

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL



Smokey Badger



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S T A T E M E N T O F P O L I C Y

NO ASSIGNMENT SHALL BE OF SUCH URGENCY AND NO JOB SHALL BE EXPEDITED WITH SUCH EMPHASIS THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF SAFETY BECOME SECONDARY. THERE ARE NO TASKS IN THE ENFORCEMENT BUREAU OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT THEY CANNOT BE DONE WITH REASONABLE SAFETY.

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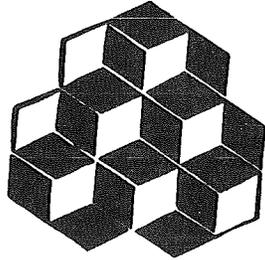


Our fleet safety program puts the emphasis on safety right where it belongs -- on the DRIVER! The four leading human factors in accidents are improper lookout, excessive speed, inattention and improper evasive action. These things are most responsible for 83.2 per cent of all automobile accidents. Recognizing this, we salute our truly professional drivers for their personal contribution to fleet safety. This month the following have earned their safe driver awards for maintaining accident-free driving records.

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| 19 yr. - Tpr. Carl Gasper
Chem. Tech. Frantz Heise
Tpr. Donald Larson
Chem. Tech. Roland Young | 6 yr. - Tpr. Duane E. Frey
Tpr. Joseph J. Hammel
Tpr. Daryl W. Kinnear
Tpr. Richard J. Lunde
Tpr. Michael D. Meinke
Tpr. Glenn W. Steffen
Tpr. Maynard H. Teigen
Tpr. Samuel R. White |
| 18 yr. - Tpr. Wilmer Peil
Sgt. Edmund M. Ross
Insp. Duane Schmieden | 5 yr. - Tpr. Charles W. Bennett
Tpr. Clinton R. Fruit
Tpr. Jerry J. Halbleib
Tpr. John G. Householder
Tpr. Ronald N. Irish
Tpr. Richard W. Lindbeck
Tpr. Harry McCallum, Jr.
Tpr. Brian N. Meek
Tpr. James L. Nelson
Tpr. David J. Neumaier
Tpr. Robert M. Olson
Insp. James L. Padlock
Tpr. Bernard Peterson
Tpr. Nicholas Pierce
Tpr. Jerome J. Prusko
Tpr. Jan Steinbergs
Tpr. Michael Van Keuren
Tpr. Bill R. Vest
Tpr. Fred H. Zimpel |
| 17 yr. - Chem. Tech. John Offerman
Capt. Alva Rehberg | |
| 15 yr. - Tpr. Timothy Heffernan | |
| 14 yr. - Tpr. Raymond King | |
| 13 yr. - Comm Tech. Herbert Buschel | |
| 12 yr. - Tpr. James Langley | |
| 11 yr. - Tpr. Edwin Tomlin | |
| 10 yr. - Insp. Wm. Muschinski
Insp. Duane Wilson | |
| 9 yr. - Tpr. Bernard McKinnon | |
| 8 yr. - Tpr. Gerald Baumbach, Jr.
Tpr. Thomas Enos
Sgt. Richard Fankhauser
Tpr. Carl Fleischman
Tpr. James Friedel
Tpr. Thomas Jawort
Sgt. Ronald A. Kuhn
Tpr. Jerry P. Long
Tpr. John D. Luther
Tpr. Arthur Shackleton | |
| 6 yr. - Tpr. Wm. Aschenbrener
Tpr. James Fetherston | 4 yr. - Tpr. David J. Hufschmid
1 yr. - Tpr. Charles W. Sanders |

IS SEEING BELIEVING?

To put a plus safety factor in everything one does while behind the wheel, a driver must see everything going on on all sides of him. This must be interpreted by his brain. But, does the eye see everything accurately? Can the brain give an accurate interpretation of a "faulty" image? For example, what about the illusion pictured to the right. Depending on how you look at it, it has either six or seven cubes. When you drive, don't be satisfied with just a quick glance at a potential hazard. Keep the eyes moving, look, then look back again. Give your brain enough images to accurately maintain the margin of safety you need while driving your car -- under any conditions of road, weather and traffic.



