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25th Annual B.C.P.O.A. Jerry Greenlee Sr. Memorial
Golf and Softball Tournament  August 21 & 22, 2010  Held at Waverly, Iowa

Bremer County Peace Officers Association (BCPOA) sponsors a number of activities, starting 9 a.m. August 21 with 4-person best shot golf tournament for law enforcement, E.M.S. and fire agencies only. Multiple prizes throughout the golf course, including a new vehicle. Saturday after the tournament the Association hosts a party at the Droste Building, located across from the 4H Building by the golf course. Cash prizes, food, drinks, and entertainment provided. Golf awards will be given out at this time, along with a bean bag tournament at the conclusion of hospitality drawings.

Rooms are reserved at the Comfort Inn and Americas Best Value Inn & Suites (formerly the Red Fox Inn). Courtesy transportation provided between the party and hotel. Make your reservations by July 16. Mention the B.C.P.O.A. for the special room rate (319-352-0399).

Sunday, Aug 22, at 9 a.m. the softball tournament begins. Players must be law enforcement, EMS, and fire Dept. related with a max. of 18 teams. Free passes to players and families for the pool and park adjacent to the ball diamonds. Prize money: $500 1st Place, $300 2nd Place, $200 3rd Place, and $100 4th Place (with 11 teams). Entry deadline: August 13, 2010. For further information call or write Chief Richard Pur- sell or Capt. Jason Leonard 111 4th St NE, Waverly, IA 50677 319-352-5400. Email Richard@ci.waverly.ia.us or Jasonl@ci.waverly.ia.us.
231st Basic Level I Training School
Sept. 14 - Dec. 18, 2009 at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

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Second Row: (left to right): Tyler Rothmeyer, Creston P.D.; Matt Gray, Boone County S.O.; Robert Lillie, Adams County S.O.; Mark Bear, Meskwaki Nation Police Department; Travis Clubb, Keokuk P.D.; Micah Roberts, Monticello P.D.; Craig Ford, Panora P.D.; Troy Wilson, Clear Lake P.D.; Andrea Young, Ottumwa Police Department.


Law enforcement officers served lunches for donations at Special Olympics Iowa fundraisers held April 21

“Guardians of the Flame Free Lunch” held at 6 Texas Roadhouse restaurants

Peace officers raised more than $18,000 for Special Olympics waiting tables at Texas Roadhouse restaurants in Urbandale, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, Coralville and Cedar Falls. These photos are from Urbandale. Right, Altoona Senior Officer Melodee Tufts.
Black Hawk Consolidated Call Center Director Judy Flores honored for national leadership

Judy Flores of Waterloo has received the “Government Leader Award” at the 7th Annual “9-1-1 Honors Gala” in Washington D.C.

The Government Leader Award recognizes the efforts of federal, state and local officials in developing and implementing public policy to advance the capabilities of 9-1-1 emergency communications.

Flores, Director of the Black Hawk Consolidated Communications Center in Waterloo, received the award for installing the nation’s first 9-1-1 Text Messaging service at her Call Center in July of 2009.

The award comes from the E9-1-1 Institute, in conjunction with National Emergency Number Association (NENA), the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA), the 9-1-1 Industry Alliance (“9IA”) and the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus.

Flores has spent her career working for improvements and changes in 9-1-1 emergency communications. Her leadership has put her Center and the citizens of Black Hawk County on the cutting edge of 9-1-1 communications technology, according to Gregory L. Rohde, Executive Director of the E9-1-1 Institute.

“Judy Flores was the first in the nation to implement a 9-1-1 texting solution for her Call Center,” Rohde said. “This breakthrough allows greater access to emergency services for more people, especially those with special needs. Because of Ms. Flores’ dedication to implementing the latest technology, Black Hawk County is leading the way in the nation for next generation 9-1-1 applications.”

