

# The DPS Quarterly

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## Commissioner's Comments

By Commissioner Bill Tandeske

As I write this message, the legislature is currently in special session. Although they have not yet adjourned for the year, I am confident that DPS has again made significant program gains. There were many individuals within the department who contributed to our successes.

I would be remiss if I did not specifically recognize individuals whose significant efforts enabled us to achieve our goals.

Administrative Services Director **Dan Spencer** spent countless hours working through our budget process and representing us at committee hearings. This

required producing responses to questions on short notice and "working the halls" to make our needs known. Budget Analyst **Joan Kasson** was the source of the majority of the data and written material produced in this process.

Special Assistant **Cliff Stone** joined DPS this year and did a marvelous job working with legislative offices to promote legislation favorable to our department and expressing our concern with impeding legislation that was not.

Lt. Todd Sharp stepped up to the challenge of acting as the legislative liaison for AST this session. Simply stated, he  
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Governor Frank Murkowski attended Alaska Police Memorial Day on Friday, May 13. About the event, he commented, "On this occasion, we had the privilege to acknowledge and recognize not only those officers who have fallen in the line of duty, but also those officers currently serving the citizens of Alaska. The ceremony honors those who serve in all capacities: federal, state, and local police departments, our courts, jails, military police, in our parks and on our seas. This ceremony honors the courage and dedication of all law enforcement officers, it is a tribute to those who carry on. It is our opportunity to say thank you to those who protect and serve. My administration is committed to protecting our citizens and it could not be done without these dedicated men and women and for that, I salute you."

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did an outstanding job and represented the department in the highest traditions of AST.

**Capt. Al Storey** who served as our legislative liaison last year continued his valuable contributions to the process in support of the Commissioner's Office.

Criminal Justice Planner **Jana Stewart** of Statewide Services provided outstanding analysis of proposed legislation, including viable options for problematic proposals.

**Director Gary Powell** and **Assistant State Fire Marshal Bill Bettac** teamed up to handle all of the DFP legislation this year. Their efforts were much appreciated as well.

The value of the contributions provided by these individuals cannot be overstated. The legislative process is a difficult one. It takes a tremendous amount of energy, patience and commitment to succeed as we have in this process.

Our budget "theme" this year was to build on our previous year's budget success and strengthen core services throughout the department. Some highlights of our FY06 budget successes include:

- Funding for new bargaining unit contract provisions
- Eight new State Trooper positions. (five funded from general funds/three funded with federal funds source)
- Four new Court Services Officers (2 in Anchorage, 1 in Palmer, 1 in Fairbanks)
- Crime Scene Forensic Technicians for (Palmer and Fairbanks)
- Crime Lab Latent Examiner
- State Trooper housing (Bethel, Aniak, Unalakleet, Emmonak, McGrath)
- Statewide Services Information Security Officer
- Statewide Services Criminal Justice Technician and Admin Clerk
- New Trooper office between Wasilla and Houston (does NOT eliminate the Palmer office or increase the number of positions in Mat-Su)
- Funding for new office lease in Anchor Point
- Funding for pilot training

- Increased funding for Trooper recruitment efforts
- Upgrades for fire training centers in Fairbanks and Juneau including a new fire truck for training
- Federal funding to allow the Division of Fire Prevention to create two new positions to provide ongoing training and support to the Code Red project (rural "fire department in a box" project)
- Obtained additional funding for the ABC Board budget to correct recurring shortages and fund fingerprinting requirements for licensees
- Obtained approximately 1.4 million dollars of general funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) to more than cover the loss of other funding sources

While this list is not all-inclusive, clearly we were able to accomplish our budget objectives. Our progress is the result of lots of hard work by many members of our team. That said, without question, the support we receive as a department is largely due to the service we provide to our constituents and the reputation of our department and employees.

I would like to put into perspective what we have accomplished for the Division of Alaska State Troopers in the past two years. Through a combination of state and federal funding and reorganization of existing department resources, we have added 34 new State Trooper and 10 new Court Services Officer positions. All new positions focus on the core missions identified for AST. I hope that our members realize that the course we have charted for the department is receiving solid support from lawmakers as well as the public.

Our focus this summer is to recruit and hire quality individuals who will make long-term contributions to the department's ability to provide high quality professional services to the citizens we serve.

The addition of Crime Scene Forensic Technicians for Fairbanks and Palmer offers exciting possibilities for support of local police departments as well as our own personnel. Along the same lines we are working to obtain federal funding to expand the Crime Lab. Strengthening our ability to provide highly professional fo-

rensic services on the ground where crime is occurring will go a long way towards utilizing the latest technologies and techniques in solving some of the more serious crimes in this state.

We have had exceptional successes in these areas and expect to see even more as we push the expertise closer to the investigations. The work these folks do in all areas of forensic science is phenomenal and is often the final "nail in the coffin" that takes some of our most serious criminals off the street.

The expansion of Trooper housing in rural posts is a huge commitment by the department to support our personnel and their families who make sacrifices during transfers. Rural law enforcement services is one of the six core missions of AST. By investing in additional rural personnel and housing, we are reaffirming our status as the primary public safety entity in those areas.

The addition of an information security position in the Division of Statewide Services in the 06 budget and the addition of a dedicated webmaster this year will make some critically important contributions to the department.

The way the world comes to us has changed in many ways and not all of them are good. Earlier this year the state network suffered a series of attacks that brought to light a critical need to change both physical network security and information security practices. As our contribution to that effort and to address changing federal requirements, we sought and obtained funding for an information security position. In my view, one of the most critical tools for all of law enforcement in this state is timely and accurate information. Keeping our information and the systems that deliver it secure and uncompromised is a major part of insuring that the "cop on the street" has reliable access to the information that is so critical to their job and to their safety.

The webmaster position was put in place because we recognized that, in large part, the way the world comes to us now is via the internet. While we have thought this to be the case for some time, we are now able to see it clearly demonstrated in recruitment numbers. As the year goes

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forward you will see a complete overhaul of both our public web presence and of our intranet.

The public web presence is essential to recruiting new Troopers, CSOs and VPSOs and to providing useful information to the public and is a tool we have neglected for far too long. The more services we can deliver via the Internet, the more we can focus on our core missions.

Similarly, the improvements to the intranet will be completely directed toward making your jobs easier and insuring that information that is important to our own employees is readily available and simpler to use.

The Division of Fire Prevention has had some great successes so far this year. They continue to push the Code Red project out into more communities in rural Alaska. They also started two new prevention initiatives that are already seeing excellent results.

First, they have begun a project to bring fire safety education into the assisted living community. This will take a three-pronged approach by providing fire safety education to residents, their fami-

lies and to the home operators, each getting information and materials relative to their role.

Second, the Home Fire Safety Improvement project is well underway and has already resulted in at least 11 documented saves. This project is designed to push fire safety education, normally focused on larger public audiences, down to the home level and is targeted at communities that have suffered recent fire fatalities.

This project touches both rural and urban communities from Anchorage to Huslia. The project takes local volunteers who are sometimes fire department personnel, and trains them to go back to their communities and literally knock on doors and provide fire safety education and fire safety equipment such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, surge protectors, CO detectors, and escape ladders, directly to the occupants of the residences visited. Each community is limited to 100 homes. That means that every one of the 93 homes in Huslia was visited.

The fact that we have already documented 11 lives saved is a pretty exciting return on investment for this project.

It takes a lot to keep these and the myriad of other responsibilities this agency has going and to insure that it is all done well. It should be clear that considerable time and effort has been invested to provide the necessary tools and funding to support the mission of all DPS divisions and programs. We will continue to work in support of our core missions and employees.

We are all in this together as a team. All of the accomplishments made this year are the result of ideas, thoughts, or observations from every level of this organization. I can't tell you how important it is for you to share those ideas, thoughts and observations up through the organization so that we can all enjoy the benefit.

Every one of you has much to contribute to our ability to continue to provide highly professional and relevant services to our citizens and to continue to be the best department out there.

I am extremely proud to be a part of this organization because of all of you and the work you do each and every day. Thank you for all that you do. **T ■**

## Police Memorial Day 2005

BY JOHN GIACALONE, CRIMINALIST II

On May 13, 2005 the annual Alaska Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony took place in front of the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. The traditional picnic lunch sponsored by the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association, the Alaska Peace Officers Association, the Public Safety Employees Association and the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers was held before the event. After opening remarks and a speech by **The Honorable Governor Frank Murkowski**, the reading of the "Final Call" occurred. **AST Colonel Julia Grimes** and **APD Chief Walt Monegan** alternately announced, recognized, and commemorated the forty-two officers whose lives were lost since Statehood and during Territorial times. Alaska was fortunate

during 2004 not to have lost any of officers in the line of duty.

Nationally, 153 local, state, and federal officers lost their lives while on-duty in 2004. Their sacrifice and service was honored during National Police Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. It is hoped that we all carry their memory in our hearts and minds during our daily lives and that another name will never have to be added.

An excellent website of the Alaska Officers and the history behind their sacrifice can be found at [www.akpeaceofficermemorial.org](http://www.akpeaceofficermemorial.org). A huge thank you for organizing this day in which we remember our fallen officers is extended to **Greg Wilkinson**, the Alaska State Troopers, **Marlene Lammers**, the Anchorage Police Department, all the of-

ficers and dignitaries in attendance, the Military Police Rifle Team from Ft. Richardson, the Air Force Band of the Pacific, **Jim Dove**, and the staff of the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. **■**



Police Memorial Day 2005

# Police Memorial Day, May 2005

## The Final Call

In memory of those officers whose lives were lost since Statehood, and to those whose lives were lost during Territorial times, we recognize and commemorate your service in Alaska. Forty-two officers have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizens of Alaska. May we all carry their memory in our hearts and minds as we carry out our duties, and hope we never have to add another name to this list of heroes. May they rest in peace.

**Doris Wayne Barber**

Sitka Police Dept. - July 28, 1960

**Roy Lee Hursey**

5010 Air Police Eielson AFB –  
February 27, 1963

**Leroy Garvin Bohuslov**

Dept. of Fish & Game - March 5, 1964

**Gary George Wohfiel**

Dept. of Fish & Game - March 5, 1964

**Donald Thomas Dull**

Juneau Police Dept. - October 19, 1964

**Kenneth Grant Nauska**

Craig Police Dept. - January 30, 1966

**Benjamin Franklin Strong**

Anchorage Police Dept. - January 4, 1968

**Thomas Charles Dillon**

Bethel Police Dept. - November 19, 1972

**Dennis Finbar Cronin**

Alaska State Troopers - February 18, 1974

**Earl Ray Hoggard**

Ketchikan Police Dept. - March 30, 1974

**Larry Robert Carr**

Alaska State Troopers - December 11, 1974

**Frank Stuart Rodman**

Alaska State Troopers - December 11, 1974

**Jonathon Paul Flora**

Anchorage Police Dept. - September 8, 1975

**C. W. "Walt" Zann**

Alaska State Troopers – October 26, 1978

**Richard James Adair**

Juneau Police Dept. - April 17, 1979

**Jimmy Earl Kennedy**

Juneau Police Dept. - April 17, 1979

**Harry Edward Kier**

Anchorage Police Dept. - October 28, 1980

**Roland Edgar Chevalier, Jr.**

Alaska State Troopers - April 4, 1982

**John David Stimson**

Fish & Wildlife Protection - January 14, 1983

**Gordon Brewster Bartel**

Kodiak Police Dept. - January 15, 1983

**Troy Lynn Duncan**

Alaska State Troopers - May 19, 1984

**David Cameron Harris**

Ft. Richardson Military Police - July 23, 1984

**Ignatius John Charlie**

Alakanuk Police Dept. - May 10, 1985

**Harry Biddington Hanson**

Anchorage Police Dept. - July 17, 1986

**Ronald Eugene Zimin**

So. Naknek Public Safety - October 22, 1986

**Louie Gordon Mizelle**

Anchorage Police Dept. - June 6, 1989

**Anthony Crawford Jones**

Dillingham Police Dept. - February 12, 1992

**Karl William Reishus**

Juneau Police Dept. - May 4, 1992

**C. E. "Swack" Swackhammer**

Alaska State Troopers - October 11, 1994

**Robert Lee Bittick**

Alaska State Troopers - October 11, 1994

**Dan Richard Seely**

Anchorage Police Dept. - October 26, 1996

**Bruce Allen Heck**

Alaska State Troopers - January 10, 1997

**John Kevin Lamm**

Fairbanks Police Dept. - January 1, 1998

**David Calvin Churchill**

Fish & Wildlife Protection

– September 16, 1998

**Richard Ivan Luht, Jr.**

IRS Criminal Investigations Division

January 31, 1999

**James Arland Rowland Jr.**

Palmer Police Department – May 15, 1999

**James Arthur Moen**

Fish & Wildlife Protection - June 25, 2001

**Justin T. Wollam**

Anchorage Police Department - July 9, 2001

**Hans-Peter Lothar Roelle**

Alaska State Troopers – November 24, 2001

**James Hesterberg**

Department of Corrections

– November 19, 2002

**Thomas Patrick O'Hara**

National Parks Service – December 19, 2002

**John Patrick Watson**

Kenai Police Department

– December 25, 2003 ■

## *Policeman's Prayer*

When I start my tour of duty God  
wherever crime may be,  
as I walk the darkened streets alone,  
let me be close to Thee.