1975 FLEET ACCIDENTS

Reportable fleet accidents for April 1975 were eight, and the total cumulative for January through April number 33. Last year, April's accidents numbered only five and the total January through April 1974 accidents were 24. The fine safety trend of last year has been reversed as fleet accidents appear to be on the increase.

NATIONAL FLEET SAFETY CONTEST

Wisconsin State Patrol ranks third of the seven fleets in the contest at the close of March, 1975. Our rate is 3.82 accidents per million miles of travel with a 3.18 as the group average.

Van sez: "Nothing confuses a man more than to drive behind a woman who does everything right."

	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>MAR.</u>	<u>APR.</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hdqrs.	0	0	0	0	0
Academy	0	0	0	0	0
Dist. 1	0	1	3	2	6
Dist. 2	1	1	5	3	10
Dist. 3	1	1	0	2	4
Dist. 4	1	1	3	0	5
Dist. 5	1	0	1	1	3
Dist. 6	1	1	2	0	4
Dist. 8	1	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	6	5	14	8	33
Insp.	0	0	2	2	4
Tpr.	4	5	11	4	24
Sgt.	1	0	1	2	4
Lieut.	1	0	0	0	1
Capt.	0	0	0	0	0
Comm. Tech.	0	0	0	0	0
Chem. Tech.	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0



CLUMSY OX CLUB?

What's happening in the Chem Test Unit? First Snapper and now Doc. . . Doc Heise found out that it's expensive to do your own plumbing.

He tried to bite a chunk out of a stillson wrench and as a result was on a soft food diet for several days!

INTER DISTRICT FLEET SAFETY CONTEST

District	Standing	Preventable Accidents	Rate
5	1	0	.000
4	2	0	.000
8	3	0	.000
1	4	1	.241
2	5	1	.402
6	6	1	.486
3	7	1	.488

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

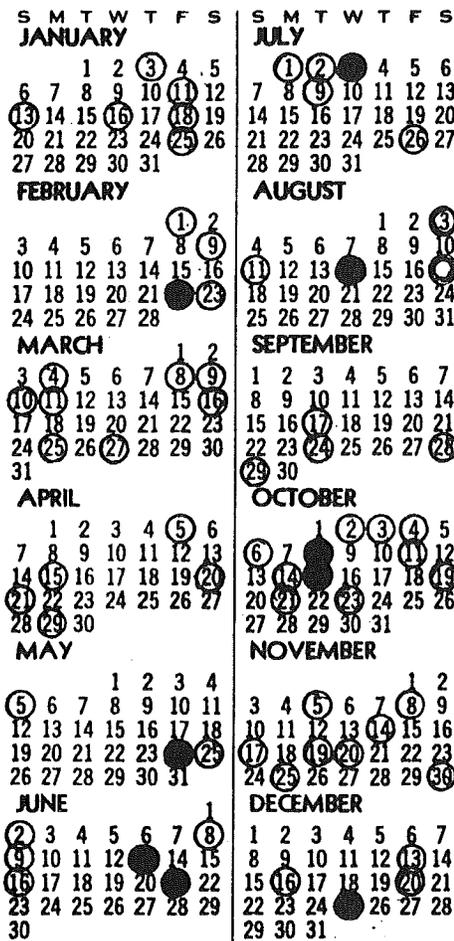
Lieutenant Elmer Draeger (Ret.) has moved back to his native area, Waupaca County. Elmer sent us a change of address card in April. He can now be reached at 204 N. Parkview Ave., P.O. Box 311, Marion, WI 54950. (Still can't read your handwriting too well, Elmer! -- Editor)

Retired Trooper John Prarizzi's address is: Rt. 1, Box 174, Hurley, WI 54534.

