



It was a celebration 75 years in the making.

On Dec. 5, 1935, Gov. Bibb Graves made good on his re-election campaign promise to create a statewide Highway Patrol. That year, 75 motorcycle-mounted patrol officers took to Alabama's roadways, intent on promoting highway and traffic safety.

Over the years, the original Alabama Highway Patrol expanded and evolved into the Alabama Department of Public Safety, and now comprises six divisions and employs more than 1,400 sworn and nonsworn employees.

"The legacy of the original patrolmen is today's Alabama Department of Public Safety," said Public Safety Acting Director Col. F.A. Bingham. "This agency is committed to upholding and sustaining the highest standards and expectations of state law enforcement. Its service to Alabamians is shaped by a vision of DPS that is defined by professionalism, ethics, efficiency



and effectiveness, with a clear and vital mission: protecting and preserving the public's safety."

The celebration included a display of law enforcement equipment and technology along the 800 block of Adams Avenue, the street that borders the north side of DPS Headquarters, in addition to a program and reception exploring the department's past, present and future. Guests also had an opportunity to visit each of the department's six divisions: Administrative, Alabama Bureau of Investigation, Driver License, Highway Patrol, Protective Services, and Service.

More than seven decades ago, charter members of the department were tasked with enforcing traffic and criminal laws, investigating crashes and promoting traffic safety in Alabama. While much has changed throughout the years at Public Safety, there is a timeless nature to the work of the department, said Bingham. "For 75 years, our mission has remained constant, and we remain committed to guarding the public's safety," he said.

The values espoused in the department's motto — Courtesy, Service, and Protection — were embraced by the original patrol officers and formed a solid foundation for the challenges and demands in service that lay ahead. Public Safety's members continue to hold fast to these values, which guide their work three-quarters of a century after the founding of the Alabama Highway Patrol.



Like many of you, I grew up surrounded by heroes who influenced my decisions in planning my future and my working career. Some were created by movie and television producers ... I never grew tired of seeing the latest Western adventures with Hopalong Cassidy, the Lone Ranger and his trusted companion, Tonto, Roy Rogers, Gene Autrey, and others. Then there were people who wore a badge like Joe Friday on *Dragnet* and Broderick Crawford, who starred on *Highway Patrol*, but never seemed interested in getting by supply to get a uniform issued. Communities were safer because the guys in the white hats seem to keep the renegades under control.

Then there were the hometown heroes. In the late 1950s, two of my favorites in Randolph County wore the uniform of an Alabama Highway patrolman. In my eyes, E.C. Dothard and Russell Summerlin were symbols of professionalism and integrity. They were respected because of their involvement in community activities and for their efforts in keeping the highways of our county safe.

While I was a senior in high school, their influence and example prompted me to write a letter in the fall of 1958 to then-Director of the Department of Public Safety Bill Lyerly, asking for information on career opportunities within the department. Mr. Lyerly's answer came back within a few days thanking me for my interest ... but the news was not good. "Minimum age for a state highway patrolman is 22. Contact us again in five years if you wish to be considered." My first reaction was that five years is an eternity, but I still was not discouraged. My dream was a career with the Department of Public Safety.

Then without notice, a posting on Handley High School's Career and College Bulletin Board in the spring of 1959 grabbed my attention. In January, a new administration and a new director of Public Safety had been installed in Montgomery. The new director, Floyd Mann, had persuaded the State Personnel Department to establish a new classification for DPS intended for high school graduates, the Highway Patrol cadet. My decision was made, and my application for testing for the new position was handed personally to the postal clerk in Roanoke the very next day. Things moved quickly after the application was submitted, testing was completed in April, high school graduation was in May, and I was summoned to Montgomery for processing as a patrol cadet on June 22. My dream had been fulfilled. After serving in various capacities with some of the most dedicated people I have ever known in four of the department's then five divisions, I announced my retirement in 1991.

I became intrigued with DPS when she was a



young 23-year-old. We discussed a relationship and through a twist of fate, that discussion developed into a rewarding and satisfying relationship that lasted 32 years.