Please give me understanding  
with both the young and old,  
let me listen with attention  
until their story's told.

Let me never make a judgment  
in a rash or callous way,  
but let me hold my patience,  
let each man have his say.

Lord, if some dark and dreary night,  
I must give up my life,  
Lord, with your understanding love,  
protect my children and wife.

Author Unknown ■

Every 53 hours in America, a law enforcement officer gives his or her life to protect our safety and security. Each of these fallen heroes is honored at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Memorial is a richly deserved tribute to more than 16,500 officers who have died in the line of duty. For those whom the fallen leave behind, the Memorial is a solemn and sacred place: It is where we respect, honor and remember the men and women who placed our safety and welfare above their own.

During 2004, 153 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. These brave men and women died while protecting our homes, our streets and our communities. Their names were added to the Memorial during National Police Week, May 15-21, 2005. Every year during National Police Week, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund honors our fallen law enforcement heroes. More than 20,000 law enforcement officers, surviving family members and friends of law enforcement gather each year for the Annual Candlelight Vigil. ■



# A Girdwood Thank You

INTRODUCTION BY COL. JULIA GRIMES

*Sgt. Bill Welch found the following poem taped to the door of Girdwood Post. It is an anonymous but clearly heartfelt "thank you" from a citizen, to Troopers and police officers. My thought is that Sgt. Welch or one of his Troopers may have had a very positive contact*

*with this citizen or their family that may have prompted the poem. Perhaps the author just experienced a "reality check" as happens to us all, and realized how much you are on the front lines everyday, providing protection and responding to calls for service.*

*Either way, we receive precious few of these expressions of gratitude and recognition, and I wanted to share it with all Troopers and all administrative staff that support AST daily.*

When I see your flashing lights directly in my rear-view mirror, I growl and grumble just like everyone else. And when I hear of you enforcing a bad law, or a law I don't like (could they be the same?), my reaction can best be described as, "Weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

I believe in human nature, too. That it is human nature to do what is truly right. I don't believe we need a lot of commandments, or tiny laws about personal behaviors, or "the Strong Arm of the Law" to keep humanity's "baser" or "Godless" nature in check. So I wonder why you have to be at all.

But then my car meets another's on the road in an impactful way, and there you are, bringing a calming caring to your duties of getting the details and seeing that the requirements of the laws are met.

And there you are when a madman climbs on top of a car in mid-town waving a gun around. And there you are walking carefully up to the car parked on the side of the road that has been weaving dangerously in and out of traffic for the last several miles, with windows tinted so darkly that you can't see what waits for you inside.

And there you are when someone hurts another, when someone harms or takes the property of another, when someone decides that control by any means necessary is more important in their relationships than love.

And I remember that we humans often, due to circumstance, or illness or for whatever reason or non-reason, forget our inborn connection to the Divine, ignore our higher nature, give in to that potential which also lies within each of our natures

to do true evil and act in ways that endanger others, and that do real harm to all of us.

And then I'm grateful from my heart and soul that you are there.

My far-too-quickly-to-be-22-year-old-son (after all, aren't I still only 16?) calls you one of "The New Knights", "The True Protectors of the Realm." And I think he has the right of it.

I thank you with all of my being for making the decisions that have led you here. For being a "cop" or a "trooper". For being willing to step into the darkest of our potentials.

"To walk into hell for a heavenly cause," and strive to serve and protect us all. And I pray you will always be held in the hand of Divinity, and returned safely to those you love at the end of each and every day. Thank you, and blessed be! ■

## Every Day Is A Training Day

BY LT. LEE OLY

As you might know, **Colonel Julia Grimes, Cpl. Chad Goeden** and I represented the Alaska State Troopers at the Memorial Ceremony for the four slain Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) who were killed 90 miles north of Edmonton Canada on March 3, 2005.

The ceremony was held in a building about the same size as the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage. There were 15,000 law enforcement officers from all over the world and 5,000 civilians in attendance. The 15,000 law enforcement officers marched approximately one kilometer in groups (called troops) of about one hundred, to the building where the memorial was being held. Needless to say, it was an impressive showing. The moving ceremony lasted

about two hours and was a true testimonial to the RCMPs organizational skills for putting together an event of this magnitude in seven days and having it come off flawlessly. There is no doubt that they are as proud to be RCMPs as we are to be Alaska State Troopers.

One of the RCMPs explained the sequence of events that occurred, which are dramatically different than what appeared in the newspapers. The following is what he told us to the best of my recollection.

On several occasions, the RCMPs had received complaints from citizens that the suspect had been firing an automatic weapon on his property. Automatic weapons are illegal in Canada. The RCMPs had been to the suspects' property in the past,

on similar complaints and found some illegal weapons, but not the automatic rifle. The RCMPs again went to the property on March 2, 2005, to investigate the possibility of the automatic weapon and found stolen vehicle parts and a marijuana grow. The suspect did not appear to be around.

On the evening of March 2, 2005, two RCMPs were assigned as perimeter watch on the suspects' ranch style residence, which included outbuildings; one of which was a Quonset-hut style structure. The watch was set, because the drug and vehicle investigators could not get there until the next day. On March 3, 2005, two other RCMPs, who had just arrived on location, were relieving the two RCMPs.

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Also, just arriving on location were two commercial vehicle RCMPs (also armed) who were going to start investigating and documenting, what was believed to be, the stolen vehicle parts. The four RCMPs, who were getting off and coming on duty, went into the Quonset hut for an unexplained reason(s). When they entered the Quonset hut, the suspect popped out of a hole in the ground (known as spider hole to Viet Nam Vets) and opened fire with a fully automatic 308, killing all four of the RCMPs. The suspect then exited the Quonset hut and opened fire on the two commercial vehicle RCMPs. One of them was still sitting on the passenger seat of a vehicle; a bullet(s) hit the "B" pillar of the vehicle and that RCMP received shrapnel and glass wounds to his facial area, but was not seriously injured. The second RCMP was in the process of pulling on his coveralls when the suspect came out of the Quonset hut and started firing. The suspect ran his magazine dry and while the suspect was reloading, the RCMP stood up, fired three rounds with his 9mm semiautomatic pistol at the suspect, who was about 20 yards away, hitting him all three times. The suspect, then fell/crawled back into the Quonset hut and eventually bled out.

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*... the suspect had a series of tunnels that lead from one building to next, each with a hidden covered "spider trap" type door.*

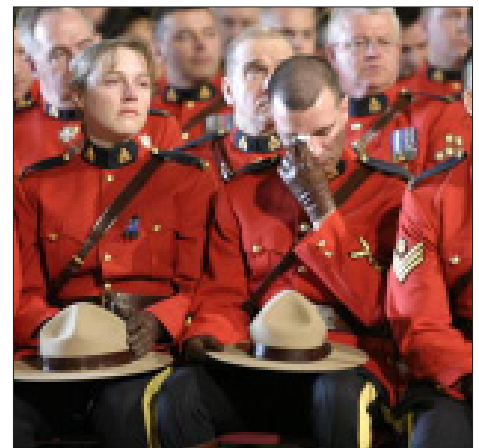
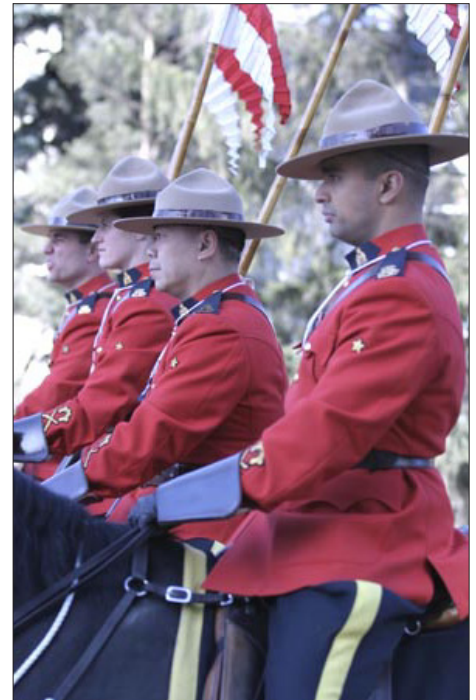
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It was originally thought the suspect committed suicide, however, an autopsy revealed that he died from the wounds inflicted by the RCMP, who, by the way, was on the RCMP "SWAT" team. It was later discovered that the suspect had a series of tunnels that lead from one building to next, each with a hidden covered "spider trap" type door. It was also later discovered that the suspect had at least eight 40 round magazines in his pockets. He obviously came for a gunfight.

Since I teach "Emotional Survival" and am preparing classes on the "Bullet Proof

Mind", I can only speculate that the first two RCMPs were tired from standing watch all night, anxious to go home, and had mentally started to shut down. The two RCMPs that were relieving them had not yet mentally spooled up, as they were possibly just getting their assignments. Add to that that all four were fairly new, with the most junior having not worked long enough to get his first paycheck as a constable. Therefore, when the suspect popped out of his spider hole, they didn't stand a chance. If there is any accuracy to this speculation, the moral of the story is, we can NEVER let our guard down and we must always stay in the game mentally.

*The Alaska State Troopers join their RCMP brothers in law enforcement in mourning the loss of their brothers. Editor.*



PHOTOS BY STEVE GIBSON, BC LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

# Division of Alaska State Troopers

## Matt Leveque Promoted to Major

Colonel Julia Grimes announced the promotion of Captain Matthew C. Leveque, Commander of Alaska Bureau of Investigation to Major, Director's Staff, Anchorage Headquarters. Major Leveque assumed the duties of the Administrative Commander effective June 1, 2005.

Colonel Grimes also announced that Major Howard Starbard has accepted the responsibilities of the Deputy Director of the Division of Alaska State Troopers, effective immediately. His leadership abilities are well established and will serve to provide the energy and continuity needed as we navigate this transition.

Capt. Leveque's experience and qualifications are impressive and are an example of an admirable willingness to have a well-rounded career in preparation for this most recent accomplishment.

He attended the DPS Academy in 1990 and was assigned to patrol duties in D Detachment, Fairbanks Post. In 1991, he transferred to Bethel Post. In 1993, he was promoted to Corporal and transferred to the DPS Academy as a Staff Instructor/Squad Leader.

Capt. Leveque was promoted to Sergeant in 1996, and was a Shift Supervisor and Detachment FTEP Coordinator at B Detachment, Palmer Post. In 1998, he transferred to Talkeetna Post as the Post Supervisor.

In 1999, Capt. Leveque was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned as DPS Academy Commander. He transferred to the AST Director's Staff in 2002 as the Legislative Liaison. In 2003, he was promoted to Captain and assigned as Commander of the newly created Alaska Bureau of Investigation.

Capt. Leveque is a former Marine Corps infantry officer and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Scranton with double majors in accounting and economics/finance. He is a graduate of the 205th session of the FBI National Academy. ■



In April, Colonel Julia Grimes travelled to a National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) Conference in Washington D.C., along with Lorie Dankers, Regional NHTSA Representative; and Tim DeSpain, AST Public Information Office. Col. Grimes made a presentation to the conference concerning the success of Alaska's DUI campaigns.

## Promotions

Colonel Julia Grimes is pleased to announce the following promotions to Sergeant and Corporal positions throughout the State:

**Trp. Robert Langendorfer**, B Detachment, Big Lake Post to Sergeant Wasilla ABADE effective March 1, 2005. Trp. Langendorfer attended the University of Alaska and graduated with an Associate's Degree in 1996. He joined the Alaska State Troopers in September 1996, and upon graduation from the Academy was stationed in Palmer. After the FTO program, Trp. Langendorfer was assigned OIC duty on numerous occasions. He became an FTO Officer in 1998. Also in 1998, he joined the Special Emergency Reaction Team (SERT). During this time he received extensive training in dealing with advanced tactical situations. He has attended basic, intermediate, and advanced SWAT schools.

In January 1999, he transferred to the Big Lake Post. He has worked independently on most occasions and has been assigned TDY to Glennallen and Talkeetna.

In January 2002, he attended and completed the Alaska State Trooper K-9

Academy. After the completion of the K-9 Academy, he received a dual-purpose patrol and narcotic dog.

In Sgt. Langendorfer's new assignment he will be responsible for direct supervision of the overall enforcement and administrative activities of the ABADE Unit, consisting of Troopers, Municipal Police Officers and a Non-Perm Trooper, and will conduct investigations of violation of Alaska Title 11 and 4 and Federal statutes relating to drug and alcohol violations to include illegal sale, distribution, importation, possession and conspiracy cases. In addition, he will also participate in undercover investigations, surveillance, serving search warrants, etc.

**Trp. N. Scott Carson**, ABWE Southeastern Region, Sitka Post to Corporal at the Public Safety Academy effective May 1, 2005. Trp. Scott Carson began his employment with the Department of Public Safety in 1998, as a Fish & Wildlife Aide in Valdez. He was hired by the Alaska State Troopers in March of 1999, and is a graduate of ALET 21. His strength and expertise include but are not limited to ABWE operations, fish and game laws

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and regulations, small vessel operations, outdoor survival, and search and rescue.

