



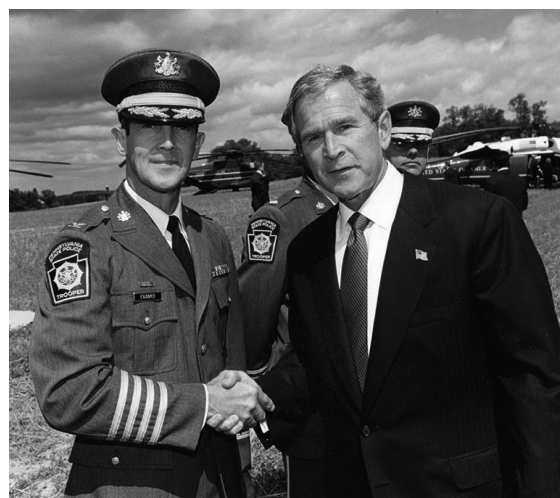
WITNESS TO HISTORY

9/11 FIELD NOTES

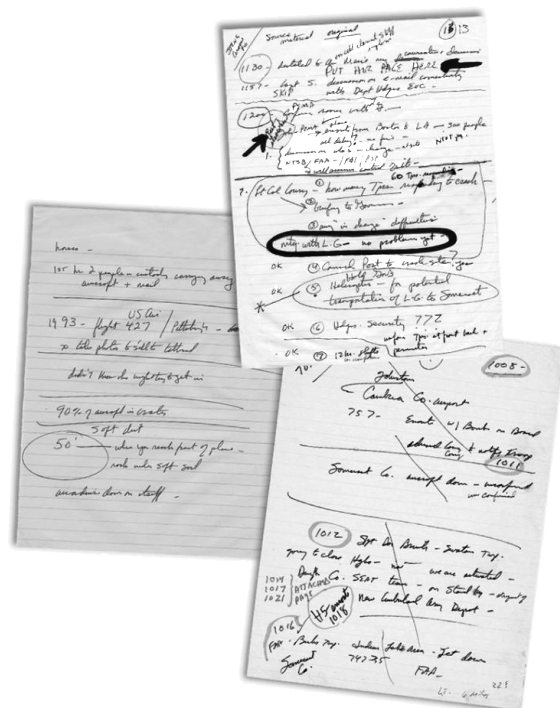
In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Pennsylvania State Archives and The State Museum of Pennsylvania (both bureaus of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission) premiered, “Witness to History: Col. Paul Evanko’s 9/11 Field Notes.” The exhibit also features a video commentary from former Commissioner Paul J. Evanko, which was provided by WITF Public Media, a contributing partner in the exhibit.

Colonel Evanko took more than 40 pages of notes as he was receiving and assessing information during the rapid unfolding of events and making minute-by-minute decisions to secure the crash site and protect Pennsylvanians. The field notes were sent to the State Archives in 2016, along with the after action report on the Department’s response to the Flight 93 crash; the State Police 2001 annual report; email correspondence and announcements; Flight 93 recordings, slideshows, and photograph albums; correspondence from the Department of the Interior (2011–14); and 9/11 and Flight 93 VHS videotapes.

“Witness to History” opened on Thursday, September 9, 2021, and will be on display through Sunday, January 2, 2022. Lieutenant Colonel Scott Price represented the Pennsylvania State Police with Colonel Evanko during the grand opening. The event was livestreamed on WITF’s YouTube channel and Facebook page.



Col. Paul J. Evanko with President George W. Bush at the Flight 93 crash site near Shanksville.



Three pages of Col. Paul Evanko’s field notes from September 11, 2001.

COMMISSIONER'S COLUMN



Colonel Ronald M. Sharpe served as the Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner from 1987 to 1991. To honor his legacy, West Chester University established the Colonel Ronald M. Sharpe Scholarship in 2017 to support minority students who pursue a degree in criminal justice. West Chester University's Department of Criminal Justice has been serving the criminal justice community since 1974. It is one of the first academic criminal justice programs on the east coast. Maya Pryor was the inaugural recipient of the scholarship in 2019, and West Chester University graduate, Amadou Barry, was named the 2021 recipient.

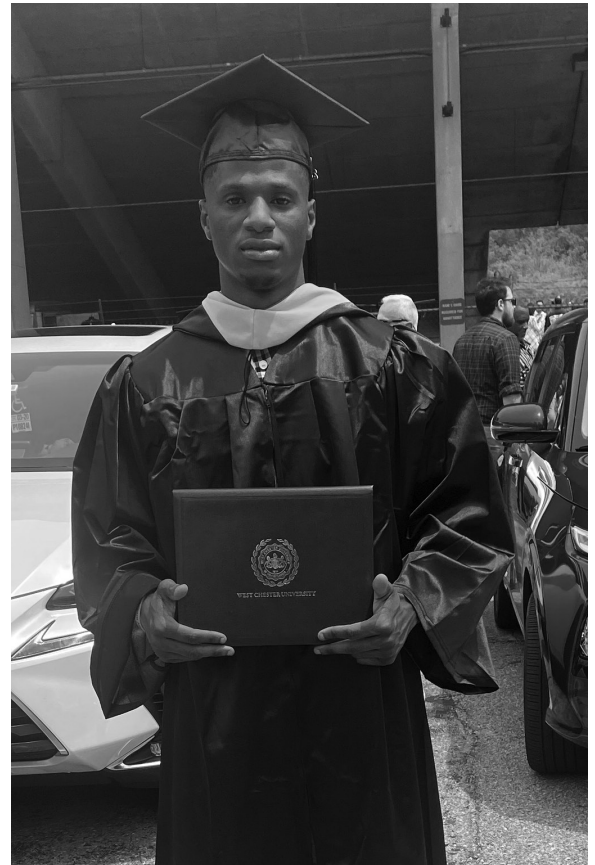
Amadou can remember being a child and listening to his grandfather recollect a history of service to the people of Guinea, Africa. A sense of pride and passion would fill the room with every story told from his grandfather's days as the Conakry Police Chief and the right-hand man to the president. His grandfather's stories and achievements are what inspired Amadou to pursue a career in criminal justice.

He believes law enforcement officers are figures in society who can make a difference. His ideal officer is personable and authentic in and out of the uniform and builds relationships with the community by exhibiting integrity, honesty, and hard work in all that they do.

Amadou uses those traits to describe Colonel Ronald M. Sharpe and the impact Colonel Sharpe had on the Pennsylvania State Police. As the first African American Police Commissioner, Colonel Sharpe is credited with making changes to promote racial equality and establishing narcotics detection canine teams. His reputation was one of honesty, integrity, vision, and innovation. He was also an ardent supporter of continuing education.

"I can relate to the ways in which he was able to fight against challenges," said Amadou. "I have faced many in my life and will continue to fight through them. That's what inspires me to be the best person I can be in my law enforcement profession, as I hope to help people and change the world for the better."

From being raised by his grandparents in Conakry where Amadou witnessed poverty and crime, to returning to the United States at the age of 5, Amadou has faced unique challenges. He overcame every barrier that was presented with the new language and culture and, earlier this year, he became the first in his family to graduate college. He spent this past summer working with the United States Marshals Service, New York-New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force.



*Amadou Barry, recipient of the 2021
Colonel Ronald M. Sharpe Memorial Scholarship*

Amadou was extremely grateful for the scholarship and the opportunities it has awarded him. He has been submitting applications for employment to various law enforcement agencies with the goal of one day becoming a state trooper. "You're not just impacting one area – you're constantly moving and working in different communities," said Amadou.

If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund, please visit <https://go.wcufoundation.org/donate/sharpe-scholar>.

The traits Amadou's grandfather instilled upon him are now being passed from Amadou to his younger brother. He is a true testament that achievement is gained through hard work.

Colonel Robert Evanchick

CHIEF COUNSEL'S COLUMN

By: Nolan B. Meeks
Deputy Chief Counsel



On June 28, 2021, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *Lombardo v. St. Louis*, 141 S.Ct. 2239, wherein the court remanded the case to the 8th U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals to determine whether, light of the *Kingsley* factors, the police officers had used excessive force when it placed an arrestee in a prone position for 15 minutes.

Here are the facts as described by the court:

On the afternoon of December 8, 2015, St. Louis police officers arrested Nicholas Gilbert for trespassing in a condemned building and not appearing in court for a traffic ticket. Officers transported him to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department's central station and placed him in a holding cell. At some point, an officer saw Gilbert tie a piece of clothing around the bars of his cell and put it around his neck, in an attempt to hang himself. Three officers responded and entered Gilbert's cell. One grabbed Gilbert's wrist to handcuff him, but Gilbert evaded the officer and began to struggle. The three officers brought Gilbert, who was 5'3" and 160 pounds, down to a kneeling position over a concrete bench in the cell and handcuffed his arms behind his back. Gilbert reared back, kicked the officers, and hit his head on the bench. After Gilbert kicked one of the officers in the groin, they requested leg shackles and additional officers to assist. While Gilbert continued to struggle, two officers shackled his legs together. Emergency medical services

personnel were summoned, and more officers responded. They relieved two of the original three officers, leaving six officers in the cell with Gilbert, who was now handcuffed and in leg irons. The officers moved Gilbert to a prone position, face down on the floor. Three officers held Gilbert's limbs down at the shoulders, biceps, and legs. At least one other placed pressure on Gilbert's back and torso. Gilbert tried to raise his chest, saying, "It hurts. Stop." After 15 minutes of struggling in this position, Gilbert's breathing became abnormal and he stopped moving. The officers rolled Gilbert onto his side and then his back to check for a pulse. Finding none, they performed chest compressions and delivered rescue breaths. An ambulance eventually transported Gilbert to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Mr. Gilbert's parents filed a civil lawsuit alleging that the officers used excessive force. The District Court granted a summary judgment in the police officers' favor, and the 8th Circuit affirmed that decision, holding that the officers did not apply unconstitutionally excessive force against Gilbert.

In reviewing an excessive force case, courts will apply the standard established in *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989): "whether the officers' actions are objectively reasonable in light of the facts and circumstances confronting them." This requires "careful attention to the facts and circumstances of each particular case." *Graham*. To assist the lower courts in making this determination, the Supreme Court developed the *Kingsley* factors, which included: (1) the relationship between the need for the use of force and the amount of force used; (2) the extent of the plaintiff's injury; (3) any effort made by the officer to temper or to limit the amount of force; (4) the severity of the security problem at issue;

(5) the threat reasonably perceived by the officer; (6) and whether the plaintiff was actively resisting.