It is difficult to imagine, but today the department is celebrating 75 years of service to the people of Alabama.

Active or retired, support or sworn personnel, each of you here today and the hundreds of retirees and current employees who could not be here, have their individual story of what drew them to a career of public service.

Law enforcement remains a noble and satisfying calling. It makes no difference whether you enforce traffic or criminal laws as a trooper or ABI agent, test new drivers, perform administrative duties, maintain records to identify irresponsible drivers, provide a safe, well-equipped fleet of vehicles, provide radio dispatch services or computer support services ... You are continuing to contribute to the safety and quality of life for all Alabamians. It is a team effort, and each of you has a reason to be proud of the contribution you make to the citizens of this state.

Issues, technology, and tactics required to perform your duties have changed, but the mission remains the same as you extend your service into the 76th year of this department's long and storied history.

In this period when confidence in government and other major institutions is shaken, it is more important than ever for law enforcement agencies to remain steadfast in their integrity and their commitment to provide the environment that allows us to feel safe as we travel our highways, as our children attend school, and as we enjoy the security of our own homes. More than ever, our society needs an institution it can believe in, and law enforcement can help restore the confidence and security people seek today in our state and nation.

I know I speak for every retiree of this department when I say your efforts and accomplishments on behalf of the people of this state are sincerely appreciated. All of us now look to you for that service, courtesy, and protection that has been your hallmark since the agency was created in 1935.

We will always take pride in your accomplishments on our behalf and we will share your concern and grief when a fellow officer is injured or killed in the line of duty. Even though our active careers have ended, we still have bonds with you and your co-workers that transcend the passage of time.

Thank you for the good reputation you continue to build for this department and the hours of effort you gave to ensure a successful and memorable 75th anniversary celebration for us all.

Retired Col. Harold Hammond

THE BLUE LIGHT



The dictionary defines a family as a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation. Our common affiliation is guarding the public's safety, whether it's in a car or behind a desk. However, success in accomplishing our goal is greatly determined by everyone's ability to work together and the ties that bind us together to accomplish our goal.

Part of the ties that have contributed to DPS's success over the past 75 years are the family ties. Family ties here at DPS are strong. I've been employed here almost 20 years, and I usually joke and say I started here when I was just 10 years old. As big of a whopper as that may seem, there is some truth in that statement. I have literally grown up in this department. My mother retired from Public Safety after being here 20 years. She occasionally would bring me to the office if I had a doctor's appointment or something. One time in particular, it was a governor's inauguration. I was about 10 or 11 years old, and DPS Headquarters was located at our previous location on Dexter Avenue. Evidently, employees were off that day or it was limited to essential personnel only. Anyway, the bosses needed people to answer the phones, so my mother volunteered. She brought me with her that day, and I can remember running all over that building, playing on the stairs and then watching the inauguration from the top of the building. That memory is my first of many with Public Safety. Later, when I was in my early 20s, after school, I really couldn't find my niche in the working world. My mother kept telling me to take the driver license examiner's test, and I kept putting it off. Finally, she wore me

down, and I took the test and got hired. It was one of the best decisions I've ever made, and I don't regret it – well, most days I don't.

Of course, I'm not the only person to work here with biological family members involved with the department. There are and have been many "generational" employees who have made DPS their career. However, it's not only about those biological and nuclear family ties. DPS employees claim each other as family. I know from my experience that when you work somewhere as long as we all have, life happens during that process. People marry, divorce, have children, and lose those close to them. That has all happened to me. I know that through the good life events, it's great to see those DPS faces or answer those calls; however, it's probably been more meaningful during the rough life events that I have come to realize how much of a family DPS actually is ... not only by their presence, but through their reassurance. It's really one of the things that sets us apart, makes us strong and helps us accomplish our goal as a unit together. Our common affiliation: family.