Trp. Carson was stationed in Anchorage from July 1999 to October 2000. He transferred to Petersburg in October 2000, and was there until June 2004, when he transferred to Sitka ABWE.

He has received training in Marine Law Enforcement, Advanced Marine Law Enforcement, Boating Accident Investigation and Analysis and Reid Basic Interviewing and Interrogation. He is a Field Training Officer and a Small Vessel Operator. He received the 2002 National Wild Turkey Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for Alaska and was the 2002 Fish & Wildlife Protection A Detachment Trooper of the Year. During his 11 years in the U.S. Army and Alaska Army National Guard, he was the Convoy Defense Course Instructor and the Physical Fitness Instructor.

In Cpl. Carson's new assignment he will be responsible for the supervision and evaluation of Academy students, providing specialized administrative support and training and will function as an Academy Instructor, developing training plans and testing devices used to evaluate the students' learning and performance.

**Trp. William Welch**, E Detachment, Girdwood Post to Sergeant, E Detachment, Girdwood Post effective March 1, 2005. Trp. Welch's professional career began in 1972, when he enlisted in the military. During his military career, he held many positions as a supervisor of large numbers of personnel and learned to deal with individuals from all walks of life. After 20 years of military service, he retired in 1992. He then held positions with the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, and Department of Education until he joined the Department of Public Safety in 1995. He attended ALETS #13.

Upon graduation, he was assigned to Palmer Post where he completed the FTO Program. He transferred to the Juneau Post in January 1997, and was assigned to the patrol section. Duties were to provide rural law enforcement to eight villages within the Southeast Region of the State. Trp. Welch was the VPSO Oversight Coordinator for VPSOs assigned to villages within the Juneau Post's patrol area. He

received training in Search and Rescue Operations and was assigned to oversee all Search and Rescue missions within the Juneau area.

Trp. Welch was selected as the A Detachment Trooper of the Year 1998, and also received a Certificate of Merit from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1999, for his participation in Search and Rescue Operations within the Southeast.

From November 1999, until the present, he has been assigned to Girdwood Post. He was appointed as the Search and Rescue Coordinator, the Breath Test Supervisor, and the Evidence Custodian for the Girdwood Post. On numerous occasions he has acted as OIC for the Girdwood Post in the absence of the Post Supervisor. While assigned to the Girdwood Post, he received a Certificate of Commendation from the Governor in 2000.

In Sgt. Welch's new assignment as Post Supervisor, he will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations, activities, schedules, reports, citations and complaints of the Patrol Troopers assigned to Girdwood. He will review daily reports and payroll time summaries, plan and schedule patrol assignments, and respond to Trooper calls for service when needed, and is responsible for Performance Evaluations being completed in a timely manner.

**Trp. James Truesdell**, E Detachment, Soldotna Post, to Sergeant E Detachment, Soldotna Post Patrol effective March 1, 2005. Trp. Truesdell graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in May 1985, with a B.S. in Engineering. He served in the U.S. Army from May 1985, until October 1991. He joined Airport Safety in February 1992, and attended the Public Safety Academy in March 1992. He then joined the Department in 1995, and was stationed in B Detachment, Palmer Post Patrol where he was the Intoximeter Supervisor, OIC, and Defensive Tactics Instructor.

He transferred to A Detachment, Ketchikan Post Patrol in September 1997, and became a Tactical Dive Unit member as well as a VPSO Oversight. When he transferred to E Detachment, Soldotna Post Patrol in 2001, he performed patrol

duties until he was assigned to the GIU/ABI Bureau in December. He then went back to Patrol and served as FTO, Datamaster Supervisor, OIC, SERT member, Rangemaster, and Tyonek Oversight.

Sgt. Truesdell will be one of four E Detachment's Soldotna Post Patrol Shift and Relief Shift Supervisors. Duties include overseeing the day-to-day operations, activities, schedules, reports, citations and complaints of the Patrol Troopers assigned to Soldotna Post. He will review daily reports and payroll time summaries, plan and schedule patrol assignments and respond to Trooper calls for service when needed, and is responsible for Performance Evaluations being completed in a timely manner. He will also respond to and investigate allegations of criminal conduct and traffic collisions. Cite and/or arrest perpetrators, and prepare comprehensive written reports and serve criminal and civil court process, transport prisoners, and testify in criminal and civil proceedings.

**Trp. Dane Gilmore**, E Detachment, Soldotna Post ABI to Sergeant E Detachment, Soldotna Post ABI effective March 1, 2005. Trp. Gilmore graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School in 1988, and attended the University of Alaska Anchorage where he received an Associate of Arts degree in General Education in 1992. He joined the Alaska State Troopers in 1993, and attended the Public Safety Training Academy Recruit Class 42.

Following graduation, he was assigned to Ketchikan Post for field training and first duty station. While in Ketchikan, he was assigned to patrol and served as the VPSO Oversight Trooper for the Village of Saxman. In 1997, he transferred to Delta Junction and then in 1998, transferred to Fairbanks Patrol. While in Fairbanks, he also served as a Field Training Officer, OIC, and a member of SERT.

In 2001, he transferred to Galena and was assigned to rural patrol and served as a VPSO oversight, having primary VPSO responsibility for three villages and shared patrol responsibility for two others. While in Galena he took an active role as a Search and Rescue Coordinator. In

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2002 he was transferred to Soldotna Post where he was assigned to the E Detachment General Investigations Unit. He has remained assigned to the Soldotna Office GIU through the establishment of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. While assigned to ABI, he has served as Unit OIC including a four-month period before a Sergeant was assigned to the Unit.

In Sgt. Gilmore's new assignment, he will be in charge of the daily supervision of 4 investigators and duties will include, but are not limited to assigning daily case investigations, approving leave schedules, providing case investigation assistance and review, providing and maintaining equipment essential to the job assignments, review all administrative paperwork generated by investigations, approving overtime, approving daily payroll, acting as liaison between investigators and agencies they deal with, insuring investigators are current on firearms/Taser/OC, etc., insuring disciplinary actions are administered when warranted. He will also conduct original and follow-up investigations of major crimes that occur within the jurisdiction and follow-up investigations for agencies outside of Alaska for crimes that occur in other jurisdictions.

**Trp. Troy Shuey**, B Detachment, Palmer Post DUI to Sergeant, B Detachment, Palmer Patrol effective March 1, 2005. Trp. Shuey has been an Alaska State Trooper since Feb 2002. He attended ALET #27 and was assigned to B Detachment, Palmer Patrol after graduating the Academy. He is currently assigned to the DUI Enforcement Team in Palmer. He is a member of Southcentral SERT and currently the perimeter team leader. He attained an Intermediate SWAT Certificate and an instructor rating in Standardized Field Sobriety Test's since becoming an Alaska State Trooper. Trp. Shuey is currently one of five Drug Recognition Experts with the Alaska State Troopers.

Prior to joining the Alaska State Troopers, he was a Deputy Sheriff in Campbell County, Wyoming for the Campbell County Sheriff's Department. He was stationed there from 1996 to 2001. He started as a Detention Officer and after the one

year mark was moved to a resident Deputy position in Wright, Wyoming. He was one of three Deputies assigned out of that community.

He was in the United States Air Force from 1988 to 1996, and was a Law Enforcement Specialist stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. He attended a Non-Commissioned Officer's Leadership school while in the USAF and attained the rank of SSGT (E-5) and supervised numerous individuals throughout his Air Force career.

When Sgt. Shuey assumes his new role as B Detachment, Palmer Patrol Sergeant, his duties will include, but are not limited to; overseeing the day-to-day operations, activities, schedules, reports, citations and complaints of the Patrol Troopers assigned to Palmer Post.

He will review daily reports and payroll time summaries, plan and schedule patrol assignments and respond to Trooper calls for service when needed and is responsible for Performance Evaluations being completed in a timely manner. He will also respond to and investigate allegations of criminal conduct and traffic collisions. Cite and/or arrest perpetrators, and prepare comprehensive written reports, serve criminal and civil court process, transport prisoners, and testify in criminal and civil proceedings.

**Trp. David Tugmon** D Detachment, Kotzebue Post to Sergeant, A Detachment, Klawock Post effective May 1, 2005. Trp. Tugmon began his career in law enforcement in 1980, when he became a volunteer with the Prineville Police Department/Crook County Sheriff's Office Reserve Program and volunteered as a part time Corrections Officer with the Crook County Jail. Trp. Tugmon became a full time Officer with the Prineville Police Department on February 24, 1984. He was promoted in May 1987, to Sergeant.

In August 1988, he and his family moved to Haines, Alaska, where he took a position with the Haines Police Department as a Patrolman until June 1990. He attended the APSC Recertification course at the DPS Academy in Sitka and received his Basic Certification in August 1989. On

June 1, 1990, he moved to Sitka and took a Patrolman position with the Sitka Police Department. In 1993, he transferred to Investigations and was the lead Investigator for the Department. He was a member of Sitka's Emergency Response Team (SERT) and taught Police RADAR. He received his APSC Police Instructor certificate in November 1994, and his APSC Advanced Certificate in March 1996. He returned to Oregon in 1997, and worked for the Crook County Sheriff's Office.

August 24, 2001, Trp. Tugmon began his career with the Alaska State Troopers and attended ALET #26 in Sitka. He was Assistant Squad Leader and graduated as the Class Valedictorian. He transferred to Soldotna for Field Training and performed the duties of FTO from July 2002, until he volunteered for transfer to Kotzebue in April 2003.

Sgt. Tugmon will be the A Detachment, Klawock Post Supervisor and will assume the duties of overseeing the day-to-day operations, activities, schedules, reports, citations and complaints of the Patrol Troopers assigned to Klawock Post. He will review daily reports and payroll time summaries, plan and schedule patrol assignments and respond to Trooper calls for service when needed, and is responsible for Performance Evaluations being completed in a timely manner.

He will also respond to and investigate allegations of criminal conduct and traffic collisions. Cite and/or arrest perpetrators and prepare comprehensive written reports, serve criminal and civil court process, transport prisoners, and testify in criminal and civil proceedings.

**Trp. Arthur "Tom" Dunn**, E Detachment, Homer Post to Sergeant, "E" Detachment, Anchor Point Post effective immediately.

Trp. Dunn began his law enforcement career in December 1994. He attended ALETS #12 and worked for Whittier Police Department and Homer Police Department. He joined the Alaska State Troopers in August 1997 and was assigned to B Detachment, Palmer. He transferred to C Detachment, Kodiak Post August 1998.

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Trp. Dunn became a certified instructor in Physical Methods of Arrest, ASP baton and OCAT while stationed in Kodiak.

In November 2000, Trp. Dunn was promoted to Corporal and assigned to the Academy. He then transferred to E Detachment, Homer Post, as a Trooper in August 2001.

In Sgt. Dunn's new assignment he will be the First Line Supervisor for E Detach-

ment, Anchor Point Post, overseeing the day-to-day operations, and activities of the Patrol Troopers, and staff assigned to Anchor Point and Ninilchik Posts.

These individuals have all taken an important step in accepting the challenge to become Sergeants and Corporal at the DPS Training Academy. They will become an integral part of carrying the Division into the future. They have stepped up and will shortly take on the responsibilities

and rewards that come with first line supervision. Each one has made decisions in their career that have prepared them for their new roles and each will have an enormous impact on how well we do our jobs. We congratulate each of them and wish them the best of luck. Please join Col. Grimes and the Director's Staff in congratulating these Troopers in their promotions and wish them and their families the best in their new assignments. ■

## Successful Bids

**Colonel Julia Grimes** is pleased to announce the following successful bidders:

**Trp. V. Eugene Fowler**, Nome Post, C Detachment, to Soldotna, Alaska Bureau of Investigations (ABI); **Trp. Derek Loop**, Fairbanks, D Detachment, to Homer, E Detachment; **Trp. Matthew Heieren**, Northway, D Detachment, to Anchorage, Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE); **Trp. Robert Hunter**,

Haines, A Detachment, to Soldotna, ABI; **Trp. William Connors**, Palmer Post, Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE), to Northway, D Detachment; **Trp. Vance Peronto**, Palmer Post, B Detachment, to Kotzebue, C Detachment; **Trp. Michael Zobel**, Palmer, B Detachment, to Northway, D Detachment; **Trp. Maurizio Salinas**, Fairbanks, D Detachment, to Tok, D Detachment; **Trp. David Bower**, Fairbanks, D Detachment, to

Talkeetna, B Detachment; **Trp. Honie Abercrombie**, Fairbanks, D Detachment, to Nome, C Detachment; **Trp. Michael Zweifel**, Palmer, B Detachment, to Seward, E Detachment; **Trp. Michael Roberts**, Fairbanks, D Detachment, to Bethel, C Detachment; **Trp. Eric Lorrington**, Palmer, B Detachment, to Kotzebue, C Detachment; **Inv. Scott Briggs**, Mat-Su, ABI, to Soldotna, ABI; and **Trp. Brian Zeisel**, Fairbanks, ABI to Healy, D Detachment. ■

## Alaska Police Standards Council Executive Director Appointed

The Department of Public Safety and Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) announced the appointment of **Terry E. Vrabec** as Executive Director of the APSC in Juneau, effective May 2, 2005. Public Safety **Commissioner Bill Tandeske** stated; "Terry brings an extensive background in law enforcement training and experience to the Department. He is aware of the tremendous importance of well

trained and skilled law enforcement officers in Alaska and will do an excellent job in promoting professional standards for the benefit of the public we serve."