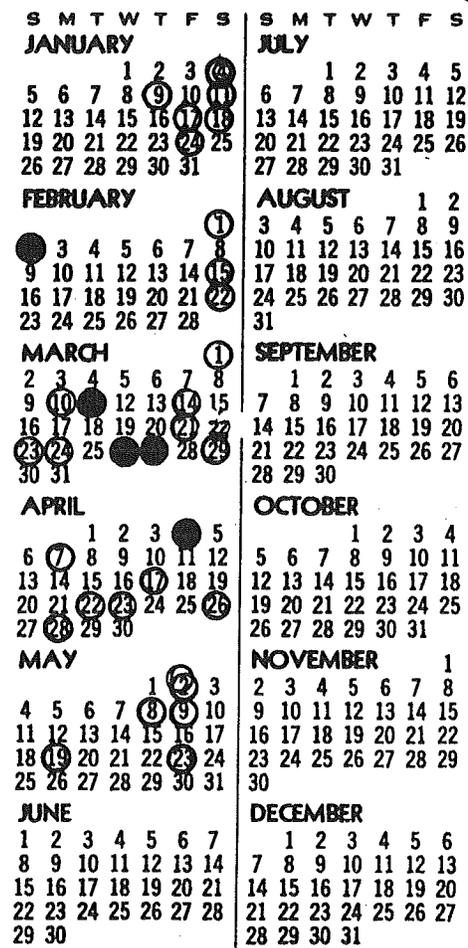
Fleet accidents then and now, by day of the month. Solid black indicates a day with more than one fleet accident.

As the SMOKEY BADGER goes to press, this is the picture for 1975 fleet accidents:

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1975



"TRAFFIC DIE-GEST"

This monthly summary of statistics is taken from the National Safety Council publication **TRAFFIC SAFETY**. This is information which you may find useful in your contacts with the public.

Motor-Vehicle Deaths and Changes, Total U. S.

Months	DEATHS				PERCENTAGE CHANGES				
	1972	1973	1974	1975	Corresponding Month			4 Month Moving Ave.†	
					1973-1975	1973-1974	1974-1975	1973-1974	1974-1975
January	4,140	4,040	3,090	3,220	-20%		+4%		-7%
February	3,580	3,540	2,660	2,900	-18%		+9%		-*%
2 Months	7,720	7,580	5,750	6,120	-19%		+6%		
March	4,150	4,360	3,270			-25%		-23%	
April	4,440	4,610	3,510			-24%		-24%	
May	4,760	4,840	3,750			-23%		-24%	
June	4,900	5,250	4,330			-18%		-22%	
July	5,500	5,320	4,380			-18%		-20%	
August	5,220	5,220	4,600			-12%		-17%	
September	5,040	4,990	4,230			-15%		-16%	
October	5,330	5,350	4,500			-16%		-15%	
November	4,680	4,340	4,050			-7%		-13%	
December	4,860	3,940	3,830			-3%		-11%	
TOTAL	56,600	55,800	46,200	46,570†		-17%			

All figures are National Safety Council estimates.

The 1975 national estimate is arrived at by assuming that the percentage change from 1974 to 1975 in the states reporting for both years reflects the 1974-1975 change in the entire country. First reports are preliminary, so revisions are made from time to time as later reports are received for the various months. Thus, figures above for 1975 may differ slightly from figures for the same months which will be published in future issues of **TRAFFIC SAFETY**.

†Four Months Moving Average is based on changes between the totals for four months instead of one month. For example, the February figure shows the change between the totals for November 1973-February 1974 and November 1974-February 1975, etc. Adding several months together tends to smooth out single month changes which may be affected by differences in the number of weekends in a month from one year to the next, random variations, etc.

‡Deaths for the 12-month period ending February 1975.

*Less than .5%.

MOTOR-VEHICLE deaths in February 1975 totaled 2,900, an increase of 9 per cent over the February 1974 total of 2,660 and a decrease of 18 per cent from the pre-energy-crisis February 1973 total of 3,540. The February 1974 total was the lowest for the month since the February 1963 total of 2,647.

Deaths for the first two months of 1975 totaled 6,120, an increase of 6 per cent from the two-month total for 1974 of 5,750 and a decrease of 19 per cent from the corresponding two-month period in 1973. Deaths for the 12-month period ending February 1975 totaled 46,570.

Disabling injuries for the first two months are estimated at somewhat more than 200,000. These are injuries resulting in disability beyond the day of the accident, and do not include minor injuries which probably totaled as many more.

The cost of motor-vehicle accidents for the first two months of this year is estimated at slightly more than \$2.2 billion.

If you think there's no one who cares if you're alive, don't file your income tax and see what happens.

