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Last Year's Successful 'Take Back Our Highways' Campaign Has a Sequel

Riley and Murphy listen to Maj. Roscoe Howell as he fields questions from the media at the press conference in Montgomery Aug. 13.

“Take Back Our Highways” saves lives. That is the loud-and-clear message Gov. Bob Riley and Col. J. Christopher Murphy broadcast during a press conference formally announcing the August 2008 TBOH campaign.

The campaign was born in 2007, after traffic fatalities in 2006 rose to the highest level in 23 years. Since the first campaign, however, more than 150 lives have been saved, thanks to the hard work of state troopers and innovative initiatives like “Take Back Our Highways.” As of this printing, trooper-worked traffic deaths have dropped 103, compared with the same time last year.

Riley formally announced that 125 additional troopers would be patrolling Alabama highways Aug. 18-24, specifically focusing on DUI enforcement, seat belt violations, and aggressive drivers.

Joining Riley and Murphy in announcing the program were Bill Johnson, Terry Henderson and Bill Whatley, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs; Michael Sparks, Mark Pevey and Greg Turner, Department of Forensic Sciences; Randy Hillman, District Attorney’s Association; District Attorney Jimmy Harp, Etowah County; District Attorney Greg Gambriel, Covington County; Tony Harris, Alabama Department of Transportation; and Judy Van Luchene, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

““Take Back Our Highways’ is clearly working to save lives,” said Riley. “It has gotten real results. There are people alive today because of this intensive highway safety effort. We want the people of Alabama to understand that when they travel, their safety is our number



Cameras look on at a separate press conference and LIDAR demonstration off Interstate 85 in Opelika.

*Opelika Post
Commander Lt.
James Patterson
comments on the
accuracy of LIDAR
when used in
stationary patrols,
during the roadside
press conference.*



one concern.”

“The program was never about writing tickets,” said Murphy. “If we could be successful at saving lives and never write a ticket, we would do that. However, we have aggressive drivers on Alabama’s roads, and we need to change their behavior.”

A major part of the campaign is increasing public awareness of and education about safety, and media representatives were invited on patrol to see first-hand how “Take Back Our Highways” can change driver behavior.

On the second day of the campaign, camera crews and journalists witnessed a LIDAR detail in progress on Interstate 85 in Opelika. That afternoon, news crews watched as Sgt. Robert Watson dispatched eight troopers stationed on an overpass, ready to catch speeders.

At the Opelika media event, Murphy noted that, over the years, Alabama had built a reputation as a “hammer state,” meaning that drivers could throw down the “hammer,” or pedal, and speed through the state without worrying about getting stopped or caught.



Murphy made clear that those days are over in Alabama, yet he said there is much work still to be done. “Too many Alabamians die or are seriously injured on our roadways in preventable crashes,” he said. “Too many motorists are the victims of drunken drivers, and fully two-thirds of the fatality victims troopers have responded to this year were not using seat belts. That is why our troopers remain focused on increasing roadway safety in Alabama.”

*Tpr. Ralph Wright shows Riley
around his patrol car at the
Montgomery press conference.*

TFZ BAT-Mobiles Arrive

The first of nine BAT-mobiles arrived just in time for troopers to put to use in the August 2008 “Take Back Our Highways” campaign. Purchased with \$1.4 million in grants awarded by Gov. Bob Riley and administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the



new trucks are equipped with specialized equipment to combat drunk driving. Draeger breath-testing equipment used in the BAT-mobiles was provided by the Department of Forensic Sciences.

“It is not a coincidence that we are announcing the arrival of these vehicles, along with both ‘Take Back Our Highways’ and the national ‘Over the Limit, Under Arrest’ campaigns,” said Lt. Tim Pullin, Highway Patrol administrative officer. “It is part of our calculated message that we are taking drunken driving very seriously.”