The E9-1-1 Institute is a non-profit organization that shares the mission of the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus to assist in promoting public education on E9-1-1 and emergency communications issues. NENA serves the public safety community as the only professional organization solely focused on 9-1-1 policy, technology, operations, and education issues. APCO International is the world’s oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to the enhancement of public safety communications.

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As I write this we have just wrapped up the 2010 annual training conference.

Dr. George Thompson of the Verbal Judo Institute put on a great two-day training seminar in Pleasant Hill. It was very enlightening to hear the man who created Verbal Judo present the course himself.

A big “Thank You” to the Des Moines PARC Board for letting us use their facility for the class, and for the steak dinner they put on Tuesday night for the attendees.

The Training Conference for 2011 will be in Sioux City with the dates and topics to be set shortly.

During the annual Conference Business Meeting, those in attendance gave the board approval to change the name of this Association to the Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA). We will be operating under both names temporarily until all necessary changes to operate under the new name are complete. For now, our current web site will remain active to keep you informed with the latest news and training opportunities, but look for a new and improved (and less expensive) web site in the future with our new name.

We will, of course, keep the membership up to date on these changes as they progress. The new name far better represents who truly makes up this organization and should eliminate any confusion at the Capitol between this association and the Iowa Police Chiefs Association (formerly IPEF).

At the business meeting it was also decided to raise the annual membership dues for the Association by $10 per year. While this is a significant increase, it is still less than $3 per month per person. We want to make the Association more self sufficient so that we are not as dependent on external fund raising, which is always affected by bad economic times like those we face now. This should help lessen the “ups and downs” of our bottom line.

The legislative session has closed and for law enforcement I have to think it could have been a lot worse than it was. The specifics are in our “End of Legislative Session Summary” on Page 13, but overall we fared pretty well. ILEA will remain independent of DPS. The IDOT Enforcement Division will remain independent of DPS. The Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy will remain independent of DPS. Drug Forfeiture sharing has now been added to the Iowa Code as a 90/10 split so the Attorney General’s Office will not be able increase their share with a rule change in the future. And the pension systems of MFPRSI and the IPERS protected class were not thrown into chaos through misinformed and unnecessary changes.

The feedback from Legislators to our lobbyist was that your phone calls on several of these issues had an impact. Your involvement can make a difference!

There was great cooperation between the IACPO, ISPA, and ISSDA. The lobbyists for the “big three” mentioned did an outstanding job of coordinating efforts on issues we felt important to all three groups. And it looks like next session we will need to continue the united front since, depending on who you talk to, the outlook is as bad if not worse for next year from a fiscal standpoint.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

Bill

Karl Chevrolet showed 2011 Caprice

Officers from around Iowa checked out a pre-production 2011 Chevy Caprice Police Patrol Vehicle (PPV), talked to GM reps and test drove 2010 Impalas and Tahoes at Karl Chevrolet, Ankeny, February 24.

They also saw a 2008 Ankeny P.D. Chevrolet Impala slick top supervisor’s car, 2009 Des Moines P.D. Chevrolet Impala patrol car, 2009 Norwalk P.D. Chevrolet 4WD Special Service Tahoe K9 Unit, 2009 ISP Chevrolet 2WD Police Pursuit Tahoe K9 Unit, 2010 Chevrolet Impala Patrol stock unit w/ warning package, 2010 Chevrolet Silverado Crew cab stock unit for the speedway, and a 2010 Henry Co. S.O. Chevrolet Express van with Havis shield 9-passenger system.

Uplift vendors Havis shield, Setina, Whelen, Kel Tek and Panasonic showed their equipment.
Since the 2010 Training Conference in Pleasant Hill, I have been working on Association changes ratified by the members and the Board.

Let me share some of the changes that are taking place for the Association. The “Big Change” is our name. We will now be known as the Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA). The reason for our name change was discussed in previous magazine issues. The members attending the Conference business meeting supported that name change recommendation from the Board.

