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Patrol Honors Presented at Annual Awards Luncheon

Outstanding employees of the Ohio State Highway Patrol were recognized in February at the Patrol's Annual Awards. Colonel Paul D. McClellan, Patrol superintendent, presented the awards. Top honors include:

- State Trooper of the Year – Tpr. Shad E. Caplinger, Circleville Post
- Dispatcher of the Year – Dispatcher Christopher D. Baker, Ashland Post
- O.W. Merrell Meritorious Service Award (valor) – Tpr. Rodney A. Hart, Tpr. Chad A. Maines, and Tpr. Brian D. Foltz, Granville Post
- Blue Max Award (top auto larceny enforcer) – Tpr. Dana M. Hutton, Chillicothe Post
- Robert M. Chiramonte Humanitarian Award – Sgt. Richard L. Meadows, Jr., Jackson District
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year – MCEI Samuel F. Roetter, Piqua District

Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper of the Year – Tpr. Shad E. Caplinger, Circleville Post, was selected from the 10 District Troopers of the Year. A graduate of the 134th Academy Class, he has been assigned to the Circleville post since December 1999. He was honored with four Certificates of



Shad Caplinger

Recognition in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and received four ACE Awards for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 2000, 2002, 2003, and 2004. He resides in Circleville.

Ohio State Highway Patrol Dispatcher of the Year – Dispatcher Christopher D. Baker, Ashland Post, was selected the State Dispatcher of the Year. He began his career as a cadet dispatcher at the Elyria and Ashland posts, before becoming a Patrol dispatcher in February 2000. He lives in Shelby.

O.W. Merrell Meritorious Service Award – Tpr. Rodney A. Hart, Tpr. Chad A. Maines, and Tpr. Brian D. Foltz, all from the Granville Post, received the highest award for valor for rescuing a woman from a vehicle fire as a result of a crash on State Route 161, west of Granville on July 4.

At approximately 2:38 a.m., troopers responded to a one-vehicle crash and found the vehicle engulfed in flames. Tpr. Hart used his fire extinguisher to break out the front passenger window. Through the smoke, the troopers observed the driver, who was unconscious. Tpr. Hart was able to control the flames enough for Tpr. Foltz and Tpr. Maines to pull the driver from the vehicle and administer first aid until fire and emergency personnel arrived at the scene.

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Tpr. Maines joined the Patrol in November 2001 as a member of the 138th Academy Class. Upon graduation the following April, he was assigned to the Athens Post. He transferred to his current post in Granville in June 2003.

A native of Newark, Tpr. Maines graduated from Newark High School in 1993. He received a bachelor's degree in education from Miami University in 1998. He currently resides in Newark.

Tpr. Hart joined the Patrol in September 2000 as a member of the 136th Academy Class. He received his commission the following March and was assigned to the Delaware Post. He transferred to his current post at Granville in July 2002.

A native of Heath, Tpr. Hart graduated from Licking Valley High School in 1988. Prior to joining the Patrol, he served with the U.S. Marines, where he received a Good Conduct Medal, Letter of Commendation, and a National Defense Medal. He resides in Heath with his wife, Kelly, and their two children, Corinne and Michael.

Tpr. Foltz joined the Patrol in November 1998 as a member of the 132nd Academy Class. He received his commission the following April and was assigned to the Eaton Post. He transferred to the Delaware Post in November 2000, before coming to Granville in December 2001, where he was awarded the ACE Award for excellence in auto larceny enforcement and the Blue Max Award in 2002.

A native of Westerville, Tpr. Foltz graduated from Westerville North High School in 1990. Prior to joining the Patrol, he served with the Blendon Township Police Department. He resides in Pataskala.

Blue Max Award (Patrol's top auto larceny enforcer)

– Tpr. Dana M. Hutton, Chillicothe Post, was honored with his second Blue Max Award for recovering 11 stolen vehicles resulting in the apprehension of 17 suspects. He previously won the honor in 2001. A graduate of the 134th Academy Class, he has served at the Circleville post and the Office of Investigative Services. He was also honored as Jackson District's Trooper of the Year and the Chillicothe Post Trooper of the Year in 2002, four Certificates of Recognition in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, and has received four ACE Awards for excellence in auto larceny enforcement in 2000, 2002, 2003, and 2004. He resides in Circleville.