The first two trucks, hand-delivered by training specialist Bernie Shea of Matthews Specialty Vehicles, were a major part of the press conference announcing “Take Back Our Highways.” They then were set up at roadside sobriety checkpoints as part of the trooper DUI initiative, Task Force Zero, conducting during the Aug. 18-24 campaign.

“These trucks are so much nicer than what we are used to,” said Tpr. Howard Fells. “The truck is cleverly designed and well-thought-out, and that will help us be more efficient.”



While field sobriety tests have been used for years as a tool to determine impaired drivers, the new Task Force Zero vans are equipped with all the necessary tools, from breathalyzer equipment to emergency lighting and digital/video cameras. The trucks literally take the lab out into the field.

Built on the Freightliner MT45 platform, the trucks bear a vague similarity to a large FedEx or UPS truck at first glance. “That’s where the similarities end,” said Pullin. “The back of a UPS truck is only used for carrying freight. These vehicles are loaded with specialized equipment so that our TFZ troopers can work efficiently in the field.”



Along with two fully functional work stations and a separate breath-testing station, the new vans also have exterior “scene-lighting,” featuring high-powered lamps to more easily allow troopers to work roadside stations at night. The lamps and all equipment are powered by an on-board generator.

After Cpls. Phil Taylor and Jay Penton caught the eye of Maj. Roscoe Howell and Capt. Marc McHenry with their grassroots campaign to curb driving under the influence, a plan was devised to implement Task Force Zero statewide, and equip state troopers in battling drunken driving.

Last year, Howell expanded TFZ beyond its humble roots in Montgomery, creating make-shift labs within other troops, using whatever equipment they had to make a mobile DUI testing facility. Meanwhile, his staff at Headquarters sought funding to properly outfit each troop with a new vehicle, suitable for DUI enforcement.

“The governor and ADECA agreed that we had a good idea on our hands and awarded us funding in early ’08,” said Pullin. “We now have the first two, and all nine are due to arrive by Sept. 22.”

“The truck is going to be a wonderful resource for us,” said Cpl. Christopher Hall. “This is a long-awaited day, and I am excited about these vehicles and what they offer the department.”

Just days before the kickoff of “Take Back Our Highways,” state troopers gathered on the Alabama-Tennessee state line for a Hands Across the Border sobriety checkpoint – the Decatur Post’s newly acquired BAT-mobile’s first assignment.

The event, held on U.S. Highway 231, created an outstanding opportunity for law enforcement officers to work together in strictly and seamlessly enforcing driving laws state-to-state.

“The Tennessee Highway Patrol is proud to be working with the Alabama state troopers and officers from Madison and Lincoln counties,” stated Tennessee Highway Patrol Col. Mike Walker. “Our mission is to save lives and keep the roads safe. We will always be more successful at that when we work as a team.”

Hands Across the Border kicked off the nationwide “Over the Limit, Under Arrest” campaign for Tennessee state troopers. At the “Take Back Our Highways” press conference held two days prior, Gov. Bob Riley thanked both the Mississippi and Tennessee highway patrols for their hard work and collaborative efforts in joining Alabama in saving lives and promoting traffic safety.



Tablet PCs to be Used for DL Road Skills Testing



The Driver License Division soon will begin a pilot program using tablet personal computers for road skills testing. The program is made possible through grant funding provided by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

First to be implemented in the Birmingham District, the high-tech system is paperless and automatically uploads information to the server. Perhaps most impressive is how the database sorts and maintains information: it easily compiles information, generating a wide array of statistics and percentages for DL examiners.

“This will revolutionize road skills testing as we know it,” said Birmingham DL Supervisor Rhonda Simmons. “The organization of data is simply amazing, and even though there is a learning curve associated with anything new, the benefits of this new system are easy to see and as plain as day.”

There are docking stations for each tablet to charge, or upload, a different skills test, and the computers are equipped with such necessities as signature capture.

“The system is well thought-out, and well-constructed,” Simmons said.

