The evening of October 30, 2014, brought closure to one of the largest manhunts in the history of the Pennsylvania State Police.

An exhaustive, diligent search that spanned 48 days came to an end when Eric Frein, 31, was spotted and captured by U.S. marshals outside an airplane hangar in Pocono Township, Monroe County.

The marshals spotted Frein and took him by surprise. Scott Malkowski, who helped make the arrest, said, “He had nowhere to go. There is nothing he could’ve done.” Malkowski added, “From what I saw, he felt defeated because we’d won. We’d defeated him.”

Eric Matthew Frein was taken into custody by PSP using the handcuffs of the late Cpl. Bryon K. Dickson II who Frein is accused of murdering outside the Blooming Grove PSP Station on September 12. He was then driven back to the Blooming Grove Station in the same patrol car that Dickson was using that horrific night. The troopers escorting Frein pulled the cruiser into the same spot in which Dickson left it the night of the shooting.

Frein was ready for the falling temperatures and prepared long in advance. Among the more than 100 items recovered from the vacant airport hangar were blankets, candles, flashlights, batteries, clothing, a weather band radio, medical supplies, a propane stove, cookware, a shaving kit, laundry detergent, food seasonings, and a solar converter.

Dr. Mary Ellen O’Toole, a retired FBI profiler, said the meticulous planning undoubtedly aided Frein in avoiding capture and ensured he remained relatively comfortable in the process.

“Justice will be served,” remarked Gov. Tom Corbett at the press conference announcing Frein’s capture. Col. Frank Noonan, then-commissioner of the PSP, praised the hard work of everyone involved, adding, “We weren’t going to stop until this fugitive was arrested.”

Numerous resources were used in the search, including canine teams, aviation support, and tactical operations teams. This unwavering effort was made possible by a myriad of federal agencies, state agencies from Pennsylvania and surrounding states, and local agencies, all providing manpower and resources.

The PSP and assisting agencies kept intense pressure on Frein throughout the search. They were intent on one purpose: capturing Eric Frein.

The American Red Cross and countless volunteers worked tirelessly around the clock to provide hot meals and emergency personal supplies for the hundreds of law enforcement
Fellow Troopers, Highway Patrol Officers, and State Police Officers,

“The backbone of our nation’s domestic defense against terrorist attacks will continue to be the men and women in local law enforcement and emergency services.” Former Georgia Senator Saxby Chambliss said it well.

How many of you would like to more frequently hear positive comments like this about America’s law enforcement officers? How many of you are tired of the negativity in the media directed at law enforcement?

If the media could see our officers through my lens for a week, they would change their tune. I see hundreds of state troopers volunteering their time at Christmas to help brighten the holidays for ill or underprivileged kids. I see countless notes from stranded motorists, praising troopers who stopped in a snowstorm to help. I see photos from around the country of troopers taking time to visit with a child who is fascinated with their uniform, lights, and siren. Troopers raise money for brother and sister troopers in need. They memorialize their fallen brothers and sisters.

I read story after story about our country’s law enforcement officers making a positive difference for others – using creative safety messages to reach teen drivers; racing to the scene of a deadly incident to rescue unknown people; risking their lives daily for people they have never met.

They unite across state lines for safety campaigns, designed to keep the very people who criticize them safe. They put themselves in harm’s way every single day for people they do not know, people they are sworn to protect and to serve.

Where are these stories in our papers and on news channels – when we all know that these types of true, real-life stories outweigh the negative a thousand to one?

Please join me in personally contacting news outlets with positive stories about our law enforcement officers and by posting positive stories in social media. It is apparently up to us to remind the media and the public that our focus is to protect and to serve. Period.

AAST posts encouraging trooper stories on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/statetroopers, and in the Connection. It is our duty and our privilege to inform others about the positive activities of our nation’s troopers.

Also, please join me in welcoming some new faces at our national headquarters in Tallahassee. William Copp has been hired as our new executive director on a part-time basis and has been working to assist our executive board with personnel management and organizational issues for the past several months. Also new to our national headquarters staff is Kristina Vincent, membership services coordinator, and Katie Reiff, administrative clerk; both Kristina and Katie are working on a part-time basis as well. And our rock, Joan Breeding, who many of you know well and have worked with over the years, remains our operations manager. Our national HQ team is, as always, eager to assist you when and if needed at 800-765-5456.

