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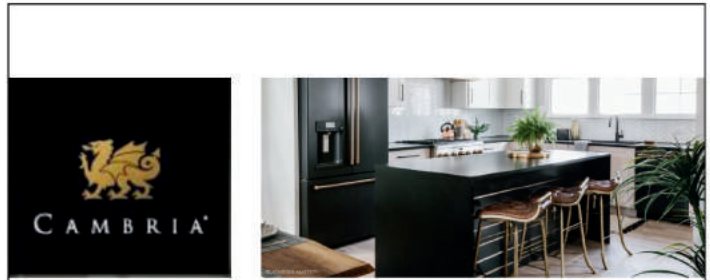
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This is what your \$16 per paycheck provides:

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- Representation during an Internal Affairs Investigation
- Representation at Critical Incident
- Lobbying at the Capitol
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- Membership into the National Trooper Coalition
- A voice on the State Patrol Equipment and Safety Committee



Joe Dellwo • MSPTA President

President's Report



The 2020-2021 Executive Council

The 2020-2021 Executive Council is ready to serve the membership. Continuing their service on the Council are incumbents District 2100 Todd Zynda, District 2200 Kenny Dellwo, District 2400 Jason Theel, District 2500 Eric Maikkula, District 2600 Dan Beasley, District 2700 Jon Carlson, District 2800 Darcy Weinrich, District 2900 Gerry Hanson, District 3100 Travis Pearson, District 3200 Jack Danielson, North Delegate Scott Braaten, South Delegate Pat Miles, Secretary Rick Harjes, Treasurer Daren Berglund, and Vice President Mike LeDoux.

We welcome to the Council new members District 2000 Delegate Kelly Phillips and District 2300 Delegate Robbie Veldcamp. I look forward to the new ideas and perspectives Kelly and Robbie bring to the Council. We all owe a big thank you to all the Executive Council members who devote much time and effort to serving their fellow Troopers.

Thank you for reelecting me. It has been a real honor and privilege to serve as your MSPTA President. As I begin my final term, please know I will continue to work as hard as possible for the members until my retirement.

On behalf of the Executive Council and as your President, I pledge the following to our membership:

- We will continue to fight any way necessary to improve Trooper wages and benefits
- We will continue to represent our members professionally during Internal Affairs Investigations and Grievance Procedures

- We will continue to be fiscally responsible with our MSPTA resources
- We will continue a very strong MSPTA presence at the Capitol

I also want to challenge our membership in three specific ways: First, please attend your district's MSPTA meetings. Many of you already regularly attend the meetings and that is a very good thing. However, if you haven't been to one for a while or have never been to one, please know your participation matters and it does not go unnoticed. There truly is strength in numbers.

Secondly, please consider contributing an article for our magazine the *Minnesota Trooper*. Retired Trooper Mark Baker does a great job as the coordinator of the *Minnesota Trooper*. As we all know, we are living in challenging times for law enforcement. The *Minnesota Trooper* is published three times a year with over 2200 copies delivered each time to active and retired troopers, state government officials, and friends of the State Patrol. Our magazine is a great way to show all the positive work troopers do on a daily basis across our state. If you have any questions, please ask your district delegate for assistance in submitting an article.

And finally, please continue to reach out and get to know your State Senator and Representative. As state law enforcement officers, we have a unique relationship with state lawmakers not shared by other peace officers. I am more convince than ever the long term compensation struggles we face will only be resolved by involvement of the legislature. Most of the

**"I cannot emphasize enough an old labor union motto:
"There is truly strength in numbers.""**

Senators and Representatives truly want to hear from us. Introduce yourself to them and/or invite them on a ride along. The time spent with them will be beneficial to both the state legislature and the MSPTA. The more involved we all are in the MSPTA, the stronger our association will be. **I cannot emphasize enough an old labor union motto: “There is truly strength in numbers.”**

Thank you for reelecting me. It has been a real honor and privilege to serve as your MSPTA President. I will continue to work hard for the members until I retire. Please take care of yourself both physically and mentally. Be there for your partners. Remember to stay alert, be cautious, drive within your capabilities, and make it home safely at the end of your shift. Live to enjoy our well-earned pension. ♦

*Stay Safe,
Joe #446*

Jottings

- **Negotiations Update:** As we all know, we have been working under an expired contract since July. It is very disappointing the State (MMB did not agree to start the bargaining process with us until December. Our MLEA Negotiation Team is committed to holding MMB accountable to pay us competitively with our allied agencies.
- **District 2000 Delegate Dean Grothem and District 2300 Dana Larsen** retired from the Executive Council. Thanks to both Dean and Dana for their willingness to serve your fellow Troopers.
- If you are inclined to use social media, please remember to keep your postings professional.
- Please remember to never use your personal cell phone for work purposes.
- Thank you to Retired Trooper Curt Thurmes for coordinating our annual MSPTA Golf Tournament July 8-9, 2020. See the tournament registration information in this magazine.
- Be sure to keep your contact information current so you receive MSPTA updates and the *Minnesota Trooper*. If you have a home or email address change, please let Secretary Rick Harjes and your District Delegate know.
- Secretary Rick Harjes will soon be releasing an MSPTA Phone App. Members will be able to access meeting minutes, district meeting dates, read the *Minnesota Trooper*, and read about other MSPTA events.



Colonel Matt Langer

Colonel's Message



A New Year

It is always refreshing to usher in a new year. It gives us time to think about what we accomplished in the year before and often times more importantly, what we wish to accomplish in the coming year. This is true both individually and organizationally. I hope you have a few goals for yourself that focus on self-care, self-improvement, and health - goals that stick beyond the typical New Year's resolutions that tend to fall apart on us rather quickly.

The work of strategic planning, or planning strategically, is tough work. However, it is necessary work for any organization wishing to focus on outcomes - or what we are actually trying to accomplish. If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. Instead, focus and direction help to keep us moving in the right direction for maximum success. In our case, maximum success most often means lives saved or injuries reduced on our roads.

Many internal and external stakeholders were interviewed as part of our strategic planning process. Current members from all ranks and job titles, chiefs, sheriffs, legislators, commissioners, and allied organizations we work with on a daily basis provided input. There were some common themes that came together across all of the interview groups:

- **The State Patrol is held in extremely high regard.** We owe that to those who have gone before us. Those of us here now have the responsibility to ensure we are safeguarding and building upon the view that Minnesotans support their State Patrol.
- **Resource allocation is critical to our success.** While a broad category, this means paying attention to the number of personnel we have across the organization and within key areas to include station road troopers, specialty units, and supervision, to name just a few. Resource allocation also included discussion about overall agency appropriations, rank structure, and compensation.

- **Technology is central to all that we do.** The need for current technology that helps us do our jobs better is important. However, staying current isn't the goal. We need to be thinking ahead and embracing new technologies to help with our daily work providing superior service to our state.

- **Leadership when it comes to traffic safety.** We are influential when it comes to traffic safety issues. People look to us for guidance when it comes to the myriad of concerns related to keeping our roads as safe as possible.

- **Recruitment.** Without a doubt, we are recruiting in a tough environment for many reasons. Continued emphasis on recruiting and retaining a quality workforce was mentioned by many. Keeping our workforce healthy in all aspects was also mentioned.

Those common themes amongst many other issues will be addressed in our revised strategic plan. Some of the strategies that help us toward our goals are easier to accomplish than others. Forward progress is the key to continuing our success. This will require all of our effort, knowing we each bring different strengths to the table that help toward our work.

Lastly, I wanted to share a drawing that our honorary graduate of the 2019 State Patrol academy sent to us. Havana Bodell survived a horrific crash caused by an impaired driver. This is what our work is about. I hope you take a minute to look at the photo and consider the wonderful little girl who was behind this art. She supports you in your work to keep our roads safe, as do I. See you soon! ♦





Domestic violence is an equal-opportunity destroyer

When you get into your squad to start your shift, you probably envision what scenarios you might encounter: drunk drivers, flat tires, speeders. Domestic violence may not be on that list for you - but it's a growing problem in our state, and it's an issue that's important to me.

