

A PREMIER LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY LEADER

Wisconsin State Patrol Report 2010–2011



OUR EFFORTS TO MEET
THE EVER-CHANGING
CHALLENGES OF TRAFFIC
LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND PUBLIC SAFETY
IN WISCONSIN

Governor Scott Walker

Secretary Mark Gottlieb

Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald





FAN MAIL

State Patrol officers and staff have received numerous unsolicited messages of gratitude and praise for a job well done. The following are just a few samples of the messages received in 2010 and 2011 for exemplary service in extraordinary missions and daily duties:

★ *On behalf of the School District of Marinette, I want to express my appreciation to the Wisconsin State Patrol for its service and/or contributions to the needs that were generated by the November 29th shooter hostage crisis at Marinette High School. The numerous acts of bravery, service, and compassion witnessed over the past three weeks have left lasting imprints on the lives of our students, staff, families and community members at large.*

After reflecting upon these past three weeks, I must say that I feel honored to work and live among such helpful, caring, and compassionate people among the greater Marinette community. I am also very proud of our school staff and students who were also instrumental during this crisis and the continuing journey we face throughout the healing process. Please take time to appreciate your loved ones over the upcoming Holiday season. May you find peace, strength and joy in 2011.

TIM BANECK

Superintendent,
School District of Marinette

★ *Precision Pipelines LLC would like to express sincere appreciation and gratitude for Inspector Randy Yeakey's remarkable presentation at our 2010 Leadership Training Conference. Inspector Yeakey's presentation was educational, interesting, and effective. All who attended the presentation came away with renewed appreciation for traffic safety. We are so grateful that he was able to take part in our conference this year.*

MANNY AYALA

Corporate Safety Director,
Precision Pipeline LLC

★ *I would like to express my gratitude for the assistance provided by Trooper Mike Marquardt at the scene of a fatal crash on December 3, 2010, in the City of Reedsburg. Trooper Marquardt utilized his expertise to assist our investigators with a confusing and intricate scene involving a potential CMV crash. In addition to measuring the scene, he arranged for an inspector to respond to assist with more technical issues involving the truck. Trooper Marquardt conducted himself in a professional and competent manner during the investigation and his help was very much appreciated.*

TIMOTHY BECKER

Chief of Police
Reedsburg Police Department

★ *I was involved in a multi-car accident on Interstate 94 near Warrens, WI on Thursday afternoon December 9th. The situation was quite chaotic, the conditions were very difficult with snow and cold and with the number of vehicles involved in multiple incidents, confusion and anxiety was the norm for the many motorists involved. Fortunately, my injuries were minor and unfortunately others were more severe. There were, however, a number of vehicles scattered about the Interstate, not to mention the jackknifed tractor-trailers as well. It was the first such incident like this that I had ever been involved in, and could not help but be impressed with the actions and professionalism of our Wisconsin State Patrol, especially Trooper Jean Moody.*

Trooper Moody was clearly in command of the situation, amazingly calm yet decisive. She was handling a very confusing situation quite methodically. Her professional demeanor along with her empathy and her kindness clearly stood out for me. It gave me a greater appreciation for the job that our Wisconsin State Patrol performs and I just wanted to let somebody know that. Thanks for all you do.

TIM J. MURPHY

Vice President/Midwest Region
Nortrax, Inc.



WISCONSIN STATE PATROL IN 2010 AND 2011

FROM SUPERINTENDENT STEPHEN FITZGERALD

The State Patrol Report for 2010 through 2011 focuses on our efforts to improve traffic safety, maintain the efficiency of our highway transportation system, and protect Wisconsin citizens in partnership with our fellow agencies throughout the state.

Since becoming the Superintendent in February 2011, I've witnessed the outstanding professionalism and dedication to public service by all the men and women—both sworn and non-sworn—of the State Patrol. I could not be more proud and appreciative of the State Patrol's efforts.