Mr. Vrabec is currently the Chief of Police with the University of Alaska/Fairbanks Police Department. He has worked as a patrol officer, a trainer, and a mid-level supervisor during his 18-year career in law enforcement. He is currently

President of the Alaska Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates.

Mr. Vrabec has an extensive training and education background including a degree in Criminal Justice; Graduation from the 186<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia; and on May 15<sup>th</sup>, will receive his Master's Degree in Justice Administration from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. ■

### *The Miracle of the Poppy*

From the battlefields of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on.

The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war, and repre-

sented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of wars and conflicts. Its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered.

When the 32<sup>nd</sup> Division came home to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June 1919, a refreshment booth decorated with poppies was twice stripped of its flowers. In place of the poppies, patriotic Americans left contributions to the country. These spontaneous contributions were collected and used for the benefit of disabled veterans. ■

# Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement

## ABWE Southeast Region

BY CAROLYN HALL, ABWE JUNEAU

Spring has sprung, the pollen has been heavy in the air in Southeast; the weather has been unreal, sunshine, sunshine, sunshine...no not the liquid type. This has brought everyone out of the house, onto the waters, and out in the woods.

The highlight from Southeast has to be the arrival of the new *Patrol Vessel Enforcer*. The *P/V Enforcer* arrived in Ketchikan on May 12. Kennedy Shipyards in Galveston, Texas built the new 69-foot patrol vessel and delivered in 2005, replacing the old *Enforcer* that was decommissioned in September of 2003. **Lt. Steve Arlow**, along with **Sgt. Steve Hall**, **BO III Laurence Nagy** and Vessel Tech **Ray Streitmatter** made the maiden voyage from Vancouver B.C.

Many thanks go to **Major Howard Starbard** who was instrumental in the planning stages and funding for the new vessel, and BO Nagy for his diligent efforts in being there for every building phase of the vessel. ABWE SE would like to welcome VT Streitmatter who recently joined us to assist Nagy on the *Enforcer*. The new *Enforcer* will soon be patrolling the waters of Southeast just in time for the Commercial seasons along with the Spring Bear patrols.

Around the rest of the area, we finally have **Lt. Todd Sharp** back in the office after the past 4 and a half months of being the department's Legislative Liaison. Sgt. Steve Hall has done an outstanding job as acting commander, but is happily turning the reins back over to Lt. Sharp. Our seasonal PSTs are starting the season; this year we had 3 vacant positions. Haines will be welcoming **Matthew McClurg**, Wrangell brought on board **Ben Botts**, twin brother to our Hoonah PST Brian Botts. (Confusing??), and Klawock is yet to be hired. Welcome back to **Josh Nelson** (Sitka), **Brian Botts** (Hoonah), and **Roger Seaman** (Petersburg).

In Southern Southeast, **Trp. Dan Shamhart** (Petersburg) is currently out patrolling spring bear. **Trp. Clint Songer** (Wrangell) has been working the openings and closures of the Stikine River Flats King Gillnet fish, the first ever fishery on that river. In Klawock, **Trps. Herv Ibarra**, **Tom Lowy** and **Glenn Taylor** have been busy patrolling around the entire island stopping over in the communities, checking on them, and working the Spring Bear season. The Ketchikan Crew has just been swamped, **Sgt. Bernard Chastain** has been busy assisting with a Kake Guiding case and trying to keep Southern

Southeast running smoothly. **Trp. Mark Finses** found himself involved heavily in a Multi-count felony Fraud case, involving fraudulent credit cards, birth certificates, and driver's licenses; this has turned out to be nationwide cases defrauding the elderly. The FBI has now taken it over.

**Trp. Jeremy Baum** recently got married and returned from a 10 days fishing honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas. Congrats to Jeremy and **Christi**. **Trp. Clyde Campbell** has been working Guide cases and large commercial fishery cases. PST II **Charlie Johnson** assisted the Northern Region with the Sitka herring fishery and has been doing many vessel boardings for JEA; this has involved travel to Wrangell, Petersburg, and Klawock. PST **Wade McClennan** joined the crew of the *P/V Woldstad* for the Sitka Herring fishery. Thanks go out to the *Woldstad* and **Trp. Aaron Frenzel** in venturing to Southeast waters to assist.

In Northern Southeast, currently **Trp. Pat McMullin** is the sole Trooper in Haines and covering ABWE and AST. **Trp. Shaun Kuzakin** is the sole trooper in Sitka with **Scott Carson** promoting to the Academy, Scott had been at OCS in Fort Benning, Georgia since the end of January, but returned to Sitka at the end of May. Congrats to him on the promotion however we are sorry to see him leave ABWE.

Hoonah **Trp. Andy Savland** assisted Juneau **Trp. Rob Welch** on the Seymour Canal Herring Fishery. Trp Glenn Knapp stayed behind from the Sitka herring fishery to man Juneau post while Sgt. Steve Hall and Trp. Rob Welch took the *P/V Sentry* over. Trp. Todd Machacek has been working guiding cases out of Kake. He recently closed a residency case involving a Master Guide in Yakutat that was falsifying resident Hunt/Fishing Licenses and Guide License renewals for the past 15 years. The individual was convicted by a jury on all 7 counts and sentenced to \$19,000 with \$9,500 to pay, (ABWE Southeast, continued on page 13)



The new P/V *Enforcer* arrived in Ketchikan on May 12. Lt. Steve Arlow, along with Sgt. Steve Hall, BO III Laurence Nagy and Vessel Tech Ray Streitmatter made the maiden voyage from Vancouver B.C.

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**Trp. Andy Savland taught Hunter Safety at Pelican Schools.**

630 days jail all suspended, Hunting/fishing/ trapping license suspended for 3 years and immediate forfeiture of his permanent ID card (free hunting/fishing/trapping license for Alaska Residents over

the age of 60). As a result of this conviction, the defendant cannot guide without a valid hunting license. PST II **Ken McIntosh** has been attempting to keep up with keeping the Northern Southeast boats op-



**Sgt. Steve Hall posed with his son, Sam--the newest trooper on the force.**

erational and ready for the season, along with doing his JEA vessel boardings.

That's the round up for Southeast Region ABWE. ■

## Hump Back Whale Released

By TRP. TODD VANLIERE

On March 16, 2005, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Alaska Bureau of Wildlife of Enforcement (ABWE) received a call from the National Marine Fisheries Enforcement Office in Homer requesting assistance with a reported entangled whale in the Sadie Cove area of Kachemak Bay. Officers **Dennis Thaute** and **Jim Wisher** of the National Marine Fisheries along with **Trp. Todd VanLiere** of the ABWE responded to Sadie Cove in the state patrol vessel *P/V Augustine* in an attempt to locate the whale. At about 11:00 a.m., the whale was located in Sadie Cove. It was identified as a humpback whale about 50 feet in length. The whale was dragging two buoys attached to a line that was entangled around its tail. The whale appeared to be distressed and had traveled about 2 miles from its original reported position. Officer Thaute and



**A hump back whale entangled in fishing buoys was released from the tangle of lines and set free.**

**Quinten Arndt**, an Alaska Public Safety Technician, reached from the edge of the boat with boat hooks and lifted off the line. The humpback slipped underwater and was released from the line. The whale had gotten tangled in lines from a legal commercial pacific cod pot located in state waters. The humpback appeared to be in good condition and swam away to rest. ■



# AST Detachment News

## A Detachment “Photo Line Up”



The new and improved Ketchikan Post almost completed.

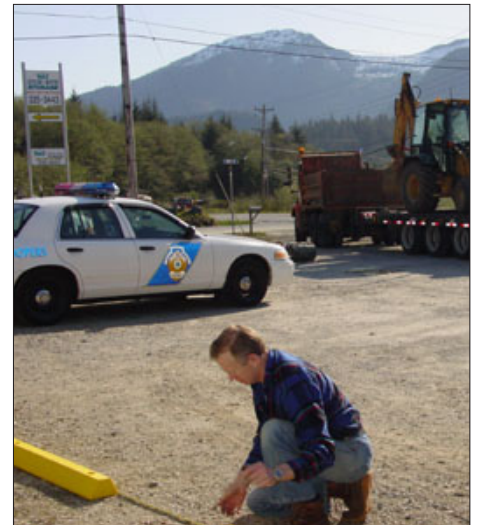
### *Post Update:*

The construction and remodel of Ketchikan Post is almost complete. The remaining major task to complete is the paving of the parking lot and area surrounding the building, placement of the water tanks and the rock retaining wall.

Estimated completion date is late June. An open house ceremony will be held in mid to late July. The sunshine and blue sky noted in the Post photo are pretty much the norm now for the Ketchikan area.



PV Enforcer Vessel Tech II Ray Streitmatter and Public Safety Tech Charlie Johnson putting the finishing touches on the Evidence Room storage shelves.



CSO Ron Whitton placing the tire stops in the driveway.



Tech II Wade McClennan painting some hard to reach spots in the Evidence room.



Lt. Rodney Dial instructing CSO Ron Whitton on the Evidence Room construction project.

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(Photo left) Sgt. Lonny Piscoya accepted a \$250.00 donation from APOA, which was used to purchase equipment for the Ketchikan Post workout room. Shown are: Sgt. Bernard Chastain, Trp. Mark Finses, Trp. Bryan Barlow, Sgt. Lonny Piscoya, PO Patty Barnes, PO John Jepson, and Lt. Rodney Dial.



Sgt. Dave Tugmon arrived at Klawock Post on May 1<sup>st</sup> from Kotzebue Post. Sgt. Tugmon is the first ever AST Sergeant to be assigned to Klawock Post. He and his wife Martha are enjoying the sunny weather on Prince of Wales Island. Welcome Tugmon's!



Trp. Pat Nelson and Trp. Bryan Barlow manning the recruitment booth at the Ketchikan Expo on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Ketchikan Dispatchers Marianne Thomsen, Shelly Dunn, Cindy Stone, Sharon Furey, John Rymer, and Rich Nowland.

Ketchikan Dispatchers were able to get together for a meeting at the new Ketchikan Post conference room. Ketchikan Dispatch is looking forward to moving to their new dispatch center on June 20<sup>th</sup>. A delay in receiving the communications equipment prevented them from moving to the new facility in early March. The wait will be well worth it. Ketchikan Dispatch welcomes their newest RDII, **Eric Bird**. Bird worked in communications with the US Coast Guard and will be quite beneficial to dispatch, especially during those Search and Rescue missions. Bird and his wife **Sarah** reside in Ketchikan. Welcome to the A team Eric!

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On April 22<sup>nd</sup> RDIII Shelly Dunn presented a check in the amount of \$300.00 to the March of Dimes. During the previous year, dispatchers and ACIII Linda Deal donated \$2.00 on Friday's when they wore "Blue Jeans for Babies". This is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year they have donated money for the worthy cause and will continue to raise more each year.

**(Photo right) March of Dimes Representative Renee Schofield received a check from RDIII Shelly Dunn and ACIII Linda Deal.**



A tip from a Ketchikan DMV clerk reporting two suspicious men using fake ID's attempting to get Alaska driver's licenses, resulted in the arrest of two fugitive's from justice and an enormous investigation which was ultimately turned over to the FBI. Two matchstick men who traveled the US and Alaska bilking individuals of money are now facing numerous federal and state charges, thanks to the DMV clerk's suspicions.

**(Photo left) Public Safety Tech Charlie Johnson, Assistant DA Dan Schally, Trp. Pat Nelson, and Trp. Mark Finses during a matchstick men investigation.**

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Sgt. Lonny Piscoya directed the P/V Enforcer Boat Officer Laurence Nagy where to park the new boat when it arrived in Ketchikan on May 12<sup>th</sup>. On hand to 'observe' are Lt. Rodney Dial, Sgt. Bernard Chastain, Trp. Shane Nicholson, and Capt. Kurt Ludwig. See full story on the Enforcer in the SE ABWE portion of the Quarterly.

## An Irish Friendship Wish

*May there always be work  
for your hands to do;  
May your purse always hold  
a coin or two;  
May the sun always shine  
on your window pane;  
May a rainbow be certain  
to follow each rain;  
May the hand of a friend  
always be near you;  
May God fill your heart  
with gladness to cheer you.*



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Sgt. Lonny Piscoya talking with a group of Daisy Girl Scouts in late April. The girls were in awe of the Sgt.'s handcuffs.

## B Detachment News

WRITTEN BY JILL BYBEE

### Subtractions/Additions

We had three Troopers move on this spring, **Trp. Jack Ransom** went to Iliamna, **Trp. Dugger Cook** to Tok, and **Trp. Vance Peronto** went to Kotzebue. Several others will be leaving soon and will be missed, **Trp. Christopher Russell** and **Trp. David Herrell** are both going to Bethel, **Trp. Michael Zobel** is moving on to Northway, **Trp. Michael Zweifel** to Seward, and **Trp. Eric Lorring** to Kotzebue. Good luck and best wishes to all.