A total of 685 people were killed by an intimate partner over the past 30 years in Minnesota. Those are only the ones we know about, and it does not include those who were physically or emotionally injured but did not make a police report. That is why it is important for all peace officers to be aware of the problem. As troopers, you may not be the first unit on a domestic violence incident, but you may be called upon to help. Because domestic violence can have repercussions beyond the incident at hand. It can affect traffic safety, for example, if the abuser flees in a vehicle or if the victim is taking sanctuary in their car to flee the abuse.

I often think of domestic violence as an equal-opportunity destroyer. It doesn't discriminate. Victims and their abusers can be male or female, young or old, gay or straight. They can be any race, any religion; rich or poor; married, living together or dating: Anyone can have their lives altered and even destroyed by domestic violence.

When you hear the term "domestic violence" or "intimate partner violence," you might think of the classic story of the woman coming to work with unexplained bruises, saying she "walked into a door" or "fell down the stairs." But domestic violence is so much more than that. Abusers use physical and sexual violence, threats, intimidation, emotional abuse and economic deprivation. An abusive relationship can involve any or all of these.

In October 2019, which was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I attended the release of the 30th annual Intimate Partner Homicide Report (formerly called the Femicide Report), which is exactly what it sounds like: a yearly report on domestic violence in Minnesota. The organization that publishes the report, Violence Free Minnesota, wishes each report could be the last - that domestic violence against women and children would stop. But domestic violence is arguably the most frequent violent

crime committed in Minnesota. As long as Minnesota women and children continue to be hurt and die at the hands of those who are supposed to love and protect them, the Department of Public Safety will be there for them.

I appreciate the work you do every day to keep the people of Minnesota safe, and I know that involves far more than regulating traffic and rescuing motorists. I encourage you to learn as much about the issue of domestic violence as you can. You can start by visiting Violence Free Minnesota's website, vfmn.org, and taking a look at the Intimate Partner Homicide Report. You can also learn the warning signs of domestic violence from the National Domestic Violence Hotline at thehotline.org.

Every day you put yourself in harm's way for the sake of others' safety. I thank you for the service you give and look forward to our continued work together making Minnesotans safer. ♦

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YOUR POLICE MINNESOTA STATE PATROL

By Mark Miller



Minnesota's State Patrol is small but enviably innovative. Its accident reconstruction program is peerless.



Troopers use the S&W Model 66 .357 Magnum revolver (top); detectives utilize the S&W Model 60 .38 Special.



Every Patrol officer below the rank of Major is required to qualify 4 times each year with his firearms.



Colonel D. Roger Ledding was appointed Chief of the Minnesota State Patrol in October of 1979. He is a 22-year veteran and has served in virtually every phase of the Patrol's operations. Colonel Ledding is a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Police Administration Training Program. Prior to his appointment as Chief, Colonel Ledding held the rank of Captain and was assigned to the Support Services section in the central headquarters in St. Paul.

■ Nestled against the border between the United States and Canada lies the northern state of Minnesota, covering more than 85,000 square miles of territory. With the size of the state and the severity of the winters, you might expect to find a huge law enforcement agency blanketing the state, but the Minnesota State Patrol is a relatively small, highly efficient agency.

Although basically a traffic enforcement agency, the Minnesota State Patrol also has the responsibility of providing security for the governor, visiting dignitaries and various state properties, and also has the ability to provide immediate large-scale assistance to local jurisdictions when necessary. The Patrol is widely recognized as an innovative leader in the fields of traffic law enforcement and accident investigation technology, regularly providing assistance and training to other agencies within the state and throughout the country.

As a symbol of their unique geographical position and close relationship to Canada, the Patrol adopted a maroon color for their uniforms and patrol cars. They claim that the unique color is a cross between the traditional blue uniforms of the United States and the scarlet uniforms of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

ORGANIZATION

The Minnesota State Patrol is a division of the state's Department of Public Safety and is comprised of 11 field districts, with centralized support services in St. Paul. The three main divisions are Inspections, Research and Field Operations, all under the direction of the office of the Chief. The majority of the Patrol's 504 members serve in the Field Operations division which is further divided into Communications, Training, Special Operations, Program Support and District Operations. Three Special Operations units are stationed in St. Paul, Duluth and Mankato.

The primary mission of the Patrol is the enforcement of traffic laws and the support of local law enforcement agencies. With their limited resources, they view the reduction of traffic fatalities as their prime challenge in the coming years. Through years of experience and research the Minnesota State Patrol has evolved one of the most advanced accident investigation programs in the United States and they regularly train officers from all over the country in the science of accident reconstruction. In re-

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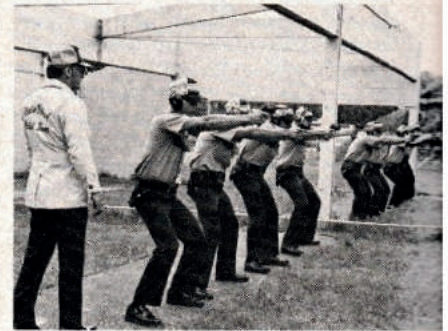
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sponse to requests from other agencies, their specialists have traveled all over the country to assist in the reconstruction of significant or particularly difficult accidents.

EQUIPMENT

The standard sidearm for uniformed troopers of the Minnesota State Patrol is the Smith & Wesson Model 66 .357



For all MSP troopers, the standard course of fire for the sidearm includes the seven and 25-yard ranges.

Magnum revolver with the four-inch barrel. Issue ammunition is Federal 158-grain semi-wadcutter .357 Magnum. Detectives and plainclothes officers carry Smith & Wesson Model 60 .38 Special revolvers with the two-inch barrel, loaded with Federal 158-grain semi-wadcutter .38 Special +P. Other sidearms may be carried only with the approval of the Chief.

All personnel are issued 12 gauge shotguns which are carried in lock-mounts in the interior of the patrol vehicle. The standard firearm is either the Winchester Model 12 with a 20-inch barrel or the Remington Model 870 with an 18-inch barrel. Issue ammunition is 00 buckshot and 12 gauge sabot rounds are available at district supply centers for special needs. Special tactical weapons kits, which include CN tear gas cannisters, tear gas launchers and pepper-fog generators, are also available to Patrol personnel.

The Minnesota State Patrol operates over 525 vehicles, primarily Dodge St. Regis sedans marked in the distinctive maroon color of the Patrol. Marked patrol units are equipped with light bars, factory installed AM/FM/CB radios and scanners for monitoring local agencies. More than 400 of the patrol cars are equipped with various models of Kustom Signals' moving radar.

To assist in traffic enforcement and related duties, the Patrol operates four Cessna fixed-wing aircraft, one Bell Jet Ranger helicopter and three Bell Model 47 helicopters, all placed strategically throughout the state. The Patrol also operates a converted motor home which

serves as a mobile command post and communications center.

The central headquarters of the Minnesota State Patrol is located in the capital city of St. Paul and the Training Academy is in Arden Hills. Eleven district headquarters are situated throughout the state.

TRAINING

Being a relatively small agency with a low turnover of personnel, the Patrol only accepts applications during specific dates which are announced through the local papers. Applicants are subjected to written and oral examinations, strength and agility tests, a background investigation, physical examination, psychological evaluation and ultimately, the Patrol training school.

The school consists of more than 900 hours of training in an extensive 16-week program. This rigorous course of study includes instruction in traffic and criminal procedures, which covers everything from spelling and remedial math to defensive driving, crowd control and camera techniques. Over 45 hours are devoted to firearms instruction alone.

