

173rd *Academy Class*



JUNE 14, 2024

173rd ACADEMY CLASS

“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.”

Aristotle



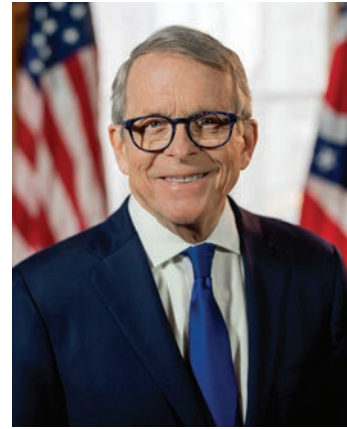
Mission

The Ohio State Highway Patrol provides unbiased, professional public safety services through inclusion, collaboration, and innovation.



Vision

Providing service with a purpose to positively impact quality of life and safety throughout the State of Ohio.



Mike DeWine
Governor
State of Ohio



Andy Wilson
Director
Ohio Department of Public Safety



Major Michael D. Kemmer
Academy Commandant
Ohio State Highway Patrol

Letter from the Superintendent



It is my distinct honor to welcome you to today's graduation ceremony of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's 173rd Cadet Class.

Since the Patrol's foundation in 1933, we have trained thousands of women and men to protect and serve the citizens of our great state. Every one of these individuals have played an important role in our renowned legacy. I fully expect that today's graduates, like those who are currently serving, and those who served before them, will contribute to the continued success of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

With today's graduation, the 173rd Class accepts the challenge of helping us achieve our mission of providing professional public safety services through inclusion, collaboration and innovation. After completing the finest law enforcement training

available, each trooper has the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to positively engage their communities and uphold the high standards of our Division. They will continue to grow as leaders by embodying our Core Values.

At the Patrol, one of our Core Values, and one that is incredibly important in commemorations such as today, is Family.

Life teaches us that family is defined by the ones that celebrate our successes and who we lean on during the most difficult times. To the families and friends of our graduates, your support and encouragement of these women and men has not gone unnoticed. From the signing day events, through months of training, to today's celebration of their achievement, your loved one has drawn strength from your support while they have shown the mental fortitude to persevere during this most arduous training.

Today is a great day for Ohio. We are welcoming the newest state troopers into the noblest of professions and, I welcome each of you to the Ohio State Highway Patrol family. Family takes care of family, and we will be with you every step of the way on the journey your new trooper embarks upon today.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colonel Charles A. Jones".

Colonel Charles A. Jones
Superintendent

Agenda

Prelude & Call to Order	Pipes and Drums <i>Ohio State Highway Patrol</i>
National Anthem	Cadet Troy M. Otworth <i>173rd Academy Class</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	Cadet Emily O. Hartshorn <i>173rd Academy Class</i>
Invocation	Reverend Jerry D. Wenger <i>Chaplain</i> <i>Ohio State Highway Patrol</i>
Welcome	Major Michael D. Kemmer <i>Academy Commandant</i>
Remarks	Colonel Charles A. Jones <i>Superintendent</i> <i>Ohio State Highway Patrol</i>
Introduction	Andy Wilson <i>Director</i> <i>Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>
Remarks	Chief Gary D. Lewis, Jr. <i>Bexley Police Department</i>
Oath of Office	Judge David A. Trimmer <i>Fairfield County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas</i>
Class Speaker	Trooper Allen M. Grace <i>173rd Academy Class</i>
Introduction of Graduates	Major Kemmer
Presentation of Commission and Certificates of Training	Colonel Jones Chief Lewis Director Wilson Major Kemmer
Closing Remarks	Major Kemmer
Benediction	Reverend Wenger
Announcements	Major Kemmer