Reductions at the End of February

(States with two-month death reduction, 1974 vs. 1975)

States

South Dakota	-46%	North Carolina	-14%
Mississippi	-32%	Tennessee	-11%
Montana	-28%	Ohio	-10%
Wyoming	-28%	South Carolina	-8%
Idaho	-23%	Nebraska	-3%
Iowa	-22%	Michigan	-2%
Minnesota	-19%	Florida	-2%
Hawaii	-16%	Georgia	-2%
Indiana	-15%	Oklahoma	-2%
Pennsylvania	-14%	Illinois	-1%

S M O K E Y B A D G E R

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From Jan Anderson, District No. 5: Two citations were written just 45 minutes apart on westbound I-94 by two different troopers, but to the same subject from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Trooper Wyss green-boxed the guy at 83 mph early in the morning and the man posted and was released. A scant 45 minutes later he tipped the needle for Tpr. Corbin at 66 mph. Hadn't learned a lot, but at least he had slowed down somewhat.



A school bus was traveling on a fourlane expressway. The weather was rainy, overcast and the road surface was wet. There were no passengers aboard the bus.

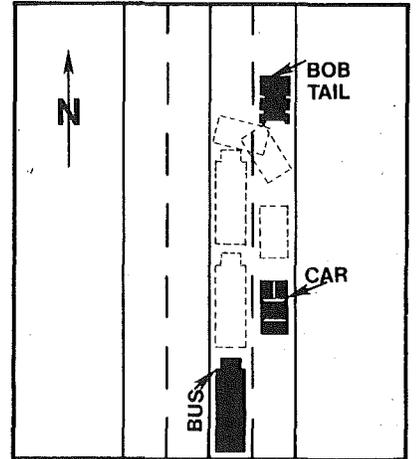
The school bus was in the left hand lane while a car was following a bobtail truck in the right lane. All vehicles were traveling approximately 55 miles per hour. The bobtail truck in the right lane began slowing down so the car following it attempted to pull into the left lane. The truck suddenly stopped. The car glanced off the left rear corner of the truck and swung broadside in front of the school bus causing the school bus to strike the car.

Storkfeathers



Trooper Floyd Branchfield and wife, Sharon welcomed a baby boy at 3:03 A.M., May 21, 1975. David Edward weighed 8 lb., 7 oz., and was 21 inches long. The event took place at Langlade Memorial Hospital, Antigo. This is the Branchfield's first son, after five girls.

Cheryl Lynn is the new daughter of Tpr. Bryan Peth and wife Roseann. Cheryl weighed 8 lb, 5½ oz. and was 21½ inches when she arrived at Marinette General on May 8.



The decision of the Accident Review Board is found on page 6 of this issue. See if your thoughts agree with those of the Board members.

ANNOUNCE THIS NEW HOLIDAY TO YOUR EMPLOYEES ! !



The following letter is taken from the bulletin board in the office of the Louisiana Oil Marketers Association. You may want to put it on your own!

TO ALL PERSONNEL:

You will be glad to know that May 25th, 1975 will be a holiday in addition to all others we observe.

May 25th is calculated as the first day in 1975 that you, and the rest of employed persons in the United States, will start producing goods and services for yourself and your family for the rest of the year.

All your work and earnings in the nearly five months of 1975 prior to May 25th will have gone to pay the cost of Federal, State and Local Governments.

I think we'll call it "TAXOVER DAY", sort of like Passover. TAXOVER DAY will come on a different day each year, because at our present rate of yearly increase in Federal and Local governmental spending you will be working half the year for the Government by 1986. That year, for example, TAXOVER DAY will come about June 30th.

SOME OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN MAY NEVER CELEBRATE TAXOVER DAY!

(Robert K. Butcher)

From: Wis. Petrol. Assoc. INFORMER.

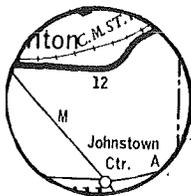
there's a **FIRST TIME** for every accident!

iHay una primera vez para cada accidente!

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SO YOU KNOW WISCONSIN?

All right, no "cheating" now, tell me in what county this location can be found, as well as the predominant highway? (Answer next issue)



"So You Know Wisconsin" got a good response out of the District 5 area. Linn Butner and Dee Kass were not baffled and Sterling Standiford as well. Jim Waydick, who served his term at the Academy, informed us that the Melvina Pond just below Sparta was good for trout and is located just about on the "5" shown on the map.