All Patrol officers below the rank of Major are required to qualify four times each year with their firearms. The standard course of fire for the sidearm includes both the seven and 25-yard ranges. On the seven-yard line, troopers must fire 12 rounds double action from the standing position within a 30-second period. On the 25-yard line, the officers must fire 18 rounds of double action from standing, kneeling and prone positions within a 90-second period. The range is equipped with a Duellatron electronic system and officers must demonstrate a proficiency of 70 percent or better.

Upon completion of the academy course of instruction, troopers are assigned to one of the districts for eight weeks of on-job training under the supervision of a training officer.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Minnesota State Patrol is a professional and disciplined organization which commands a high degree of respect from the drivers and citizens of the state. The course of instruction at the Patrol training school includes an extensive program of public speaking and the development of community relations skills; each of the 11 patrol districts has one officer assigned specifically as a safety education officer. His responsibilities include speaking engagements before adult and student groups to promote traffic safety.

Although the Minnesota State Patrol has been basically a traffic agency since its inception in 1929, the citizens of Minnesota have come to depend on the Patrol as a comprehensive law enforcement agency. Its reputation as a leader in its field is a testimony to the Patrol's commitment to the citizens.

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Conversations Over Coffee



Those in attendance included retired CVI 1614 Randy Zahn and retired Trooper Karl Mandelin SP# 303.

On November 7th, 2019 the Duluth District hosted a social gathering for the retiree's, active troopers, and office personnel from the district. Can you tell which ones are smiling more? ♦

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank Food Drive

by Jonathon Carlson

On December 20th at 0650 2700 Delegate Jon Carlson, Vice President Mike LeDoux, Sgt. Neil Dickenson, Trooper Richard Pender, Trooper Erick Sjodin, and Trooper Cody Pederson presented a check for \$500 to the Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank during a local news broadcast for the food drive. The money donated from the Troopers Association will provide approximately 1500 meals for hungry families, children, and seniors in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. ♦



Bears That Care

by Lisa Lorenzen

The days are getting shorter, there's a hint of a chill in the air at night, squirrels are stocking up on nuts and leaves are changing colors of bright red and orange. This must mean one thing...Fall is upon us all. Halloween, the one night of the year children far and wide can dress up to their hearts desire and trick-or-treat for candy and sweets. But there are a handful of special children locally that won't get the chance to partake in the candy and fun. Children who find themselves in the care of hospitals this ghostly halloween. So to forgo these kids getting a rock this halloween we brought the trick or treating to them!

Our first stop we arrived at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital. Troopers from the west metro showed up in full uniform with squads along with some dispatchers and office staff who got into the spirit and dressed up as Officer Judy Hopps from the hit Disney

movie "Zootopia, and Toy Story 4 characters; Bo Peep and a sheep, Woody, and Jessie. Troopers and pals hung out in the lobbies while the children came to see them and receive their Halloween goodie bags which included crayons, pencils, coloring books, temporary tattoos, and other fun things. The children absolutely loved meeting and taking pictures with our costumed crew and troops.

The second stop of the day was the Shriners Hospital in St. Paul where we



mingled with the children and families. Once again we handed out treat bags to all the kids and posed for photos. This trip to Shriners hospital was bittersweet for us because it will be the last time we visit there. Shriners will be moving their operations to Woodbury which is going to provide a better "Patient centered environment for the modern era". The current location was opened in 1923 and has continuously operated as a non profit option for children and their families within a seven state service area.

Bears That Care is a program that the State Patrol implemented back in 1987 and since then we have been visiting area hospitals around the holidays. It was created as a community outreach program with the help of volunteer troopers and generous donors to provide a smile and a lasting memory to many children and their families dealing with health issues.

Participating in the Bears That Care is something that all the volunteers enjoy and look forward too. Without the backing of the Troopers Association, private donors, and the volunteers donating their time, Bears That Care would cease to exist. It is a very humbling but rewarding experience being able to provide a smile and bright spot in the lives of these children and families going through their each individual health issue. We implore other Troopers to become involved with this great organization to get out in the public eye and show them the human side of law enforcement. Who knows, maybe making an impact in a child's day just might make an impact on your entire life. ♦

*For more information or to become a volunteer please visit:
www.bearsthatcaremn.org*

Toys for Tots



Pictured above (L-R): Explorer Lt. Joe Ramlet, Explorer Mariana Zambrano, Trp. Sam Mielke, Trp. Megan Brynell, Lt. Tyler Utthe, Trp. Pat Miles, Trp. Lisa Lorenzen, Explorer Lt. Sara Weed, and Explorer Sgt. Shane Thompson

Pictured right: Tina Johnson representing the Toys for Tots is pictured with Sgt Dana Larsen receiving a donation check from the Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association.



On December 13th Minnesota State Troopers from Districts 2400 and 2500 along with State Patrol Explorers participated in the annual Toys for Tots caravan from Golden Valley Police Department to KARE 11 studios. 62 Police Departments from all across the Twin Cities Metro participated in the annual event. Squad cars were packed with toys to fill up the trailer that was outside KARE 11. Districts 2400 and 2500 along with RTMC were drop off locations during the Toys for Tots drive, which was its 25th year.

District 2300 participated in the Toys For Tots campaign. Captain Casey Meahger organized the District wide campaign. Toys for Tots along with the Marine Corp League of Adrian, MN collected a total of 2800 toys. ♦

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DNR 1964 - 1994
Badge #121 K - 434



Tom Cameron
January 31, 2019 Age 91
State Patrol 1952 - 1975
Badge #176



James Bryant
June 10 2019 Age 88
DNR 1965 - 1986
Badge #127 K - 352



Lawrence Greenquist
February 08, 2019 Age 95
State Patrol 1957 - 1982
Badge #263



Virgil E. Karl
June 12 2019 Age 92
State Patrol 1957 - 1985
Badge# 241



Gene Borud
March 04, 2019 Age 77
DNR 1970 - 2000
Badge #151 K-115



Eugene L. Abraham
June 20, 2019 Age 82
State Patrol 1962 - 1991
Badge # 40



Fred Callies
March 14, 2019 Age 72
State Patrol 1970 - 2001
Badge #428



Kermit Matyas
June 25, 2019 Age 83
State Patrol 1961 - 1991
Badge# 306



Eugene Wynn
April 19, 2019 Age 43
DNR 2001 - 2019
Badge #445 K - 297



Elvin M Caulkins
July 24, 2019 Age 93
State Patrol 1952 - 1983
Badge #168



Michael Marincell

July 28, 2019 Age 72
DNR 1971 - 2002
Badge #156 K - 257



Reynold Lakso Sr.

October 12, 2019 Age 93
DNR 1963 - 1988
Badge # 114 K - 225



John J. Harbinson

August 10, 2019 Age 93
State Patrol 1951 - 1985
Badge# 186



Daniel Prishmann

October 15, 2019 Age 70
State Patrol 1972 - 2004
Badge # 463



Roger Gonsalus

August 25, 2019 Age 78
State Patrol 1965 - 2000
Badge # 225



Douglas R. Partyka

August, 2019 Age 69
State Patrol 1976 -1980
Badge #41
BCA 1978 - 1991



Gary F. Dahl

August 26, 2019 Age 76
BCA 1975 - 1998



Ken Schlueter

December 12, 2019 Age 74
DNR 1977 - 2000
Badge # 216 K - 252

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Honoring Trooper Tracy Vickers

Tracy Vickers, 31 years old, Navy Veteran, up and coming State Trooper in Florida. His four plus year career with the Florida Highway Patrol was cut short leaving behind a fiancé, parents and many loved ones wondering how it could happen.

As hard as it is to engage the family of the deceased Trooper, the anguish and emotion grew even larger on this trip to Florida. Trooper Vickers had a fiancé; they were to be married. Protocol says that we engage the direct family when offering our condolences at a funeral; which I did in speaking with Trooper Vickers Mother...and then looking at his fiancé over to the side by herself it only seemed right to engage her and tell her how much sorrow we felt for her not being able to spend the rest of her life with the man that she loved.