After the initial test-run, a decision already has been made to implement the device statewide, beginning in the Birmingham District with the first 25 units and continuing throughout Alabama.

The tablet PC will be used in both Class D license testing and all three parts of the CDL test.

Class 2008A Patrol Car Issue



August 26, 2008



Troopers Halt Biker Pack on Mobile Bayway

Troopers in Mobile arrested a group of bikers racing at speeds in excess of 140 miles per hour along Interstate 10 Aug. 17.

Tpr. Branden Christen first spotted the group of bikers at 10:44 a.m. Using stationary radar, Christen clocked the group of bikers at the 55 mile marker moving westbound at 115 miles per hour. He immediately notified the Mobile Post, which, in turn, issued a BOLO for law enforcement.

Capt. Tim McGlothlin was next to spot the group, 20 miles down the interstate, now moving along at a 143 miles-per-hour clip. McGlothlin advised that the bikes were entering the Bayway Bridge. Tpr. John Bogle, using one of the new Dodge Chargers, then turned the Bayway into a parking lot by blocking the roadway with his car, forcing the motorcyclists to come to a stop.

“With teamwork, the three troopers were able to catch the bikers by cutting off their route for escape,” said Cpl. Joe Piggott.

After clocking the riders at more than double the posted speed limit, McGlothlin, Bogle, and Christen gladly traded the 11 men and one woman their keys for cuffs, curtailing their trip to a benefit ride for cancer.

Each motorcyclist was charged with reckless endangerment and reckless driving by McGlothlin. Tpr. Christen

Two days after this arrest in Mobile, Tpr. Shane Minor was on line patrol on Interstate 59 in Tuscaloosa County when three motorcycles passed him at an estimated 150 miles per hour.

Minor, in a fully-marked Dodge Charger, normally would have tried to stop the bikers. However, Minor merely kept the bikers within view, as he knew that another trooper, Tpr. Randal DuBose, was approximately 10 miles north of him, working line patrols as well.

The Tuscaloosa Post radio room was able to coordinate Minor and DuBose to intercept the bikers. DuBose initiated the stop by pulling into the center lane and activating his blue lights, forcing the bikers to slow on the interstate and take an exit. Minor then quickly moved into position at the top of the ramp and successfully conducted the stop without further incident. The three bikers were charged with reckless driving and attempting to elude.

also separately charged each with speeding, after initiating the encounter by initially clocking the pack at 115.

The bikers were members of the “Pensacola Pacesetters” from Florida. Of the 12 bikers, nine are active duty military, and one had retired from the military; two are civilians. Military authorities were contacted regarding the incident.

As one lane of the Bayway was opened again to traffic, passing motorists applauded troopers, showing their gratitude to them for stopping the motorcyclists.

Also assisting in the incident were Cpl. Doug Huntley, Tpr. Rocky Stevens, and PCO Renee Lindquist. The Mobile County Sheriff’s Office was also on scene to assist.

PCOs Thanked for Going Above, Beyond

*Phillips and Jones with
Col. J. Christopher Murphy
in the director's office.*



PCO II Stephanie Jones and PCO I Jordan Phillips, both of the Birmingham Post, were recently commended for outstanding job performance in a ceremony in the director's office. Last September, Jones and Phillips received a call from a concerned relative of a suicidal woman. Jones and Phillips tried to obtain as much information as possible, but the distraught relative provided only vague details at best, and the duo was only able to narrow down the location to somewhere between Pleasant Grove and Hueytown.

After notifying all troopers and local law enforcement in that area, Jones and Phillips began calling the suicidal woman directly to attempt to calm her. Phillips was first to have a breakthrough, using a family nickname for the woman, thus reaching her on a more personal level. He was able to talk to her and reassure her by offering help in any possible way. Phillips asked the woman about her location and listened for clues as to her whereabouts in talking to her. After the woman hung up on Phillips a couple of times, Jones decided to try her hand at talking to the woman. She, too, was able to establish a level of communication with the woman, constantly reminding her of the people who loved and cared for her.