In *Lombardo*, the Supreme Court found that the 8th Circuit did not review significant and relevant evidence when it decided that placing Gilbert in the prone position for 15 minutes was constitutional. The Supreme Court cited the fact that the officers placed pressure on Gilbert's back even though St. Louis instructs its officers that pressing down on the back of a prone subject can cause suffocation, and additional police guidance recommending that officers get a subject off his/her stomach as soon as he/she is handcuffed because of that risk as relevant evidence to review under the *Kingsley* factors. That evidence combined with the fact that Mr. Gilbert was handcuffed and shackled at the time is central to determining whether the officers' actions were objectively reasonable.

In summary, active resistance, alone, does not make the use of a prone restraint per se constitutional. Rather, as described above, courts will review the surrounding circumstances to determine whether the use and duration of the prone restraint was objectively reasonable, which requires a careful, context-specific analysis.

The Communicator

Items for submission and address changes may be sent to:

Diana M. Bates
Communications Office
Pennsylvania State Police
1800 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717) 783-5556
dbates@pa.gov

RETIREES' SCOOPS

By: *Sgt. (Ret.) Robert T. Swartwood*

Association News: The Association will be removing anyone who has not paid dues in two years from its membership. To avoid any disruption in service, please contact Secretary Marian Adams at once. Also, remember to email any address changes to the Association at PSPRetirees@outlook.com.

80th & 90⁺ Birthdays: George Barron, 92; James Patt, 90; and James Wenner, 94. Members turning 80 include William Barbour, Francis Damian, Albert Gable, George Gerhardt Jr., Barry White, John Wyant, and Gary Wyrick.



President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave a speech at the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Also shown are Gov. George Earle and Pvt. Harold Stansfield. (See Odds and Ends.)

A decision was made a few months ago to exclude anyone less than 90 years old from the birthday list due to spacing constraints. Based on feedback, future editions will also include those Association members celebrating their 80th milestone birthday. We would be remiss if we did not mention those who turned 80 since the list was restricted.

Turning 80 in August were William Allar, Larry Emigh, Bruce Gaston Sr., Thomas McConnell, William Schaeffer, Robert Sobol, William Spong Jr., and Stanley Sypeck.

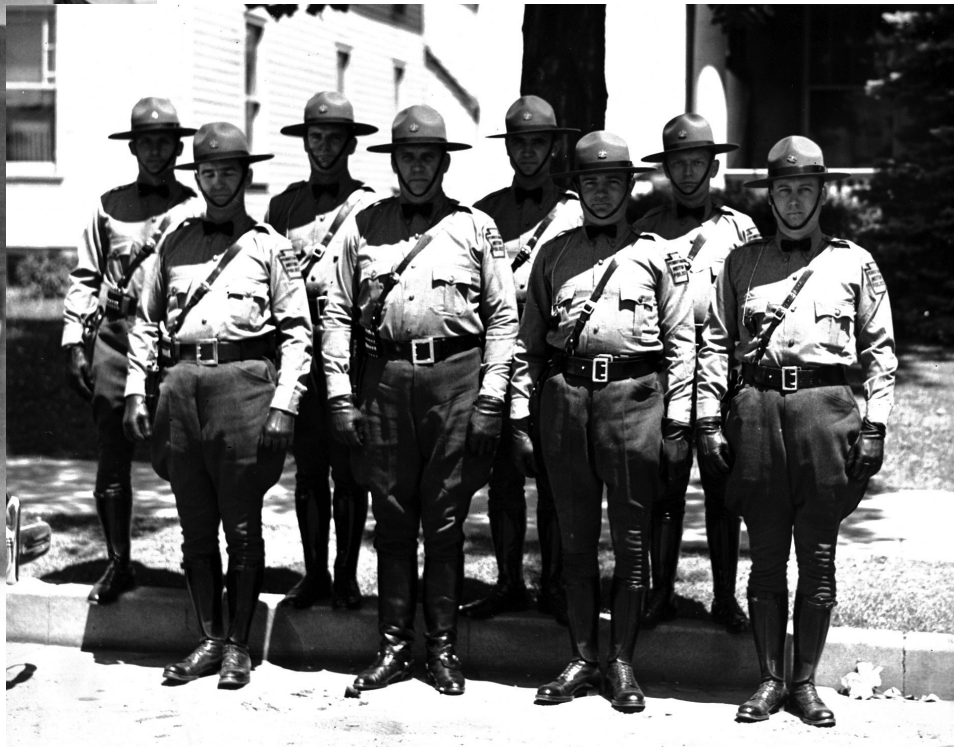
Turning 80 in July were John Crede, Andrew Kapral, Thomas Noble, Dennis Palaski, James Picard, Harold Renninger Jr., and Thomas Sivak.

And turning 80 in June were William Carter, John Dugan, Elias Grevera, Fred Klee,

Giles Lanager, Peter Marsico, Michael McHenry, and John C. Shenk.

60+ Anniversaries: Leonard Alansky (59-90) and Bernadine, 60th; Gus Alexiou (54-90) and Diana, 64th; Raymond Anderson (55-90) and June, 64th; Donald Bukewicz (61-89) and Joan, 60th; Joseph Feehrer Sr. (69-96) and Ruth Ann, 60th; Ward Kiser (68-93) and Connie, 63rd; Clifford Lightner (57-92) and Karen, 62nd; Robert Piavis (66-93) and Patricia, 61st; Dominick Serratore (70-95) and Alice, 61st; Harry Sickler (68-96) and Shirley, 62nd; and Charles Todd (56-85) and Shirley, 63rd.

Deaths: Cpl. (Ret.) William T. Chalfont, 82, of Peters Township, died on July 15, 2021. He was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and served with the Department from 1961-1979, last assigned to Troop C, Clarion. Cpl. Chalfont was also a corrections officer and criminology professor before fully retiring.



Members of the Motor Police Pistol Team during the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Shown, front row from L-R, are Cpl. Thomas Eshleman, Major Jacob Mauk, Sgt. Lewis Feloni, and Sgt. Thomas Jones, and back row from L-R, are Cpl. Walter Kunkle, Pvt. William Stile, Pvt. Clarence Snipas, and Pvt. Bruce Burtner. (See Odds and Ends on page 5.)

Cpl. (Ret.) Theodore S. Downs, 81, of Manheim Township, died on July 25, 2021. He enlisted in the PSP in 1963 and spent his entire 26-year career at Troop J, Lancaster. Cpl. Downs also owned several local businesses.

Lt. (Ret.) Charles J. Draus Sr., 88, of Laffin, died on July 2, 2021. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard and then enlisted in the Department in 1957. He was assigned to Troop P, Wyoming before retiring with 34 years of service.

Cpl. (Ret.) Ronald J. Franzone, 75, of Fredericksburg, died on October 24, 2019 (belated). He enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school, becoming a master instructor in the ordinance field. After serving in Vietnam, he joined the PSP in 1968 and spent 23 years at Troop L, Jonestown.

Lt. (Ret.) Michael A. Sabol, 93, of Chambersburg died on July 9, 2021. He joined the U.S. Army after high school and was deployed to Japan during the Allied Occupation after WWII. He enlisted in the Department in 1950 and reenlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves. Lt. Sabol served at Troop H, Chambersburg before retiring with 30 years of service.

Retired PCO Robert W. Thomas, 75, of Frackville, died on July 2, 2021. He started with the Department in 1989 and was working at Troop L, Frackville when he retired in 2008. PCO Thomas was a U.S. Air Force Veteran, a police officer, firefighter, assistant fire chief, and fire chief.

Tpr. (Ret.) Thomas J. Weible, 82, of Greensburg, died on July 14, 2021. Tpr. Weible enlisted in the State Police in 1969 and retired from Troop A, Greensburg in 1995. He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and offer condolences to: Col. (Ret.) Jeffrey B. Miller on the passing of his

Troop K retirees enjoyed their first breakfast gathering since the pandemic began in March 2020. Those who were able to attend the get-together in July at the Spring Ford Diner in Spring City had 324 combined years of service. Shown, from L-R, front-back, are: Richard Hood (68-93) and his wife (Mary Lou), Paul Miller (69-92), Theodore Zamorski (60-91), Carl Clemko (68-95), Albert DeStefano (61-93), Edward Goddard (56-89), Thomas Prokop (56-84), Frank Bason (62-90), Joseph Donnelly (71-98), Thomas Walsh (71-04), Rhea Levy-Fry (78-19), and M. Constance Wolkowicz (72-86).



father, Robert, 84, on June 30, 2021; Tpr. (Ret.) Mark J. Barsotti on the passing of his brother, Christopher, 51, on July 6, 2021; Tpr. (Ret.) Kathryn I. Fiffick on the passing of her mother, Dorothy Neville, 98, on June 30, 2021; Tpr. Christopher Keppel on the passing of his mother, Lucille, 74, on July 16, 2021 (his father Tpr. (Ret.) Richard Keppel died in 2007); Tpr. (Ret.) Michael W. Lowe on the passing of his mother, Maude, 76, on July 6, 2021; and Tpr. (Ret.) Rodney C. Snyder on the passing of his wife, Helen, 74, on June 25, 2021.

Odds and Ends: On July 1-5, 1938, approximately 2,000 Civil War Veterans gathered for the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. This was the third and final "Blue and Gray Reunion" as most of the remaining soldiers who had survived the epic battle were in their late 80s and early 90s. President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered a speech to more than 200,000 attendees during the dedication of the Eternal Light Peace Memorial. Members of the Motor Police Pistol Team, commanded by Major Jacob Mauk, served as the Presidential bodyguards, and Pvt.

Harold Stansfield also supplied security.



William Mazeroski (center) was the second baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1956-1972. He met Lt. Homer Redd (left) and Capt. Keith McCully (right) when he visited Troop B Headquarters in the early '70s. Mazeroski was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001 as a ten-time All-Star, eight-time Gold Glove Award recipient, and two-time World Series Champion with the most double plays (1,706) at second base in Major League Baseball history. Lt. Redd was promoted to Major in 1976 and died in 2014.

All retirees are invited to breakfast at Chuck Tanners Restaurant in New Castle on the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

- continued on page 7

180 DAYS = 25 YEARS OF PURPOSE, PRIDE, AND HONOR



August 6, 2021 was a day for the men and women of the 161st Cadet Class to celebrate their accomplishments and set the bar even higher as they became Pennsylvania State Troopers. Commissioner Robert Evanchick welcomed a limited number of family members and friends to bear witness as the Cadets received their badges and recited their oaths during an outdoor graduation ceremony at the State Police Academy.

Cadet Gregory S. Archulet spoke on behalf of his classmates, conveying their gratitude to their instructors for providing them with the proper tools and mindset to serve in a day and age where conflict lies around every corner. He also weighed the lifelong impact of the past 26 weeks of training.

“One hundred and eighty days... of being pushed beyond our limits... in exchange for 25 years of purpose, pride, and honor,” Cadet Archulet said.

