



# The Colonel's Corner

Col. J. Christopher Murphy, Director

One of the greatest pleasures of my work as director is spending time on the job with our exceptional Public Safety employees and recognizing their outstanding work. Recently I had the opportunity to award director's coins in my office, many for troopers, but some for direct-hire special agents, PCOs, ASAs, and for administrative employees within the Administrative Division. Also recently, it was my pleasure to attend this year's Alabama Bureau of

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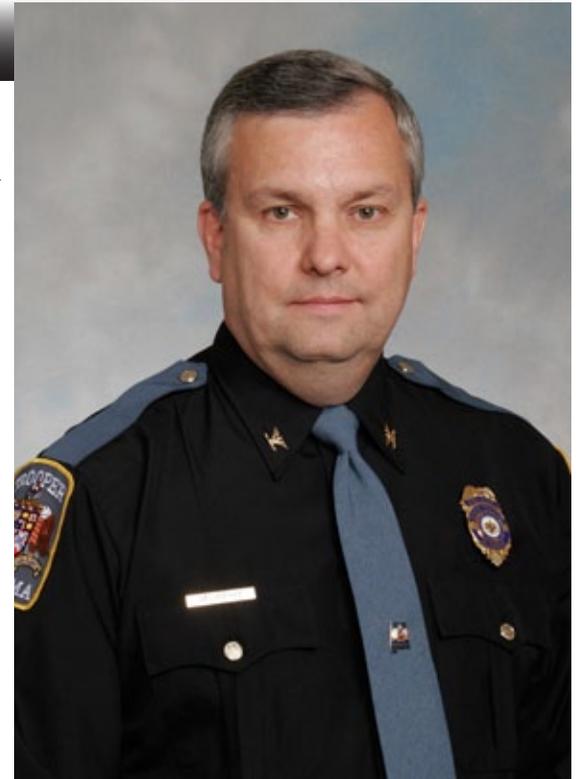
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Investigation Awards Ceremony in honor of the 2009 Special Agent of the Year and Support Employee of the Year. Then last week Lt. Col. Bingham and I had the pleasure of taking Rhonda Williams and Andrea Ashley out to lunch to celebrate Administrative Professionals Day. I was able to address many of the troopers scheduled to work the recent Crawfish Festival and nearby Faunsdale Bike Rally, and I am always so very pleased with the work of the support staff and sworn troopers who run our academy. That was certainly the case at the recent Basic Police class graduation in Selma. Last weekend I had the opportunity to speak with the troopers, trooper reserves, mechan-

ics, and the PCOs who supported the Talladega races; and I was so proud of the troopers who responded to Albertville, many of whom I saw when visiting the area of devastation with Gov. Riley and EMA Director Brock Long. The lieutenant colonel and I also were very proud to distribute our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary badges to the dedicated men and women of our Capitol Police at an event April 27.

With these events and so many more I am constantly reminded of the very deep level of commitment we have here at the Alabama Department of Public Safety. Right now DPS enjoys a richly deserved, outstanding reputation with the public, the Governor's Office, the Legislature, and the business community. The reason for that stellar reputation is the dedication and professionalism of every employee of this exceptional department. It is the way the telephone is answered and the helpful and courteous manner in which our administrative personnel direct calls or address an issue. It is the technical expertise that our IT staff bring to the table that allows us to use technology to accomplish our mission and accomplish it with excellence. It is the compassionate and skilled way our ABI agents solve crimes, and the way driver license examiners and reinstatement staff resolve so many issues with cour-



tesy and a thorough understanding of their jobs. It is the way our mechanics are making these older vehicles go a little extra and stay safe, and the way our radio technicians keep us communicating. It is the way PCOs not only handle callers in distress, but also keep up with troopers and manage the competing demands of DPS radio rooms.