We nonsworn employees sometimes feel a little overlooked or feel like unsung heroes because it's so easy to be overshadowed by troopers and Capitol Police and the work they do and the attention that their work attracts. You see almost daily something they're doing, whether it is more patrols, a drug bust, or saving a life. It's sort of hard to compete. I don't recall ever seeing anything in the paper or on the news about how many people we reinstated that day or how

many copies were made, letters written, phones answered, etc. But without all of that working in conjunction with everything else, our goal would not be successfully accomplished as it has been during the past 75 years.

It's funny, though, how the public responds to sworn and nonsworn employees, from a nonsworn employee's perspective. I can remember one time giving driving exams at a small office in another county. A person there was not happy with me as I explained what was required. We had discussed our differences for quite some time, and he wasn't leaving. I tried my best to be professional and use all the techniques I'd been trained to use to promote good customer service.

Well, about that time, one of the local troopers came in to complete paperwork, and he overheard some of our discussion and picked up on the fact that this person was not leaving. The trooper politely turned to this person and stated, "Sir, this is what you have to have." Basically, he said the exact same thing I had been saying, and the individual stood up, shook the trooper's hand, and said he sure did appreciate the information. I was floored, but sure was glad the trooper came in!

I guess what I've been trying to say is that the truth is actually that every employee is part of the Public Safety family, and every employee's contribution to our goal is vitally important.

DL Supervisor Diane Woodruff



The Alabama Department of Public Safety is an agency rich in law enforcement tradition, and I am truly honored to be part of that tradition. In 1935, this department was built on courtesy, service and protection. While we have evolved and grown over the past 75 years, we put each of these qualities into practice every day.

Take courtesy, for example: a polite behavior, gesture, or remark. As troopers, we know first-hand the importance of being courteous. I remember one incident back when I was on the Field Training Officer Program in Tallapoosa County. My FTO, Tpr. Gary Arrington, and I were working in Tallasee.

When Tpr. Arrington and I pulled over my first driver for not wearing a seat belt, I was not prepared for the driver's reaction. I had this gut feeling that something bad was about to happen, and I believe Tpr. Arrington knew that. He was an expert at showing courtesy. The driver was upset and began calling me everything under the sun.

While Charles Dysart might have responded in anger, Tpr. Charles Dysart remained calm and courteous. I remembered a saying that I was taught as a child: "Show them love with your kindness." That simple statement has stayed with me throughout my career, and I am reminded of it

each and every time I face similar situations.

Then there is service: work performed to benefit others. As a trooper patrolling the lonely highways of Calhoun County, I can remember traveling down Interstate 20, what troopers call Death Valley. It was about 1:00 in the morning, and I noticed a stranded motorist on the shoulder with his hazard lights blinking. Being the only trooper for miles and miles, I stopped to help with his flat tire. Unfortunately, he did not have a lug wrench to change it, so off to Walmart we went. When we returned, we changed his tire and parted our ways. Little did I know, we would meet again during my next shift that following day. This time, though, he had no spare tire, so I dropped him off at a nearby hotel for the night. Before becoming a trooper, I never would have expected experiences like these to be part of a trooper's job description, but our mission is to serve, and that is what we do.

And finally, there is protection: the preservation from harm, danger, or any other evil. Alabama state troopers protect the people of Alabama, its citizens and visitors alike. Alabama's finest have protected President Barrack Obama, former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, and other dignitaries, but providing protection is not limited to our Protective Services Division.

We, as troopers, protect the public each time we arrest someone for DUI, or for speeding, or for any number of traffic violations. As a trooper, I have investigated traffic crashes where infants and children have been thrown from vehicles, and their small bodies have been trapped underneath those vehicles. Imagine a pinball bouncing around a pinball machine. A child who is not restrained by a safety seat or seat belt can be bounced around a vehicle, receiving injuries, sometimes fatal. Being troopers, it is our duty to protect children and individuals of all ages in all matters. Seat belts save lives, and this is one of our top priorities.

It is an honor to serve as an Alabama state trooper. This department has greeted me with open arms and has allowed me to explore myself and have a true meaning and understanding of what it means to provide courtesy, service, and protection. Public Safety has also shown me that family not only consists of your mother or father, but it includes each member of this department, both current and retired, and those who have traveled the roads before us, who have lost their lives due to illness, or in the line of duty. We embrace them all.

