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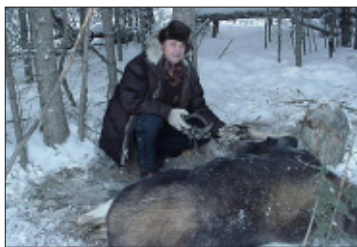
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Commissioner's Comments

BY COMMISSIONER BILL TANDESKE

Recently, I spent some quiet moments in Juneau pondering strategies for keeping the department successful while overall state spending continues to be reduced. The legislative process has that effect on me! As daunting as some of the challenges facing the state appear to be, I was quick to remind myself of the advice I frequently give to others – focus on the positive aspects of our department while addressing the areas where we can improve our services.

The members of our department have much of which we can be proud:

- **Governor Frank Murkowski** holds our department in very high regard.
- We have developed a positive relationship with members of the Legislature.
- The reorganization of the department has positioned us to be a viable organization well into the future, regardless of fiscal challenges facing the state.
- We were minimally impacted by funding veto actions last spring.
- Our current budget request fully funds all divisions and includes twenty new State Trooper positions – this at a time of major spending reductions in state government. This is a significant show of support from the Governor and a reaffirmation of the importance of the services we provide.

We will continue to address long-standing issues and implement needed changes. An important success story is the implementation of foundational re-

forms in programs such as the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program. We have combined service regions and reduced the number of non-profit grant recipients and are now able to increase the percentage of funding to employ VPSOs in communities. These changes to the VPSO program were not easy as they represent change to long-standing practice; however, they will significantly benefit the program over time. The effort that has been invested in needed program changes will ensure the cost effective viability of the VPSO program into the future.

Throughout the department, our focus is to ensure that maximum resources are invested at the service level. Through our reorganization efforts, we have reduced our management numbers in favor of increased personnel actually performing the work for which the department exists.

I ask that each member of the department focus on the many things we have to be proud of. We have fared exceedingly well through very challenging times in state government. Because of the importance of the services we provide to all Alaskans and the quality of our members, I am very confident that the tremendous support that we have will continue.

This department exists to serve the public. If we commit to ensuring that “whatever we do, we do well” we will continue our record of success. Thanks to each and every member of the department. ■

Colonel Julia Grimes Announced Promotions

Colonel Julia Grimes announce the promotion of **Trp. Andrew Greenstreet** effective January 1, 2004; **Trp. Gregory Garcia**, **Trp. Justin Lindell**, and **Trp. Gregory Lavin** each effective February 1, 2004.

Trp. Greenstreet:

Trp. Greenstreet is a 9-year veteran in law enforcement; 5 years of service with AST, including assignments in Palmer Post patrol, Mat-Su Narcotics Unit, Palmer GIU, Kotzebue Post patrol and currently assigned to the Kotzebue WAANT Unit as the Alcohol Enforcement Trooper. Trp. Greenstreet worked for Sitka Police Department for 3 years as a Police Officer and then moved to Palmer where he joined the Palmer Police Department for one year before being hired as an Alaska State Trooper.

Sgt. Greenstreet's assignment will be with the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement, and assigned to the Alaska Interdiction Task Force as supervisor and "Team Leader of a multi-agency, federally funded interdiction task force based at the Anchorage International Airport. In this position, Sgt. Greenstreet will supervise one State Trooper Investigator, four Investigators from other agencies, and one Administrative Clerk II. The Task Force is responsible for the interdiction of controlled substances arriving in the State from source cities and the interdiction of drug proceeds leaving Alaska by way of air carrier, parcels, or other ports of entry.

Trp. Garcia:

Trp. Garcia has 11 years of service with the Alaska State Troopers. He began his career as a Seasonal Fish and Wildlife Aide in June of 1990. In 1992, Trp. Garcia was promoted to Seasonal Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officer in Palmer. He transferred to Juneau to a full time Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Officer position in 1996. In September 1997, Trp. Garcia was promoted to State Trooper Recruit and transferred to the Academy. With his graduation from the Academy, he was assigned to the Juneau Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement. In 1999, he transferred to the Hoonah ABWE Post. Trp. Garcia's



Sgt. Greg Garcia received his new badges from Colonel Julia Grimes during a ceremony in January 2004. His wife and two of his children participated in the event.

current assignment in Cantwell began in January 2001.

Sgt. Garcia's assignment will be as Supervisor for the Dutch Harbor, Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement. Sergeant Garcia's duties will include supervision of 2 Troopers and 3 to 5 civilian employees. He will be responsible for all Post operations, the operation of the Patrol Vessel *Stimson*, the major crab and bottom fish programs in the Bering Sea, the Salmon Fishers in False Pass, Area M and the Cold Bay op-

erations and all TDY personnel working in these programs.

Trp. Lindell:

Trp. Lindell has over two years of service with the Alaska State Troopers. He began his career at the Academy on March 2001 and has been stationed in the Fairbanks, Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement. Colonel Grimes has every confidence that Trp. Lindell's exceptional skill sets will serve him well as he takes on

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Sgt. Justin Lindell received his new badges during a ceremony at Anchorage Headquarters in January. His wife participated in the ceremony.

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his new responsibilities in the King Salmon Region.

Sgt. Lindell's assignment will be as Supervisor for the King Salmon, Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement area. Sgt. Lindell's duties will include supervision of 3 Troopers located in Dillingham, King Salmon, and Iliamna and also a Fish and Wildlife Aide in King Salmon. He will be responsible for supervising enforcement programs such as the Bristol Bay Red Salmon Commercial Fisheries, which is the largest enforcement program within ABWE. Sgt. Lindell will find his new position rewarding but challenging as well.

Trp. Lavin:

Trp. Lavin joined the Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers, as a State Trooper Recruit in 1993. After graduation from the Academy, he was assigned to E Detachment, Soldotna Post. January 1997, Trp. Lavin transferred to C Detachment, Kodiak Post, and in October 1998, he transferred to Bethel Post. In December 2001, he transferred to the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection, D Detachment, Coldfoot Post. Trp. Lavin is a Department Pilot.

In Sgt. Lavin's new assignment with C Detachment, Anchorage, VPSO position, he will be the Commander of the 8-week VPSO Academy in Sitka, and will be responsible for the planning, direction, coordination and implementation of the training as well as the scheduling and coordination of all subject matter to be taught, arranging for instructors, reviewing their lesson plans, insuring that the facility is adequate for housing and training the VPSO candidates both on and off campus. Other administrative duties include, but are not limited to the planning and training support for rural public safety concerns and to act as the Deputy VPSO Program Director. He will provide direct support to the numerous oversight Troopers, who are assigned the field responsibilities of directing and guiding the VPSOs as they carry out their duties.

The Department and VPSO Program are fortunate to have such an experienced person take this important position. Trp. Lavin has a wealth of knowledge of the

VPSO Program and will bring his background and insight to his new position.

Col. Grimes announced the promotions of **Inv. Lantz Dahlke** effective February 1, 2004; and **Cpl. Anthony April** effective March 1, 2004.

Trp. Dahlke:

Trp. Lantz Dahlke joined the Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers May 5, 1986. After completion of the Academy, he was assigned to Fairbanks Patrol. In December of 1990, Trp. Dahlke was assigned to the General Investigation Unit as Acting Investigator. After serving eleven years in the G.I.U., Trp. Dahlke was assigned to Fairbanks Roving Rural Patrol January 2002. After nine months in Patrol, he was reassigned to the General Investigation Unit, where he is currently assigned.

In Sgt. Dahlke's new assignment, he will be responsible for the daily supervision of the Alaska Bureau of Investigations Fairbanks Office and will supervise five Investigators and one Administrative Clerk II. He will coordinate the Unit's activities, which primarily involve major crime investigations including; sexual assault, sexual abuse of minors and homicide.

Sgt. Dahlke is being recognized for his many years of dedicated effort as an investigator and the expertise he has acquired as a result of his desire to be the best at his craft. His guidance and leadership will provide continuity to an already successful team, and will ensure that the investigative element of the Alaska State Troopers remains the best in the State.

