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REMEMBERING TROOPER MARK COSSLETT



Senior Trooper Mark Cosslett, who died in a traffic accident on Oct. 23, had a lot of friends. He was everybody's best friend, said Trooper E.J. Kelly.

"He was a credit to the law enforcement profession. The day he died he was at a school – on his own time – in

his uniform and on his motorcycle, handing out junior trooper badges."

Sgt. Dean Jones, who supervised Mark during his 15 years with the motor squad unit in Northern Virginia, said the motors and Trooper Kelly are devastated by the news of Mark's death.

"He was a fantastic father of two

beautiful children with a loving wife. He is irreplaceable ...

"Every year he helped us with Special Olympics, Life with Cancer – he was so supportive of that. Even while he was undercover, he would come

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VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ASSOCIATION

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS:

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Here is what we've done through our lobbyist.

In this time of uncertainty and apprehension over the state's fiscal crisis, we want to let you know the steps your Association has taken to represent your interests and to give you a blue print for our future actions on your behalf.

As you know by now, our Department and all other state agencies were directed to submit spending reduction plans (7%, 11% and 15%) to offset an anticipated budget shortfall expected to reach \$2 billion before the end of the next fiscal year (in addition to the \$3.1 billion cut during the 2002 General Assembly). It is important to understand that even if every agency is cut by 15% across the board, there will still not be enough savings to close the budget shortfall.

Even though the Department of State Police was spared any reductions to its budget in the initial reduction plan announced by Governor Warner on October 15, this may only be a temporary good fortune. As late as the Friday before the Governor's announcement, the State Police was scheduled to absorb at least a 5% reduction, if not more, in its budget. Uncertainty in the amount of manpower and resources that will ultimately be needed to address the sniper situation in northern Virginia contributed to the delay in implementing any cuts to the State Police. However, between now and December 20, when the Governor announces his further amendments to the 2002-2004 state budget, reductions greater than those announced on October 15 will have to be made.

We are now truly operating in a crisis situation – not just our agency and co-workers, but all levels of state govern-

ment. As you heard on the evening of October 15, Governor Warner announced his plans to meet the budget crisis. There was bad news for many, as 70% of all state agencies took the maximum 15% reduction in at least one year of the two-year budget. Over 1,800 state employees will be laid off (not to mention another 4,500 potential layoffs at Virginia colleges and universities). As he has promised in the past on a number of occasions, the Governor announced the first phase of a state government that will be "a starkly different place" once all necessary actions are taken.

To represent the interests of you, our members, your Association has spent the last several months (in addition to the normal preparations leading up to a legislative session) meeting with key officials, conducting research and making plans on how best to address this fiscal crisis on your behalf. Activities undertaken include:

On-going private briefings with the Secretary of Public Safety and the Secretary of Administration in which the needs of our members have been clearly identified.

Private briefings with key members of the Governor's staff to maintain open lines of communication and share information essential to our members, and participation in a state employee forum with Governor Warner at the invitation of the Governor's office.

Participation in the workings of the State Health Care Benefits Reform Commission, including testimony on the hardships posed by rising health insurance premiums, especially for retirees.

Continuing private meetings with key legislative leaders to garner their critical support as needed to respond favorably to budgetary threats and other critical issues.

Monitoring the continuing activities of the Governor's Commission of Government Efficiency as they identify redundant and unnecessary functions of state government.

Continuing discussions with the

Superintendent of State Police to exchange feedback on the impact of specific cuts to the Department's budget.

Researching alternative revenue sources to fund State Police programs; these issues will be communicated in a coordinated manner to state leaders at the appropriate time following October 15.

That is what we have been doing on your behalf so far. From this point forward, we will be entering a period critical to the future of our Department and to the well being of our members, a period perhaps unprecedented in our history. It will take the efforts of all of us working together to limit the anticipated negative impact this fiscal crisis will have on all of us.

Following the release of the Governor's plan on October 15, the Association will quickly finalize its legislative agenda for the 2003 Session of the General Assembly and develop its strategy to respond to still expected budget cuts in December. Once this is completed, we will communicate these plans to our membership, along with the action plan to accomplish our goals. It will take all of us working together – our lobbying team in Richmond and each of you as key legislative contacts in your areas – to achieve the success critical to our future.

We thank you for your patience and continuing professionalism during this difficult time. Although the times may appear dark, we have many friends and resources available to protect us. It will take hard work, but together we will be able to persevere.

Stay tuned, stay in touch and stay safe!

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REMEMBERING TROOPER MARK COSSLETT, *continued from page 1*

out and help us on his motorcycle. He'd wear a scarf over his face to cover his beard so no one would know he had a beard. He'd come by on his motorcycle — in his uniform and helmet with that scarf over his face. He hadn't missed a year in 10 years. He was past president of the Boozefighters Motorcycle Club, who do things for charity. They take toys to the Toys for Tots drive with the Marine Corps and raise all kinds of money for the Special Olympics Virginia State Police golf tournament. That was purely Mark."

Mark also was an active participant of HEROES Inc., an organization that helps the families of police officers and firemen who are killed in the line of duty.

Born in Norfolk, Mark was a member of the first graduating class of Monacan High School in Chesterfield, where he lettered in football and wrestling. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upon graduating recruit training at Parris Island, S.C., he served three years as a military police officer at Camp LeJeune, N.C. He then served his final year in Okinawa, Japan.

After he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, he joined the Virginia State Police on Jan. 16, 1986. He was assigned to Area 9 out of the academy. On May 15, 1989, he was assigned to the Department's motorcycle program in Area 9, Fairfax. He successfully completed the Institute of Police Technology and Management's Motorcycle Instructor Course at North Florida State University in September 1994. He was promoted to Senior Trooper on Aug. 1, 1996.

