

# PATROL NEWS

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# Superintendent's Message



Colonel Ron Replogle

On January 5, 2015, 45 recruits began training as members of the 100th Recruit Class of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. This is obviously a milestone class in the history of the MSHP. It is also unbelievably the 10th class during my tenure as superintendent. Command and Academy staff are already making special plans for the 100th Recruit Class graduation ceremony to commemorate this special class. I thought it would be interesting to revisit some of the past classes as a historical review of our selection and training of members.

The 1st Recruit Class began training on October 5, 1931, when 55 members reported for duty at the St. Louis Police Department Training Academy for six weeks of training. The next 15 recruit classes were conducted at various locations throughout the state to include five held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. On March 25, 1958, 40 members of the 17th Recruit Class began their training at the new Patrol Training Academy at Rolla. The old Trachoma Hospital site would remain the permanent site for MSHP training for the next 24 classes and 13 years. A total of 678 troopers would receive their training at this Academy. On May 2, 1971, 39 members of the 40th Recruit Class would begin their training at the new state-of-the-art Patrol Academy located on the General Headquarters complex where it remains today. With the completion of the 99th Recruit Class on December 19, 2014, 2,056 troopers in 60 classes have trained at the current Patrol Law Enforcement Academy.

The smallest recruit class was the 21st, with a grand total of three members. They received their training at Rolla from February 1 to March 25, 1960. The largest was held on July 1 to August 20, 1946, when 62 members received their training at Cuivre River State Park near Troy, MO. The first African American trooper, David McPherson, was a member of the 29th Recruit Class that began training on October 15, 1965. The first female troopers, Bridget Cronin and Patricia Wright, began their training as members of the 43rd Recruit Class on September 1, 1974.

A total of 3,205 recruits have been trained and commissioned as MSHP troopers in the 99 recruit classes in the Patrol's 83-year history. Another 83 members joined the Patrol and were commissioned as troopers on January 1, 2011, after the historic merger of the Missouri State Water Patrol and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Thirty of our troopers have paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizens of Missouri when they died in the line of duty. In total, 3,288 officers have stood, raised their right hands and took the Oath of Office for troopers with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Each has made this the greatest law enforcement agency in the country, and I am proud and honored to say I was one of those officers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Replogle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## Crew From '62 Enjoy Reunion

*By Ret. Capt. Shay East*

In 1962, a new recruit class assembled at the Old Trachoma Hospital in Rolla, MO, where training to be a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper was set to begin. The 37 men had received a telegram and then a letter from then superintendent, Colonel Hugh H. Waggoner. The letter instructed them to report by 5 p.m., on Sunday, April 1, 1962. Their salary would be \$375 per month with a uniform allowance of \$25. At graduation, they would pay for their uniforms, which were expected to cost \$275. They were told what to bring (clothing, towels, sunglasses, toiletries, stamps/stationary, birth certificate, and Social Security card), and to arrive without “mustache or sideburns and with a fresh haircut.”

All 37 men graduated and became troopers. They joined the Patrol’s force of 505. Twenty-five years later, their first reunion took place (1987). They decided to begin annual reunions in 1996. Of the 37 class members, 21 would retire from the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

This year’s annual reunion occurred on September 10-11, 2014, in Columbia, MO. There were 22 people in attendance who enjoyed lots of visiting and reminiscing. We had some great meals at the local restaurants and even entertained some of the other hotel guests and staff with a sing-along. Some pretty good voices left in these old bodies. Jefferson City, watch out! We are coming your way September 2015.

## Cover

*The Troop F Color Guard presented the colors at graduation. (inset) Tpr. Gregory A. Jackson Jr. signs his Oath of Office. The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell witnessed this auspicious occasion.*

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# How Others See Us

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**December 8, 2014**  
**Colonel Ronald K. Replogle,**  
**superintendent**  
**Missouri State Highway Patrol**  
**General Headquarters**  
**1510 E. Elm Street**  
**Jefferson City, MO 65102**

Dear Colonel Replogle,

This past week my wife and I observed a [Missouri] State Highway Patrol trooper helping what appeared to be a distressed vehicle. I commented to my wife about how many things we seem to take for granted in life. We so often forget to say thank you, so both my wife and I want to express our appreciation and gratitude to ALL the Missouri State Highway Patrol. To all the men and women who are out on patrol day in and day out regardless of the weather, 24 hours every day, 365 days a year. To all the support staff, administration, radio dispatchers, mechanics, investigators, technical services, trainers, recruiters, and to anyone I've failed to mention.

A special thanks to the spouses and families that support those troopers as they leave for patrol each day, not knowing the perils they may face. Indeed, it takes a very special person to do what they do every day. And let's never forget about the officers that made the ultimate sacrifice, that gave their life in the line of duty, for they will be honored forever and never forgotten.

I also know it takes a great management staff to support such a great agency. Our thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Sandy Karsten, assistant superintendent; Major Timothy McDonald, chief of staff [retired]; Major J. Bret Johnson, Field Operations Bureau; Major Luke Vislay, Criminal Investigation Bureau; Major Malik Henderson, Administrative Service Bureau; Major Duane Robinson, Support Services Bureau; Major Timothy McGrail, Technical Services Bureau;

Major Kemp Shoun, Patrol's [current] chief of staff; Captain Gregory Smith, Captain Mark Richerson, Lieutenant Ethan Ahern, and Lieutenant Brian Daniel, with the Field Operations Unit; and Captain [Kyle] Marquart with the Criminal Investigation Unit.

I think it is extremely important to remember there are tens of thousands of Missouri citizens that support the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The problem is, we just forget to tell them how much they are appreciated!

At the start of my letter I mentioned the state trooper we saw assisting a distressed vehicle. We were just getting on the interstate ramp and were able to observe the trooper. His patrol car was spotlessly clean, his uniform was crisp – and my point, your vehicles are *always* clean, their [troopers] uniforms look sharp, and they are consistently professional and polite.

45 years ago I had just received my discharge from the U.S. Navy and was attending Central Missouri University in Warrensburg [MO]. One night, I was driving a little too fast from Warrensburg to Sedalia [MO] and I received a well deserved speeding citation from a state patrolman. One week later, I was again driving from Warrensburg to Sedalia and ran out of gas. It was late at night, and guess who pulled in behind me: The same patrolman that I had received the citation from the week before. And yes, he remembered me. He drove me to a gas station, let me use a gas can he had, drove me all the way back to my car, helped me get gas into my car, and waited to ensure I got it started and was safely back on the road. *I never, ever forgot about his help and the kindness that he showed me that night.* I've thought about him many times, and that night I had a better understanding of what kindness was.

I wish I could personally say thanks *to each and every* trooper and to all the staff that supports them. Thanks for keeping us safe, for pro-

tecting our families, for responding to our emergencies, and for the many, many lives you save every year. I have the greatest respect and admiration for all law enforcement agencies, however, at the top of the list is the Missouri State Highway Patrol—you *are the best of the best!*

In closing, I would like to leave you with two quotes that I have always kept on my desk prior to retirement and I still keep a copy on my desk at home.

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**Two of the most important things to always remember as you go through life, especially when things are tough.**

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."*

—Theodore Roosevelt

## The Optimist Creed

*"Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind."*

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## —Others

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Again, many thanks to *all the men and women* of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. God bless all of you for your service, commitment, and dedication that you give day in and day out. Be safe.

Gary & Mary Hill  
Platte City, MO

## National Police Week

### 2015 Schedule

#### May 11

- Early Arrival Day

#### May 12

- Official Arrival Day (Survivor pick up at Ronald Reagan National Airport.)
- Law Enforcement United Arrival Ceremony

#### May 13

- No airport pick up planned for today.
- Check-in for National Police Survivors' Conference and Kids/Teens activities. (Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel—Plaza Ballroom)
- 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil (National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial)

#### May 14

- National Police Survivors' Conference (Day 1)
- C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens (Day 1)

#### May 15

- 34th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (U.S. Capitol West Front Lawn)

#### May 16

- National Police Survivors' Conference (Day 2)
- C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens (Day 2)

#### May 17

- Official Departure Day

## Troop A SWAT Competes In Topeka, KS

By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A

The Troop A SWAT team competed in a regional shooting competition—the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission Border Showdown—in Topeka, KS. The competition welcomed 13 different agencies special weapon and tactics teams from Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri. The “showdown” also included an individual competition to find the person to call “top shot” in the area. Troop A SWAT finished the team competition in fourth place. Trooper Brody R. Sanson, Troop A, finished fourth as well in the individual competition, which included 52 competitors. There is no doubt Troop A SWAT will be ready for the next competition, as its members plan to take over the top spot from the Kansas City Police Department.



Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission



(l to r) Tpr. Brody R. Sanson, Tpr. Aaron K. Griffin, Sgt. Casey E. Utterback, Tpr. Matthew J. Yoder, all members of Troop A SWAT, participated in the “Border Showdown,” a regional shooting competition in Topeka, KS.

## C.O.P.S. Hands-On Programs 2015

Below is the 2015 schedule for C.O.P.S. Hands-On Programs. For updates and more information, visit [www.nationalcops.org/programs.asp](http://www.nationalcops.org/programs.asp).

- Adult Children's Retreat — June 19-22, 2015
- Kids Camp (ages 6-14) — July 27-August 2, 2015
- Outward Bound (ages 15-20) — July 27-August 2, 2015
- Fiancés/Significant Others Retreat — August 14-17, 2015
- Siblings Retreat — September 11-14, 2015
- Spouses Retreat — September 25-28, 2015
- Co-Workers Retreat — October 2-5, 2015
- Extended Family Retreat — October 16-19, 2015
- Parents Retreat — October 23-26, 2015

# Guthrie Memorial Golf Tournament Honors Hero, Helps Others

By Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, Troop A

On September 13, 2014, the 3rd Annual Trooper Fred Guthrie Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Paradise Point Golf Course, located in Smithville, MO. Course Superintendent Eddie Hall, who is the father of Trooper Joey D. Hall, who is assigned to Troop A, Zone 3, Clay County, had the course in pristine condition. Mr. Hall, his daughter, Sarah, and his brother, Jesse, created a family atmosphere for the participants and the hospitality was second to none. Even though the morning temperatures were hovering around 40 degrees, the wind was still and the sun would begin warming the air. The tournament took place on the Posse course. This course includes several golf holes that border Smithville Lake, which Fred frequently patrolled during his career with the Missouri State Water Patrol. A beautiful banner, created and donated by Dream Weaver Graphics, of St. Joseph, MO, welcomed tournament attendees.

