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From left, Col. Hugh B. McCall, ARA President Rick Brown, Holley Cook, Regina Hardy, and Lt. Col. Kevin L. Wright at the awards luncheon.

ARA NAMES 2010 EXAMINER, DL SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR

The Alabama Department of Public Safety and the Alabama Retail Association in their continuing partnership to curtail driver license fraud presented the 2010 Examiner of the Year and Driver License Specialist of the Year Awards, March 2 at Wynlakes Country Club in Montgomery.

The 2010 Examiner of the Year is Holley Cook, an Examiner I in the Dothan District, Dothan Driver License Office. The 2010 Driver License Specialist of the Year is Regina Hardy, a driver license specialist for the Birmingham District,

Birmingham Driver License Office. Identification fraud is one of the leading forms of robbery, costing financial institutions, businesses, government and consumers almost \$50 billion annually. Examiners working in the Department of Public Safety are on the frontline every day working diligently to protect all of these entities and individuals.

Those within the department who excel at recognizing fraudulent activity and go the extra mile to fight deceptive criminals and prevent fraud receive the annual Examiner

of the Year and Driver License Specialist of the Year Awards.

In determining the award recipients, a point system is used with points allocated for each arrest. The more serious the offense, the more points are given.

Cook accumulated 256 points in 2010, and Hardy amassed a total of 605 points. Hardy is a three-time recipient of the award, also winning in 2005 and 2007.

The first runners-up for the awards were Reba Thompson, an Examiner

I in the Huntsville District, and Driver License Specialist Carolyn Spain, Hardy's partner in the Birmingham District, Birmingham Driver License Office. Thompson, the 2003 and 2006 Examiner of the Year; was also recognized as the Examiner of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2010. Spain was chosen as the Driver License Specialist of the Year for 2008 and 2009.

Driver License Specialists Denise Allison and Sharon Perry, both from the Mobile District, Mobile Driver License Office, were recognized as Driver License Specialists of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2010.

The partnership between the Alabama Department of Public Safety and the Alabama Retail Association saves thousands of lost retail dollars by preventing individuals from obtaining false identities, or stealing an individual's identity and using that identification to obtain checking and credit accounts for unlawful purposes. Examiners and driver license specialists working in the Alabama Department of Public Safety are on the frontline every day working diligently to protect everyone from identity theft. For their hard work, Alabama's retailers thank them.



Above: From left, Carolyn Spain, McCall, Denise Allison, Reba Thompson, Brown, Sharon Perry, and Wright.

Below: Brown presents Maj. Terry Chapman with plaques to display at Driver License headquarters.



With Spring's Arrival, More Motorcyclists Hit the Open Road —

Are You Ready?

The sights and sounds of spring have arrived in Alabama, and together with birds chirping and flowers blooming, there is often the sound of a motorcycle thundering down the road in the distance. With warm weather, many motorcyclists are eager to hit the open road.

Motorcycling is now more popular than ever, and according to a Motorcycle Industry Council survey, the hobby is attracting a surprisingly wide range of new riders.

According to the Hurt Study, the most comprehensive motorcycle study to date, the failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic is the predominating cause of motorcycle crashes.

Motorists should expect to see motorcycles on the road, especially during warm weather, and should vigilantly look for them. A motorcycle's headlight remains on at all times to promote visibility and should be easy to spot if driving toward a bike. Despite this, motorcycles can be easily hidden in a vehicle's blind spot, so it is particularly important for drivers to double-check mirrors before merging or changing lanes.



Nine Things Car, Truck, and Bus Drivers Should Know about Motorcycles

1. There are many more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and because of that, some motorists don't "recognize" a motorcycle. Instead, they are ignored, usually unintentionally, and sometimes with tragic consequences. More than half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Oftentimes, the motorist, not the motorcyclist, is at fault.

2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (like the door and roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (like bushes, fences or bridges). Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.

3. Also due to its small size, a

motorcycle may seem to be farther away than it actually is, and it may be difficult to judge its speed. If you see a motorcycle when you are checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into or out of a driveway, presume it's closer than it looks.

4. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance -- say, three or four seconds between your vehicle and the motorcycle. At intersections, presume that a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning in the form of brake-light activation.

5. Motorcyclists often adjust their position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the ef-

fects of road debris, passing vehicles and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a legitimate purpose -- not to be reckless or show off or allow you to share the lane with them.

6. Turn signals on a motorcycle are usually not self-canceling; thus, some riders (especially beginners) may forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Don't ignore the turn signal, but be aware that it might not be activated to indicate an imminent turn.

7. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to be able to dodge out of the way of your vehicle. Give him or her space to maneuver.

8. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping more difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle than behind a car or truck because a motorcycle can't always stop "on a dime" -- or even a quarter.

9. When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle. Also see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, neighbor or relative. If a driver crashes into a motorcyclist, bicyclist or pedestrian and causes serious injury, the result is a tragedy not only for the injured person but also for the driver of the vehicle that injured him.



State troopers assist in escorting Montgomery Police Cpl. David Brown home as Montgomery firefighters greet him from an overpass Feb. 25. Brown was critically injured when a driver pulled out and hit his motorcycle during a Sept. 11, 2010 funeral procession.

Five Safe Riding Tips for Everyday Motorcyclists

1. Perform a motorcycle pre-ride inspection. Before you start your ride, be sure to inspect your bike to ensure it is in optimal riding condition. Do you know how to perform a T-CLOCK pre-ride inspection? If not, follow these simple steps:

Tires and Wheels - Check your tire's air pressure, spokes, tread, brakes and bearings. Ensure that you don't find any damage or cracks of any sort.

Controls - Inspect the throttle, levers, switches, hoses and cables.

Lights and Electrical - Test your lights and electrical switches to make sure that they are in optimal working condition.

Oil and Critical Fluids - Look for leaks in all probable areas. Don't forget to check the hydraulic fluid, fuel levels, oil and coolant levels.

Chassis - Prepare for any passenger or load by adjusting your chassis. Inspect your suspension and driving components. Refer to your owner's manual where it will list the proper suspension setting for your motorcycle.

Kick-stand - Check the tension spring.

2. Wear a helmet and protection gear at all times. Be smart. Wear a DOT-approved helmet at all times. Also, dispose of helmets immediately if you are ever involved in

a crash. Wearing a helmet previously involved in a crash increases the risk of suffering head trauma five-fold. Also, wearing protective clothing such as a leather jacket, pants and gloves may protect you from road rash and other several likely problems such as weather and debris.

3. Be noticeable. The majority of motorcycle crashes occur because motorists fail to see the riders. Riders should consider wearing white or light-colored helmets, bright or fluorescent clothing, and using daytime headlights while riding during the day. Motorcycles have a much smaller profile than vans, trucks and even sports cars, so be sure to take extra measures to make sure that other riders and drivers alike know you're on the road at all times. Also, drive defensively; keep aware of weather conditions and adjust your mirrors for potential blind spots.

4. Watch for road hazards. Keep an eye out for upcoming cracks, pebbles, stones, potholes, bumps, traffic, puddles and spills. Also watch for sharp turns in the road that will require reaction in a short amount of time.

5. Ride defensively. Keep up with a speed that is consistent with your riding skills and weather conditions. Most crashes occur at intersections. Make sure you are highly alert when you pull up to or drive through one. When changing lanes, always check your mirrors, blind spots, signal and follow up with a final visual check. Do not ride on the shoulder or pass on it. Never tailgate, and pass other motorists only when it is safe to do so.

DID YOU KNOW?

...GRANT WILLIAMS CHASES STORMS

Grant Williams is a vocational instructor assigned to the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center and self-described “jack of all trades, master of none.”

A member of Public Safety for seven years, Williams usually grins as he emphasizes the second half of the term. With a zest for life and energy to spare, he is eager to learn new things – from martial arts to culinary arts to clowning. But it’s storm chasing that really blows him away. (And he has an assortment of weather-related “toys” to prove it!)

His fascination with weather dates back to the early 1980s when he was serving in the U.S. Air Force. During that time, he became a certified weather watcher. He went on to become

a certified storm chaser with Spotter Network (www.spotternetwork.org) and has enjoyed keeping an eye on local conditions and sharing his findings with the ACJTC faculty and staff for planning purposes. Nobody wants to chance getting struck by lightning or blown away during an outdoor training exercise!

It helps that he has a number of gadgets. In fact, his wife, Sharon, and others call him “Inspector Gadget.” His collection includes seven or eight weather radios for use at home and on the go. He keeps two portable weather radios in his briefcase in addition to the hand-held weather meter that he uses to gauge wind speed, wind chill and temperature.