Six Cadets excelled in various areas of their training and received significant achievement awards. Corey J. Gilroy received the American Legion Award for having the most outstanding all-around qualifications. Lucious F.

Fludd achieved the Colonel Ronald M. Sharpe Award for leadership qualities. Linton J. Benitez accepted the Colonel John K. Schafer Award for physical fitness. Justin C. Funk earned the Commissioner Daniel F. Dunn Award for academic achievement. Justin A. Dibert obtained the Colonel Paul J. Chylak Award for driver safety. David A. DeMaria attained the Sergeant Charles B. Gesford Award for firearms skill.

Colonel Evanchick assured the graduating class that, although they may not single handedly solve the opioid crisis in Pennsylvania or decrease violent crimes nationwide, they will make a difference in many lives and have a positive impact on the communities they serve.

Major George Bivens, Director of the Bureau of Training and Education, oversees all Cadet training and sent the graduates into the field with a final piece of advice: “You need to truly understand and respect the power you were granted with this position and vow never to abuse it. You need to have empathy and sympathy as you will see people at their worst. You need to have honor and integrity as you will

be expected to do the right thing, even when no one is there. You need to have strength and courage as you will be at the forefront of incidents that you have only imagined. You must be mature and professional in difficult situations, even when others are not. And most importantly, you need to make good decisions at all times, doing the right things for the right reasons.

Commanders throughout the state welcomed the members of the 161st Cadet Class into the following Troops:

Troop B – Timothy D. Betschart, Brooklyn N. DiLello, Natalie M. Else, Nathan A. Homyak, Adam J. Mitcheson, Danielle L. Noble, Brody M. Patrick, Adrian P. Ryan, Tristan D. Sabbatini, Kyle M. Winder, and Justin M. Yeckley.

Troop C – Austin J. Burney, Sean M. Floor, Brandon T. Johnston, Kyle J. Lindey, Dominic N. Marini, Ian A. Ostrowski, Michael S. Stutsman, Jason M. Sypolt, David P. Ulicne Jr., Bradley L. Walters, and Kyle M. Warren.

Troop E – Dane R. Smith and Brian P. Davies Jr.

Troop F – Taylor N. Arnold, David P. Batkowski, Ty W. Haines, Carlee R. Hidinger, Remington J. Miller, Ryan P. Murray, Richard T. Obermeyer, Rocky J. Owens, and Dylan S. Tamecki.

Troop G – Daniel J. Kurtzman and Spencer Luciano.

Troop H – Gregory S. Archulet, Alexander A. Azambuja, Brayden P. Litton, Bryce McCorkel, Mitchell J. Merritts, Sage M. Moist, Jesse R. Picklo, John N. Thomas, and Tyler A. Zilen.

Troop J – Linton J. Benitez, Oscar E. Bernard, Steven F. Cestare, Andrew T. Costello, Justin A. Dibert, Nicholas D. Ferra, Ryan P. Hoover, Christopher D. Jay, Adam L. McLaughlin, Salvador L. Melo, William C. Sadow III, Todd A. Wagner Jr., John J. Wendling, and Zachary L. Young.

Troop K – Erica N. Boadi, Joseph E. D’Arcangelo, David A. DeMaria,

Lucious F. Fludd, Fletcher R. Grady, Nathan T. Hoenl, Vladyslav Horishnyy, Molly D. Italiano, Patrick J. Jennings, Lucas Z. Kiernan, Nikolas A. Lattanzio, David R. Levy, Jonathan G. Loesch, Teena M. Murray, and Branden T. Sisca.

Troop L – Nathaniel C. Edmonds, Justin C. Funk, Charles J. McFeeley Jr., Brett McMullin, and Stephen A. Smulley.

Troop N – Zachary E. Barrett, Corey J. Gilroy, Ryan D. Hari, Bryan A. Kolodziej, Elvis Saracinaj, Kenneth J. Snerr Jr., Jesse A. Strausberger, and Scott J. Walck.

Troop P – Lloyd J. Deno, Gabriel T. Gigliotti, Jason M. Goss, Brian H. Hardiman Jr., and Austin S. Slagle.

CONGRATULATIONS 161!

9/11

- continued from cover page

The State Museum of Pennsylvania is located at 300 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120, and is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.StateMuseumPA.org.

Ahead of the exhibit and 20th anniversary of the terror attacks, the Pennsylvania State Police Communications Department sat down with Commissioner Evanko. The interview was shared on the Pennsylvania State Police Facebook and Twitter pages @PAStatePolice. Members of the Pennsylvania State Police also participated in the 20th observance of September 11 and will be featured in the November edition.

Editor’s Note: Colonel Paul J. Evanko enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police in 1970 and was appointed Commissioner in 1995. He led the Department for eight years, retiring in 2003. His father, George J. Evanko, enlisted in the State Police in 1938 and retired as a Lieutenant after 37 years of service; he passed away in 2006 at the age of 90.

The published photos are credited to the Pennsylvania State Archives, RG-30.83: Colonel Paul Evanko Collection.

SCOOPS

- continued from page 5

The 9/11 “Let’s Roll” Motorcycle Ride is taking place on Saturday, October 16, 2021. Staging begins at 9:00 a.m., and the ride leaves the Academy at 11:00 a.m. The PSP-HEMC encourages pre-registration by October 1 at www.psp-hemc.org or by calling (717) 534-0565. The rain date is the following day, same time.

Column Contributors: Jeff Miller, Jerry Henneman, Andrew Kornova, Jim Hazen, Gregory Langston, Paul Martin, Ron Ickes, Bruce Gaston, and the PSP-HEMC.

RETIREEES SCOOPS

If you have the scoops on a retiree or information that may be of interest to retired members, please contact

Sgt. (Ret.) Robert Swartwood
965 Village Road
Lancaster, PA 17602
(717) 587-2160

robertswartwood@comcast.net

Please email any address changes to the Association at
PSPRetirees@outlook.com

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Sgt. John M. Makary Memorial Scholarship Committee has selected

Marisa Kelly
as the 2021 award recipient
~ and ~
Colton Chodkowski
as the 2021 runner-up.



Marisa is the daughter of Tpr. (Ret.) Stephen P. Kelly (1990-2015) and is attending Misericordia University to pursue a career in nursing. Colton is the son of a Corporal assigned to Troop D and will be attending Butler County Community College.

The committee would like to thank all those who applied for the 2021 scholarship. The decision is never easy as each applicant showed true depth of character and a commitment to physical fitness and education.

MILEPOSTS

SERVICE AWARDS

35 Years

CW1 Richard A. Clapper Jr.
EO3 Harry B. Royer

30 Years

Tpr. Gerald Gustas Jr.
Capt. Joseph F. Sokolofski
PCO Sonia E. Willis-Adams (09/2020)

25 Years

Cpl. Matthew C. Barrett
C2 Harvey L. Braddy
CT2 Antoinette J. Facenda
CT2 Ann M. Hoyle
Capt. Brian J. Ianuzzi
PCO Michael T. Jordan
DFE2 Denise A. Little
CT2 Barbara L. Raybuck
PCO Juliann Sutton
Tpr. Michael J. Todaro
PCO Nathan J. Tucker

20 Years

Tpr. Javier E. Adames
Cpl. Timothy C. Butler
Sgt. Bradford J. Codd
Tpr. Jeffery S. Creedon
Sgt. Mark Dean
C3 Thomas J. Dietsche
RS Robert E. Dowell
Cpl. Michael R. Elder
Tpr. Joseph M. Harper
Lt. Bryan R. Henneman
Tpr. Justin L. Hope
Tpr. Steven E. Johnson
Capt. Christopher Jones
Tpr. Paul A. Jordan
Tpr. Erin K. Kingsley
Tpr. Richard Q. Lewis
Tpr. Robert J. Malinowski
FS2 Jennifer D. Marchand (09/2020)
Lt. Cara J. McCree
FSS Bradley S. McLaughlin
Tpr. Raymond M. Miller
Cpl. Jason P. Pelotte

Tpr. William R. Pierce Jr.
Cpl. John D. Powis
Tpr. Charles V. Pravlik
Tpr. Scott S. Prushinski
Lt. Gregory J. Raybuck
Lt. James A. Reinard
Cpl. Christopher J. Robbins
Tpr. Chadwick S. Roberts
Cpl. Brian J. Silliman
Sgt. Chris A. Stafford Jr.
CT3 Robin D. Stanley
CT3 Lorraine M. Stefanoski
Cpl. Thomas M. Stock
Tpr. Donald A. Szarmach
Tpr. Kevin S. Vresh
Tpr. Robert D. Wessner Jr.
Tpr. Ryan T. Williamson
Tpr. Thomas C. Wool
Tpr. Christopher J. Zavatski

15 Years

Cpl. Brandon B. Allis
Tpr. Jean M. Altomari
Tpr. Erik J. Barlett
Sgt. Adam J. Burk
Tpr. Nicholas R. DeSantis
Cpl. Cory L. Despot
AO1 Jourdan A. Diem
Cpl. Anthony Doblovasky
MCEO Renee R. Downey
Cpl. Gregory J. Emiliani
Tpr. Gary J. Fedorczyk
Cpl. Michael C. Grim
PCO Erica J. Hampton
Cpl. Troy F. Hendershot
FDNAS2 Beth A. Holsopple
MS Daryl G. Houser
Tpr. Brian K. Hrycyszyn
Tpr. Jeffrey A. Hummel (03/2020)
Tpr. Scott J. Kemerer
Cpl. Joshua J. Kendrick
Cpl. Adam S. Kirk
Tpr. Justin M. LaNeve
Cpl. Justin M. LeMaire
Tpr. Michael A. Levinsky
Cpl. Justin A. Long
Tpr. Roger J. Maguire Jr.
Cpl. Frank S. Malek III
Cpl. Donald Marsh

Tpr. Scott E. Masci
Cpl. Michael R. Perillo
Cpl. Stephen E. Peterson Jr.
PCO Erika N. Quiles
Tpr. Nelson D. Renno
Tpr. George D. Ross
PCO Kimberly M. Schultz
Lt. Brian J. Schutter
Tpr. Jason E. Siegel
Lt. Michael A. Stoner
Cpl. Luke A. Straniere
AO4 Thomas J. Teprovich
IAS Jessi E. Tingle
Tpr. Lindsey H. Trace
Tpr. Scott A. Urban Sr.
PCO Louis N. Weizer
CT2 Richard N. Williams