Throughout the day, as the temperature began to rise, cheers and laughter could be heard around the course. On Hole 15, individuals were given a chance to win a 2014 Harley Davidson motorcycle if they recorded a "hole in one." The "hole in one" was

sponsored by the golf tournament's corporate sponsor, Worth Harley-Davidson and owner Rick Worth. No one recorded a "hole in one," but there were several very close shots.

Once everyone completed the 18-hole course, Mr. Hall and his employees provided a wonderful barbecue brisket lunch. Prizes were awarded, gifts were received, and the winning score honored. The winning score was an impressive 15 under par, which earned the golfer four rounds at the Osage National Golf Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. This prize was donated by Mr. Richard R. Pitnick, the course superintendent and father of Auto. Tech. III Rick R. Pitnick, Troop A.

After Trooper Fred Guthrie Jr. was killed in the line of duty on August 1, 2011, there was a vision to plan a memorial golf tournament to honor a husband, father, friend, and dedicated officer. The proceeds from the initial golf tournament in 2012 provided additional financial support to Trooper Guthrie's family. As the tournament committee and Guthrie family moved forward with future tournaments, the vision changed to not only provide scholar-

ships to high school students, but a monetary gift would also be given to an area law enforcement officer and his family.

When the tournament committee learned of Kansas City Police Officer Joe Malena's wife's medical condition and their financial need regarding her care, they immediately selected his family as this year's law enforcement family beneficiary. It was an honor and a privilege to present Officer Malena, his wife, Jackie, and their two daughters with a monetary gift. They were very thankful and humbled to receive the blessing from the tournament.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who assisted with making this such a success.



*This sharp looking banner welcomed golfers to the 3rd Annual Trooper Fred Guthrie Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament.*



*Presenting the appreciation plaque to Worth Harley-Davidson's General Manager Chris Gehren were the following: (l to r) Mr. Jeff Horseman, Mr. Mike Fisher, retired Lieutenant Mark D. Harwell, Sergeant D.J. Hedrick, Troop A, Mr. Chris Gehren, Mrs. Theresa Guthrie, Colonel Ron Replogle, and Lt. Scott Shippers, Troop A.*



# CJIS Conference Provides Information, Networking

By Program Mgr. Kyle W. Comer, Q/CJISD

On September 22, 2014, the 2nd Annual Missouri CJIS Conference kicked off at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO. The three-day conference would prove to be an invaluable event for learning and networking. People from all across the state made the trip to “The Lake” to interact with their peers from many different agencies. As with the previous year, there was great representation from all varieties of criminal justice agencies, including almost 300 attendees from law enforcement, courts, prosecuting attorneys, corrections, and communication centers.

Why is the conference such a success every year? The majority of this success can be attributed to the variety of speakers and presenters that make this conference a true learning experience for any and all who attend. This year, we were fortunate enough to have Mr. Dan Abbott from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, as well as Ms. Deneane Reneau, Mr. Grant Blevins, Ms. Shalimar O’Brian, Mr. James Guy, and Mr. Greg Swanson from the FBI CJIS Division in Clarksburg, WV. In addition, the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Lieutenant Kerne L. McCollum, Q/PRD, Captain David A. Hall, Q/MIAC, and Captain

Greg D. Kinde, Troop F, provided topical presentations. Along with these amazing guest speakers, our keynote speaker for the conference was Acting Chief Mark Stainbrook from the San Diego Harbor Police Department. Chief Stainbrook shared his intelligence and experiences on how information sharing between criminal justice agencies is essential at the local, county, state, and national levels, sometimes piecing together the world of terrorist and gang organizations from around the globe.

This conference is also a huge success due to the networking environment it provides for all career paths within criminal justice and law enforcement to interact. This atmosphere is created in large part by our amazing sponsors. We would like to

thank Safran Morphotrak, Dell Inc., Computer Projects of Illinois, Information Technologies Inc., Nelson Systems, and Turn Key Mobile Inc. These companies make the luncheon, social hours, and hospitality events possible. This conference is always a great success due in part to all the employees of the CJIS Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. All the members of this division work very hard to plan, present, and coordinate such a fun event. Special thanks have to be given to Colonel Ron Replogle, Major Tim P. McGrail, Q/TSB, Captain Larry W. Plunkett Jr., Q/CJISD, and Assistant Director Tim R. Schlueter, Q/CJISD, for their continued support.

As the conference wrapped up with a heated game of MULES “Jeopardy” on September 24, it was great to see such a large number of attendees leaving with new information and new Missouri contacts to assist them in their everyday jobs and tasks. Thanks again to all who attended, and we look forward to seeing all of you back in 2015!

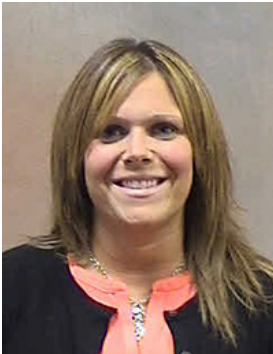


Members of the CJIS Division welcome an attendee at the registration desk.



Attendees learned from presentations and networking throughout the 2nd Annual Missouri CJIS Conference.

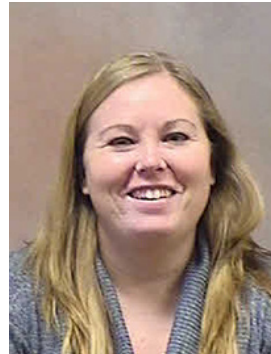
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Q/PRD



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Lab. Evid. Tech. I  
Q/CLD



Melissa D. Cihal  
Technician I  
Q/CJISD



Maria F. Fooks  
Quality Control Clerk II  
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Ashley D. Fowler  
DE I  
Troop E



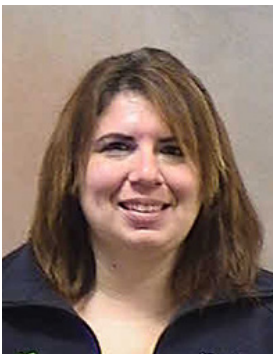
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Troop H



Jeffrey A. Heckman  
CIT SI  
Q/CJISD



Adrienne J. Hull-Rost  
Information Analyst I  
Q/PRD



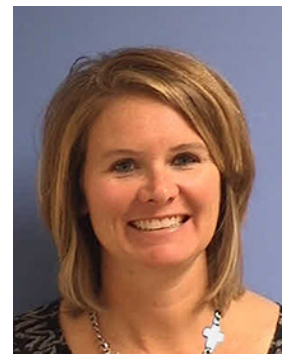
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Quality Control Clerk II  
Q/PRD



Kathryn L. Murphy  
DE I  
Troop E



Ashley N. Shy-Doney  
DE I  
Troop C



Michelle L. Taylor  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop A



# New Employees



Erica Vaughan  
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Q/CLD



Hannah L. Vinson  
CITS I  
Q/CJISD



Justin D. White  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/HRD



John E. Wilson  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. I  
Troop E

## Patrol Pilots Master Fire Suppression Techniques

*By Sgt. Jeff Noack, Q/AD*

On October 26, 2014, several members of the Aircraft Division completed fire suppression training using the Patrol's Bell 407 helicopter equipped with a *Bambi Bucket*. Captain Greg Mercier and Senior Trooper Lance Scott, of the Georgia State Patrol, traveled to Jefferson City and provided excellent training consisting of both classroom and practical exercises. Topics included wild land fire behavior, the fire triangle, external load procedures, safety management systems, fire suppression techniques, and communication strategies with ground firefighters for fire containment and control.

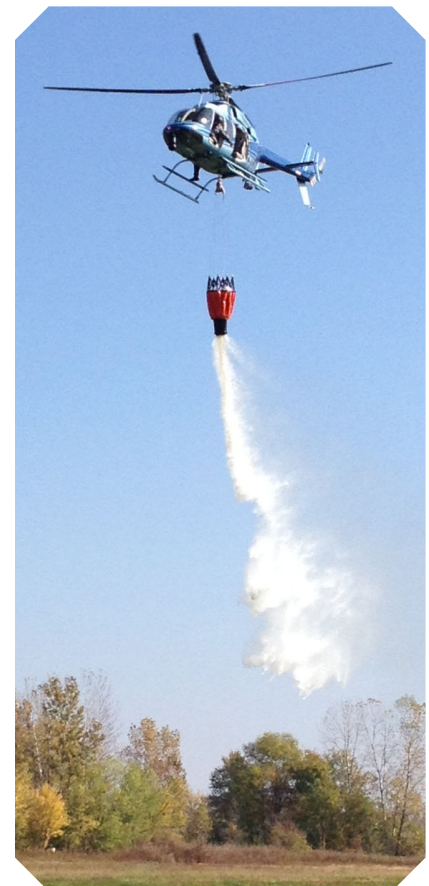
A *Bambi Bucket* is designed specifically to be suspended under the helicopter for the purpose of aerial firefighting/suppression. The bucket has a release valve, controlled by the helicopter crew, which allows the water to be

dropped with precision to extinguish or suppress the fire below.

Each release of the water is referred to as a drop. The design of the bucket allows the helicopter to hover over a water source—such as a lake, river, pond, or tank—and lower the bucket into the water to refill it. This allows the helicopter crew to operate the bucket in remote locations without the need to return to a permanent operating base, reducing the time between successive drops.

Aircraft Division helicopter pilots and tactical flight officers, working in pairs under the watchful supervision of Capt. Mercier and Tpr. Scott, practiced and gained proficiency in aerial firefighting techniques and safety procedures. The completion of this fire suppression training allows the Aircraft Division to provide another important service for the citizens of Missouri.