Jones remained on the phone with the woman for a long time, but the woman eventually became distraught and hung up on Jones, also. Thinking that the woman would recognize the state telephone number and not answer, Jones also began calling the woman with her personal cell phone.

After several calls and no answer, Jones finally was able to get a response on the other end, this time from the relative who originally notified them of the crisis. The relative assured Jones that everything was now under control, but Jones insisted on waiting on the line until professional help arrived to evaluate the suicidal woman's condition.

Of particular note, Jones and Phillips were able to do all of this while also keeping up with their routine duties in dispatch. As a direct result, a woman's life may have been spared through their diligence in maintaining contact and their caring, compassionate, and professional nature.



WMD Team Trains at CDP



Seven troopers on the WMD team recently completed incident command training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness, the only federally chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction training facility in the nation. In addition to completing the four-day course designed to better acclimate emergency responders to terrorist and crisis events, the troopers also were placed in an environment with live nerve agents as part of a hands-on training scenario.

“Courses in incident command benefit emergency responders by equipping them with the information they need to make solid decisions,” said CDP spokesperson Shannon Arledge.

“Incident command gets everyone on the same page by using a highly specialized universal language, thus eliminating communication barriers and allowing responders to better focus on the crisis at hand, and not on what someone else is saying.”

Impressed with his training, Tpr. Dave Richards said, “The CDP facility is definitely top-notch. We were able to work with live nerve agents and improvised explosive devices hands-on, and were able to practice decontamination techniques necessary to prevent mass casualty in a crisis scenario.

“Additionally, in a classroom setting, we were dealt a terrorist scenario, with a scale model of a city, we had to resolve,” said Richards. “That truly allowed us to see the crisis from a commander’s point of view.”

In addition to Richards, also completing the course were Tprs. Kenneth Holzheimer, Micah Little, Tarvares Mallard, Shane Rogers, Danny Warr, and Delvylon Williams.



PSIF Holds Awards Banquet

The Public Safety Insurance Fund held its annual awards banquet Aug. 8, with special guest Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville. Col. J. Christopher Murphy, Lt. Col. F.A. “Bubba” Bingham and several Highway Patrol staff attended the banquet.

At the ceremony, Tuberville expressed his gratitude for public safety organizations. He said, that upon learning about the PSIF, he felt that sup-



porting the organization was the only way to properly thank law enforcement officers for what they do.

“There are some things that just get my attention and make me want to get involved,” Tuberville said. “These people come to work every day, not knowing what’s going to happen. The PSIF gives them a little peace of mind. They deserve more.”

Created in 2002, the PSIF was started by a pair of Montgomery business leaders to offer life and accidental death insurance for law enforcement officers and fire fighters at no additional charge to taxpayers. Coverage for full-time road troopers came about in 2005. The policies offered are paid for in full with private cash donations, and at no cost to the public.

DPS a Hit at National Night Out in Selma

Sgts. Johnny Tubbs and Jamaine Issac, Agent Bryan Manley and Tpr. John Reese took the crime scene investigation van to Selma Aug. 5 for National Night Out. Observed statewide, the event allows law enforcement and other safety advocate groups to meet and interact with communities in a friendly environment in an effort to stamp out crime.

The fun-filled evening saw eager children lining up to be fingerprinted and have their pictures taken at the DPS booth. Troopers also brought the department’s roll-over simulator, funded through a Federal Motor Carrier Safety grant, to demonstrate to children and parents alike the importance of buckling up. The event was a huge success, and along with the great food, the community also digested a lot of positive information on safety.