10 Years

PCO James E. Birgfeld
PCO Kathryn O. Fisher
PCO Peter A. Heiman
PTES Craig L. Hevalow
CT2 Renee L. James
LA2 Sondra L. Keller
Tpr. Joshua Knepp
Tpr. Jonathan P. Mackensen
PCO Rachael N. Orlosky Otto
PCO Amanda E. O'Shea
PCO Dane W. Reighter
PCO Kristi N. Rosano
CT2 Lesa L. Schmalstieg
PCO Jolene M. Scott
FSS Kristen-Victoria Staines
PCO Scott A. Sweger
CW1 Hershey Walton
Cpl. Kory A. Wardrop (09/2020)

5 Years

LEO Marcus J. Angello
LEO Jarrett R. Barnes
Cpl. Michael A. Bean (03/2020)
FT Ashley C. Bemis
LEO Joshua A. Blaker
Tpr. Michael T. Blase (08/2019)
EO3 Glenn Bove
Tpr. Matthew D. Cunningham
Tpr. David P. Cushner (03/2020)

MILEPOSTS

LEO Andrew P. Delaney
Tpr. Matthew Dillon
Tpr. Ted A. Dillon
CS1 Christine M. Durso
Cpl. Ryan J. Farrell (08/2019)
Tpr. Brian G. Fulkman
FS2 Alexandria M. Gambone
Tpr. Gabriel T. Gigliotti
CT2 Joan A. Helverson
CT2 Chasity F. Hess
Cpl. Jordan R. Hoffman (03/2020)
Tpr. Marshall J. Hummel (08/2019)
Tpr. Jessica L. Imbriaco (03/2020)
Tpr. Michael J. Kaminskas III (08/2019)
LEO Eric M. Kaseler
Tpr. Ian P. Keck (08/2019)
Tpr. Matthew J. Kenning (03/2020)
LEO Samuel J. Klinger
Tpr. Keith D. Lear (03/2020)
Tpr. David J. Lebron (08/2019)
Tpr. Robert C. Markowski Jr. (08/2019)
FT Daniel P. McDermott
Tpr. Benjamin T. Mennig (03/2020)
CT2 Jaci L. Metzger
LEO Anthony A. Moody
Tpr. Michael Murtha
PCO Jody Reinard
Cpl. Christopher M. Rooney (08/2019)
Cpl. William A. Sanger (08/2019)
Tpr. Scott M. Shipman
Tpr. Robert M. Smith
PCO Katrina M. Spiece
Tpr. Michael A. Stramara (08/2019)
LEO Samira A. Strand
Tpr. Rusty A. Surrena
C2 Miranda N. Williams
Tpr. Brent Wolfe
Tpr. Justin M. Yeckley
LEO Taylor S. Young
LEO Christina J. Zubrickas

NEW CIVILIANS

IA2 Wendy L. Alkinburgh, BCI
CT2 Kristin L. Christina, Troop A
PCO Kenneth J. Cramer, Troop L
PCO Alex S. Gudalis, Troop B
PCO Patrel L. Hart, Troop J
C2 Becky S. Hershberger, BSS
AM Francis E. Huff, Troop E

LA2 Zachary V. Madenfort, R&I
LA2 Alexander N. Masonis, R&I
CT2 Teresa J. Psolka, Troop P
PCO Jessica L. Swabowicz, Troop N
PCO Samantha L. Turtzo, Troop H

CIVILIAN PROMOTIONS

C2 Starr M. Hodge, R&I
C3 Vickie Soule, R&I

RETIREMENTS

Cpl. Craig A. Ammons
11/04/1996 - 07/23/2021
Sgt. Leigh A. Barrows
04/22/1996 - 07/09/2021
Tpr. Mark A. Benson
11/04/1996 - 07/09/2021
Tpr. Chad M. Berstler
09/11/2000 - 07/09/2021
Tpr. Daniel T. Chavis
02/23/1998 - 07/09/2021
LA2 Shaheema L. Duncan
07/09/2001 - 07/23/2021
PPT Takitta A. Eden-Freeman
01/23/2012 - 07/09/2021
Cpl. Patrick J. Finn
11/07/1994 - 07/09/2021
CW2 Angelita C. Flores
08/27/2001 - 07/23/2021
CWS Sterling C. Green Jr.
08/06/2001 - 07/09/2021
Tpr. Franklin M. Hershey Jr.
09/11/2000 - 07/09/2021
LA2 Robin D. Hogentogler
11/10/2003 - 07/23/2021
Tpr. Richard Q. Lewis
10/01/2001 - 07/23/2021
CT2 Bernadette M. Miller
12/20/2010 - 07/14/2021
PCO Shari L. Necciai
02/13/2000 - 07/23/2021
Tpr. Craig M. Needham
03/12/2001 - 07/23/2021
CT3 Theresa M. Rowles
01/16/2003 - 07/23/2021
PCO Philip P. Scavo
03/09/1998 - 07/09/2021

Tpr. William R. Snyder III
11/04/1996 - 07/23/2021
Tpr. Duane A. Spangler
09/07/1999 - 07/23/2021
EO3 Frank S. Spera
10/19/1998 - 07/23/2021
Cpl. John A. Vachino
11/04/1996 - 07/23/2021
C3 Jannette Wright
09/28/1989 - 07/09/2021

BIRTHS

BGE:

Tpr. Scott Bell, daughter

TROOP A

PCO Sara Moeller, daughter

TROOP B:

Tpr. Ty Bell, daughter
Tpr. Kendra Folsbee, son

TROOP D:

Tpr. Clayton Lehmeier, daughter

TROOP J:

Tpr. Paul Fantasia, son
MR1 Joshua Mease, son

TROOP K:

Tpr. Derek Rumsey, son

TROOP M:

Cpl. Salvatore Alaimo, daughter

WEDDINGS

EXEC:

Tpr. Noah Bungard and
Amanda (Snyder)

R&I:

C3 Amanda (Snyder) and
Tpr. Noah Bungard

TROOP B:

Tpr. Terrance Crowley and
Janet (Gilbert)

HEADQUARTERS

EXEC



Grace Griffaton, Emmy award-winning journalist, joined the Department as the new PSP Communications Director.

BCIS



Tpr. Tabitha Carpenzano (right) ran more than 23 miles in two days as a relief runner for the 2021 Pennsylvania Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. Peters Township Patrol Officer Mallory Jarzynka (left) also took part in the event.

BESO

CANINE:

Tpr. Jason Young and K9 Beny and Tpr. Peter Burghart and K9 Evan conducted cash scans, yielding a combined seizure of more than \$288,000.

Narcotics detection canine teams scanned suspicious parcels, resulting in the seizures of 46 grams of heroin/fentanyl; more than 4 kilos of meth; 6 kilos of cocaine; and 35 pounds of marijuana.



Tpr. Peter Burghart and K9 Evan (left) assisted Tpr. Roman Zabolotnyy of Troop M, Trevose (right) with an exterior vehicle search, resulting in the seizure of 88 pounds of marijuana and \$15,000. (Also shown is Tpr. Antonio Stauffer.) Canine teams also assisted with other traffic stops in July, resulting in a combined seizure of more than 600 grams of fentanyl, 10 kilos of heroin/fentanyl, 2,310 packets of heroin, 753 grams of brown heroin, more than 17 pounds of meth, 89 pounds of marijuana, THC vape pen cartridges and edibles, pills, paraphernalia, \$43,239, a .45-cal. handgun, and a magazine containing 9-mm rounds.

Canine teams assisted with residential search warrants, resulting in the seizures of 3 grams each of fentanyl and heroin/fentanyl, 74 grams of meth, more than 38 grams of cocaine, 81 grams of crack, 28 grams of marijuana, pills, paraphernalia, \$4,800, and three handguns.

Self-initiated traffic stops resulted in the following seizures: Tpr. Jonathan Casey and K9 Senna – more than 100 fentanyl pills and \$15,000; and Tpr. Christopher Isbitski – a loaded pistol from a felon with a history of drug and firearm convictions.

Tpr. Peter Burghart and K9 Evan aided BCI, locating 34 kilos of heroin/fentanyl inside a metal transformer box at a storage facility.

Tpr. Ryan Trego and K9 Lorax conducted a demonstration for more than 100 children at a summer camp in Delaware County.

Employees of a trucking company called 911 after a co-worker made suicidal statements while driving a rig on I-81. Tpr. Thomas Powell (Troop L, Frackville) found the tractor on the side of an exit ramp and summoned Tpr. Daniel Reed and K9 Edo to help search for the man. K9 Edo led Tpr. Reed straight to the man. He had fallen out of a tree and sustained scrapes and open wounds. He also admitted to ingesting two bottles of Tylenol and multiple muscle relaxers.

AVIATION:



Tpr. (Ret.) Dennis Hoak (right) served as a PSP helicopter pilot from 1967-1992. He recently stopped by APU-6 in Franklin with Todd Hoak (left) and met Cpl. James Pecori (center right) and Tpr. Cody Spangler (center left), who showed them the modernized equipment in the Department's aviation assets.

R&I



Tpr. Kevin Fink retired in April with 26 years of service.

Authorities apprehended five fugitives in 12 days due to the dedication of LA2 Courtney Snook.

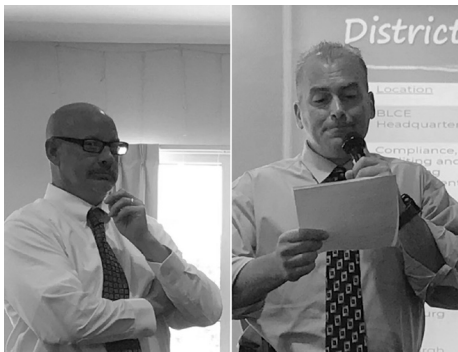
The ATF arrested a man who was attempting to purchase eight guns after LA2s Brandie Perkins and Kathy Whitcomb determined his ID was fake and contained the name and birth date of a dead person.

The Firearms Division assisted with two investigations, which resulted in three arrests and 37 firearms being seized in a Montgomery County gun-trafficking ring; as well as five arrests and 60 firearms being seized in a meth trafficking ring.

BLCE



EO3 Richard Hackenberg received a 20-year Service Award.



EO3 Douglas Keys (left) and Sgt. William Stuckey (right), of the Erie DEO, gave a presentation on Small Games of Chance at the DuBois Country Club.

BOP



CT2 Tanya Toulumes received a 25-year Service Award.

TROOPS

TROOP A

GREENSBURG:



Tpr. Stephen Limani (left) greeted a local congregation that stopped by the station with a catered lunch.

EBENSBURG:

Tprs. Christopher Eckenrode and Matthew Montag were dispatched to a tobacco store after a burglar alarm was activated and discovered someone had forced entry and fled with stolen lottery tickets. Tpr. Montag identified a suspect as they were canvassing the area and conducting interviews. They found the man at a hotel and recovered the stolen tickets, as well as paraphernalia.