“I just picked up another one that clips

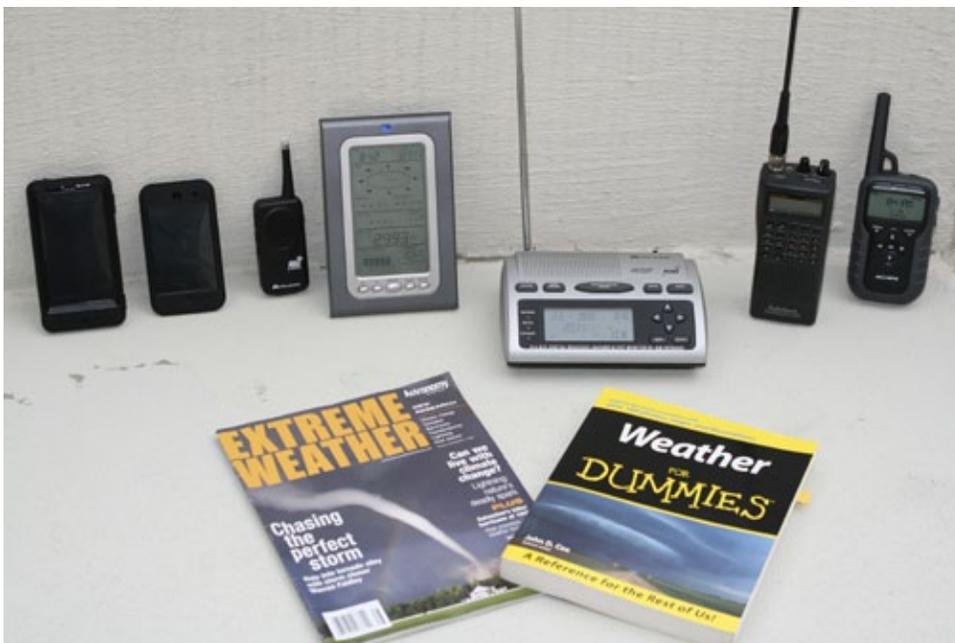


on my belt. There’s an alarm with lights and everything,” says an almost-giddy Williams in mid-March. He also has storm-chaser software on his smart phone.

Williams was drawn to weather quite naturally during his military days. For much of his U.S. Air Force career, he was stationed out in the Midwest, a region that gets more than its share of tornadoes. And because his job involved conducting job evaluations, he was exposed to myriad positions, including military storm chasers. While in Omaha, he spent time with government storm chasers who would actually fly into storms and watch hurricanes and such. During an evaluation one day, the guys in the unit invited Williams to join them on a storm chase.

“That was it. I got bit (by the weather bug),” he says. “Now, I’m always out there looking at the weather. I’m constantly watching it and even have it (access to weather data) on my smart phone. The weather just fascinates me.”

Williams can even “control” the weather with a swipe across his cell



Some of Williams’ weather radios and other equipment used while spotting.

phone, which features a stormy scene complete with touch-activated lightning strikes. It's fun and very exciting, but what impresses him most is how tiny we are compared to Mother Nature, a powerful and ever-changing force that can wipe out a neighborhood in the blink of an eye.

These days, he is eager to obtain his amateur (ham) radio license and join others across the state as they work with state weather officials to alert the public during severe weather. Not only is it nice to know he can play an active role in keeping others safe, but he gets a kick out of learning more about storms and how they develop.

"I just love it!" Williams says.

Do you have an unusual interest or hobby? Share it with *The Blue Light*, and we will feature it here!



View of a wedge-shaped super cell tornado.

Stay Safe When Severe Weather Strikes

Did you know Alabama experiences more tornado-related fatalities than any other state? There were 165 fatalities between 1980 and 2009, according to "Alabama All Hazards Awareness" booklet.

In an effort to keep everyone safe during severe weather, Public Safety member Grant Williams, Alabama National Weather Service Offices and Alabama Emergency Management Agency offer the following tips:

Tornadoes

Heed the warning: If you hear a tornado siren or discover the area is under a warning, take cover immediately.

In homes or small buildings: Go to a pre-determined shelter, such as a basement. Seek protection under a heavy table or something sturdy. Protect yourself from flying debris by covering your body with pillows, heavy coats, blankets or quilts. If underground shelter is not available, go to a small interior room (closet, bathroom or interior hallway) that is on the lowest level. Put as many walls between yourself and the outside as possible. Climb into an empty tub and use a

mattress for cover. Stay away from doors and windows.

In mobile homes: Leave well in advance of approaching severe weather and go to a strong building. If there is no shelter in your area, get into the nearest ditch, depression or underground culvert and lie flat with your hands shielding your head.

In public buildings: Go to the best available, designated protective area.