Cpl. April:

Cpl. April joined the Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers September 13, 1997. He served in B Detachment, Palmer Post on completion of the Academy. He was reassigned to the Bethel Post in 1999, where he served in rural patrol. In 2002, he was promoted to Corporal and assigned to the Public Safety Academy as an Instructor for the AST Recruit, Municipal, and VPSO academies. Prior to joining the Troopers, Cpl. April was a member of the National Guard's Counter Drug Support Program for just over two years. In that capacity,

he acted as the Operations Sergeant and assisted in numerous drug investigations with police agencies all over the state.

Cpl. April's training includes the DEA Basic Drug Investigator's Course, Border Operations, Marijuana Cultivation, REID Interrogation and Interviewing, Narcotic Investigations and Video Operation. His experience and training will be an asset as he takes on his new assignment with the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement, supervising the Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team.

Sgt. April will supervise teams of State Troopers and municipal police officers located in Bethel, Kodiak, Soldotna, and Anchorage. He will be leading one of the busiest and most productive teams within ABAD. His willingness to move around the state and gain experience, as well as a broad understanding of the many unique functions of our division has prepared him quite well for this new challenge. He has solidly developed leadership abilities and will bring energy and enthusiasm to WAANT, ensuring their continued success in rural drug and alcohol enforcement.

Col. Grimes announced the promotion of **Trp. Kathy Peterson**, effective February 1, 2004; and **Trp. Paul Randall**, effective March 16, 2004.

Trp. Peterson:

Trp. Peterson is a 10-year veteran as an Alaska State Trooper. She began her law enforcement career as a Radio Dispatcher in Palmer and then joined DPS in 1990 as a Court Services Officer in Fairbanks. She went to the Academy in 1993. She was stationed in Palmer Post Patrol after graduating from the Academy. In 1997, she transferred to Glennallen Patrol and spent three years there until she transferred to her current assignment in Big Lake Patrol.

Sgt. Peterson's assignment will be as B Detachment, Palmer Shift Patrol Sergeant. First Line Supervisors are the most important and influential members of our leadership team and carry with them the responsibility of ensuring that their Unit's day-to-day activities work toward the Division's broader mission; "To preserve

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Sgt. Kathy "Kat" Peterson received her new badges from Lt. Randy Hahn during a ceremony in January. Sgt. Peterson will be stationed in Palmer.



Mrs. Randall participated in the presentation of new badges to Cpl. Paul Randall during a ceremony in Anchorage. Cpl. Randall will be stationed at the Academy.

public peace, protect life, property and wildlife resources."

Sgt. Peterson's extensive years in patrol duty assignments, along with her background in DPS Communications and Court Services will bring a unique blend of expertise to the leadership responsibilities of her new assignment.

Trp. Randall:

Trp. Randall has 10 years of service with AST, including assignments in Anchorage Patrol, Palmer Patrol, and Investigations. In 1997, Randall transferred to Klawock and was stationed there for one year when he transferred to his current assignment in Cooper Landing. He has had training in Basic Drug Investigation, Search and Rescue, and Reid Technique of Interview, and has received his APSC Intermediate Certificate.

Prior to being hired as a Trooper, Randall worked with the Counter Drug Support Program (CDSP) in the Alaska National Guard.

Cpl. Randall's assignment will be as Academy Instructor. He will supervise and evaluate Academy students, provide specialized administrative support and training, and develop training plans and testing devices used to evaluate students' learning and performance. The Department considers this a critical role in the development of new Troopers to meet the challenges and expectations of their new careers in public safety. With this comes the burden of responsibility, of which Cpl. Randall is undoubtedly capable.

Cpl. Randall's valuable experience from his time with our Department, as well as with the CDSP, will assist him greatly in providing leadership at the DPS Training Academy and in meeting the demands of his new position. ■

ALET 30 Graduation

Graduation ceremonies for the 30th ALET (Alaska Law Enforcement Training) class of the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka were held November 20, 2003, in Sitka's Centennial Hall. Thirty-three trainees representing 12 different agencies took the oath to become state certified law enforcement officers.

Graduates heard comments from **Commissioner William Tandeske**, **Colonel Julia Grimes**, and **Lt. Governor Loren Leman**.

Recruits completed 14 weeks of rigorous physical training and challenging academics to graduate. Recruits with the Alaska State Troopers will continue their training for an additional three weeks;

covering information which is specific to the Troopers. They will then be assigned to field training in Fairbanks, Soldotna or Palmer. In addition to training recruits for the Department of Public Safety, the Academy also trains municipal police officers from around the State, Village Public
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Safety Officers, students from the University of Alaska law enforcement program, Civil Air Patrol cadets, State Fire Marshals, Military Security, Airport Police, and other law enforcement agencies.

Graduates and their Agency: **Kevin Baker**, AST/Palmer; **Josh Bentz**, AST/Fairbanks; **Shayne Calt**, AST/Palmer; **Jason Carpenter**, AST /Palmer; **Henry Ching**, AST/Fairbanks; **Michael Cresswell**, ST/Soldotna; **Matthew Cunningham**, AST/Fairbanks; **Elizabeth Haddad**, AST/Soldotna; **Marc Hendrickson**, AST/Palmer; **Michael Henry**, AST/Soldotna; **James Kimura**, AST/Palmer; **Preston Kroes**, AST/Palmer; **Arturo Lincon**, AST/Palmer; **Aaron Mobley**, ST/Fairbanks; **James Norton**, AST/Fairbanks; **Gregory Pealater**, AST/Palmer; **James Wilcox**, AST/Fairbanks; **Michael Zweifel**, AST/Palmer; **Jeffrey Duhrsen**, AST/Palmer; **John Rhyshek**, AST/Palmer-Big Lake; **Steven Belanger**, DPS/Fire Prevention; **Jason Dollarhide**, Kotzebue PD; **Roger Frierson**, Haines PD; **Jose Garcia**, Soldotna PD; **Ryan Hanis**, Ketchikan PD; **Elias Joven**, Juneau PD; **Jared Meyer**, Soldotna PD; **Alan Nickell**, Seward PD; **Chris Peabody**, Ketchikan PD; **Matthew Putney**, Kodiak PD; **Kevin Richards**, Sitka PD; **Zac Schasteen**, Unalaska PD; and **Justin Mitchell**, USCG/Kodiak.

(Photos from the ceremony have been posted on our website at:

<http://www.dps.state.ak.us/pio/releases/photos/>) ■



Trp. Recruit Elizabeth Haddad received her certificate and badges from Col. Julia Grimes and Commissioner William Tandeske.



Trp. Recruit Arturo Lincon received his certificate and badges from Col. Julia Grimes and Commissioner William Tandeske.



ALET 30 members of the graduating class took the oath of office during the ceremony on November 20, 2003.

ALETS #30 Graduation

COMMENTS BY COL. JULIA GRIMES

It's hard for me to believe that almost 21 years ago, I was seated where you are now, having just completed my 14 weeks of training at this very same Academy.

Of course, back then, we ran 15 miles every morning, through waist deep snow, all uphill. We didn't have the workout rooms, big screen T.V.s, computers and latte machines. (Although I'm sure we had the same plastic covered mattresses.) Seriously, the intensely challenging pro-

gram you've just completed has probably got you in the best condition of your life...both physically and mentally...which is good because you're going to need it.

From this class there will be new officers serving the communities of Kotzebue, Haines, Soldotna, Ketchikan, Juneau, Seward, Kodiak, Sitka, Unalaska, and in the Coast Guard. We also have new deputy fire marshals and, of course, Alaska State Troopers. I'd like to applaud

each of you for choosing the path of law enforcement.

There were certainly easier careers you could have chosen.

But looking at you today, I think you're cut from a different cloth. I see you as the new Blue Line, a new group of warriors entrusted to protect the innocent of our society. As such, you will be held to a higher standard and a noble code. It is

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Colonel Julia Grimes

true that moral courage and sacrifice are the enduring ideals of the police officers existence. Such courage, along with honor, integrity and humility make up the long lasting code of law enforcement officers around the world.

I trust that each of you is ready to serve honestly and faithfully. That each of you will remember that the public you serve expects you to fairly and equally apply the law without regard to class, color, creed or condition.

It is my sincere hope that you understand the power and authority society is granting you and that you wield it with restraint and care. At the same time take great pride in the incredibly noble role you are about to take on. For when there is a

fight, you will bring peace... when there is fear, you will bring courage...and when there is pain and loss, you will bring hope.