INDIANA:

Tpr. Joshua Nagle arrived at a mobile home where a man was firing a shotgun at his drug-induced hallucinations. Three other occupants ran to safety after additional Troopers surrounded the trailer. The man was under the influence of meth and eventually taken into custody.

Cpl. Ryan Shrift and Tpr. Steven Barnosky arrived at a domestic as the suicidal suspect was exiting the residence with a rifle in his hands. They took him into custody and transported him to the hospital for a mental health evaluation. Tpr. John Williams charged the man accordingly.

KISKI VALLEY:

A man broke into a home around 4:00 a.m. and tried to assault the two occupants with a knife, but they fled the house and called 911. Tprs. Stephen Rowe and Joseph Volpe found the suspect inside a vehicle in the driveway. He exited the vehicle and was Tasered after he refused to drop the knife. He suffered a serious wound from the blade as he fell to the ground. Members packed the wound and applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. He was jailed upon release from the hospital.

SOMERSET:

An SCI Somerset guard turned in his keys and said he intended to jump off a bridge. As members were checking the notably high bridges, a passing motorist saw a distraught man on another bridge. Troopers arrived as he was pacing back and forth, distraught and threatening to jump. Tpr. Byron Margosiak diverted the man's attention while Tpr. Cody Stoliker was able to approach and deploy his Taser. The man was taken to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

TROOP B

WASHINGTON:



Team PSP (Pittsburgh and Washington members) won the inaugural Officer Dale Provins Jr. Memorial Softball Tournament. Tpr. Matthew Goodall (shown) was MVP.

TROOPS



PCO Shari Necciai
retired with 20 years
of service.

A motorist was traveling at a high rate of speed when he rear-ended another vehicle on I-70. His vehicle rolled several times and hit an abutment before it went over the side of the Yough River Bridge and plummeted at least 50 feet. The victim's vehicle also rolled, ejecting and seriously injuring the 21-year-old passenger. Responders used a rope system to rescue the at-fault driver while firefighters extricated the other motorist with the Jaws of Life. All three occupants were airlifted to the hospital with serious injuries. Tpr. Ted Dillon investigated.

Tpr. Austin Weaver conducted a traffic stop and found the driver in possession of marijuana and \$40-\$50,000.

UNIONTOWN:

Tprs. Patrick Martin and Michael Reese were responding to a burglary in progress and encountered the suspect in a Chevrolet box van. The man refused to speak except to deny that he had a gun when they confronted him about an empty pistol holder in plain view. Before they attempted to remove him from the van, he accidentally shot himself in the leg with a .45-cal. concealed pistol. They immediately applied a tourniquet and provided first aid. He had two felony warrants and was jailed upon release from the hospital.

WAYNESBURG:

Tprs. Gregory Gutta and Samuel Patton met two of the finest and youngest local business entrepreneurs and took time to support their fundraising endeavor.

A motorist was stopped for speeding over a local bridge and left his vehicle in a parking lot after Tpr. Tanner Barnhart determined he was DUI. The man retrieved his vehicle the next day and was stopped by Cpl. John Pash when he sped across the same bridge.



TROOP C

PUNXSUTAWNEY:



Tpr. Craig Needham
retired with 20 years
of service.

CLARION:

A motorist was taken into custody after he fled from Tprs. Jacob Beers and Dylan Jarrett and lost control of his vehicle while trying to enter I-80. The man was DUI and in possession of paraphernalia.

CLEARFIELD:

Tpr. Christopher Wilson stopped a vehicle on I-80 and found both occupants in possession of drugs and paraphernalia.

A woman was under the influence of drugs when she entered an occupied residence by pushing an air conditioner through a window. Tpr. Brandon Haney took her into custody and found her in possession of marijuana.

A man sent his estranged wife text messages in the middle of the night and was arrested by Tpr. Brandon Haney for violating a PFA order.

Tpr. Jonathan Uren was assigned to control traffic on I-80 following a crash. He positioned his patrol unit on the shoulder and activated his emergency lights to alert and slow motorists. As the backlog extended to his location, he began to drive in reverse on the berm. A tractor-trailer failed to slow for the congestion and struck a tanker-trailer, sending it into the patrol unit. The at-fault driver then fled the scene. Thankfully, Tpr. Uren was uninjured. Cpl. Theodore Race is investigating.

DUBOIS:

Members responded to a residence where a man was threatening to shoot himself. PCO Domenic Bontempo was able to make phone contact and convince him to surrender. The man was taken to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

RIDGWAY:

Shortly after Tpr. Brandon Morris arrived at a residence for an overdose, the victim became unresponsive. A sternum rub had no effect, but Tpr. Morris was able to revive the man with two doses of naloxone.

TROOP D

BUTLER:

Tpr. Bertha Cazy found a stray dog walking on a roadway and figured out who it belonged to. She took the canine home and discovered three children (ages 8, 6, and 3) without adult supervision. Their mother eventually returned and claimed to have been shopping. Tpr. Cazy determined she was under the influence of drugs and escorted her to jail. CYS took custody of the children.

A man suffered a significant injury while working on his vehicle and asked his wife to rush him to the hospital. She flagged down Tpr. David Wellington while en route to the hospital. He applied a tourniquet and requested EMTs. Members escorted the ambulance to the hospital.

KITTANNING:

A 6-year-old child knocked on her neighbor's door and said she and her 4-year-old sister were home alone. Their mother returned just before Troopers arrived and struck the neighbor with her purse for calling the police. They discovered the woman had left to buy drugs and found her in possession of meth and paraphernalia.

NEW CASTLE:

Tpr. Andrew Ungerman stopped a vehicle and determined the driver was under the influence. He also found both occupants in possession of heroin and



Chalk drawings and encouraging notes filled the sidewalk in front of Troop E, Erie as young men and women expressed their support for Troopers. All those who participated in Chalk the Walk were treated to PSP mementos and ice cream, including Kayla Gocal (left) and Sydney Dietz (daughter of Sgt. Robert Dietz of Troop E, Kittanning).

crack. The driver refused a blood draw and was processed and released. About seven hours later, Tprs. Timothy Martin and Brett Santarelli stopped a vehicle and arrested the same driver for DUI.

Cpl. Jason Domenick and Tpr. Robert Cox responded to a residence where the new owner found a skull in a box. After Mercyhurst University Doctor Dennis Dirkmaat determined it was human, the previous homeowner related that his father was an amateur archeologist and collected Native American artifacts. The family had recently donated the collection to a university and inadvertently left the skull behind.

TROOP E

ERIE:

A couple went to their son's house when he did not show up at a child custody hearing. As soon as they opened the front door, they were overcome by heat and smoke. Firefighters extinguished flames in the basement and first floor and found three bodies with gunshot wounds. Tpr. Nicholas Stolar determined the homeowner had shot and killed his 13-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son and started the fires before killing himself. Multiple

members helped with the investigation.

Members responded to a residence after receiving a tip on a large amount of drugs. They located one-and-a-half pounds of marijuana, a baggie of Psilocybin mushrooms, three syringes of THC/CBD oils, paraphernalia, more than \$1,600, and two cell phones. The 34-year-old resident admitted to dealing marijuana and was charged by Tpr. John Stutz.

A man drove to his ex-girlfriend's house and asked her to come outside. As she approached his truck, he forced her toward the passenger side. She tried to get away from him, but he pushed her inside and quickly hopped into the driver's seat. He kept a tight hold on her and put her into a headlock to prevent her from escaping. He also threatened to crash the truck with the intent of killing them both. He then drove off with her in the vehicle and eventually stopped at a gas station. He took her inside to buy a soda, and she was able to discreetly inform two teenagers that she was in trouble. They notified the fire chief, who happened to be in the store, but the man took the woman and fled in the vehicle. Tpr. Corey Tomko apprehended the man with the aid of Cpl. Kent Loucks and Tpr. Sly Revitsky. Bail was denied.

CORRY:

A driver refused to pull over after Tpr. Corey Schwab clocked the vehicle traveling 70 mph in a 45-mph zone. The man was arrested after he tried to maneuver through a field. He had a suspended license and an arrest warrant.

FRANKLIN:

A woman, who has a history of mental health problems, called 911 and said she needed help but then hung up. Tprs. Andrew Harriger and Jason Siegel found her house on fire and had to physically secure her in a vehicle until EMS arrived. She had four lighters in her possession and had tried to ignite the siding four times before she was successful. She was transported to the hospital for a mental health commitment.

A woman arrived at the hospital with severe facial injuries from her boyfriend striking her repeatedly. He also choked her until she passed out. Tpr. Frank Grzasko investigated and collaborated with the man's family to find him. After learning the man snuck home in the middle of the night, all station members proceeded to his residence. When he spotted them arriving, he ran toward the woods; however, a perimeter was already established. He was taken into custody after a short chase, and bail was denied. His girlfriend will require multiple surgeries and procedures to repair the damage to her face and teeth.

A highly intoxicated motorist crashed into telephone poles, causing extensive damage and injury to the female passenger. While she was being transported to the hospital, the driver became agitated and refused to provide his license. The man then approached Tpr. Shawn Owens in an aggressive manner and was taken to the ground. He resisted being handcuffed, would not walk to the patrol unit, and tried to

kick members after they carried him and placed him into a cruiser. He then headbutted Tpr. Owens before he was secured for transport. Tpr. Andrew Harriger filed a slew of charges against the man.

While arguing with his stepmother over property, a man brandished a firearm and fired a shot toward a nearby field. He discharged the weapon several more times when his sister confronted him about his actions. The women went into a camper to get his father and were assaulted when they came back outside. He punched his sister in the head, pushed both women to the ground, and then stomped on his stepmother's back. He fled on foot with the firearm into the woods; however, Tpr. Todd Bingham spotted him in the passenger seat of his father's vehicle, took him into custody, and recovered two firearms.

GIRARD:

After crashing into another vehicle, a man stole the victim's cell phone and ran into the woods. As members were responding, a nearby homeowner discovered her vehicle had been stolen from her driveway. Tpr. Andrew Lewis identified the suspect, obtained a warrant for the man's arrest, and recovered the stolen vehicle from a gas station several hours later.

Tpr. Adam Andreas investigated the theft of a firearm and charged two people, including a 16-year-old boy who refused to make a statement and was subsequently committed to a juvenile detention center.

Tprs. Thomas Ford and Jonathan Roberts were dispatched to a residence after a man sent a suicidal text message and turned off his phone. Although he was not there when they arrived, they found paraphernalia, a gun case holding ammunition, and a suicide note. They listed the man as missing and endangered, and he was sighted

on Route 18 later that afternoon. He was eventually found and was pacing between the road and a dumpster near a restaurant. He was charged with carrying two concealed firearms without a permit.