Palmer Post wants to welcome **Tami Gilligan** who replaced **Sandra Eunice** in

the front office. Sandra Eunice resigned this spring; she will be missed. Tami Gilligan grew up and was raised in Ketchikan, she worked many years at the Highland Correctional Facility and we're looking forward to working with her.

**Julie Kirn**, one of the evidence clerks retired on June 1<sup>st</sup>. She's worked with the State since 1981 in several different departments; she's been with DPS since 1993.

Her knowledge and expertise in working with evidence will be sorely missed.

### Letters to the editor...

#### Carbon monoxide incident prompts thanks

To the editor:

Let me remind everyone to please have carbon monoxide detectors installed. I thought I had adequate ventilation for propane, but I was being poisoned by carbon monoxide for a long time and did not know it.

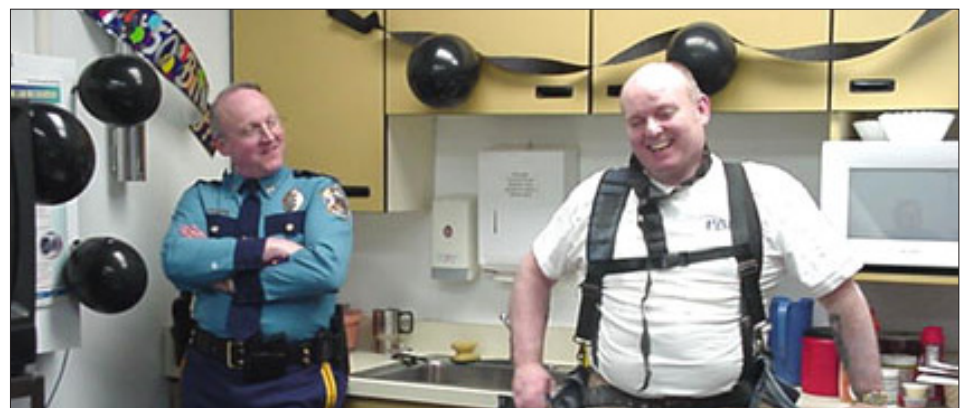
There are no adequate words in any language to express my profound gratitude to **Jerry Beach** and **Dee Loesche** at the wonderful, caring, and hard working organization of Wasilla Area Seniors. If it was not for their persistence that the state troopers check on my well being immediately, I would not be alive today.

I truly appreciate the state troopers' speedy response and **Trp. Timothy Lewis's** prompt action in dealing with my medical emergency. All I can say is a great big "thank you" to Jerry Beach, Wasilla Area Seniors, the state troopers, all of the emergency crew and everyone else involved in saving my life. God bless you all. **Lily Empie**, Wasilla, Reprint from *Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman*, February 18, 2005

She has many admirable qualities and skills. She has touched many of us with her sincere compassion and extremely pleasant personality. Best wishes to Julie and family.

We have three new recruits coming our way from the Academy, **Jeffrey Mitchell**, **Mike Peltier**, and **Aaron Meyer**. We're looking forward to meeting each of them.

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Happy birthdays to Julie Kirn (left photo) and Lt. Rick Roberts (photo above). Capt. Dennis Casanovas appears somewhat skeptical of the Lt.'s tall tales.

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Trp. Troy Shuey was promoted to Sergeant. He will remain at Palmer post in Patrol. Major Joe Masters presented Shuey with his new badges.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Trp. Craig Allen**, **Trp. Troy Shuey**, and **Trp. Rob Langendorfer**. They were each promoted to Sergeant this spring. Sgt. Shuey and Sgt. Craig Allen have stayed on with Palmer Post and are in patrol. Sgt. Langendorfer has moved on to the Mat-Su Drug Unit.

**Capt. Dennis Casanovas** accepted a special recognition on the behalf of B Detachment from the Department of Administration, Violent Crimes Compensation Board. The certificate presented is entitled the *Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award*. It is in recognition of B Detachment's team effort; from civilian employees taking calls from victims seeking assistance, and Troopers responding and investigating the criminal acts. Con-



Trp. Rob Langendorfer was promoted to Sergeant. He has transferred to the Mat-Su Drug Unit. Col. Julia Grimes presented Langendorfer with his new badges. Mrs. Langendorfer assisted with the badge pinning.

gratulations to all of B Detachment for the exceptional service to crime victims.

The Glennallen community had a Disaster Awareness Day on May 6-7, it was held at the Glennallen Elementary School. The community was educated about the various response organizations available and how they would assist the community in an emergency. **Trp. Ronny Simmons** and **Mel Nading** with Helo 1 were able to attend and share how the Alaska State Troopers could assist in an emergency.

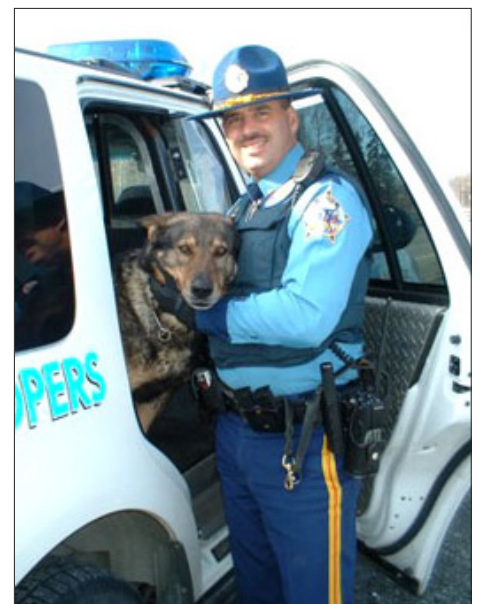
**K-9 Bruce** has retired after eight years of service to the people of the Mat-Su Valley. Bruce was purchased in May 1997, in part through a donation by the Palmer Lions Club. He was assigned to **Trp. Robert French** and together they attended twelve weeks of intensive training with the An-

chorage Police K-9 Unit. K-9 Bruce assisted patrol units in locating and detaining numerous suspects over the years, locating several lost children, and was especially valuable in enthusiastically searching dark and dirty places no sane Trooper cared to go. K-9 Bruce answered calls from Seward to Tok, and his eight years of service is unusually long for an AST K-9. Now, even at ten years old, he still waits intently by the door, listening for the thump of combat boots on the

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Trp. Ronny Simmons and Mel Nading attended the Disaster Awareness Days event in Glennallen. Trp. Simmons is shown with children from Glennallen Elementary school.



Trp. Robert French and K-9 Bruce. Bruce has retired after 8 years of service to the people of the Mat-Su Valley.

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floor and the jangling of car keys signaling a call out of the start of another shift. A Trooper couldn't ask for a better partner and he will be missed.

**Author-Author:**

**Chief Boatright**, with Palmer Police Department wrote the below story and shared it with Palmer Post. We wanted to pass it on:

**Take a Little Time ©**

George R. Boatright

We often get in a rush. We have an aspiration to get one assignment completed and progress to the next, after all, how exciting is processing a DUI anyway. There is always a stolen vehicle around the corner or the armed robbery about to occur at the 7-11. They are the source of the adrenal rush, are they not? Our headlong rush to "protect the public" can also get in the way of genuine accomplishment and gratification.

Take a few moments from time to time to really deal with the folks you come into contact with. Generally, the recompense and accomplishment are minimal at best. Then, there are those times that the rewards are huge, even if you are never cognizant of it.

With 37 years in this business of dealing with the misery of others, I have several stories in which I have touched the lives of others in some positive way. It has generally been when I have stepped

outside of my staunch persona and taken a moment or two to deal with someone as an individual rather than as a defendant, witness, or pain in the a—.

A few days before Christmas one year in the very early eighties I came to work one afternoon to find a small bouquet of flowers waiting for me at the old front counter of the Anchorage Police Department. A small note was attached and inscribed in small, neat lettering. It simply said "thank you, I'm still clean and sober" and it was signed with a first name.

It required several days of reflection to figure out the source. One afternoon in early spring I responded to a shooting where a thirteen-year-old shot a sixteen-year-old. Perhaps that was the other way around. Anyway, while driving a lobotomized detective lieutenant back to the station I found that I was following a drunk driver. I apologized to the good Lt., stopped the vehicle, and subsequently arrested the eighteen-year-old female driver for DWI.

While processing the young lady I learned that this was her third offense, a remarkable accomplishment for someone so young you might note. Before allowing her to benefit from the full experience of the slamming of the old steel door, took a few moments to talk with her about where she was, where she had been and where she was going. As I recall, I even made a social worker styled suggestion or two. Thus the source was known and now the short of it too.



**The Police Memorial in Palmer is now complete with it's permanent display plates.**

For several years I received the Christmas note and usually accompanied by small accentuation of flowers, assuring me that she was still clean a sober. Then, for several years I heard nothing until walking through a mall shortly before Christmas when an older lady contacted me, obviously knowing who I was while she was totally unknown to me. She told me that her daughter had asked her to contact me and let me know that she was still very clean, very sober, very married and the mother of two wonderful children.

Take it where you can and make a difference in someone's life. ■

## C Detachment News

### Nome News

BY GLORIA KARMUN, AST NOME

"There's No Place Like Nome," was the sentiment during **Trp. Eugene Fowler's** dual going away parties. The first party was an informal gathering at **Trp. Aileen Witrosky's** home, as family, co-workers and friends gathered during the potluck style buffet to celebrate Fowler's duty assignment in Nome. Unfortunately his formal recognition plaque over flew Nome, along with humorist

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**Trp. Eugene Fowler received his recognition plaque from Sgt. Rodney Johnson**

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**Nathan Sheets**, due to weather but alas his co-workers did not pass up the opportunity to wittingly recognize him with gifts of humor. A potluck lunch buffet was held in the Sitnasuak Board Room with foods of fancy as family and co-workers officially recognized Fowler with a plaque and a few parting mementos of our fair city.

Our office was thrilled to welcome **Ms. Alice Atuk**, Administrative Clerk II, on February 24, 2005. Ms. Atuk is an excellent asset to our department and was quick to learn the day-to-day office functions. Ms. Atuk is no stranger to Nome as she was born at Sinruk and has strong family ties in Nome.

Calling all artistes! Two family members participated in the 2005 Sixth Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show sponsored by the Nome Arts Council. **Sgt. Rodney and Dorie Johnson's** seven-year old daughter **Melissa**, placed first in the Student Division (18 and under) for her watercolor "Birds in the Fall."



**Seven-year-old artist Melissa Johnson placed first in the Student Division.**

**Trp. Brian and Cari Miller's** 11-year old son **Gabriel**, won "Judge's Choice" for his "The Pilgrim Church" watercolor. A total of 72 adults and 40 youth took part in the show.

Other Iditarod events included a St. Patrick's Day Parade. **Trp. Miller's** family took part in the annual event and paused a moment to strike a pose at the opening of the chute.

**Trp. Honie Abercrombie** is scheduled to report for duty in early July to fill trooper Fowler's PCN. Abercrombie is transferring from Fairbanks Patrol. The post eagerly awaits her arrival. ■



**Eleven-year-old artist Gabriel Miller won the "Judge's Choice" award. His award was presented by Angela Hansen, one of the event planners.**



**Trp. Brian Miller's family got in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day Parade. (From left) Justina, age 1; Cari; Rebekah, age 9; Trinity, age 3; Brendan, age 5; Michael age 14; Mary, age 7; Gabriel, age 11; and Daniel, age 4.**

## Operation Arctic Sweep Kotzebue

BY GREG WILKINSON, PIO

On May 5, 2005, at around 7:45 a.m., a team of 20 officers comprised of troopers from Kotzebue Post, Kotzebue WAANT (Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team), Nome WAANT, the Mat-Su Drug Unit and the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement-Major Offenders Unit (ABADE-MOU), and officers with the Kotzebue Police Department and U.S Drug Enforcement Agency, simultaneously served search warrants on four residences in Kotzebue. The searches

were the result of a four month long operation targeting drug dealers and bootleggers in the community conducted by the ABADE-MOU and Kotzebue and Nome WAANT.

A small quantity of marijuana packaged for sale, four weapons, seven bottles of whiskey, trace amounts of cocaine, and approximately \$14,000 in cash were seized as a result of the searches. Officers then went on to serve a number of arrest warrants. (Arctic Sweep, continued on page 21)

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rants issued for this effort. Two additional arrests were also made when individuals were contacted who had outstanding warrants. Thirteen individuals were arrested during this operation. Additional arrests are pending as part of this investigation.

"This is an excellent example of the Major Offenders Unit doing what it was created for," said **Colonel Julia Grimes**, Director of the Alaska State Troopers. "These suspects are major offenders in their community.

Our Major Offenders Unit is ready to go where it is needed to target drug dealers and bootleggers in whatever size community they exist. We count today's efforts as a success, and I'm very proud of the work everyone did."



**Four weapons and approximately \$14,000 in cash were among the items seized during Operation Arctic Sweep.**

Troopers also wish to acknowledge the assistance of the Alaska National Guard

Counter Drug Support Program in this operation. ■

## D Detachment News

BY SUE ROGERS, AST FAIRBANKS

### Staff Changes:

The past few months have seen many changes in civilian personnel here at D Detachment in Fairbanks. Dispatch in Fairbanks said goodbye to **Jeff Mitchell** who was selected as a trooper recruit; **Monica Lewis** who is expecting her second child this summer and is now a full time mom; and **Bradley Olson** who took a position closer to home.