*A controlled water drop is completed during fire suppression training using the Bambi Bucket.*



# “Looking Beyond The Stop”

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial traffic/boating stop. Each of these officers made at least one arrest during the period of October 24 to December 24, 2015. (Editor's note: This column excludes DWI/BWI arrests, warrant arrests, and “plain sight” situations. Keep in mind that there must be information in the “miscellaneous” section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

## Troop A

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Tpr. E.E. Crabtree, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. De Haan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Q.L. Dinovi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Dodson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. D.E. Fessenden, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.I. Goolsby, 3 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Gray, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.J. Hamerle, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.J. Jenner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Lange, 3 arrests  
Tpr. W.J. Luzenko, 2 arrests  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Moeller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.N. Morey, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.J. North, 4 arrests  
Sgt. B.G. Parrott, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Peters, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.M. Ryun, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.T. Schwarz, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.G. Yendes, 1 arrest

## Troop B

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Sgt. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Fish, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.L. Gaines, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Sgt. G.K. Leftwich, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Lewis, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Primm, 1 arrest  
Sgt. T.R. Rohn, 2 arrests

## Troop C

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Tpr. M.T. Angrisani, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Arsenaault, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.M. Beard, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.M. Bolton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.M. Coval, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Hurt, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Hutchings, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.R. Jenkins, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.C. Long, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Mason, 1 arrest

Tpr. J.R. Sauer, 1 arrest  
Sgt. W.B. Sevier, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Shibley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.D. Smith, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Teague, 1 arrest

## Troop D

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Tpr. T.A. Barrett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.C. Creasey, 2 arrests  
Sgt. M.K. Funderburk, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.J. Kahler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.L. Knight, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Rutledge, 1 arrest  
Cpl. K.R. Sanders, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 4 arrests  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest

## Troop E

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Tpr. M.R. Ashby, 4 arrests  
Tpr. B.L. Rieffe, 1 arrest  
Cpl. D.W. Crank, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.L. DeJournett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Dalton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Hunter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.B. Lomedico, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.N. Miller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.L. Purnell, 3 arrests  
Tpr. P.G. Sarakas, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. West, 6 arrests

## Troop F

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Cpl. B.A. Adamson, 6 arrests  
Cpl. B.J. Blankenkemper, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.A. Czerniewski, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.A. Cluver, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T. C. Fick, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Fouch, 9 arrests  
Tpr. C. C. Frame, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J. S. Halley, 1 arrest  
Sgt. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.T. Halford, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.L. Harris, 1 arrest

Tpr. D.P. Hutzler, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.B. Kings, 3 arrests  
Sgt. S.M. Lance, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.M. Malone III, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.B. Patterson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.C. Piercy, 1 arrest  
Tpr. W.R. Plumley 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Rice, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.D. Rudloff, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 2 arrests  
Tpr. A.M. Starnes, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.A. Schrage, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.W. Turner, 2 arrests

## Troop G

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Tpr. J.S. Cunningham, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. G.J. Loring, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.M. Loring, 8 arrests  
Sgt. S.L. Nelson, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.B. Pounds, 2 arrests  
Cpl. T.A. Richardson, 1 arrest

## Troop H

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Tpr. K.J. Cool, 2 arrests  
Cpl. A.G. McAtee, 1 arrest  
Sgt. L.M. Allen, 2 arrests  
Cpl. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.L. Israel, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 4 arrests  
Tpr. Q.R. McConkey, 4 arrests  
Cpl. S.E. Pritzel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. V.F. Selsor, 1 arrest

## Troop I

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Sgt. S.J. Childers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.W. Clement, 2 arrests  
Cpl. L.D. DeClue, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.L. Dunmire, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Fariole, 1 arrest

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- Tpr. J.A. Ice, 1 arrest
- Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 1 arrest
- Tpr. D.W. Pfeifer, 3 arrests
- Tpr. K.D. Rapier, 4 arrests
- Tpr. N.A. Smith, 1 arrest
- Tpr. P.V.J. Volkmer, 1 arrest

## February

Feb. 8

**Tpr. R.W. Harper** died in 1987.

Feb. 12

**Lincoln's birthday.**

Feb. 16

**Cpl. H.C. Bruns** died in 1987.

Feb. 16

**Sgt. R.A. Williams** died in 2001.

Feb. 16

**Washington's birthday** observed.

Feb. 17

**Sgt. R.V. Sullivan** died in 1996.

Feb. 21

**Tpr. G.W. Snodgrass** died in 1970.

### It's Time.

Uniformed members: If you've been promoted in the last 18 months and have NOT had a new portrait taken, call Photographer Brenda J. Campbell at x1232 and make an appointment. Thank you!

# SWAT Provides Demonstration For 2014 NAPT

*By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

During the week of November 8-11, 2014, the National Association for Pupil Transportation conference occurred in Kansas City, MO. The Troop A SWAT team was asked to demonstrate their tactics in response to an active bus hostage situation. The SWAT team, in conjunction with Lee's Summit Police Department's SWAT team, conducted several scenarios, which portrayed various school administrators as hostages and one member of the SWAT team as the suspect. Sergeant Casey E. Utterback, Troop A and the Troop A SWAT team platoon leader, explained to conference attendees that the boarding of the bus during a hostage situation is used only after several hours of negotiation and is a last resort response. Retired Lieutenant Terry R. Moore was also a guest presenter for the conference participants. The administrators gained valuable information about law enforcement's response to this type of highly volatile situation.



*Members of the Troop A SWAT team participated in a simulated active bus hostage situation as a demonstration for administrators attending the National Association of Pupil Transportation conference.*



# Spotlight



## Tpr. T. Brad Ritter



**Appointed:** January 7, 2007.

**First Assignment:** Troop H, Zone 2, Nodaway & Worth Counties.

**Current Assignment:** Troop B, Zone 2, Macon & Shelby Counties.

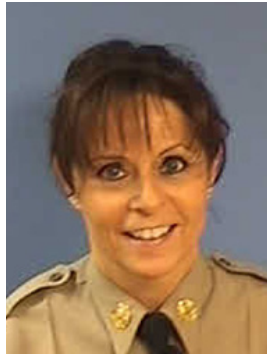
**Family:** Brad and his wife, Deidre (Keithley), have a son and a daughter.

**Interests:** Spending time with family and anything outdoors.

Brad is a native of Monroe City, MO, and graduated from Monroe City High School. He holds a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO. Prior to his appointment to the Patrol, he was employed as a corrections officer with the Missouri Department of Corrections. On January 7, 2007, Brad was appointed to the Patrol. In addition to being assigned to Troop H, Zone 2, and Troop B, Zone 2, Brad has served in Troop B, Zone 9, Marion and Ralls Counties. During his career with the Patrol, he has served as a field training officer and has been assigned to the Missouri State Fair. Brad said the reason he became a trooper was when he was in high school he was stopped by a trooper who was very professional in appearance and attitude. Soon after this contact, he became very interested in law enforcement, but more importantly, being a Missouri state trooper. Brad says the

best part of his job is that each shift is different and provides a variety of challenges.

## DE Sprv. Nancy M. Brown



**Appointed:** May 20, 2007.

**First Assignment:** Driver Examiner I, Troop B, Macon.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:**

Driver Examiner II—May 18, 2008;  
Driver Examiner III—May 23, 2010;  
Driver Examiner Supervisor—February 3, 2013.

**Current Assignment:** Driver Examiner Supervisor, Troop B.

**Family:** Nancy is married to Danny Brown. They have two grown children: Amy Pryor and her

husband, Kyle, live in Macon, MO; and Joshua Brown and his wife, Bonnie, live in Richmond, VA.

Danny and Nancy also have eight grandchildren.

**Interests:** Nancy enjoys spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoys water skiing and traveling.

Nancy grew up in a large family and has nine siblings. During her childhood, she lived in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. She graduated from Mountain Home High School in Mountain Home, Idaho. In 1979, she married Danny. Prior to becoming a driver examiner, Nancy worked as a temporary driver examiner clerk assigned to Troop B. Nancy enjoys being a part of the Driver Examination Division and being assigned to Troop B. Currently, she works with a traveling crew testing in a different location every day, which also includes testing at a CDL lot.

Nancy said, "I really like the fact that no day is ever the same or predictable. Working as a driver examiner also means meeting and administering tests to some very interesting and unique people. I also think it's fun talking with other examiners and listening to their testing experiences."

## You're Invited

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Country Club Hotel & Spa, Lake Ozark, MO. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$35 per person and we anticipate the same for this year. The banquet usually starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. immediately followed by dinner and the presentation of awards. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Bax at (573) 526-6159 or [kerry.bax@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:kerry.bax@mshp.dps.mo.gov).



# Troop B Conducts 10<sup>th</sup> CAP

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On November 10, 2014, 19 Troop B area residents completed a Community Alliance Program (citizens' academy) offered by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop B Headquarters. This was the tenth program of its type conducted at Troop B since 2001. The Community Alliance Program is a unique opportunity for citizens to gain insight and understanding of the training and many duties of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It also offers an opportunity to meet and interact with several members and employees of the Patrol. During the program, the participants met at the Troop B Headquarters in Macon, MO, for 10 consecutive Monday evenings and received classroom and practical instruction on various topics including firearms, traffic stops, traffic crash and criminal investigations, polygraph examinations, and driving while intoxicated enforcement.

The program culminated with an awards ceremony, which was held at and sponsored by the Macon Comfort



*Troop B's Sgt. Brent Bernhardt (l), Cpl. Paul M. Behrens (back, r), and Capt. Jimmie E. Wilt (r) are pictured with the troop's 10th Community Alliance Program participants.*

Inn. Refreshments were provided by Platte Pipeline/Spectra Energy of Houston, Texas. During the awards ceremony, participants received a plaque for their participation. Participants of the 2014 Troop B Community Alliance Program were: Jack Austin, of Macon; Rita Davis, of Excello, MO; Rose Kelsh, of Macon; Annette Knowles, of Anabel, MO; Connie Kuhman, of Excello; Steve

Martin, of Macon; Gary McElwain, of Macon; Rusty Neill, of Macon; Samuel Owens, of Macon; Lynn Reid, of Excello; Gary Reynolds, of Macon; Chelsea Rice, of Macon; Ian Rice, of Macon; Lloyd Stoppel, of Macon; Derald Tate, of Macon; Patsy Teter, of Macon; Debbie Waddill, of Macon; Scott Waddill, of Macon; and Rebecca Wombwell, of Macon.

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## Heartland M.A.D.D. Honors Troopers



*By Troop A*

*In November 2014, the Heartland MADD Chapter held its annual banquet in Belton, MO, and recognized Troop A officers for their outstanding DWI enforcement efforts in 2013. Pictured from left to right (DWI arrests are in parentheses) are: Tpr. Joey D. Hall (40), Tpr. Gabe J. Jenner (64), Tpr. Daniel D. Wohler (49), and Cpl. Cody G. Dunfee (72).*



# TROOP A, NORTHLAND CAREER CENTER HOST SAP

*By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

In November 2014, Troop A hosted a Student Alliance Program at the Northland Career Center in Platte City, MO for the 10th year in a row. The CSI/Law Enforcement class is taught by Mr. Darrick Bruns, son of the late Corporal Henry "Hank" Bruns. The students are from area northland high schools: Oak Park, North Kansas City, Staley, Park Hill, Park Hill South, Winnetonka, Platte County, Smithville, West Platte, Liberty, and Liberty North. The 44 students participated in the weeklong program and learned about the Patrol's various divisions and opportunities it offers. Several of the students are eager to become troopers following the variety of presentations by Sergeants Greg Q. Billings, Greg P. Martin, and myself, and Corporals Carl A. Taibi and Ryan J. Wilhoit. Officer Bruns vocational CSI/Law Enforcement program is well respected by representatives of similar programs throughout the state and nation. His students have been recognized nationally every year during the CSI/Law Enforcement Skills USA state and national competitions.