MEADVILLE:

Tprs. Bradley Romancik and Raymond Swidorsky spotted a man with a suspended license driving a Dodge Charger. They watched the suspect pull into the drive-thru at Dunkin Donuts and switch seats with the passenger. They also spotted a large amount of cash and packaging material, as well as drugs during the subsequent traffic stop. They suspected the occupants were concealing additional drugs and conducted a more thorough search at the station. Members seized 22.8 grams of fentanyl, 11.5 grams of meth, 35.3 grams of crack, assorted pills, 4 bottles of methadone, 4 cell phones, paraphernalia, \$3,600, and two food stamp cards. The woman admitted to selling drugs in exchange for food stamps. Tprs. Nicole Ludwig and Brandon Peterson assisted.

A 78-year-old woman saw four people on a vacant property across the street from her home and yelled at them to leave. The family tried to tell her that they had recently purchased the land, but the woman refused to listen and went inside her house. They returned to their newly acquired property, and two gunshots rang out a few minutes later. Tpr. Richard Rubano charged the elderly woman with terroristic threats and reckless endangerment.

A motorist blew through a stop sign at 2:30 a.m. and then fled from Cpl. Kyle Callahan at a high rate of speed. The vehicle came to an abrupt stop about four miles into the pursuit, and both occupants took off running. He found the driver hiding in a hayfield and deployed his Taser when the 20-year-old man refused to show his

hands. The actor was taken into custody and registered a BAC of 0.183 percent.

As members were searching for a vehicle that had just been stolen from a residence, Tprs. Michael Brenot and Jeffrey Slater found it speeding nearby. Cpl. Kyle Callahan and Tprs. Adam Gadsby and Nicholas Toscano joined the pursuit, but the driver evaded them on a dirt road. The man was identified and was suspected of committing several similar thefts that weekend. He was also wanted for stealing a vehicle in Washington County and is known for carrying a firearm at all times. Warrants were obtained for his arrest.

WARREN:

A caller reported an intoxicated motorist with two small children in a vehicle. Tpr. Joshua Tassone located the woman and detected an odor of alcohol on the woman and her breath. She failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DUI and child endangerment. Her 15- and 5-year-old children were released to their grandmother's custody.

Cpl. Mark Van Volkenburg pursued a vehicle into New York after he clocked it traveling 32 mph over the 45-mph posted limit. Shortly after Cpl. Van Volkenburg obtained the registration, the man drove into a field and the pursuit was terminated. The NYSP and local officers were helping search for the man when Cpl. Van Volkenburg found the vehicle abandoned. Local officers saw the suspect exit the woods and hop into a vehicle. They conducted a traffic stop and took the man into custody. He was in possession of paraphernalia, had several warrants in New York, and was wanted for violating his parole in Pennsylvania.

A 35-year-old man and his friend were returning from a day on the golf course when he lost control of the vehicle and impacted a large tree. He did not survive the impact, and the



After passing out Trooper hats, Sgt. Craig Wharton (shown) and Tpr. Darin Wheeler spent time with a group of children that brought goodies to Troop F, Mansfield to show their support.

passenger was airlifted to the hospital with major injuries. Several beer cans were found inside the vehicle, and neither man was wearing a seat belt. Tpr. Dwight Damcott investigated.

TROOP F

COUDERSPORT:

A man accused his wife of cheating when she came home from work, struck her several times, and choked her after he threw her onto a bed. Their 12-year-old son hit his father to stop the assault but was struck in return. The man grabbed a shotgun and fled into the woods behind the house. Tprs. Luke Fusco and Adam Romig searched the area but could not find him. He was apprehended the following day by members of Troop P, Towanda.

LAMAR:

Tprs. Lauren Leshner and Matthew Rounsley assisted local officers with an intoxicated and disorderly man at a motel. The suspect refused to follow commands and was threatening Troopers. He was taken into custody following a Taser deployment. Less than 36 hours before, Troopers had to remove him from a Walmart due to his level of intoxication and disorderly behavior.

EMPORIUM:

After purchasing WWII memorabilia at an annual 100-mile yard sale, a man stopped by the station on his way home to ask if an old hand-grenade could still explode. The area was secured, and HDES determined it was inert.

MANSFIELD:

A man was on the phone with a 911 dispatcher, reporting that he was the victim of a domestic, when he was shot by the female suspect. Tprs. Jacob Shedden and Travis Thrush found the man with a gunshot wound to his stomach and recovered the semi-automatic handgun. The woman was jailed on charges of attempted homicide and aggravated assault.

SELINGSGROVE:

Tpr. Samuel Kuhns was investigating a vehicle crash when his patrol unit overheated and caught fire. He and Tpr. Trey Geyer extinguished the flames, containing the damage in the engine compartment. About a week later, they were returning from a regulatory checkpoint and saw a vehicle fire along the roadway. Once again, the dynamic duo extinguished the flames prior to the fire department's arrival.

While investigating a fatal overdose, Tpr. Cameron Wolfberg determined the victim's friend facilitated the narcotics purchase from a man in the Harrisburg area. Tpr. Brett Herbst, Troop H, and BCI assisted with two controlled purchases and the dealer's arrest.

TROOP G

Selected as Troopers of the Month were: Jacob Weibley, Hollidaysburg; Colton Wassell, Bedford; Duane Mock, Huntingdon; Julio Trejo, Lewistown; Jacob Bowser, McConnellsburg; and Robert Turnbaugh, Rockview.

LEWISTOWN:



CT2 Sherry Bossinger received a 25-year Service Award.



Tpr. Zebulen Evans received a commendation letter for his actions when he found a driver partially ejected from a crashed vehicle in January. He quickly laid the woman on the ground and administered CPR. She regained a faint pulse before EMTs arrived but died at the hospital.

ROCKVIEW:

Tprs. Matthew Barnyak and Cody Doran spotted an unregistered Moped at a convenience store and determined

the operator had multiple warrants, including charges of receiving stolen property and theft. The man fled when they confronted him about the warrants and crashed into a drainage ditch. He had meth and paraphernalia in his pockets and had stolen the Moped.



Tpr. Michael Brown received the 2020 Centre County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for his compassion, diligence, and effective communications during investigations.

Tpr. Nathan Gordon stopped a vehicle traveling 92 mph on I-99 and ordered the driver to exit the vehicle after he refused to show his identification. The man complied but got in Tpr. Gordon's face and then shoved Tpr. Gordon in the chest. A struggle ensued on the berm when he resisted arrest and said he would defend himself with a weapon while eyeing Tpr. Gordon's duty pistol. Cpl. Thomas Snyder arrived as the man was reaching for the holster. Two drive-stuns to his neck brought him under control.

Tpr. Christopher Wills clocked a vehicle traveling 113 mph and pursued it as additional units responded. The driver had to stop behind congested traffic and was taken into custody. Tpr. Joshua Knoffsinger searched the vehicle and located a significant amount of marijuana. The man admitted to recently smoking marijuana, adding DUI to the list of charges.

TROOP H

HARRISBURG:

While investigating more than 30 thefts from vehicles, Troopers recovered a stolen shotgun while Tpr. Brendan Kelly learned the location of

the stolen goods. As members made entry into the stash house, a video-equipped drone recorded an individual throwing a stolen handgun out of a second-floor window. In addition to the first arrest, two adults and two juveniles were charged in the thefts.

CARLISLE:

Tprs. Christina Fow and David Highhouse encountered a man who was unable to maintain his Harley-Davidson within his lane of travel. When they initiated a traffic stop, he began to ride in circles and then took off toward I-81 at a high rate of speed. He was traveling 105 mph when he reached the on-ramp but lost control and crashed in the grass median. He was in possession of a large sum of cash, meth, cocaine, and a digital scale.

A detail was deployed to assist Shippensburg University Police during the 2021 Summer Party after several buses transported partygoers from Harrisburg and Hagerstown the weekend before. The detail issued 30 warnings, cited four people, apprehended one fugitive, and shut down a very large house party. Participating were Sgt. Mark Fisher and members from Troop H, BLCE, and BESO, as well as deputy sheriffs and municipal officers.

A woman purchased a dog and reported the sellers for animal cruelty after they gave her a malnourished animal that had a mouthful of rotten teeth and was covered in feces. Tpr. Michael Folcarelli began to investigate but was denied entry to the previous owners' residence. They tried to appease him by bringing out a Toy Poodle, but it was covered in feces and was visibly malnourished. Tpr. Folcarelli obtained a search warrant and returned with additional members and volunteers from a local animal rescue. They found an abundance of trash and fecal matter (human and animal) inside the home. The owners were charged



In light of COVID-19 and the cancellation of this year's Camp Cadet, Tprs. Kelly Osborne (Community Services Officer, Troop J) and Kelly Smith (Community Engagement Officer, Troop H) created an eight-week summer program for the children enrolled in Camp Cadet of Lancaster County and Southcentral Camp Cadet. The virtual portion was conducted through Google Classroom, which satisfied community service hour requirements and included weekly assignments, quizzes, and several physical fitness challenges that concluded with a 5K run. Major (Ret.) Robert Einsel and Sgt. (Ret.) Michael Chaplin also provided the Cadets with guided tours of the Academy and Museum and let them check out a 1973 Plymouth Fury patrol unit. Graduation ceremonies were held in August at the Carlisle Fairgrounds for Southcentral Camp Cadet and at Lafayette Fire Company for Camp Cadet of Lancaster County.

with animal cruelty after 29 dogs and 11 cats were removed. Assisting at the scene were Lt. Bryan Henneman, Sgt. Ryan Wietry, Cpls. Michael Spada (PSP Animal Cruelty Officer), Nicole McGeehan, and Benjamin Wilson, and Tprs. Devin Barry, Erik Burgos, Cody Greenawalt, and Chad Lasher.

GETTYSBURG:

CIU and Patrol members arrested Christopher Speelman for the 1987 robbery, murder, and postmortem rape of 85-year-old Edna Laughman. DNA collected at the scene was recently submitted for genealogical analysis and led investigators to the suspect. A subsequent comparison of his DNA confirmed he was the perpetrator, prompting a full confession. Tpr. Jeremy Holderbaum led the investigation.



Tpr. Christopher Ashey was on patrol when he was waved down by group of children hand-washing cars. He took the time to visit with the kids and support their cause.

LYKENS:

The station received more than 100 calls in 8 minutes, which shut down desk communications and the intake of emergency calls. PCO Angela Grassmyer immediately conducted a line trace and contacted

the PSP Helpdesk to report the incident. Although it appeared as if the call originated from a local pharmacy, Cpl. Jason Groff and Tpr. Kelly Abati determined it came from a cell phone. The suspect had previously conducted similar attacks on other stations and law enforcement agencies in Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, and York Counties.