Tpr. Charles Dysart



Graduation

TROOPER CLASS 2010-A

The Alabama highways today are just a little safer with the addition of 12 new troopers, as the members of Trooper Class 2010-A joined the ranks during a graduation ceremony Nov. 19.

The day was marked as one of celebration and triumph, as friends and family gathered to rejoice in the recruits' many accomplishments at the commencement at the State Capitol Auditorium. The commencement followed a 12-week abbreviated class comprising candidates with previous training in law enforcement, and built upon their APOST certification with a specialized trooper training program.

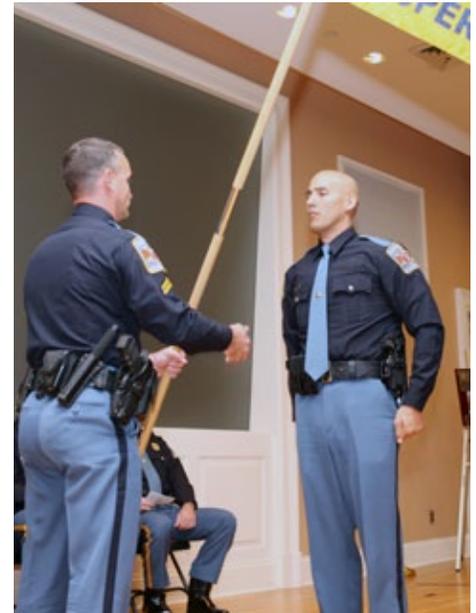
Capt. Damon Summers, commander of the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center, greeted those in attendance, including proud family members and friends, DPS staff, and the instructors at the academy.

"Many here have been waiting for today for a long time," Summers said. "My advice to our new troopers is this: To really make a difference in your community, you must show the softer side of law enforcement. Take time to talk to people. The next victim you encounter could very well be your sister or father, so treat them like they are."

Maj. Charles Andrews, chief of Highway Patrol, served as guest speaker at the ceremony.

"We all make choices every day," said Andrews in his address. "Some





choices are good, some are not so good. You made a choice to come to the academy. You made a choice to stay. Some candidates chose to leave, and they are not here today because of their choice. The choices you have made to this point have put you in select company, but know this when making your next choice: Being an Alabama state trooper is not so much a profession or a career as it is a calling. Service is the basis of our motto, and make sure your choices always reflect that.”

Col. F.A. Bingham congratulated the class for its hard work and commitment in completing an arduous, 12-week training regimen before administering the oath of office to commission the 12 new troopers. Bingham also noted this class is the first to graduate from the new Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center on the campus of Wallace Community College Selma. He also commended class members for choosing a career in law enforcement and public service and wished the new troopers every success in their initial duty assignments.

During the graduation ceremony, four class members

were recognized among their peers for outstanding achievement. James A. Darden received the Marksmanship Award for exhibiting the highest level of knowledge, skill and safety in firearms training. Tommy S. Smith earned the Academic Award for achieving the highest overall grade point average. Ryan J. Key was awarded the Highway Response and Driving Award for demonstrating a high level of knowledge and ability in defensive and pursuit driving. The Fitness Award went to Virgil C. Bowen for attaining the highest level of physical fitness.

Key also was selected as the class’s top performer overall, and he received the prestigious Commander’s Award for exhibiting exceptional leadership, professionalism and dedication to Class 2010-A and the Department of Public Safety, while maintaining a high academic average.

Following graduation, the new troopers reported to their initial assignments in Highway Patrol, where they will undergo 10 weeks of additional field training under the close supervision of veteran state troopers.

U.S. Attorneys Visit Director's Crisis Center

From left, Canary and Brown listen to Andrews describing the devastating hurricane scenario.

U.S. Attorneys Leura Canary of Alabama's Middle District and Kenyen Brown of Alabama's Southern District along with EMA Executive Officer Jeff Byard recently visited the Director's Crisis Center at DPS Headquarters to observe two different emergency scenarios involving Alabama state troopers and a coordinated state response.