Please visit us online at www.statetroopers.org to get more information about AAST or to make a donation to help support the services and benefits of AAST.

Be safe out there and watch your six. Danger lurks at every stop. Nothing is routine. And never forget that you are appreciated for the positive impact you make on your community daily.

Always remember: Every day’s a holiday, and every meal’s a feast.

Fraternally,

Keith Barbier
President
Each year Albuquerque, N.M., is home to the world’s top shooters in the NRA-sponsored National Police Shooting Championships.

And AAST is proud each year to set apart the state trooper competitors by sponsoring the High Scoring State Trooper Award. The NPSC began in 1962 and is widely considered the world’s most prestigious law enforcement shooting competition. This year the prize for the high scoring trooper, a Springfield 4.0” XDS 9mm pistol provided by Springfield Armory, was claimed by Lt. Col. Pat Cronin (ret.) of the Mississippi Highway Patrol with his total aggregate score of 6,565-346x of a possible 6,670. Dan Rawlinson, also of the MHP, came in a close second in the state category with his score of 6,549-358x. Final scores are an aggregate of three separate competitions: Police Shotgun, the Open Class 3,000, and the Service Pistol Championship.

“State troopers have continually set the bar high at this world-renowned event,” Cronin said. “Our success in the shooting sport proves the Mississippi Highway Patrol’s dedication to excellence in training. We greatly appreciate AAST recognizing our success.”

Cronin returned to the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy as the director following his 2007 retirement from the patrol.

Nearly 300 competitors from across the world took part in the September matches, sponsored by the National Rifle Association.

The Revolver Championship and the Semi-Auto Pistol Championship make up the individual national championship, and center shots known as Xs are used as tie-breakers. This year’s overall champion was Agent Robert M. Vadasz of the U.S. Border Patrol, who has claimed the championship six of the past seven years.

State troopers placed in several categories with Sr. Tpr. Thomas Noto of the Louisiana State Police winning the Tactical Police Competition.

AAST also sponsored its annual barbecue dinner, where state troopers gathered to enjoy camaraderie the night before the competition began.
The lineup of national board members who will head the Association for the next three years began their new term January 1. The election was held in June by the full board of directors.

Lt. Keith Barbier, who retired in 2011 after 33 years with the Texas DPS, was elected to a second term as AAST president after serving two terms as first vice president, before which he served as director of AAST’s Texas chapter. The president’s main responsibility is overseeing the management of the Association. He also presides at all national board meetings and is in charge of promoting the growth of the Association, seeking new members, and advising members and officers about AAST.

1st Sgt. Jeff Lane, a 29-year member of the Virginia State Police who served as the AAST Virginia state director and national secretary before moving to the position of first vice president, was elected to a second term. His role is to assist the president and to perform the president’s duties in his absence.

Lee Burch, who retired from the Georgia State Patrol after 25 years of combined service with the GSP and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, was elected second vice president. As second vice president, he has the right to inspect all physical property of the Association and the responsibility of retaining a current audit of Association property.

Clarence M. “Bubba” Blue, who retired from the Alabama DPS after 26 years of service, was elected third vice president and is responsible for gathering and disseminating information regarding the welfare of retired state troopers. He previously served as AAST’s Alabama state director.

Noel Houze Jr., a second-generation Indiana trooper who retired from the Indiana State Police after nearly 30 years of service, was elected secretary after serving as director of the AAST Indiana chapter for six years. As secretary, Houze has the authority to inspect all records, books, and other documents of AAST’s national headquarters. He also confirms a quorum of board members at meetings and, among other duties, records the minutes of all national board meetings.

Capt. Kenneth Musick, a 24-year member of the Texas DPS, was elected treasurer after serving as director of the AAST Texas chapter and then national secretary. As treasurer, he has the right to inspect financial records of the Association and also presents a financial report to the board at all regular meetings.

The national board of directors consists of the above executive officers and the state directors from states with an established chapter. Each officer has one vote on the national board.

