by a law enforcement officer a moving violation in Missouri. (Subsequent to a lawful stop, Patrol officers will request "proof of insurance" from the motorist.)

The 74th and 75th recruit classes graduated from the Patrol Academy. Forty troopers were commissioned on January 16, 1998; another 45 were commissioned on August 1, 1998.

Commercial Vehicle Officer Linda Stafford, Troop D, was DPS Employee of the Month for January 1998. CVO Stafford received the award for going beyond the initial stop at the eastbound



Specialized training and equipment help the Major Crash Investigation Unit conduct detailed investigations and reconstructions of high-profile or serious vehicle crashes.

weigh station on Interstate 44 in Joplin, in June 1997. Her suspicions prompted her to call for assistance, which resulted in 325 kilograms of cocaine being seized. Her work resulted in felony arrests from Baltimore, MD, to Texas, and into Mexico.

To assist the Missouri State Highway Patrol in its efforts to locate and dismantle methamphetamine laboratories, a toll-free hotline was established. The number, 1-888-823-METH(6384); became operational 24 hours per day effective February 2. Patrol investigators conducted 547 meth investigations and seized 480 methamphetamine laboratories in 1998.

Weigh station Post C-1, Weldon Spring, was demolished this past year by MoDOT, so construction could begin on the next phase of Interstate 64. This weigh station was built in 1968, and opened in 1970. The scalehouse saw its last inspection in December 1996.

With the ninth CVO class graduating at the end of March 1998, all personnel required to attend the six-week course had done so. Future classes will consist of new employees to the Patrol and be formed as needed.

The Patrol reached out to assist DWI victims and surviving families of DWI-related crashes. A grant from DPS (funded through the Victims of Crime Act) enabled the Patrol to establish a DWI Victim Hotline (1-888-773-1800). When a call is received, the information is forwarded to the appropriate troop coordinator or zone advocate.

Members of the Patrol have always taken part in community activities, and 1998 was no exception. Missouri Special Olympics (and the Torch Run), Camp Quality, Boys State, Girls State, donkey basketball, the Boy Scout Crime Prevention Program, and barbecues that raise funds for local groups are activities in which members of the Patrol took an active role. In 1998, the Patrol raised a total of \$78,568.43 for Special Olympics. This is an 82.9 percent increase from 1997.

An honor guard was formed at Troop C. The group consisted of Trooper Daniel H. Dubbs, Trooper Jeffery B. Myers, Trooper Matthew G. Schmiehausen, and Corporal Jeffrey L. Wilson.

Troop C officers responded to a 98-vehicle crash in April 1998. Additional officers from O'Fallon, St. Peters, and St. Charles County police departments assisted, as did the fire departments



Troop C's honor guard was formed in 1998.



Sgt. Martin K. Elmore, Troop G, laughs with a Special Olympics athlete.

from O'Fallon and St. Peters. St. Charles County Ambulance District sent 10 ambulances, paramedic crews, supervisory staff, and a tent which was set up as a triage for less injured people. The final report totaled approximately 221 pages. The cause of the crash was related to a hard rain making the pavement slick, sunshine appearing suddenly blinding drivers, and too many drivers traveling too fast for conditions and following too closely. Fortunately, there were no fatalities. Though more than 40 people were injured, the most serious injury was a broken femur. Investigators pointed to the high percentage of drivers wearing seat belts as a reason for the lack of serious injuries.

Glennon Paul Sweet was executed at Potosi Correctional Center in Mineral Point, MO, on April 22, 1998. Sweet murdered Trooper Russell W. Harper in 1987. Lieutenant Colonel Morris E. Patrick, Captain Robert E. Bloomberg, retired Captain Jack L. Merritt, and Sergeant Alan E. Raetz were witnesses of the state at the execution.

A runaway barge struck the President Riverboat Casino on the Admiral in April. There were 2,300 people on board the 375-foot-long casino at the time. The impact caused the Admiral's center exit ramp and a temporary walkway just off the ramp to buckle and break. Due to the quick action of Trooper Eric C. Beishir, Q/GD, most of the patrons on the ramp and walkway were able to exit prior to collision. Patrons were evacuated with the assistance of the Patrol, the Becky Thatcher

and Tom Sawyer tour boats, U.S. Coast Guard, St. Louis police and fire departments, and emergency medical services. Only minor injuries were reported.