Having been a member since 1980, and as an IACPPO Past President, I was slow to accept this recommendation. But I do believe it was the correct change at the right time. It will avoid the conflict of being confused with the Iowa Police Chiefs Association, which is the new name of the association formerly known as the Iowa Police Executive Forum. Also, our new name better reflects who we are today: certified Peace Officers of every rank serving Iowa in local, state and federal agencies.

I am now busy working on the details of those changes and documents that will need to be changed. Our Web Domain will be changed to iowapeaceofficers.org in the near future. However, we will continue to use the iowachiefs.org as well. Look for a new web page this summer as this transition takes place. We will benefit from these changes by reducing our monthly cost to host the new web page.

This is our second joint issue of Iowa Law Enforcement and The Gold Star magazines. We are off to a good start, but we still need to see some growth in the number of ads we sell to make it work. As always, we welcome hearing from you, the Members. Our Fall magazine will be on-line only. You will be able to access it from our new web page, iowapeaceofficers.org.

At our Conference Business Meeting, the by-laws recommendation to increase our dues by $10 was approved and will take effect with the new fiscal year beginning September 1, 2010. While we have reduced our expenses the past several years, we have also seen a significant reduction in revenues from our fund raising activities. An increase in the dues will reduce our future reliance on fund raising. I will be mailing out membership renewal statements to the local departments, as well as individuals, in August & September. For those who have individual memberships, this mailing will again include your membership card. However, it will not become active until your dues are received. It would be great to have the dues mailed in by 11/1/10, unlike this past year where we spent six months collecting some of the dues. Please consider taking care of your renewal as soon as the cards arrive.

At the Conference, Dr. George Thompson’s two-day “Verbal Judo” seminar was an excellent training session. It was great to see those familiar faces in the audience, and we also had some new, first-time attendees. But we would like to see more of the membership at these training programs. This training is practical and beneficial to any officer from any department. Those that attended now have another skill to bring into play while serving the public.

The Board will be meeting in late June. If you have ideas or suggestions for future conferences, please contact one of your board members or send them to me and I will distribute them to the entire board. We want to find a way to encourage more of our members to attend these training conferences, I welcome hearing from you.

Have a fantastic summer, enjoy some vacation and most importantly...Stay Safe.

Terry Dehmlow

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The 2010 legislative session came to a close on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 – one day ahead of the scheduled adjournment on March 31. All bills that were approved have been sent to the Governor for his consideration. By law, he has 30 days to act on them.

In 2010, many of the Association’s legislative priorities were achieved. These priorities are summarized below.

1. We support the proposed changes to the MFPRSI – 411 system should be adopted as proposed. We oppose any changes to IPERS protected class benefits and move to ensure the class remains fully funded.

   HF 2518 – Retirement Systems: HF 2518 (formerly HF 2502) makes some of the changes to the various state retirement systems that were proposed by the Public Retirement Study Committee, including MFPRSI. Although the Study Committee recommended the inclusion of overtime as wages, as well as increases to the employee contribution rate, the committee declined to accept those changes for MFPRSI. Thus, the current rate will remain unchanged.

   Several changes were made to the bill to address the cities’ concerns over the cost of the pension bill. Those changes include: eliminating the benefits advisory committee for the 411 system and adding similar responsibilities to the 411 Board to consider each year (similar to the IPERS Board duties).

   HF 2518 was approved by both the House and the Senate and signed by the Governor in April.

2. We support legislation that would hold club or bar owners responsible for activities that take place in their parking lots or outdoor property.

   HF 788 – Alcohol Control Changes: HF 788 contains several changes to the alcohol beverage control law under Iowa Code Chapter 123. HF 788 was originally introduced in 2009, but failed to pass both chambers before the conclusion of the session. The bill contains changes in relation to minors in possession of alcohol and requires parental notification when possible. Additionally, current law prohibits a licensee from knowingly permitting or engaging in criminal activity on the premises of the licensed establishment, and the bill further defines “premises” to include the parking lot or areas adjacent to the premises authorized to sell alcoholic beverages. Businesses licensed for off-premises consumption (grocery and convenience stores) are exempt. HF 788 was signed by the Governor.