I'm very proud of each of you.

Now, if our new municipal officers will excuse me, I'd like to take a moment to talk to my new troopers.

First, let me welcome you to what I believe to be one of the finest law enforcement agencies in the country.

Over the past year, **Commissioner Tandeske, Deputy Commissioner Bachman, Major Masters, and Major Cockrell** and all of our commanders and supervisors statewide, have embarked on a mission to reorganize the Alaska State Troopers. Our belief was that we could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our organization. To take the things we did well, and do them better. We believe that we have come a long way in accomplishing our goals.

As you begin your career with the Troopers, let me encourage you to always look forward, not back. You may hear some say, "this is the way we've always done it".

Change can be tough, but it can also be a re-energizing and positive force. We've taken a new direction and we are looking for success. You are the future of the Alaska State Troopers.

As you begin your career with us, whether you're patrolling our highways and neighborhoods, or flying a Super Cub with our Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement, whether you're intercepting drugs and alcohol with our Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement, or solving a murder with our Bureau of Investigation, remem-

ber, the core mission for each trooper remains the same, to enforce the laws of the State of Alaska, preserve the public peace, protect lives and protect our state's wildlife resources. In short, you're going to put bad guys in jail. And you're going to have fun.

You trooper recruits still have three weeks of classroom training, and months of Field Training ahead of you. Keep your eye on the prize. Take care of each other. And never forget, the strength of our agency rests on the strength of your character.

I look forward to getting to know each of you over the coming years and watching you grow and succeed.

I'm excited for you, to see where your career will take you and what adventures are in store for you.

And once again, to our brother officers heading to police departments and federal agencies around the state, we wish you the brightest and safest of futures. Our paths will most certainly cross again, as the law enforcement family remains close-knit.

To the family and friends of our Trooper recruits, Deputy Fire Marshals and new police officers, your love and support is a huge part of their future. We understand the sacrifices you have made, and will make in the years to come. We hope you are very proud of the accomplishments represented here.

Congratulations again to each of you here today.

So I leave you with these wishes... be safe, be strong, and meet each new challenge head on. ■

In Memorial: Kenai Police Department Officer John Patrick Watson

Kenai Police Department Officer John Patrick Watson died December 25, 2003, in the line of duty. His weapon was taken from him during a struggle and he was shot twice.

Officer Watson was born June 12, 1960 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He graduated from South Haven High School in 1978 and Ferris State College in 1981. He then served in the U. S. Army.

Officer Watson had been serving with the City of Kenai Police department for the

past 18 years. His wife, a daughter, and six stepchildren survive him.

His funeral was held December 31, 2003 in Kenai. A memorial fund has been established in Officer Watson's name through First National Bank Alaska, account number 70230735.

Kenai City Manager **Linda Snow** said, "He was very, very well liked. We will miss him greatly." **Governor Frank Murkowski** ordered Alaska state flags flown at half-staff until Watson's memorial

service. Governor Murkowski said, "We are abhorred by the sudden and violent death of Officer Watson, even as we hope, as a civilized society, that these kinds of crimes would not happen."

The Incident:

On December 25, 2003, at approximately 7:41 P.M., Alaska State Trooper Dispatch in Soldotna contacted the Kenai Police for assistance in conducting a welfare check. Police were asked for help in locating a (**Officer Watson**, continued on page 7)

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newer silver colored Ford Excursion being driven by **David Forster**, 33 of Kenai. A citizen had reported to Troopers that Forster and a 21-year old female, had left her residence in a Ford Excursion and that Forster appeared intoxicated and agitated.

Kenai Police Department Officer John Watson went to Forster's residence to look for the vehicle. Officer Watson reported the vehicle was not there and was leaving the area, when at 8:16 P.M., he reported he had just seen a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle driving past him.

He turned around and reported he had stopped the vehicle in Forster's driveway. The female companion asked if she could take two dogs from the Excursion into the residence. Officer Watson allowed her to

do this. A few minutes later, Officer Watson radioed dispatch that he needed assistance. A Kenai Police Department sergeant and an Alaska State Trooper responded to the scene.

It is believed Forster continued to act aggressively toward Officer Watson. While attempting to arrest Forster, a struggle broke out.

At some point during their struggle, Forster was able to obtain Officer Watson's service weapon, a Glock 21, 45-caliber semi-automatic handgun.

It is believed two shots were fired; one struck Officer Watson in the head, killing him. Forster then walked into the residence where his female companion took the gun from him and put it in the bedroom.

Moments later, the KPD sergeant and trooper arrived. Upon their arrival, the sergeant radioed that Officer Watson was

down with a possible gunshot wound to the head. He subsequently advised that officers were involved in a standoff with what was believed to be an armed subject inside the residence.

Shortly after the standoff began, the 21-year-old female came to the door and ran from the residence, unharmed. Three troopers, nine Kenai police officers, and eight members of the SERT team surrounded the residence.

Numerous attempts were made to have Forster surrender which he eventually did. He came out of the residence and surrendered without incident. He was arrested and transported to Wildwood Pretrial Facility.

During his arraignment in Kenai District Court, Forster was charged with Murder in the first degree and Assault in the first degree. His bail was set at \$500,000 and court approved third party. ■

From the desk of Chaplain Jerry O. Norman

Recently I had the opportunity to read an article by **Dr. Bryan Crow**, a fellow chaplain from Los Angeles, California. He had some interesting thoughts that I would like to pass on to each of you. The excerpts are as follows:

In over eighty percent of all things packaged in the United States, the package and the packing process costs more than the contents. That bit of information came from a friend who works in the packing industry. Think of the little packet of sugar or artificial sweetener, or salt, or mustard. Go to the hardware store and start looking at the small packages of screws and other "stuff". With a little imagination it is not difficult to understand that in over eighty percent of all things packaged in our country, the box costs more than the contents.

That somewhat distorted fact of wrapping being more expensive than the

contents may be something of a commentary on our world. The outside seems to be more important than the inside. What one wears seems to get more attention than who one is. Any way you slice it, there appears to be an epidemic of giving more attention to the superficial than to the substance.

Is it possible that some of this from the packaging industry has filtered into some area of our lives? For you and me, one thing is sure: the uniform is important. We all know that appearance is an important part of the professional attitude. The attention given is certainly important.

In many areas of life, appearance has become of such importance that the inside is neglected—neglected with serious consequences.

We have been allowed or forced to look inside of several human packages and what we have seen is not what we

thought would be there. This includes people of every profession and belief. How many times, even lately, have we seen professional people and public performers who everyone looked up to, and now are exposed as complete failures when the "uniform" comes off.

The media often only talks about the failures, even though there are many who are living up to the standards that their "uniform" suggests and even demands. It is important that in every situation and at all times, the person remains more important than the package.

There is an Old Testament statement that fits. It is a great reminder for all of us: "God sees not as a man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) Keep the package sharp but above all, keep the contents strong and healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually. ■

Salute To Those In The Field

A salute to those who strive and attain success, and thank you to those in the field who have proven they are willing to provide the highest degree of professionalism each and every day.

Trp. Andrew Adams, Palmer Post, received a memo of appreciation for his compassion and professionalism demonstrated while assisting citizens in dealing with the death of a friend. ■

Division News

Alaska Bureau of Investigation

By Lt. Nils Monsen and Jennifer Griggs

In July 2003, **Capt. Matt Leveque** was assigned as Commander of I Detachment with a mission to facilitate the reorganization of the Criminal Investigation Bureau into the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. The Alaska Bureau of Investigation continues in its transition and development from its former structure of an Anchorage based investigation service into a more cohesive statewide bureau offering closer support to Trooper Detachments and Police Departments.

On July 11, 2003, the General Investigation Units formerly in B, D and E Detachments were incorporated into the Alaska Bureau of Investigation. The transition included the transfer of three Investigator positions from Anchorage to satellite units in Mat-Su, Fairbanks and Soldotna. In addition to its Anchorage Office, ABI now has three Investigators in the Soldotna Office, five Investigators in the Fairbanks Office and six investigators in the Mat-Su Office. By the time you read this, the Anchorage ABI unit (what people will remember as the "major crimes section") will only have three investigators.