Trooper Vickers was passionate about helping people and trying to reduce deaths on the roadways of Florida. He was, very much, liked by his colleagues and observed by the supervisors and leadership of the Florida Highway Patrol. The Colonel of the Florida Highway Patrol spoke at the funeral; he thought enough of Vickers, and knew Vickers well enough to succumb to the emotion of the moment.

When the Colonel regained his composure, he finished his words and then posthumously promoted Vickers to the rank of Sergeant; which the Colonel knew Vickers would achieve in a short period of time.

The funeral and internment of Sgt Vickers was put together with precision, attention to detail and grace. Troopers from across the country were able to attend, pay their respects and offer the strength of each state to the family and fellow Florida Troopers. Each of the Florida Troopers who approached me during the visitation, funeral and internment spoke to their gratitude that we would send someone to let them know that they were not forgotten; that their comrade was not forgotten and that we were there for them. Their main request is that we would take home to each of our states that they truly hoped that they would not have to come to our state and be there for us like we were for them.

Stay vigilant in what you do, be it a 'routine' traffic stop, crash scene or just driving down the roadway. We owe it to our families, our state and each other to keep ourselves, as best we can, from harms way. Winter is approaching and with it additional circumstances for concern; stay alert and be ready. ♦

Thank You!

Dear MSPTA,

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Thank you for your gift of money in honor of Deb

The family of Deb Scott

Dear MSPTA,

Thank you very much for your generous donation toward the Tim Bowe 2.0 Golf Tournament. We had 108 golfers and great weather as we brought back Tim's Tournament. Tim was a great Trooper, father, husband and friend. We appreciate your support to keep Tim's memory alive. We hope to grow the tournament as each year passes. Thank again and stay safe!

Jake Ayers, Dave Minkel, Pat Gibbs

Dear MSPTA,

Thank you for your contribution. Appreciate it and you! A lot of time has gone by and I'm still grieving over the loss of my on, Tyler. Stay Safe!

*God Bless,
Deborah Edenhofer
#10449 Never Forget!*

Dear MSPTA,

On behalf of the 11,000 women and men of the California Highway Patrol, we are honored by the outpouring of support we have received after the heartbreaking loss of California Highway Patrol Officer Moye Jr.

There are no words to describe our appreciation and gratitude for your contribution.

Commissioner Warren A. Stanley

Dear MSPTA,

On behalf of the women and men of the Florida Highway Patrol and the family of Sergeant Tracy Vickers, we extend our thanks for your kind expression of sympathy and your generous donation to the family of Sergeant Vickers.

The outpouring of support for Sergeant Vickers' family and for our agency has been a comfort during this difficult time. It is encouraging when both citizens and law enforcement unite to pay tribute to one who made the ultimate sacrifice. His dedication and commitment to the agency and community will not be forgotten.

Your check and your letter will be delivered to the family of Sergeant Vickers.

Once again, thank you for your support during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Colonel Gene S. Spaulding, Director
Florida Highway Patrol*

Dear MSPTA,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift. I truly appreciate all the love and support they I have received.

*Sincerely,
Sara Maye*

Dear MSPTA,

Thank you for your expression of sympathy and the monetary donation with much appreciation.

*From the family of
Officer Barron*

Dear MSPTA,

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your support during this difficult time. It will never be forgotten.

Red Lake Department of Public Safety

Dear MSPTA,

On May 18th Backing the Blue Line, Inc. (BtBL) held its biggest fundraiser of the year, the 6th Annual 2019 Blue Line Ball. Because of YOU we were able to raise over \$120,000 that evening.

As a reminder, BtBL is a Minnesota 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID 46-2002406) that provides support to law enforcement officers and their families. Backing the Blue Line unites the power of members and generosity of donors to honor and support Minnesota Law Enforcement officers, wives and families. We mobilize to provide services, labor and assistance during times of illness or work related incidents.

With your generous donation valued at \$2,500 we will be able to continue and sustain our mission. We look forward to sharing highlights of the 2019 Blue Line Ball and all the ways you help support BtBL via our website at www.backingtheblueline.org. Our sincerest thank you for your support.

*Warmly,
Brooke LeClaire
President
Backing the Blue Line*

Dear MSPTA,

Thank you for your Gift! Your generosity impacts students' lives every day. You are helping connect passion and purpose for ATCC students like Megan.

Your generosity and recent gift of \$1,000 for 2019-2020 Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association Scholarship is already in action. Because of you, students are not alone with they struggle to pay their tuition. Because of you, passionate faculty can continue changing lives in their

innovative programs. Because of you, ATCC remains a vibrant and caring campus community. Gifts like your transform lives.

Your gift gives students like Megan peace of mind, knowing they are not alone when they struggle to pay for college. Thank you.

*With gratitude,
Amy Allen
Executive Director*



Dear MSPTA,

Although our hearts are heavy with the sorrow that we bear, we are comforted to know how deeply others care.

Thank you for your love and support during this difficult time.

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9:00 shotgun start for the 4-person scramble on Thursday July 9, 2020

Cost: \$130 for 2 rounds of golf, GPS aided cart, driving range, 2 lunches and one dinner

Reservations can be made at Fortune Bay Resort and Casino (800)-992-7529. **Must do so by June 1, 2020**

Hotel and Golf are walking distance from each other.

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Make checks payable to MSPTA GOLF and Mail to Curt Thurmes 13800 Danbury Path Rosemount MN 55068.

MUST RECEIVE BY May 15, 2020, or you will not receive the gift I am purchasing for everyone. After May 15, it will be opened to Allied agencies to participate.



Your 2019-2020 Executive Council



Dan Beasley **District 2600**

I joined the MN State Patrol in 1996. I have been previously assigned to the 2510, 2520 and 2610 stations. I have also served as a 2500 District Investigator. I am currently assigned as a 2600 District Investigator.

I have a wife and two kids, We have a hobby farm in Wright County and I spend most of my free time farming or doing kid's activities.

My goal, as representative for District 2600, is to represent the 2600 troopers as best I can and to help negotiate the best contract we are able to.

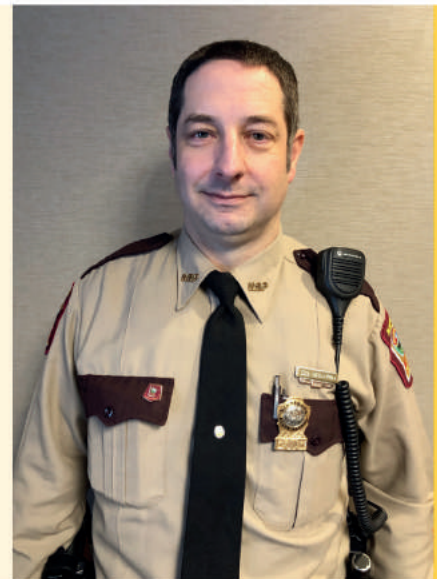
Daren Berglund **Treasurer**

I graduated the academy in 2009. Currently live in Becker and work in the 2670 Station. Prior to beginning with the State Patrol, graduated from Bemidji State University with a BS in Accounting. I worked in the accounting field in the private sector for several manufacturing firms before transitioning to an Information Technology career before coming to the State Patrol. My goals for the association are to continue to use technology to enable us to be better stewards and caretakers, and to manage our finances to continue serving the association going forward.



Scott Braaten **District 2700**

I started with the State Patrol in May 1999 working in 4550 beat where I worked until transferring to the 2730 Station in Duluth in August of 2000. I was previously 2760 Station Sergeant, dog watch, for several years until coming off nights to work day shift. I have been the Northern Delegate for the last two years and an active member in the Trooper Association. I live in Duluth with my wife Jamie and our son Brady. I enjoy hunting, fishing, traveling and working on our hunting cabin in my spare time. As a part of our Association I want to continue to our efforts in making our pay competitive again and keeping our Association well-funded.