173rd Class Roster

NAME	ASSIGNMENT
1 William A. Akers.....	Lima Post
7 Noah T. Bellew.....	Springfield Post
Jorge D. Blanco.....	Wooster Post
Justin M. Bowen.....	Ashland Post
Julian N. Brown.....	Lebanon Post
Mackenzie R. Carpenter.....	Findlay Post
2 Joshua S. Carr.....	Sandusky Post
1 Jarrett T. Childress.....	Canton Post
Gage W. Cutlip-Pash.....	Marysville Post
1 Jacob A. Dassylva.....	Delaware Post
6 Quinlyn R. Davis.....	Marietta Post
Andrew L. Fancher.....	Batavia Post
Trevor J. Gerstenberger.....	Circleville Post
Alex T. Gonzalez.....	Defiance Post
Allen M. Grace.....	Lancaster Post
Trenton J. Hardy.....	Bucyrus Post
Xavier C. Harris.....	Lebanon Post
Emily O. Hartshorn.....	Steubenville Post
Jillian R. Hawks.....	Canton Post
6 Connor S. Huff.....	Circleville Post
1 Jaret S. Lennon.....	Mansfield Post
Michael A. Loehr.....	Wapakoneta Post
2 Justin D. Louk.....	Marysville Post
Hunter S. Mahoney.....	St. Clairsville Post
Hayley B. McMahon.....	Ravenna Post
Brett T. McMillan.....	Wilmington Post
2 Austin D. Menker.....	Piqua Post
Vincent C. Meyers.....	Milan Post
Hannah L. Olger.....	Circleville Post
Troy M. Otworth.....	Portsmouth Post
Paige N. Patterson.....	Warren Post
Antwon S. Pugh.....	Chardon Post
Ismael J. Rivera.....	Chardon Post
Ethan M. Roden.....	New Philadelphia Post
6 Joseph A. Scarpitti.....	Wooster Post
Nathan C. Sims.....	Gallipolis Post
Matthew A. Skorupski.....	Springfield Post
Dylan C. Spackey.....	Circleville Post
Colten B. Sparks.....	Ironton Post
1 Andrew L. St. Pierre.....	Xenia Post
Heath S. Starkey.....	Bucyrus Post
Ruslan A. Strahler.....	Marietta Post
William O. Strong, Jr.....	Portsmouth Post
2 Devin M. Thompson.....	Canfield Post
Caleb N. VanWinkle.....	Wapakoneta Post
Anthony C. Verardi.....	Steubenville Post
Jeremy M. Warren.....	Lancaster Post
Nathan R. Wathey.....	Granville Post
Tahana M. Wheeler.....	Lancaster Post
Michael A. White.....	Hamilton Post
Tevin J. Williams.....	Toledo Post
6 Hunter R. Woods.....	Marysville Post

MILITARY PERSONNEL

1—Army, **2**—Marine Corps, **3**—Navy, **4**—Air Force, **5**—Coast Guard, **6**—Army National Guard, **7**—Air National Guard

COLOR GUARD

Julian N. Brown, Joshua S. Carr, Hayley B. McMahon, Austin D. Menker

Following in their footsteps



Jacob A. Dassylva



*Lieutenant
Marcus A. Pirrone
(Uncle)*



Dylan C. Spackey



*Sergeant
Brian K. Spackey
(Father)*



Michael A. White



*Trooper
Justin B. Valentine
(Brother-In-law)*



Life at the Academy

Since their training commenced on December 4, 2023, the members of the 173rd Academy Class lived at the Academy during the week, away from family and friends. The days were filled with rigorous physical and mental training, pushing cadets to their limits in a paramilitary environment. They endured continuous pressure to react and perform in a variety of situations, such as intensive college-level training in Ohio laws, misdemeanor and felony arrest techniques, human relations, crash investigation, self-defense tactics, firearms, defensive driving and many other areas.

In addition to the training mentioned above, cadets were expected to perform various individual tasks and assignments around the Academy. They were required to take orders and expected to maintain a high level of professionalism throughout their training. Living in a paramilitary environment required the cadets to pay attention to every detail, including their uniforms and rooms. A daily inspection was conducted to look for infractions like lint on uniforms, shoes not properly shined, dust in rooms, and disorganized wall lockers.