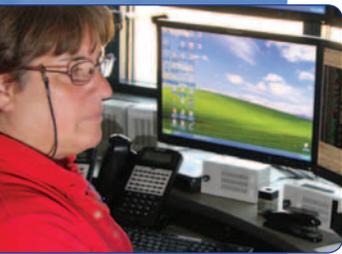
To meet the demands of our profession, we were called upon for complex and challenging public safety assignments that stretched our personnel and resources. During this stressful period, we also maintained our commitment to traffic safety. In 2010 and 2011, traffic fatalities in Wisconsin declined to levels not experienced for generations. This life-saving work may not always receive the appreciation it deserves, but the positive attitudes of all members of the State Patrol clearly demonstrate our resolve to improve traffic safety in Wisconsin. Because of our devotion to traffic and public safety, the State Patrol has a bright future. I am proud to be a part of the State Patrol team.



STATE PATROL AT A GLANCE

	2010	2011
TROOPERS <i>(as of December)</i>	364	345
INSPECTORS <i>(as of December)</i>	109	99
TRAFFIC CITATIONS		
Speeding	53,858	49,461
Safety belts	40,628	27,062
Total citations issued	144,699	135,291
DRUG/ALCOHOL RELATED TRAFFIC OFFENSES	5,539	4,210
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	276,621	235,576
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	N/A	218,704
ARRESTS		
Criminal interdiction/ controlled substances	2,072	1,943
Warrant arrests	2,238	1,552
Probation/parole holds	390	248
Other non-traffic arrests	741	595
Probation/parole contacts reported to the Department of Corrections	4409	3191
TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	5644	5804
*CRASH AND TECHNICAL RECONSTRUCTIONS <i>(*estimate for 2010)</i>		
Criminal traffic reconstruction cases	151	155
Non-criminal traffic reconstruction cases	180	184
Non-traffic criminal incidents cases	30	26
Non-criminal incidents <i>(includes suicides which are initially investigated as homicides)</i>	8	9
Technical Reconstruction Unit members' preparation or testimony in criminal proceedings	65	66
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE	33,534	31,221
SAFETY INSPECTIONS <i>(federal fiscal years) (Tim McClain)</i>		
Mobile inspections of CMVs after observing a moving violation	4,838	4,015
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES WEIGHED <i>(federal fiscal years)</i>		
Static scale	335,811	250,991
Weigh-in-motion	3,677,608	2,312,473
POST-CRASH MCSAP INSPECTIONS OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES <i>(federal fiscal years)</i>	474	489
SAFETY REVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES <i>(federal fiscal years)</i>		
Compliance reviews and investigations of commercial motor vehicle companies	246	192
New Entrant Program Safety Investigations	752	645
FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING ADMINISTRATION EDUCATION AND INFORMATION, AND OTHER GRANT PROGRAMS	\$11,343,190	\$13,550,767
PARTICIPANTS IN STATE PATROL ACADEMY TRAINING COURSES AND PROGRAMS	3,143	2,641

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW



HISTORY

The Wisconsin Legislature on September 1, 1939, passed a statute creating the state's Motor Vehicle Department, including an enforcement division with 46 "inspectors" to enforce traffic laws and regulate commercial motor carriers. This was the genesis of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

During its more than 70 years of existence, the number of State Patrol officers has increased. The State Patrol now has an authorized strength of 400 troopers and 112 inspectors although the actual strength generally varies below those levels. State Patrol radio first went on the air February 1, 1943, operating station WIZR on a frequency of 31.5 megahertz to communicate with the patrol's mobile units, as well as with most municipal and county law enforcement short-wave stations within Wisconsin.

A training academy on the grounds of Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, was established in 1955 to develop State Patrol cadets into professional law enforcement officers.

THE STATE PATROL IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Today, as a premier traffic and public safety law enforcement agency, the men and women of the Wisconsin State Patrol provide an array of services and programs including the following:

TRAFFIC SAFETY LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Since the inception of the State Patrol, its primary mission has been to use firm but fair enforcement to reduce traffic crashes and thereby save lives, prevent injuries, and decrease property damage. Reducing crashes also improves the efficiency of the state's highway system, which is a major component of Wisconsin's economic vitality.

STATE PATROL ACADEMY: Located at Fort McCoy in Monroe County, the Academy offers comprehensive training for experienced State Patrol officers as well as new recruits who become troopers or inspectors after rigorous training as members of a cadet

class. Other local, state and federal agencies also participate in professional training programs at the Academy and use its facilities, including the Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC).



COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS:

As sworn law enforcement officers, State Patrol inspectors specialize in safety inspections of large trucks and other commercial motor vehicles, including those transporting hazardous materials. They also inspect every school bus in Wisconsin every year as well as other carriers, like motor coaches. During inspections, they examine brakes, lights and other safety equipment along with driver's logbooks and records. At the 13 Safety and Weight Enforcement Facilities (SWEFs) around the state, inspectors weigh trucks to ensure commercial carriers operate within statutory or permitted size and weight limitations. They check carriers to ensure they have proper registration, fuel tax, insurance and authority credentials. In addition to the scales at SWEFs, inspectors use portable scales in their vehicles to conduct mobile weight enforcement.

CRASH RECONSTRUCTION AND CRIME SCENE



MAPPING: Reconstruction of serious traffic crashes and complex crime scenes is provided by highly trained members of the State Patrol Technical Reconstruction Unit (TRU).

TRU troopers have extensive expertise in numerous disciplines including speed analysis, motion dynamics of vehicle occupants, photogrammetry, forensic mapping and crash data retrieval. Their findings are used by law enforcement officials and the judicial system to determine the causes of serious injury and fatal crashes. Their forensic mapping of crime scenes assists in determining innocence or guilt in legal proceedings.

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MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM (MCSAP): The State Patrol uses several federally funded programs to accomplish its mission to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses through inspection, enforcement and educational outreach activities. State Patrol inspectors frequently perform safety inspections at SWEFs and during mobile enforcement. They also perform post-crash MCSAP inspections of large trucks involved in serious crashes to determine if an equipment or driver violation was a contributing factor. A required component of MCSAP is the Compliance Review program. The Motor Carrier Enforcement Investigation Unit (MCEIU) uses the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Compliance Safety and Accountability initiative, in conjunction with data from the Safety Measurement System, to determine motor carriers that should be selected for onsite compliance reviews and to determine their safety fitness. Effective and efficient crash prevention and behavior modifications are obtained through these compliance reviews. The MCEIU also conducts the New Entrant Program in collaboration with the compliance review mission for the primary purpose of providing education and auditing of new commercial motor vehicle carriers operating within Wisconsin.

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK: The State Patrol manages a voice and data communications network used by local, state and federal agencies as well as the State Patrol. With this network, police communications operators can dispatch officers in the field for a coordinated and effective law enforcement response to incidents and emergencies. Using mobile computers in their vehicles linked to the network, officers can efficiently obtain driver's license records, criminal histories and other critical information needed for enforcement actions.



CRIMINAL INTERDICTION AND HOMELAND

SECURITY: State Patrol officers are trained to identify suspicious behavior and other indications of illegal activity especially during traffic stops for routine offenses. The State Patrol's efforts have stopped large amounts of drugs, weapons, and other illegal contraband from entering, leaving or circulating in the state. To assist in a combined multiple-agency effort for improved detection and increased seizures, the State Patrol is an integral member of the High Intensity Drug Task Force Area (HIDTA) based in Milwaukee and coordinates its Domestic Highway Enforcement Program. Officers employ the observational skills used in criminal interdiction to detect signs of potential homeland security threats or terrorist activity.

K-9 UNITS: The State Patrol K-9 units stationed strategically around the state greatly enhance criminal interdiction efforts by troopers and inspectors on patrol. During traffic stops, highly trained dogs with their superb sense of smell working with their experienced handlers are adept in searches for illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia and explosives hidden in vehicles. Furthermore, the K-9 teams are extremely beneficial in searches for contraband transported in semis and other commercial motor vehicles. Beginning In 2009, all expenditures for the K-9 program have been funded through asset forfeitures (assets confiscated after commission of crime or property and equipment used in committing a crime).

EMERGENCY RESPONSES AND PUBLIC

SAFETY: With an emphasis on preparedness and planning, the State Patrol has a critical role in responding to incidents and events that affect public safety and security. When a natural or man-made disaster strikes, such as a release of hazardous materials, flooding, tornadoes or other storm damage, the State Patrol is trained in the

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Incident Command System (ICS) and equipped for a response in any area of Wisconsin. Personnel, equipment and communications capabilities can be readily integrated with other agencies. For planned events such as University of Wisconsin and Green Bay Packers football games, the EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Farm Technology Days, and other major attractions, the State Patrol assists local agencies with traffic and crowd control to ensure the safety of tens of thousands of spectators.

