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The Colonel's Corner

Lt. Col. F.A. "Bubba" Bingham, Assistant Director

The past several weeks have been extremely busy for the Department of Public Safety. We've been focused not only on the activities in the Legislature, but also on spring break, the budget, personnel matters, and the continuing unsettled issues regarding illegal gambling in Alabama. Perhaps legislation and/or court action eventually will facilitate an end to this drama. The position of the Department of Public Safety is clear, but as a reminder, I'll quote a paragraph from a recent e-mail from Col. Murphy:

"I believe that the strength of the Department of Public Safety lies in the clear understanding and unified expression of our mission. This holds true in all our areas of responsibility, including our work with the Governor's Task Force on Illegal Gambling. Dating back to December 2008, when Governor Riley formed the task force, our mission with the task force has been clear and consistent. We have remained dedicated to investigating criminal activity and enforcing the law, despite the legal maneuvering, unfair criticism, and efforts to politicize our work or to shift the focus elsewhere. We know that enforcing the law fairly and equally across the board — in all our areas of responsibility — is fundamental to the safety of Alabama, and we are not going to neglect our duty to this state." Having



restated that, I'll move on to other business.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police State and Provincial Conference in Alexandria, Va. Law enforcement executives from 39 states and two Canadian provinces shared ideas and discussed problems during this three-day session. Each attendee had the opportunity to share with other attendees successes and problems. I was amazed to discover during the round-table forum that, while Alabama has its financial problems, we are still much better off than many of our sister states. For example, the state of New York hasn't hired a trooper class since 2006 and doesn't expect to hire during 2010 or 2011; Mississippi, New Mexico, Iowa and Washington (to name a few) have laid off or furloughed employees, or have submitted plans to do so. Kentucky is experiencing its lowest trooper personnel strength in 70 years. Other states have enacted retirement buy-outs, pay cuts, office consolidations and, in some cases, have sold off aircraft and reduced aviation units to 50 percent to enable the departments to make payroll and continue to operate.



From left, Bingham, Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. House of Representatives Bill Livingood, and Gillis.

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Although we haven't been able to hire needed troopers and nonsworn personnel, we have been able to maintain an effective level of staffing. We've also been able to continue to reduce highway fatalities and injuries, with the concerted efforts of every employee. On the heels of three successive years of fatality reductions, we now are down eight fatalities from this same date last year and are at 29 deathless days this year, compared to 18 last year at this same time, an increase of 11 *deathless* days. This is a remarkable feat considering all the other enforcement activities and ongoing demands within the department.

At the IACP conference, I took the opportunity to "market" the Department of Public Safety by discussing a few of our successes: the strong imperative for ethical conduct and professionalism, our one-voice/one-direction concept, raising up leaders and the development of leadership

training, our data-driven approach to traffic safety, and leader and supervisory accountability.

While the three days of meetings were interesting and filled with many hours of beneficial discussions, the climax of the conference was the awarding of the "IACP/Motorola Trooper of the Year" award. One year and two days after a gunman's murderous attacks claimed the lives of 11 victims in south Alabama, ABI Agent Michael Gillis was recognized nationally by the IACP as one of four finalists for the award. Also nominated were officers from Pennsylvania, California and Michigan. I was both proud and humbled to share the stage with these four individuals, along with their respective directors.

As the Honorable Kirke Adams, district attorney for Dale and Geneva counties, meticulously described the chilling details of this rampage, a noticeable hush came over the

audience. They listened intently to every detail of Michael McClendon's attacks and the actions of the responding law enforcement officers — including Agent Gillis — which brought to conclusion the single deadliest crime spree in Alabama history.