John Maxwell, author of *The 360 Degree Leader*, said, "Successful people do things that unsuccessful people are unwilling to do." Our strength and our future lie within each employee. Looking at each of you, I see that DPS will not falter nor will she fail; she has a rich and full future in front of her. DPS is full of successful people, and I am so very grateful to each employee and so proud to be the director of DPS for this season in our lives. 🍀

# Gillis Commended by Legislature at Medal of Honor Ceremony

Alabama State Trooper Mike Gillis, Geneva Police Chief Frankie Lindsey, Geneva Police Lt. Ricky Morgan, Conservation Officer Joel Hendron, and Geneva County Chief Deputy Tony Helms were among those honored by state lawmakers during a special ceremony at the Alabama State House April 1.

The officers were each nominated for the Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement for their heroic acts in acting to halt the murderous rampage of a gunman who shot and killed 10 victims in south Alabama March 10, 2009. Nine other law enforcement officers from across the state were nominated for the award. The award, given out annually, is the state's highest law enforcement award for extraordinary courage in the line of duty.

"On that fateful day, these officers responded to the call with a professional demeanor that was beyond the call of duty," said Public Safety Director Col. J. Christopher Murphy. "By their undaunted courage, fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of an uncertain situation, I feel they are truly deserving of this recognition," Murphy said.

Minutes after learning of an armed assailant shooting people in Samson March 10, 2009, Gillis encountered the gunman traveling east on Alabama 52 in Geneva County. Despite taking fire, Gillis, Lindsey,



*From left, Morgan, Helms, Lindsey, Hendron, and Gillis at the Alabama State House following the ceremony.*

Morgan, Hendron, and Helms pursued and attempted to apprehend the gunman.

The five officers were recognized during a joint session of the Alabama House and Senate and each received resolutions commemorating their valor.

The late Dexter Hammond of the Headland Police Department was

posthumously awarded the 2010 Legislative Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement. Hammond's family members attended the ceremony to receive the medal on his behalf.

Hammond was killed April 2009 when he responded to a shooting in which a Henry County deputy sheriff was critically wounded. 🇺🇸

## ASTA Awards

The Alabama State Trooper Association also honored Tpr. Michael Gillis with its 2009 Member of the Year award in a ceremony April 11.

Gillis edged out this year's runner-up, Tpr. Stephen Langham, who works out of the Evergreen Post and was noted for his dedication to the department and strong work ethic.

Congratulations to both! 🇺🇸



*Gillis with Langham*



*McCall presents Tubbs and Washington their awards at the ceremony.*

## *ABI Announces Agent, Support Employee for 2009*

Sgt. Johnny Tubbs was named the 2009 Special Agent of the Year, and Angela Washington was honored as 2009 Support Employee of the Year at the Alabama Bureau of Investigation awards ceremony April 13 at RSA Headquarters in Montgomery.

At the ceremony, DPS leaders described Tubbs as a trusted and respected member of the law enforcement community in west Alabama.

“We could not be more proud of this year’s ABI Agent of the Year, Sgt. Johnny Tubbs,” said Col. J. Christopher Murphy. “He is a skilled practitioner, manager and leader who contributes materially to the safety of our state and upholds the highest standards of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.”

ABI Assistant Division Chief

Capt. Marty Griffin expressed gratitude to Washington as she received her award. “Our work and our mission would be impossible without a dedicated and hard-working support staff. Ms. Washington exemplifies these characteristics to their fullest, and we are honored to have her as a part of our organization.”

Obviously pleased with Washington’s selection, ABI Division Chief Maj. Hugh McCall said upon presenting her award, “Was there any doubt?”

Also recognized at the ceremony were Sgt. Terry Howell and Mary Frances McCrory. Howell was named Agent of the Year finalist, and McCrory was named finalist for Support Employee of the Year.