3. We oppose any efforts by the Attorney General’s office to change the administrative rules as it pertains to the percentages received from forfeited or seized funds.

   The Justice System Appropriations Bill – SF 2378 - was approved by the full House and Senate and was sent to the Governor. The provision codifying the 90/10 split of forfeiture funds was included in the bill. This codification supersedes the Attorney General’s rules which attempted to change the split. Any future changes to the allocation would require legislative approval.

4. We support the continued exploration of a shared complex for regional Fire and Law Enforcement training that would facilitate the common training interests of both groups.

Discussions with legislative leaders regarding this concept are ongoing.

5. Currently, assaults on Public Safety Personnel (with the exception of those in a correctional facility) with the use of bodily fluids are prosecuted as Serious Misdemeanors. Due to the dangers of disease transmission we feel that any person who commits an assault as defined under section 708.1 against a peace officer, health care provider, employee of DHS, employee of the Department of Revenue, or firefighter, and with knowledge as such, commits an Aggravated Misdemeanor for saliva, or a “D” Felony for blood, seminal fluid, urine, or feces.

   No 2010 activity. We will continue to work with leaders of the Public Safety and Judiciary Committees to educate them on the importance of this change in law.

Legislation

HF 2456 – Texting Ban. HF 2456 creates the offense of texting while driving. The House and Senate were not able to agree on a version of the bill, so it was sent to a conference committee. The committee met several times and ultimately crafted a report that both chambers adopted. The texting ban includes:

- Banning receiving and sending of text based messages.
- Restrictions and penalties of graduated licenses.
- Exemptions for public safety personnel in the performance of their duties.
- Exemptions for trucking and other transportation industries that receive communications in the performance of their employment.
- Texting would be a secondary offense punishable as a scheduled violation.

The Governor signed HF 2456 on Thursday, April 1, 2010. The law will take effect July 1.

HF 2233: Alcohol Offenses. This bill permits persons convicted of certain alcohol offenses (public intox and underage possession) (See Legislative Session continued on Page 15)
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to have their record expunged after two years if the person has no other convictions (other than simple misdemeanors). HF 2233 was signed by the Governor on March 10, 2010.

HF 2382: Employee Choice of Doctor
This bill would allow members of MFPRSI to choose their own treating physician when injured in the line of duty. HF 2382: failed to pass the Iowa House.

HF 2378: Escape From Custody. HF 2378 makes the penalty for escape from custody consistent regardless of the underlying offense. Under current law, the penalty for escape is related to the level of crime of the underlying offense. HF 2378 would make any escape from custody a Class D felony. HF 2378 failed to pass the House.

SF 2273 – Electronic Car Title and Registration. This bill would require the DOT to study the issues related to electronic vehicle registration and titles. Initially, the bill required a three county pilot project. SF 2273 was signed by the Governor.

SF 2252 – Juvenile Justice Planning Advisory Council. This bill would increase the membership of the advisory council from 23 to 25 members. Additionally, the bill expands the organizations represented on the Council and specifically includes the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers. SF 2252 failed to pass the House.

HF 2287 – Simulated Public Intoxication. This bill was a recommendation from the Criminal Code Reorganization Study Committee. It moves the offense of simulated intoxication to its own new Code section and in doing so it eliminates the alcohol requirement. In discussions with legislators on the subcommittee, they believe this will also help law enforcement arrest those who may be under the influence of controlled substances, as those behaviors may resemble intoxication. HF 2287 was signed by the Governor on March 15, 2010.