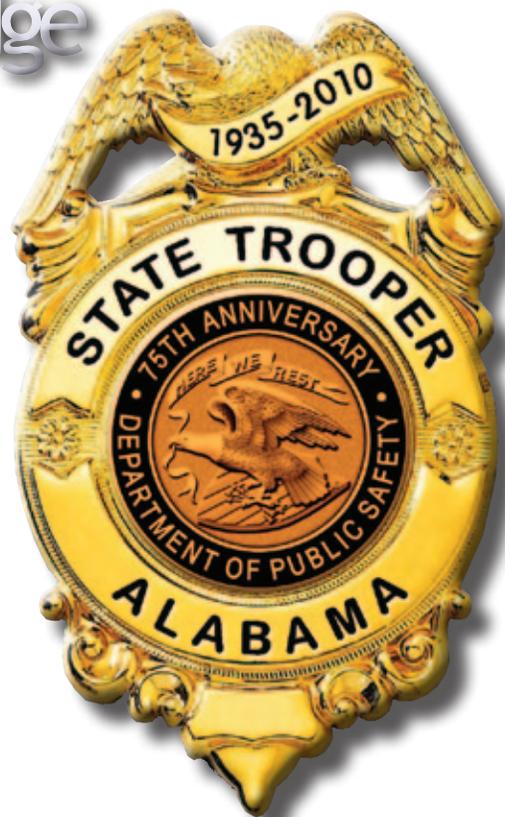
The actions of Agent Gillis were remarkable. Had he not acted immediately, the outcome certainly could have been much worse. He didn't go to work that day expecting to be faced with a deranged gunman who was killing innocent victims indiscriminately; but in responding to this acute threat, Agent Gillis called on his training and experience to mitigate the issue with decisive professionalism. Of his actions that day, Agent Gillis said, "I was just doing my job." I thank God for Agent Gillis, for his fellow nominees for this distinguished award, and for every peace officer whose jobs place them in harm's way in service to others. 🇺🇸

New Commemorative Badge

This 75th anniversary Alabama state trooper badge was produced using the same badge dies and manufacturer originally used in 1935 for badges of the Alabama Highway Patrol. The originally issued badges were gold-plated, but the plating quickly wore off due to polishing, and brass badges with copper center seals soon replaced the original gold-plated badges.

This anniversary badge is constructed using polished brass and copper in the tradition of the Department of Public Safety. The badge center seal features the Alabama Great Seal utilized from 1869 until 1939. This seal is depicted on the floor of the former Public Safety building located at 500 Dexter Ave. in Montgomery. The seal depicts an eagle perched upon the federal shield of the United States. In the eagle's mouth is a banner reading "Here We Rest." This seal was used on the Alabama Highway Patrol badges from 1935 until 1939, when the state seal was changed.

This badge has been authorized to be worn by arresting officers for 12 months in honor of the men and women of the Alabama Highway Patrol and Department of Public Safety, who have served Alabama throughout the past 75 years. Funds for producing and distributing these badges to active and retired troopers were provided by the Alabama State Trooper Association. 🇺🇸



The Major's Column

Maj. Marc McHenry, Administrative Division Chief

Editor's note: *The Blue Light* has invited Public Safety's division chiefs to sharpen their pencils and submit guest columns on topics of their choosing for inclusion in DPS's newsletter. *The Blue Light* expresses its appreciation to Major Marc McHenry, chief of the Administrative Division, for submitting the first major's column, which appears below.

I have been employed with the Alabama Department of Public Safety for 24 years, and I have thoroughly enjoyed every assignment. I have had the opportunity to work with people from all divisions to accomplish the mission of the department. When I began my career on Sept. 3, 1985, my classmates and I were greeted by members of the DPS command staff. Over the course of our training at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center, we were fortunate enough to have each one of the division chiefs take the opportunity to talk with us to share a few words of encouragement. A main theme that resonated from each of the division chiefs was the overwhelming fact that we would be the future leaders of the department. At the time, I did not see any of us being the future leaders of the department, so very little thought was put into this idea.

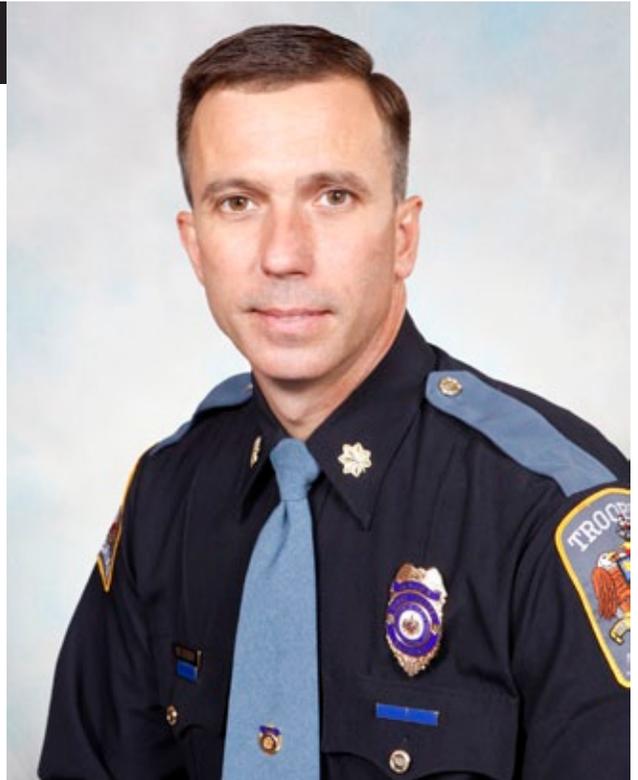
I spent the next seven years in the Highway Patrol Division, where I learned from some very knowledgeable and experienced supervisors ... what you and I would call "good people," who provided leadership from experience. This leadership is something that was not taught in a classroom, but was gained through years of experience. It was not until 1992 that I was able to take the first promotional test. I believe it was after this test that I realized that I wanted to make a difference in our department. I did not place as well as I wanted on the corporal's exam, and it wasn't until 1994 that I was fortunate enough to be promoted. At this time, the school of hard knocks was the way you learned to be a supervisor, much like the first supervisors I learned from at my first assignment. I was eligible to take the sergeant's test in 1998, and again was fortunate enough to be promoted to sergeant at Headquarters in the Highway Patrol Division in