Jon Carlson

District 2700

I joined the Patrol in 2009 and have been on the executive council as the District 2700 representative since 2016. I spent a little over 2 years in the 4450 station before transferring to Duluth (2730) where I have been since. I spent 6 years as a radar and lidar instructor and was on the rapid response team before it was merged with mobile field force. My wife Carrie and I have three young children. I enjoy spending time hiking biking and camping with my family.

My goals for my time on the executive council:

- Continue to educate and inform troopers about the contract and what the association does.
- Vigorously uphold the contract



Jack Danielson

District 3200

Sgt. District 3200 Delegate

Trooper since 1998

Served in the Roseau station for 11 years

Served in the Bemidji station for 11 years

Delegate since 2012

Joe Dellwo President

I have been a Trooper since 1999. I have worked my entire career in the 2510 Station. Prior to becoming a Trooper, I was a high school Social Studies teacher and football coach for 13 years. With the help from my Trooper partners, I continued to coach high school football in Shakopee. I retired from coaching in 2011 after 25 years coaching. Every Fall when another season starts, I do miss the kids but I'm enjoying spending more time hunting and outdoors.

I team taught Traffic Law at our Academy with retired Trooper Al Thompson for many years. I have also been EVOC/Vehicle Contacts Instructor, FTO, and NAST Trooper. Prior to being elected MSPTA President in 2015, I was the District 2500 Delegate.

My wife and I have three adult children. Our oldest child is Trooper Kenny Dellwo #11. As a family, we enjoy spending as much time as possible at either our cabin near Backus or on our hunting land near Frazee. I also enjoy spending time training and in the field with our British Lab, Trooper.

Here are my goals for the MSPTA:

- Continue to fight any way necessary to improve Trooper wages and benefits
- Continue to represent our members professionally during Internal Affairs Investigations and Grievance Procedures
- Continue to be fiscally responsible with our MSPTA resources
- Continue a very strong MSPTA presence at the Capitol





Ken Dellwo

District 2300

I have been a trooper since 2015. I worked my first two years in 3130 (Grand Rapids) before transferring down to 2220 (Mankato). I am an FTO, a member of the Mobile Response Team, and currently in training to become a Crash Reconstruction Specialist.

I took over the role as District 2200 delegate after Lt. Gabe Cornish's promotion last year. As an elected member of the MSPTA, I look forward to representing the best interest of troopers both in my district and statewide.



Gerald Hanson

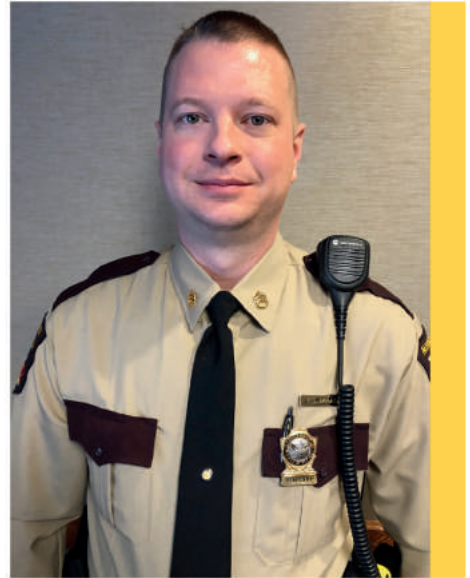
District 2900

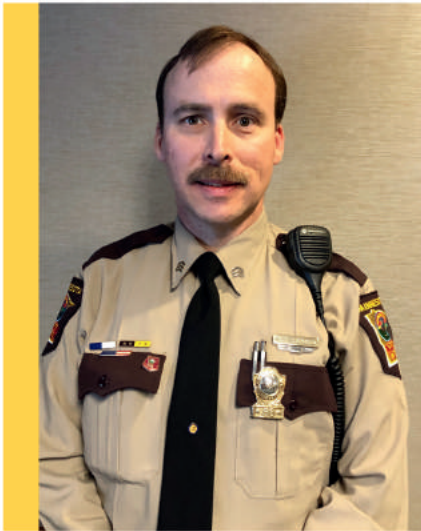
I start my 8th year serving on the MSPTA board and represent District 2900. I work in 4700 out of Moorhead. I have served with the State Patrol since 2005. I look forward to assisting troops in any way I can.

Rick Harjes

Secretary

I started with the Patrol in 2015 with the 56th Academy. I've most recently been working in the Training Center in Shoreview as the IT Coordinator. I started with the Association in early 2016 by taking over the duties of website administrator for the association. Later in 2016, a vacancy opened up in the St Cloud District for an Association Delegate due to a promotion. I offered to take over the spot and was voted in to represent the Troopers in the District. In mid-2017 a vacancy occurred in the Secretary position and I volunteered to take care of the position duties until an election could be held. I was voted in to office by the membership in November 2017. I've been married to my wife, Adrienne, since October 2013 and we have a daughter named Adalyn (3 years) and a son named Isaac (9 months). I love fishing, shooting, camping and single track mountain biking. My goals for the association are to ensure our association remains financially strong, utilize technology to improve communication to members and be a resource for members.





Mike LeDoux

Vice President

Started June 1994 4460/4470 (St. Paul) currently assigned 2730 (Duluth)

Executive Council Experience Vice President 2016-Present

District 2700 Delegate 2014-2015

District 2700 Alternate Delegate

Goals for Association---Return the “negotiation” to the contract negotiations process and break the pattern settlement “take it or leave it” trend. Promote the use of a Stanton V comparison to improve wages and benefits for current and future members. Protect current contract language and promote association education and involvement with all members. Remain proactive at the legislature on issues affecting the membership. Continue the fight for passage of the Trooper Wage Disparity Legislation so we can continue to recruit, retain, and retire the best. Ensure the State Patrol Retirement Fund remains sustainable for active, retired, and future members. Protect the financial resources of the association for future generations. Prepare the next generation to assume leadership roles in the MSPTA.

Eric Maikkula **District 2500**

I have been with the Minnesota State Patrol since 2004. I currently work in the 2540 station.

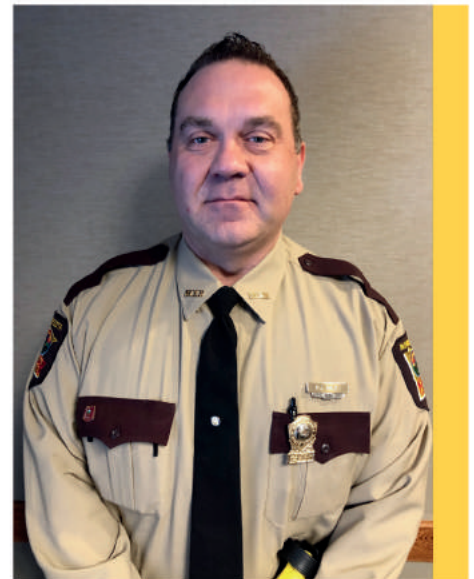
My wife Beth and I live in Cambridge and have three children ages 17, 15 and 9. As a family, we enjoy spending time together, traveling and attending our kids activities. In my spare time I like riding my fat bike and playing guitar.



Pat Miles **Southern Delegateolde**

I have been a Minnesota State Trooper since 2004. I served my first year on the Minnesota State Patrol in District 2900. In 2005 I transferred to District 2500, where I worked dogwatch for 10 years and currently assigned to the 2520 station. I am an EVOC instructor and have been a FTO for over 10 years.

As Southern Delegate I will work relentlessly to better our job as a Minnesota State Trooper. I will continue to lobby, represent, and ask the tough questions. Thanks for electing me for another two year term.