Due to his extraordinary narcotic interdiction enforcement, Mark was assigned to the Bureau of Criminal investigation as a trooper-agent. While on this undercover assignment, he was qualified

as an expert witness and chosen to instruct courses in outlaw motorcycle gangs at numerous federal and local law enforcement academies including the FBI National Academy. After that Mark returned to the motor squad in Fairfax on Feb. 10, 2002.

"Mark was one of the first motorcycle units at the Pentagon on Sept. 11," E.J. said. The day he died, he was responding to a call of shots fired at I-95 and Newington, a potential sniper call. There turned out to be no sniper in the area, he said.

Ed Haith Jr., president of the Association, said Mark was serving his first two-year term on the board of the Virginia State Police Association. "He played an active role in the Asso-



ciation, both as 7th Division representative and as a member of our merchandise committee and the conference committee. He was very active in fund-raising for charities through his role as a Virginia State Trooper.

"Mark loved motorcycles and sharing his role as a member of the Virginia State Police with the public, especially children. Before he went to work on Wednesday, he drove down to one of the area schools in uniform to comfort parents picking up their children. That's the type of man he was — a strong leader yet a very compassionate individual."

Ed said Mark was a devoted husband and father, who had a wonderful sense of humor. He will be very, very hard to replace both in the Department and on the board of the Association, Ed said, adding that he will be sorely missed.

"He was my best friend," E.J. said simply.

Mark, a loving husband, is survived by his wife, Leslie W. Cosslett; devoted father of Trevor and Meghan; son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Cosslett; brother of Karen Scott, Brenda Langford, and Debra Echols; and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Warren III. □



52 TROOPERS, CVEOS GRADUATE FROM 102ND BASIC SESSION

As 50 new troopers and two Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers prepared to graduate from the Virginia State Police Academy on Oct. 11, Col. W. Gerald Massengill made the solemn announcement that yet another innocent person had been shot and killed by the elusive sniper that is stalking northern Virginia and Maryland.

The shooting, which occurred 25 minutes before the ceremony began, marred the usually joyful graduation celebration.

"I apologize for the disruption on stage," Col. Massengill told the audience. He said John Marshall, secretary of public safety, and several members of the Department had been called away to deal with the latest sniper shooting, which killed a Pennsylvania man gassing his car at the Massaponox exit off Interstate 95. He said traffic on Interstate 95 had been stopped and that troopers were chasing a white van.

The shooting was the most recent in a series of brazen attacks that paralyzed the area with fear and outrage as several people were shot and killed or critically injured going about their daily routines.

Graduates of the 101st Basic Trooper Session had to enter the workforce facing the worst attack of terrorism ever seen on American soil. Graduates of the 102nd Basic Trooper Session enter the workforce having to cope with the random violence of the serial killer, who seems to enjoy killing innocent victims at random for the thrill of it. He also seems to enjoy the cat and mouse game with law enforcement, authorities say.

The Honorable John H. Hager, special assistant to the governor for commonwealth preparedness, delivered the keynote address. He encouraged the graduates to strive for success and let nothing get in their way. Hager, who is in a wheelchair due to a bout with polio in his 30s, said Virginia is known for being first, including the first state to have an African-American governor; a

female attorney general and a handicapped lieutenant governor.

The 50 new troopers in the 102nd Basic Session began 39 weeks of training Feb. 25, 2002. The curriculum covers 118 subject areas and 1,544 hours of instruction. This is the third class to follow a new four-phase basic training program that included a 12-week foundation phase, followed by four weeks of field training instruction.

During the next phase of training, the trainees returned to the State Police Academy for the concluding 17 weeks of classroom instruction.

Academy staff sergeants instructed the trooper trainees in subjects including search and seizure, laws of arrest, motor vehicle code laws, firearm training, officer survival, and driver training.

Upon graduation, they will enter the fourth phase of their training when they report to their assigned duty post. They will spend a minimum of six weeks with a field-training officer to familiarize themselves with their newly assigned area and learn their day-to-day duties.

Also graduating were two commercial vehicle enforcement officers. They began classes June 10 and concluded 13 weeks of instruction on Sept. 11.

Graduates, their hometown and trooper assignment are as follows:

KRISTOPHER KLAY DAVIS
Grundy, Virginia
Area 15, Culpeper County

DANA DENISE ESTRADA
Midlothian, Virginia
Area 36, Sussex County

ROBERT ALLAN EVANS, JR.
Mechanicsville, Virginia
Area 7, Dinwiddie County

CHRISTOPHER STEVEN FLAHERTY
Chesterfield, Virginia
Area 3, New Kent County

JAMES HENRY FULLER
Boykins, Virginia
Area 34, Isle of Wight County



Trooper Robert Clements proudly displays his diploma after graduation.