1999. At this point, the department took its first step to provide some type of leadership/management course. Maj. Ken Hallford pushed extremely hard for this training, and it was required for all sergeants to successfully complete this two-week training before they could obtain permanent status as a sergeant. This was a significant step in the right direction; however, no one took the initiative to continue or expand this valuable training for other ranks or classifications within the department.

In 2004, I was promoted to lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division at Headquarters as the operations officer. Other than the experience gained by being assigned to Headquarters, again, there was no official supervision/leadership training offered or required by the department. Things began to change, however, when I was promoted to captain. At that time, we

were required to attend a week-long supervision leadership course that transcended all ranks and classifications of supervisors.

Col. J. Christopher Murphy and Lt. Col. F.A. Bingham saw the need to provide leadership training to all members of the department. Although extremely controversial, the first steps were taken on day one of Col. Murphy's appointment as director. Each division chief was moved from his or her "comfort zone" and challenged to forge a new way in another division. A few took the challenge and demonstrated true leadership abilities and adaptability, while others decided it was time to move on. Prior to this move, I believe the divisions were fragmented and headed in separate directions. Each division was an empire that worked against the others as a separate domain, and cooperation between divisions was very difficult and stressful for employees. This is not a negative



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reflection on any division chief, and it was not a new development. I can remember my father talking about how hard it was to get cooperation from the other division chiefs when he was part of the command staff years ago. It was not that they were intentionally causing problems for the department; that was just how the department operated. I believe division chiefs didn't feel like they were a part of the team or involved in the decision-making process as a team.

After the division chiefs settled into their new assignments, each one demonstrated leadership ability, learning the interworking of their new assignments and taking the necessary steps to lead their divisions. It truly turned the department in a new direction, where cooperation and teamwork were shared by the entire command staff. I must truly say that the current command staff works very well together to accomplish the department's mission, while fostering a good working relationship for the employees.

In addition to these drastic measures made by the colonel and lieutenant colonel, several other moves were



made to benefit the department and the employee. I saw this first-hand when I was assigned temporarily to the Huntsville/Decatur Troop as the troop commander. Although I did not understand this particular move, I accepted the challenge, and it proved to be one of the most beneficial experiences for me and my career. This move put me back in the field, where I worked with some wonderful people. I saw first-hand the dedication and commitment from a very different perspective. I was able to learn leadership from the people I was responsible for providing leadership to. We held post meetings and individual supervisory meetings in order to improve operations. Everyone bought into the vision, and the entire troop worked as a team to accomplish the mission. I learned how to supervise post commanders, as well as the proper way to deal with civilian employees and members of outside agencies in the field.

Again I was faced with a move in my career, where I was moved completely out of my comfort zone. I was transferred to the Administrative Division as the assistant division chief Aug. 16, 2009. At first I did not completely understand the move; but during the course of several months, I learned that this was another great move and experience for me and my career. I was afforded the opportunity to work with some of the most skilled and professional people, whom I had not taken the opportunity in my career to learn or appreciate. It was a truly challenging time for me and the personnel within the Administrative Division. I was learning from them and seeing their dedication, and they were learning about me.

These experiences, for me, were more valuable than any supervision

or leadership course I had ever attended. Although some may see moves as controversial, I see them as building leaders through hands-on command experience and learning the commitment of the employees in each division and unit.