NEWPORT:

Tpr. Matthew Chester pulled behind a disabled vehicle in the left lane of US 11/15, activated his emergency lights, and deployed flares while awaiting the arrival of a tow truck. As the vehicle was being loaded onto the flatbed, a passenger with underlying health issues began to feel ill from the heat and was moved to the back seat of the air-conditioned cruiser. Tpr. Chester

was speaking to the driver in front of the patrol unit when it was struck by a Dodge Ram. The cruiser rammed into the disabled vehicle which, in turn, hit Tpr. Chester and the female driver. The woman was then thrown into the tow truck driver. Tpr. Chester suffered a knee injury, the woman sustained foot and back injuries, and the man in the back of the cruiser fractured a vertebra.

A man who stole 28 rotors from an auto repair shop turned himself in after a photo of him committing the crime was posted on Facebook. He drove to the station intoxicated and registered a BAC of 0.100 percent on a PBT. Tpr. Ronald Davis filed additional charges.

Tprs. Keith Gillam and Jeffrey Vitek were dispatched to a residence for the report of a naked woman lying in the yard and covered in flies, with dogs running around her. EMTs were unable to reach the woman due to the three Pit Bulls but could see she was deceased. Tpr. Jeffrey Vitek determined that the woman was caring for her roommate's dogs when they attacked and killed her.

TROOP J

AVONDALE:

Tpr. Tara Gassenmeyer noticed a female motorist acting erratically and queried the registration as the woman drove away. After learning the vehicle was stolen, the woman was stopped. She quickly became unruly, threatening and spitting on Tpr. Gassenmeyer, but was taken into custody.

When Tprs. Robert Rawley and Jose Kizis tried to stop a motorcycle, the operator fled at a high rate of speed. They confirmed the bike was not stolen or involved in any felonies and that the registered owner did not have any major warrants. Shortly thereafter, the operator encountered congested traffic in a construction zone and was taken

into custody. The man was a habitual DUI offender, had a DUI-suspended license, and was in possession of a white powder, marijuana, and paraphernalia.

LANCASTER:



Sgt. Samantha Minnucci was named the 2020 Woman of the Year by the General Federation of Womens' Clubs Pennsylvania. Lt. Cara McCree nominated Sgt. Minnucci for consistently going above and beyond throughout her career to serve the citizens of Pennsylvania, specifically the younger generation in underserved communities, and for inspiring other Troopers and future Troopers to participate in community service.

A woman had sex with a man at his residence but had no idea he was recording the act. She found out after he sent the video to her cousin, her ex-boyfriend, and eventually to her. Tpr. Michael Levinsky obtained a search warrant for the man's smartphone and video surveillance system. The suspect eventually confessed.

EMBREEVILLE:

When Tpr. Mao Ye conducted a traffic stop, the driver admitted to having a large sum of money and marijuana in the vehicle. The Philadelphia man claimed that he had gone to a distributor in Harrisburg to pick up THC vape cartridges for the smoke shop where he

worked, but the supplier did not have everything that he needed; however, he refused to identify the distributor or his employer. A canine team conducted an exterior search of the vehicle, and a positive alert resulted in the seizure of more than six-and-a-half pounds of marijuana and \$8,040.

All available members responded to assist municipal officers as they were pursuing a man who stole a local police cruiser. Tprs. Joseph Boyd and William Connelly attempted to intercept the stolen unit when it struck another vehicle and was disabled. The man took off running, but Troopers caught up to him in a swamp and took him into custody.

TROOP K

PHILADELPHIA:

Tpr. Adam Holtz encountered two vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed on I-95 and determined the drivers were engaged in a road rage incident. He activated his emergency lights and siren, eventually stopping both vehicles on an exit ramp. Both men were quickly detained when they exited their vehicles and attempted to continue their verbal altercation. One of the drivers had a stolen firearm, a large amount of marijuana, and packaging material while the other had a registered gun but did not have a license to conceal it.

Tpr. Pedro Aldebol was sitting in his patrol unit at a red light when he saw a man approach a random vehicle, grab hold of the female driver, and try to pull her through the window. Tpr. Aldebol rushed to the woman's aid as the man began to punch her several times in the face, breaking one of her front teeth. The man was under the influence of drugs and was arrested.



Troop K (Media Station), the Office of Community Engagement, and BESO (Aviation and Canine Sections) participated in Middletown Township's summer camp and educated the youth on the roles and responsibilities of Troopers.

Tprs. Jarred Burnett and Keith Hamell clocked a vehicle traveling 101 mph in a 55-mph zone and detected a strong odor of alcohol during the subsequent traffic stop. The driver was arrested after registering a BAC of 0.182 percent on a PBT.

Tpr. Sean Fay spotted a motorist driving carelessly on I-76 and discovered the license plate was stolen. A traffic stop was conducted after Tpr. Adam Holtz arrived to assist, and the man was taken into custody. A search warrant was executed on the vehicle and yielded two fully loaded pistols, another stolen license plate, ski masks, gloves, hoodies, and other incriminating paraphernalia.

MEDIA:

As Tprs. Benjamin Eppley and Francis Vanore were stopping a vehicle during a midnight shift, the driver threw 332 packets of heroin out the window and into the median area. The vehicle was towed, and the man was initially charged with PWID and tampering with evidence. Additional charges were filed after Tpr. Eppley returned to the area in the daylight and recovered another 237 packets of heroin (not including five packets inside a sealed storm drain). A search warrant on the vehicle also produced a loaded 9-mm pistol and paraphernalia.

Tprs. Christopher Johnson and Andrew Korrubin detected a strong odor of marijuana when they opened the trunk of a vehicle during a traffic stop on I-95. The driver immediately revoked his consent to search, but a canine also detected the odor of narcotics. The vehicle was towed to the station, and a search warrant yielded a 9-mm pistol with 12 rounds of ammunition and seven baggies of marijuana. The man was convicted in 2016 on a felony PWID charge and was prohibited from possessing firearms.

Tpr. Joseph Mitzak discovered a motorist had a full extradition warrant and was labeled as armed and dangerous. He also detected a strong odor of marijuana during the stop and found a pistol inside of a bookbag. The vehicle was then towed to the station, where a search warrant further produced a stolen Glock 40 with a bullet in the chamber and a 30-round extended magazine. The actor did not have a license to carry a concealed weapon, and the felony warrant prohibited him from possessing any firearms.

SKIPPACK:

Tprs. Seth Heffner and Jason Henley attempted to stop a stolen vehicle, but the driver fled into Berks County. The operator turned onto a dead-end street and exited the vehicle while it was still in motion. The man tried to cross

Ironside Creek but was apprehended in the chest-deep water. He was under the influence of PCP, had an active warrant, and was in possession of 22 vials of meth, seven vials of PCP, two vials of marijuana, and paraphernalia. He was assessed at the hospital and then taken to the county jail. Both Troopers sustained knee injuries during the foot chase.



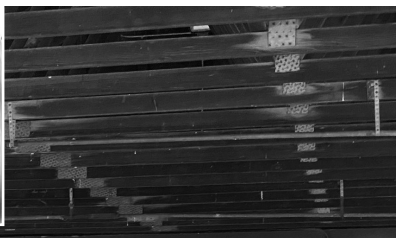
Skippack was Alex Mann's 113th station visit in his quest to support and further educate law enforcement on ways to manage incidents involving someone with autism. Shown with Alex is Tpr. Lefter Kondili.

A woman called 911 when her 28-year-old son cornered and threatened to harm her husband with a cane. The suspect was so intoxicated that he could not stand and passed out on the couch before Tprs. Michael Prendergast and Justin Zambelli arrived. Once roused, he threatened to shoot both members and tried to hit Tpr. Prendergast with the solid wood cane. Tpr. Joseph Gilbert assisted with handcuffing him and transporting him to the station, where he continued to threaten members and be disruptive. He was jailed in lieu of \$7,500 straight cash bail.

Tpr. Isaiah Slonaker confronted a man who was fueling an unregistered motorcycle at a convenience store. After providing his name and birth date, the man hopped on the bike and fled. Tpr. Slonaker pulled in front of the motorcycle during the pursuit, and the man lost control while being forced to slow down. After rear-ending the



Tpr. David Beohm (Troop L, Reading) provided a bicycle safety presentation at a local playground and then fitted some of the children with donated helmets.



patrol unit, he resisted arrest and caused minor injuries to Tpr. Slonaker's arms and legs.

TROOP L

READING:

Tprs. Moise Castillo and Jarod Wampler responded after a man told his brother he intended to commit suicide by cop and then left with a machete. A cell phone ping indicated he was still in the area, and Tprs. Joshua Gresh and Nathan Klinger and Tprs. Jeffrey Simmons and Ryan Tierney (Troop K, Skippack) arrived to assist in the search. PaCIC then determined he was

actively using Facebook and provided an updated location. Tprs. Castillo and Wampler located him, but he refused to drop the machete and was taken into custody following a Taser deployment. He was transported to the hospital for a mental health commitment.

A woman called the station and said she was involved in a fatal shooting/homicide at a South Philly restaurant and wanted to turn herself in. After confirming that she may have been the getaway driver, Cpls. Adam Jacobini and Jacob Shelak and Tprs. George Bailey, Jared Clugston, and Shareef Mays assisted local police by taking her into custody and seizing her vehicle.

A man became increasingly volatile and destructive within a 24-hour period, which started with the harassment of a juvenile working at a fireworks' stand. Shortly thereafter, several callers reported an erratic motorist doing donuts in residential yards. It wasn't until the following night that his actions caused significant damage. The man repeatedly rammed his pickup into the garage doors of a stranger's residence, as well as two vehicles on the property. When the homeowner retrieved a firearm and appeared on the exterior deck, he rammed the deck and inflicted major damage. He then fled when the homeowner discharged a half-dozen rounds into the front of the truck. He abandoned the truck about seven miles down the road and smashed the windows out of several parked vehicles in front of another house. He then forced entry to the residence, not realizing a woman and child heard him and locked themselves in a closet. He found the woman's car keys, fled in her Mazda CX-7, and proceeded to another home nearby where he started ramming her vehicle into the garage doors. When that homeowner confronted him, he exposed himself and fled in the Mazda. He was spotted by Troopers, and a pursuit ensued. The man tried to flee on foot after Tpr. Benjamin Sterner conducted a PIT maneuver but was quickly apprehended. He resisted arrest and refused to identify himself but was identified by his fingerprints. The man had stolen both the Mazda and the pickup, was a convicted felon, and had a history of theft, trespassing, assault, and drug charges. Tpr. Bradley Smith charged him with a half-dozen felonies, as well as misdemeanor offenses.

JONESTOWN:

The station received information on a man who fled the scene of a crash in a U-Haul truck and had active warrants in Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties. Tpr. Thomas Leganza located the truck and took the man into custody.