Trooper Don Engel noticed a group of apparently excited people in front of a store in Woodruff, so he pulled over. What he found was an 11-year-old boy with his arm struck into a Coke machine -- all the way up to his armpit. The double-trip mechanism had caught the kid's fingers. In about an hour, Tpr. Engel had worked the boy free by going through from the backside of the vending machine. The lad lost part of one finger near the first joint. The Trooper then took the boy, the mother and the local doctor to the medical center and turned the matter over to the local police.

MISH-MASH WITH AIRPLANES

Ad Weiland, alias "Old Trooper", came up with the proper numbers, identified the aircraft and is now waiting for his free tour of the Planning Section. If you lined them up as A. Ford Trimotor, B. Pitcairn Mailwing, C. Laird Solution, D. Lockheed Vega, and E. Wright Flyer, you are right according to both Weiland and the answer sheet.

HELP POLICE!

Recent surveys of men who failed to pass examinations for positions in various Police Departments produced some rather unusual statistics, to wit:

- 76.3% explained APPEAL referred to a banana's outside.
- 50.8% recognized CALABOOSE as the last car of a freight train.
- 83.7% knew BULLET was a young male cow.
- 64.2% were positive ETHICS concerned a car made back in the 1930's.
- 70.0% thought AMBUSH was a bush that grew arms.
- 65.9% agreed FURTIVE meant covered with fur.
- 49.4% insisted 30-30 was a lousy shape for a girl.
- 72.6% believed HANGOUT concerned putting a washing up on the line.
- 61.5% presumed SQUAD was a adult squid.
- 47.9% thought ALLEGATIONS referred to an eastern mountain range.
- 78.3% proclaimed HOAX grew from little hacorns.
- 53.7% were sure VIOLENCE were stringed musical instruments played with bows.
- 4.5% identified STALK as the long-legged bird that brings babies.
- 99.9% stated U.S. CUSTOMS consisted of complaining about high taxes, eating hamburgers, and watching the pretty girls go by.

—Attested to by
noted polcat, Edmund A. Braun.

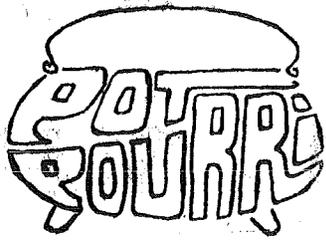


Tuesday, April 15, 1975, before the General Staff of the State Patrol, Col. Hugh Simonson presented a framed citation, for his leadership example and cooperation with the National Guard at the Gresham affair, to Captain Lester M. Walsingham, from the Wisconsin National Guard, on behalf of Governor Patrick J. Lucey.

ACCIDENT OF THE MONTH

Decision

The Accident Review Committee judged this accident as PREVENTABLE. The school bus operator should have been aware of possible lane changes when the truck first started to slow down. He failed to adjust to conditions and leave himself an out.



The California Highway Patrol graduated a class of state traffic officers in January, 1975 composed of 27 women and 30 men who completed the sixteen weeks of training. The

class started out with 40 of each sex. The department's height standard was reduced from 5'8" to 5'6" but all other standards remained identical to those used to select male officers. The Kentucky State Police found that its applicants more than quadrupled when height and weight restrictions were eliminated in their recruiting standards. Their height standard used to be 5'9½" minimum.

Joining the "Rocking Chair Set" is well known Col. Robert Chiaromonte, Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, effective April 4, 1975 after 33 years of service, 10 of which were as the Super. His replacement as head of the Ohio SHP is Col. Frank Blackstone.

Col. Harold Burgess, Virginia State Police Super. has indicated his support for a suggested program which would permit local governments to contract with the state police for the services of resident troopers. Apparently, localities with fewer than 5,000 residents experience difficulty in recruiting and maintaining qualified police officers.

I N S I C K B A Y

Mrs. John Schoenick had open-heart surgery on April 1. She is now recovering at home, at 106 Gilman St., Verona, WI 53593.

Retired Inspector II, Arnold Loeffler underwent an aortic heart valve replacement operation on April 23, 1975 at St. Luke's Hospital, Milwaukee. His doctors advised him that he would be able to go home in from ten days to three weeks.