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Dear Major Howell,

On July 29 at approximately 10:30 a.m., Trooper H. A. Cox stopped me on I-85 for a traffic violation of speeding. You may not get many remarks like the one I am about to say, but... I was 100% guilty of the violation. Trooper Cox upon returning to my vehicle surprised me with the news that there was an outstanding warrant for my arrest stemming from a ticket in 2006 on the charge of operating a vehicle without insurance in Elmore County. I thought this matter had been resolved by giving evidence to the Department of Public Safety of the said insurance shortly after the citation was issued in 2006. In fact, on February 5, 2008 I was stopped and issued a citation for speeding whereas the issuing officer apparently had no such alert that a warrant was outstanding for my arrest nor that, according to Trooper Cox, that my license had been suspended. Much to my surprise, somewhere along the line – this proved not to be the case. So a F.T.A warrant was issued from Elmore County early in 2007 for me and I have been operating a vehicle all this time with a warrant for my arrest and a suspended license. I am currently trying to determine why the matter was not resolved in 2006 as I thought it had been. Apparently, there was a mix up either on my part or through the Courthouse here in Crenshaw County, but that is not the intent of my letter.

I want to compliment the ADPS for the outstanding actions of Trooper Cox and the way in which he conducted himself on my “journey” July 29. Trooper Cox was most apologetic for having to arrest me as I relayed to him what I knew of the situation and as he took me to the Elmore County Jail. He apologized several times for being the officer to “bring in a nefarious preacher” on a F.T.A. over an insurance card matter that I believed to have been rectified in 2006. I am a 50-year old ordained Methodist minister and that was my first time to be arrested... hopefully, it will be my last time as well! Having said that, Trooper Cox treated me with utmost respect, courtesy, and concern for my comfort with the cuffs, as well as when he dropped me off with the good folks at the Elmore County Jail. Trooper Cox exemplified all that is good and positive with law enforcement and served as a great ambassador to the DPS through his professional demeanor and concern for me through this ordeal. While somewhat strange to say, for my first (and only) arrest, I am glad to have made the acquaintance of Trooper Cox. After a five-hour layover in the Elmore County jail, Judge Goggins dismissed the charges as to the matter having been rectified prior to this whole incident. Trooper Cox stated several times he felt this was a matter of some paperwork mishap but he had to do his job – which I can certainly appreciate. I in no way harbor any ill feelings or frustration at Trooper Cox and in the grand scheme of things I found it somewhat amusing (my wife has yet to see the humor in this that I have) in my life journey. Please convey to Trooper Cox my appreciation for his concern over my situation as well as the professional way in which he conducted himself.

The job of being a Trooper is a difficult one, a point driven home just a few weeks ago with a North Carolina Trooper acquaintance of mine, Trooper David Blanton who was killed by gunfire in a routine traffic stop June 17, 2008.

David and his father deer hunted with a group of us here in Luverne each year. The men and women serving as Troopers on Alabama Highways have my respect and admiration for their work that often goes unappreciated and unrecognized in the ‘routine’ stops, which as with Trooper Blanton became very ‘unroutine’. No doubt, the length of this letter could have and probably should have been shortened to a simple “Job well done” to Trooper Cox. To simplify it would have been to diminish his job performance — I believe Trooper Cox along with all other Troopers who conduct themselves in this manner deserve to be recognized and appreciated in an appropriate manner. Thank you for the time it has taken to read this.

Blessings,

Rev. Ken Jackson

Service Division Streamlines Supply

In an effort to centralize supply and streamline purchasing, the Service Division is changing the way DPS orders equipment. The change, to be fully implemented by Oct. 1, came about after several meetings with division chiefs and Financial Services. It represents new changes reflected in State Purchasing procedures and requisitions.

Before the change, generally most divisions handled the purchasing of their own goods. This caused problems because purchased merchandise would wind up in Service's hands, without division staff knowing where the goods needed to be.

"You know there is a better way to handle a situation when you are receiving merchandise, and you don't know where it belongs," said Capt. Gerone Grant, Service Division assistant chief. "This new system will make inventory a lot easier and more efficient, and it will consolidate equipment purchased in such a way as to reduce a lot of bulk and waste."