We have welcomed five new dispatchers: **Stacy Jacobs**, **Joshua McBride**, **Erin Tuccelli**, **Mary Martin** and **Teena Palmer**. **Kathi Young**, Admin Clerk II, has taken the evidence position vacated by **Rebecca Wilson** who moved over to ABADE. **Misty Boman** is the new Administrative Clerk working with **Cheryl Searles**.

Troopers moving to new Posts included **Derek Loop** who is now stationed in Homer; **Trp. Garrett Willis** in Aniak. **Trp. David Sherbahn** made the move from Northway to Ninilchik, and **Trp. Matt Heieren** also left Northway for an assignment to Anchorage ABADE.

Two new arrivals to D Detachment are **Trp. William Connors**, who is now stationed in Northway, and **Trp. Dugger Cook** who is in Tok.

### D Detachment Awards:

D Detachment held a Detachment awards get together in Fairbanks on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at the Salmon Bake in Pioneer Park, (previously known as Alaskaland). 2003 and 2004 awards were presented and we also celebrated **Capt. Steve Garrett's** 29<sup>th</sup> birthday, again. We had a great turnout including **Major**

**Howard Starbard** and recently retired **Major Joe Masters** who attended with their families. **Trp. Jeannine Santora** and **CSO Cheryl Gilmour** both received their 15-year State Service pins.

The 2003 Trooper of the Year, for D Detachment was awarded to **Sgt. Dave DeCoeur** of Cantwell. Cheryl "Sherry" (D Detachment, continued on page 22)



**Major Joe Masters presented the 2003 D Detachment Trooper of the Year to Sgt. Dave DeCoeur.**

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**Capt. Steve Garrett presented Cheryl "Sherry" Searles her 2003 Civilian of the Year award.**



**Lt. Burke Barrick presented CSO Zazilenski the D Detachment CSO of the Year award for 2003. Zazilenski is stationed in Barrow.**

Searles was named as Civilian Employee of the Year for 2003. CSO of the Year for D Detachment 2003 went to **Pete Zazilenski** from Barrow. **Trp. Dennis Roe** of Fairbanks ABWE received a Meritorious Service award for his efforts in locating two overdue snowmachiners at mile 89 of the Steese Hwy, during a heavy snowstorm.

**Sgt. Freddie Wells**, Tok, was honored as 2004 Trooper of the Year for D Detachment. **Maria Senra**, Fairbanks custodian, was named as 2004 Civilian of the Year. Both Sgt. Dave DeCoeur and **Trp. Odean Hall** of Cantwell received commendations

for their actions during the winter storm and avalanche in December of 2004. Each of their wives, **Heidi DeCoeur** and **Suz Hall** also received letters of commendation and a frying pan "plaque" for their efforts during the storm.

**Trp. Steve Lantz**, Delta Post, received a commendation for Meritorious Service, after responding to a call involving a subject trapped under a vehicle he had been working on.

### **New Dog:**

**Trp. Scott Johnson** has moved back to Fairbanks patrol from ABI. Since his return

he has obtained our latest super investigator **Yukon**. The 3-year-old Belgian Malinois, a 70-pound male, arrived in Fairbanks on April 30.

He is originally from Holland. Troopers launched a naming contest involving local elementary school children. Alaska State Troopers finally settled on the name Yukon for their newest canine crime fighter after sifting through more than 600 submissions.

Yukon, previously known as Bob, is expected to learn his new name within a week. Yukon is currently being trained to detect drugs and will also be trained as a patrol dog and will be utilized to track, search buildings, apprehension and provide handler protection. Yukon will hit the streets in July with his handler, Trp. Johnson.

### **SERT:**

D Detachment and Fairbanks played host to the SERT summer school from May 16-20. SERT teams from Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna as well as hostage negotiators from all over the state were involved. Most of the training was held on Ft. Wainwright at the new **Pvt. Joseph P. Martinez** Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (C.A.C.T.F.).

The training facility is a state of the art, fully automated training center that allowed for most of the classroom training, as well as the hands on and scenario training to be digitally recorded.

Attendees were trained in basic SERT skills to include use of force, land navigation, camouflage, building entry techniques, live fire, aircraft familiarization, the employment of noise-flash-devices and command and control exercises which culminated in two scenarios. Over 30 personnel from several different agencies participated and a good time was had by all.

### **TOK News**

Diane Kendall

On February 28, 2005, **Trp. Matt Heieren** and **Sgt. Freddie Wells** both responded to a serious MVA-injury accident at the Tok Weigh Scales. Tok EMS was on scene and all three passengers in the second vehicle had to be extricated. Both AST and EMS worked like a fine oiled machine. With their combined efforts they

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Trp. Dennis Roe received his meritorious service award from Lt. Gary Folger.



Sgt. Freddie Wells of Tok received his Trooper of the Year Award for 2004 from Capt. Steve Garrett.



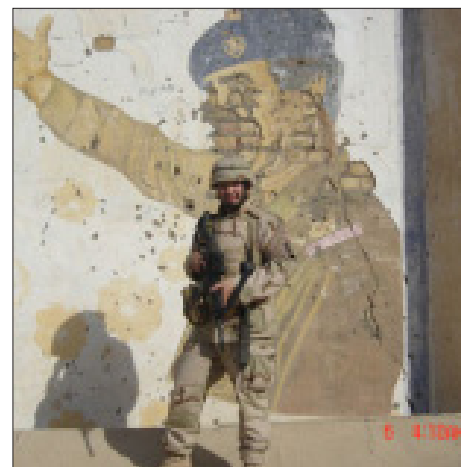
(At left) Maria Senra, Custodian in Fairbanks, received her award for Civilian of the Year 2004 from Lt. Burke Barrick.

(At right) Retired Major Joe Masters with Heidi Decoeur after she received her commendation and frying pan award.

*There are four steps to accomplishment:*

- Plan purposefully.
- Prepare prayerfully.
- Proceed positively.
- Pursue persistently.

were able to get all three victims transported to the Tok clinic and then onto Anchorage to treat their serious injuries. It was revealed that the accident occurred as the three young people were heading towards Tok. Shortly before the weigh station turnout a semi-truck with a full trailer began to slow to turn in to the weigh station, the Dodge Neon came up behind him and struck the rear end of the trailer head-on. The truck driver looked in his mirrors and, due to the recent snowfall, he didn't see that he had a vehicle lodged underneath the trailer and continued on to the weigh station. He later told AST that he thought it was a blowout and that's why he continued on, 1100 feet from the point of the impact. As you can see by the picture (page 25), it's a miracle that all three of the Northway residents survived. Thank you to all of our first responders in the Tok and Northway area. And yes, alcohol was a factor. ■



Trp. Alan Carvajal shared a (vacation?) photo from Au Nasiryah Iraq where he is currently on active duty.

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*The Drug Problem in America*

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied: I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flowerbeds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place. Author unknown. ■



Trp. Steve Lantz of Delta Post received his meritorious service award from Sgt. Brian Wassmann.



Trp. Scott Johnson, Yukon and the four local children who picked the name for Yukon.



(At left) Every year Tok holds a 6k race called the Tok Trot. The Tok Dispatcher, Margie Carlson finished first in her age bracket. Congratulations Margie, WAY TO GO! Thanks go out to Trps. Brent Johnson and Dug Cook who made sure the runners were safe and traffic went smoothly.

(At right) Trp. Swanson and Trp. Roe stopped in Koyuk on April 25, 2005 during a Spring Bear Hunting patrol with State Super Cubs. Shown here is Trp. Swanson and some locals in Koyuk.

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**Arctic Man 2005:** Included in the Arctic Man staff were Lt. Burke Barrick, Sgt. Brian Wassmann, Sgt. Scott Quist, Sgt. Steve Adams, Trp. Pat McMullin, Trp. Del Arntson, Trp. Paul Kosto, Trp. Tim Tuckwood, Trp. Shayne Calt, Trp. Mike Roberts, Trp. Alex Arduser, Trp. Al Bell, Trp. Odean Hall, Trp. David Herrell, Trp. Nathan Duce, Dispatcher Debra Heral, CSO Ron Richrds, and CSO Rob Benning.



## E Detachment News

BY SHAE HOLLANDSWORTH, AST SOLDOTNA

Congratulations go out to E Detachment's three new Sergeants: **Sgt. Jim Truesdell** (Soldotna), **Sgt. Bill Welch** (Girdwood), and **Sgt. Tom Dunn** (Homer).

**Sgt. Sonny Sabala** traded in his snazzy suits and GQ haircut for street clothes and a wild mane when he transferred from ABI to ABADE. The Soldotna Post lost their ace handyman and head barista when he left. Fortunately, he's just down the road and drops in once in a while to let us see how long his hair is getting. He's starting to make all the girls jealous!

Soldotna Post welcomes Administrative Clerk **Laurie Holt** to the staff. Laurie  
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Donna Welch assisted Major Joe Masters with the badge pinning for Sgt. Bill Welch, Girdwood.

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brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge, including fantastic computer skills. She's an incredibly hard worker, and simply radiates professionalism. We are thrilled to have her on our team! Working for the Troopers must be in the genes—her dad is **Glenn Flothe!**

A new face at the Homer Post is **Trooper Derek Loop.** Welcome!



Ruthann Truesdell assisted with Jim Truesdell's new sergeant badge.



Trooper John Groover shown with his wife and daughters Saige and Danyka, holds his two-day old daughter, Kieran Emily Groover. Kieran was born March 29 and weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces.



Trp. John Groover received more than just a baby recently—he got his bid to transfer to Aniak, as well, and we wish him and his family good luck in their new adventure.



Sgt. Jim Hibpshman received E Detachment Trooper of the Year 2003. So the award was two years late... if we were any later, we'd have had to track him down in some retirement village in Boca Raton! (Photo right) Hibpshman's gorgeous cake was made by Tessa Dunn and Peggy Bordner. Tessa & Peggy should quit their day jobs and make cakes for a living!

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Sgt. Jim Hibpshman retired April 30, after 10 years with AST. Sgt. Tom Dunn and his wife, Tessa, hosted Jim's retirement party at the Land's End Resort in Homer. Good food and good times were had by all, and we wish Jim all the best. Sgt. Hibpshman and wife Lorraine enjoyed the festivities.



*"If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how...the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."*  
**Abraham Lincoln**

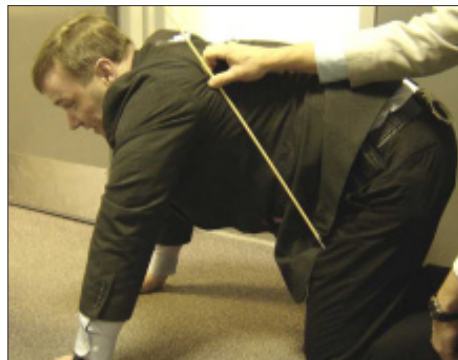
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Judicial Services Clerk Janet Palmer earned E Detachment's 2003 Civilian Employee of the Year award.



Capt. Matt Leveque presented Sgt. Sonny Sabala with a plaque for his dedicated service to ABI.



There were so many creative suggestions for captions to this photo, but we figured we'd better stick to the facts. Investigator Williamson of Fairbanks, doing a guest stint at the Soldotna ABI office, uses his fine modeling skills to help illustrate the trajectory of a bullet.



Trp. Brad Nelson and K-9 Kazan pay a visit to elementary school students in Seldovia.



Alaska State Troopers responded to the scene of a commercial vehicle accident at Milepost 22 of the Seward Highway, 7 miles south of Moose Pass. The single vehicle accident involved a Jans Distributing truck that had blocked the entire highway, from guardrail to rock face. The driver of the rig was transported to the hospital in Seward with non-life threatening injuries. Two tow trucks responded to the scene and were able to drag the truck to the side of the road.



Trp. Brad Nelson and his K-9 Kazan. (E Detachment, continued on page 28)

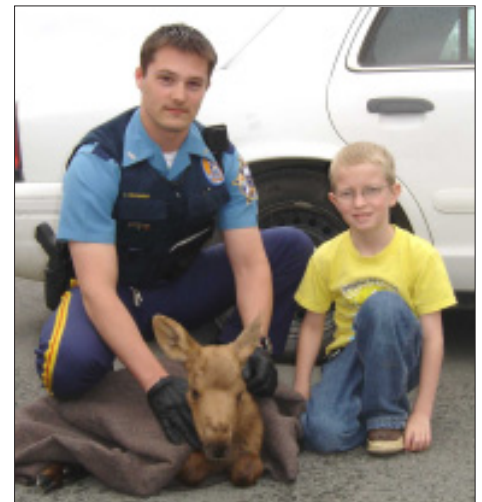
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Trp. Larry Erickson and Trp. Steve Stanton had a successful year with the D.A.R.E. program. Erickson taught at Tustumena Elementary in Kasilof, and Stanton taught at Sterling Elementary. In addition, Trp. Erickson taught at Soldotna High School. A big hit was the "Fatal Vision" experience, where students wore goggles designed to replicate the effects of impairment and attempted to drive a golf cart through an obstacle course.