Tpr. Anthony Petroski had lunch with Shane and Wyatt, twins with Down syndrome. He gave both boys a PSP flashlight/keychain and showed them how to "light 'em up" while playing with their toy cars.

His female passenger was found in possession of Psilocybin mushrooms, suboxone, hash, marijuana, THC oil, items to cultivate mushrooms, and a daily journal of the grow operation. Due to the Psilocybin being moist and containing mold spores, the CLRT deemed the related items hazardous and transported them for testing. Tprs. Vincent Corkery, Nickolas Price, and Markus Schneiderhan assisted.

HAMBURG:



Tpr. Jeffrey Hummel responded after a tractor-trailer hauling pig waste and by-products rear-ended a vacuum tanker hauling septic waste, spewing the swine products across both lanes of I-78. Multiple resources were utilized to clear the spill from the roadway.

TROOP M

BELFAST:

Tpr. Timothy McManus stopped a motorcycle and discovered the operator was a convicted felon and in possession of a stolen pistol, a half-pound of meth, marijuana, and pills.

FOGELSVILLE:



A traffic stop by Tpr. Shawn McCormick led to the arrest of a convicted felon who had a loaded gun, an extended magazine, cocaine, marijuana, and paraphernalia in his vehicle.

TROOP N

HAZLETON:

Tpr. Jason Zoshak arrested a motorist after locating 330 packets of heroin/fentanyl and meth during a traffic stop. He also arrested the passenger who had multiple warrants and heroin/fentanyl.

BLOOMSBURG:



Tpr. Brent Beaver (left) completed DRE training and received his certificate from Sgt. Jere Ustonofski (right).

FERN RIDGE:

After a motorist yielded to a traffic stop, Tprs. Jason Beers and Jonathan Lazarchick quickly determined the man was under the influence of drugs. As soon as he exited the vehicle, Tpr. Lazarchick spotted a bulge in the man's pants near his ankle. A fully loaded 10-mm Glock was seized, and they determined he did not have a license to carry a concealed weapon. He was also in possession of drugs and paraphernalia and transported to the county jail.

A man initially slowed down and pulled into the right lane of I-80 when Tpr. Craig Dadurka caught him speeding but then decided to take off. The pursuit ended within two miles when the driver crashed while attempting to exit the interstate at a high rate of speed. He was treated at the hospital before being taken to jail for violations that included the stolen license plate on his vehicle.

STROUDSBURG:

The Western Pennsylvania Fugitive Task Force informed the station that a man who was wanted by Troop C, Lewis Run was traveling on I-80. The actor was located and taken into custody by Tprs. Jesse Bachman, Salvatore Gattuso, Joel King, Shane McGarr, Diane Shukaitis, and Nicholas Sully.

TROOP P

LAPORTE:

Tpr. Scott Shipman was on patrol and passed a white pickup stopped on the side of the road. The driver immediately pulled behind him and was so close he could not see the headlights of the truck. Tpr. Shipman pulled over to allow the truck to pass and then conducted a traffic stop. The man was aggressive, angry, under the influence of drugs, and in possession of drugs and paraphernalia.

WILKES-BARRE:



About 20 children were on their way to school when their bus was struck head-on by a tractor-trailer. Thirteen-year-old Casey Kovalski helped the younger students evacuate and kept them calm by playing games until another bus arrived. Both drivers were treated at the hospital, but no children were injured. Lt. Derek Felsman and Tpr. Deana Piekanski presented Casey with a Junior Trooper Certificate for showing courage in a time of chaos.

TOWANDA:

A man attempted to leave his marital residence following an argument with his wife when she struck him with her vehicle. The woman struck him a second time, pinning him against his pickup truck. He fell onto the driveway when she exited her vehicle and was too injured to escape her fury. She repeatedly punched and kicked him and then pummeled him with a softball-sized rock. He suffered multiple broken bones in the pelvic/hip region, a torn

rotator cuff, multiple lacerations on his head and face, and a concussion. He was admitted to the hospital for treatment while she was interviewed by Tprs. Ryan Joyce and Nathan Lewis and then jailed in lieu of \$500,000.

TROOP R

DUNMORE:

A social media post revealed the location where known gang members were planning to film one of their rap videos, in which they frequently display handguns. The Troop R Intel Unit and Scranton Police Street Crimes Unit set up surveillance and initiated a traffic stop after the suspects exited the residence. A passenger was on the NEPA's Most Wanted list and was taken into custody on a felony warrant. The other occupants were arrested on drug charges. Tpr. Robert Golden led the investigation.

BLOOMING GROVE:

Tprs. Brendan O'Connor and John Sempa responded to a possible burglary and apprehended the intruder inside the residence. The man entered through the garage and kicked in an interior door.

GIBSON:

A canine team was summoned to a traffic stop after Cpl. P.J. Lindsay suspected the occupants were engaged in criminal activity. The driver consented to a search after the canine alerted on the odor of narcotics, resulting in the seizure of marijuana, \$33,000, and a box containing spray paint and cellophane.

HONESDALE:

Tpr. Randal Troiani stopped a tailgating motorist and detected an odor of marijuana in the vehicle. A consent search yielded two large jars of marijuana and a digital scale.

TROOP T

Troopers from the Bowmansville and King of Prussia Stations joined members from Troop J (Lancaster), Troop M (Trevose), BCI, and BESO to target criminal activity along the I-95, I-76, I-276, I-476, and PA 222 corridors, as well as the feeder routes adjacent to the Philadelphia, Bensalem, Bristol, Reading, and Lancaster metropolitan areas. The detail scanned 22,752 license plates, apprehended four fugitives, arrested eight people, recovered a stolen vehicle, issued 244 citations (including a 116-mph speeding ticket) and 97 warnings, and seized 259 packets of heroin and 20 grams of marijuana.

Western members issued 234 citations and 357 warnings while participating in several Move Over details during the 6-State Trooper Project.

HIGHSPIRE:



SC3 Steven Vafias retired with 33 years of service.

POCONO:

Tprs. John Cheponis and Chad Rarig clocked a vehicle traveling 103 mph, and the driver crashed while trying to flee. The man was a gang member, had a .44-cal. revolver in plain view, and had full extradition warrants.

SOMERSET:

Tprs. Nathan Feniello and Brian Sachs arrested a speeding motorist who had eight pounds of marijuana and active warrants in New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

EEO POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Department to provide equality of opportunity for all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, union membership, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, AIDS or HIV status, disability, union membership, or other distinction prohibited by federal and state law. Age may be considered as a factor only to the extent permitted by law. It shall be the official policy of the Department to incorporate the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) in all management decisions to ensure that all matters affecting the human resource system are administered in agreement with the goals of EEO and to ensure a workplace climate free from discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment.

Consistent with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, the Department will ensure that applicants, employees, and other people with disabilities who seek the services of the Department, will be afforded reasonable accommodations when necessary. Management must reasonably accommodate qualified applicants or qualified employees with disabilities. Furthermore, all Department facilities, services, and communications must be accessible, consistent with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the ADA.

The Department is committed to the principles that break down barriers and help people achieve their goals and realize their potential. Additionally, we value and respect the differences each person brings from their own culture. Diversity in our workforce enhances our ability to accomplish our mission because it increases the range of skills and approaches available to us. Each Area, Troop, and Station Commander; Bureau, Office, Division Director; and Supervisor has the responsibility to actively support programs and practices designed to develop understanding, acceptance, and commitment to equal employment opportunity. It is the responsibility of all personnel to cooperate in the commitment of the Department to attain and maintain a work environment free of discrimination, while continuing to provide the highest quality, unbiased public service. The Department is committed to increasing the employment and advancement opportunities of groups protected under the state non-discrimination statutes that are underutilized as compared to their relevant labor force levels. Additionally, the Department is committed to creating a workforce that reflects the Commonwealth's diversity through the implementation of the EEO Plan.

The Commander, EEO Section, is responsible for the administration of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) EEO Program. The Commander, EEO Section, is also responsible for developing and implementing EEO program requirements, monitoring program progress, and ensuring that complaints of discrimination and harassment are investigated. The Commander, EEO Section, can be contacted at Department Headquarters, 1800 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110, telephone number 717-787-7220. Department personnel are encouraged to communicate, verbally or in writing, any questions, concerns, recommendations, or suggestions regarding the EEO Plan directly to the Commander, EEO Section. Employees with discrimination complaints or concerns should contact the Commander, EEO Section; EEO Specialist; EEO Liaison; or any supervisory personnel.

In addition, employees may elect to utilize other avenues of recourse as follows:

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) Within 180 calendar days of alleged occurrence.		
Harrisburg Regional Office 333 Market Street, Eighth Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101-2210 (717) 783-8806	Philadelphia Regional Office 110 North Eighth Street, Suite 501 Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 560-2496 or (215) 560-3599 (TTY)	Pittsburgh Regional Office 301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 390, Piatt Place Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 565-5395
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Within 300 calendar days of alleged occurrence (180 days for immigration-related discrimination complaints).		
Philadelphia Area Office 801 Market Street, Suite 1300 Philadelphia, PA 19107-3127 (800) 669-4000	Pittsburgh Area Office William S. Moorhead Federal Building 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1112 Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (800) 669-4000	
State Civil Service Commission (SCSC) Within 20 calendar days of alleged occurrence.		
Central Region P.O. Box 569 Harrisburg, PA 17108-0569 (717) 783-3058 or (717) 772-2685 (TTY)	Eastern Region 110 North Eighth Street, Suite 503 Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 560-2253 or (215) 560-4367 (TTY)	Western Region 411 Seventh Avenue, Room 410 Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (412) 565-7666 or (412) 565-2484 (TTY)

Pennsylvania State Police
Public Information Office
1800 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17110
www.psp.pa.gov



9/11 "LET'S ROLL" MOTORCYCLE RIDE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021

STATE POLICE ACADEMY, HERSHEY

STAGING: 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. / DEPARTURE: 11:00 A.M.

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 (SAME TIMES)



AN 85-MILE RIDE

SPONSORED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE MUSEUM

ORGANIZED AND ESCORTED BY THE BLUE KNIGHTS LAW ENFORCEMENT MC PA-V HARRISBURG

- Light Breakfast Before Departing
- Mid-way Rest Stop
- Lunch at the PSP Academy
- Museum Tours
- 9/11 Challenge Coin 20% Discount
- PSP Collectibles and Clothing Sale

**REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED AND PAID IN FULL BY OCTOBER 1
FOR A 9/11 LET'S ROLL GOLF-STYLE SHIRT**

**To register, visit www.psp-hemc.org or call (717) 534-0565.
\$25 per person + optional cost of a 9/11 LET'S ROLL shirt.**