Also in Anchorage are three Investigators assigned to the Computer and Financial Crimes Unit, formerly called the White Collar Crime Unit. The Missing Persons/ Special Investigation Unit continues with one investigator.

The Wildlife Investigation Unit, which has four investigators and one administrative support position, has also been incorporated into ABI and is co-located with the other units in Anchorage. The unit is supervised by **Sgt. Burke Waldron** and supported by **Invs. Dara Scott, Mitch Doerr, and Bill Zamora**.

Additionally, there are three temporary Cold Case Investigators. One is stationed in Anchorage and two are stationed in Soldotna. The Soldotna Investigators are retired APD **Capt. Bill Gifford** and retired AST **Sgt. Jim Stogsdill**. The Anchorage Investigator is retired APD Detective

Linda Branchflower. Recently departed from the Fairbanks office is retired AST Lt. **Dan Hickman**, who had agreed to come out of retirement to assist with cold cases. We will miss **Dan's** cheery, can-do attitude. He made remarkable progress at nailing down open leads in more than four unsolved Fairbanks area murders.

All four cold case investigators have been working methodically to eliminate all reasonable leads in some unresolved and aging cases. The 1985 Fairchild Homicide case which resulted in the arrest of 53-year-old **Barry McCormack** is currently scheduled for trial in February. The investigation of this case has resulted in a State of Kansas indictment of McCormack for an unresolved homicide from 1984 in that state. In addition to the daily successes being realized in the Cold Case unit, the vast experience of the cold case investigators has also provided valuable assistance during the investigation of other recently investigated major crimes. Thank you **Dan, Bill, Jim and Linda** for sharing your expertise. Thank you **Bill** for your valuable assistance during a protracted homicide investigation in Nome.

The Anchorage ABI unit is supervised by **Sgt. Randy McPherron**. Investigators **Eric Burroughs** and **Jane Schied** fill the major crime positions. **Sgt. Curt Harris** supervises the Computer and Financial Crimes Unit supported by Investigators **Manny Vital** and **Chris Thompson**. Retired AST Investigator **Bill Hughes** has supervised the Missing Persons Section and Evidence section. However following his departure on January 31, that position will be filled by Investigator **Dave Hanson**. Missing Persons Clearinghouse Administrative Clerk III **Paula Sweetwood** and Evidence Custodian (ACIII) **Jennifer Griggs** continue to do excellent work and are always willing and available to take on new projects.

The Anchorage support staff consists of five with the recent addition of ACIII **Stacy Gagnon** from WIU. Administrative

Supervisor **Suzanne Andleman** keeps the administrative processes flowing with the assistance of ACIIs **Vickie Miller, Nancy West** and **Jeannie Sullivan**, all of whom contribute significantly to the overall mission on a daily basis. All have provided positive input as we transition into the Alaska Bureau of Investigation.

Bill Hughes had initially agreed to return from retirement in July 2002 as a temporary to assist ABI for a month or two. He volunteered to stay longer to fill-in during an extended period of diminished staffing. His work has been extremely valuable in the Missing Persons Section and also in his continuous support of major crime investigations. His dedication, friendship and team participation will be missed. Thank you **Bill** for your hard work.

There have been multiple ABI personnel changes over a past six months. The Soldotna Office has experienced some significant personnel changes. The office is now supervised by **Sgt. Sonny Sabala** who transferred from E Detachment Soldotna Post to ABI in October. **Sgt. Sabala** brings an excellent balance of experience and supervision and has earned the well-deserved reputation for getting the job done. **Inv. Dane Gilmore** transferred from his former Soldotna GIU assignment and was assigned as the ABI Soldotna OIC through the ABI transition. **Inv. Gilmore** produced some excellent case-work through this transition and continues to be an excellent asset for ABI. **Inv. James Truesdell** elected to transfer from Soldotna ABI to Soldotna Patrol in October. We thank **Inv. Truesdell** for his positive efforts and contributions made during a very hectic summer and some challenging cases. **Inv. Corneilus 'Moose' Sims** transferred into ABI Soldotna following **Truesdell's** departure and he is an excellent addition to the Soldotna Office.

The Mat-Su ABI Office was not without some significant personal changes (**ABI**, continued on page 9)

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during the transition. **Inv. Ron Hayes** transferred back to B Detachment, Palmer Post, while **Trp. Scott Briggs** transferred from the Palmer Post to Mat Su ABI. Scott was recently featured in a major *Anchorage Daily News* article about trooper recruitment efforts. He represented ABI and B Detachment very well. **Inv. Tim Hunyor** transferred from Anchorage ABI to Mat-Su ABI in July. As most of you are aware Inv. Hunyor returned from retirement and he is making an outstanding contribution with his extensive investigative background. The Mat-Su Office is supervised by **Sgt. Dallas Massie**. This office is also supported by **Invs. Craig Allen** and **Leonard Wallner**, both of whom are accomplished investigators. Sgt. Massie also provides oversight of the Mat-Su Child Abuse Investigative Unit comprised of **Inv. Margie Escobar** and Wasilla PD **Inv. Ruth Josten**. Invs. Escobar and Josten are producing outstanding casework on a daily basis.

Fairbanks ABI also experienced some significant changes with the retirement of **Sgt. Scott Grastle** effective January 31. Sgt. Grastle has developed an excellent work environment in Fairbanks and has done an outstanding job in general. Everyone will miss Scott's friendly and upbeat character.

Replacing Scott will be seasoned **Inv. Lantz Dahlke** whose promotion to Sergeant will be effective February 1. Sgt. Dahlke brings a wealth of investigative experience and knowledge of the region. Sgt. Dahlke had been assigned to ABI Fairbanks as an investigator and was promoted in place. **Invs. Scott Johnson** and **Sue Acquistapace** have stayed with ABI through the transition. Both are producing outstanding casework. **Inv. Ramin Dunford** is a more recent addition to the office. **Marjean Denison** continues to provide excellent clerical support and more. She maintains a high degree of efficiency and is a real self-starter. The transfer of one of the PCNs from Anchorage has brought ABI Fairbanks the services of **Inv. John Williamson**, who transferred from patrol.

ABI would like to thank members of the Scientific Crime Detection Lab for their fo-



Prince William Sound, a local barbershop quartet, provided entertainment during the ABI holiday party.

rensics work and for their ongoing instructional program, providing training to all law enforcement in the field of crime scene documentation. ABI would especially like to recognize members of the Crime Lab's Crime Scene Response Team (CSRT) supervised by Criminalist IV **Lesley Hammer**. ABI would like to recognize this team for its support and dedication to the documentation of major crime scenes. During the past six months, CSRT has responded to sixteen crime scenes throughout the state in support of ABI and municipal police departments. Other members of the team are Forensic Technician **Maureen Smith**, Criminalist II **Kerrie Cathcart**, and Latent Examiner III's **Turner Pippin**, and **Walt McFarlane**.

Lt. Nils Monsen and his family graciously opened their home for the annual ABI Christmas party. It was a lovely time! Sgt. Curt Harris once again came through with the entertainment. Prince William Sound, a local barbershop quartet, was on hand to serenade us all with their wonder-

ful songs. The gift exchange was a hit as usual. And the potluck, anchored by the main course provided by the Monsen's was fantastic!

Oh, and speaking of Christmas – I hope everyone was able to stop into ABI and see the wonderful Christmas tree Curt Harris' wife, **Linda** made for us! It really helped get everyone in the spirit of the season! ■



Sgt. Curt Harris took a break next to the holiday tree, Linda, his wife, decorated.

Giving Credit

Arnold Bennett, the British novelist, had a publisher who boasted about the extraordinary efficiency of his secretary. One day while visiting the publisher's office, Bennett asked her: "Your boss claims you're extremely efficient. What's your secret?" "It's not my secret," the secretary said, "it's his." Each time she did something for him, no matter how insignificant, she explained, he never failed to acknowledge and appreciate it. Because of this, she took infinite pains with her work.

A Pictorial Look At AST A Detachment

By Shelly Dunn, AST Ketchikan



ACIII Linda Deal was chosen as the A Detachment Civilian Employee of the Year and received her plaque and letter from Capt. Steve Garrett, on behalf of Col. Julia Grimes.