*Sgt. Collin Stosberg, Troop A, Cpl. Carl Taibi, and Cpl. Ryan Wilhoit join the morning CSI/Law Enforcement class for this photo.*



*Mr. Rodeny Moffett checks out the SWAT gear during Troop A's Student Alliance Program.*

## Tpr. Hamerle: Making Friends & Influencing People

*By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

In November 2014, Trooper Bryan J. Hamerle, Troop A, visited with approximately 60 fifth graders at Warren Hill Elementary in Liberty, MO, where his sister teaches. During the course of his visit, he read three chapters from a book they had been reading throughout the school year. Following the reading, he talked to the students about the role the Highway Patrol plays in providing public safety. Two



points of emphasis he made to the students were the importance of always wearing your seat belt and of reminding all the vehicle's occupants to wear

*Tpr. Bryan J. Hamerle, Troop A, enjoyed spending time with the fifth graders at Warren Hill Elementary School in Liberty, MO. He is pictured with one of his new buddies.*

theirs. He emphasized the importance of avoiding the use of cell phones while driving and encouraged the students to remind their parents of this. For approximately 30 minutes, he answered questions from the students related to the Highway Patrol and to our jobs as troopers. Great work, Bryan!



# “LYING WITH THE STARS”

## Driver Trips Over Zodiac Sign

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

Missouri State Parks Ranger Mike Patton initiated a vehicle stop at the Table Rock State Park campground. He approached the driver and requested to see his driver's license. The subject didn't produce one, but gave him his name and date of birth. He said he was born on August 11.

Ranger Patton ran the information provided through MULES, and the return showed "not on file." In the meantime Sergeant Mark D. Green, Troop D, arrived to provide back up. The driver said he was a 50-year-old Virgo, but nothing came back from NCIC or MULES.

Sgt. Green called Troop D Communications and asked what the zodiac sign was for August 11, and they replied that it was Leo. When he confronted the driver with this error the man realized he had been caught in a lie and confessed his true name and date of birth.

The driver reasoned that he shouldn't tell the truth because he had multiple felony warrants from multiple states. He was taken into custody without further incident.

## Anniversaries

### February

#### 30 years

CVO Sprv. I Dave L. Craighead, Troop F  
CVO II Brad R. Gregory, Troop B

#### 25 years

MVI Sprv. Jerry L. Jenkins, Troop F  
Chief Technician Keith O. Randall, Q/ICTD

#### 20 years

Clerk Typist III Reita D. Cyrus, Troop D  
MVI Sprv. Mike P. Kelly, Troop B

#### 15 years

DE Sprv. Illa J. Burk, Troop A  
Duplicating Equip. Oper. III Chad A. Buschjost, Q/BPD  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Keith C. Juergensmeyer, Q/TND  
Computer Info. Tech. Spec. II R. Tim Love, Q/ICTD  
Supply Mgr. II Chris L. Terry, Q/BPD

#### 10 years

Asst. Chief Oper. Dena R. Applebury, Troop B  
Comm. Oper. II Jason D. Dake, Troop I  
Admin. Office Support Asst. Jonna R. Farley, Q/GD  
Comm. Oper. II Tarlice D. James, Troop C  
CDL Examiner Patricia L. Jarman, Troop H  
Comm. Oper. II Niki J. Petre, Troop B  
Asst. Chief Oper. Rob L. Schrage, Troop C  
Clerk IV Debi Willoughby, Q/PRD

#### 5 years

Tpr. Quinton L. Dinovi, Troop A  
Tpr. Chuck D. Gullett, Troop C  
Tpr. Brandon A. Hall, Troop C  
Tpr. Kelly M. Hoover, Troop B  
Tpr. Austin D. Lindgren, Troop A  
Tpr. Barb M. Littrell, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Jeremy R. McCurdy, Troop I  
Tpr. Greg R. Moravec, Troop I  
DE III Jodi L. Nichols, Troop F  
Tpr. Elisha A. Pape, Troop C

Tpr. Brandon M. Parker, Troop A  
Tpr. David A. Paulsen, Troop A  
Tpr. Joshua R. Summers, Troop C  
Tpr. Brett D. Tappendorf, Troop B  
Tpr. Bruce E. Thoman, Troop B  
Tpr. Evan M. VanWinkle, Troop G  
Tpr. Paul V.J. Volkmer, Troop I  
Tpr. Steven J. Washabaugh, Troop F  
Tpr. Paul R. Wells, Q/DDCC

### March

#### 20 years

Auto. Tech. III Jay D. Applebury, Troop B  
Comm. Oper. III Jeff G. Bonner Sr., Troop H  
Asst. Chief Oper. John D. Hamilton, Troop D

#### 15 years

Lt. Eddie A. Blaylock, Troop C  
Sgt. Jason S. Brumble, Troop G  
Cpl. Shawn M. Campbell, Troop F  
Sgt. John W. Dick Jr., Troop A  
Cpl. Adam V. Dillon, Troop A  
Tpr. Ron W. Eakins, Troop E  
Cpl. Tony C. Helfrecht, Q/GSD  
Cpl. J. Clinton Howell, Troop G  
Cpl. Shane M. Hux, Troop H  
Sgt. Craig R. Kicker, Troop F  
Tpr. Adam M. Kinney, Q/GD  
Cpl. Nic W. Mathews, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. J. Brent May, Troop D  
Sgt. R. Brooks McGinnis, Troop A  
Tpr. Mike D. Murrill, Troop D  
Cpl. Terry R. Nelson, Troop G  
Tpr. Brian P. O'Sullivan, Troop D  
Sgt. Terry R. Potter, Troop C  
Sgt. J. Joe Rongey, Troop H  
Tpr. Kelsey J. Rutledge, Troop D  
Cpl. R. Bill W. Schafer, Troop D  
Sgt. Scott L. Sizer, Q/GD  
Cpl. Mike G. Slaughter, Troop E  
Tpr. Rich A. Stewart, Troop D  
Tpr. Todd P. Watson, Troop E  
Sgt. Jeremy L. Weadon, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Greg A. Weddle, Troop I

#### 10 years

Chief Oper. Cathy P. Baker, Troop I

#### 5 years

CVE Insp. III Stefanie J. Joyce, Troop A  
Criminalist III Meagan A. McCormick, Q/CLD

# Patrol Commissions 99th Recruit Class

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

The Law Enforcement Academy's gymnasium was full of co-workers, friends, and family. The Patrol's staff, troop commanders, and Academy instructors had all taken their seats. Thus, with a few quiet commands, a little "Pomp and Circumstance," and the 99th Recruit Class, the graduation ceremony commenced. This class of 31 new troopers celebrated their achievements on Friday, December 19, 2014.

Rev. Chase Replogle, Assembly of God Church, provided a heartfelt invocation and benediction to the class. The Troop F Color Guard presented the colors and Sergeant Andy A. Henry, Troop H, sang the national anthem.

Governor Jay Nixon congratulated the class, recognizing their journey and accomplishment in becoming a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper. "On behalf of the entire state, I thank you for choosing one of the noblest callings there is ... that of a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper. God bless your work to serve and protect the people of this great state. God-speed as you go about your mission."

Chief Jon Belmar, St. Louis County

Police Department, provided the keynote address at the ceremony. He told the class they had received some of the best training, but didn't have experience yet. "Some things you don't need to experience, but you should always prepare. You have no idea

what is going to happen to you." He spoke of the events in Ferguson, MO, which occurred while the class was in training. Chief Belmar spoke of working with the Patrol and complimented the agency, Colonel Ron Replogle, and Captain Ron Johnson, Troop C, saying, "I'd walk through fire for those gentlemen."

After sharing what he learned from the events in Ferguson, the chief addressed the class directly. "Love your family—someday, you'll be re-



Members of the 99th Recruit Class file into the Academy gymnasium for graduation.

tired. When they ask you about your day, talk to them a little about your day, because they are interested, and because if you don't talk about those things, if you hold it in, it becomes poisonous. I challenge you to be in even better shape 20 years from now than you are right now. It's good for your health and could save your life. Improve your shot. If you're good, get better. It can save your life. But, the biggest thing is your integrity, your character, your honesty. You will live and die by your integrity. Your loss of integrity may not cost your life, but it will cost your soul. Earn your collar brass every day. I want you to put it on and wear it and think about it and understand what it represents. You have the responsibility of carrying on the responsibility of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I can think of no other agency that is



The 99th Recruit Class listens to the colonel's remarks during graduation.

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as squared away as the MSHP. You are part of the very best. Class 99, thank you and God bless you.”

The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Dean Gil Kennon, of Mineral Area College, conferred associate’s degrees to 16 of the new troopers based on their work while in the Academy.

Colonel Ron Replogle was the first to address the group of new troopers. He congratulated them and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to their training. He stressed that troopers work for the citizens of this state and reiterated the importance of the Patrol’s core values. “Make sure your actions on and off duty only add to and do not take away from the respect of this uniform.” Col. Replogle also shared a poem entitled, “Attitude” by Charles Swindoll and quoted Matthew 7, telling the troopers to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you. I wish for you a prosperous and safe career.”

The class commander, Trooper Geoffrey N. Wensel, addressed those assembled, also. He expressed his



*Tpr. Christopher C. Wakefield, poses for a photo after graduation with his fiancée, Ms. Cassidy Settle, and his parents, Laboratory Evidence Technician II Pam S. Wakefield, Q/CLD, and retired Sgt. C. Kenny Wakefield.*



*Col. Ron Replogle (l) presented the award for academic achievement to Tpr. Joshua E. Haney. Chief Jon Belmar, St. Louis County Police Department, is also pictured.*



*St. Louis County Police Department Chief Jon Belmar congratulates Tpr. Scott T. Roettger.*



*Crime Victim Advocate Gretchen L. Vislay stands between her husband, Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB, and her son, newly commissioned Tpr. Jake H. Vislay.*



*Col. Ron Replogle (l) presented the Superintendent’s Award to Tpr. Christopher R. Kottwitz. Chief Jon Belmar (r), St. Louis County Police Department, joined them for the presentation.*

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*Tpr. Kenneth R. Bechaud accepted the physical fitness award from Col. Ron Replogle (l). Chief Jon Belmar, St. Louis County Police Department, also congratulated him.*

appreciation to the Academy staff and guest instructors for training he described as, “most rigorous, intense, and the best law enforcement has to offer.” He assured those present that the core values were “not just words on paper or the wall at the Academy, but the values we will live by as members of the MSHP.”