AIR SUPPORT UNIT: The State Patrol has sworn officers who are also trained pilots ready to fly missions throughout the state using aircraft based in Madison, the Fox River Valley and Eau Claire. From their aerial vantage point, the pilots can monitor highways for traffic control, enforcement actions, and the safety of officers on the ground. When requested, the Air Support Unit assists in search and rescue missions for persons who are missing in wooded areas or bodies of water.

DIGNITARY PROTECTION: The Dignitary Protection Unit (DPU) is responsible for protection of the Governor, the Governor's family, and staff whenever they travel away from the State Capitol or Executive Residence. The DPU also provides protective services to other elected officials and dignitaries who are visiting Wisconsin on official business. These services include the advance reconnaissance of sites and locations to be visited; the safe and secure transportation of the dignitary; and the protection of the dignitary at a designated site.



TRAFFIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP, TRAINING AND FUNDING: Working closely with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and in

partnership with other organizations and agencies, the State Patrol Bureau of Transportation Safety plans, coordinates, evaluates and funds programs designed to improve the behavior of individuals on roadways. Various programs and initiatives address behavioral and decision-making issues among drivers, passengers, commercial motor vehicle operators, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR DETECTING DRIVER'S IMPAIRMENT:

Well-trained professionals in the Chemical Testing Section distribute, repair and maintain breath alcohol testing equipment for law enforcement



agencies throughout the state. They also train law enforcement officers on the use of the testing equipment and offer guidance to prosecuting attorneys about testing procedures and other issues. The section has the responsibility to certify various types of ignition interlock devices (IID) that test a driver's breath samples for alcohol before the vehicle can be started. IID models must be certified before they can be used to fulfill the requirement for mandatory IID installation on vehicles for various operating while intoxicated convictions.

SECURITY DURING CAPITOL PROTESTS:

Troopers, inspectors and supervisory staff were called on continually in early 2011 for around-the-clock security during massive protests at the State Capitol, which attracted extensive media attention and national interest. This tremendous level of support required complex planning and coordination by State Patrol command staff as well as patience and professionalism by officers under stressful conditions. State Patrol officers working with their counterparts from other law enforcement agencies were able to protect citizens' rights to free speech and assembly while maintaining public safety and keeping demonstrations peaceful both inside and outside the Capitol as well as the surrounding area.



AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING 2010 AND 2011



THE REF: To reach out to motorcyclists around the state and encourage them to enroll in rider training, WisDOT's Motorcycle Safety Program hit the road during the 2011 riding season with its new mobile training facility—called THE REF (Transportable High-End Rider Education Facility). Built with federal funding, THE REF is an interactive learning environment for both riders and non-riders to learn more about sharing the road, crash avoidance and awareness of traffic and road hazards. The REF visited 40 events in 2011.



REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC FATALITIES: Wisconsin had 562 traffic fatalities in 2010 and 565 in 2011 which continued a trend of fewer than 600 fatalities for four consecutive years. The last time Wisconsin had four

consecutive years of fewer than 600 annual traffic fatalities was from 1924 to 1927 when vehicle miles traveled (VMT) were a fraction of current VMT.

K-9 UNIT SEIZES DRUGS AND OTHER CONTRABAND: State Patrol K-9 teams conducted 1,406 searches in 2010 that resulted in 535 seizures of marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms, drug paraphernalia, weapons and currency. A total of \$883,394 in U.S. currency from drug-related offenses was seized in 2010. The largest single cash seizure was \$499,000 seized in April 2010 from a search of a commercial motor vehicle. A follow-up investigation from that seizure resulted in 15 search warrants served in Wisconsin and Minnesota along with five in California. In 2011, K-9 teams conducted 2,298 searches that led to 490 seizures of marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms, drug paraphernalia, weapons and currency. A total of \$216,584 in U.S. currency was seized. The K-9 program added an explosives detection

team in 2010 to support security services for dignitary visits and high-profile public events.

TECHNICAL RECONSTRUCTION UNIT INVESTIGATIONS PROVIDE EVIDENCE FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS: With its extensive knowledge and experience in traffic crash reconstruction and forensic mapping of crime scenes, members of the State Patrol Technical Reconstruction Unit supplied expert investigative findings, testimony and evidence at high-profile trials throughout the state.