AAST State Directors

If you would like to contact the director in your state, please call AAST headquarters for contact information, 800-765-5456, or e-mail Operations Director Joan Breeding, joan@statetroopers.org. AAST encourages and welcomes your input.

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Educating kids, one spell at a time

Houdini of the Highways captivates kids

The creative approach to spreading safety messages is not a new concept. In fact, Tpr. Lee Allen Estes of the Kentucky State Police realized in the 1930s the importance of grabbing kids’ attention to make his message stick.

He developed a magical way, literally, of getting the safety message to children throughout Kentucky. A student of magic tricks, illusions, and ventriloquism from an early age, Estes developed a travelling show that entertained children while presenting messages about fire, bicycle, and general safety. The program was a rousing success from the start with children, schools, and adults. He took the show to schools and civic organizations around the state during the 1940s, 50s, and 60s.

Estes traveled in a specially-built, two-ton truck that carried eight trunks full of stunts and gadgets. His equipment was valued at more than $5,600, and his hands were insured for $5,000. His 50-90 minute shows required a two-hour setup and piano accompaniment.

Putting his own spell on safety, Estes would tie each trick to a safety message. Multi-colored silk handkerchiefs, balloon illusions, magic balls, and rabbits in hats helped sell the safety messages.

One of Estes’ specialty tricks was the “amputation” illusion, where a subject placed his arm in a box and the arm appeared to be severed when two steel bars were inserted through the top. The trick highlights the danger of sticking arms outside school bus windows.

Two pop-eyed, big-mouthed ventriloquist dummies dressed in trooper uniforms, Willie Talk and Kenny Talk, gabbed about safety. Estes practiced three to four hours a day to perfect his tricks and illusions to make sure they had both entertainment and educational value. Once dubbed the “Houdini of the Highways” by the press, Estes passed away in 1967. Willie Talk and Kenny Talk still live on as part of the collection of the Vent Haven Museum in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., a tribute to KSP’s early use of innovation and a silent reminder of a slower-paced time when live, face-to-face communication brought smiles, laughter, and understanding to children and adults throughout the commonwealth.

Today, reaching children with safety messages is just as important as it was in Estes’ day. Troopers routinely make safety education presentations at schools and civic events, building relationships with students and educating them on safety issues. Many times, troopers are teaching their own children the ropes of being a trooper. Perhaps that is why so many troopers carry on the family tradition, generation to generation.

Story excerpts by Les Williams, KSP.

It might not always be about magic rabbits and talking dummies, but today’s troopers regularly spread safety messages to young audiences.
Paying tribute
Trooper killed in training accident

Tpr. David Kedra, 26, of the Pennsylvania State Police was fatally wounded Sept. 30 after being shot in the chest during a training exercise at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Complex.

Kedra graduated from Temple University with a degree in criminal justice in 2010 and joined the PSP in 2012. He served in the Patrol Unit, where he was named Trooper of the Month for July 2013.

Kedra became the 96th member of the state police to be killed in the line of duty.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, sister, and fiancée.

Injured trooper returns home, receives award

We’ve been updating readers on the progress of Tpr. Brad Wilson, a 24-year veteran of the Pennsylvania State Police who was critically injured in September 2013 after being shot twice in the neck while attempting to serve a warrant.

Wilson underwent numerous surgeries and spent several months at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta for rehabilitation. Although he suffered significant paralysis, doctors are hopeful that procedures will improve use of his arms. He returned to his DuBois, Pa., home last summer.

Wilson received the PSP Purple Heart Award in November during the PSP graduation, for injuries sustained in the line of duty.
FREIN CAPTURED
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personnel in the search areas.

When Frein was led into the Blooming Grove Station for processing and into the county courthouse for arraignment, the support of the citizens for law enforcement was made evident by their signs, cheers of support, jeers to Frein, and numerous American flags waving in the air. The capture allowed the community and the PSP to return to a sense of normalcy and afforded the Dickson family closure.

The steadfast determination of PSP personnel, the assets provided by other agencies, and the uplifting support of the community combined to make the capture of Eric Frein possible. The eyes of the PSP family now turn to the upcoming legal process, which is the next step in justice for Cpl. Dickson and Tpr. Douglass, who was shot and wounded that same night.