Grant said all divisions will remain able to identify their needs in purchasing supplies. Only the act of purchasing supplies will change. "There may be a few minor kinks along the way, just because it is a new way of handling things, but in the end, this will greatly help our department," said Grant.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Purchase orders greater than \$500 (PUR 1000) will be sent to DPS Purchasing. Items requested which require specifications for bid should have the necessary specifications attached to the PUR 1000 submitted to Purchasing. Financial Services shall provide a copy of the purchase order to Supply to prepare for receiving, storage, and dissemination of items shipped to Supply. A copy of purchase orders for equipment in excess of \$500 shall be provided to the inventory officer to account for assignment of the equipment. Any equipment received requiring property numbers shall have property numbers assigned before dissemination.

2. All divisions will forward a courtesy copy of all purchases under \$500 to the Supply Unit. This copy will be used to determine the need to stock specific items. All requests for office supplies, cleaning supplies, clothing, and personal equipment should be submitted on a supply requisition form (Form AST 1A or DPS Form 26).

3. Office supplies normally will be ordered from the state contract. An effort should be made to determine if the contract item meets the need. Items not available on contract will be considered for special order, provided justification is given as to why the contract item will not meet the need. A description, model number and manufacturer are to be provided in this instance. Special orders will be placed on the first and 15th of each month.

All requests for uniforms and related personal equipment should be submitted on the DPS form 26 that is currently available on SafetyNet. E-mailed copies are acceptable. The information from the requests will be entered on the clothing card at the time of issue. The DPS Form 26 also may be e-mailed.

Please send requests 24 hours before the expected pick-up date. Note on the e-mail if the requested items are to be shipped on the Supply run or to be picked up. Please provide the date and time for items that will be picked up and not delivered.



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July 28, 2008

Mr. George Kitchens
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*"We are dedicated to improving the quality of life
in our state through spirited and quality service."*

Excerpt: Alabama Department of Public Safety
Mission Statement

Dear Mr. Kitchens:

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate what you did for us here at the Decatur Trooper Office. Without your assistance we would certainly still have the problem with the electrical connection pulling away from our building. Your immediate attention and dedication to taking care of this issue speaks volumes for you and Joe Wheeler EMC. Mr. Jeff Holt came out and assured us that he would take care of it with the least amount of interruption. His personnel; Buddy Beaver, Kenneth Hanvy, Frank Thompson, Winford Stewart and Tim Cox worked diligently under the extreme heat conditions and did a terrific job. What a great group of men you have working at Joe Wheeler EMC. We look forward to assisting you and Joe Wheeler EMC in the future.

Thank you again for everything that you, your men and Joe Wheeler EMC did for the Alabama State Troopers.

Sincerely,

LT Terry L. Ware
Highway Patrol Division
Troop B/Decatur
(256) 353-0631

When the Decatur State Trooper Post urgently needed electrical work done, Joe Wheeler Electric Membership Corporation was on the job. Existing overhead electrical service had become hazardous at the facility, and Joe Wheeler stepped in and provided underground replacement service at no cost to the Department of Public Safety. Col. J. Christopher Murphy issued a certificate of appreciation to the company, which Capt. Marc McHenry and Lt. Terry Ware presented to Joe Wheeler EMC staff on behalf of DPS. Pictured are (from left), Tim Cox, McHenry, Winford Stewart, Jeff Holt, Frank Thompson, Ware, Buddy Beaver and Kenneth Hanvy.



People You Know!