Special thanks to 3M for proudly sponsoring the ABI awards ceremony. 🏆



*Above, McCall hands certificates to finalists Howell and McCrory. Below, McCall gives 3M representative Julie Burke a certificate of appreciation for graciously sponsoring the ceremony.*



# Riley Signs Blue Alert Executive Order

Gov. Bob Riley signed an executive order April 16 creating a system in the state that will help apprehend criminals who kill or seriously injure law enforcement officers.

Dubbed “Blue Alert,” the system is similar to, and modeled after both the AMBER Alert and Silver Alert systems, activated when children and senior citizens are missing and believed to be in danger. Blue Alert will be activated when a local, state or federal law enforcement officer has been killed or seriously injured in Alabama and the perpetrator is at large.

“Like the AMBER Alert and the Senior Alert, the Blue Alert gives our citizens the opportunity to contribute to the safety of others simply by being aware of the situation and by being vigilant,” said Riley. “When a Blue Alert is issued and Alabamians spot the person or



vehicle described in that alert, they can then contact authorities and play a key role in making sure the assailant is captured before they can cause further harm.”

Joining Riley were Public Safety Director Col. J. Christopher Murphy, Alabama Transportation Director Joe McInnes, Alabama state troopers and other members of the law enforcement community.

Under the system, the Alabama Department of Public Safety will work with broadcasters and local, state and federal governments to broadcast identifying information of the assailant’s vehicle. The Alabama Department of Transportation will post the information on highway message boards.

When a Blue Alert is issued, the public will be encouraged to be on the look out for the assailant’s vehicle and to call 911.

Among those gathering to witness the launch of Blue Alert was Jim Fezatte, whose son, James, worked for the Millbrook Police Department and was killed in the line of duty in 2008. Jim Fezatte is a member of COPS, Concerns of Police Survivors, and has worked to get a Blue Alert system started in Alabama.

At the Blue Alert launch, Riley also signed a proclamation declaring May 9-15 as Blue Ribbon Week in Alabama. Blue Ribbon Week encourages citizens to support law enforcement by flying a blue ribbon on their cars. COPS members were on hand to pass out blue ribbons to the public at the signing. 🇺🇸



# TFZ Helps Tame Talladega



For years, Alabama state troopers have dutifully worked to rein in the traditionally rowdy and raucous behavior many race fans exhibit at Talladega.

The latest tool troopers are using to maintain order at the race is Task Force Zero. Specializing in DUI detection and enforcement, TFZ troopers conducted several patrols around the Talladega Superspeedway property from the Thursday before the race weekend through

midnight Sunday.

In that time frame, TFZ troopers reported making 127 DUI arrests, issued 24 open container citations, 41 seat belt violations, 130 citations for other various violations, and 30 warnings.

Despite the threat of severe weather postponing Saturday's events at Talladega, Alabama state troopers made 44 more DUI arrests at this spring's race than at last October's race at Talladega.

"The reason we are here is simple," said Tpr. Chad Joiner. "It's all about enforcing traffic laws, apprehending impaired drivers, and, consequently, saving lives."

"Years back, race weekend was absolutely wild," commented Sgt. Tracy Nelson. "Things are much different now than they used to be. The event has calmed considerably, and become more family-friendly."

Initial reports from this spring's race are not much different.

Crowds were mostly quiet and well-behaved, and traffic flowed steadily on race day.

In addition to the 127 DUI arrests TFZ troopers made during the four-day Talladega race weekend, there were zero traffic fatalities that could directly be linked to race weekend.

"If those 127 individuals were not arrested at the race track, we could potentially be telling an entirely different and much more gruesome story," Joiner said. 🍀



# Motor Carrier Visits Maplesville to Improve Relations with Loggers

Capt. Jack Clark and Sgt. Philip Taylor of the Motor Carrier Safety Unit got an inside glimpse into Alabama's logging industry April 6. Arranged through the Alabama Forestry Association, the tour allowed the Motor Carrier staff not only to observe operations of the logging industry, but also to better form relationships between those protecting Alabama's roadways and those using Alabama's roadways for transport.