SF 2095: Law Enforcement Duties. SF 2095 (the successor to SF 2027) permits an ILEA certified law enforcement officer to administer oaths, acknowledge signatures, and take voluntary testimony. SF 2095 was signed by the Governor on March 19, 2010.

SF 2352: Holding Incapacitated Persons. This bill, referred to as the “Ed Thomas Bill,” requires that a hospital notify law enforcement prior to releasing a person who has been hospitalized due to mental illness or substance abuse if law enforcement has indicated the person will be arrested upon release. SF 2352 was signed by the Governor on March 24, 2010.

SF 2062: Early Retirement. This bill establishes an early retirement incentive plan for eligible employees of the executive and judicial branches. Any employee who accepts the incentive plan would no longer be eligible for further employment with the State. SF 2062 was signed by the Governor on February 10, 2010.

SF 2198: Eluding. SF 2198 would make it an aggravating misdemeanor for a driver to willfully fail to stop for a marked police car or to attempt to elude the officer and, in doing so, endangering the safety or other persons and property. SF 2198 failed to pass the Senate.

SF 2357: Domestic Abuse/ Weapons. SF 2357 prohibits an individual who is subject to a permanent protective order from possessing firearms or ammunition. If the order is lifted, the gun rights would be restored. Additionally, an individual who is convicted of misdemeanor domestic abuse that involves physical contact or a deadly weapon is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition permanently. SF 2357 was signed by the Governor on March 22, 2010.

SF 2379: Weapons Permits. SF 2379 changes Iowa’s weapons permit law by restricting the discretion of county sheriffs in issuing permits to carry concealed weapons. Currently, an Iowa sheriff has broad discretion in determining whether an applicant will be issued such a permit. Under the bill, criteria are created that, if met, would entitle an applicant to a permit. Such a permit would be valid for five (5) years. Additionally, reciprocity provisions were added that would allow Iowa to recognize permits issued by other states. SF 2379 was signed by the Governor.

HF 426: Law Enforcement Accidents. HF 426 prohibits insurance companies from counting auto accidents by reserve peace officers when the accident was in the line of duty. This protection already exists for law enforcement officers. HF 426 was signed by the Governor on March 22, 2010.

HF 2197: Veterans Holiday. HF 2197 requires employers to provide Veterans Day off to employees who are veterans. The employer can choose whether to provide this time off as paid or unpaid. Additionally, the employee must provide documentation of their veteran status, and provide notice of their request to have the day off at least 30 days in advance.

HF 2197 was amended by the Senate to allow employers to disapprove the day off if it would impact public health or safety, or cause a significant economic or operational disruption. An employer exercising this option must provide notice to the affected employee(s) at least 10 days prior to the day off being requested. HF 2197 was signed by the Governor.
Conference 2010 featured

The Iowa DOT Color Guard opened Conference 2010 in Pleasant Hill.

Sioux City P.D. members attended the Conference.

DOT Chief David Lorenzen served as Conference chair.

Gus Farmer, finance/membership committee.

Verbal Judo President/founder George Thompson taught the 2-day seminar himself.

Conference Memorial Service honored members who died since Conference 2009

Neil G. Newton, Osage Police
Harold Glann, Des Moines Police
Capt. James Schreiner, Burlington Police
Clarence L. Hackeft, Estherville Police
Raymond Hunt, Des Moines Police
Raymond Morrical, Sioux City Police
Donald Hoffman, Ottumwa Police
James Moran, Des Moines Police
Edward Hillebrand, Davenport Police
Gerald Wells, Des Moines Police
Edward Carpenter, Iowa DOT
Glen Wilson, Mason City Police
Franklin Murray, Des Moines Police

Iowa Law Enforcement
“Doc Rhino,” new name.

George Thompson used street language, graphic videos and humor to make his points. Above right, Baord member Ted Stroope.

Lobbyist Kellie Paschke.

Association President Bill Melville.

Conference chairman DOT Chief Lorenzen.