Frein was charged with first-degree murder of a law enforcement officer, attempted first-degree murder, assault on a police officer, terrorism, and several other offenses. At press time, he had entered a not guilty plea.

Amid the rows of white wood lockers inside the Blooming Grove Station, just one of the 52 doors is marked with something other than a number.

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We will never forget

State troopers killed in the line of duty are often memorialized when overpasses, bridges, or stretches of roadway are named in their honor. Ceremonies are often held and legislation is sometimes written to memorialize the fine men and women who pay the ultimate price. These are three recent examples.

If you have a photo to submit of trooper family members, please send it to us, along with a brief description: AAST Family Tradition, 1949 Raymond Diehl Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32308

See AAST's three-minute video: www.youtube.com/statetroopers1. Tpr. Paul Long shares the compelling story about his brother and sister troopers joining with him during his family's trials. Share the video with a fellow trooper!
Six-year-old Kyssi Andrews’ dream was simple: she wanted to be a Texas state trooper. And the Texas DPS was happy to have Kyssi join the force.

On a Monday in October, Kyssi donned a Texas trooper uniform and began a day of enforcing.

Kyssi was first diagnosed with kidney cancer when she was 3. One kidney was removed and she went in remission; but now she’s battling cancer in both lungs.

When DPS heard about Kyssi, it united with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, helping her realize her dream.

“One of her life dreams was to be a Texas state trooper,” said Tpr. Stephen Woodard. “The department was happy to oblige her wish.”

Kyssi was sworn in and she started her duties, including administering a traffic ticket, a ride on a Houston Police horse, and even a helicopter ride.

To learn more about Kyssi’s fight or to donate to her medical bills, http://www.gofundme.com/kyssistrong.

Texas welcomes youngest trooper

Kyssi is a fighter: first against cancer, and now against crime as a 6-year-old state trooper.

AAST helps trooper’s daughter

Sr. Tpr. Gary Cornett of the Texas DPS, left, presents a Brotherhood Assistance check on behalf of AAST to Lt. Richard Jankovsky to help with expenses associated with his daughter, Kaitlyn’s, ancillary medical expenses. Kaitlyn was diagnosed with leukemia in August 2014 at the age of 13.

Kaitlyn loves anything law enforcement related. If you’d like to send a patch or a challenge coin to add to her collection, please send to Kaitlyn Jankovsky, P.O. Box 1016, Refugio, TX 78377.

To follow Kaitlyn’s fight, go to Facebook and search Fighting Leukemia with Kaitlyn Jankovsky.
New motorcycles assist with DUI, traffic safety

Eleven new police motorcycles are on the road in Arizona, thanks to a grant by the Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety.

The motorcycles were built up and recently assigned to Arizona DPS Highway Patrol officers working in the agency’s Motorcycle District. The motorcycles will be utilized for DUI and traffic safety campaigns throughout the state, particularly in Maricopa and Pima Counties.

“After the economic downturn, we were hit hard, and our entire agency struggled to purchase replacement motorcycles and other vehicles,” said Arizona DPS Capt. Burley Copeland, who supervises the DPS Motor District. “These new motorcycles are going to keep us going in the fight against impaired driving. The growth in the DPS motor program will also be sustainable due to the new motorcycles.”

Arizona GOHS also funded a grant purchase of 21 Ford SUV Interceptor patrol vehicles for the Arizona DPS within the past year.

Tug-o-war champs
After five undefeated rounds, Team Indiana State Police came out the victors in the charity tug-o-war event among state agencies, raising $700 for Riley Children’s Hospital.

Retirees reunite, reminisce

The Indiana State Police held its annual Superintendent’s Retiree Luncheon in September at the ISP Youth Education and Historical Center in Indianapolis, with about 230 in attendance.

The annual event, which began in the 1990s, attracts ISP retirees from all over the country, with one retiree traveling from the U.S. Virgin Islands to attend this year.

Retirees take this opportunity to reminisce, tell “war stories,” and renew old friendships.
Three Alabama troopers are also members of the Alabama National Guard’s 1st Squadron, 131st Cavalry, headquartered in Enterprise, Ala., left to right: Tpr. Willie Locke, Sgt. Barry Wharton, and Lt. Todd Till.