An interesting aside about this particular recruit class is the fact that five of the new troopers are children of Patrol employees/retirees. (See story page 19.) In a room full of proud parents, these five families shared a special connection.

“I am very proud our son chose a law enforcement career path, but even more proud that he pursued a career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I have always been proud of the uniform and the organization,” said retired Sergeant C. Kenny Wakefield, whose son, Chris, graduated with the 99th Recruit Class. “My wife, my family, and I are all proud of Chris’ career path. I hope he and all Patrol members enjoy their careers as much as I did, and pray that God keeps each member and their family safe.”

The new troopers reported for duty on January 5, 2015. Congratulations, 99th!

*Listed below are members of the 99th Recruit Class, their hometowns, and their first assignments:*

Name	Hometown	First Assignment
Kyle E. Alcorn	Lake Sherwood, MO	Troop C, Ste. Genevieve/Perry Counties
Kenneth R. Bechaud	O’Fallon, MO	Troop C, St. Charles County
Michael L. Bradley	St. Louis, MO	Troop B, Marion/Ralls Counties
Kyle R. Copeland	Centertown, MO	Troop D, Stone/Taney Counties
Jack W. Cotter	Blue Springs, MO	Troop H, Holt/Atchison Counties
Isaac A. Cox	Jackson, MO	Troop I, Phelps/Maries Counties
Robert L. Crafton	Kennett, MO	Troop I, Phelps/Maries Counties
Austin G. Darnell	Villa Ridge, MO	Troop C, South St. Louis/Jefferson Counties
Allison R. Enderle	Wentzville, MO	Troop F, Moniteau/Morgan Counties
Joshua E. Hainey	St. Joseph, MO	Troop H Harrison/Gentry Counties
Michael K. Halim	Imperial, MO	Troop C, Franklin County
Ethan T. Hobbs	Anderson, MO	Troop I, Pulaski/Maries Counties
Gregory A. Jackson Jr.	St. Charles, MO	Troop C, North St. Louis County
Christopher R. Kottwitz	St. Joseph, MO	Troop B, Clark/Scotland Counties
Brian J. Magnan	Crystal City, MO	Troop C, Jefferson County
Andrew W. Marbaker	Jefferson City, MO	Troop F, Callaway County
Houston M. McDaniel	Carl Junction, MO	Troop F, Miller County
Jerrick W. Myers	Jackson, MO	Troop E, Bolinger/Cape Girardeau/Scott County
Matthew D. Obert	Lamar, MO	Troop H, Harrison/Gentry Counties
Brandon S. Pearson	Green City, MO	Troop B, Chariton/Linn Counties
Jonathan W. Pengress	Jonesboro, IL	Troop C, Jefferson County
Nicholas A. Perez	Lexington, MO	Troop A, Saline County
Tyler D. Pond	West Plains, MO	Troop G, Southern Howell/Oregon Counties
Scott T. Roettger	Imperial, MO	Troop C, St. Louis/Jefferson Counties
Tyler L. Shupe	Kansas City, MO	Troop H, Holt/Atchison Counties
Holly R. Stevens	Lincoln, MO	Troop A, Bates County
Emilio J. Villanueva	Springfield, MO	Troop A, Cass County
Jacob H. Vislay	Jefferson City, MO	Troop F, Boone County
Christopher C. Wakefield	Bismarck, MO	Troop E, Mississippi/New Madrid/Scott Counties
Geoffrey N. Wensel	Plato, MO	Troop I, Pulaski/Maries Counties
Travis N. Ziegler	Joliet, IL	Troop C, St. Charles County



# Patrol Experiences Second Generation Explosion

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

Over the years, the Patrol's Command Staff have long held the belief that our employees are the best recruiters for the agency. So, it's no surprise that many of the members of the 99th Recruit Class considered themselves friends with a current Patrol employee prior to entering the selection process. But, don't let that affect how you see the young men and women who take the Oath of Office for trooper. Knowing someone doesn't get you through the selection process, and it certainly doesn't pass the battery of physical, practical, and written tests you face in the Academy.

"The selection process itself is validated based on applicant scores during the process," said Lieutenant Roger Whittler, Q/HRD. "Every step of the process is based on the job duties, and the top performers are selected for a recruit class."

It's not unusual for a child of a Patrol employee to enter the Academy. It is unusual for there to be five of them in the same recruit class. Recruits Allison R. Enderle, Andrew W. Marbaker,

Emilio J. Villanueva, Jacob H. Vislay, and Christopher C. Wakefield are the children of Lieutenant John M. Enderle, Q/GD; DE III Sally Enderle, Troop C; Director Bill E. Marbaker III, Q/CLD; Captain Juan O. Villanueva, Troop D; Major Luke Vislay, Q/CIB; and Ret. Sgt. C. Ken and Lab. Evid. Tech. II Pam S. Wakefield, Troop D, respectively.

"In the 13 years I've been an instructor," said Sergeant Kirk A. Davis, Q/TND, "we've not had a class comprised of this many 'legacies.' About one-third of the class had relatives currently or formerly employed by the Patrol. Despite that fact, I think they were pleased and maybe surprised to find that everyone got the same, equal treatment. It was a good class overall. There were a lot of talented people in this group."

Sergeant Mark A. Wilson, Q/TND, agreed, saying, "Everyone in the class seemed to have a hand in directing the class and taking care of what needed to be done. I think it also helps when it is a smaller group. Everyone seems to get more involved."

I sat down with the group of Patrol "kids," their class commander (Recruit Geoffrey N.

*Capt. Juan O. Villanueva, Troop D, salutes his son, newly commissioned Tpr. Emilio J. Villanueva. "I am extremely proud of Emilio as I see him getting ready to wear the same uniform I have so much respect for. He is a very caring person, who always puts others first. I know he will represent this uniform well, and I know he will carry out the tradition of our agency well."*



Col. Ron Replogle (l) and Chief John Belmar, St. Louis County Police Department, are shown with Tpr. Allison R. Enderle, who accepted the firearms award.

Wensel), and vice commander (Recruit Kyle R. Copeland), a few days prior to graduation.

For Recruits Enderle, Marbaker, Villanueva, and Wakefield, their decision to enter the trooper selection process was shared with their parent(s), as were their experiences throughout. Recruit Vislay said though his parents knew he'd applied, he considered it *his* process and they didn't know he was accepting the offer until after he did so.

"I've always looked up to my dad," said Recruit Villanueva. "I never wanted to sit in an office and I wanted to help people. He knew from day one and called me after each part of the process."

For Recruit Marbaker, "The Patrol didn't become something I was thinking about until the last couple of years." Recruit Marbaker studied biology in college and after working in that field decided it wasn't what he wanted. "Dad put a bug in my ear, 'What about the Patrol?' I grew up around it, and the more I pursued it, the more I



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liked it. He was very supportive of me through the entire process.”

“I have always felt that my son, Andy, was destined for some type of service-related career,” said Director Bill Marbaker, Q/CLD. “He has always been a compassionate, caring person, and a strict ‘rule follower.’”

“Both my dad and my mom worked for the county first, before the Patrol,” said Recruit Enderle. “So did I [worked for the county] for a time. I guess I’m literally following his footsteps.”

“I grew up around the Patrol, though I never saw Dad in uniform. He was in the Narcotics Unit since I came along,” said Recruit Wakefield. “Growing up around uniformed members, a few of them played a big role in my life. They were more like family. It’s not just about the Patrol and the work.”

Recruit Wakefield’s father, retired Sergeant C. Kenny Wakefield, spoke of that very thing when asked for his thoughts about Recruit Wakefield’s choosing the Patrol. “My son ... was more accustomed to seeing me with the longer hair and a beard. Chris found out early between DDCC members and road officers that the Patrol was a family-oriented organization. Growing up in the Troop C Service Center area, Chris often asked how we were related to so many Patrol personnel. My wife and I would just laugh and tell him he has more family than he could ever count.”

The recruits also spoke of their training and agreed that it started out challenging.

“The hardest part was the lack of sleep,” explained Recruit Villanueva.

When asked if they received special treatment, the five recruits shared a laugh and Recruit Wakefield explained, “The instructors put rose petals and mints on all of our pillows because we were special friends.”

It was early in their Academy experience and none of them understood the importance of those rose petals and mints. However, after eating the

mints and throwing out the petals, they were assigned a paper to write—covering the topic of destruction of state property. They rectified that situation with the purchase of new mints and Recruit Vislay’s acquisition of rose petals from a neighbor.

The Emergency Vehicle Operations Course was a favorite, with stop and approach being a close second. Recruit Enderle named firearms training as the most enjoyable. Recruit Vislay indicated training was harder than he was told. They all agreed that descriptions of recruit training didn’t compare with the experience: It was worse.

On the weekends, most of the recruits visited family.

“At first, I didn’t want to even think about the Academy,” said Recruit Marbaker. “About halfway through, it becomes real and you get more excited about it, and start talking about it.”

“As far as the Academy experience, I have always heard how tough it is and have seen glimpses of it through the years,” said Director Marbaker, Q/CLD. “Having supported my son through these past six months, my wife and I have a new appreciation for how difficult it has been for the recruits. As a parent, I could not be more proud of what my son has accomplished. I will miss the weekend discussions of what happened the previous week, and even the weekly haircuts in our makeshift barber chair in the garage!”

“I live with my dad,” said Recruit Enderle. “He and his girlfriend enjoyed the stories.”

“Seems my mom wanted to know more about it than dad,” said Recruit Vislay. “With Dad and me, it’s more of a comparison. He talked trash about how his training was more difficult, and I talked trash about now.”

“The first month of training was hard,” agreed Recruit Copeland, the class’ vice commander. “It’s no longer you doing what you’re supposed to do. It’s a group mentality. Even if you were doing something right, you’re doing something wrong. It was tough, but do-able.”



*After accepting his diploma, Tpr. Andrew W. Marbaker hugs his dad, Crime Laboratory Division Director Bill E. Marbaker.*

Recruit Wensel, a retired U.S. Army veteran and the class commander, said for him the challenge was re-acquiring the discipline needed to study. The physical training wasn’t as difficult. He said the Patrol relatives in the recruit class proved to be resources from time to time, when various questions came up. “I don’t think having them in the class affected how the class bonded.”