DAVID CHRISTOPHER GLOVIER
Broadway, Virginia
Area 13, Warren County

STEPHEN LEE GLOVIER
Nickelsville, Virginia
Area 9, Fairfax County

ERIN NICOLE GOODING
Poquoson, Virginia
Area 37, York County

JAMES ROBERT GOODRICH, IV
Warfield, Virginia
Area 12, Fauquier County

ANDREA CHARLOTTE GRASSO
Fredericksburg, Virginia
Area 5, Spotsylvania County

DANIELLE JENENNE GROOMS
Blacksburg, Virginia
Area 11, Prince William County

TIMOTHY MICHAEL HALL
Midlothian, Virginia
Area 37, James City County

ROBERT LEE HAMILTON
North Tazewell, Virginia
Area 15, Orange County

STEVEN ROBERT HOMIAK
Pulaski, Virginia
Area 35, Brunswick County

CHRISTOPHER SHAW JACKSON
South Hill, Virginia
Area 32, Norfolk/VA Beach

MICHAEL FRANKLIN JEDREY
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Area 48, Springfield County

CHARLES EDWARD JOHNSON, JR.
Richmond, Virginia
Area 45, Arlington/Fairfax County

JEREMY CHRISTOPHER JONES
Dublin, Virginia
Area 15, Madison County

JEREMY SEAN KAPLAN
Midlothian, Virginia
Area 3, New Kent County

JENNIFER HATHAWAY KUBIK
Evington, Virginia
Area 15, Madison County

DANNIE PRESTON LOCKLEAR, JR.
Newport News, Virginia
Area 46, Hampton, Newport News, &
Hampton Roads Tunnel

LARRY ALLEN MANN
Covington, Virginia
Area 38, Highland County

CLINTON LEE MARTIN
Pennington Gap, Virginia
Area 45, Arlington/Fairfax County

JASON SHAWN MCCALL
Tazewell, Virginia
Area 20, Campbell County

STEVEN RANDALL MITTENDORFF
Goldvein, Virginia
Area 45, Arlington/Fairfax County

PAUL JOSEPH MORIARTY
Coventry, England
Area 11, Prince William County

CHAD MICHAEL MORRIS
Harrisonburg, Virginia
Area 5, Spotsylvania County

LEO VIRGIL PAMBID
South Boston, Virginia
Area 48, Springfield County



Trooper Jason Stanley enters the gym before graduation.



Trooper Joseph Brown enters the gymnasium before the graduation ceremony.



Trooper Danielle Grooms enters the gym before graduation.



Trooper Travis Dahmer enters the gym before the graduation ceremony.

DANNY WILLIAM PRUETT
Wytheville, Virginia
Area 14, Shenandoah County

BURLEY LEE ROGERS, JR.
Portsmouth, Virginia
Area 46, Hampton, Newport News, &
Hampton Roads Tunnel

RENE ROXAS SARIAN
Newport News, Virginia
Area 46, Hampton, Newport News, &
Hampton Roads Tunnel

JASON CARL STANLEY
Coeburn, Virginia
Area 20, Campbell County

KEVIN GENE SYDNOR
Warsaw, Virginia
Area 15, Orange County

CHIA ANTIONE TAYLOR
Dinwiddie, Virginia
Area 3, Charles City County

LEE JENNINGS TESTERMAN
Chilhowie, Virginia
Area 23, Halifax County

JASON WAYNE THOMASSON
Danville, Virginia
Area 45, Arlington/Fairfax County

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WAYNE KELLY WALTERS, JR.
Wytheville, Virginia
Area 17, Augusta County

SAMUEL ERNEST H. WARD
Swords Creek, Virginia

Area 3, New Kent County
MAXWELL HUNTER WILLIAMSON
Gloucester, Virginia
Area 5, Spotsylvania County

**23RD BASIC COMMERCIAL
VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER GRADUATION CLASS**

ALICIA CARMONA COWSERT
Glen Allen, Virginia

MICHAEL SHELL FELTON
Jarratt, Virginia



Trooper Jason McCall, president of the 102nd Basic Session, and his brother, Trooper Kevin McCall of Clark County relax after the graduation ceremony is over.



Trooper Samuel Ward is congratulated upon graduation.



"You did it!"



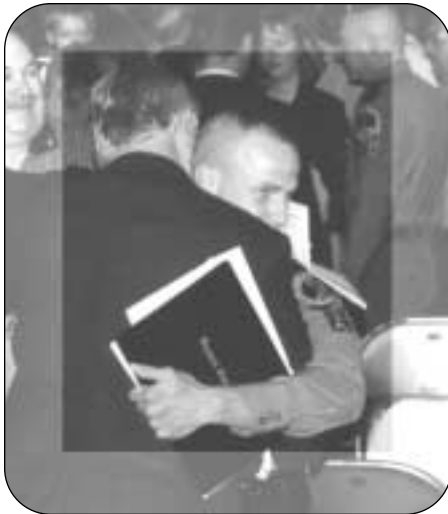
Trooper Rene Sarian shakes hands with a fellow graduate.



Trooper Steven Homiak poses with several family members after the ceremony.



Taping the moment.



"I'm so proud of you."



Hugs all around.



Trooper McCall gets a hug from a happy family member.



Steven Mittendorf is happy to be a Virginia State Trooper.

Congratulations 102nd Basic Session



Several members of the Virginia State Police assigned to WEB (Weapons Enforcement Blitz) – a joint assignment with the City of Richmond Police Department – attended the swearing-in ceremony of Andre Parker, the new chief of the Richmond police department. The ceremony was held Aug. 2 at Oslow Minnace Middle School in Richmond. Parker, who replaced Jerry Oliver, came to Richmond after a 24-year career with the Illinois State Police. Photo by Tammy Poole.

VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS MEMBERS

Long Term Care is available through John Hancock Insurance Company for a discounted rate for all Virginia Retirement Systems members and their family members. Please contact Matthew D. Brotherton toll free at (888) 246-6706 for more information about the discounted program.

LATE NIGHT OF SHOPPING IN THE VSPA MERCHANDISE ROOM

The Virginia State Police Association sponsored a late night of shopping for the soon-to-be graduating troopers.



Trooper Thomas Cashin stands near the new golf shirts that just arrived in time for the upcoming holidays.



Trooper Leo Pambid looks over the sweatshirts on the clearance rack in the merchandise room.

Letters to the Editor

VSPA MEMBER THANKFUL FOR DONATION

I received the Association's most generous gift for my daughter, Amanda, and I am at a loss of words on how to thank you.