Decoy training
The Montana Highway Patrol Helena-based K-9 decoy team recently underwent training, which involves troopers playing the role of elusive criminals to allow real-life scenarios for the dogs. Pictured left to right: Tpr. Amanda Villa, Tpr. Tim Proctor with K-9 Kira, Sgt. Connor Smith, and helicopter pilot Randy Yaeger.

K-9 locates
The North Dakota Highway Patrol aircraft and bloodhound Boudreaux located a 15-year-old girl who ran away from home. She was found safe in a field near her home. Way to go, Boudreaux!

Have a seat
Nebraska State Patrol Camp 56 recruits test not only their leg strength, but also their ability to focus during an exercise at the training academy.

Pipes on the green
Bagpipes are common at New Jersey State Police events, such as the annual golf tournament benefiting the Tpr. Scott Gonzalez Memorial Fund, which has awarded over $600,000 in scholarships and other donations. Gonzalez was killed on duty in 1997.
Freezin’ for a reason
Trooper Polar Bears and Friends, a group of Iowa troopers and media members, wore orange jail jumpsuits and Iowa State Patrol campaign hats for the October Polar Plunge, for which they raised more than $4,500 for Special Olympics Iowa.

Checkpoint
From October 2014 through September 2015, the New Mexico State Police will set up 217 DWI checkpoints statewide and will conduct approximately 12,100 hours of DWI saturation patrols, as part of the ENDWI program funded by the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Traffic Safety Division, and NHTSA.

Troopers go Over the Edge
Col. Ron Replogle, left, and Capt. Lance McLaughlin of the Missouri State Highway Patrol went Over the Edge, a rappelling event that raises funds for Special Olympics Missouri. The team of 20 patrol employees raised over $30,000.

Medal of Honor
Lt. Michael Baylous, left, and Sgt. Greg Losh, right, of the West Virginia State Police stand with Medal of Honor recipients Hershel “Woody” Williams and Ernest West at the dedication of the Medal of Honor Wall of Memory at the VA Hospital in Huntington, W.V.

TFC Nicholas Leary and K-9 Elvis claimed overall first place in the recent Connecticut Police K-9 Olympics. Leary has had great success in his career as a K-9 handler, not only in the apprehension of criminals, but also in locating missing persons and being an ambassador visiting with school groups and other organizations.
Delaware troopers get exclusive helo

The Delaware State Police has two new birds in its fleet, the first of their kind in the world.

Lt. Gov. Matt Denn joined the DSP and Bell Helicopter in November for the unveiling of the DSP Aviation Section’s newest aircraft, two Bell 429 twin-engine helicopters, which are configured for emergency services, search and rescue, and airborne law enforcement. The milestone aircraft will join the agency’s current fleet of Bell helicopters to be used throughout the state for a variety of para-public missions with a strong focus on EMS.

The Bell 429 is the only light twin-engine helicopter on the market with true two-litter capability, featuring enough cabin space for two medical attendants and two crewmembers. The 429 also offers exceptional flight performance with a fully integrated glass cockpit, advanced drive system, and best-in-class Wide Area Augmentation System navigation, and Instrument Flight Rules capability.

It is the first helicopter certified through the MSG-3 process, resulting in reduced maintenance costs for operators. This model also features a spacious cabin and extra-large 60-inch side doors, as well as IFR capability certified for single or dual pilot operations.
First female to serve land, air, sea honored

Tpr. Erin Hehl was the first female trooper to serve the Illinois State Police on land, air, and sea, and in October, 17 years after her death, an overpass was dedicated in her name. Hehl, who was 34 at the time, was killed on Oct. 03, 1997, at Frankfort Airport while flying in an ISP helicopter during a training exercise. Hehl and the pilot, George Kurelic Jr., were both killed.

“While we cannot bring our heroes back, we can honor their dedication to service and reflect upon the selfless calling of this noble profession,” said ISP then-Director Hiram Grau. “The highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Illinois State Police officer or any member of the law enforcement community is to remember them for their bravery, courage, and character. The memorial signs remind family, friends, colleagues, and motorists of the risks and dangers taken every day by police officers,” Grau added.

Signs in both directions of I-55 designate the bridge as Trooper Erin Hehl Memorial Overpass.