“It was kind of fun to see them get picked on at first,” said Recruit Copeland with a laugh.

*(Editor’s note: The 99th Recruit Class graduated Friday, December 19, 2014. My thanks to the new troopers for taking part in the interview for this story: Trooper Allison R. Enderle, Troop F; Trooper Andrew W. Marbaker, Troop F; Trooper Emilio J. Villanueva, Troop A; Trooper Jacob H. Vislay, Troop F; Trooper Christopher C. Wakefield, Troop E; Trooper Geoffrey N. Wensel, Troop I; and Trooper Kyle R. Copeland, Troop D.)*



# Promotions



Kristin D. Coulson  
Lieutenant  
Q/PSD



Jeff D. Fugett  
Sergeant  
Troop D



Shawn M. Griggs  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Seth D. Isringhausen  
Corporal  
Troop D



Sean W. Long  
Corporal  
Troop D



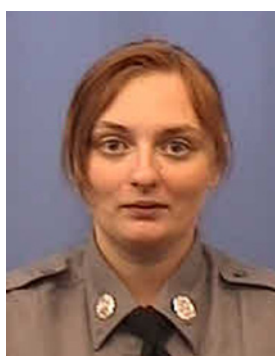
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Q/DDCC



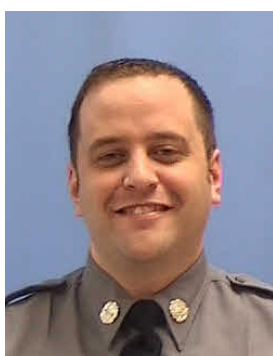
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Corporal  
Troop D



Kevin L. Braun  
Asst. Chief Tech.  
Q/ICTD



April A. LaChance  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop C



Brian P. Pollitt  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop F



Mike H. Gartner  
Comm. Tech. II  
Q/ICTD



John D. Berry  
DE II  
Troop D

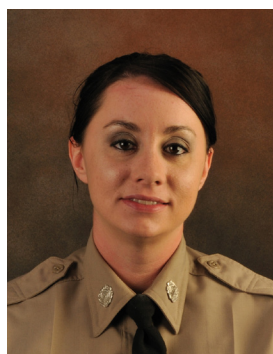
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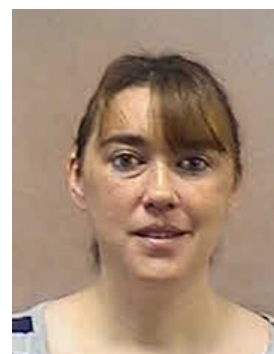
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DE Sprv.  
Troop C



Bill S. Cantrell  
DE II  
Troop D



Darla L. Conway  
Chief DE  
Troop I



Melissa N. Eravi  
Cook II  
Q/TND



Jonna L. Halavats  
DE II  
Troop C



W. Cody Hargis  
Auto. Tech. Sprv.  
Q/FFD



Randy J. Lehmen  
Auto. Tech. Sprv.  
Q/FFD



Kristina M. Mehl  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Craig L. Mosley  
CIT II  
Q/ICTD



Kirk R. Rourke  
DE II  
Troop B



Bryan D. Zumsteg  
DE II  
Troop C



# Retirement

## Sgt. Jim L. Wingo



On January 1, 2015, Sergeant Jim L. Wingo, Q/DDCC, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 32 years of service. Jim was born in Independence, MO, and lived there until the age of 16 when his family moved to Warsaw, MO. Jim graduated from Warsaw High School in 1978, and enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after graduation. He served as a military police officer from 1978 to 1981, serving in Ft. Polk, LA, and Hanau, West Germany. In 1981, he was honorably discharged from the Army and returned to War-

saw. He continued his law enforcement career as a Warsaw city police officer.

Jim was appointed to the Patrol on January 1, 1983. Upon graduation from the Academy, he was assigned to Troop A, Zone 8, serving Cass and Bates counties. In 1989, Jim transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control, Narcotics Section. He remained in that assignment until his retirement in 2015. He says he is still compiling the stats, but believes that is a world record for length of time as a Patrol narcotics officer.

During those initial years in narcotics a lot of the work was focused on clandestine drug laboratory cases. In 1995, Jim was assigned as a task force officer with Drug Enforcement Administration and remained in that assignment until 1997. He became extensively involved in developing the Patrol's clandestine drug laboratory training program and conducted the lab certification training from its inception until 2004. His knowledge and experience with the clandestine laboratory program became widely known and soon he was providing lab training throughout the country. He did that for about 10 years, while continuing to work drug cases.

Jim was appointed to supervise the West Central Drug Task Force in 2007. In 2011, he was appointed as the Team 3 supervisor. While supervising Team 3, Sgt. Wingo began to focus on marijuana grow operations. He continued to serve in that position until his retirement. When asked what he will remember most about his career, he said, "I can say that during my career I've been fortunate enough to work with some of the best narcs and criminal investigators on the planet. That's no lie, either."

Jim is married to Jeannette Carol (Shifflet). They met in high school and were married in 1980. They have two children, a son, James, and daughter, Kristy. They count their greatest blessing as their grandson—and best buddy ever— "SuperMax."

Jim started a photography business three years ago, and plans to devote more time to that after retirement. He plans to take time to fish, hunt, and garden, all while spending as much time as possible with his wife and best buddy, SuperMax.

We wish Jim well in his retirement and hope it brings him everything he hopes for.

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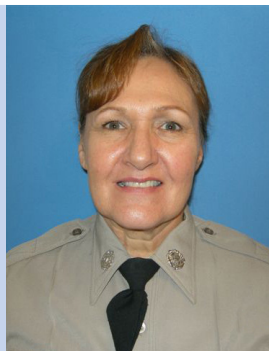
## *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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### Debra K. Curry DE III Troop A

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
15 years of dedicated service.*



### Barbara Q. Ehlmann Clerk Typist III Troop C

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
Six years, nine months of dedicated  
service.*



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# *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Tami J. Garness**  
MVI Sprv.  
Troop A

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
24 years, six months of dedicated  
service.*



**John R. Gross**  
DE III  
Troop C

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
11 years, 10 months of dedicated  
service.*

**Jeff L. Hamilton**  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop E

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
Six years of dedicated service.*



**Don M. Hux**  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop H

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
12 years of dedicated service.*



**Tim McDonald**  
Major  
Q/SO

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
33 years, 11 months of dedicated  
service.*



**Loretta J. Meyer**  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop C

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
14 years of dedicated service.*

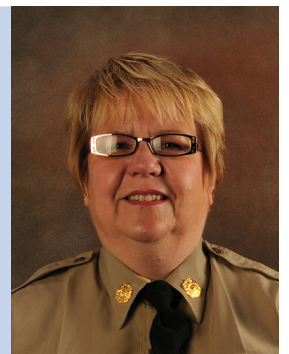
**M. Scott  
Richardson**  
Trooper  
Troop A

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
30 years, 10 months of dedicated  
service.*



**Zina Roebuck**  
DE Sprv.  
Troop C

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
24 years, 11 months of dedicated  
service.*





# Congratulations On Your Retirement!



**Jeff L. Smith**  
Sergeant  
Q/GD

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
27 years, five months of dedicated  
service.*



**Jerry F. Thornton**  
CDL Examiner  
Troop H

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
20 years, 11 months of dedicated  
service.*

**Steve D.  
Wilmesherr**  
CVO Sprv. I  
Troop C

*Retired December 1, 2014.  
20 years, nine months of dedicated  
service.*



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Eleanora Claire*

Cpl. Bradley E. & Mrs. Emiley A.  
Maudlin  
Troop H

*Charles Min*

Comm. Oper. II Jeff & Mrs. Nan  
Bonner Sr., Troop H

*Aiden Reece*

Tpr. Ben R. & Mrs. Janae M.  
Dodson  
Troop A

*Benjamin Lee*

CIT III David L. & Mrs. Amber N.  
Johnson  
Q/ICTD

*Tobin Wesley Matthew*

Cpl. Matt P. & Mrs. Sophia L. Fisher  
Troop A

*Piper Louise*

Cpl. T. Eddie & Mrs. J. Amanda Young  
Troop G

*Wesley James*

Tpr. Ryan W. & Mrs. Whitney A.  
Clement  
Troop I

*Katherine Olivia*

Tpr. Derek E. & Mrs. Kristi M. Rogers  
Troop G

*Hadlee Marie*

Cpl. Dustin T. & Mrs. Annie M.  
Metzner  
Troop F

*Kaylea Margaret*

Tpr. David M. & Mrs. Jacqi L. Smith  
Troop A

*Harper Grace*

Tpr. Tyler W. & Mrs. Lauren N.  
O'Brien  
Troop B

*Ava Grace*

Cpl. Terry M. & Mrs. Kelli James  
Q/GD

*Audra Lynn*

Tpr. John M. & Mrs. Taryn R.  
Harrison  
Troop A

*Anna Jo*

Asst. Garage Supt. Adam J. & Mrs.  
Liz M. Feltrop  
Q/FFD

*Gabriel Ryan*

Tpr. Ryan W. & Mrs. S. Ruby Pace  
Troop G

# DPS Recognizes Sgt. Quilty For Selfless Actions

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

"This was a perfect example of working with other agencies, of bringing resources together," said Colonel Ron Replogle during the November 2014 DPS Employee of the Month Award ceremony. "Mike, I congratulate you and thank you for your service. It wasn't your first flood and it probably won't be your last."

DPS Deputy Director Andrea Spillars presented Sergeant Mike P. Quilty, Troop H, with this award on November 17, 2014, in the second floor conference room at General Headquarters.

At the DPS Employee of the Month award presentation, Deputy Director Spillars, Col. Replogle, Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, and Captain Jim E. McDonald, Troop H, all congratulated Sgt. Quilty.

Capt. McDonald added that during the rescue, they were one rescue vest short. Sgt. Quilty gave his life vest to one of the victims to make sure they were safe.

The catalyst for the recognition was a series of events taking place September 2014. After being called out, Sgt. Quilty had a busy shift on the evening of September 9-10. Holt County, MO, was besieged by rain, resulting in flash floodwaters. Sgt. Quilty and Missouri Department of Conservation Agents Anthony Maupin and Jade Wright rescued a woman who had driven into floodwaters on Missouri Route N, north of Mound City, MO. The floodwaters had washed her vehicle off the roadway. Using a Department of Conservation boat, the trio made their way to the woman and rescued her.