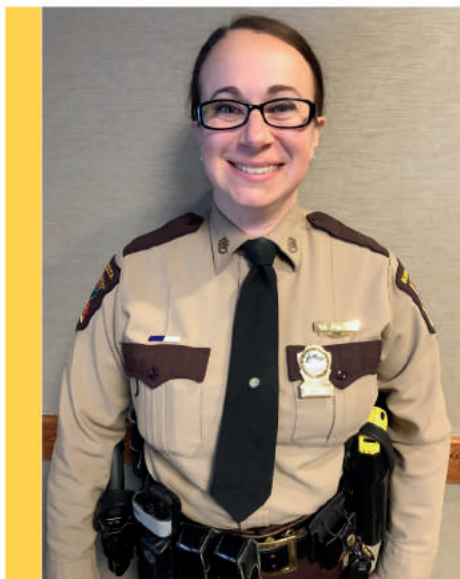


Travis Pearson

District 3100

I have been with the State Patrol since 2003 and have worked my entire career so far in the Hibbing Station, 3120. I have been the district 3100 delegate since January 2019. My wife Crystal and I have two kids, ages 10 and 13.

While on the board I want to do what I can to ensure our members are afforded all contractual rights we are entitled to. Also I want to keep communication open with supervision to assist our members with any issues that may arise.



Kelly Phillips

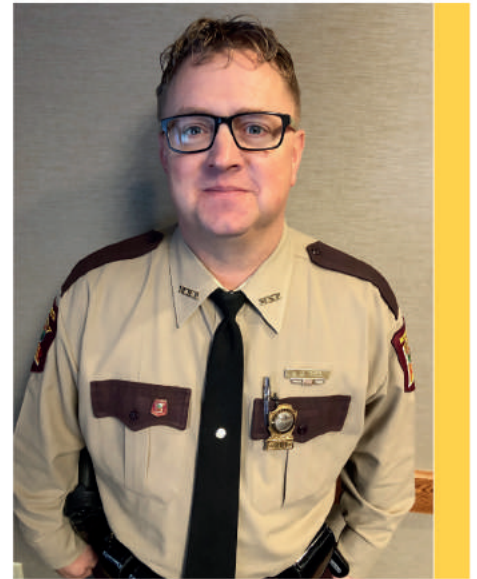
District 2000

I have worked in law enforcement for over 18 years, first with the Minnetonka Police Department, and then the Patrol in 2007. I started in the 4550 station. In 2009 was promoted to Tech Sgt. on the MCRT where I stayed until 2016 when I joined the Training Center as the IT Coordinator. In 2018, I went back to the MCRT and have been here ever since. I am currently living in Champlin with my daughter, Mia (9 years old), who keeps me busy with all her sports and activities. My goal as representative for D2000 is to increase involvement and represent the members to the best of my ability.

Jason Theel

District 2400

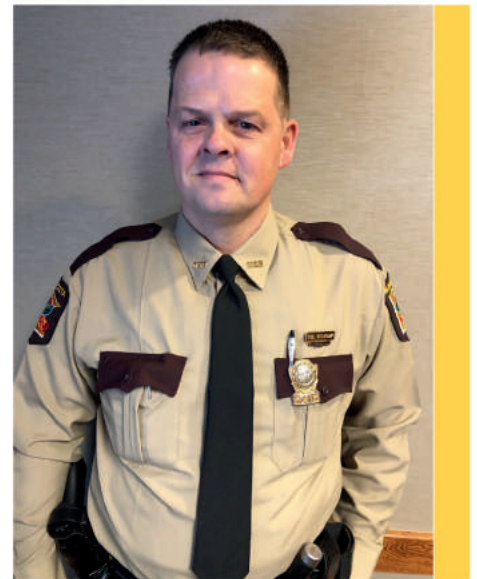
Hello, I'm Jason Theel, this is my second term as East Metro delegate. I have been happily married to my wife Rachel for 20 plus years and have two beautiful children. I enjoy traveling with the family and playing golf. My goal as a delegate is to get all of us a pay increase to catch us up with the rest of the profession. If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."



Robert Veldkamp

District 2300

My name is Robert Veldkamp. I live in Edgerton with my wife of 26 years and family. I started in Law Enforcement working as a Deputy in Murray County MN in August of 1993. I started in the Patrol in 1999 out of the best academy (2nd) where I was stationed in the 4450 station. In August of 2000 I transferred to the 2330 station where I have worked since. I enjoy being outdoors, spending time with family and help coach the local high school girls basketball program. I hope to help in any fashion needed on the association to continue the great work they have already done.

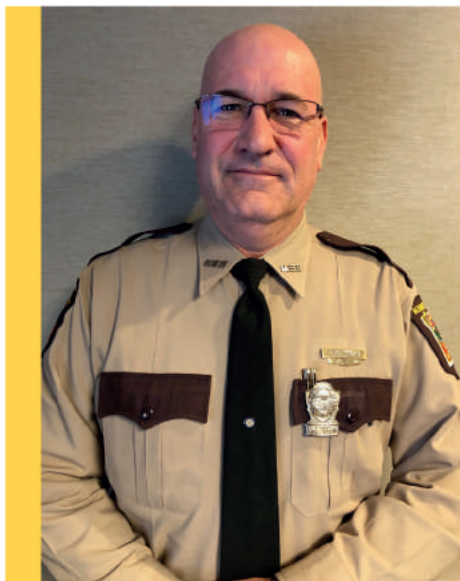




Darcy Weinrich

District 2800

Hello, I grew up in Fergus Falls, MN. I graduated from Alexandria Technical College in 1992. I then worked for several police departments before coming to the Minnesota State Patrol in 1999. As a trooper I have been a FTO, Firearms Instructor, MFF and currently am doing TFO. I have worked the stations of New Ulm, St. Cloud and currently stationed in Brainerd. I am happy to be a delegate for the great troopers of 2800 and help with work issues wherever possible. I currently live in Nisswa and married to my wife Tasha for 22 years. I have a daughter Courtney, 17, and son Cole 15. When not working I enjoy being on the Brainerd Lakes in the summer, hunting in North Dakota in the fall and visiting Florida in the winter.



Todd Zynda

District 2100

Prior to graduating the State Patrol Academy in October 2001, I was employed as a police officer for the New Orleans Police Department from 1997 to 2001. After graduation, I worked in the East Metro District, then transferred to the Rochester District in 2003 working the 2130 station.

As delegate I'll strive to continue learning and improve in my duties as delegate, while maintaining the respectful communication between the Association, its members, and all levels of the State Patrol.



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MSPTA reaches out to support injured Iowa Trooper

by Sgt. Kelley McGraw SP245 / D2100

Imagine if you can, growing up the child of a Trooper, you're lucky enough to have followed the old man's career, you are just starting your eighth year as a Trooper. You're married to your high school sweetheart, and have two beautiful pre-school daughters. You are in the midst of remodeling the house you bought to make it a home, and are building that man-cave of a garage we all want. You're living the dream!

... Flash back to the summer of 1995, I'd been on the road over a year; when I was called out in the middle of the night, directed to respond to the Decorah Iowa Hospital to deal with the impaired driver that caused a CVO up here in Fillmore County. He'd been arrested 10-minutes later just south of the Iowa border by a Winneshiek (Iowa) Deputy. For me that crash opened the door to a friendship with our brothers from the Sheriff's Office and Iowa State Patrol for the rest of my career.

Soon we'd be meeting once a month or so for lunch or supper along the border and in between we'd meet up door to door when the opportunity presented. That's how I met Iowa Trooper Gregg Rude – ISP369; a giant of a man; tall, lean, with a quietness to his voice, and a glare alone that would scare compliance into most speeders. Gregg was an old school Trooper (it is a compliment), a teddy bear when you got to know him.