Hehl was an 11-year veteran of the ISP, beginning her career in 1986 as a trooper in District 3, now District Chicago. In 1987 Hehl joined the ISP Marine Patrol Unit where she became a certified diver. In 1995 she joined the department’s Air Operations Unit as part of a pilot helicopter program, making her the first female trooper to serve on land, air, and sea. During her assignment with the helicopter unit, Hehl received a private pilot certificate with a helicopter rating. Hehl, who was survived by a husband, son, and stepson, was posthumously promoted to sergeant.

Trooper recalls tales of greatest show

For nearly three decades, Tpr. Mark Nickerson had a front-row seat in what he calls the greatest show on earth.

During his 28-year career as a Maine State Police trooper, Nickerson handled both harrowing and humorous encounters, from pursuing a murder suspect to trying to foil an outhouse bandit on Halloween.

For his book Blue Lights in the Night, Nickerson shares over 30 memorable episodes of the greatest show, including a hair-raising motorcycle chase, a prison uprising, and riotous capers with Warden John Ford.

Nickerson is the son of retired MSP captain Millard E. Nickerson Jr. Since retiring in 2005, he has written a column called Real Life Stories of the Maine State Police in local papers and is president of the Maine State Troopers Foundation. Blue Lights in the Night can be purchased through Amazon.com, or for those who would like a signed copy, send $20 (includes tax and shipping) to Mark Nickerson, 101 Bangor Rd., Unity, ME 04988. Be sure to indicate how you’d like your book personalized, and include a return shipping address. Nickerson may be contacted directly at menick@uninetns.net. Read more about Nickerson at www.oldcops.com.

Vested K-9

K-9 Bruin of the Maine State Police, who patrols with his handler, Tpr. Justin Cooley, has been awarded a ballistic vest, thanks to the nonprofit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. Bruin is also a certified drug detection dog.
The North Carolina State Highway Patrol’s state-of-the-art defensive driving simulator has primarily been used to train troopers, but it is now being used to teach novice drivers as well.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens. To help combat this statistic, the patrol has partnered with State Farm Insurance to provide teen driving educational programs across the state. Through a grant from State Farm, the patrol purchased a vehicle to tow the 30-foot trailer across the state.

Using modern technology, the simulator is composed of various real-world scenarios that provide interaction between the simulator and the student driver while placing focus on the student’s judgment and decision-making process. The instructor then reviews the scenario with the teen driver and provides constructive driving tips.

North Carolina troopers are hopeful that the proactive approach helps reduce the state’s teen crash statistics.

Defensive driving training aims to save teen lives

Troopers tag bags

The New York State Police Women’s softball team claimed the winner’s trophy in the 13th annual East Coast Women’s State Police Charity Softball Tournament when they defeated the Maryland State Police in the final game 9-8.


This year’s event raised funds for the New York State Troopers Signal 30 Benefit Fund and Double H Ranch, which provide programs and support for children with life-threatening illnesses.

The tournament, first organized in 2001 by Capt. Sara Bruso of the Connecticut State Police, began with just four teams and has grown to an event of nine teams of state troopers sharing remarkable camaraderie, friendly competition, and important fundraising efforts.

Troopers tag bags

New York troopers won the East Coast Women’s Softball Tournament, which involves troopers from nine states.

Veterns Day parade

One-third of the 100 New York state troopers who marched in the New York City Veterans Day Parade in November are veterans of the armed services.
Every time Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seize a bottle of pills, a sample of blood, or a bag of powder, they need an unbiased test to determine what’s really inside. Their answers come from the hardworking men and women of the OSHP Crime Laboratory.

The past four years have hallmarked the most successful time in the history of the crime lab. A larger staff, brand new instruments, and building projects have helped criminalists work at a faster rate with a higher efficiency.

“The bottom line is we want to offer a comprehensive and unbiased test,” said Joey Jones, toxicology drug director. “Whoever uses the services – whether it’s the patrol or an outside agency – they’re getting the best test available.”

The crime laboratory houses two separate and distinct scientific units: toxicology, which identifies drugs and alcohol in blood, urine or bodily fluids, and drug chemistry, which determines if a submitted piece of evidence contains any controlled substances. Between the two sections, 26 staff members work tirelessly to support criminal patrol work in the field. Most are criminalists who perform tests in the laboratories.

A grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration allowed the purchase of toxicology instruments to expand the pallet of detectable drugs in 2013, and other advancements will increase the unit’s testing abilities to an almost unlimited menu.

Recent lab improvements also include a renovation project completed in 2013, which added a new chemistry laboratory, a new toxicology laboratory, an instrument room, offices, and storage spaces.

One of the biggest challenges criminalists face is the sheer number of cases submitted to the lab. In 2013, drug chemistry worked on over 13,000 cases, and toxicology worked on over 10,000. Criminalists enter every case into the crime lab’s system, perform preliminary and confirmatory tests, and then testify in court about their findings.

The efforts of the criminalists at the lab are directly responsible for the successful adjudication of some of the most serious offenses the OSHP is charged to enforce.

For the first time ever the annual Pig Bowl – which pits Oregon and Washington law enforcement officers in a benefit flag football game – ended in a tie.

Well, sort of.

It was a tie on the field, but thanks to fans purchasing points for their favorite team and pig noises on the PA system, the scoreboard had Oregon dominating Washington 1,855 to 1,279!

Hundreds of fans were on hand and were generous in purchasing points as part of the fundraiser.

“Although brotherhood and competition resound at the event each year, the real winners this year were Joshua Miner and Misty Martin,” said event organizer Tpr. Michael Holloran of the Oregon State Police.

Miner is a teenager fighting Menkes disease, and Martin is battling cancer. The game raised over $25,000, which was split between the two recipients.
Congratulations to the new troopers who have joined the best family in the Country. We wish you men and women the best as you embark on an incredible and fulfilling career.

Joe McHugh, CHP
Colorado State Patrol

Michigan State Police

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Wyoming Highway Patrol

Oregon State Police

South Dakota Highway Patrol

Washington State Patrol

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These heather gray and 100% cotton pre-shrunk T-shirts feature all 49 highway patrol, state police, and state patrol patches on the back, with the AAST logo on the front chest. A must for troopers or collectors. Available in adult sizes M, L, XL, and XXL - $12 each and XXXL - $15 each.

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**Relics from the Road**

An Iowa patrolman assists a motorist change a tire, circa 1936.

**Trooper Patch T-shirt with FREE shipping**

After high school, I got an AAST scholarship and went to college at Southwest Texas Junior College for a degree in aviation. I then followed in my dad’s footsteps and have been a Texas state trooper for seven years. I am proud to say that I also followed in his footsteps and became a member of AAST. I’ve always heard about the many things AAST does for its members in their time of need, and I’m proud to be part of the brotherhood that invests in state troopers and their families.

Sincerely,

Tpr. Kolby Musick  
Texas DPS  
son of Capt. Kenneth Musick

Capt. Kenneth Musick, left, stands proudly with his son, Tpr. Kolby Musick.
AAST names scholarship recipients
Awards exceed $2.5 million

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Mallory Barnett
Samantha Farrell
Hannah Campbell**
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Arizona
Tanna Gardner
Carly Xepoleas**
Connecticut
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Sydney Christensen
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Kasey Clary
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(Middle) (Last) (First)

Mailing Address
City State Zip

Date of Birth
Sex Male Female

Agency Rank Troop/District

Home Phone (include area code)
Cell Phone (include area code)

E-Mail Address

SPOUSE
Name
Date of Birth

CHILDREN
Child’s Name
Date of Birth Sex

AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY
I am: ☐ Active — Date of Employment
☐ Retired — Service Dates to Total Years
☐ Honorable Service — Service Dates to Total Years

I certify that I am an active or retired state trooper or state police officer in the United States of America, or have completed a minimum 10 years of continuous service as such, and meet the qualifications for membership in the American Association of State Troopers.

Dues paid to the AAST are not tax deductible.

Signature

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION
Please indicate payment method below and mail to: AAST, 1949 Raymond Diehl Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

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Brotherhood

Troopers from around the country attended the funeral of Tpr. David Kedra of the Pennsylvania State Police, who was killed Sept. 26, 2014, during training. See Page 6 for tribute.