New Employees

Julie Adair	8/01/08	ASA I	ABI/CIC
Walter Applin	8/01/08	Retired State Employee	SER/Photo Lab
Julie Ballew	7/16/08	PCO I	HP/Jacksonville
Randi Frazier	8/01/08	PCO I	HP/Mobile
Leslie Horn	8/01/08	Capitol Police Officer	PS/Capitol Police
James Lewis	8/01/08	Capitol Police Officer	PS/Capitol Police
Jimmy Miller Jr.	8/01/08	Custodial Worker	ADM/ACJTC
Nancy Sims	8/01/08	Service Patrol Operator	HP/Photo Lab
David Tucker	7/16/08	IT Systems Specialist Associate	DL/Information Services
Branta Wheeler	8/01/08	Capitol Police Officer	PS/Capitol Police

Promotions

James Agerton	8/01/08	Sergeant	ABI/Cyber Crime Command
Jeremy Cantrell	8/01/08	Sergeant	DL/Quad Cities Examining
Dorothy Hill	8/01/08	Accounting Technician	ABI/Administrative Unit
Vonamechi Mooney	7/16/08	PCO II	HP/Montgomery
Mary Williams	7/16/08	PCO II	HP/Montgomery

Transfers

Joseph Bennett	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/FAP
Pedro Dacosta	8/01/08	Trooper	ABI/Investigative Operations
Charles Duke	7/01/08	Corporal	DL/Montgomery Examining
Donna Elrod	8/01/08	DL Examiner I	DL/Guntersville Examining
Brian Faulkner	8/01/08	Trooper	ABI/Investigative Operations
Gary Gates	8/01/08	Corporal	GP/Marshall County
Jacob Gwaltney	8/01/08	Trooper	PS/Dignitary Protection
Rodney Hardy	8/01/08	DL Examiner I	DL/Cullman Examining
Reginald Harkins	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/Alex City
Anthony Hathcock	8/01/08	Trooper	ABI/Investigative Operations
Dennis Huffman	8/01/08	Trooper	PS/Dignitary Protection
Rodney Knight	7/16/08	Trooper	ABI/Investigative Operations
Steven Kelly	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/MCSU Inspector
John Lewis	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/FAP
Sharita Logan	8/01/08	DL Examiner I	DL/Jacksonville Examining
Orlander Marbury	8/01/08	Trooper	ABI/Investigative Operations
Tim Matthews	8/01/08	Trooper	ABI/Investigative Operations
Michael McBrayer	8/01/08	Corporal	HP/Decatur
James Nelms	7/16/08	Trooper	HP/Dothan
Jeffery Nelson	7/16/08	Trooper	ABI/Investigative Operations
Willie Perry Jr.	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/MCSU Weight Detail
Brittany Quasebarth	8/01/08	ASA I	HP/THI
Shannon Sears	8/01/08	ASA III	HP/MCSU
Johnny Senn	8/01/08	Trooper	ABI/Investigative Operations
Stella Sevy	8/01/08	DL Examiner I	DL/Huntsville Examining
Lloyd Smith	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/Alex City
Jeffrey Spivey	8/01/08	Trooper	DL/Opelika Examining
Mark Sylvester	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/Decatur
Kenneth Thomas	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/Pickens County
Justin Watson	8/01/08	Trooper	HP/FAP



People You Know!

Resignations

Joshua Bailey	7/28/08	Trooper	ADM/ACJTC
Shea Jackson	7/31/08	ASA I	ABI/Identification
Vonda Gamble	8/15/08	DL Examiner I	DL/Mobile Examining
Tal Kelley	7/31/08	IT Systems Specialist	DL/Information Services
Christopher Stanton	8/11/08	Trooper	HP/MCSU

Retirement

Theresa Ellis	7/31/08	Fingerprint Classifier II	ABI/Identification
Terry Munn	7/31/08	Trooper	HP/Mobile

Separation by Death

Kim Frazier	7/18/08	ASA II	DL/Safety Responsibility
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WARNING: HUGE FISH!!!

Retired Capt. Loyd Arrington managed to reel in a whopper of a fish on July 29 in shallow water at his own private honey hole in Blount County. Arrington caught the large mouth Bass with a rubber worm, and was clearly proud of his latest conquest. Congratulations, Captain!



Dothan Post Has Fun in the Sun!