Amanda is getting ready to begin a very hard treatment of chemotherapy that was recommended by Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Your donation will be used to do whatever is necessary to help Amanda fight the tumor and to help her survive. If it is God's wish that she does not survive, then the money will be used to make her remaining days as pleasant as possible.

I know what it means to be mutually helpful to one another. God bless and thank you.

Jerry Gettings



*Virginia State Troopers from the Seventh Division participate in the annual Joe Gibbs Youth For Tomorrow Foundation. It's a great day that raises awareness to troubled youth and all that former Redskins coach Joe Gibbs does for them.
Photo by Lucy Caldwell.*

VIRGINIA TROOPERS COMPETE IN LAWFIT TROOPER CHALLENGE

Five Virginia State Troopers participated in the first annual Lawfit® Trooper Challenge, a national fitness competition held at George Mason University in Fairfax on Sept. 5 and 6.

A total of 10 state police and highway patrol agencies competed for bragging rights as the fittest troopers in the nation. The Rhode Island State Police team finished first. Second was Massachusetts, followed by New Jersey in third place. Virginia tied with Indiana for seventh place.

The Lawfit® Trooper Challenge consisted of a series of six fitness and job-related competitive events. Virginia State Trooper Natasha Moore won two awards. Moore, of Division 1, Area 6, won the women's individual event in the work performance obstacle course and placed third in the women's division overall.

Other VSP participants included Prince William County Trooper Melanie Clark of 7th Division, who placed 12th overall in the women's National Top 20; Sgt. Mark Haygood, Div. 1, Area 6, who tied with a North Carolina trooper for 15th overall in the Men's National Top 20; Trooper John Turner, Division 3, 16th overall in the

Men's National Top 20; and Sgt. Brian Blackman, Area 1, 17th overall in the Men's National Top 20.

According to Sgt. Haygood, the six events in the competition were: Bench press, sit-ups, pull-ups, sit and reach, a 1.5 mile run and a 200 meter work performance obstacle course. These tests have been determined to be good predictors of an officer's fitness for duty.

WHY HAVE SUCH A COMPETITION?

According to Dr. Dave Bever, director of The National Center for Public Safety Fitness at GMU, each year in the United States more than 300 law enforcement personnel and firefighters die in the line of duty and another 1500 are forced into early retirement because of job-related illnesses and injuries. Additionally, another 100,000 police officers and firefighters suffer lost-work time occupational injuries.

Although firefighting and law enforce-



ment jobs often require sudden, strenuous exertion and exceptional physical performance on a moment's notice, the majority of the duties of public safety personnel can be characterized as sedentary in nature (i.e. vehicle patrol, building inspection, public education, equipment maintenance, and investigative activity).

The combination of these two extremes in physical activity is responsible for a significant number of on-the-job injuries and illnesses, Dr. Bever said. Unless public safety agencies are willing to place sufficient emphasis on developing and maintaining firefighter and police officer fitness, they will be faced with on-going disability claims from personnel in less than optimal condition who are injured in the line of duty.

In its 13-year history, the LawFit® and FireFit® programs sponsored by GMU have trained more than 6000 law enforcement and firefighting professionals. In response to a growing concern for the disabling illnesses and injuries suffered by these public safety personnel, Dr. Bever partnered with personnel from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and law enforcement and firefighting professionals from throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia to form the National Center for Public Safety Fitness.

The Center's mission is to provide health and fitness information and training for public safety personnel, to include: Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies, Corrections Officers, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians.

For more information about the NCPSF and the 2002 LawFit Trooper Challenge, call (703) 993-2071 or visit the website at



Trooper John Turner, Sgt. Mark Haygood, and Sgt. Brian Blackman, Col. Massengill, Melanie Clark, and Natasha Moore prior to the Sept. 5 morning competition for the first-ever Trooper Lawfit Challenge Competition held at George Mason University in Fairfax. Led by Dr. Dave Bever, participants from Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, and West Virginia joined the VSP in the agility/obstacle course, bench press, sit ups, pull ups, sit & reach, and 1.5 mile run competitions. Photo by Lucy Caldwell, VSP PIO

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www.lawfit.gmu.edu.

Each state chose four of their fittest officers (2 male, 2 female), to compete in a series of fitness and job-related competitive events. The events, established by Dr. Dave Bever, Director of the National Center for Public Safety Fitness, have been determined to be good predictors of an officer's fitness for duty. Scores for the events were age and gender adjusted to provide a fair and equitable competition for all participants, and were based on the following criteria:

STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY

- Bench Press: One-repetition maximum bench press (1RM)- based on percentage of body weight lifted.
- Pull-Ups
- One-minute timed sit-up test
- Sit and reach flexibility test

CARDIOVASCULAR:

- 1.5 Mile run

WORK PERFORMANCE:

• 200-yard obstacle course: Comprised of a series of simulated obstacles, (3' drainage ditch, 5' wall, stairs, windows, rescue of a downed officer/victim, apprehension of suspect (handcuff) & successful simulated shooting of a perpetrator.

We would like to thank all participants who are heroes every day, and took part in this unique and powerful event to prove that they are fit to serve. For a complete listing of event winners and sponsors, please visit our website at www.lawfit.gmu.edu.