During that rescue, Sgt. Quilty received information regarding flooding over both lanes of Interstate 29 from the 86-mile marker to the 88-mile marker. Several vehicles were in the water and all of those vehicles contained occupants. Learning this, Sgt. Quilty and the agents cleared the scene of the first

rescue and responded to Interstate 29.

Upon arriving at the scene on I-29, Missouri Department of Conservation Agent Eric Abbott determined the water was flowing too swiftly to deploy a boat. Sgt. Quilty, Agent Maupin, and Agent Wright were able to utilize a front-end loader and motor grader from the Missouri Department of Transportation. The front-end loader and motor grader were operated by Mr. J.R. Rother and Mr. Ed Hunziger from the Missouri Department of Transportation Mound City, MO, facility. Sgt. Quilty and the agents stood in the bucket of the front-end loader as it and the motor grader entered into the floodwaters. Sgt. Quilty and the two agents were able to successfully rescue five civilians from vehicles in the floodwaters and transport them to safety. It was determined that water flowing over the interstate was approximately three feet deep.

On the second trip into the floodwaters, a second front-end loader from the Missouri Department of Transportation, operated by Mr. Rob Kish from the Tarkio, MO, facility, was utilized with Agent Abbott in the bucket to rescue a stranded man. Sgt. Quilty, along with Agents Maupin, Wright, and Abbott, were able to rescue the last civilian from the floodwaters and transport them to safety.

All those involved in the rescue did not hesitate to put themselves in harm's way to save the lives of eight



(l to r) Colonel Ron Replogle and DPS Deputy Director Andrea Spillars congratulated Sgt. Mike Quilty, Troop H, at the DPS Employee of the Month ceremony. Sgt. Quilty's wife, Tommye, attended, also.

civilians. There were no injuries to any of the rescuers and none of the victims required medical attention.

In Lieutenant W. Shane Sims' nomination, he wrote, "Sgt. Quilty and employees from the other state agencies took the initiative and acted quickly under extremely difficult conditions. The cooperative effort and innovative thinking of employees from three state agencies resulted in the saving of eight lives. Sgt. Quilty's knowledge of the area and positive working relationship with other state agencies were instrumental in bringing this incident to a successful conclusion. It is my belief that had it not been for the quick and innovative thinking of Sgt. Quilty and others, the outcome of this incident would have ended in lives being lost. The courage and bravery displayed by Sgt. Quilty and others during this incident should be recognized and commended."

*Congratulations, Sgt. Quilty!*



# Troopers Johnson, Philpott Accept Missouri Medal Of Valor

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

This year, Governor Jay Nixon honored 10 Missouri law enforcement officers with Missouri's highest honor on December 18, 2014, in his office. He expressed his appreciation to the entire law enforcement community for the great job they do on a daily basis. This year's recipients included officers from three police departments, two sheriff's departments, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. DPS Director Daniel Isom read the description of the officer's actions as Gov. Nixon presented each award and congratulated the recipient. Director Isom and Colonel Ron Replogle also congratulated each recipient.

Troopers Daniel J. Johnson and Jason W. Philpott, Troop G, were honored for an event taking place in the early morning hours of April 18, 2013. Douglas County was inundated with rain resulting in flash flooding swamping low-lying areas. At 8:10 a.m., Tprs. Johnson and Philpott responded to a call regarding an elderly couple trapped in their mobile home near Missouri Route A and Douglas County Road 409. Water was entering the residence and quickly rising. The troopers launched a Patrol boat, got to the home, outfitted the couple with personal flotation devices, and placed the couple into the rescue boat. As they pulled away, the vessel's motor stalled after the propeller became entangled in barbed wire. The vessel began turning and taking on water in the swift current. The troopers paddled vigorously, attempting to get to a nearby outbuilding, but the boat capsized. All four occupants began drifting downstream in the swift moving water, toward a flooded concrete bridge. Tprs. Johnson and Philpott each swam to and retrieved one of the elderly couple. They then swam against the current and brought the couple to shore just a few feet from the edge of the concrete bridge.



Gov. Jay Nixon congratulates Tpr. Daniel Johnson, Troop G, while presenting him with a Missouri Valor award.



Gov. Jay Nixon presents a Missouri Valor award to Tpr. Jason Philpott, Troop G, as he congratulates him.

"These 10 courageous men and women exemplify the bravery and commitment to serving and protecting the public of Missouri's law enforcement and public safety officers," Gov. Nixon said. "The individual stories are very different – from facing down dangerous gunmen to braving flood waters and entering burning vehicles to pulling trapped victims to safety – but the character of the individuals involved, their decisiveness of action and selfless commitment to protecting the public is the same."

Neither the Philpotts nor the Johnsons had ever visited the Governor's Office prior to the ceremony. They were impressed by its size and Tpr. Daniel Johnson was surprised by its oval shape. All of them noticed the carved, wooden state seals around the ceiling and beautiful woodwork throughout the office.

When asked about the events of April 18, 2013, Tpr. Philpott said he had assisted in a couple of rescues prior to this call. On that day, Tpr. Philpott found himself operating a boat in fast-moving water. He said he was "... very glad the elderly couple, Tpr. Johnson, and I were able to escape without injury."

"The experience has made me ever aware of the verses in Psalm 91 and Proverbs 21:31 stating how the Lord is the one who is ultimately in control of everything," Tpr. Johnson said. "I thank Him for our deliverance through the ordeal. I also am grateful to the other agencies who took part in the event. Their help should not go unnoticed."

Mrs. Ashley Philpott said her husband didn't share much about what took place immediately after it happened. "He did call me at work and let me know he was involved in an incident, that I would probably be hearing about it on the news, and that he was okay. I am very proud of my husband and his actions. I am glad he was able to return safely to me and our children, that Tpr. Johnson was also safe, and that they were able to save the elderly couple."

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# — Valor

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Tpr. Johnson didn't have to call his wife and tell her he was involved in a rescue on April 18, 2013. She was *there*. Corporal Amye Johnson, Troop G, saw the events as they unfolded. Where her husband had been called to duty to assist with the rescue, Cpl. Amye Johnson was working that morning and heard the initial call for assistance. She was at the scene on Route A, as her husband and Tpr. Philpott launched the rescue boat and witnessed the entire event as it unfolded. "Needless to say, Daniel didn't have to say much about the rescue, at least to me," she said. "Once all parties were out of harm's way, I did ask Daniel and Jason if they were injured and both stated they were fine. That was basically all that was said between

Daniel and me about the whole event. We had a scheduled vacation starting the next day ... as many troopers know, you rarely have an uneventful 'Friday' before vacation."

"Daniel and Jason both acted without concern for their personal safety. They are both very humble and well deserving of the Missouri Medal of Valor," continued Cpl. Amye Johnson. "Ultimately, none of us can control a situation completely, but we can act accordingly from our previous training and experience. Jason, Daniel, the elderly couple, and the first responders/citizens that assisted were kept safe by a power much greater than man's strength or knowledge. I am grateful to the other agencies that responded to the scene to assist, as all were needed once the boat capsized. Daniel and Jason's actions are truly

a reflection of them as people every day, not just April 18, 2013. They both put others' safety first without regard for their own. That is what makes me proud to be a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the wife of a Missouri state trooper."

*[Editor's note: General orders prohibit related troopers from reporting to the same immediate supervisor. Cpl. Amye Johnson is assigned to Troop G, Zone 11; Tpr. Daniel Johnson is assigned to Troop G, Zone 5.]*

*The Medal of Valor was first awarded in 2008 and is bestowed annually based on recommendations submitted by the Medal of Valor Review Board. For the complete story on the remaining eight 2014 Missouri Medal of Valor recipients, visit <https://governor.mo.gov/news/archive/gov-nixon-awards-medal-valor-10-law-enforcement-officers-across-missouri>.]*

## Blue Notes Give The Christmas Gift Of Music

**By Clerk IV Carla J. Flickinger, Q/MVI**

GHQ employees came together the first week of October to form the 2014 Missouri State Highway Patrol Blue Notes Choir. Lunch break practice sessions were held in the PIED theater during October and November. The Blue Notes set out on their 2014 "Christmas Tour" in December. Stops along the tour included Villa Marie Senior Living Community, Westphalia Hills Senior Living Community, Summit Villa Assisted Living Facility, Oak Tree Villa Senior Living Community, Adams Street Senior Living Community, United Cerebral Palsy Heartland Gibbs Center for Independence, and Jefferson City Manor.

Under the direction of Captain David P. Perkins, Q/DE, the choir performed a variety of popular Christmas tunes during each concert. Choir members frequently found themselves joined in song by those in attendance. Several Blue Notes ladies were enthusiastically greeted at the Gibbs

Center with a round of hugs from our long-time buddy and #1 Blue Notes fan, Jeremiah. At the close of their performance, choir members offered up an impromptu version of "Happy Birthday" for Jeremiah, who was celebrating his 29th birthday.

Long-time choir members recognized faces in the crowds from past performances, including several retired Patrol employees. After each performance, Blue Notes members visited briefly with residents, shaking hands and offering up wishes for a very merry Christmas.

In addition to performances at the local facilities, the Blue Notes Choir again provided Christmas selections at the 2014 GHQ Christmas Dinner.

All GHQ and Troop F employees are invited, eligible, and encouraged to participate in the Blue Notes Choir, and help represent the Missouri State Highway Patrol in the community during the holiday season. Absolutely



*(l to r) Clerk IV Carla Flickinger, Q/MVID, retired Executive Secretary Martha H. Barnes, and Spec. Asst. Theresa M. Backes, Q/HRD, visited after the Blue Notes performed at Summit Villa. Martha lives at Summit Villa. She retired from the Patrol in 1988, after over 41 years of service. Great to see you, Martha!*

no singing experience is required; however, a will to bring joy to others is preferred. Contact Clerk IV Carla Flickinger, Q/MVID, for more information.



# Deaths

## David E. Holt



David Earl Holt, 66, of Higginsville, MO, died November 7, 2014, at the KU Medical Center. He was born February 4, 1948, in Kansas City, MO, to Ralph and Etna Allene (Hunt) Holt.

David graduated from Liberty High School in 1966. He married Cheryl Lynn Smith on December 15,

1967, at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Liberty, MO. He attended CMSU for a couple of years and worked as an auto mechanic at area dealerships.

He joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1977, and was assigned to Lafayette County. They moved to Higginsville that year. David was on the motorcycle patrol and the first SWAT team for Troop A. He was later assigned to the accident reconstruction team. His last assignment was for the Gaming Division. He retired from the Patrol in 2002. After retirement, David worked as a private consultant in accident reconstruction.