In recent years, the relationship between Motor Carrier and Alabama's loggers became somewhat frayed. Certain loggers in the state felt that their trucks were being unfairly targeted, simply because they were log trucks. The process of pulling over a log truck to check weight compliance can take 30 minutes or longer, and that lost time can mean the difference in delivering that last load to the mill to turn a profit for the day, or just breaking even.

"The main area of concern is excess weight on roadways," Clark



said. "The maximum gross vehicle weight for interstate travel is 80,000 pounds, with 88,000 pounds allowed on state roads. Exceeding weight restrictions is dangerous and can severely damage roads."

"Since loggers sell their load by

weight, it is more beneficial to them to deliver a load weighing 80,000 pounds instead of a load weighing only 50,000," Taylor explains. "It's the handful of rogue truckers that try to sneak loads weighing 90 to 95,000 pounds of weight to the mill that causes the most problems."



Jimmy Parnell, manager of Parnell Inc., invited Clark and Taylor to one of his tree farms in Maplesville to see how timber is cut and prepped for transport.

"We have five people in the woods operating equipment and eight truck drivers on each crew," said Parnell. "The feller buncher is



the vehicle that cuts and gathers trees. Skidders are machines that drag cut trees from the forest to the loading zone. The slasher is a machine that quickly removes tree limbs and cuts logs to proper lengths for loading, while another machine, appropriately named the log loader, loads logs onto trucks heading for the mill.

“The vast majority of people in our industry try to do what is right,” said Parnell. “Some loggers might complain about being slowed down by a routine weight check, but those same loggers would complain if we were moving too fast for



them, as well. The truth is, safety is a huge component to our industry, and I couldn’t afford to operate at all if we were operating illegally.”

“What this all boils down to is professionalism,” Clark said. “Professionals act professionally and are held to a higher standard. Whatever the case, we need to work together to find a smarter way to make things as good as possible for both ends. We are glad to come to the table if someone has a good solution. Our end goal is always safety, but there are surely multiple pathways to achieve that goal.”

# *Aviation Flies to Rescue, Nabs Escapee*

**D**PS Aviation flew into action in April counting a rescue and escapee apprehension among the unit's successful missions. In the first, trooper pilots located and rescued three women lost on Mt. Cheaha April 19, and in the second, they assisted in capturing an escapee from the Mississippi Department of Corrections four days later.

"We received a call at 4 in the morning," said Tpr. Pilot Supervisor Lee Hamilton of the Mt. Cheaha search. "Cleburne County Search and Rescue had been looking for the women since mid-afternoon the day before and detailed that they had gotten lost approximately eight miles down the Pinhoti foot trail. One of the women was diabetic and was without insulin."

Via cell phone, Tpr. Pilot Shane Hobbs instructed the trio to keep a fire burning so they could be spotted, and flew out to locate them. After circling the area for hours, Hobbs saw no trace of fire and no indication of the women on the FLIR.

"Shane was so determined to find them, he flew to the point of exhaustion," Hamilton said. "Even though we had no luck to that



point, we had to make a quick decision. Knowing that these women were getting dehydrated, possibly injured, and had cell phones that were going dead, we had to find these women and find them fast.

"As luck would have it," said Hamilton, "Tpr. Micah Little was supposed to leave Gadsden to go to Montgomery for a training mission. I contacted Tpr. Little and told him to meet us at Mt. Cheaha

for the real thing, instead."

Hamilton flew for about an hour, and spotted two of the three women near Adam's Gap. Hamilton talked to the women over the P.A., and they said they were doing OK and that their friend was approximately one hour away. Unsure of the condition of the third female, they decided to drop supplies, including first aid and a charged cell phone, before attempting a long-

line rescue.

“The plan was to fly out and have Micah and Shane rappel out of the helicopter and fly the first two women out to nearby U.S. 281, where they could be recovered, and then circle back and locate the third woman,” said Hamilton. “The third woman caught up with the other two, though, and we completed the mission by 2 p.m. All three women were extracted without injury, and the diabetic woman we were so concerned with was doing great.