The purpose of this article in *The Blue Light* was not to highlight my career with the department, but to relay my historical perspective on how the department has moved into a new era. During the past 25 years, I have personally seen a transition from hands-on experience to truly focused training and experience targeted to improve the employee and move the department towards excellence. As I have told those under my command, we should strive for excellence in everything we do. We will never be perfect, but we should always strive to be our best. In this new era that we are forging through, the department is truly concerned with providing the best training possible to our employees in an effort to improve them personally and professionally, while improving the presence of the department. In doing so, we allow DPS to continue to provide the best and most professional service to the public through Courtesy, Service, and Protection. I believe it is our duty and responsibility to help each other become better in all aspects of our lives, whether personally or professionally. (*"Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."*)

Change is difficult for many people. We all tend to want to continue doing things the way we always have because we are in a comfort zone. While stability is good once experience has been obtained through the proper career progression, moving outside our comfort zones can expose us to skills and talents we never knew we had. 🍀



APOSTC Visits New ACJTC



Members of the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission joined Col. J. Christopher Murphy and Public Safety staff members March 24 for a tour of the new Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center facilities under construction on the campus of Wallace Community College Selma.

DPS hosted the tour to show the APOSTC first-hand the progress being made in constructing the new academy, to recognize commission members' pivotal role in transforming the academy, and to thank them for their continued support. Following the guided tour, the commission members enjoyed lunch at the St. James Hotel in Selma sponsored by Seay, Seay, and Litchfield, architects of the new academy.