At the annual business meeting, Association members voted in favor of changing our name to the Iowa Peace Officers Association.
The Iowa Department of Public Safety annually recognizes outstanding traffic safety contributions by individuals with the Commissioner’s Special Award for Traffic Safety. This year’s awards were presented March 25 at the annual Governor’s Highway Traffic Safety Conference in Coralville. Selection was based on a commitment to traffic safety and service provided beyond routine duties, creativity of approach, and effectiveness of a traffic safety program or campaign.

To be considered for an award, individuals must have contributed in a leadership role to traffic safety issues through promotion and awareness in his or her area of expertise.

This year’s recipients are:

The officers of the Clear Lake Police Department, which has greatly improved its traffic safety program this past year and achieved a 95% compliance rate (rounded down to the nearest 5%) for seat belt use in Clear Lake. This achievement could not have been attained without the efforts of all the Clear Lake police officers. Lieutenant Deb Ryg runs the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau Traffic Safety Grant, and her organization and hard work managing the program contributed greatly to the success realized in the Clear Lake community.

Officer Greg Casey, Council Bluffs Police Department, has been with Council Bluffs Police for almost seven years. During his tenure, Officer Casey has consistently enforced traffic laws and shown an interest in this facet of law enforcement. He is currently assigned to the Special Operations/Traffic Unit working the overnight shift. In 2009, Officer Casey arrested 113 impaired drivers and issued 915 citations. He leads the Council Bluffs P.D. in arrests for impaired drivers, and has a nearly perfect conviction record. He is definitely an asset to Council Bluffs Police and model officer for the Traffic Unit.

Clear Lake P.D. achieves 97% seat belt usage

by Lt. Deb Ryg
Clear Lake P.D.

Since 2006 the Clear Lake Police Department has been participating in the 410 Grant, which is a program offered by the State of Iowa as an incentive to keeping our highways safe.

The grant allows law enforcement to focus more attention on the streets and highways and keeping drivers safe.

The 410 Program stresses the importance of reducing traffic-related property damage, personal injury and fatal crashes. Clear Lake Police Department has enforced these laws by stopping motorists who are speeding, driving impaired, not wearing safety belts and any other moving violations. These drivers are either issued a warning or citation for the traffic violation.

After three years of working with the 410 Grant, the City of Clear Lake has achieved a 97% compliance rate for driver’s wearing their safety belts. This number was compiled after completing two seat belt surveys in 2009, one in August and one in September. These surveys were done at one major highway intersection and one highly traveled intersection.

The Clear Lake Police Department works hard to enforce Iowa’s laws and continues to move forward in keeping Iowa’s roadways safe.

The 410 Grant allows Clear Lake to spend more time enforcing traffic violations, in turn making the city a better, safer place.

Clear Lake P.D. was recognized by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau for improving its community’s seat belt compliance rate to 97 percent. The Clear Lake officers most responsible for this achievement, who worked with the 410 Grant, are: (front row, left to right) Officer Jake Thomas, Officer Kevin Borrill, Officer Tory Reimann, and Det. Paul Chizek. Back row: Chief Greg Peterson, Lt. Deb Ryg, Officer Jerry Schade, and Officer Dean Anderson.
Officer Derek Grooters, Ames Police Department, was ranked No. 1 in the Department for issuing 358 citations. He was also ranked No. 1 out of 12 on his shift in answering 913 calls for service, and No. 1 in reports typed with 197. He recently became certified in Accident Reconstruction, and one of his many duties was to identify areas of concern on Highway 30 where there has been an increase of confused drivers traveling in the wrong direction. As a result of numerous head-on collisions, Officer Grooters showed the passion to thoroughly research what was happening on the roadway and met with various officials to review these findings and develop solutions.