“This was a true team effort,” said

Hamilton. “Everyone involved – from Micah and Shane, to Greg Rankin and Mack Ward – we couldn’t have done it without them. Not to mention all of the assistance from Cleburne County EMA and the Fischer Rescue Squad at Little River Canyon. They were all fantastic.”

Four days after the successful mission, DPS Aviation was called upon again, this time to assist in capturing a felon who escaped from the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The escapee had been on the run and was wanted in connection with several burglaries and a con-

firmed car-jacking.

“A game warden spotted the escapee fishing along the Alabama River in a heavily wooded area near Clifton’s Ferry,” Hamilton explained. “There were men on the ground with tracking dogs that formed a horseshoe pattern around him. My job was to fly the helicopter overhead and basically get the man to run, to minimize the chase.

“After circling overhead several times, however, it became apparent that the man was totally unconcerned with the chopper overhead,” said Hamilton. “He wasn’t budging.”

Surprised by the escapee’s reluctance to vacate his fishing spot, Hamilton decided to hover the helicopter close to the man and chat with him over the P.A.

“I basically just asked him questions about what he was doing – ‘Did you catch any big fish today? How are the fish biting today?’” explained Hamilton. “I was just serving as a distraction so the men surrounding him could close in. The strange thing is he never really suspected it to be a trap. He just thought I was a game warden quizzing him about his fishing outing.

“He wasn’t running, because he didn’t know who I was,” said Hamilton. “I was careful to face the man at all times, and keep the Alabama state trooper decal on the helicopter from his field of vision. Just when the men on the ground got to the sandy beach where he was standing, I turned the helicopter sideways to reveal my true identity. His game was up.” 🌀



# Motor Carrier Awards Best of 2009



*From left, Clark, Tpr. Fred Williams, Griffies, Vonderau, Van Luchene, and Andrews at the Alabama Trucking Association.*

The Motor Carrier Safety Unit handed out awards for outstanding service to the unit in 2009 at its April 13 unit meeting held at the offices of the Alabama Trucking Association.

Receiving the award for Weight Detail Trooper of the Year for 2009 was Tpr. Fred Williams. The award for Compliance Trooper of the Year for 2009 was given to Tpr. Mike Griffies, and Tpr. Johnny Williams was named 2009 Inspector of the Year.

“In determining the winners, a point system was established using a formula where points were awarded for arrests or stopping out-of-service vehicles,” said Lt. Mike Junkin, MCSU assistant commander. “After establishing a rubric for the number of inspections or arrests, points were tallied, and that is how we arrived at our

winners.”

Highway Patrol Chief Maj. Charles Andrews and Motor Carrier Safety Unit Capt. Jack Clark opened the ceremony by congratulating troopers for their hard work on Alabama’s roadways. “We continue to do great work on Alabama’s roadways,” said Andrews. “While fatalities are not down much off of last year’s record low, they are still down. That just shows we are doing amazing work to make Alabama safer.”

Judy Van Luchene of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration was a special guest at the ceremony and received a token of appreciation from Gene Vonderau and Frank Filgo of the Alabama Trucking Association for her contributions to safety.

“I am extremely proud of what Motor Carrier is doing,” said Van Luchene. “You all do a tremendous job, and I am so happy that you all take safety so seriously. Even though negative comments seem to dominate the news and you deal with unhappy drivers daily when you pull people over, as a whole, the industry supports you and everything you do.”

The Alabama Trucking Association sponsored the awards ceremony. 🌟



# Stay Safe All Summer Long!

**W**ith the long days of summer, people are out and about from morning till night: bicycling, walking, jogging, motorcycling, even in-line skating and skateboarding, as well as driving. When so many people are on the move in so many ways, we all need to be alert and be on the lookout for others, no matter how they – or we – are traveling. Here is some advice on how to get there safely.