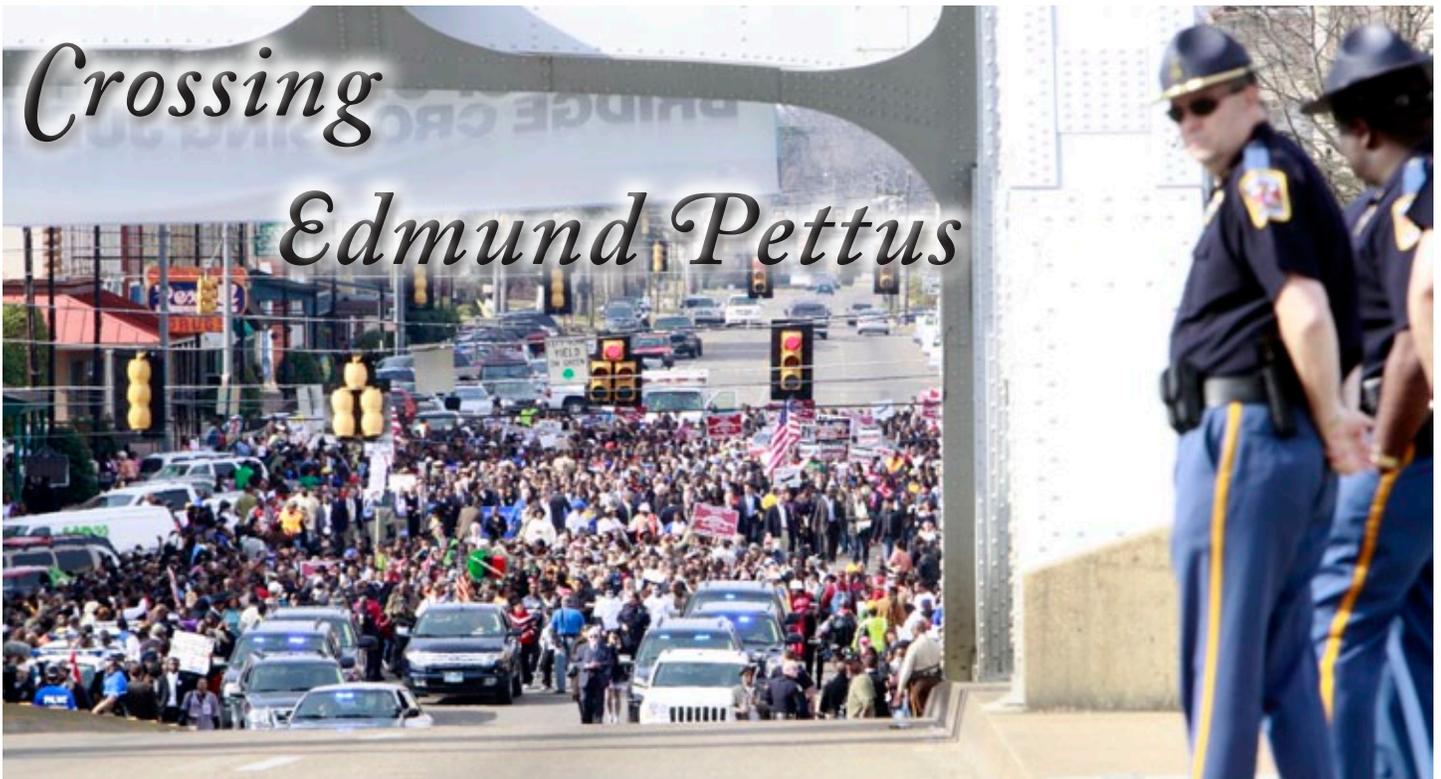
"The meeting, visit and tour went

extremely well," said Maj. Marc McHenry. "The new academy is really taking shape, and it is something we are all very proud of. Everyone who sees it is impressed, and APOST is no exception."

Construction of the new academy is rapidly nearing completion after breaking ground last March. The new facility is on target for occupation this August.

Touring the new academy from APOST were Chief R. Alan Benefield, executive secretary; Sheriff Jimmy Abbett, chairman; Chief John W. Anderson, vice chairman; Chief Ashley Welborn; Mr. Lyle D. Mitchell; Sheriff Ted Sexton; Chief Douglas J. Jefferson; and Chief Rick Singleton. Also taking part were Capt. Wendy Williams and Lt. Toni Crenshaw of the Department of Corrections. 

Crossing Edmund Pettus



People from throughout the state and country descended on Selma to commemorate passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and to remember the events of “Bloody Sunday,” as the 17th annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee took place March 4-13.

Alabama state troopers were on hand to ensure the public’s safety as crowds gathered to witness parades, enjoy festivities, and observe marchers reenacting the attempted crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965.

Troopers greeted hundreds of demonstrators atop the bridge March 7 as the re-enactment began and provided escort to ensure safety as marchers continued from Selma to Montgomery along U.S. 80.

The events on the bridge 45 years ago, when troopers and deputies attacked protestors who were trying to press their plea for equal rights, were pivotal in passage of strong voting rights legislation. As a result, “Bloody Sunday” is commemorated today as one of the defining moments of the Civil Rights Movement, paving the way for President Lyndon B. Johnson to sign the Voting Rights Act into law Aug. 6, 1965. 🌟



Service Pins Awarded, Taylor Honored

The Department of Public Safety recently thanked employees for many years of hard work, dedication, and outstanding public service by awarding service pins to in both the Administrative Division and Driver License Division.

Receiving pins for 35 years of service were Carolyn Cowains, Dianne Haley, and Julia Perry. Lydia McCain received a pin for 30 years of service. Dorris Teague was thanked for 25 years of service. Julie McCord was given a 20-year pin. Vida Childrey, Rosemary Perdue, and Carey Tatum each were handed 15-year pins. Virginia Brooks, Felecia Johnson, and Curt Terling received pins for their 10-year anniversary, and five-year pins were awarded to Shanekia Conwell, Mark Mills, Kennesha Richardson, and Wandrell Williams.



Debbie Taylor also was formally recognized for 40 years of outstanding service to the department, in a special ceremony Feb. 23.

Taylor's tenure with the department has seen her working as support staff for 10 different division chiefs and a number of directors.

"DPS has been a part of my life for a long time," said Taylor. "I've seen just about everything, and I have many wonderful memories of the department. One of the most memorable directors I've had the pleasure to work with was E.C. Dothard. While he used to fire me at least once a day, he was such a nice man to work for. It seems Dothard would walk the halls of our building at least once a week to personally greet and speak to nearly every person working at DPS at the time. He was just a very personable and likeable character." 🍷

ASTA, Jarrett Sponsor Special Team

Thanks to the Alabama State Trooper Association and Sgt. Steve Jarrett, a new team of "Troopers" is set to take the field in Montgomery. ASTA is sponsoring the spring softball team as part of the Montgomery Miracle League, a special league that provides an opportunity for children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities to play ball.

The ASTA Troopers played their first practice game March 27, and Jarrett was there to cheer on the Miracle leaguers. He brought his patrol car to be photographed with the team and awarded all team members a sticker badge to wear on their uniforms for good luck.



As a general rule, the ASTA does not normally sponsor teams; yet when Lt. James Patterson first approached Jarrett and the ASTA with this special and unique opportunity, an exception was made, as these team members were destined to join the trooper ranks.