Lt. Kurt Ludwig was awarded a Commendation for Meritorious Service and received a plaque and letter from Capt. Steve Garrett on behalf of Col. Julia Grimes.



RDII Sharon Furey received her certificate and pin for her 10 years of service with DPS from Capt. Steve Garrett.



ACII Lonna Murray received a memo of appreciation from Lt. Kurt Ludwig on behalf of Sgt. David Tracy. Sgt. Tracy stated her outstanding assistance in setting up an out-of-state PT with very short notice is to be commended.



RDII John Rymer models one of the bike helmets distributed to the public by Ketchikan Post Troopers. RDII Rymer has found the helmet has come in very handy in more ways than wearing it for protection while riding his bike.

Detachment Recognition:

On November 24, 2003, Ketchikan Dispatcher's Sharon Furey, Richard Nowland, John Rymer, Cindy Stone, Marianne Thomson and Lorealee Corbett received a letter of appreciation from RDIII Shelly Dunn for the outstanding job they did in 2003.

On November 25, 2003, RDIII Shelly Dunn received a memo of appreciation from Lt. Kurt Ludwig for her assistance in obtaining cost estimates for the proposed new Ketchikan facility.

Lt. Ludwig wrote, "Because of your assistance, our Director's Office was able to provide the Commissioner with a concise, professional overview of the estimated costs associated with the purchase of a new Ketchikan Post building". ■



OFFICIAL U.S. COAST GUARD PHOTO COURTESY ENSIGN BRANDON LINK, CUTTER HAMILTON Coast Guard Capt. David T. Glenn, commanding officer of *Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton*, presents Alaska State Trooper Todd Sharp a Cutter Hamilton baseball cap Jan. 24, 2004 while the ship and crew patrolled the Bering Sea on search and rescue standby during the recent Opilio Crab fishery. Trp. Sharp attended the patrol and worked alongside the ship's men and women.



Lt. Kurt Ludwig as Safety Bear with ABWE Trooper Mark Finses at the Ketchikan Point Higgins Elementary school on Halloween.



(Left to right) Trp. Bob Claus, Ketchikan Assistant District Attorney Dan Schally, and Trp. Walter Blajeski are shown in front of the new Klawock Post building. Klawock AST and ABWE troops moved into the new spacious building in early December.



Trps. Shane Nicholson and Mark Finses pose with "future trooper" Cub Scouts.



It just wouldn't be the holiday season without another party in Ketchikan. They had a record turn out for the 3rd annual Ketchikan Post Christmas party. All AST/ABWE personnel, except those on vacation or out of town, attended. A good time was had by all, as if there would be any doubt, and plans are already underway for the 4th annual event. Capt. Steve Garrett and his wife Suzy enjoy the Post Christmas party.



(From left) RDII Lorelee Corbett and her husband Joe, and ACIII Linda Deal and her husband David.

AST B Detachment

BY: KIM LEADER, AST PALMER

Lt. Rick Roberts, AKA, (Tool Man Roberts) once again, volunteered to lend his expertise making improvements at Post. His most recent accomplishments have included installing an ergonomic work station, in the Evidence room and building shelves to accommodate a re-organized a supply room. Many Thanks Tool Man!

Community Policing-

SART receives community award.

By: Casey Ressler-Frontiersman, Jan. 6, 2004.

The MAT-Su Agency Partnership, a voluntary association of the Mat-Su area social service agencies presented its first "Partnership" award to the Mat-Su Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). SART supports victims of sexual assault through a multi-disciplinary approach that mitigates the trauma of an assault while preserving evidence to assist with prosecution. Victims are provided immediate medical and psychological care victim advocacy services and are spared repetitive investigation. The partnership earned the award because it has been active for more than seven years and has bought positive

changes in the care of victims and improved the effectiveness of prosecuting sexual offenders. The SART partnership is composed of Valley Hospital, The Children's Place, Alaska Family Resource Center, Alaska Office of Children's Services, Alaska State Troopers, Wasilla Police Department, Palmer Police Department and the Palmer District Attorney's office.

The Price Is Right!

Trp. Derek Degraaf has this to share: "My wife, **Candice DeGraaf**, and staff from her work, Gentle Care Dental Center, went to Fiji in September. They provided free dental work in several villages in rural Fiji. They treated over 500 people. Candice, and about six others stopped in California for a couple of days of shopping and relaxing prior to going to Fiji. They all got tickets to the Price Is Right. Candice was the second person to "Come on Down". After five attempts, she guessed the price of a day bed and won! She then had the opportunity to guess the price of a Ford Escape truck. They gave her the middle two numbers, and she had to guess the first two digits, then the last

two digits. She guessed them both correctly (\$18,599) and won the truck! She then rolled the big wheel and got on the "Showcase Showdown". She had the opportunity to win a 19-foot ski boat. However, the other person was closer on her guess, and she won her prize. Later that afternoon, Candice called Dispatch, who put Candice to my desk, where I was typing reports. All I heard was my wife's voice and screaming.

Obviously, I was concerned. However, after about four attempts, I could make out that she won a truck on the Price Is Right. It took about three months but the truck was delivered at Cal Worthington, and since we do not need it, we have put the truck up for sale. Candice said **Bob Barker** is full of wrinkles, and he looks like he is 80 years old (which he is). The funny thing is that just prior to going on this trip, she asked me the price of several Ford vehicles, to include a Taurus, F150, and Escape. And yes, we will owe the IRS several thousand dollars!" Trp. Degraaf is going to need an infant car seat to go in his new truck as he and his wife are expecting their first baby in July!

Trading Places:

Palmer Post is please to have **Sandy Eunice** join our clerical staff as an Administrative Clerk II. Eunice brings three years experience as a dispatcher and is known as our APSIN Expert. We are very fortunate to have Sandy join us!

Early Edition:

Inv. Scott Briggs was interviewed by *The Anchorage Daily News*. He has this perspective to share with us and especially our new recruits.

So you want to be a trooper—

Getting into the academy can be the toughest hurdle for recruits

By Melissa DeV Vaughn-
The Anchorage Daily News,
January 19, 2004

Scott Briggs remembers vividly his first day on the job as a state trooper, just a little over a year ago. Four hours into his shift, he and the more-experienced officer who was mentoring him responded to a two-car collision with three fatalities.

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"A star is born." Actually two. Both Trp. Chris Russell and Lisa Bucher, Evidence Custodian, were in the latest DUI team commercial. Our streets are now safer with the installation of the DUI TEAM: Sgt. Rick Terry, Trp. David Herrell, Trp. Tim Lewis, and Trp. Russell. A total of 94 alcohol related DUI arrests were made between November 16, 2003 and January 20, 2004. Well done!

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"It was about three days before Christmas, and it was a real eye-opener," said Briggs, a recent graduate of the Trooper Academy and now an investigator in Palmer. "I thought, 'So, this is what it's like to be a trooper.' I still remember every one of those people's faces and names. No matter how much you prepare for it in the academy, this is the real deal. You're talking to surviving family members, and you were there when their loved ones passed away. You see their pain, and you struggle with it because we're humans, too."

Despite those difficult moments, Briggs said becoming a trooper is "the fulfillment of a lifelong dream." The exhaustive application process, the 18-plus weeks of police officer training and the in-field pairing with more experienced officers have prepared him well, he said.

Lt. Ralph Reyes, recruitment officer for Alaska State Troopers, said as many as 1,200 men and women apply for each academic session. Only 20 to 25 are accepted. Our success rate is somewhere in the 95 percent plus range.

But the truth is, it is quite hard to make the cut. For starters, Reyes said, there is the application process. It's a test of a person's integrity, which is the cornerstone of becoming a police officer. "It's important that you don't lie on the application. It doesn't matter how small it is; you just don't hide it, because if you do, we will find out. We need to know about the person's past history, no matter what," he stressed.

Sgt. Lee Oly is deputy commander of the Department of Public Safety Academy in Sitka. "What we want recruits to do is not owe anybody anything. The most important standard that we try to impose upon our recruits is ethics and conduct." Oly said. "Statistically, above all else, that's what we're teaching."