Officer Jessica Jensen, Johnston Police Department, has an excellent understanding of the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing procedure, laws of arrest and court decisions regarding OWI cases. During calendar year 2009, Officer Jensen arrested 31 individuals for OWI as well as investigated at least 12 other possible occurrences of OWI. Because of her thorough and methodical investigations, her cases have withstood challenges by “high profile” defense attorneys. In addition to her work with regard to OWI enforcement, Officer Jensen wrote 387 citations during her traffic enforcement activities in 2009.

Officer Steve Nore, Johnston Police Department, is knowledgeable and aggressive in his traffic enforcement activities. During the course of 2009, Officer Nore wrote 509 citations for various traffic offenses. Many of these have resulted in other non-traffic related charges as well, since he has the training and knowledge to ascertain the situation and identify impaired drivers. Officer Nore works the 3-11 shift, which is not noted for a high incidence of OWI violations. However, he made three OWI arrests and investigated other potential OWI cases during the year.

Dylan T. Rumph, Mar-Mac Police, has been with the Mar-Mac Unified Law Enforcement District since November 2006. Officer Rumph leads the department in traffic contacts, OWI arrests, and drug interdiction stops. Chief Randall A. Grady says, “Since becoming a member of my department, he has gone above and beyond what I expect from a patrolman in day to day operations.” In 2008, Officer Rumph was assigned the task of coordinating a 321K Safety checkpoint. The project was a huge success. In 2009, the Monona Police Department held a 321K project in their city and Officer Rumph was a tremendous asset in assisting them in the planning and operations phase of the project. Officer Rumph looks beyond the traffic stop with a proactive concern for additional arrests and search warrants relating to impaired driving.

Trooper Andrew Albright, Iowa State Patrol – District 8, had an outstanding enforcement year. He drives an unmarked Dodge Charger and utilized this tool to its fullest potential. Trooper Albright works diligently to identify drivers who fail to wear their occupant restraints, as well as alcohol and speed violations that may jeopardize the lives of other motorists.

A total of 516 occupant restraint citations, 628 speed citations, 28 narcotics arrests, 22 OWI’s and 399 other citations were the result of his efforts. The importance of roadway safety is forefront in Trooper Albright’s mind.

Trooper Brian Beenen, Iowa State Patrol – District 3, has been a driving force in taking impaired drivers off the roadways in Southwest Iowa. His efforts in removing these impaired drivers helps reduce the number of traffic-related fatalities each year. Trooper Beenen made 58 OWI arrests in 2009, compared to the district average of nine. He had a total of 182 occupant restraint citations, compared to the district average of 121. He has a great working relationship with the county attorneys that oversee his cases. He is a veteran officer with many years of road enforcement experience, and maintains an extremely high level of commitment to the overall efforts of the Iowa State Patrol.

Trooper Ryan Dolf, ISP – District 13, has done an outstanding job assisting District #13 in accomplishing the initiatives set forth by the District and Department. He demonstrates a conscientious attitude towards his enforcement duties, which is reflected by the quality of his work. He was at or near the top of the District in many enforcement categories. He led District 13 with 904 speed citations and was second in seat belts with 110 citations. He again led the District with a total of 1,293 citations and 2,817 total enforcement contacts. Trooper Dolf is a strongly motivated officer who is well rounded and maintains a high (GTSB Awards continued on Page 20)
Senior Trooper Dan Schaefer, ISP – District 9, issued more than 1,400 traffic citations during 2009. He is diverse in his enforcement activities, as he issued 774 speeding citations, 155 seat belt citations, 15 child restraint citations and arrested 7 drivers for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. He also issued 16 citations for open container and used his PBT 24 times. He is very aware of commercial vehicle regulations and inspected 24 commercial vehicles. The results of those inspections placed five drivers out of service. Senior Trooper Dan Schaefer is an outstanding example of dedicated traffic enforcement.