David was preceded in death by a daughter, Suzan Keirle, and a brother, Harold Holt. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; two sons, Brian D. Holt (and his wife, Dawn), of Sedalia, MO, and Timothy W. Holt (and his wife, Brandi), of Warrenburg, MO; one sis-

ter, Eleanor Sue Seeley, of Liberty; six grandchildren, Bethany and Brayden Holt, Tristan and Mira Hackney, and Dakota and Kealey Downing; and four great-grandchildren, Brittney Hackney, Tiffany Downing, Rodger Hancock III, and Shawn Hancock.

Visitation took place on Thursday, November 20, Immanuel Lutheran Church, followed by a memorial service officiated by Pastor Marcus Jauss. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran School Tuition Fund or the KU Endowment for Kidney Cancer Research

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

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## Sympathy

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

Sgt. Bruce L. Klier (D) - grandmother

Chief CVO Martha A. McCartney (H) - stepfather

Ret. Lt. Don E. Richardson - wife

DE III Steven M. Tatum (C) - mother

Cpl. Lance D. DeClue (I) - father

Lt. Scott E. Meyer (H) - brother

Capt. Vern C. Dougan (Q/ICTD) - son

Lab Mgr. Brian K. Hoey (Q/CLD) - mother

Criminalist III Kristen L. Hoey (Q/CLD) - mother-in-law

DE III Kim D. O'Conner (E) - husband

DE III Anne M. Rayfield (I) - grandmother

Comm. Oper. II Sam G. Rayfield (I) - grandmother-in-law

CITS I Lindsey J. Holtmeyer (Q/ICTD) - grandmother

Spec. Asst. Kerry Bax (Q/ASB) - aunt

Clerk IV Lisa Kempker (Q/PIED) - aunt

CITS Kellie L. Foster (Q/ICTD) - grandmother

Admin. Office Support Asst. Leigh Ann Stokes (Q/AD) - mother-in-law

CITS II Art L. Luebbering (Q/ICTD) - mother

MVI Sprv. Van E. Ludwig (C) - mother

Ret. CVO II Jim Reid - grandsons

Ret. Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Connie Daniels - brother

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Sherri D. Miller (Q/CLD) - grandmother

Tpr. G. Tyler Hackett (I) - great-grandfather

Technician I Dana D. Graham (Q/CJISD) - father

CDL Examiner Dewayne R. Sickels (F) - father-in-law

Technician III Linda Kever (Q/CJISD) - mother

Quality Control Clerk II Becky R. Peters (Q/CVED) - stepfather

DE III Laura L. Van Tress - mother

Ret. Sgt. Ray L. Stufflebean - son-in-law

Tpr. R. Jayson Hastings (Q/GD) - grandfather

Ret. Sgt. A. Ed Thurman - mother

Sgt. Roger D. Hillhouse (G) - mother

DE III Christy D. Hillhouse (G) - mother-in-law

Lt. Mike A. Turner (F) - brother

Lt. Rich G. Fredendall (Q/BPD) - mother

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Eric B. Frager (C) - father

# Deaths

## Joe V. Hensley



Joe Vern Hensley, 76, of Cabool, MO, left this world to be with Jesus on December 5, 2014. Joe was the son of Leonard and Agie (White) Hensley and the loving husband of Glenda (Hovey) Hensley. He passed away at his home in Cabool, after a valiant battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Glenda, his daughter, Gayla (and her husband, Glenn), of Republic, MO, and his three sons, Randy (and his wife, Kathy), of West Plains, MO, Kevin (and his wife, Valerie), and Kelly (and his wife, Missy), all of Cabool. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and three nephews, Keith, Mark, and Bruce Hovey.

Joe was saved and baptized at a young age and was a lifelong member of Bridges Creek Missionary Baptist Church at Elijah, MO. While starting life with his young family, Joe worked as a service manager for Stein Buick in West Plains. This gave Joe a thorough background for one of his favorite hobbies—auto mechanics and auto body restoration. His love of classic cars led him to become a member of the Southern Missouri Cruisers Car Club in later years.

In 1969, Joe accepted a position with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a weight inspector at the old G-1 weigh station in Cabool. In 1974, he transferred to the Driver Examiner Section. As a driver examiner, he was able to share his boundless knowledge

and life skills with so many young adults.

After retiring from the Patrol in 1998, Joe went on to drive trucks for CTL in Cabool on a part-time basis. He enjoyed visiting with his numerous friends and colleagues wherever his truck driving took him.

Joe's love of people and places was manifested in every aspect of his life. From visiting with his kids and grandkids at family dinners to traveling across the country, his passion for life and his vast knowledge of all things was a bright light shared with so many. Joe was a true blessing that God gave to his family, friends, and the numerous acquaintances who were touched by him. He will forever be fondly remembered by all who called him "friend."

Visitation took place December 9, at the Cabool First Baptist Church followed by a memorial service.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested contributions to the TCMH Healthcare Foundation.

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

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## Emmet L. Poindexter



Emmet L. Poindexter, 74, of Carthage, MO, died Saturday, December

20, 2014, at his home. Emmet was born July 17, 1940 to Ernest and Ella (Hottinger) Poindexter. Emmet was a lifetime Carthage resident and had worked as a telecommunicator for the Highway Patrol, retiring after 22 years. He also retired from the Missouri National Guard. Emmet also had worked as a carpenter and woodworker in and around the Carthage area. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Carthage.

Emmet married Sandra Benson May 11, 2002, in Clayton, NM. She survives. Other survivors include three sons, Jeff Poindexter, The Colony, Texas, Anthony Alred, Carthage, and Christopher Alred, Joplin MO; two daughters, Nicole Alred, Houston, Texas, and Tina Hatfield, Carthage; one sister, Mary L. "Susie" Sanders, Carthage; and nine grandchildren. Emmet was preceded in death by one daughter, Jennifer Kauffman, on October 25, 2005, and one brother, Robert "Bob" Poindexter, on April 25, 2013.

Funeral Services took place Wednesday, December 24, 2014, at the Ulmer Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Fasken Cemetery northeast of Carthage. Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation c/o Ulmer Funeral Home. Arrangements were under the direction of The Ulmer Funeral Home, Carthage.

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

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## March

**Mar. 2**



**Tpr. J.M. Fromsdorf** died in 1985.

**Mar. 20**



**Sgt. C.D. Graham Jr.** died in 2005.



# ~ Thank You ~

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and flowers after the passing of my mother. I would like to extend a special thanks to retirees Lieutenant Mike E. Hermann, Corporal Earl H. Lankau, and Automotive Technician III John Kelemen.

*MVI Sprv. Van Ludwig, Troop C*

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards, emails, flowers, gifts, and donations after the death of my son,

Brian. I also want to thank those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the visitation. Your kind words and deeds helped move me and my family through a very difficult time.

*Capt. Vernon Dougan, Q/ICTD*

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I want to thank everyone at General Headquarters for all the cards and notes I received during my rehab after back surgery. Also, I want to thank

everyone for wishing me a happy retirement. Have a great holiday and stay safe.

*Ret. CDL Examiner Jerry F. Thornton*

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*To My Patrol Family:*

Thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts, and kind support after the passing of my father, Burton Frager. My whole family and I will be forever grateful.

*Sincerely,  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Eric B. Frager, Troop C*

## *Cpl. Sampietro Toy Drive Brightens Holidays*

*By Sgt. Jason M. Pace, Troop D*

The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, and the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health, joined the citizens they serve to make the 8th Annual Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr. Toy Drive a huge success. The toy collection, which began on November 26 and concluded on December 19, 2014, received an overwhelming response with the number of donated toys.

The purpose of the annual toy drive is twofold. First, it is an opportunity to remember Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr., who died in the line of duty on August 17, 2005. Second, the toy drive is designed to brighten the holiday for children who are forced to spend the Christmas season in the hospital due to illness. Troopers, the Sampietro family, and representatives from the Children's Miracle Network and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts personally delivered a portion of the donated toys to the children in the Cox Health Pediatric Unit in Springfield,



*Members of the Sampietro family joined members of Troop D to deliver toys to the Cox Health Pediatric Unit.*

MO. The remaining toys were given to the Children's Miracle Network of Cox Health for future distribution.

The death of Cpl. Sampietro has left a huge void in the lives of his family, friends, and co-workers. This toy drive has proven to be a great way to honor his memory and bring a little bit of joy and happiness to sick children.



*Lt. D. Scott Sater, Troop D, and members of the Sampietro family served as elves for a little one.*

Recruiting: 1-800-796-7000

Email: [mshppied@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:mshppied@mshp.dps.mo.gov)

Home Page: <http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov>

## Toy Drive Honors Tpr. Newton, Spreads Christmas Cheer

*By Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A*

Patrol employees are known for their giving nature. MSHP employees, Kansas Highway Patrol employees, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts (drop off point for toys), and the Newton family joined Troop A and the citizens we serve to make this year's Trooper Michael L. Newton Toy Drive a huge success.

Approximately \$3,000 worth of toys were distributed to children who must spend the holiday season in the hospital at the Ronald McDonald House/Children's Mercy Hospital and KU Medical Center Pediatric Unit. Each child also received a "Trooper Bear" donated by the Missouri Trooper's Association. Additionally, \$560 was donated to The MASTERS and \$560 to the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Mike from the Blue Springs (MO) Chapter #497 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

*Tpr. Adam J. Gray, Troop A, is pictured with the Lafayette County 4-H group that collected toys for the annual toy drive.*



*The Celsius Tannery employees, shown here with Tpr. Ryan A. Wood, Troop A, helped collect toys for the annual toy drive to honor Tpr. Mike Newton.*

Many lives were touched by the generous donations of toys and time. Representatives of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Kansas Highway Patrol delivered the toys personally.

*It's time to deliver the toys! Employees from both the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Kansas Highway Patrol prepare to share some Christmas spirit at the KU Medical Center Pediatric Unit.*



Troopers and their families also prepared a traditional Kansas City barbecued pulled pork meal for the families who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their children are undergoing medical treatment in the Kansas City area. The pulled pork was prepared and smoked to perfection by Mr. Bob Heifner, uncle of Troop A Communications Operator II Jessie R. Dillon. The toy drive continues to be an excellent way to carry on the memory of our hero, Mike.

Trooper Ryan A. Wood also coordinated drop off locations for toys through the HITT 4-H Club in Corder, MO, and The Celsius Tannery in Independence, MO.