Robert M. Chiamonte Humanitarian Award – Sgt. Richard L. Meadows, Jr., Jackson District, received the Patrol's Robert M. Chiamonte Humanitarian Award for his public service to the community. Sgt. Meadows dedicates his time to Operation Feed, manages a peer group at Alexander High School, and participates in the Athens County Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. He is a member of four other service organizations and has

served on the committee to organize the Athens portion of the Special Olympics Torch Run since 1994. A member of the 117th Academy Class, Sgt. Meadows served at the Athens Post before receiving his promotion in June 1995. As a sergeant, he has served at the Ironton, Jackson, and Athens posts and as a criminal patrol sergeant at the Jackson District Headquarters. He received two Certificates of Recognition in 1992 and 1994. He resides in Albany with his wife, Jill, and their two children, Taylor and Richard.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year – Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector (MCEI) Samuel F. Roetter, Piqua District, was awarded the Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspector of the Year. An 18-year veteran of the Patrol, he resides in Pleasant Hill with his wife, Vicky.

Criminal Patrol Award – Tpr. Gregory T. Allen, Warren Post, was awarded for having the most investigations of felony cases that led to felony arrests. In connection with his 27 cases in 2004, Tpr. Allen made 35 felony arrests. He is a member of the 131st Academy Class that graduated in 1998 and resides in Warren.

Electronic Technician Team of the Year – awarded to the Bucyrus District Team, which includes:

- Electronic Technician 3 David L. Bailey – A two-year veteran, he resides in Bucyrus with his wife, Patricia.
- Electronic Technician 2 Dale L. Flanigan – Employed by the Patrol since February 1997, he resides in Mansfield with his wife, Nancy.

Ohio Trooper Recognition Award – Tpr. Matthew D. Lehman, Capitol Operations, was selected from 10 regional recipients. The award recognizes excellence among troopers assigned to specialty positions. A member of the 129th Academy Class, Tpr. Lehman has served at the Granville Post and the Columbus District Headquarters. Tpr. Lehman resides in Pickerington with his wife, Tracey, and their son, Jonathon.

OSHP Employee Recognition Award (District) – Secretary Lisa L. Leach, Jackson Post, received the award presented annually to recognize excellence in field employees who are not troopers or dispatchers. Secretary Leach resides in Jackson with her husband, James.

OSHP Employee Recognition Award (General Headquarters) – Executive Secretary Linda J. Carson, Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards, received the award presented annually to recognize excellence in employees who are not troopers or dispatchers. Executive Secretary Carson resides in Columbus with her husband, Gregory, and their two children: Gregory, Jr. and Joy.





Plates Take to the Road

If you love animals, you'll love the new pet license plate, which premiered on Valentine's Day. It is estimated that four to six million dogs and cats are destroyed each year in animal shelters across the country. According to a survey by The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, two-thirds of the homeless dogs and cats taken in by animal shelters are euthanized; only one-fourth are adopted.

State Representative Patricia Clancy says it's a tragic cycle. "We can't adopt our way out of the homeless animal problem. We'd each have to adopt 45 cats and 15 dogs to deal with the crisis, and that's just not going to happen. We need to focus on the root of the problem. Spaying/neutering stops the breeding cycle."

"One simple solution to the problem is just not letting our family dogs and cats breed. Many people don't realize that cats can have a new litter every 63 days and dogs can have a new litter every 180 days," says Julie Bertani with The Ohio Pet Fund, the nonprofit corporation that will benefit from the sale of the plates. "Spay/neuter not only reduces overpopulation, but also has health benefits for the animals and reduces annoying behaviors like spraying, fighting, and going into heat. But some people can't afford the cost of the spay/neuter surgery. The funds from the sale of the plate will help shelters neuter their animals before adoption, help fix stray cats, and assist limited income families with the cost of surgery."

There are plenty of adoptable puppies, kittens, dogs and cats to go around. There has been widespread support for the bill by reputable breeders who will help in determining how the funds are distributed.