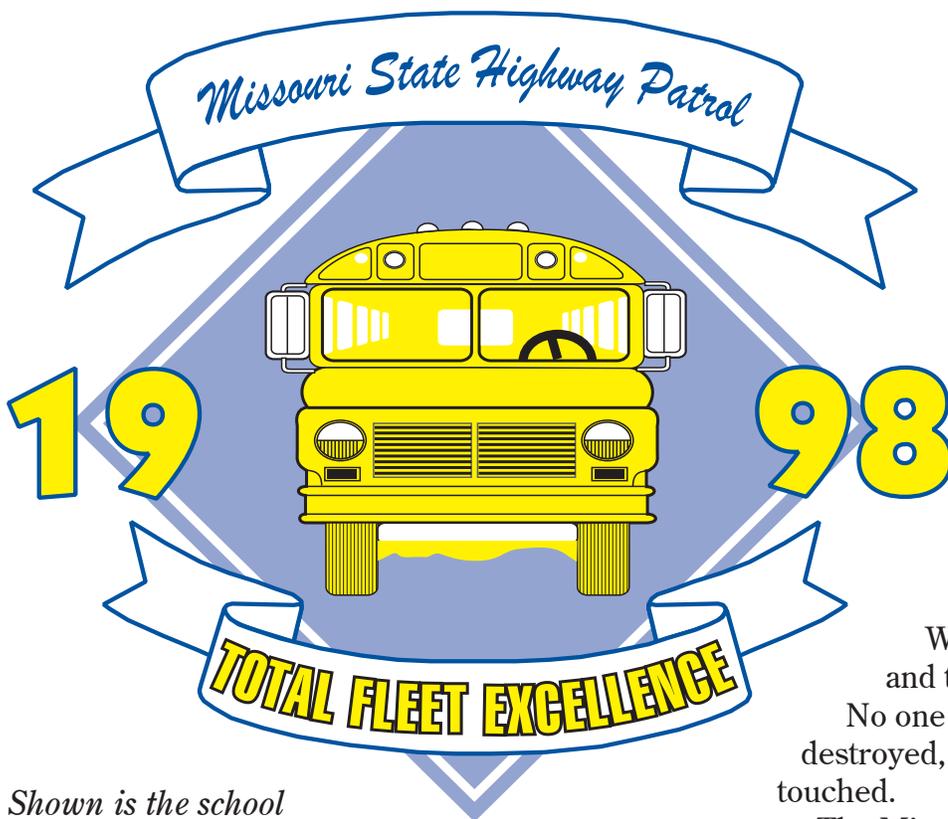
The new MVI/DE complex at Troop A's Supersite was completed in July 1998. The site is located at the intersection of Independence Avenue and Colbern Road. Inspections and driver testing began at the complex September 1, 1998.

Corporal James B. King, Troop I, received the 1998 Valor Award at the awards banquet on May 30, 1998. He was honored for his actions in a situation involving an armed, threatening suspect in Pulaski County. On March 17, 1997, officers responded to Ruby's Tavern in Richland, MO. Upon arriving at the scene, the officers assumed different locations around the building, with Cpl. King and Trooper Douglas M. Hedrick positioned at the rear door of the tavern. Attempts to convince the gunman to relinquish his weapon and surrender were unsuccessful. The gunman became enraged at one point and fired seven rounds at the officers near the front door. When the shots had subsided, Tpr. Hedrick was able to open the rear door, making it possible for Cpl. King to observe the gunman, who was crouched behind the bar attempting to reload his weapon. Realizing that moment to be an opportunity to disarm the gunman, Cpl. King rushed into the tavern. Cpl. King knocked the weapon from the gunman's hand and quickly pinned him to the floor. Other officers then entered the tavern and assisted Cpl. King in securing the gunman.

In addition to receiving the Meritorious Award at the May 1998 Patrol Awards Banquet, Sergeant Greg A. Hug and Corporal Franklin D. Chambers, both in the Drug and Crime Control Division, were named April 1998 State Employees of the Month. They received the recognition for their exemplary performance of infiltrating a radical militia group in Jackson County, MO. For four months in 1997, Sgt. Hug and Cpl. Chambers attended numerous meetings where plans for terrorist acts against United States government facilities were discussed and illegal weapons and explosives were accumulated. Sgt. Hug and Cpl. Chambers notified the FBI of



Lieutenant Governor Roger Wilson proclaimed April 9, 1998, D.A.R.E. Day.