In vehicles: If caught in severe weather, do not stay in your vehicle. If possible, take shelter in an empty ditch or depression in the ground. And make sure it is far enough from your vehicle and other heavy debris that could land on top of you if picked up by a tornado or strong winds. Avoid taking shelter in the crawl space under an overpass along the highway as you could be swept into the tornado or injured by flying debris and damages to the overpass itself.

Thunderstorms/Lightning

Stay indoors: The best defense is to stay inside a substantial building or shelter that will protect you from light-

ning, wind, hail, tornadoes and heavy rain.

Postpone outdoor activities: Anyone who is outdoors is particularly vulnerable to lightning. Remember that sheds, dugouts, tents, gazebos and trees are not safe areas. Avoid open spaces, isolated objects and high ground.

Stay away: Avoid metallic objects including fences, pipes, power poles and bikes.

Vehicles as shelter: Vehicles with hard tops with closed windows and doors are safe, but get out of boats and stay away from bodies of water.

Once indoors: Stay away from windows, doors and porches. Avoid contact with plumbing and electrical items, including TVs and computers. Also stay away from corded phones unless it is an emergency.

Remember: If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to a storm to be struck by lightning.

DPS TAKES TO STREETS FOR

Mardi Gras 2011



Tens of thousands of spectators descended upon the streets of Mobile for the nearly 30 parades in downtown celebrating the Carnival season. America's oldest Mardi Gras culminated March 8 with 154,000 revelers taking in the day's parades, some 50,000 more than in 2010. DPS made no exception from years past, and was on-hand to provide support to local agencies in securing the parade routes and working crowd control throughout Carnival season, including Fat Tuesday.

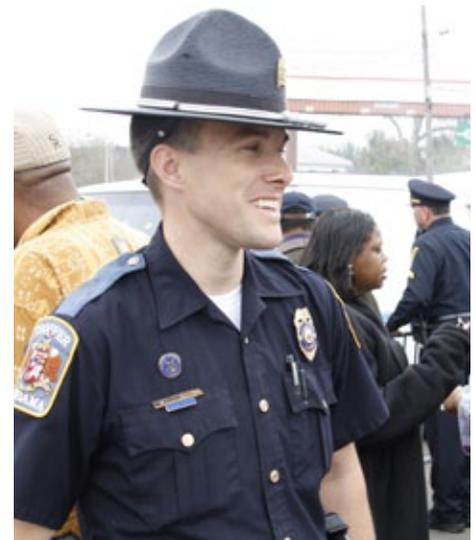
Assisting troopers found themselves busy providing escort and managing crowds at several parade sites in and around Mobile. Despite a considerably larger turnout than anticipated, local authorities proclaimed 2011's Mardi Gras as one of the safest and well-run in many years.

"With severe weather threatening, things could have turned out very differently," said Tpr. Greg Eubanks, "but for the most part, everyone enjoyed themselves and were able to return home safely."

With large crowds during Mardi Gras, Public Safety personnel assisted with cases ranging from lost children and various medical emergencies to pub-

lic intoxication. DPS has worked hard over several years to devise specific operation plans to manage events attracting large crowds. In addition to Mardi Gras, these high-profile traffic enforcement details include bike rallies, Talladega races, college football games, the Footwash and the Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride.

"Local authorities are rarely equipped to handle massive crowds alone, and DPS works really hard to support all local law enforcement agencies to ensure the public's safety. Mardi Gras is no exception," Eubanks said.



MAJOR CHANGES:

DPS Welcomes Tew in ABI, Wright in HP

March 16 was a special day for the Alabama Department of Public Safety, indicated by several significant changes within the department. Filling two vacancies, Maj. Herman Wright assumes command of the Highway Patrol Division, and newly promoted Maj. Neil Tew takes command of ABI as DPS's newest division chief.

Established as DPS's newest division in October 2003, Protective Services merged with the Administrative Division when Wright left his former position as chief of Protective Services. This move also saw Capt. Charles Ward take over as Montgomery Post commander, Capt. Tim Pullin assume control of Highway Patrol's Motor Carrier

Safety Unit, and Capt. Jack Clark become assistant division chief of Highway Patrol.

These changes are the latest in a string of transformations set to chart anew Public Safety's course in the coming years, beginning with the appointment in January of Col. Hugh B. McCall as director and Lt. Col. Kevin L. Wright as assistant director.

"As we turn over the reins of leadership in two divisions, I am excited about what the future holds for both Highway Patrol and ABI in the capable hands of Herman Wright and Neil Tew," McCall said.