The Ohio Pet Fund does not anticipate funding until

late 2005 or early 2006. Once enough money is raised, the fund will offer a grant application to animal shelters, nonprofit humane societies, rescue organizations and veterinary associations. Through these organizations, funding will also be able to help individuals who meet the qualifying guidelines for having their pets spayed or neutered.

Nationally syndicated cartoonist Jenny Campbell of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, designed the artwork for the plate. The plate will cost an additional \$25 to the regular registration fees. To learn more about the pet plate, visit the Web site at www.petsohio.com.

Other plates you will see on the road are:

The Smokey Bear plate. Fees from the purchase of the Smokey Bear plate support the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Fifteen dollars of the total plate cost is distributed to ODNR to promote forest fire prevention and education efforts together with an increase in public awareness concerning combating wildfires in the state of Ohio.

The Ohio Zoos plate. You may choose to support Ohio zoos by purchasing the Ohio Zoo license plate. Fifteen dollars of the total plate cost is distributed to Ohio Zoos for the funding of public education through field trips, outreach programs, teacher loan kits, and teacher workshops.

The Share the Road plate. Five dollars of the total plate cost is distributed to the highway safety fund to publish and distribute a booklet that instructs bicycle riders on the methods and procedures of riding bicycles on the roads and streets of Ohio in a confident, legal, and safe manner.

OHIO PET



OHIO ZOOS



SHARE THE ROAD



SMOKEY BEAR



Homeland Security to Hold Symposium

The 2005 Ohio Homeland Security Symposium will be held at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial April 20-21, 2005, with opening ceremonies at 8 a.m. The symposium includes first responder training and vendor displays.

Some of the training offered includes Beginning and Advance Grant Writing, Ohio Response System Overview, HAZMAT for First Responders Part 1 and 2, Lessons Learned Information Sharing, Fundamentals of Vulnerability Management Part 1 and 2, and training for law enforcement officers to qualify to carry firearms on commercial aircraft when required.

There will also be a Train-the-Trainer Workshop for the Community Terrorism Awareness



Program (TAP), which will consist of:

- The Impact: How we act, think, and feel differently because of terrorism
- How Terrorists Operate: How terrorists prepare and implement their goals
- Types of Terrorism: The various forms of today's terrorist acts
- Observe and Report: Reasonable ways to practice heightened awareness and reporting
- Be Ready: Effective planning tips for a potential terrorist act – or any emergency
- Get Involved: Beyond the TAP program...Challenging citizens to get involved in their communities

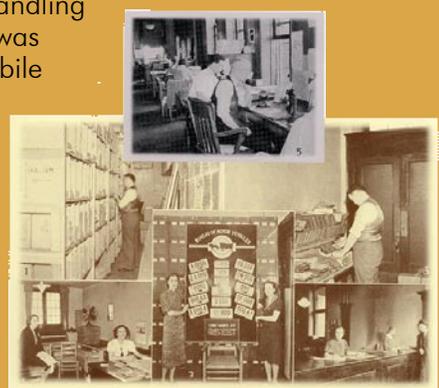
In addition to the classes, there will be more than 50 vendors with exhibits in the North Exhibition Hall.



In the Past

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

The year 1908 may be considered the first full registration year. The law was known as the "Automobile Law" (S.B. 425; 6/10/08). A flat rate of \$3 for electrics and \$5 for registration of all other types of vehicles was charged under this law. This fee was subject to a 50 percent reduction after September 1st each year. The state department handling these registrations was called the "Automobile Division" of the office of the Secretary of State and administered by a "Registrar" appointed by the Secretary of State.



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... to the Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers who seized 30 pounds of cocaine on the Ohio Turnpike in Lorain County in February. A Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the vehicle and a probable cause search revealed 30 pounds of cocaine in the vehicle. The cocaine has an estimated street value of \$1.3 million. The two men in the car were arrested. They were incarcerated at the Lorain County Jail. If convicted, each could face up to 10 years in prison and up to a \$20,000 fine.



... to the troopers who stopped two Albuquerque, N.M. men and seized 10 kilos of cocaine on Interstate 70 in Preble County in February. A Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the vehicle and a probable cause search revealed 10 kilos of cocaine in the vehicle with an estimated street value of \$1 million. If convicted, the two men each could face up to 10 years in prison and up to a \$20,000 fine.



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