Shown is the school bus fleet excellence award sticker.

the group's intentions to begin their attacks on July 4, 1997, and agents were able to arrest seven members of the group before injuries or damage occurred. Governor Mel Carnahan congratulated these gentlemen in a private ceremony in the governor's office due to the nature of their work.

Commercial Vehicle Officer Scott M. Suling, Troop F, was named DPS Employee of the Month for May 1998. He was named State Employee of the Month for July 1998 by Governor Mel. Carnahan. CVO Suling was working portable scale unit 1511 on the eastbound lane of U.S. Highway 54 south of Jefferson City when he stopped an eastbound tractor-trailer unit for tinted windows. While questioning the driver and co-driver, CVO Suling became suspicious and contacted a trooper for assistance. After the trooper obtained consent to search the vehicle, it was found to contain 556 pounds of processed marijuana.

As an incentive to school bus owners, the Missouri State Highway Patrol implemented a School Bus Fleet Excellence Award in 1998. The program's purpose is to recognize school bus fleets identified through the Patrol's annual inspection as having an excellent fleet. It is an incentive to

maintain buses that pass the initial Patrol inspection with a 95 percent or better score. The 1998 award went to 305 bus owners operating 4,782 buses (271 with 100 percent average). The stickers signifying an excellent fleet were placed on the first window behind the service door.

A tornado touched down in Wright City in April 1998. Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor Carol A. Young was at Post C-4 in Foristell. She took cover under her car on the eastern end of the pit.

She was joined by police chiefs from Wentzville and Foristell, a motorcyclist, and two other motorists seeking shelter.

No one was injured. Both garage doors were destroyed, but the contents of the shed were not touched.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Public Information and Education Division hosted the 31st Uniformed Safety Education Officers' Workshop (USEOW) in St. Louis. Seventy-six officers representing 17 state police and state patrol agencies from across the country gathered to share ideas and review safety programs.

Governor Mel Carnahan signed legislation dubbed "the meth bill." In short, this legislation:

- Lowers the threshold for first-degree trafficking charges from 150 grams to 30 grams of meth, and denies probation or parole on cases over 90 grams (down from 450 grams).
- Expands the list of precursors to include sulfuric acid, iodine, and red phosphorus.
- Allows circuit courts to establish drug courts.
- Creates "Operation Payback" within DPS, offering rewards of up to \$250 for tips leading to meth arrests.
- Enables multi-jurisdictional enforcement group task force units to cross country or state lines.
- Expands endangering the welfare of a child to under 17.
- Creates a Controlled Substances Cleanup Fund in the state treasury.



Governor Mel Carnahan signs legislation dubbed “the meth bill”.

Commercial Vehicle Officer Steve Wilmesherr, Troop C, was named DPS Employee of the Month for August 1998. He was named State Employee of the Month for October 1998. He received this recognition when his instincts caused him to call for a trooper during a commercial vehicle inspection. The driver consented to a search of the tractor-trailer, and 1,819 pounds of marijuana, 1,467 pounds of cocaine, and 4.4 pounds of heroin were seized from

the trailer — over \$122 million in illegal drugs. CVO Wilmesherr and Sergeant Sean B. Moore, both of Troop C, interdicted the largest combined shipment of illegal drugs in the nation to date.

The Mobile Safety Education Center debuted at the Missouri State Fair in August 1998. This educational trailer is the result of private contributions from a number of companies. The Mobile Safety Education Center, a 40-foot Sport fifth-wheel trailer, is handicap accessible and reminds people of the importance of safety—bicycling, walking, driving, railroad, seat belt, etc.—through a variety of displays.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol joined in a partnership with the Missouri State Water Patrol and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1998. The “Life Jackets and Seat Belts Save Lives” campaign was the result. With the Division of Highway Safety’s financial assistance, the Patrol was able to help its partners put this safety message on 11 billboards throughout the state.