Briggs said applicants often think by divulging their past indiscretions they will be automatically eliminated, yet it is the reverse. The lack of honesty revealed in trying to hide that information could be the cause of a rejected application.

Oly, who teaches several of the classes at the training academy, said occasionally

recruits will be surprised at the paramilitary environment. We only want someone here who can mentally make it."

Briggs said he remembers academy life well. Instructors such as Oly got in his face, yelled about his performance, made him do push-ups at the drop of a hat. "One of my drill instructors at the academy was a former Marine drill instructor, and he could induce stress in you like no one else," Briggs laughed. "But he is a very respected trooper, and I hold him in a high standard for sure because what I learned from him has definitely helped me in the field." Oly said his best advice to prospective recruits is to be in good physical condition when they arrive for training. About 60 percent of newly arrived recruits do not meet the standards for physical fitness. But after integrity and honesty, it is one of the most important aspects of being a law-enforcement officer. "Since many troopers are in remote locations, they work alone; there is no backup," he said. "I was in Nenana for two years, and if I stopped somebody and that person wanted to fight, I had to be able to take care of it. If you're in good enough physical condition, and you can handle that person, you will avoid using your gun. But if they overpower you and you have to kill them, then that is no good."

"I think anyone who becomes a police officer doesn't do it for the money, because you notice it's not a lot," Tyson said, nodding toward the drawing board where Reyes had written "begin at approximately \$3,400 a month."

Becoming a law-enforcement officer takes a special sort of person. After just a year on the job, he doesn't regret leaving his \$80,000-a-year job as an electrician to become an Alaska State Trooper. "It's not about the money; it has nothing to do with the money," he said. "You have to want to be a trooper to be here, and you're the only person who can answer that question."

B Detachment gets to welcome eleven new recruits:

Kevin Baker, Shane Calt, Jason Carpenter, Jeff Duhrsen, Mark Hendrickson, James Kimura, Preston Kroes, Art

Lincon, Greg Pealatore, John Rhyshek, and Michael Zweifel. Congratulations for meeting the challenge of your first leg of training at the Academy!! Good luck to all of you as you begin your Field Training in Palmer.

Promoted: Trooper Kathy Peterson to Sergeant effective February 1, 2004.

Sgt. Peterson's assignment will be as B Detachment, Palmer Shift Patrol Sergeant. Sgt. Peterson's ten extensive years in patrol duty assignments, along with her background in DPS Communications and Court Services will bring a unique blend of expertise to the leadership responsibilities of her new assignment. Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Peterson on her promotion.

Farewell to Sgt. Dennis Ponder after 24 years of service.

Approximately 40 well-wishers said good-bye to **Sgt. Dennis Ponder** on January 16, 2003. The following are excerpts from reporter **Steve Kadel** of the *Frontiersman* regarding Sgt. Ponder. "In his first year with the Alaska State Troopers, Dennis Ponder worked undercover and helped make a one-kilo cocaine bust—the biggest seizure in state history at the time. On October 2003, Ponder helped with surveillance and arrest of former Nome police officer **Matthew Owens**, who is charged with murdering a Nome woman.

Capt. Dennis Casanovas, head of the Palmer trooper office, said Ponder's experience will be missed. He is probably the third most senior member of the state troopers in this detachment, Casanovas said. "His experience, not only with the troopers but also having been stationed at various locations, brings a pretty solid foundation of experience and history. As a patrol sergeant, he imparts this to all the newer and younger people coming through this office. We are going to miss that mentoring. He has been a very stable, solid performer and it's that sort of stability that we are going to miss here.

Sgt. Ponder's retirement will be brief. He begins a new career January 19 as a business agent for the Public Safety Employees Association, a union representing troopers and others.

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At the end of the Farewell Potluck Dinner for Sgt. Ponder the following incident, “Reunited” occurred reflecting what we all are committed to—serving and protecting others. It was a perfect tribute to an afternoon of acknowledged accomplishments. **“Reunited”:**

Great work to **Mel Nading** and **Trp. Paul Wegrzyn** for a successful Search and Rescue. On January 16, 2004, at 3:41 a.m., AST received the report of a group of overdue motorists. The information AST received indicated two young adults, two children, ages five and 18 months, all of Anchorage, had driven to the Wasilla area at 4:00 p.m. on January 15, to go sledding, with an estimated return of 11:00 p.m. to midnight that night. When the group did not return home at their scheduled time, a ground search was conducted in most probable area the group might be located. The search produced no successful results.

At 12:50 the following day, the group was located approximately 19 miles south of Wasilla walking on a secluded road near the end of Knik-Goose Bay Drive. All parties were in fair condition, and had reportedly slept the night in their vehicle, which had gone off the road, got stuck, and then ran out of fuel. The temperatures during the night exceeding 20 degrees below zero! The group was transported back to AST Palmer Post by Helo I where there were reunited with their family. Before this group returned home, they were treated to lunch at Palmer Post, compliments of Sgt. Ponder’s retirement gathering. ■



Sgt. Dennis Ponder (left) received his retirement plaque from Major Joe Masters.



Community Policing: Trp. Ronny Simmons of Glennallen visits with a grade school class in Tatitlek, a village outside of the Valdez narrows.



Sandy Walker, Administrative Clerk II celebrated her birthday with donuts.



Safety Bear and Sgt. Steve Adams talk about safety with the kindergartners at Swanson Elementary School in Palmer on November 17, 2003.



Yet another opportunity for Palmer Post to eat! Investigator Leonard Wallner celebrated his birthday wearing a different hat other than his Stetson.



These shoes were made for...A subject was arrested on a warrant; the original charge was Burglary I, Theft II from a residence in Homer. The subject was arrested by AST Palmer after they'd been alerted by Palmer DMV that the subject was scheduled to show up for a driving test to get his ADL. Trp. Dave Willson interviewed the subject who confessed, offering up his buddies as the REAL bad guys. (yah, riiighhhhhhtttt.....)

AST C Detachment

COMPILED BY GLORIA KARMUN, AST NOME

Arctic Circle News

Enjoyable winter activities have begun!

A little late in forthcoming but the post would still like to welcome **Trp. Joe Whitton** and his family. He is the most recent veteran from the Soldotna Post to come to God's Country. His transfer makes three of five troops that have escaped north. The post cannot figure out how Soldotna is managing with the "cream of the crop" in Kotzebue.

The troops have been successful in their alcohol interdiction efforts with a bunch of alcohol and four snow machines being seized so far.

Trp. Andy Greenstreet moved over to ABADE during the great shuffle, he was then promoted, and finally headed back to the Zoo (Anchorage). This all happened in a span of a month and a half. His family moved back to Palmer, as his wife **Patricia**, is the Deputy Clerk of the Court. Congratulations on the promotion, with hopes it becomes all that is expected.

Word is, **Trp. Darrell Hildebrand** is heading back to Fairbanks and with him goes the last AST plane in Kotzebue. His services will be greatly missed. The post wished him good luck returning to the rat race.

Kotzebue has adjusted to the extra court service duties with the closure of the City of Kotzebue Jail. Unfortunately the extra duties have taken away from the village visits, but we make do. The post is thankful for Nome AST as they are responsible for transporting the prisoners between the two communities. A long-term solution is being sought and hopefully it will be resolved soon.

On November 3 and 4, 2003, the Northwest Arctic Borough School District organized a career fair, "Career Awareness Pathway," (CAP). The fair was held at the June Nelson Elementary School in Kotzebue. Seventh and eleventh grade students from the region attended with approximately 70 eleventh graders and 110 seventh graders along with their parents.

Besides AST, the following businesses and agencies participated: Army National Guard, Kotzebue Police Department, Air National Guard, Wells Fargo Bank, Sheldon Jackson College, UAA, Job Corp, Workplace Alaska, and OTZ Telephone Coop. **Trps. Nathan Bucknall** and **Joe Whitton** participated in the fair and distributed recruitment and general trooper information to interested attendees. Overall the booth was a success as many students, parents, and adult participants displayed an interest in joining the AST team. ■

Bristol Bay Enforcement

Not much new has happened since the last Quarterly. It seemed everyone attended training one time or another. No one burned down their homes deep frying turkeys—which of course is good news. In early December 2003, Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) hosted the regional VPSO training in Dillingham as scheduled. One notable absence was **VPSO Sgt. Stanley Active** as he retired on November 15, 2003.