FIRST PLACE TEAM:

RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE

Troopers Joe Dubeau,
Eve Marani, Karen Pinch
and Ed Stenovitch

FIRST PLACE MALE:

Sergeant Mark Muse-
New Jersey State Police

FIRST PLACE FEMALE:

Trooper Karen Pinch-
Rhode Island State Police

TEAM RESULTS		
PLACE	TOTAL POINTS	STATE
1	1328	Rhode Island
2	1265	Massachusetts
3	1243	New Jersey
4	1230	Mississippi
5	1213	Maryland
6	1206	West Virginia
7	1195	Virginia
7	1195	Indiana
8	1183	Ohio
9	1160	North Carolina

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS				
EVENT	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	SCORE
BENCH	*Based on % of body weight lifted			
Men's	Snyder	Brian	IN	370lbs/204%
Women's	Pinch	Karen	RI	165lbs/126%
SIT-UPS				
Men's	Richardson	Joey	MS	#64
Women's	Smith	Lori	MS	#59
SIT & REACH				
Men's	*Richardson	Joey	MS	45cm
	Greene	Jody	MA	44cm
Women's	*Pinch	Karen	RI	50cm
	Wall	Kim	IN	45cm
PULL-UPS				
Men's	Muse	Mark	NJ	#40
Women's	*Pinch	Karen	RI	#16
	Suyemoto	Christine	MA	#14
1.5M RUN				
Men's	Powell	Paul	MA	7:50
Women's	Marani	Eve	RI	9:51
WP TEST				
Men's	Highsmith	Jason	OH	1:02
Women's	Moore	Natasha	VA	1:24

MEN'S RESULTS				
Place	Total Points	Last Name	First Name	State
1	354	Muse	Mark	NJ
2	353	Arthur	Ronald	WV
3	347	Dubeau	Joseph	RI
4	346	Young	David	MD
5	345	Stenovitch	Ed	RI
6	343	Greene	Jody	MA
7	342	Smock	Roger	NC
8	339	Richardson	Joey	MS
9	338	Tuggle	Thomas	MS
10	336	Rine	Steve	OH
10	336	Russell	James	MD
11	335	Highsmith	Jason	OH
12	328	DeNovi	Carmen	NJ
13	326	Etter	Patrick	IN
14	323	Gundy	Jess	WV
14	323	Snyder	Brian	IN
15	316	Haygood	Mark	VA
15	316	Hedgepeth	Ricky	NC
16	299	Turner	John	VA
17	297	Blackman	Brian	VA
18	292	Powell	Paul	MA

WOMEN'S RESULTS				
Place	Total Points	Last Name	First Name	State
1	359	Pinch	Karen	RI
2	310	Fabry	Robin	MA
3	313	Moore	Natasha	VA
4	311	Suyemoto	Christine	MA
5	303	Schnell	Julie	IN
6	301	Klemp	Katherine	NJ
7	293	Hickock	Jennifer	OH
8	281	Carter	Donna	NC
8	281	Smith	Lori	MS
9	277	Marani	Eve	RI
10	272	Foxwell	MaryAnn	MD
10	272	Volk	Melinda	MS
11	268	Landis	Tracy	WV
12	267	Clark	Melanie	VA
13	262	Oglesby	Shallon	WV
14	261	Gallo	Rita	NJ
15	259	Kagler	Marcella	MD
16	243	Wall	Kim	IN
17	221	Landon	Margaret	NC
18	219	Ruzicho	Rebekka	OH

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- VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ASSOCIATION

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE FIRST ANNUAL NATIONAL LAWFIT® TROOPER CHALLENGE A SUCCESS- SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

*To be a part of the 2003 LawFit® Trooper Challenge, please call the Center directly at 703-993-2071. For more information and complete organization history, please log onto the website www.lawfit.gmu.edu. □



Trooper Perry M. Price receiving his certificate acknowledging promotion to Senior Trooper. Given by FSGT Jerry L. Davis at the Area 25 office Senior Trooper Price is assigned to Carroll County. Effective date of promotion 03/25/02

**Enter to win
FIRST-TIME CONFERENCE ATTENDEES ELIGIBLE FOR
FREE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

The 29th annual Virginia State Police Association Conference will be held March 21-22, 2003, at the Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront hotel in Virginia Beach.

New this year, the Association will sponsor two new members from each Division. To be eligible, participants must be first-time conference attendees and have been a member of the

Association for no more than 5 years. The winners will have their conference registration fee paid. Selection will be made in a random drawing. Winners are non-transferable.

To register, send in the form below. Forms may be faxed to the Association office at (804) 320-2616. To e-mail the form, send it to: sandravspa@aol.com. The form may be mailed to: Virginia State Police Association, 6944 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225, attention Sandra Winfree. Deadline is Friday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m.

To enter, fill in the form at left. □

<p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>PHONE _____</p> <p>DIVISION _____</p> <p>DATE JOINED VSPA _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attn: Sandra Winfree</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deadline: Dec. 13, 2002</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winners are final. This prize is non-transferable</p>
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THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE ASSOCIATION

29th Annual Conference

March 21 & 22, 2003

Conference Registration Form
 Ramada Plaza Resort Oceanfront
 "Virginia Beach, Virginia"

CONFERENCE

Conference Registration Fee is \$100 per couple until 3/1/03 afterwards \$150 per couple and \$50 for single until 3/1/03 afterwards \$75 for single

Name of Association Member: _____
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VSPA AUXILIARY RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

The VSPA Auxiliary is looking for new members. The mission of the auxiliary is to provide support to the families of the VA State Police during times of need. If you are the spouse of a VSPA member and would like to know more about the auxiliary please feel free to contact one of the board members listed below.

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Trooper Mike Woodard met with Lisa Pushard and her son, Spencer, at the Gordonsville Police Cops and Kids Friend Day Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Gordonsville Volunteer Fire Company fairgrounds. Photo by Jeff Poole, Orange County Review



Trooper Steve Rusher and his wife, Corinne Geller, stand in front of the Virginia flag that flew over the Pentagon. The flag, which was framed by the Association and hangs at SPHQ, was signed by Virginia State Police personnel, including troopers, agents and supervisors, who worked at the Pentagon after Sept. 11, 2001.