Commercial Vehicle Officer Jerry B. Baker, Troop A, was named Missouri MCSAP Inspector of the Year. Inspectors compete in four areas: hazardous materials, driver inspection, level five vehicle inspection, and motor coach. Each competitor takes written tests regarding federal regulations and is interviewed by the judges. As Missouri MCSAP Inspector of the Year, CVO Baker earned the privilege of representing Missouri at the International Inspector Competition Challenge ’98 in California in August. CVO Baker earned third place for hazardous materials/dangerous goods at the Challenge ’98 competition.



The Mobile Safety Education Center debuted at the 1998 Missouri State Fair.



Billboards like these were seen around the state.

The 11th MULES Training Conference was held October 25-28, 1998, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. This conference of users of the Patrol's computer system is held every 18 months and drew 347 attendees from state, county, and municipal agencies around the state.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol hosted its first National Homicide Seminar October 24-28, 1998. The seminar had an attendance of 159, representing state, county, and municipal departments from 39 states, including Maine and Hawaii. The Division of Drug and Crime Control hosted the event at the Westin Crowne Center in Kansas City, MO.

Sergeant Randle E. King, Q/DDCC, was recognized as 1998 DDCC Officer of the Year for his work on a 14-year-old homicide case. Sgt. King serves as supervisor to the Troop B Criminal Investigation Unit of the Division of Drug and Crime Control. In 1994, Sgt. King began actively investigating the unsolved 1984 murder of Julianne Helton of Marceline, MO. In 1998, Sgt. King and the Troop B Unit were able to bring first degree murder charges against four of the five suspects in Ms. Helton's murder. The fifth suspect was 14 years old at the time of the murder and became a cooperating witness.



Sgt. Thomas M. Scott and Cpl. C. Rod Land hold the ASP baton and the PR-24, respectively.

1999

In January, the Patrol unveiled its first public Internet web site.

The Patrol replaced the PR-24 baton with the Armament Systems Procedures baton (ASP). Training for this new equipment was completed in March 1999. The new style of baton was chosen primarily because it is compact and has no side handle, making it something troopers can carry with them more comfortably.



Pope John Paul II visited Missouri in January 1999.

Pope John Paul II visited St. Louis, MO, in January. Plans for this detail began in spring 1998 and involved federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Officers involved assisted with security, motorcade and parade routing, emergency medical facilities, crowd and traffic control, command centers, and individual departmental responsibilities. More than 130 troopers were assigned to the detail.

On January 1, 1999, the 76th Recruit Class reported to the Academy. Six months later, on July 1, 1999, the 33 new troopers were commissioned.

Troop D officers seized 7,500 pounds of processed marijuana on March 10, 1999. The drugs were found hidden in a tractor-trailer unit during a routine inspection by Commercial Vehicle Officers Ricky L. Talbert and Jerrold D. Brooks. This is believed to be the single largest seizure of marijuana ever to occur in Missouri to date.

Trooper Gary R. Sanson, who is assigned to the Gaming Division at the Argosy Casino, arrested two individuals on 30 felony and six misdemeanor warrants from eight different states. All of the warrants were for "check forgery" and "check fraud."



Tpr. Leanne Hall, Troop A, holds a rosary blessed by Pope John Paul II.

The arrests occurred after the two were observed violating Missouri gaming rules and regulations.

Trooper Ethan P. Ahern, Troop A, received the Citation of Valor at the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 9th Annual Awards Ceremony in May 1999 for his actions in a situation involving an armed, threatening suspect in Clay County, MO. On March 20, 1998, Tpr. Ahern effected a vehicle stop on Interstate 35. When the stop was initiated, the driver, Robert D. Hendrick, charged back toward Tpr. Ahern's patrol car.

Hendrick ran between the two cars and up a grass embankment. He then scaled a six-foot chain-link fence and began running up the outer road. When Tpr. Ahern was on the fence, Hendrick turned and pointed a 9mm pistol at him. Tpr. Ahern, fearing for his own life, jumped from the fence, drew his service weapon, and fired at Mr. Hendrick, striking him three times. Later that evening, Hendrick, who was wanted on a number of charges and a suspect in an Oklahoma homicide case, died. If Tpr. Ahern had not acted in the manner he did, undoubtedly, Hendrick would have taken the life of a trooper that evening.