Maj. Neil Tew



Maj. Herman Wright



Col. Hugh B. McCall presented plaques to each of DPS's many sponsors March 23 for financial contributions that made the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Alabama Highway Patrol possible.

DPS thanks the many wonderful people at the Alabama State Employees Credit Union, Beasley Allen, Blauer, PowerSouth, and SouthernLINC for their assistance in making DPS's 75th Anniversary such a success.

Aviation Busy Getting Project Lifesaver Off Ground

It happens all the time -- the Department of Public Safety's Aviation Unit is called in to assist in the search and rescue of someone who has Alzheimer's disease and has wandered off.

Often, though, many of the lost individuals aren't found until it's too late.

It's both heartbreaking and frustrating for DPS's chief pilot Lee Hamilton, who has been working for about three years to bring a successful international rescue program to this department.

Called Project Lifesaver, the program is designed to locate individuals who have such conditions as Alzheimer's, Down syndrome, autism and other conditions that may lead to wandering. Clients are fitted with Project Lifesaver bracelets containing transmitters that "ping," a sound that Project Lifesaver-equipped rescuers can pick up within a five-mile radius.

The success rate is outstanding, Hamilton said, and search times drop from several days to an average of about 30 minutes, increasing the chance that individuals are found quickly and returned to loved ones.

Back in September, Hamilton and his unit were part of a search in Wilcox County for an 83-year-old man with Alzheimer's. The DPS crew flew a dozen hours during a three-day span and spent more than \$3,000 on helicopter fuel and other expenses. Eventually, organizers called off the search, and they found the man's body more than a week later -- in a swamp.

"It's a shame that we have the ability to offer this public service -- to save lives -- and not enough people know about it," Hamilton said.

That will change soon, he added, as DPS begins to spread the word and raise funds to provide bracelets to whoever needs them. In fact, Public Safety is working now with the Alabama State Troopers Association to set up an account to give individuals and businesses around the state an opportunity to donate to the purchase of bracelets and other necessary equipment.

To prepare for that, DPS invited Alabama's Project Lifesaver coordinator Dale Phillips, who is also a sergeant with the Tuscaloosa Sheriff's Depart-



ment, to conduct a two-day training in early February at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma. Ten troopers from across the state participated in the training and left with their Project Lifesaver certification. Each of those 10 troopers soon will be training other personnel at each post and some driver license examining offices.

And there is always room for more help, he said. DPS's sworn employees are encouraged to get involved and consider signing up for training sessions. Hamilton said that there also has been some talk of adding non-sworn employees to the mix.

As the Project Lifesaver dream is almost a reality, Hamilton said it is exciting to think about the positive impact it will make on this state.

"This project is guaranteed to save lives, and I can't wait to see 100 percent participation in every post throughout the state with enough bracelets to put on everyone who needs one," Hamilton said.



People You Know!



New Employees

Lakisha Abrams	2.16.11	PCO I	HP/Mobile
Mark Stadlberger	3.01.11	Aircraft Mechanic	SER/Aviation
Thomas Taylor	3.09.11	Retired State Employee	ABI/CISG

Promotion

Neil Tew	3.16.11	Major	ABI/Division Chief
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Transfers

Sylvia Adams	3.16.11	Security Sys Operator	ADM/Capitol Police
Andrew Alexander	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Morgan County
Angeleta Allen	3.16.11	PCO II	ADM/Capitol Police
James Andrews	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Lloyd Arrington	3.16.11	Corporal	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Yancey Autrey	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Lamarcus Baker	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Franklin County
Walter Blake	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Thomas Brooks	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Addre Bryant	3.16.11	Capitol Police Sergeant	ADM/Capitol Police
Rita Chatman	3.16.11	Capitol Police Corporal	ADM/Capitol Police
Jack Clark	3.16.11	Captain	HP/Assistant Div Chief
Joshua Colquitt	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Marshall County
Ashley Cook	3.16.11	ASA III	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Gregory Corble	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Jackson County
Jason Crenshaw	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Keisha Crenshaw	3.16.11	PCO II	ADM/Capitol Police
Michael Culliver	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Wayne Dailey	3.16.11	Corporal	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Cathy Dawson	3.16.11	PCO III	ADM/Capitol Police
Robert Dettmar	3.16.11	Sergeant	ADM/Dignitary Protection
James Earnhardt	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Ashley Fetter	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Jackson County
John Fields	2.16.11	Sergeant	HP/Evergreen Post
Maurice Foster	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Therese Frank	3.16.11	PCO II	ADM/Capitol Police
Anthony Frost	2.16.11	Lieutenant	ABI/CISG
Samuel Gibbons	3.16.11	Capitol Police Corporal	ADM/Capitol Police
Angela Grogan	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
David Hacker	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Cynthia Hardy	3.16.11	Corporal	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Reginald Harkins	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
William Hines	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
William Hippy	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Leslie Horn	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Dennis Huffman	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Ulane Jamison	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Mike Jemison	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Timothy Lagrone	3.16.11	Capitol Police Corporal	ADM/Capitol Police
Victor Lee	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
James Lewis	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Wendell Lewis	3.16.11	Sergeant	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Michael Lingo	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Darryl Littleton	3.16.11	Corporal	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Joseph McClellan	3.16.11	Lieutenant	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Charles McCord	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Barbour County
Donald McLeod	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
William Mason	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Adrian Mathis	3.16.11	ASA II	ADM/Capitol Police