They required over 10 pints of blood for Arnie during the surgery. Does

anyone want to help the cause by contributing blood in his name? If so, you can contribute blood in the name of Arnie Loeffler from anywhere in the state, no specific blood type, and ask that the credit be extended to the Milwaukee Blood Center.

Arnold asks that any of you passing through the Oshkosh area stop in for a visit. He would like to see you. He lives on the west side of Oshkosh, just off Hwy. 41, at 218 N. Eagle Street, Oshkosh, 54901.

P A R T Y L I N E

TROOPER CITED



At its 76th Annual Convention Banquet held at the Hilton Hotel, Madison on Tuesday evening May, 6, 1975, the Independent Insurance Agents of Wisconsin presented its Grand Award, the Meritorious Service Award, to Trooper Gary Duffenbach of District No. 6, Eau Claire.

IIA President William Bush presented the MS Award and also announced that their \$1,000 Scholarship Award was to be presented in the name of Tpr. Duffenbach to Miss Debbie Julson, a Junior in the U.W. School of Business in Madison.

Other members of the D.O.T. were on hand to share with Trooper Duffenbach the occasion for his recognition.

CARD OF THANKS

Lt. Richard Kildahl, whose father, Einar Kildahl died suddenly at his home in Whitehall at age 74, following a heart attack, sends the following message: "I would like to express my most sincere appreciation to everyone for their kind consideration during our time of great loss. The telephone calls, cards and personal expressions of sympathy were most gratifying indeed. A personal thank you is extended to all of you from our family.

/s/ Lt. Richard Kildahl"

In Memoriam

Mrs. Theodore Severson, mother of Karen (Mrs. William) Peterschmidt, died in La Crosse on Sunday, May 11, 1975 at the age of 71. Burial was at La Crosse on Tuesday, May 13, 1975.

Miss Alice Marie Sharkey, former secretary for State Patrol District 3 Headquarters, died at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, on Monday, May 5, 1975. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Church in that city and burial was at Calvary Cemetery, May 8, 1975.

Communications Section Chief Norvel H. Rollins died on Tuesday, May 13, 1975 at age 56 after a brief illness. Mr. Rollins served in his capacity for over 25 years of service to the state. During World War II he was a major in the air force, and since had served in the reserves. Funeral services were held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, on Friday, May 16, and interment was in Highland Memory Gardens.

Trooper Paul Reich's mother passed away during the night of May 19, 1975 and the funeral was held on Friday, the 23rd.

Visitors at the Bureau on Wednesday, May 28, 1975 were Margaret and Loren Briese of Rockport, Texas, who dropped in accompanied by Bob Cromey. Loren served many years with the Patrol and was Field Staff Captain at the time he retired from state service. It appears that he has put on a slight bit of weight since last we saw him, but with his sun-tanned appearance, Loren looks as good, or better, than ever.

EVERYONE CAN GIVE PLEASURE IN SOME WAY -- ONE PERSON MAY DO IT BY COMING INTO A ROOM AND ANOTHER BY GOING OUT.



FOR THE ROCKING CHAIR SET

Henry M. Leffin Jr., Sergeant, District 5, has resigned his position effective April 3, 1975.

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Patrick Bouche, Inspector I, District 3, at his own request, has been transferred to the Abram's scale, District 4, and assigned Call #4429, effective May 19, 1975.

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Linda J. Schlueter, D.O.T. Public Information Office, has been employed as a Typist 3 with the Field Force Section effective April 14, 1975.

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Mary G. Brabender, Sun Prairie, has been employed as a Typist 2 at District 1 Headquarters effective April 20, 1975.

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Daniel E. Schrank, PCO I, District 2, has resigned his position effective May 11.

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Edward Pfeifer, PCO 2, District 5, has resigned his position effective April 26, 1975.

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Gerald D. Seidel, Trooper 2, District 4, has resigned his position effective May 10, 1975.

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Wm. P. Liedke, Trooper 2, District 8, has been granted an extension of his medical leave of absence to October 27, 1975.

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Joy D. Marti, Enforcement Cadet, Academy, has resigned her position effective May 5, 1975.

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Bobbie D. Hoyt, Trooper 2, District 6, has resigned his position effective May 10, 1975.

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Linda M. Dancker, Enforcement Cadet, Academy, has resigned her position effective May 9, 1975.