A typical training day might have looked like this:

TIME	TASK
6:00 a.m.	Reveille
6:10 - 6:30 a.m.	Physical training
6:50 a.m.	Breakfast
7:15 - 7:40 a.m.	Assigned work duties
7:45 a.m.	Inspection
7:50 a.m.	Morning colors
8:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Class instruction/practical training
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch, assigned duties
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Class instruction/practical training
5:10 p.m.	Retreat
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 - 9:55 p.m.	Practical training, study periods or recreation as scheduled
10:00 p.m.	Lights out

73rd Academy Class

CENTENNIAL CLASS
GRADUATION DATE 12/30/1966



James R. Baldwin
Edward E. Bowman
James D. Butler
Ronald L. Carrico
Sidney Coleman
Carl E. Decker
Willard D. Derby
Lloyd R. Feehrenbach
Charles M. Johns Jr.
James A. Johnson
William E. Lanning
Ray E. Leyda
Dwain D. Massie

David B. Moyer
Paul D. Orttel
Larry W. Peddicord
Frederick C. Polomsky
John W. Robinson
David A. Rose
Donald L. Scurlock
Larry D. Sharp
Gerald G. Stevanus
Robert D. Sullenbarger
Joseph A. Thieman
William M. Wilburn
Calvin C. Wilson

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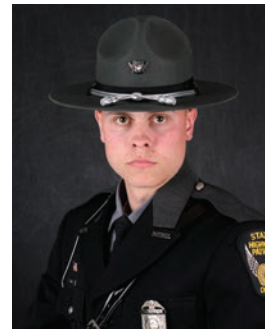
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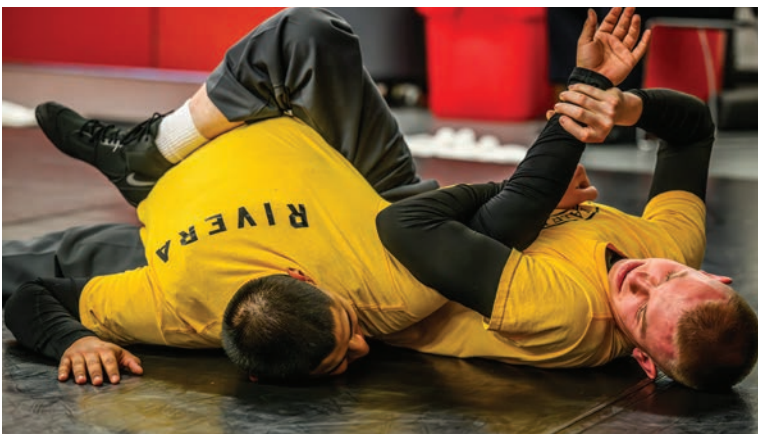
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Senior Staff



Lt. Colonel
Joshua M. Swindell
Assistant Superintendent



Lt. Colonel
Charles J. Linek
Assistant Superintendent



Major
Chad J. Neal
Office of
Criminal Investigations



Major
John C. Altman
Office of Planning,
Research & Development



Major
Michael D. Kemmer
Office of Training,
Recruitment & Diversity



Major
Nakia J. Hendrix
Office of Field Operations



Major
Anne R. Ralston
Office of Personnel



Major
Matthew L. Them
Office of Finance & Logistics

Training Academy Staff



Captain
Jeffrey S. Davis



Staff Lieutenant
Scott M. Aker



Staff Lieutenant
Andre T. Swinerton



Lieutenant
Todd J. Cunningham



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Lieutenant
Brittany N. Noah



Sergeant
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Sergeant
Chase A. Watts



Trooper
Holly M. Chesnick



Trooper
James T. Coffland



Trooper
Tyler F. Deal



Trooper
Aaron C. Doerfler



Trooper
Steven J. Drew



Trooper
Andrew J. English



Trooper
Colin B. Gilligan



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Katie L. Keller



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Andrew M. Kobosky



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Jessica A. McIntyre



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Donald J. Smith



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Joshua Stryker



Trooper
William Watson



Trooper
Adrian E. Wilson



Instructor
Tanya L. Benner



Instructor
Tracey M. Gum



Core Values

Adaptability

Attention to Detail

Diversity

Family

Honesty

Officer Safety

Performance Driven

Professionalism

Self-Discipline

Sense of Urgency

Team Oriented