Steve is wearing the new short-sleeve shirt which has a new, improved collar that is designed to lie flat and presents a more professional appearance than the previous short-sleeve uniform shirt.

Corinne, formerly the public information officer for the Richmond area, is now Public Affairs Coordinator for the Virginia State Police Insurance Fraud Division. Her new telephone number is (804) 323-2321. Her pager is (804) 256-3792 and the email address is: crusher@vsp.state.va.us.

SERGEANT POWELL SAVES WOMAN FROM CHOKING

Sgt. Durwin Powell recently saved a choking woman at Tony's Pizza in Manassas, according to PIO Lucy Caldwell.

Powell, who was off-duty, had gone to the restaurant to have dinner with his wife and three daughters.

Paula Henegar of Alexandria had choked on a piece of lobster, according to an article in the Potomac News. After her husband and father tried the Heimlich maneuver without success, Sgt. Powell was able to remove the blockage after two attempts.

Sgt. Powell has been with the Department for 23 years. □

TROOPERS DEPUTIZED FOR IMF PROTESTS

by Lucy Caldwell, VSP PIO

For only the second time in history, dozens of state troopers were deputized in preparation to assist the Metropolitan Police Department with anticipated civil unrest over an anxious three-day long weekend Sept. 27, 28 and 29.

Thousands of protestors were expected to block traffic on the Capital Beltway surrounding D.C. and to shut down the city in an effort to protest a meeting held by the International Monetary Fund in Washington. City police and public safety officials spent weeks preparing for the demonstrators with their goal of keeping the city operating and making sure no one got injured.

According to Division VII Lieutenant Tom Martin, troopers did an excellent job of sending the message



Standing on patrol in Georgetown at the foot of Key bridge during the IMF protest is Vince Tassa, area 11; James Brinkley, area 48; Scott Colwell, Area 11, and Vincent Sterling, Area 48. Photo by Lucy Caldwell, VSP PIO

to protestors that Virginia roads would remain opened and commuters should not expect any heavy delays. More than 3,000 police officers were on hand in the region and took care of

any problems that the approximately 1,700 protestors caused. Although 600 arrests took place, there were no arrests or commute-related backups that day in Northern Virginia. □

SURVIVAL GUIDE ON MISSING CHILDREN NOW AVAILABLE

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of an updated edition of “When Your Child Is Missing: A Family Survival Guide.”

In an instant, a peaceful day can become a nightmare when a child is discovered missing. Recently, we have witnessed tragic abductions of children of all ages across America—in rural byways and major cities. We have also been heartened by the joyful reunions of children safely returned to their parents.

Children may be missing from home for a variety of reasons. They may run away after a heated argument with their parents or be lured away by an online predator in an Internet chatroom. They may be taken by a parent to another country—perhaps to strike back at an ex-spouse—or abducted by someone the child does not know.

Whatever the reason a child is missing, parents’ lives are turned upside down, and minutes race into

hours as they frantically seek their child’s safe return home. We know that time is of the essence in terms of finding a child. What should parents do if their child is missing? To whom can they turn? What help can they expect?

“When Your Child Is Missing: A Family Survival Guide” was written in 1998 as a labor of love and a vision of hope by parents who have experienced firsthand the trauma of a missing child. It has been updated to provide parents the most current information available and provides helpful insights into what families should do—and what they can expect—when a child is missing. Above all, it offers encouragement and support at a time when they are needed most.

RESOURCES:

“When Your Child Is Missing: A Family Survival Guide” (NCJ 191031) is available online at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/missing.html#170022>

A limited number of printed copies are available from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (JJC). Copies can be ordered online at <http://puborder.ncjrs.org/> or by calling JJC at 800-638-8736. Please use the document number when ordering.

For full-text publications, information on OJJDP or JJC, and other juvenile justice information, visit the following:

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VSPA BOARD ATTENDS NTC CONFERENCE IN MAINE



Ed Haith with New Mexico State Police Association's Vice President Frank Romero.



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Roy and retired Maryland State Police Captain Joe Pruitt.



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The central focus of our efforts since the last update has been to analyze the impact of legislation involving homeland security on law enforcement. This memo describes various pieces of legislation on which we have been and are currently working on and covers a few highlights of the various efforts we have made relative to the issue of domestic security.

Our government relations team continues to work on the issues listed below:

HOMELAND SECURITY BILLS

The most comprehensive homeland security legislation initiatives are H.R. 5005 and S. 2452, the Homeland Security Act. It establishes the Department of Homeland Security and lays the foundation for combating terrorism on our soil for many years to come. These bills were sponsored by Rep. Dick Army in the House and Sen. Joe Lieberman in the Senate.

BACKGROUND ON H.R. 5005/S. 2452

On June 18, 2002, President Bush proposed to transfer all of the authority and assets of the U.S. Customs Service, as well as many other Federal agencies, to a new U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This proposal was incorporated into H.R. 5005, which was introduced on June 24, 2002. Specifically, the Customs Service would be placed under an Under Secretariat for Border and Transportation Security along with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Transportation Security Administration. Unlike the Coast Guard, the legislation does not require that the Customs Service be maintained as a separate entity.

Under Section 402 of H.R. 5005, the Secretary of Homeland Security would be vested with the functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the Customs Service of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including the functions of the Secretary of the Treasury relating thereto.

By resolution adopted by the House, H.R. 449, the recommendations of House committees, including the Committee on Ways and Means, must be transmitted to the Select Committee on Homeland Security by July 12, 2002, in order to be considered by the Select Committee in amending H.R. 5005 before

floor action. H.R. 5005 has 118 co-sponsors.