"With all of the games going on, there were a lot of people there, and all of the children and parents were excited to see a uniformed state trooper at their first

game," said Jarrett. "Sponsoring this team is a wonderful opportunity for the ASTA to help support the great work of the Montgomery Miracle League."

The regular season begins April 3, and games are played at 9:30 a.m. at Thompson Park on Ray Thorington Road in Montgomery. "If you attend a game, it's guaranteed to brighten your day," said Jarrett. 🍷

Dressing Smart, Savvy for Spring, Summer



Each spring, as the weather heats up, the urge to shed layers of clothing to feel the warmth of the sun and to dress more casually is nearly a rite of passage, even in the workplace. Business-casual attire generally is acceptable at the office, provided it is professional, tasteful, and appropriate. DPS Personnel Manager Cheri Cook says a good rule of thumb is that if you are not sure if something is acceptable, it probably isn't. Either choose something else to wear, or inquire in advance, says Cook.

The department's primary objective with regard to dress is to ensure that employees project a professional image at all times. Business-casual dress offers an alternative to the formal business attire of dresses, suits, ties, and dress shoes, by not only looking professional, but also taking advantage of more comfortable and relaxed clothing.

Not all casual clothing is appropriate for the office. Items that may be perfect for working in the yard, going on a picnic, or playing sports aren't appropriate for the office, nor is clothing that is too revealing. Regardless of the item of clothing, it is essential to avoid wearing anything to the office that is excessively worn, frayed or wrinkled, says Cook.

There are times when traditional business attire is to be worn instead of business-casual attire. Cook recommends that employees take their schedule into account when they are dressing. "If you have a meeting

scheduled with visitors, or if you are advised that others in the department will have visitors with whom you will come in contact, you will want to dress in business attire," says Cook. "And, of course, business attire is always acceptable, if that is your preference."

All employees should be familiar with dress code requirements included in the DPS procedural manual, and listed below is a general overview of acceptable business-casual wear, as well as a listing of some of the more common items of clothing that are inappropriate for the office. Neither group is intended to be all-inclusive. Rather, these items should help set the general parameters for proper casual business wear and allow employees to make intelligent and informed judgments about items that are not specifically addressed.

Slacks—Cotton slacks are acceptable provided they are clean and wrinkle-free. Inappropriate items include denim of any color, sweatpants, windsuits, short-shorts, Bermuda shorts, bib overalls, leggings, spandex or other form-fitting pants. Capri slacks are

acceptable only when part of a suit.

Shirts—Casual shirts, golf shirts, sweaters and turtlenecks are acceptable. Inappropriate items include tank tops, sweatshirts, shirts with large lettering, logos or slogans, halter-tops, tops with bare shoulders, and t-shirts, unless worn under another blouse, shirt, jacket, or jumper.

Dresses and Skirts—Casual dresses and skirts and split skirts at or below the knee are acceptable. Dress and skirt length should be no shorter than four inches above the knee. Mini-skirts and spaghetti-strap dresses should not be worn to the office.

Footwear—Loafers, boots, flats, dress sandals, open-toed shoes, clogs and leather deck shoes are acceptable. Going without stockings is acceptable if it's appropriate for the rest of the outfit. Athletic shoes, sneakers, thongs, flip-flops, decorative flip-flops and slippers are not acceptable.

Jewelry—All jewelry should be conservative, with no visible body piercing other than pierced ears. 

Reserve Troopers Head to Orlando Conference



Highway Patrol Lt. Allen Jones and Reserve Tprs. Justin Fine, Paul Tierney, and Kenneth Thomas recently joined 30 other reserve police officers from around the nation and the world at the 2010 RPOA International Reserve Police Conference in Orlando Feb. 24-27.

Hosted by the Reserve Police Officers Association and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,

the conference focused on expert presentations on reserve police issues, complete with state-of-the-art live and simulated training events from certified instructors. Conference attendees also toured the Orange County Sheriff's Office training center before going on ride-alongs with sheriff's patrol units.

The conference provided a unique opportunity for reserve police to learn from and network with reserve and

auxiliary officers from throughout the Southeast and beyond. In addition to having representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana, the conference attracted attendees from as far away as Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and the Cayman Islands. In previous years, reserve officers from both London and South Africa have attended the conference. 🌀

Routine Truck Inspection Turns Up Marijuana



Tpr. Jim Hendrix made a big find during a routine truck inspection initiated during rush hour on Interstate 459 in Jefferson County March 24.