People You Know!



Transfers (continued)

Nathan Mills	3.16.11	Corporal	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Anthony Moreland	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
James Morrow	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Michael Moseley	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Dovie Moss	3.16.11	PCO II	ADM/Capitol Police
Thomas Nalls	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Chilton County
Norbert Neely	3.01.11	Driver License	DL/Examining
John Odom	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Jackson County
Bly Panter	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Winston County
James Phillips	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Samuel Pickett	3.16.11	Sergeant	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Rocky Porter	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Tim Pullin	3.16.11	Captain	HP/Motor Carrier
Robert Reid	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Jackson County
David Rogers	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Houston County
Andre Roper	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Louis Ruston	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Dignitary Protection
John Sanders	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Jacob Smith	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Cullman County
Glen Suits	3.16.11	Capitol Police Corporal	ADM/Capitol Police
Stanley Talley	3.16.11	Trooper	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Rafael Thomas	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Russell County
Katherine Tornow	3.16.11	PCO I	ADM/Capitol Police
Kenneth Vines	3.16.11	Sergeant	ADM/Dignitary Protection
Charles Ward	3.16.11	Captain	HP/Montgomery Post
Jimmy Ward	2.16.11	Sergeant	ABI/Investigative Operations
Danny Warr	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Autauga County
Branta Wheeler	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Dignitary Protection
John Whitaker	3.16.11	Lieutenant	ADM/Capitol Police
Gered White	3.16.11	Capitol Police Officer	ADM/Capitol Police
Gene Wiggins	2.16.11	Sergeant	ADM/Homeland Security
Rhonda Williams	3.16.11	ASA III	ADM/Administrative Unit
Michael Wilson	2.16.11	Trooper	HP/Colbert County
Ray Wilson	3.16.11	PCO II	ADM/Capitol Police
Herman Wright	3.16.11	Major	HP/Division Chief

Return from Military Leave

Brandon Christen	2.09.11	Trooper	HP/FAP
Mike Junkin	2.16.11	Lieutenant	HP/Motor Carrier

Transfer to another Department

Ruby Rigby	2.16.11	ASA II	Ala. Homeland Security
Jack McDaniel	2.16.11	Accounting Manager	Ala. Agriculture & Industries

Retirements

Stephon Adams	3.01.11	Trooper	HP/Tuscaloosa
George Hartley	3.01.11	Capitol Police Officer	PS/Capitol Police
Fenton Jenkins	3.01.11	Trooper	HP/Mobile
Dana McGee	3.01.11	PCO III	HP/Birmingham
Lee Peacock	3.01.11	Lieutenant	HP/Mobile

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On Your Calendar

Monday, April 25

Confederate Memorial Day

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Monday, June 6

Jefferson Davis's Birthday

Monday, July 4

Independence Day

**APRIL
Academy Class Schedule**

Basic Police 140	April 1-14	Game and Fish In-service	11-12
AFLO Training	4-5	Game and Fish In-service	13-14
PCO In-service	4-6	Total Station Training	18-22
DPS In-service	14-18	DPS In-service	18-22
DPS Select Fire	6-8	DPS In-service	25-29
SWAT School	10-15		

To Whom it May Concern:

I was recently in a car crash in Uriah, Ala. Tpr. Todd Hanks quickly responded to the scene, and I am writing you to inform you of how professional he was. He was courteous, and I never felt the least bit intimidated. This, being my first accident, left me feeling incredibly nervous and rattled at first, but after speaking with Tpr. Hanks, I became calm and soon realized everything was going to be okay.

Tpr. Hanks is a great asset to the Department of Public Safety, and he represents your department well. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Linda Gorum