- Check your car or have it serviced before any long trip (battery, tires, belts and fluids).
- Have a qualified technician check the air conditioner.
- Check your oil. If you will be towing a trailer or boat, or driving in the desert, switch to a motor oil with higher viscosity.
- Pack an emergency kit that includes water, jumper cables, flares, a flashlight, equipment to change a tire, and a first aid kit.
- Fill up your gas tank at night or early in the morning to minimize damage to the ozone layer.
- Pack non-perishable snacks and plenty of juice and water (individual water bottles for each family member helps you monitor intake to avoid dehydration).
- Make sure your child safety seats and booster seats are properly installed.

- Require all occupants to buckle up, with children in the back seat.
- Obey speed limits and all roadway signs.
- Drive calmly and avoid entanglements with aggressive drivers.
- Take frequent breaks — at least every two hours — and avoid driving when tired.
- Be especially careful around railroad crossings.
- Avoid driving in the “No Zone” around trucks. If you cannot see the truck driver in the truck’s mirror, the truck driver cannot see you.
- Slow down in work zones, obey all signs and flaggers and pay attention to the vehicle in front of you (most work zone crashes are rear-end collisions due to an inattentive driver).

- When crossing streets, remember to look left, right, then left again, before you step off the curb.
- Don’t play, walk or bicycle along railroad tracks.
- Parents, be sure to review the bicycle and pedestrian safety rules with your children.
- Check the fit of your bike helmet.
- Always wear your helmet while bicycling or in-line skating.
- Don’t wear your bike helmet on the playground, climbing trees, or at other types of play.
- Before riding your bike, do a quick maintenance check of the bike, including brakes, tires, air pressure, chain, handlebars and loose parts. Whether you use your bike a lot or are just dusting it off, do a maintenance check every time you ride.

## Stay Safe (continued)



- Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or to use an umbrella.
- Drink water. Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid high-protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.
- Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4 and 7 a.m.
- Stay indoors when possible. If air-conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine. Remember that electric fans do not cool, they simply circulate the air.
- Be a good neighbor. During heat waves, check in on elderly residents in your neighborhood and those who do not have air conditioning.
- Learn Red Cross first aid and CPR.

Sources: *the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, HSRC, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, and the Red Cross.* 🌀



## The New Voice for Public Information

For the first time in more than 28 years, the Department of Public Safety has a new voice offering assistance on the main telephone line. That voice belongs to Public Information's one and only Judy Crump.

Crump has spent most of her adult life as a ballet dancer. Professionally trained at the North Carolina School of the Arts, now a part of the University of North Carolina, Crump danced with ballet companies both in North Carolina and New York.

Born and raised in Montgomery, Crump moved to Washington, D.C., while in high school, and it was there she became serious about pursuing a career in ballet.

Crump returned to Montgomery to teach and choreograph Dance Theater at the Montgomery Ballet. She also taught dance at Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama State University, and Carver Elementary Arts Magnet. She has two daughters and one 2-year-old grandson.

"I am excited about being here at DPS," Crump said. "I think it is time to reinvent myself and do something different. I am very fortunate because I love my new job and the people I work with."

"After many years of working in ballet, I am finding this change refreshing," Crump added. "I am now experimenting with being a normal person, and I really like it." 🌀

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## Heading Toward

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*Above: From left, Maj. Ned McHenry, Tpr. Mike Junkin, Tpr. Lonnie Patrick, and Capt. Fred Patterson seen with the DPS hazardous materials van and equipment in 1988. Patterson was a certified bomb technician and served as commander of the unit.*



*Left: From left, Tpr. Cadets Donald Atwell, Robert Bell and Lonnie Patrick pictured with Col. Floyd Mann, taken in the late 1960s. Mann began the cadet program in the late 1950s.*

*Bottom Left: An Alabama Highway Patrol car checking traffic with radar equipment in 1955.*