A resourceful Trp. Mark Pearson works by flashlight in the Soldotna Squad Room during a recent power outage (many thought we didn't have enough money to pay the light bill, but the outage was actually caused by a local construction crew).



Trp. Ryan Browning attempted to get aid for this abandoned baby moose, but was turned down by the agencies he contacted. The calf was released back into the woods where he was found, hopefully to be reunited with its mother.

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(Above) Trp. Ryan Browning poses as Safety Bear during the Homer Safety Fair. Local kids participated in a bike rodeo and learned important tips for staying safe. Trp. Brad Nelson and CS0 Rob Benning represented the Troopers at the Soldotna Safety Days event. Trooper Nelson received a Community Service Award for his annual efforts at the Soldotna Safety Days. Nelson is like a bad penny—he keeps turning up at community events! Luckily for us, he and Kazan are always a big hit and make us look good.



Trp. Ryan Browning's infant son Caleb introduces himself to a new friend.



Trp. Mark Pearson's two-year-old twins pitch in to keep the department looking good.

# Division of Fire Prevention

BY JODIE HETTRICK

### *Life Safety and Inspection Bureau*

**Deputy Fire Marshal II Don Cuthbert** and **Deputy Fire Marshal II Carol Olson** swapped positions this spring. Deputy Cuthbert is the new Life Safety Inspection Bureau Supervisor.

### *Plan Review Bureau*

Change was the name of the game for the Plan Review Bureau in Spring 2005.

Deputy Fire Marshal II Carol Olson and Deputy Fire Marshal II Don Cuthbert swapped positions this spring. Deputy Olson is the new Plan Review Bureau Supervisor. Deputy Olson welcomed two new employees to the Plan Review Bureau during March 2005.

**Plans Examiner Dave Aden** accepted the Plans Examiner position in the Fairbanks office this spring. Plans Examiner Aden has worked in the Anchorage office since 1992 and for many years was the only Plans Examiner. He quickly settled into the Fire Prevention office at 1979 Peger road and went right to work.

**Plans Examiner Richard Boothby** joined the Plan Review Bureau in Anchor-

age following an extensive career in the construction business and firefighting with Central Mat-Su Fire Department. His experience as an electrician and contractor will be very useful to the Plan Review Bureau.

**Timothy W. Fisher** is the new Deputy State Fire Marshal I, in Anchorage and started 31 March 2005.

DFM I Fisher is originally from Oregon. In October 1984, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. From 1989-1990, Fisher served as the Assistant Chief of Operations on a remote assignment at Wallace Air Station, PI, he received the Humanitarian Medal for Earthquake Support at Baggio, PI.

In 1993, Fisher and his family were assigned to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He worked as a Rescue Man, Crew Chief and Station Chief. Fisher also went on several temporary duties while stationed in Ramstein. He traveled to Zaragoza, Spain; Ben-Geri Air Base, Morocco; and South Africa in support of space shuttle launches. He traveled to Bosnia to de-

liver, administer, and proctor training for airman deployed for an extended time.

Fisher and his family returned to the United States in 1998 and were stationed at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico from 1998-2001. He served as the Assistant Chief of Logistics/Fire Logistics Officer. He also served as Fire Chief on a temporary duty assignment at Curacao, Netherlands-Antilles.

He arrived at Elmendorf AFB in March 2001 and served as the NCOIC of the Fire Alarm Communications Center and ended his tour as the NCOIC of Fire Prevention. Tim Fisher and his wife will celebrate their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May. They are the proud parents of **Shelbe**, 16 and **Shayne**, 13, who are both honor students.

**Deputy Fire Marshal I Steven "Rusty" Belanger** accepted a promotion to Plans Examiner with the Plan Review Bureau in the Anchorage office in May 2005. He worked for the Life Safety and Inspection Bureau as a Deputy Fire Marshal I for almost two years.

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### *Training and Education Bureau Fire Service Training*

**Fire Training Administrator Mark Barker** retired from the Division on May 27, 2005. FTA Barker joined the Division in 1992. He was responsible for many changes in Fire Service Training. His leadership guided the accreditation of Fire Service Training as a certification organization with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). He also increased the level of training programs offered by the Division. FTA Barker was a great asset to the Division and he will be missed.

### *Public Education Office*

The Public Education office sponsored a National Fire Academy training program in Wasilla. The Presenting Effective Public Education Programs course improved the public education skills of 21 students. The nationally renowned instructors **Dave Renli** and **Sue Irvine** delivered a dynamic workshop that incorporated group projects with student presentations to the entire group.

### *Fireworks are illegal in most areas of Alaska:*

It is currently illegal to use fireworks on State or Federal land, and in any municipi-



**Deputy Commissioner Ted Bachman with Mark Barker.**

ality or borough that does not authorize fireworks.

If a temporary suspension is not in place, fireworks are allowed on private property, in unincorporated areas of the state, but only with the permission of the property owner. Please check with the local jurisdiction before choosing to use fireworks. The Alaska State Fire Marshal reminds Alaskans to consider the weather conditions when deciding to use fireworks. ■

**(At right) State Fire Marshal Gary Powell made a special plaque presentation to Mark Barker.**



## *As a celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary here are more excerpts from the State Fire Marshal Newsletter 1970s:*

### *June 1970 –*

Several Firsts for McDonalds: McDonalds restaurant chain is building its first facility in Alaska.

The plan review for this facility was made by the State Fire Marshal's Office in Anchorage and the office of the Fire Marshal for the Greater Anchorage Area Borough.

One deficiency found was the lack of one-hour fire-resistive separation of the furnace.

The occupant load, of over 30, made this requirement mandatory under Section 1108 of the 1967 Uniform Building Code as amended.

In discussing this requirement with one of the engineers for the McDonalds Chain it was learned that this was the first time someone had required this type of separa-

tion since the Company had started to build restaurants all over the U. S.

The Borough Sanitation requirement providing separate restrooms for employees was also a FIRST for McDonalds.

No doubt about it – our State is progressive!

### *June 1971 –*

A new sight on the highways is a truck with the lettering on each side "FIRE SERVICE TRAINING – VOCATIONAL & ADULT EDUCATION – DIVISION OF STATEWIDE SERVICES". This vehicle will carry Bob Smith & his training aids and will visit all areas on the highways. This unit is operated out of the University of Alaska and is funded by the University.

### *September 1971 –*

Regional Fire Marshal **Andre Schalk** of the Anchorage Division of Fire Prevention

Office, while attending the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of NFPA in July met **Charles Brauers**, Chief Inspector of Fire Services in the Netherlands and being able to communicate in the Dutch language answered many of Mr. Brauers' questions about the Alaska Fire Service both verbally and later by written communication.

In his written response Mr. Brauers (again in Dutch) indicated that he now intends to use the Uniform Building Code for high rise structures in Holland.

Mr. Schalk was able to share information on federal laws having to do with Medicare inspections, carpeting and clothing.

Fifty people from the Department of Public Safety worked on the recovery effort following the Alaska Airlines Crash, **(Fire Prevention, continued on page 31)**

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September 4. Thirty-seven State Troopers spent some time at the crash scene, and fire department employees aided in identification efforts. Seven student State Troopers contributed their time in support activities. **Regional Fire Marshal Jim Jaqua** spent two days at the scene. We plan to have Public Safety Academy Commander **John Monagle** present some videotape and other information on this operation during the ASFA Conference in Sitka.

### July 1972 –

The *Kotzebue Volunteer Fire Department* reports a membership of 16. They have participated in Basic Fire Fighting training with **Mr. Bob Smith** of Fire Service Training. Shoulder patches and badges were presented to the men. Plans are underway for procurement of much-needed equipment. Four of the men are presently completing First Aid courses.

### October 1972 –

**Wallace W. Dawson**, recently retired from the State Fire Marshal spot in Alaska was given a grand farewell by many of his fellow firefighters. Below is the very vivid description supplied by Mrs. Dawson of what happened in Ketchikan:

*“The Ketchikan Fire Dept. met us at the ferry dock with their little old 19B truck and for the first time in my life I rode a tailboard. Mrs. Sirevog had a nice little party planned for the hour we were there with goodies like smoked salmon, crab dip, etc. Then we rode back to the ferry (same way) and the fireboat preceded us down the channel with all the streams going. It was beautiful and everyone on the boat was taking pictures. Then it was announced over the speaker system that it was for the retiring State Fire Marshal, Wallace Dawson, and the fireboat pulled to one side, stopped the*

*streams and sounded their weird sirens. Everyone waved and Wally took out his handkerchief and blew his nose real hard. We will never forget that as long as we live.”*

Thanks to **Ruth Dawson**. Just remember, Ruth, we will never forget you and Wally for as long as we live.

### April 1974 –

A standing ovation for the University of Alaska Fire Department! Their 1973 FIRE PREVENTION YEARBOOK received the “Special Recognition” award from the National Fire Protection Association which is described on page 3. This was the TOP ENTRY in the Alaska contest. **Fire Marshal Hendrie** recently presented the Nanooks with their State Award. Take our congratulations, **Chief Buck Whitaker** and Company. As a tribute to your hard work our front-piece is dedicated! ■

## Division of Administrative Services



Kim Byrne began work with Public Safety on October 1, 2002, as an Administrative Clerk II at R & I. She transferred to Anchorage Finance October 6, 2003, as an Accounting Clerk I. She promoted to an Accounting Clerk II in July of 2004. From then until her departure, she handled the Delivery Order Desk in Anchorage Finance working very closely with Supply on the many purchases that our Department makes to keep employees up and running. Byrne lives in Wasilla and took a job with the accounting department of the City of Wasilla only five minutes from her front door. We all agreed that we would do the same to eliminate a commute from the Valley, but her smile, sunny disposition, and her logical and practical outlook on life will be sorely missed by her supervisors and co-workers. A going away pizza luncheon was held at Lisa Emerson's home in her honor on April 29th including the Administrative Services Employees.



The following DPS employees and their families' participated in the 2005 Heart Run held in Anchorage. Jason Adams, Mary-Ellen Thomas, Shirley Weston, Karin and Kimberly Sullivan, Kelly Howell, Kim Byrne, Kathy Miller, Barbara and D.J. Keller, and Lisa and Ryan Emerson.

## In Other News

# Village Police Officer Academy #13

BY CHIEF JAMES HOELSCHER, HOOPER BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SERGEANT CLINTON O'MALLEY, VPSO, AVCP REGION

In a cooperative effort, Alaska State Troopers, Municipal Police Officers, and Village Public Safety Officers worked together to provide training for Village Police Officers representing the communities of Akiachak, Unalakleet, Anvik, Pilot Staion, Eek, Kake, Teller, Kwethluk, Kotlik, Napakiak, Shaktoolik, Port Heiden, Emmonak, Kasigluk, and Shishmaref.

Funding for this training was obtained from a Federal grant administered by the Alaska State Troopers and coordinated by **Sgt. Greg Lavin**. The grant supplied training and equipment to rural Alaska Public Safety agencies. The Academy Director was **Sgt. Michael Dekreon**, Alaska State Troopers (retired). Certified instructors included State Troopers, Municipal Officers, and Village Public Safety Officers.

The Academy, held in King Salmon, began May 23<sup>rd</sup> and ended on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Eighteen Officers came from throughout the State, from Kake in Southeast Alaska to as far north as Shishmaref in the Arctic Circle. Although the attending officers came from different cultures, they all shared a common goal of providing law enforcement to their respective communities.

All of the Tribal and Village Police Officers came as volunteers, out a sense of duty and desire, to learn the skills necessary to protect and serve the people of their communities.

Individuals who have never worn a uniform, polished a pair of boots, or ironed a shirt quickly learned how to look professional and feel confident in themselves as police officers. They also learned to work together as a team, as well as how to conduct themselves if working alone.

The graduates received a total of 104 training hours in subjects including Alaska Criminal Codes, Crimes involving Domestic Violence, Defensive Tactics, Search and Rescue, First Aid/CPR, Report Writing, Crime Scene Investigation, DWI Investigation, Rural Patrol Procedures, Fire Training, and more.

Included with the training were two sets of uniforms, duty jacket, boots, leather gear, expandable baton, pepper spray, handcuffs, flashlights, tape-recorder, camera, GPS, and other investigative supplies

After two weeks of intensive training, these officers were "infused" with the basics of law enforcement and the basic duties of a police officer that they will start them on a career in law enforcement.

As a result of the training, several officers planned to submit applications to become Village Public Safety Officers and one planned to apply with the State Troopers in the near future.

*(This article was received past deadline but merited inclusion in this edition. Editor.)* ■



During the Village Police Office Academy #13, in King Salmon, students participated in classroom instruction as well as hands-on experience in use of pepper spray, arrest methods, fire fighting, and baton. A federal grant funded the training and equipment for these Village Police Officers.





# Torch Run 2005: The Most Successful Year Ever

COMPILED BY LT. KEITH MALLARD

May 21<sup>st</sup> marked the date for the 2005 Alaska Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Simultaneously, in 17 communities around the state, a fun run was held to benefit the Special Olympians of Alaska. This was my first year actively participating in this pledge drive and let me tell you I feel as if I was truly blessed to be involved.