Trooper Robert Smith, Iowa State Patrol – District 12, issued 208 speeding citations, 45 OWI arrests, 103 occupant restraint citations, 103 non-traffic citations and various other citations for a total of 954 uniform citations in 2009. He also issued 538 total memorandums for traffic violations and equipment repair cards for a combined total of 1,492 total enforcement contacts. Trooper Robert Smith exceeded his peers in District 12 by over 400% in the area of apprehending impaired drivers. His willingness to adjust his schedule so that he can direct his enforcement efforts towards alcohol related events definitely speaks volumes on his dedication to traffic safety.

Trooper Eric Van Zee, Iowa State Patrol – District 11, led the District in the apprehension of speed violators, issuing 633 citations. He also issued more than 15% of the entire districts total in seat belt citations with 225. His enforcement efforts extend beyond the initial reason for the stop, demonstrated by his total enforcement citations of 1,233. In addition to the charges that were cited, he also took action by issuing 930 warnings for minor infractions of the law. This makes his total enforcement contacts 2,163. In addition, he arrested 14 drunk drivers, issued 3 citations for child restraint, and assisted over 117 stranded motorists. Trooper Van Zee has recently completed extensive Drug Recognition Training to further enhance his ability to identify and remove drugged drivers from the highway. Trooper Van Zee’s service to the citizens of the State of Iowa had a direct impact on the safety of motorists traveling on Iowa’s roadways.

Trooper Karen Yaneff, Iowa State Patrol – District 6, works primarily in Woodbury and Plymouth Counties, which are listed in the top 22 counties for fatalities. She has been dedicated to the point of spending a lot of her own time catching up on reports from the shift before so she can “hit the ground running” when her next shift starts. In 2009, she made 18 drunk driver arrests and revoked two subjects for the .02 violation. Eleven of the OWI arrests were determined to be drivers that were operating under the influence of drugs other than alcohol. She also filed 12 charges for open container and 17 narcotics arrests. She made 74 arrests for driving while license suspended, of which 13 were for driving while license revoked for OWI. Always looking to be proactive, she filed 217 combined seat belt and child restraint citations. Total arrests for 2009 were 877 and she also issued 1,098 total traffic memorandums. Trooper Yaneff has truly made a solid impact in the area of traffic safety in Northwest Iowa.

The Central Iowa Traffic Safety Task Force, (CITSTF) is a consortium of Polk and Dallas County law enforcement agencies partnering to address identified, data driven crash and driver behavior problem areas across Polk and Dallas counties. They are a model for multi-jurisdictional enforcement efforts across the region. Starting with just a few cooperative multi-agency events a year the task force now coordinates nearly 20 events per year, focusing on Iowa’s major contributors to death and serious injury including occupant protection compliance, impaired driving and speed. In 2009, Polk County was the second leading county in Iowa in terms of fatality reductions from 2008, boasting 11 fewer traffic deaths, and experiencing their lowest fatality year in more than a decade. Agencies participating: Ankeny P.D., Altoona P.D. Clive P.D., Dallas Co. S.O., Des Moines P.D., Iowa DOT Enforcement, Iowa Gov.’s Traffic Safety Bureau, Iowa DNR Parks, Iowa DPH Bureau of EMS, Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Iowa National Guard, Iowa State Patrol, Johnston P.D., Pleasant Hill P.D., Polk City P.D., Polk County S.O., Urbandale P.D., Waukee P.D., West Des Moines P.D., Windsor Heights P.D.

The Iowa State Patrol Safety Education Unit presented more than 6,000 programs, educating over 1.5 million people in 2009. In addition to their Internet Crimes and Crime Prevention Programs, they presented the following traffic safety programs: 801 Alcohol Programs, 790 Seat Belt Programs, 368 Defensive Driving Classes, 312 Bicycle Safety Programs, 214 Drugs/Substance Abuse Programs, 125 Child Safety Seat Programs, 474 Other Traffic Safety Programs. Each Safety Education Officer believes that both enforcement and education are equally important in accomplishing the goal of reducing the loss of lives. Congratulations to all award recipients.