On December 12, the last day of training, **Col. Julia Grimes**, **Major Joe Masters** and **Capt. John Glick**, were in attendance to honor Active. The BBNA conference room was at SRO (standing room only) capacity as numerous agencies showered Active with accolades. Besides Colonel Grimes, fellow VPSOs, **Brad Angasan**, BBNA VPSO Program Coordinator and **Terry Hefferle**, BBNA CEO, also offered special praise. Active and his wife, **Ancia**, listened intently as everyone offered warm farewells. Active was presented with retirement plaques from Colonel Grimes, **Trp. Mike Brandenburger**, and BBNA CEO **Terry Hefferle**. Active is presently employed as Housing Coordinator for the village of Togiak.

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VPSO Sgt. Stanley Active received his retirement plaque from Col. Julia Grimes, on November 15, 2003.

As mentioned, VPSO Active retired on November 15, the community of Togiak, BBNA and of course, AST sorely misses him. Active was hired in September 1980, possibly before some troopers were born. Shortly after he retired, **Sgt. Rick Quinn** asked him what he missed about the VPSO program and he replied "responding to calls," especially when elders are requesting assistance on VHF Radio. Asked what he missed the least he said, as we chuckled, "dealing with mean spirited inebriates." His most rewarding moment in his VPSO career was being recognized as the 1990 VPSO of the year. Lastly,

Active's advice for VPSOs is "they should work with (rather than against) people and local government for success and *always* document activity to show what they have been doing." ■

Nome Sweet Nome

The winter weather was mild through the end of January. The ocean ice started forming in mid-December only to break at least twice at the end of January. During the latter part of January a strong north wind blew for a few days, gone was the national forest and set crab pots. We certainly have been experiencing a strange winter season.

Trp. Brian Miller officially reported for duty on November 25, 2003, transferring from St. Mary's. Brian, his wife **Cari** and their seven children, and one on the way, are a welcome addition to the post.

Trp. Nathan Sheets was promoted to investigator with the ABADE unit stationed in Nome, effective October 1. In line with the department transition, **Trp. Paul Kosto** has been sporting the blue uniform. **Trp. Chad Goeden** was promoted to the rank of corporal and transferred to the Sitka Academy, November 6. Administrative Clerk II, **Gloria Karmun** celebrated 10 years with the department November 29. The other clerk position was vacated November 7, and according to **Sgt. Burke**

Barrick, **Karmun** and **Elisha Edwards** have been doing a good job keeping up with the extra workload. We're bursting at the seams in the office but close to being fully staffed. Great news, the installation of voice mail will soon become reality. Slowly but surely we are advancing with the times.

Post personnel celebrated Christmas at the XYZ Hall during the holiday season. A wonderful time was had by all! There was good food and great people. Any excuse to socialize and the moment is seized. **Sgt. Barrick** attended the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, Kentucky, August 11, through November 7, 2003. Also participating was Ketchikan **Sgt. Lonny Piscoya** who was born and raised in Nome. The institute was a success for both attendees.

Unalakleet **RPSO John Brown** continues to crack down on bootleggers, seizing drugs and alcohol, and successfully seeking forfeiture of snow machines. Brown oversees the villages of Saint Michael and Stebbins.

With hopes of resolving the prisoner transportation issue soon, the Nome post continues to transport prisoners between Nome and Kotzebue; pilots **Joe Wilson**, **Marc Cloward**, and **Doug Burts** continue to rotate duties.

We hear howling in the distance, it must be nearing Iditarod time, we're ready! Bring on the dogs! ■

Salute:

The Administration and Faculty of the Department of Justice Administration, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Louisville, take pleasure in extending greetings to **Sgt. Burke W. Barrick** on the occasion of being named as a Dean's Scholar during the Fall Semester, 2003. Signed at Louisville, Kentucky, on the nineteenth day of November 2003, by **Deborah G. Wilson**, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Justice Administration; and **William F. Walsh**, Ph.D., Director Southern Police Institute. ■

AST D Detachment News

BY INV. SUE ACQUISTAPACE

They say all good things come to an end. I would have to agree that my career in law enforcement, which just passed the 26-year mark, has indeed been good. However, retirement being inevitable, on April 30, 2004, this too shall come to the proverbial end. I will be in good company, **Capt. Greg Tanner** and **Lt. Charles Tressler** will be retiring on that date as

well. We hope to have a casual gathering in celebration of careers completed and new lives beginning, on May 1. More info will be forthcoming as we figure it out.

Just beginning their careers are our latest recruits, now involved in the FTO program. They are: **Josh Bentz**, **Henry Ching**, **Aaron Mobley**, **James Norton**, and **Mike Wilcox**. Welcome and best wishes.

Returning to D Detachment ABWE is **Trp. Darrell Hildebrand**, back from the wilds of Kotzebue. Leaving the fold are **Trp. Karl Main** and **RPSO Neal Fults**, gone to St. Mary's; and ABWE Aide **Ken McIntosh** transferred to an Aide position in Juneau. Moving around within the Detachment are **Teague Widmier**, back to (D Detachment, continued on page 17)

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Patrol; **Jason Pugh** to ABADE; and **John Williamson** from Patrol to ABI.

Promotions have **Justin Lindell** transferring to King Salmon ABWE as the new Sergeant in that post and **Greg Garcia** leaves Cantwell as the new Sergeant in Dutch Harbor ABWE. Also recently promoted is **Lantz Dahlke**, the new Sergeant of ABI in Fairbanks. Dahlke has over 13 years of investigator experience, and hit the ground running with a homicide in the first week of his new career. Dahlke has a hard act to follow, coming in on the heels of retiring **Sgt. Scott Grasley**. Grasley retired on January 30, and drove directly to Fairbanks International Airport where he boarded the next jet to join his family in their new home in Prineville, Oregon.



Sgt. Scott Grasley in what he calls “casual Friday” dress, vacating his office as he retires.

Grasley will be greatly missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with him, and for him. Finally, one last goodbye to **Dan Hickman** who rejoined us for a while doing cold-case homicide investigations. Hickman and his wife will be traveling and spending more time in warmer climates. Best of luck to one and all.

In's and out's aside, let's talk “stats.” First, “vital stats.” Dispatcher **Jeff Mitchell** and wife **Karen** announced the birth of their daughter, **Emma Grace Mitchell** on October 21, 2003. Baby is fine, but Mom and Dad report they are not getting any sleep. Congratulations.



Trp. Karl Main is joined by Trps. **James Burton** and **Jesse Carlton** as they give him a send-off party for his transfer to St. Mary's.

More on stats. D Detachment had some awesome DUI stats for 2003. From January 1, through December 31, 2003, D Detachment troopers made 468 DUI arrests. Of those arrests, 442 were misdemeanors and 26 were felonies. The “top 3” arresting Troopers were **Kevin Blue** and **Joseph Hazelaar** in Fairbanks, and **Tim Tuckwood** in Delta. We don't know if we got them all, but we definitely made the proverbial “difference.” Great work everyone!

Making a difference in another way is **Sgt. Dave DeCoeur** and the Parks Highway troopers, who volunteer their time to work with the kids in their areas. DeCoeur writes: “Wrestling is off the ground in Cantwell, Carpentry classes are happening in Healy, and Running and Cross Country is approaching in Nenana. Each of the Posts has a Trooper who volunteers his time in each of the subjects.” As I write this newsletter, a high school student from Nenana is visiting our office, learning about law enforcement. She tells me she has been inspired by **Trp. Ledelle Arnston** of Nenana, **Sgt. Brian Wassmann**, and **Sgt. Dave DeCoeur**. I can think of no better tribute. Thanks to the Parks Highway crew for your time and well placed effort.

There are many ways to inspire people. Some folks read philosophical writings, others turn to spiritual places, and some are moved by heroes or sports idols. Here

in D Detachment we get our inspiration from ... well.... D.O.T.