An important issue with state and local law enforcement agencies is the sharing of information by the feds. Rep. Saxby Chambliss introduced H.R. 4598, the Homeland Security Information Sharing Act. This bill has 33 co-sponsors, and would provide for the sharing of homeland security information by Federal intelligence and law enforcement agencies with State and local entities.

On a similar note, Senator Russ Feingold sponsored S. 2746 on July 17, 2002. This bill would establish a Federal Liaison on Homeland Security in each State to provide coordination between the Department of Homeland Security and State and local first responders and for other purposes.

I. SENATOR FEINSTEIN'S UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECK BILL

S. 25 was introduced on January 22, 2001. This bill would provide for universal background checks for all gun sales with a few exceptions, most notably for private sales to family members. It would extend Brady-type background checks to all gun purchases, similar to the current laws in Pennsylvania and Georgia. Additional discussion on the proposed legislation occurred at a meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 with Senator Feinstein and her staff. There has been no movement on the bill.

II. FUNDING FOR COPS OFFICE

The administration has proposed some changes to the COPS Program through the budget process. The COPS Universal Program (UHP) is a grant program that funds 75%, up to \$75,000, of the entry-level salary hiring and benefits of a rehired police officer over a 3-year period. Last year (FY 2001), Congress appropriated \$1.05 billion for the COPS Program, with \$147 million for the UHP. President Bush has zeroed out funding for the 2002 UHP. Our latest understanding of where the process stands is that block grants and Byrne grants will be transferred to the COPS budget, but then the whole COPS program will be moved to the Office of Judicial Programs. Senator Joe Biden (D-DE) has recently stated that he was not in favor of any such changes, saying that there was some "baggage" attached to the COPS program from the previous administration. In response to the proposed funding cut, he introduced S. 924, the Protection Act of

2001, which is designed to keep the COPS program intact. It has 51 co-sponsors in the Senate, all the Democrats and the lone Independent, Sen. Jeffords. It was placed on the legislative calendar on April 11, 2002. A companion bill with 224 co-sponsors has been introduced in the House, H.R. 2009. We are working with our colleagues in the LESC to support Sen. Biden's efforts.

III. HERO ACT

The Homeland Emergency Response Operations (HERO) Act, S. 1820 (Max Cleland, D-GA) and H.R. 3397 (Jane Harman D-CA) provides for the expedited and increased assignment of the telecommunications spectrum for public safety purposes. Our staff had contact with Federal law enforcement officials during the discussion of this proposal. It appeared that the Feds did not have thorough knowledge of the practices of those local officers or emergency personnel first on the scene of a disaster. It was agreed by our staff that better knowledge of local law enforcement procedures was needed by the Feds in order to adequately plan for terrorist disasters. Representatives of the NTC and other law enforcement groups plan to continue to meet with administration officials to offer their expertise.

IV. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

S. 952, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2001, provides for collective bargaining for public safety officers employed by State and local governments. It establishes minimum standards for State collective bargaining laws. States that do not currently allow law enforcement and public safety personnel to bargain with their employers and sign legally-binding contracts would be required to enact state laws or come under the jurisdiction of the Federal Relations Labor Authority. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH), has 22 co-sponsors. Most of them are Democratic senators. The bill has been referred out of to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions for floor action. A companion bill, H.R. 1475, was sponsored by Dale E. Kildee (D-MI) and Robert Ney (R-OH), and is called the Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2001. This companion bill has 224 co-sponsors.

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V. RACIAL PROFILING

S. 989 and H.R. 2074, End Racial Profiling Act of 2001, was sponsored in the Senate by Russ Feingold (D-WI) and by John Conyers (D-MI) in the House. These identical bills prohibit any law enforcement agent from engaging in racial profiling. Authorized in the bill are civil suits by the federal government or those injured by racial profiling. The legislation specifies that proof that the routine investigatory activities of law enforcement agents in a jurisdiction have had a disparate impact on racial or ethnic minorities shall constitute prima facie evidence of a violation. Hearings were held on August 1, 2001 in the Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights of the Senate Judiciary Committee. On July 16, 2001, the House bill was referred to the Crime Subcommittee of the House Committee on Judiciary. The bills have 95 and 15 co-sponsors in the House and Senate, respectively.

VI. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BILL OF RIGHTS

S. 840 and H.R. 1626 – Sen. Joe Biden and Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-MN) introduced these bills to amend Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 which provides standards and procedures to guide both state and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings; ensures accountability of law enforcement officers; guarantees the due process rights of officers; and requires states to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability and due process laws. It was introduced on May 8, 2001 and referred that same day to the Senate Judiciary Committee with three co-sponsors. It has 19 co-sponsors in the House.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001

H.R. 1744 and S. 899 – These bills increase the amount paid to officers fallen in the line of duty from \$100,000 to \$250,000 (plus cost of living adjustments). The House version was sponsored by Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) and has 45 co-sponsors. It was referred to the House Judiciary Committee on May 7, 2001 and the Subcommittee on Crime on May 30, 2001. The Senate version of the bill was sponsored by Sen. Biden and has four co-sponsors

including Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT). It was referred to Senate Judiciary Committee on May 16, 2001.

VIII. THE JAMES GUELF AND CHRIS MCCURLEY BODY ARMOR ACT OF 2001

S. 166 and H.R. 1007 – These bills provide for enhancement of the sentencing guidelines for crimes involving the purchase, ownership or use of body armor by violent felons. S. 166 passed the Senate on May 14, 2001. It was then assigned to two committees: the House Judiciary Committee, where it was assigned to the Subcommittee on Crime, and the House Government Reform and Oversight (Subcommittee on Procurement Policy). The House version has 74 co-sponsors and the Senate version has three.