Located inside the truck were four duffel bags containing six large, individually wrapped bundles of marijuana. Following the discovery by Hendrix, ABI agents promptly interviewed the South Carolina driver of the vehicle and took him to the Jefferson County Jail for processing.

Sgt. Charlton Martin provided backup to Hendrix during the stop. 🌀

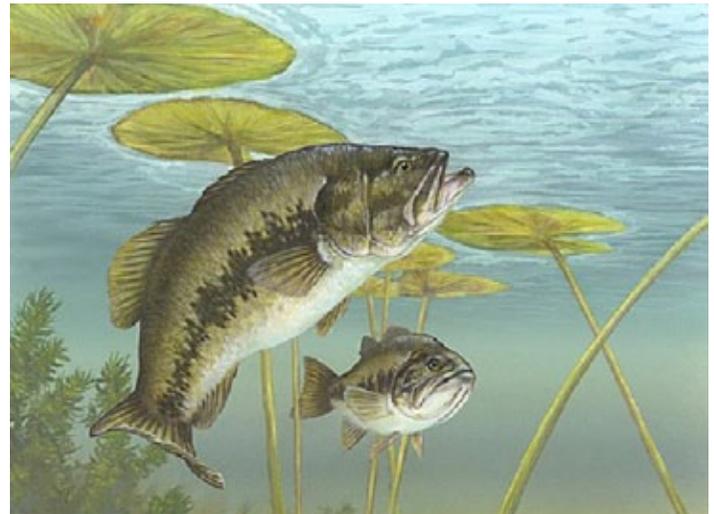
Homeland Security to Host North Alabama Fishing Tournament

A bass tournament for homeland security personnel, first responders, and military personnel will be held April 24 on Wheeler Lake at Ditto Landing in Huntsville. The tournament has no entry fee and has been organized as a way to say “thank you” to the men and women who diligently work to preserve safety.

Police officers, firefighters, first responders, active military personnel, military reservists, and members of the National Guard are eligible to participate. Personnel from any other agency that falls under the category of homeland security also are eligible.

Monetary prizes will be awarded for placement in the tournament, as well as awards for “Big Largemouth” and “Big Smallmouth.” Donations of goods and services also will be awarded to the participants in the form of draw prizes.

The Boat House LLC, American Bass Anglers, Triton Boats, Serra Toyota, and Baron Services are sponsoring the tournament. Baron Services will give the agency of the first-place winner a Mobile Threat Net System and a one-year subscription to *Responder XM* Satellite



weather data.

This tournament has full support of the Alabama Department of Homeland Security. Verification may be obtained by contacting Homeland Security at information@dhs.alabama.gov.

The entry form and rules are located on The Boat House Web site, www.the-boat-house.com. Completed registrations should be e-mailed to boathousehuntsville@comcast.net or mailed to The Boat House, 11271 S. Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, AL 35803. Entrants also may register in person at The Boat House in Huntsville or Athens.

For information, please contact The Boat House Huntsville at (256) 337-0909 or (256) 652-3446 or e-mail boathousehuntsville@comcast.net. ☎



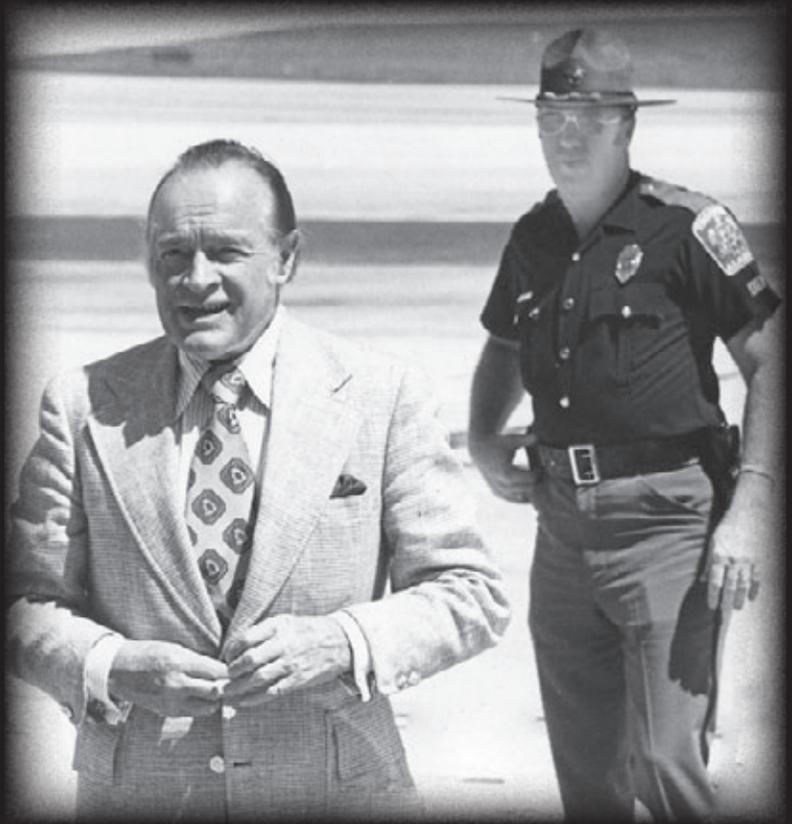
People You Know in Photos!