On April 3, 1999, the Troop F SERT was called to assist the Cole County Sheriff's Department with a barricaded suspect in a mobile home near Brazito. The suspect, Raymond L. Walls, had been involved in a domestic dispute. The team began negotiations upon arrival. It was learned that Walls



Sergeant David C. May

was also wanted on a felony probation violation warrant. After several hours, Walls indicated he would surrender to Cole County Sheriff John He-meyer.

Walls came out of the mobile home with a small handgun and pointed it at Sergeants Jerry C. West and Vince S. Rice, who were observing the rear of the residence. Walls shouted, "come on" and aimed at the officers. Both sergeants fired at the suspect, who was struck by two bullets. Walls was pronounced dead at St. Mary's Health Center in Jefferson City; the officers involved were not injured.

Troop C's new laboratory opened in April 1999. The laboratory, located on the Mineral Area Col-lege campus, is a state-of-the-art facility. The physi-cal arrangement of the lab will allow for future expansion. It includes a large evidence locker, a separate instrument room, offices for the criminal-ists, and a waiting/reception area where evidence is submitted. The building also houses the Troop C Service Center, DDCC office, and garage.

Sergeant David C. May, 41, was killed in the line of duty on May 17, 1999. Sgt. May, a pilot at Troop E, died as a result of injuries received in a helicopter crash. The fatal accident occurred in the Poplar Bluff area. He and a professional pho-tographer, Ricky Wayne Gunnels Jr., 22, had been photographing and videotaping the "Law Enforce-ment Torch Run" for Special Olympics. Gunnels also died as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Sgt. May was an 18-year veteran of the Pa-

trol. He is survived by his wife, their two daugh-ters, and his father.

The National Governor's Association held its annual meeting in St. Louis in August 1999. The Patrol assigned 180 personnel from all nine troops and General Headquarters to the detail. The con-ference hosted 45 governors and approximately 1,700 other attendees. Seventeen other local, state, and federal departments worked with the Patrol, and played integral parts in the preparation of and security for the NGA.

A collaborative effort on the part of Troops G, E, and I and the Aircraft Division rescued a Mis-souri Air National Guard pilot after his F-15 fighter plane crashed. The crash occurred when the F-15 fighter plane collided with another F-15 during aerial maneuvers in Shannon County in August 1999. The second F-15 made it safely back to base at Lambert Field in St. Louis. Commercial Ve-hicle Officer Donald J. Hardway, Troop A, earned the 1999 Missouri MCSAP Commercial Vehicle Inspector of the Year award. As such, he repre-sented Missouri at the Challenge '99 International Inspector Competition in Tampa, FL. At that com-petition, he earned third place in the Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods category.

In April 1999, Troop D assisted Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Steven Smith, who was shot in the neck by a man who had killed his wife and, after shooting the trooper, killed himself. The closest hospital was St. John's Hospital in Joplin, MO. The Missouri State Highway Patrol was called upon to make several emergency blood