The Nov. 5 exercise allowed troopers to explain the various functions of the crisis center during emergency situations, and how technology used within the crisis center helps emergency responders by more effectively using all available resources. With grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security, DPS established the crisis center in 2008.

The first scenario, presented by Maj. Charles Andrews, chief of Highway Patrol, depicted a catastrophic Category 5 hurricane hitting south Alabama. The second scenario of an active shooter in the Capitol complex was presented by Administrative Division Chief Marc McHenry.

"Traffic cameras are strategically placed along Interstate 65, and provide real-time data back to the



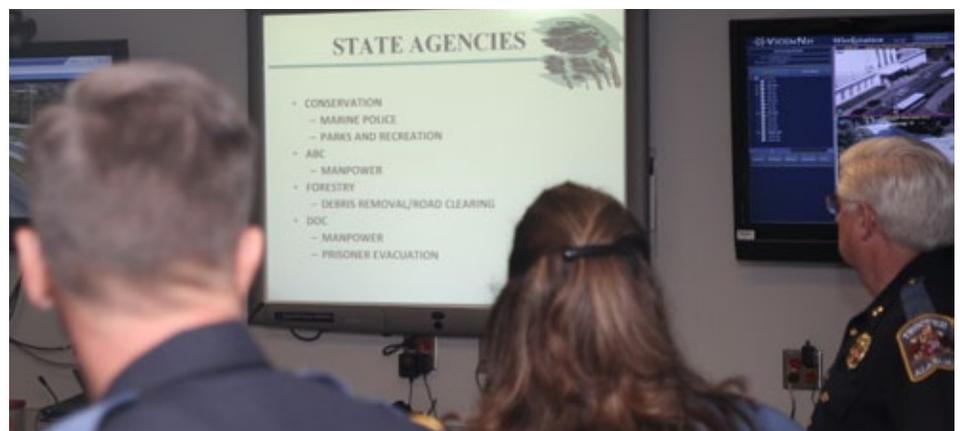
crisis center," said Andrews. "We can use this information to decide whether to implement contra-flow along the interstate during evacuation procedures. Satellite imagery can also be useful during hurricanes and other natural disasters. Images taken before a particular disaster can be compared to images taken after a disaster to assist in identifying locations where all recognizable landmarks have been destroyed."

"Several advanced tools are available to us to help contain an active shooter and protect the public in the Alabama Capitol Complex," explained McHenry. "In addition to numerous cameras, we can remotely lock all exterior doors around the Capitol, containing an

active shooter. We can also look up detailed floor plans of all buildings around the Capitol, to provide to emergency responders to better predict an active shooter's location."

Impressed with the various capabilities of the Director's Crisis Center, Brown noted that as U.S. Attorney of the Southern District of Alabama, he was pleased by the preparedness of the troopers in combatting a potentially devastating hurricane.

"We are discussing something that no one really ever wants to think about," Brown said, "but for the sake of the people I represent, I really am glad you thought about – and planned for – the unthinkable."



DPS Marines Celebrate 235 Years

Current and former DPS Marines held a cake-cutting ceremony at Headquarters, celebrating 235 years of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Despite being the smallest branch of the U.S. armed forces, Marines are fiercely proud with a strong alumni following, and their reputation and accomplishments far exceed their numbers. The Marines are older than the United States of America, formed in 1775 to support the original 13 colonies during the Revolutionary War.

Around the world, Marines celebrate their birthday with a cake tradition: The guest of honor gets the first piece of cake, the oldest Marine gets the second, and the youngest Marine gets the third. After the cake-cutting, a birthday message from John A. Lejeune, the 13th commandant of the Marines, is read.