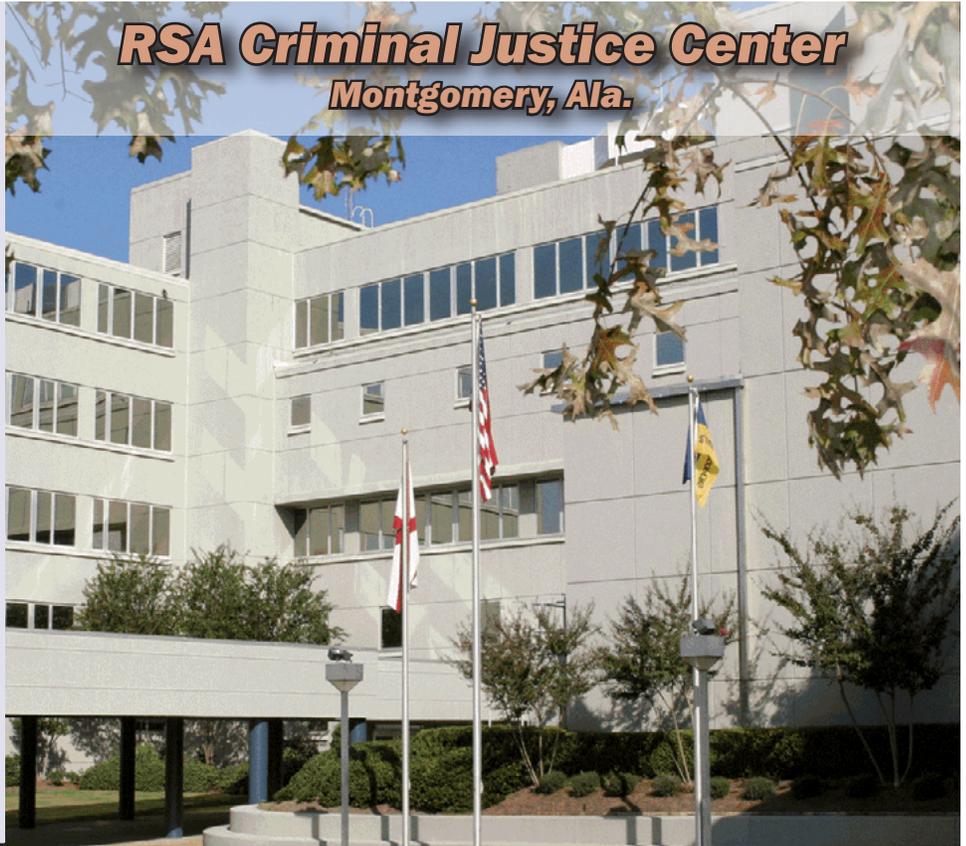
The Dothan Post held its annual "Fun in the Sun Picnic" Saturday, July 26, at Lake Tholocco in Fort Rucker. Cpl. John Helms reigned over the barbecue, grilling hotdogs and hamburgers for everyone before swimming in the lake began. Cpl. Sam Pickett brought along even more fun, in the form of two water slides. Everyone had fun that day and enjoyed meeting all the new families that have joined the Dothan Post in the past year.

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Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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On Your Calendar

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

Monday, October 13

Columbus Day

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving

Training Schedule for ACJTC for September 2008

Date	Event
Sept 2-3	ABI & DL In-Service
2-5	Trooper Class 2008A
2-5	Basic Police Session 133
2-5	Trooper Class 2008B
8-12	Trooper Class 2008A
8-12	Basic Police Session 133
8-12	Patrol Rifle
8-12	Accident Reconstruction
9-10	ABI & DL In-Service
15-19	Trooper Class 2008A
15-19	Basic Police Session 133
15-19	Accident Reconstruction
16-17	ABI & DL In-Service
22-24	Select Fire
22-26	Trooper Class 2008A
22-26	Basic Police Session 133
23-24	ABI & DL In-Service
29-30	Trooper Class 2008A
29-30	Basic Police Session 133
29-30	Motorcycle School
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