Sergeant Robert G. Kimberling

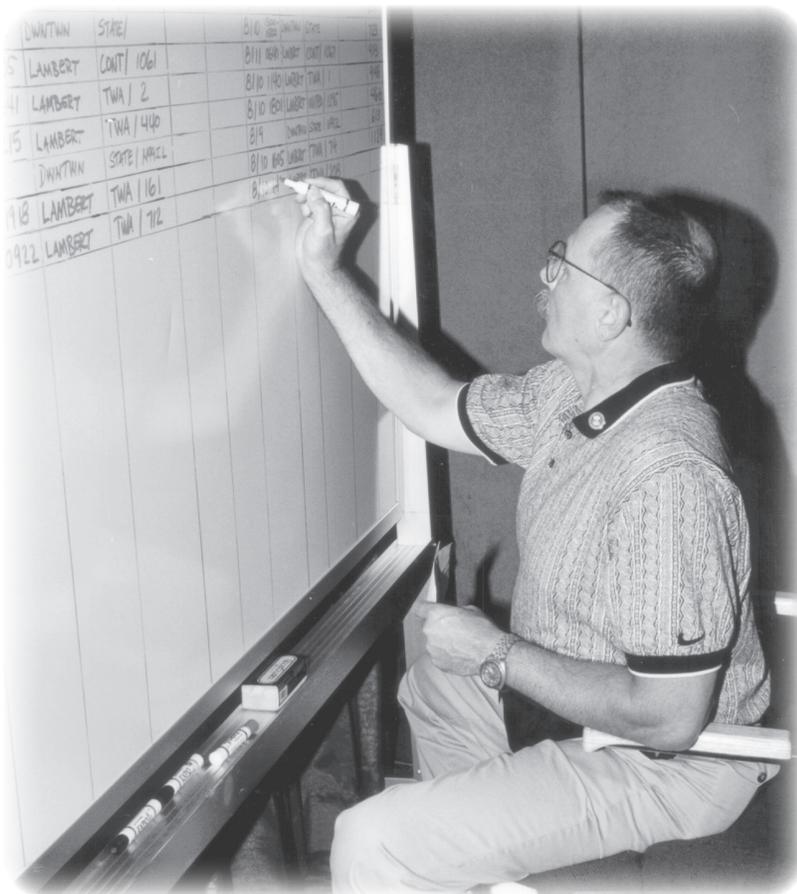


Lt. Vincent J. Ellis, Troop A, welcomes Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura to the National Governor's Association annual meet-

relays for Tpr. Smith. Local troopers stopped by the hospital during the month Tpr. Smith was there, checking on his wife and family. Tpr. Smith was transferred to Craig Hospital in Colorado, before returning home to Oklahoma on December 15.

Sergeant Robert

G. Kimberling, 43, Troop H, was shot and killed on October 6, 1999, on Interstate 29 in St. Joseph. The incident occurred after Sgt. Kimberling stopped a motorist who had left the Farris Truck Stop in Faucett, MO, without paying for \$24.69 of fuel. The driver, Jason M. Friske of Madison, WI, met Sgt. Kimberling at the rear of his vehicle then turned and went back to the open driver's side door, where he reached in and got a Colt .357 revolver. Friske shot Sgt. Kimberling five times. During the struggle, Sgt. Kimberling was able to draw his



Lt. Philip L. Ahern, Troop C, tracked the arrival and departure times of the governors who attended the NGA's annual meeting.

weapon and fire three rounds. Two bullets struck Friske. Unable to stand because of his wounds, Friske used his last bullet to kill himself.

Sgt. Kimberling was a 14-year veteran of the Patrol. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, his mother, and three sisters. The Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) celebrated its 25th anniversary in October 1999. This system was conceived, designed, and developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to provide an overall measure of highway safety, help identify traffic safety problems, suggest solutions, and help provide an objective basis to evaluate the effectiveness of motor vehicle safety standards and highway safety programs. FARS is a comprehensive database on the nation's fatal traffic crashes.

Commercial vehicle officers are trained to inspect commercial vehicles traveling on Missouri's highways. In addition, CVOs have been trained in commercial vehicle drug interdiction. In 1999, CVOs assisted in the seizure of 28,353 pounds of marijuana, 394 pounds of cocaine, three weapons, and \$352,020 in cash.

The D.A.R.E. Regional Training Center Advisory Board (DRTCAB) approved the re-accreditation of the Missouri State Training Center for four years. The assessment took place during the September 1999 D.A.R.E. officer training at the Academy. The Regional Training Center accreditation is valid for five years.

Town hall meetings were held in every county of Missouri during the fall months. The public information and education officer in each troop gave a slide presentation depicting the history and duties of the Patrol. Additional officers were available afterward to answer questions from the public. The most common concerns involved large trucks and careless drivers.

Learfield Communications began providing the Patrol with space on their website. At Missouri.net, members of the media are able to access information about traffic crashes and Patrol news releases. This service is being offered free-of-charge to the Patrol. Having this information available on the Internet reduces the number of media calls to each troop headquarters.

A Community Alliance Program was offered in Troop D for the first time. This new public relations program is similar in concept to a citizens' academy. The mission of this program was to familiarize participants with Patrol operations and procedures through recruit-style, classroom training, practical exercises, and personal interaction with members and employees of the Patrol. The Community Alliance Program proved to be a tremendous success and it is anticipated the program will be offered in other troops.



This young boy was thrilled to meet K-9 Barry and Cpl. John E. Christensen, Troop H, when they visited him at Camp Quality. This special, weeklong camp is designed for children with serious illnesses.