Zuchelli Wins Weight-lifting Competition

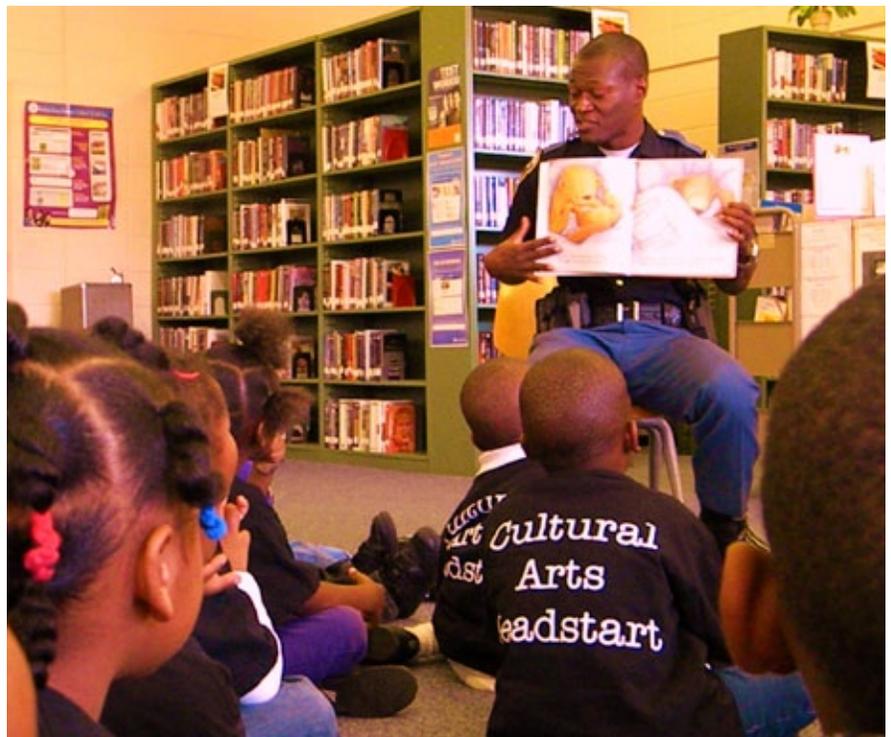
Cpl. Darryl Zuchelli won first place in the World Association of Bench and Dead Lifters Competition in Las Vegas Nov. 18.

Zuchelli received his invitation to attend the competition after becoming the state record holder in his weight class at the WABDL South-eastern Regionals in June. At the worldwide competition, Zuchelli competed with 373 lifters from 38 states and 11 different countries.

Zuchelli was in a heated battle for the trophy with Anthony Floyd, the state record holder from Texas. In the end, Zuchelli bested Floyd over three lifts with a winning bench press of 424.2 pounds.

Trooper Leads Storytime, Reads to Montgomery Children

Public Information's Tpr. Charles Dysart recently read to a group of 4- and 5-year-olds at the Rosa L. Parks Avenue Branch of the Montgomery City-County Public Library in Montgomery. As the children settled in for storytime, Dysart surveyed the lively little ones about seat belt safety, and was pleased to hear that most of the children always buckle up. He then entertained them with "Love is a Handful of Honey," by Vanessa Cabban and Giles Andreae. Dysart and other PIOs are available for storytime in your area. If you know of a group that is interested, please contact Public Information/Education at 334-242-4445.



Garner Honored for Active Shooter Implementation at ALERRT Conference

Tony Garner of the Alabama Department of Public Safety was recently recognized at the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response (ALERRT) Active Shooter Conference in San Marcos, Texas, held Nov. 7-10. Garner was honored for his efforts in coordinating ALERRT training in the state of Alabama.

ALERRT training is an active shooter course, sponsored and funded by the Alabama Department of Homeland Security. It provides first responders with the skills necessary to quickly locate and neutralize threatening individuals while protecting the public.

The ALERRT program, which began in 2002, has trained more than 28,000 law enforcement and military personnel nationwide. Alabama, Mississippi, and Iowa are recognized as the first states to adopt the program as their state's standards. Since 2008, approximately 1,100 Alabama law enforcement officers have been trained with more than 100 certified instructors.



Garner with his ALERRT plaque.