For instance, State Patrol TRU members were instrumental in the investigation of a double homicide in Mequon in April 2011. As told by Mequon Police Department Chief Steven Graff: "It was quickly suspected that the son of the homeowners had committed a double homicide with the victims being his mother and father. It was clear that an enormous amount of evidence needed to be collected and processed and five locations needed to be documented. Soon after our agency contacted the State Patrol, a team was quickly assigned to assist us with the investigation ...The State Patrol provided valuable assistance despite terrible weather conditions and its very busy work load. I have had the pleasure of working with the State Patrol Technical Reconstruction Unit on several occasions. I continue to be impressed with the unit as a whole and the individuals assigned to it. Their work is excellent and the service they provide irreplaceable."

Dennis Markov, age 21 who had a history of drug use and disorderly conduct, pled guilty in Ozaukee County Court to killing his parents at their home after they refused to give him \$5. The Ozaukee County district attorney also thanked the State Patrol TRU for its expertise in the homicide investigation.



HIGHLIGHTS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



In another high-profile homicide case, the TRU worked with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the state Division of Criminal Investigation to provide evidence that helped convict 25-year-old Chase Boruch of Wausau, who killed his mother then staged her drowning to look like an accident to collect her life insurance in June 2010. He was sentenced to life in prison.

ZERO IN WISCONSIN CAMPAIGN PROVIDES MEMORABLE MESSAGES: To make progress toward the ultimate goal of reducing the number of preventable traffic deaths to Zero in Wisconsin, the Bureau of Transportation Safety continued its highly successful media and public information campaign in conjunction with intensified law enforcement efforts. Using television, radio, online advertising and signage in major sports venues, many of the media messages were targeted to young males who are the demographic group most likely to drive drunk and unbuckled. The Zero In Wisconsin advertisements, which can be viewed on the Web at www.zeroinwisconsin.gov, won prestigious awards from the advertising industry in Wisconsin.

SAFETY BELT USE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH: Observational surveys in 2010 and 2011 indicated that approximately four out of five motorists in Wisconsin were buckled up—which was an all-time high for the state. However, the state's safety belt use rate of 79 percent still lags behind the national average of 86 percent. To increase safety belt use, nearly 400 law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin participated in the annual Click It or Ticket safety belt campaign. Using federal funding, the Bureau of Transportation Safety finances and coordinates the annual Click It or Ticket enforcement and education efforts.



THE POWER OF ZERO OUTREACH CAMPAIGN REACHES HISPANIC AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN AUDIENCES: As part of its traffic safety education mission, the Bureau of Transportation Safety launched a pilot outreach program in Racine County in 2011 called "The Power of Zero" in conjunction with the ongoing Zero In Wisconsin campaign. The Power of Zero initiative was targeted to the Hispanic and African American communities in Racine County to promote greater safety belt use and prevent impaired driving. Through the program, nearly 2,500 individuals took a pledge vowing to their families and loved ones that they will always wear a seat belt, use age appropriate safety and booster seats for children and not engage in drunken or distracted driving.

HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) STOPS FLOW OF ILLEGAL DRUGS: The State Patrol has an integral role in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) efforts in Milwaukee and other southern Wisconsin counties. Funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Milwaukee HIDTA is one of 28 HIDTAs throughout the country. HIDTA funds special details that combine the resources of local law enforcement and the State Patrol for highway criminal interdiction activities that stop the flow of drugs and other contraband.

The State Patrol has a leadership role in the HIDTA's Regional Enforcement Against Current Threats (REACT) Interdiction Group in which it teams up with personnel from the Milwaukee Police Department and the U.S. Coast Guard. REACT focuses not only on criminal interdiction on highways but also on finding and seizing drug and other contraband shipments on commercial motor vehicles and in parcels transported by ships, planes, trains and buses. The REACT Interdiction Group in 2011 seized approximately 2,818 pounds of marijuana, nearly 28 pounds of cocaine,

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and other illegal drugs including crack, opium, heroin, kief, and synthetic cannabis. The REACT interdiction group also seized 38 firearms, nine automobiles, and more than \$450,000 in currency.