IX. TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT

H.R. 3132, Safe Highways and Infrastructure Protection Act, establishes common sense truck size and weight for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways and closing other loopholes; it was sent on October 17, 2001 to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. NTC has endorsed this bill, as have several State Associations. Our campaign this session is to get additional co-sponsors on H.R. 3132. Mathew Hodapp of Minnesota has testified on the bill. Also Casey Perry (and others) from Wisconsin, and Steve Davis of Missouri, were in town this month to lobby for co-sponsors. The bill has 80 co-sponsors with more to come - particularly with a continuation of our effort.

The bill may be summarized as a “freeze” bill, meaning the bill will freeze truck lengths and weights on the National Highway System. Trucks have been getting longer and heavier because of loopholes in the law, and this bill will close those loopholes. It will also strengthen enforcement by creating a model fine system for illegal overweight operations.

The bill is important in its own right, but it is also an important way to neutralize the opposition with the impending reauthorization of TEA-21. Congressman Oberstar, who is the Ranking Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is solidly behind this bill. He plans to take the list of co-sponsors with him when he discusses the major provisions of the reauthorization with other committee leaders. The T&I Committee Chairman, Don Young of Alaska, sup-

ports bigger trucks, as does Subcommittee Chairman Thomas Petri of Wisconsin.

The American Trucking Associations (ATA) and Motor Freight Carriers Association are lobbying for longer and heavier trucks. They want to see heavier single trailer trucks (the current limit is 80,000 pounds) and broader operation of longer combination vehicles (LCVs) – long double and triple trailer trucks. A triple trailer truck is 110 feet long and generally weighs about 110,000 pounds. Long doubles generally have two 48-foot trailers and can haul up to 150,000 pounds. The use of LCVs is limited to specific highways that Congress designated in 1991 in the “LCV Freeze.” The ATA has joined forces with various shippers to form ASET, Americans for Safe and Efficient Transportation, to lobby for use of 97,000-pound single trailer trucks.

X. THE COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

H.R. 218 – This is the “right to carry bill” that exempts qualified current and former officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons. The legislation was introduced on January 3, 2001 and was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. A hearing was held, and Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) put a hold on the bill. The bill remains on hold. H.R. 218 has 268 co-sponsors.

XI. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

H.R. 199 – This bill amends the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (R. 26) to provide for the confidentiality of a personnel record or personal information of a law enforcement officer, if the records are not relevant to a case. The judge inspects the records in private and only allows relevant information to be made public. This bill was sponsored by Rep. John E. Sweeney (R-NY) and was referred to the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property. It has 28 co-sponsors.

XII. THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EQUITY ACT

H.R. 1841 – This legislation has 196 co-sponsors and seeks to redefine the definition of “law enforcement officer” so as to bring more officers under the civil service and federal retirement system rules. Included would

be some IRS agents and other federal employees. The bill was referred to the House Government Reform Committee, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization.

XIII. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FLAG MEMORIAL ACT

H.R. 94 – This bill provides flags flown over the U.S. Capitol to the families of deceased law enforcement officers. The family must request the flag and bear the cost. It is currently in the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Crime and has four co-sponsors.

XIV. AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

H.R. 674 and S.417 – These bills sponsored by Rep. John J. LaFalce (D-NY) and Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), provide for 1% down payment FHA loans to teachers and police officers that choose to live in their jurisdiction of duty. On February 15, 2001, it was

introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services (Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity). The House version has 39 co-sponsors and the Senate version has one.

XV. FEDERAL-LOCAL INFORMATION SHARING ACT OF 2001

S. 1615 – This bill, sponsored by Sen. Schumer, provides for the sharing of intelligence material with local law enforcement personnel. Hearings were held on December 11, 2001 in the Judiciary Committee. It has six co-sponsors. A related bill has been filed in the House, H.R. 3285 by Rep. Anthony D. Weiner (D-NY). This House bill has 18 co-sponsors.

XVI. MONEY LAUNDERING PREVENTION ACT

H.R. 2978 and 2979 – These are money-laundering bills sponsored by Rep. Marge Roukema and introduced October 2, 2001. A month later they were referred to the House

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. The bill would strengthen existing Federal laws and provide law enforcement agencies with enhanced enforcement tools necessary to combat money laundering. The bills have no co-sponsors.

XVII. REMARRIED WIDOWS' AND WIDOWERS' BENEFITS ACT OF 2001

H.R. 3023 allows spouses to get survivor benefits if a couple was married for ten years. This bill sponsored by Rep. John Duncan, was introduced on October 4, 2001. It was referred to House Subcommittee on Social Security on October 15, 2001. It has no co-sponsors.

XVIII. PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER PROTECTION ACT OF 2001

H.R. 3063 – This Social Security Act amendment makes cancer a line-of-duty ailment or cause of death. It was sponsored by Rep. Joe Baca and introduced October 9, 2001. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Crime. There are 6 co-sponsors.

XIX. SOCIAL SECURITY ISSUES

The Social Security Pension Offset Reform Act (H.R. 664) was sponsored by Rep. William Jefferson and introduced on February 14, 2001. On February 28, 2001, the bill was referred to the House Subcommittee on Social Security. The bill would amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in Social Security benefits, which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions, shall be equal to the amount by which the total amount of the combined monthly benefit and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200. There are 295 co-sponsors from both political parties. The Senate version of offset reform is S. 611, sponsored by Sen. Barbara Mikulski and introduced March 26, 2001. It has 35 co-sponsors.

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