This photo, taken March 4, shows Sgt. Darryl Moore making an instructional video to inform prisoners how to properly apply for and obtain a driver license or state identification card.

The video will be distributed to all state correctional facilities. ☎

75 Heading Toward

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Top: Actor and comedian Bob Hope seen entering the state Capitol to visit Gov. George C. Wallace in the 1970s. Escorting Hope is Tpr. Comer Holley.

Above: A portrait of Walter K. McAdory, taken in 1935. McAdory was the first Alabama Highway Patrol chief. Following his tenure as chief, he served many years with the ABC Board.

Right: A monument on the south lawn of the state Capitol, marking the spot where the Alabama Highway Patrol was commissioned by Gov. Bibb Graves on Jan. 10, 1936. The original 75 patrolmen were hired on Dec. 5, 1935, which is considered the anniversary date of the Alabama Department of Public Safety. The monument was erected by the Charter Members Club of the Alabama Highway Patrol on Dec. 4, 1961.



People You Know!



New Employees

Kelly Womack	3.01.10	Clerical Aide	ABI/CyberCrimes
Kristin Wylie	3.01.10	Clerical Aide	ABI/CyberCrimes

Promotions

Jason Baxley	3.01.10	Corporal	HP/Elmore County
Bonnie Bullock	3.01.10	Staff Accountant	ADM/Financial Services
Terry Chapman	3.01.10	Major	DL/Division Chief
Linda Frazier	2.16.10	ASA II	ABI/CyberCrimes
Christopher Hall	2.16.10	Forensic Tech Examiner	ABI/CyberCrimes
Morgan Porter	2.16.10	Account Clerk	DL/Planning and Operations
Linda Powell	3.01.10	Staff Accountant	ADM/Financial Services
Damon Summers	3.01.10	Captain	ADM/ACJTC
Wandrell Williams	3.01.10	Accountant	ADM/Financial Services
Karl Youngblood	3.01.10	Captain	ABI/Region B

Transfers

Charles Andrews	3.01.10	Major	HP/Division Chief
Aubrey Bishop	2.16.10	Trooper	HP/Mobile County
Christopher Hopkins	2.16.10	PCO I	HP/Selma Post
Roscoe Howell	3.01.10	Major	ADM/Director's Office
Crystal Jackson	2.16.10	PCO I	HP/Montgomery Post
Raymond Norred	3.01.10	Corporal	HP/Montgomery Post
Derrick Smith	3.01.10	Corporal	PS/Headquarters
Neil Tew	3.01.10	Captain	HP/Headquarters
Julie Walker	3.01.10	ASA II	HP/Gadsden Post

Resignations

Edward Gibson	2.18.10	DL Examiner I	DL/Opelika Examining
Deric McCrory	3.15.10	Property Inventory Officer	SER/Inventory

Retirements

Alice Atkisson	2.28.10	PCO II	HP/Jacksonville
Todd Fulmer	2.26.10	Captain	HP/Headquarters
Michael Juran	2.28.10	Trooper	HP/Birmingham
Lester Mack	2.26.10	Communication Tech II	SER/Communications Engineering
Charles Starling	2.28.10	Trooper	HP/Dothan
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On Your Calendar

Monday, April 26

Confederate Memorial Day

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day

Monday, June 7

Jefferson Davis' Birthday

Monday, July 5

Independence Day (offices closed)

**ACUTE TRAINING SCHEDULE
APRIL '10**

Date	Event
April 1-30	Basic Police Session 137
1-9	THI Basic
2	Draeger Recertification
5-8	DPS In-service
11-16	SWAT
12-15	DPS In-service
19-22	DPS In-service
19-23	Dignitary Protection Class
21	CVE In-service
27-30	DPS In-service

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.