One of the more notable seizures occurred in October 2011 after HIDTA received information about a large marijuana outdoor grow operation, the size of two to three football fields, near Franksville in Racine County. HIDTA was assisted in the investigation by the Greenfield Police Department and the Racine County Sheriff's Office. Intelligence revealed that the property had excessive utilities usage and was emitting an odor of marijuana. The State Patrol Air Support Unit provided aerial surveillance of the property. A search warrant was executed on Oct. 31. State Patrol K-9 teams were deployed, and the Technical Reconstruction Unit mapped the crime scene. John H. Gay the owner of the property and the alleged leader of the grow operation was arrested. A shed for drying, processing and storing marijuana revealed a sophisticated operation. Fields of carefully cultivated marijuana plants included an elaborate irrigation system with timing and filtration equipment along with hundreds of feet of hosing, which transported water from a creek on the property to each plant. The investigation culminated with the seizure of 289 marijuana plants, more than 1,800 pounds of processed marijuana, and more than \$110,000 in currency.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL OWI TASK FORCES SHOW RESULTS: To combat drunken driving that destroys individuals, families and entire communities, the State Patrol Bureau of Transportation Safety provided federal funding for multi-jurisdictional OWI task forces in Brown County and Milwaukee/Southeast Wisconsin counties, which have shown promising results. The task forces combine the capabilities and expertise of local police departments, county sheriff's offices and the State Patrol in a unified high-visibility enforcement effort to get impaired motorists off roadways. In 2011, the Brown County task force made more than 100 drunken driving arrests and the Milwaukee County/Southeast Wisconsin Task Force has made more than 400 arrests.

MOTOR CARRIER ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTIONS HELP REDUCE LARGE TRUCK CRASHES: To prevent traffic crashes involving large trucks and other commercial motor vehicles, Wisconsin State Patrol motor carrier inspectors participated in intensified enforcement campaigns,

like Operation Air Brake and Operation Safe Driver. During the intensified enforcement efforts and throughout the year, State Patrol inspectors continually checked commercial motor vehicle drivers for compliance with license requirements as well as regulations governing medical card and hours of service standards. In addition, all safety equipment on commercial motor vehicles was regularly inspected both on highways and at safety and weight enforcement facilities (roadside scales).

A combination of effective law enforcement, driver safety education and outreach to the motor carrier industry has helped improve commercial motor vehicle safety in Wisconsin during the last 10 years. In 2010, large truck crashes declined approximately 36 percent compared with 2000. Moreover, large-truck crash fatalities dropped from 112 in 2000 to 56 in 2010, which was a 50 percent reduction.



58TH RECRUIT CLASS REPLENISHES

RANKS: For the first time since 2008, the State Patrol in 2011 began training new officers to join its ranks. Thirty-two cadets in the 58th Recruit Class graduated in March 2012 after 23 weeks of training at the State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy and were sworn in as troopers and inspectors.

IMPLEMENTING INTEROPERABLE

COMMUNICATIONS STATEWIDE: The Bureau of Public Security and Communications has taken a lead role in improving interoperability of communications among public safety and emergency response agencies through the implementation, maintenance and support of the Wisconsin Interoperable Statewide Communications (WISCOM) system. State Patrol is one of the early adopters of the system and is using its tower site infrastructure to support it. Governor Scott Walker announced that \$2.5 million of homeland security funding will be awarded to 30 agencies in 14 counties to purchase new radios or upgrade existing ones for WISCOM, which also will meet Federal Communications Commission narrow-banding mandate requirements for January 1, 2013.



STATE PATROL SPECIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2010 AND 2011

Superintendent Stephen Fitzgerald said, "All members of the State Patrol are devoted to improving traffic safety and protecting the public. But the members of the State Patrol who received special awards have demonstrated exceptional service and courage often under extremely stressful conditions. Their achievements go well above and beyond their normal duties."

TYPES OF AWARDS

MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD: recognizes actions taken by an employee who has demonstrated valor, courage or bravery to a high-degree beyond the normal expectations of an individual.

PURPLE HEART AWARD: recognizes an employee who was seriously injured or wounded or who lost his or her life while in the performance of duty.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD: recognizes an employee who places himself or herself at risk of injury while exceeding the expectation of his or her duties.

COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD: recognizes an employee who performs a highly creditable act above and beyond the normal job expectation or recognizes accomplishments that contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the State Patrol and enhances the professional image to the public we serve.

LIFESAVING AWARD: recognizes an employee who performs a life-saving effort resulting in saving a life.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD 2010

Trooper Daniel S. Diedrich
Trooper Justin M. Glasener

LIFESAVING AWARD 2010

Trooper Joan D. Timm
Sgt. John D. Wolfe

COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD 2010

Trooper Bruce A. Conover
Dennis J. Hughes
Donald B. Hagen
Thomas A. Knoop
Laura C. Andreasson

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD 2011

Lt. James D. Lind
Sgt. Jeramy T. Foster
Trooper Bryan E. Wrycha

LIFESAVING AWARD 2011

Inspector Eric S. Beine
Trooper Craig L. Larson
Trooper Andrew R. Lohman
Trooper Jeremy T. McNulty
Trooper Micheal E. Morrin
Trooper David A. Schmidt
Inspector Sharon Windey
Inspector Randy C. Yeakey
Police Communication
Supervisor Ebert Nitzke

COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD 2011

Trooper Patrick Kraetke





★ On behalf of the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC), I want to comment on Trooper Kyle Amlong of your agency. On December 25, 2010, during the course of performing law enforcement duties and upon learning of a possible subject match to the Terrorist Watch List, Trooper Amlong followed the appropriate protocol by contacting the TSC. That contact allowed the TSC to determine that the encountered individual was in fact a 'positive match' to a known or suspected terrorist. Additionally, Trooper Amlong provided information which may prove valuable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and the overall United States intelligence community. The TSC appreciates your leadership and your entire department's dedication to protecting our nation.

TIMOTHY HEALY

Director, Terrorist Screening Center
Washington, DC

★ I want to thank Trooper Kris Perales and Chris Senkbeil for assisting the West Bend Police Department on March 12, 2011. At 4 p.m., officers from the West Bend Police Department conducted high-risk traffic stops on two vehicles that were wanted in connection of a burglary at a gun store in Hartford.

Troopers Perales and Senkbeil assisted with the high-risk traffic stop and Trooper Senkbeil conducted a K-9 search of the vehicle. Troopers Perales and Senkbeil's arrival and assistance to our department was invaluable. Please pass along my thanks and gratitude to Troopers Perales and Senkbeil for their swift and courageous actions on March 12, 2011.

KENNETH J. MEULER

Chief of Police, City of West Bend

★ I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance rendered by Trooper Kelly Lynch on March 30, 2011. I was being driven to Madison when my squad experienced unforeseen difficulties. Trooper Lynch pulled up as we waited on the side of the road. After explaining our situation (the Fire

Chief, and Executive Director of the Fire and Police Commission were with me), she requested authorization to transport us to the State Capitol.

Allow me to extend our gratitude to Trooper Lynch. She was professional, yet eager, to help us. With her assistance, we were able to reach the Capitol in time to provide testimony before the Legislature. Thank you for the courtesy the State Patrol extended to us.

EDWIN A. FLYNN

Chief of Police,
Milwaukee Police Department

★ It is with pleasure that I commend Trooper Joe Eder for his conduct and performance while assisting the Ashland County Sheriff's Department with a barricaded subject who had threatened deputies while armed with a loaded shotgun. At great personal risk, Trooper Eder volunteered to be with the entry team in order to take the subject into custody. It (also) is with great pleasure that I commend Troopers Bruce Kinlen and John Heffernan for their conduct and performance while assisting the Ashland County Sheriff's Department (during the same incident). We deeply appreciate the outstanding support we have received from the Wisconsin State Patrol. On behalf of the deputies on the scene and myself, thank you.

SHERIFF JOHN KOVACH

Ashland County,
Office of the Sheriff

★ Lunda Construction and Edgerton Contractors, which are currently working on the Zoo Interchange, wanted to express their thanks to all of the troopers and inspectors who have been assisting them with escorts, lane closures and all other needs. Without your assistance the operations that are being handled would not be done in such a safe manner.

STEVE NACHREINER

President, Edgerton Contractors, Inc.

BRADY FREDERICK, P.E.,

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