ARA Awards DL Specialist, Examiners of Second and Third Quarter

The Alabama Department of Public Safety and the Alabama Retail Association announced Examiner and Driver License Specialist of the Quarter Awards, for the second and third quarters of 2010 on Nov. 9.

The Examiner and Specialist of the Quarter Awards are given to those who excel at recognizing fraudulent activity and go the extra mile to fight deceptive criminals and prevent fraud.

Regina Hardy from the Birmingham District won the DL Specialist award for both the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Kasey Brooks from the Dothan District won the Examiner award for the 2nd quarter, and Holley Cook from the Dothan District picked up the 3rd quarter award.

"I would like to thank the Alabama Retail Association for their recognition in honoring the outstanding specialists and/or examiners of the year and/or quarters in all districts of Public Safety," said Hardy. "I would like to share my awards with every hard-working and motivated employee within the Department of Public Safety, who goes over and beyond the call of duty. Please know that you are worthy."

From top, Hardy, Brooks, and Cook with Maj. Terry Chapman, chief of Driver License, and ARA President Rick Brown.



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Heading Toward

1935 - 2010



Above: In the final installment of historical photos in building to the 75th Anniversary, Tommy Giles submitted this photograph of an unidentified Alabama highway patrolman from the 1950s. If any of our readers know the identity of this highway patrolman, please notify either Tommy Giles or The Blue Light.

Left: Tpr. Bill Clark brought a rare treasure to Headquarters when he attended the 75th Anniversary celebration. With him were various documents from his time spent at Public Safety during the 1960s.

Below: Also in Clark's possession was his trooper activity log book from 1966.

Pictured below are two pages from the pocket-sized manual, with notes from his activity from Nov. 6-12, 1966. Clark also had in his possession a vintage uniform tie clip (not shown), also from the 1960s. This vintage item is remarkably similar to tie clips still in use with today's uniforms, the lone exception being it is slightly smaller. Despite being smaller than clips currently in use, the old tie clip spanned the entire width of a narrower tie, unlike the tie clips in use today.

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Badge No.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
STATE OF ALABAMA

October 1, 1965
Date

This is to Certify That William S. Clark
whose signature appears hereon, is hereby duly
appointed State Trooper of
the Department of Public Safety, as provided by Act No.
585, General Acts of Alabama, 1953, approved September
11, 1953.

Approved: C. W. Russell
Director of Public Safety

Approved: George C. Wallace
Governor

STATE of ALABAMA
Department of Public Safety

This is to certify that: - W. S. CLARK Right Thumb
whose Photograph, Thumbprint,
Signature and description appear
hereon is a member of The De-
partment of Public Safety and is
vested with the authority of a
State Police Officer as prescribed
by law.

DOB 10-26-41

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W S Clark
Signature

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STATE of ALABAMA
Department of Public Safety
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

This card is issued to the appointed officer of the
Alabama Department of Public Safety, whose
authority is prescribed in Act No. 585, General Acts
of Alabama, 1953, approved September 11, 1953.
The presentation of this card by any other person
subjects the offender to criminal prosecution.
If this card is lost, the holder is requested to mail
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Christmas Parcels Overseas

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New Employees

Melissa Bingmon	10.18.10	PCO I	HP/Birmingham
Kevin Blevins	11.16.10	Equipment Mechanic	SER/Fleet Maintenance
Lisa Brown	11.01.10	ASA III	HP/Motor Carrier
Jarred Coker	10.18.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Sheffield Examining
Evelyn Dillard	11.01.10	PCO I	HP/Evergreen
Pamela Driver	10.18.10	ASA I	ABI/Identification
Sean Eiland	10.16.10	IT Systems Technician	DL/Information Services
Matthew Lorenz	11.01.10	Custodial Worker	SER/Fleet Maintenance
Michael Gaines	11.01.10	Building Custodian I	HP/Birmingham
Lisa Gallander	11.01.10	ASA I	ABI/Identification
Trinisha Hill	11.16.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Mobile
Brittany Morris	10.18.10	ASA I	ABI/Identification
Juanita Pena	11.01.10	ASA I	ABI/CISG
John Polke	11.16.10	Communications Tech. II	SER/Communications
Sharon Smith	11.01.10	Clerical Aide	ADM/Personnel Unit
Alexiss Thomas	11.16.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Dothan
Kimberlee Zimmerman	10.18.10	Clerical Aide	ABI/CISG