I had the opportunity to meet/work with Gregg for the next 20 years until he retired. During that time I almost had the opportunity to background his son Jared for our Agency. In 2012 when the background packets were handed out I had a young Iowa kid named



Jared Rude in my pile. I remember wondering if he was related to Gregg (turns out it was Gregg's kid!). The day I called to set up a meeting with Jared, he thanked me for the opportunity, then told me he had just accepted a conditional offer with the Iowa State Patrol. As the saying goes our loss was their gain.

Bill Sires (retired SP372) who had worked with Gregg in Iowa (when Bill was a Winneshiek Deputy), even went down to Jared's ISP graduation. For Gregg and I as unfortunately happens over time, our monthly meetings stretched to every six months then once a year; you know how it goes – life and careers get in the way. Gregg retired four years ago, and when he did Jared got the old man's badge (369) reassigned to him, then transferred to fill Dad's vacancy moving back home to Decorah; where the better looking version of 369 has served northeast Iowa ever since.

For more than seven years Jared has served the Iowa State Patrol, first in Des Moines, then Post 11 in Tama County, and now Post 10. Jared like most of us is a parent, a spouse, a son, a brother, and a friend, who has dedicated his life to serving others.





...Now flash forward to December 9th, 2019, my old partner Carl Ukkestad (retired SP348) called to make sure I'd heard the news Gregg's kid (Jared) had taken a bad fall and was in the ICU @ Gundersen Hospital in LaCrosse. December 7th Gregg, Jared, and others were working on that man-cave garage mentioned above, at Jared and Amanda's home in Decorah. Jared fell head first off the scaffolding landing on the concrete below. Jared was unresponsive, Gregg held c-spine, opening Jared's airway while they waited for the paramedics to arrive. Jared was flown to Gundersen Hospital in LaCrosse. The news was grim.

Having just spent three days at Gundersen Hospital with my Father-in-law; I knew first-hand the unexpected expenses a family face when their loved one is hospitalized. We were there just a few days, now try to imagine the expenses having spent the last 12-days in ICU then finally onto the med-surg floor, and now possibly the next year at a rehab facility. I reached out to my District Delegate Todd Zynda (SP136) asking if there was anything our Association could do to show the Rude Family their Brothers and Sisters from the Minnesota State Patrol are in this fight with him.

Todd was instrumental in securing a check from our discretionary fund, then I had the honor of presenting it to my old friend, and Jared's Wife - Amanda to help with their expenses. Jared's partners in Post 10 are selling 369 Strong sweatshirts and other merchandise with all proceeds going toward Jared and Amanda's expenses (visit <https://369strong.itemorder.com/sale> if you're interested in helping). Friends and neighbors have set up special accounts at Decorah area banks that those in Northeast Iowa and beyond are donating to.

...If you've ever been an Iowa cop, you recognize the phrase "good people", it's a term we (I started as an Iowa cop 30 years ago) use to describe really solid family people, with a strong work ethic, and the character to match. That's the Rudes!

On the 19th of December I met with Gregg and Amanda at Gundersen Hospital in LaCrosse. Gregg shared how appreciative they have been of all the support they have already received: Jared's ISP partners, Deputies, Police Officers, EMS, Fire who have made the journey to La Crosse to be with them.

I learned Jared's condition has improved enough he is being transferred to a specialty facility near Chicago, IL for rehab and recovery. Amanda shared their road to recovery will be very long, slow, and difficult. It doesn't take a recon's eye to see Jared is blessed with a strong wife, family, and his Iowa State Patrol extended family. Thanks to the MSPTA, Jared (who almost could have been a Minnesota Trooper) Amanda, Lilly, and Lila - know it matters not whether the Trooper wears brown and tan in Iowa or maroon and gold in Minnesota we are all one family! God's speed for your recovery 369, Post 10 and your partners in 2100 miss you.

369 Strong!
Sgt. Kelley McGraw SP245 / D2100

Criminal Vehicular Operation/Homicide Investigations: Obtaining blood evidence and eCharge processes

by Bill Lemons, Traffic Resource Attorney, Minnesota County Attorney Association
Mike Asleson, DWI Deployment Coordinator, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

The recommended procedure for peace officers to follow when investigating a criminal vehicular operation/criminal vehicular homicide (CVO/CVH) crash is to obtain a blood sample. This is the collective recommendation of the DWI Task Force, BCA Lab, Drug Recognition Expert Coordinator Lt. Don Marose, and the state's Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Bill Lemons.

A blood sample is superior to a urine sample in these investigations. The lab provides quantitative measurements of controlled substances in blood, but only qualitative (presence or absence) results with urine testing. Further, blood is a more achievable option if the use of force is necessary to obtain the sample as authorized by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 171.177, subdivision 13.

When Minnesota Statute 171.177 was enacted, the legislature made it a gross misdemeanor crime to refuse to provide a blood or urine sample pursuant to a search warrant. However, the legislature also recognized that refusal should not be an option in a CVO/CVH investigation where another person has been injured or killed because of the actions of an impaired driver.

Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 171.177, subdivision 13 states, "...if a peace officer has probable cause to believe that a person has violated [statutes against alcohol or drug-related criminal vehicular operation or homicide], a test may be required and obtained despite the person's refusal."

The normal refusal advisory ("refusal to take a test is a crime") should not be given in CVO/CVH investigations, because the suspect is not allowed to refuse the blood test. The blood test results, collected with the search warrant, are admissible in the criminal CVO/CVH and DWI cases, but are not reportable under the Implied Consent Law. A driver's license revocation is not triggered by an alcohol or drug test failure.

Peace officers should therefore be familiar with Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 629.344, which states, "If a peace officer determines that probable cause exists to believe that a person has violated [statutes against alcohol or drug-related criminal vehicular operation or homicide], the officer shall certify this determination and notify the commissioner of public safety." In response to this certification, the commissioner of public safety will suspend the driver's license per Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 171.187. The driver's license suspension remains in effect until the criminal CVO/CVH charge has been resolved through the criminal court system. This certification should be reported to the Department of Public Safety by a peace officer through a CVO module in eCharging.

Steps for officers to follow in Criminal Vehicular Operation/Homicide investigations:

1. Log in to eCharging and click **Create new eCharging form**.
2. DO NOT open the usual DWI event.
3. Instead, click **Search Warrant** (Fig. 1).
4. Select **DWI Search Warrant** and select **Yes** to answer the injury/death question (Fig. 2).
5. Complete the **Search Warrant Details** page and **uncheck** the **urine option** (Fig. 3).
 - a. The urine option is unchecked so the search warrant is exclusively for a blood sample, avoiding confusion or a downstream legal argument about why urine was included in the search warrant, but is not an acceptable testing option.
6. Advance through signing the search warrant application and assign it to the appropriate judge.
7. When the issued search warrant is received, acknowledge but ignore the refusal reminder.
8. Serve the suspect with a copy of the search warrant and obtain a blood sample.
 - a. If necessary, use reasonable force pursuant to your department policy.
9. When the "...peace officer determines that probable cause exists to believe that a person has violated [statutes against alcohol or drug-related CVO/CVH]", complete and sign the **CVO Form Wizard** in eCharging and submit it to the Department of Public Safety as authorized by M.S. 629.344 (Fig. 4).