*Bottom Right: The Opelika Post in either 1948 or 1949. From left, Sgt. Coxwell, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Highway Patrolmen Leon Newman, Ell Cowling, Tom Posey, and Unknown.*



# People You Know!



## *New Employees*

Judy Crump	3.16.10	ASA I	ADM/Public Information
Joseph Hughes	4.01.10	Forensic Technology Examiner	ABI/Huntsville
Lee Moore	3.31.10	ASA I	ABI/Montgomery County

## *Promotions*

Samantha Carter	4.01.10	ASA II	ADM/Personnel Unit
Julie Fuller	4.01.10	ASA I	ABI/CyberCrimes
Jodi Fuqua	3.16.10	ASA II	DL/Information Services
Jeffery Harris	4.01.10	Corporal	HP/Birmingham Post
Mario Harris	3.16.10	IT Systems Technician	DL/Information Services
Bobby Head	4.01.10	Captain	ABI/Identification
Kyle Hobbs	3.16.10	Trooper Pilot I	SER/Aviation Unit
Crystal Jackson	3.16.10	PCO II	HP/Montgomery Post
Randy Jenkins	3.16.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Jacksonville Examining
Scott Kastberg	3.16.10	PCO II	HP/Quad Cities Post
Cynthia Price	3.16.10	ASA II	SER/Communications Engineering
Timothy Pullin	4.01.10	Captain	HP/Montgomery Troop
Guy Rush	4.01.10	Captain	DL/Chief Examiner

## *Transfers*

James Boykin	3.16.10	Trooper	HP/Baldwin County
Kasey Brooks	3.16.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Pike County
Wayne Dailey	3.16.10	Corporal	PS/Dignitary Protection
Harold Davis	4.01.10	Trooper	HP/Jefferson County
Cynthia Hardy	3.16.10	Corporal	PS/Headquarters
Sara Mosley	3.16.10	Trooper	HP/Mobile County
Carolyn Patrick	3.16.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Barbour County
Margaret Richardson	3.16.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Houston County
David Ratcliff	3.16.10	Corporal	PS/Dignitary Protection
Antony Smith	3.16.10	Corporal	HP/Montgomery Post
Terry Tate	3.16.10	Captain	DL/Assistant Division Chief

## *Resignations*

Brittney Fannin	3.26.10	ASA I	ABI/Identification
James Jackson	4.13.10	Retired State Employee	ABI/CyberCrimes
Ashley Overstreet	4.14.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Selma Examining
Kimberley Treslar	4.09.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Birmingham Examining
Wanda Williams	4.09.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Huntsville Examining

## *Retirements*

JoAnn Ball	3.31.10	DL Supervisor	DL/Safety Responsibility
Roscoe Howell	3.31.10	Major	ADM/Special Projects
Thad Snyder	3.31.10	Corporal	ABI/CyberCrimes EOD
Joan Whiteside	3.31.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Jacksonville Examining
William Wiggins	3.31.10	Lieutenant	ABI/Investigative Operations
Thomas Wood	3.31.10	Building Custodian I	HP/Montgomery

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**On Your Calendar**

Monday, May 31

*Memorial Day*

Monday, June 7

*Jefferson Davis' Birthday*

Monday, July 5

*Independence Day (offices closed)*

Monday, September 6

*Labor Day*

**AGTC TRAINING SCHEDULE  
MAY '10**

Date	Event
May 3-5	Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
3-6	DPS In-service
10-13	DPS In-service
17-20	DPS In-service
17-28	Patrol Rifle
19-20	Wildlife and Fisheries In-service
21	Defensive Driving
28	Defensive Driving

**READY, AIM, FIRE!**

Retirees' firearms qualifications are approaching. The dates are Monday, May 10, and Monday, Sept. 20. Start-time is 10 a.m. each day.

The training center will provide hearing and eye protection and ammunition for .40-caliber handguns.

Those intending to qualify using a different weapon must supply their own ammunition.