Promotions

Derek Gessner	11.01.10	Sergeant	HP/Grove Hill
Michael Manley	10.16.10	Trooper Pilot II	SER/Aviation
Steven Ridenhour	11.01.10	Corporal	HP/Dothan
Jesse Thornton	11.01.10	Corporal	HP/Montgomery
Robert Thornton	11.01.10	Lieutenant	HP/Headquarters
Daniel Urquhart	10.16.10	IT Manager I	DL/Information Services
James Walker	11.16.10	PCO II	HP/Dothan
Debra Wingate	11.16.10	DL Examiner II	DL/Lee County

Transfers

Robbie Autery	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Tommy Averette	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
William Barnes	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Joseph Bennett	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
John Bishop	11.01.10	Corporal	DIR/Technical Security
Billy Brown	11.01.10	Lieutenant	HP/FAP/MCSU
Jason Burch	11.01.10	Corporal	HP/FAP/MCSU
Donald Byrd	11.01.10	Corporal	HP/FAP/MCSU
Lewis Capps	11.01.10	Corporal	HP/FAP/MCSU
Brandon Christen	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Burton Dunn	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Christopher Faulk	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Rachel Fields	11.16.10	ASA II	DL/Reinstatement
Billy Fulmer	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Michael Griffies	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/Elmore County
Jason Guthrie	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Deborah Hall	11.01.10	ASA III	ADM/Personnel

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Transfers (continued)

Bryan Hamrick	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Michael Harris	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
James Hendrix	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Marlon Jordan	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Michael Kesler	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/Limestone County
Wendell Lewis	11.01.10	Sergeant	PS/Dignitary Protection
Charlton Martin	11.01.10	Sergeant	HP/FAP/MCSU
Donathon Minor	11.01.10	Corporal	HP/FAP/MCSU
Richard Pittman	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Cynthia Price	10.16.10	ASA II	SER/Headquarters
William Pullins	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
George Roe	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Nicholas Serritelli	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU
Darrell Seymour	11.01.10	Corporal	HP/FAP/MCSU
Michael Thomas	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/Pike County
Justin Watson	11.01.10	Trooper	HP/FAP/MCSU

Military Leave

Mike Junkin	10.26.10	Lieutenant	HP/Motor Carrier
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Resignations

Rebekah Formby	11.03.10	PCO I	HP/Mobile
Risha Smith-Whetstone	11.15.10	ASA I	ABI/Montgomery

Retirement

Debra Hester	11.01.10	PCO II	HP/Dothan
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Donated Leave Requests

Angra Coachman

Terry Farmer

Jean Head

Betty Nowden

Kevin Pugh

Driver License (Jacksonville)

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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to take a few moments to tell you how impressed I am with the service I received at the Oneonta courthouse this past August.

I just recently moved to Alabama in July, and I went to the courthouse to obtain my driver license. After finding out that I needed to retake my written and driving test, Examiner Curtis was more than helpful.

What really stood out to me was that even though the hours of testing were clearly posted, and I was a little late, Examiner Curtis made the time for me to take my written test, and even postponed her lunch to give me the driving test.

I know the general perception of going to obtain a driver license is one that most people dread. However, Examiner Curtis has changed that perception for me, as she was not only friendly, but she truly made the effort to go the extra mile.

You have a real asset at the Oneonta office, and I can now look forward to going to the driver licensing office. Thank you so much!

John Stakelin

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I were traveling through Greene County the afternoon of Oct. 18, when one of our tires blew out. We would have been in quite a fix if it weren't for Tpr. Reginal King. He came along right after it happened with tools and much-needed assistance. He took us to put air in the spare tire, which was also flat, and he did everything to keep us safe until we were on the road again. Tpr. King was very nice and we truly appreciate everything he did.

Joel and Karen Ness