Note: The investigating officer must complete the information sheet contained in the blood kit (pink paper) and enclose it with the sample before delivering or sending it to the BCA Lab. A DWI event was not created to allow for an electronic submission to the BCA Lab ♦

Fig.1

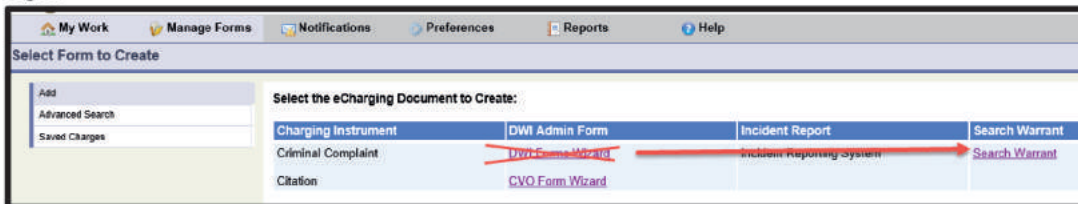


Fig. 2

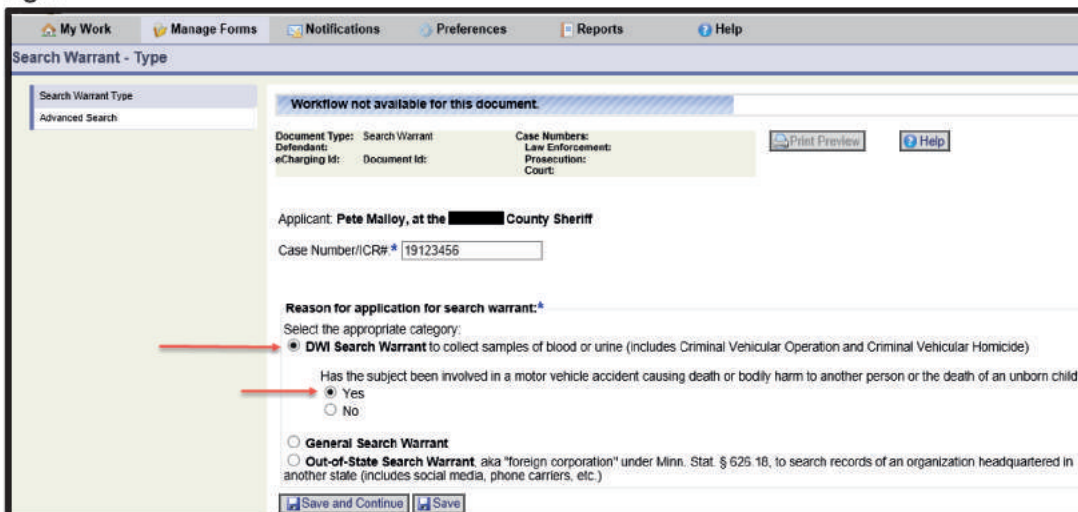


Fig. 3.

Probable cause that person was driving, operating or in physical control of the motor vehicle

Check at least one of the following:*

Saw person

Person admitted

Other:

Belief formed through Investigation

I believe the subject: *

Facts forming the investigative belief:*

Male driver identified by MN photo DL at crash scene. Witnesses reporting seeing suspect driver travel through red semaphore without any reduction in speed, striking female pedestrian in crosswalk. Driver's DL status is revoked due to prior DWI arrests. Suspect driver was aggressive towards witnesses and stated repeatedly that someone was chasing him, although he did not know who. Driver displayed multiple indicators of impairment including talking with rapid and confused speech, a rapid pulse, a dry mouth, body tremors and dilated pupils. Driver appeared agitated. A substance believed to be methamphetamine was found near driver's inside the damaged vehicle. Impairment by methamphetamine is suspected.

Enter up to 10000 characters. 9276 remaining.

Evidence to be collected

Select all test(s) required: * Blood Test Urine Test

Location of Test Administration:

County of * State of Minnesota

Nighttime Search

A nighttime search is necessary outside the hours of 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

UNCHECK URINE TEST

Fig. 4.

Select the eCharging Document to Create:

Charging Instrument	DWI Admin Form	Incident Report	Search Warrant
Criminal Complaint	DWI Forms Wizard	Incident Reporting System	Search Warrant
Citation	CVO Form Wizard		

CVO Subject Details

Add

- Subject Details
- Incident Details
- Probable Cause Statement
- Sign and Submit to DVS

CVO Search

Subject Lookup

No Driver's License

Search Type: Name Driver's License

First Name: Middle: Last Name: * Suffix: DOB:

Driver's License #: Driver's License State:

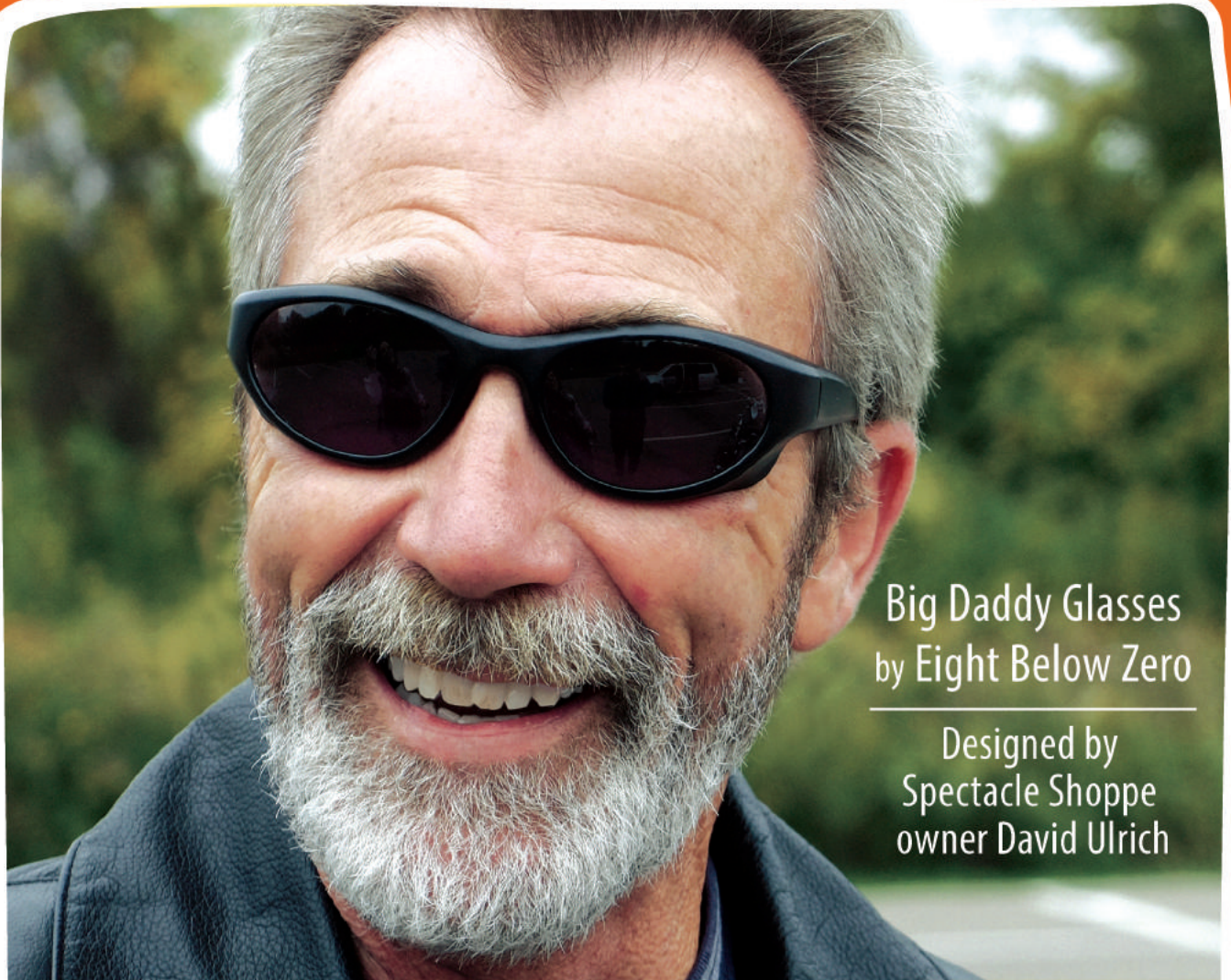
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