As the Anchorage area run director, I was able to see first hand all the hard-work that many dedicated volunteers put into this event, but more importantly the appreciation I felt from the athletes themselves made all the work worthwhile. If you have never taken the opportunity to get involved in the Torch Run you are missing out.

For the Anchorage area Torch Run, we started the race with AST pilot **Mel Nading** taking off in Helo 1. Despite the occasional rainfall, **Trp. Kim Babcock** was there with 239 other runners braving the elements to complete the 5K run.

The top pledge getter in each of three categories, Athlete, Civilian, and Law Enforcement received a trophy. **Andy Marson**, the top pledge getter for an athlete, collected \$953. Andy received all of his pledges going door to door. In addition to the individual trophies, the Anchorage area has a traveling trophy



The Ketchikan Torch Run, above; the Wasilla/Palmer Torch Run, below.



The Anchorage Torch Run

that goes to the agency that raises the most money. Although there were several agencies participating in the run, Anchorage Police Department, FBI, Adult Probation, UAA Police, Airport Police, and Alaska State Troopers, the race for the traveling trophy came down to just two departments: Elmendorf's 3<sup>rd</sup> Security Forces and the Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections pulled ahead in the end through the strong leadership of **Officer Paul Kolpecky**.

In Ketchikan, **Sgt. Lonny Piscoya** headed up the Torch Run event, with **Officer Natalie White** (Ketchikan Police Department) assisting. Members of both departments, along with Department of Corrections personnel participated in the event.

Fairbanks notable participants **Lt. Burke Barrick**, **Trp. Rachel Foster**, (Nenana), **Trp. Honie Abercrombie**, (Fairbanks patrol); and **CSO Cheryl Gilmour** (Fairbanks JS). **Capt. Steve Garrett** helped UAF **Captain Sean McGee** with some of the logistical stuff and turned the T-shirts over to him the morning of the race. There were representatives from Eielson AFB, FPD, and others.

AST/ABWE in Palmer had a sole representative of **Sgt. Tory Oleck**. Sgt. Oleck was the only Trooper off duty willing to suffer through the rain and attend the Palmer/Wasilla run. He also helped to shuttle tired runners back to the finish line.

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Lt. Barrick participated in the Torch Run in Fairbanks on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>



The Homer Torch Run had its largest turnout ever this year. Sergeant Tom Dunn and family participated in the event, which went 3.2 miles out the scenic Homer Spit.



Larry and Rachel Erickson, joined by their children Emily, Michael, and Molly, along with Sgt. Barry Wilson and son Wesley, represented the State Troopers at the Kenai Torch Run.

Sitka had the best turnout and collection of funds ever in the history of the Sitka run. Lt. Lee Oly gives all the credit to Kelly Goeden (Cpl. Chad Goeden's wife) and Suzanne Wilson (Cpl. David Willson's wife). They had 45 door prizes donated by local businesses and were able to get 65 participants, collecting \$1,800, which is over twice as much as ever collected in recent history. This is particularly significant because it was the same day as the annual Sitka triathlon, which draws a lot of people.

Although I didn't get information on all the other communities around the state, some of the others were Seward, Delta Junction, Homer, Juneau, Kenai, Klawock, Kotzebue, Nome, Dillingham, Barrow, and Valdez. In all there were over 800 runners statewide and approximately \$75,000 dollars was raised to help fund the Alaska Special Olympics.

I would just like to personally thank all of you that participated in this year's Torch Run and remember we are the guardians of the flame so plan on getting out next year and participating in the Torch Run. ■

*Local Student Selected*

Ashley April, class of 2007 and daughter of Sgt. Tony April, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC), an extraordinary leadership development program for outstanding high school students. While attending the NSLC, Ms. April will have the opportunity to study, experience, and develop the skills and traits that define and identify a leader. This year, approximately 8,000 gifted high school students from across the United States and from 45 countries around the world will find themselves immersed in a learning environment unlike any they have ever experienced. These young leaders return to their schools with increased potential and newly developed abilities that enable them to make a positive difference in their communities.

(For more information on the NSLC go to [www.NSLCleaders.org](http://www.NSLCleaders.org) Editor.) ■

**With Regret**

**V**PSO **Simeon Askoak** passed away April 8, 2005 in Russian Mission. He was initially hired as a VPSO for Russian Mission on February 18, 1992. He served as a VPSO for 13 years. He was a graduate of VPSO Academy number 20. He attended advance VPSO training in April of 1996. He had served as a VPO for Russian Mission in the past. He has served as a TAC Officer at both the VPSO Academies in Sitka as well as the VPO Training Academies in King Salmon.

He was a certified DARE Instructor for 7 years. He was qualified to instruct both Medic First Aid and OCAT. He was promoted to Corporal and then to Sergeant within the VPSO program. He was a mentor to younger VPSOs.

VPSO Training Coordinator in Anchorage, **Sgt. Greg Lavin** said, "Simeon was one of the good guys". His oversight officer, **Trp. Karl Main**, St. Marys Post said, "It's a huge loss to law enforcement in the state of Alaska to lose someone like Simeon, and it's an even bigger loss to lose him as a friend". ■



**ABI Says Farewell**

**V**ickie Miller, Admin. Clerk II in ABI transferred out on March 18 and into the AAFIS section of R & I as an Admin. Clerk III.

ABI Supervisor, **Capt. Matt Leveque** presented Miller with a plaque recalling her years of service to Alaska. Miller had previously worked in Division Operations in Fairbanks, January 1990, to July 1991; General Investigations Unit in Fairbanks August 1991, to May 1997; and in CIB/ABI in Anchorage since June 1997.

She also received a \$100 gift certificate to the Quilt Tree. The ABI staff had a nice farewell party in the ABI squad room for which everyone brought sweet things to eat. Miller said, "It was an emotional farewell to say the least. I am going to miss everyone dearly, but I've only gone downstairs, so I'm not too far away from my DPS family." ■

**On Reflection**

By **FREDERICK OZENNA III, ST. MICHAEL POLICE DEPT.**

**D**edicated to Alaska State Troopers, Correctional Officers, City cops and Village Police Officers!

Today was a difficult day for us. We lost another brother/sister. It was difficult because we watched them grow into their uniforms. From the time they were a rookie to experience. He/she joined the police department because he/she wanted to help people. Protect the weak and the innocent and to try and stand for what's right. He/she gave their life for that cause. Yet we don't know how many calls this officer responded to or how many people

this officer put in jail just to try and make the streets safe.

We don't know how many victims are safe now because of this officer. We will never forget you. Yet we are better police officers for knowing you. I make you this promise when another call comes in we will respond. When I am off duty, people ask me why is it when somebody is shooting a gun everybody is running away. But yet we're running after the shooter. Well that's a simple answer and you answered it with your courage, loyalty and integrity. We will be brave like you. ■

**In Flanders Fields**

By **THE CANADIAN ARMY PHYSICIAN JOHN McCRAE**

**I**n Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields. ■



**The village of Castorville, Texas is home to settlers from Alsace, France.**

PHOTO BY STEVE BEHR

## Lessons Learned<sup>©</sup>

By: KEITH J. BETTINGER

**Carl Green** knew this new situation at work was not going well. He was forty-seven years old and not in the mood for this assignment. He was assigned to patrol. He felt like he and the job were both getting too old too fast. Things were not what they used to be on the home front either. The relationship between he and his wife was strained. The kids, two sons and a daughter, were attending schools. Their college and high school expenses were inhaling his salary, or at least what was left of it. There was a lot of maintenance work that had to be done on the house, but little time or money to do it. He wanted to retire and get away, but, everyone else's expenses were always there and he was responsible for dealing with them. Now the new academy class had hit the street and Carl was kept busy training rookies. Or in this case, more aptly put, trying to train a rookie.

His rookie was **Robert Hannigan**, not Bob or Bobby – Robert. He was part of the new breed being hired to make a kind and gentle police department for one and all to see. Carl could not sit and talk about his passion for sports with this young man. The rookie had no interest in baseball or football. This was the type of rookie that did not start the shift off with a

cup of coffee and donut. No, this was one of those bottled water and fruit freaks. There was no having a beer with this rookie after a four to twelve shift. He either went right home or to an all night gym.

Police Officer Hannigan, as he liked to remind all civilians was his name, was always running in overdrive. Every traffic stop was worth a handful of summonses. When Carl tried to tell Bob, oops, Robert that sometimes an officer could do more with a warning, he wasn't interested. His attitude was either write them a summons or lock them up. If they were good enough to stop, they must be good enough to write.

Anyone under arrest was immediately thrown into cuffs. No questions or explanation were necessary. The rookie never took the time to finesse someone into handcuffs or the patrol car with a gentle word.

Aided cases were inconveniences that interfered with his hunt for criminals. Every time Carl stopped to visit and schmooze with people in his sector, Officer Hannigan sat in the car with a sour look on his face. He didn't have time for public relations. Crime fighting was all that mattered.

Family fights were not about calming things down and restoring order when Officer Hannigan was on the call. Instead of distracting one participant and getting the other to disappear for a while, the rookie was only interested in handling domestic disputes the modern way. He would recite from memory his academy training; anyone, who harasses or injures another party, even within one's own home, is required to be arrested. He never wanted to listen to the well-known fact that this household's activities had been going on for years.

When they had lunch, Carl thought he was sitting with Goldilocks. This is too much and this is too little, but this is just right. Forget the police staple of cheeseburger and French fries. This was like riding with Richard Simmons. Just the right amount of protein and carbohydrates and a touch of vegetables to keep the rookie a lean, mean running machine. A machine capable of outrunning any criminal that had the misfortune of crossing his path. No matter how the rookie handled apprehensions, Carl still preferred to hit the perpetrator with the patrol car door as his cheeseburger digested.

Life on the street was becoming a living hell. Every day was like living in the movie "**Ground Hog Day**". No matter what Carl did at the end of his day, he knew he and rookie Hannigan would be together again tomorrow. He would rather stick pins in his eyes than live another day in rookie hell.

Training time was winding down. There were a few days left before the rookie would be let loose on the public all by himself. It was a frightening thought. Carl was trying to come up with the appropriate evaluation for this Tasmanian Devil about to be unleashed by the department.

The summer season was now officially upon the department. Carl and his rookie had just finished doing traffic assignments at the local Memorial Day parade. They were back on patrol. Carl was ready for some lunch and some time to cool off (**Lessons Learned**, continued on page 37)



**Trp. Gary Cox from B Detachment took a Breathalyzer reading on a participant in the Second Annual "None For The Road" event, sponsored by a local Anchorage radio station. Participants drank a Margarita every half hour and then had to take the Breathalyzer and Standard Field Sobriety Tests.**



**Trp. Gary Cox from B Detachment stood by as participants in the Second Annual "None For the Road" event prepare to drive through a cone course set-up by the Anchorage Police Department. Participants attempted the course every half hour between consuming six Margaritas.**



**And you thought traffic was a problem in your neck of the woods!**

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and relax. Officer Hannigan was ready for some action. For him, the day had been boring. As far as he was concerned, all he did was direct traffic and watch a bunch of old people in archaic uniforms walk in a parade.

As they were cruising on the parkway, there was a car ahead of them. It was traveling a little below the speed limit. Its right directional signal was on as it changed into the left lane. According to Officer Hannigan, it had to be a drunk starting early on the holiday. According to Carl, it was another problem about to be blown out of proportion by his over-anxious rookie. Carl knew, if he didn't go after the car, he would have to listen to the rookie whine the rest of the afternoon. Carl decided to let him have this stop, and remembered, in a few days Hannigan would be gone and so would Carl's migraine headaches.

Carl let out a sigh of annoyance and accelerated the car. He caught up to the transgressor and was about to put on the red lights when he noticed the license plate. It was a special plate. It wasn't a vanity plate, but a very special plate. The rookie noticed the plate too. The left-hand side of the license plate held the logo "Former Prisoner of War". Carl passed the car and they both took a look inside. Inside the car was an elderly couple.

They both had gray hair and their eyes were masked with thick glasses. The glasses now helped eyes that in years past had seen more than they ever needed

or wanted. Carl looked at his rookie and shook his head no.

Carl said nothing else. He accelerated the patrol car and left the couple far behind. Down the road, about one and a half miles, Carl pulled over on the shoulder and got out of the car. He said nothing to his rookie. As he was standing there, he heard the patrol car's other door open and close. He found his rookie silently standing next to him at the shoulder of the road. Neither one spoke. A few minutes later, that special car with the special couple started to drive by. Without a word being said, they snapped to attention and rendered the crispest military salutes anyone ever saw. It was a silent thank you to a couple who had given so much, for so many, from a couple of grateful Americans. The couple smiled and waved as they passed by.

As the rookie and the mentor got back into the car there was silence. Neither one had anything to say. The truth was, neither one could say anything just then. They looked out the side windows of their own sides of the car. Neither officer would risk looking at the other.

However, there seemed to be a different climate in the car. As Carl started to work on the evaluation sheet, the rookie finally looked over. After a little throat clearing he asked, "Uhm, Carl, how do you think the Mets are going to do this year?"

Carl looked over and said, "I think they'll do just fine, Bob. I think you will too." ■

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