It seems that a Birch Creek resident had a warrant out for his arrest. Unfortunately, he was not willing to go to jail. Being a fly-in village, Birch Creek is not easily entered undetected. Consequently, when AST would show up, our defendant would disappear. Perplexed by this situation, our “inspired” troopers got an idea. Lt. Charles Tressler writes: “On December 19, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., **Sgt. Scott Quist**, **Sgt. Robert Miller**, **Trps. Alan Carvajal** and **Marvin Randall** chartered a plane to Birch Creek and disguised themselves as a D.O.T. survey crew, working the airport and village. D.O.T. supplied AST with survey equipment to pull off their performance. While surveying the road in front of the defendant's residence, Trp. Carvajal recognized the defendant when he drove by on a snow machine. One of the defendant's friends investigated the suspicious survey crew before he proceeded. The friend was fooled and the defendant proceeded into a neighbor's residence. Trp. Carvajal knocked on the neighbor's door and was given permission to enter the residence. Troopers made contact with the defendant in the residence and arrested him without incident. He was transported to and remanded at Fairbanks Correctional Center on two outstanding
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The infamous “Birch Creek Raiders” from left to right: Sgt. Scott Quist, Sgt. Robert Miller, Trp. Marvin Randall, and Trp. Alan Carvajal, complete with D.O.T. equipment as they pull off their impersonation of a survey crew.

warrants and was additionally charged with Felony Escape and Theft in the fourth degree.

Not to be outdone by this bit of trickery, **Trp Gary Tellep** gave a whole new view of what Santa does when someone’s been bad. Tellep had been trying to locate yet another wiley citizen who was trying to avoid service of an arrest warrant. Tellep had learned that the person in question had taken his vehicle in for repairs at a local car dealership. Conspiring with the dealer, Tellep asked if they could call this person to ask him to pick his vehicle up at a certain time. Tellep hoped to arrest the person when he arrived at the dealership.

Unfortunately, because of a lot of windows and big spaces, it was going to be difficult to get close enough to this person to arrest him. Tellep viewed his surroundings, looking for inspiration, and that’s when his eye landed on the clerk. She was in a festive mood being that it was Christmas time, and had decked herself out in a Santa costume, including hat and a collar of sorts.

Tellep, in full Trooper uniform, asked the clerk if he could borrow her costume, just for a few minutes. Seated at her desk with Santa hat on, and the collar covering his shoulders, Tellep smiled and waved to the suspect as he walked in the door.

While the man was discussing his vehicle repairs, Santa Tellep approached him, informed him he’d been “bad” this year, and that getting coal was only the half of it. So surprised that Santa had caught up with him, the man was arrested without incident. The hat and collar were returned to the clerk, and Tellep has not lived it down since.

Last but not least on the funny stories list, is one told by **Inv. Scott Johnson**. Johnson related that he’d escorted his daughter’s K-2 grade class from Weller Elementary, to Judicial Services for a field trip. The class met up with **Officer Bill**

Broderson who proceeded to show off his uniform. Broderson meticulously went over each part of his uniform, from badge to baton, asking if the children knew what each item was and what it was for. Finally, Broderson came to his ammo magazines and asked if anyone knew what they were. Several children answered that those were bullets. When Broderson asked if anyone could say why he carried so many bullets, one little girl raised her hand and explained: “because you’re old and you can’t see....”

That having been said, I wish you all a fond farewell, because in our job, it’s truly important to get out of the line of fire before you are indeed too old and can no longer see. Please stay safe, maintain your sense of humor, and never forget your priorities. ■



Trp. Dave Bower shows us his real calling, putting up hay for his horses, earning him the nickname of “Plowboy.”



Sgt. Dave DeCoeur, Cantwell Post, poses with his “Hawks.”



CSO Pete Zazilinski gets all choked up by Lt. Lee Farmer, as he receives his 15-year pin from Sgt. Jeff Manns.



CSO Bill Broderson receives his 10-year pin from Sgt. Jeff Manns.

FLIR Lifesaver:

By TRP. SEAN ADKINS AND SGT. DAVID DRVENKAR

Synopsis:

On December 23, 2003, around 6:00 P. M., a woman who lived near Fairbanks telephoned the Alaska State Troopers in Fairbanks to report that her 23 year old son had told her over the telephone to tell his brothers good bye for him because he wouldn't be there when the family returned home from a trip to town.

The son suffers from the adverse effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (F.A.S.). When family members returned to the residence shortly thereafter, they found the house vacant and fresh footprints leading away from the residence into the surrounding wooded area. The official

temperature at that time was -12 degrees F, and it was unknown how well the young man dressed himself for the weather.

Trp. Sean Adkins immediately responded to the scene with D Detachment's newly acquired \$10,000+ hand held FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) unit to assist in locating the young man.

He was subsequently located around 9:00 P. M. in good condition, by Trp. Adkins and a family member who were both tracking him. The young man was suffering from frostbite. He had also abandoned some of his clothing that was found along his path of travel, and was

found lying in the snow when he was located. The man was subsequently transported to the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital for treatment of frostbite injury, and an involuntary mental evaluation.

The search for this young man was conducted during hours of darkness during which he was located on the FLIR screen long before searchers were able to see him with unaided sight. The hand held FLIR unit would likely have been a deciding factor in the mans probability of survival had he traveled to a frequently used traffic area where his footprints would no longer have been visible to follow. ■

Delta Junction Beat

By SGT. BRIAN WASSMANN, DELTA JUNCTION

This last year has been a season of superlatives for Delta Junction Post. You can describe our year with words such as best, most, and busiest. Delta Junction Post experienced possibly the busiest year ever. Troopers handled the most calls of service seen in recent memory. We filed the most criminal cases that the local District Court has seen in recent history. Lynn Harris, our RD-1, was awarded

the Best Civilian Employee of the Year in 2003 for D Detachment.

The entire post combined efforts to handle the huge influx of work. The increase in activity was related to the dramatic growth due to the missile defense project at nearby Fort Greely. The professionalism shown by all the troopers and staff at Delta Junction Post prompts me to say that Delta Junction Post is argu-

ably one of the best trooper posts within the Division.

Statistics obtained from the District Court at Delta Junction showed that we filed nearly 180 criminal cases in 2003, which is approximately 30 more cases filed than the previous year. Many of the cases filed were self-initiated cases such as DUI-s and other driving offenses. (Delta Junction, continued on page 20)

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Lynn Harris was selected as Civilian Employee of the Year in D Detachment for 2003. She received her award from Major Joe Masters and Colonel Julia Grimes.

Many of the cases were made by our troopers working alone in remote areas to make our area safe.

An example of the kind of work that our troopers are doing on a daily basis is a motorist assist stop handled by **Trp. Nasruk Nay** recently. Trp. Nay stopped on an occupied VID with another vehicle and driver attempting to pull the VID out. Trp. Nay contacted the two to offer assistance and to check on the operation. Looking beyond the traffic contact- Trp. Nay realized that things “just weren’t adding up”.

With a little silver-tongue conversation and tenacity Trp. Nay ended up arresting one driver for MICS 6 and a no-bail warrant. Trp. Nay arrested the driver of the VID after a consent search of the vehicle lead to a seizure of methamphetamine. Trp. Nay also found zip lock baggies, a scale, and other items that upped the ante to MICS 3. The whole case was made by a trooper listening to his intuition and taking the contact to the next level instead of checking OL-s and logging it out Motorist Assist.

Colonel Julia Grimes and Major Joe Masters came to Delta Junction in November to personally present Lynn Harris with the 2003 D Detachment Employee of

the Year award. The award was well deserved by Harris, who has been working for AST for approximately 10 years persona grata. Harris has consistently gone above and beyond what is expected of her. She really does keep the Post’s day-to-day functions running smoothly.

The best way to describe Harris’ value is to experience a day of handling business when she is out of the office. It is a real rodeo without her. Harris doubles as

a volunteer EMT with the Delta Rescue Squad. She spends countless unpaid hours saving lives and serving the community in that capacity.

In closing, we will be buckling our seatbelts in anticipation for another rough go-around in 2004. Hopefully we will handle only minor misfortune and mayhem. Whatever the call may be, we will take care of businesses in typical Delta Junction Post fashion-- the best, the most, etc. ■



Trp. Recruit Sadie Tuckwood is following in Trp. Tuckwood’s footsteps. (The gun belt and vest have been sent out for a few modifications.)



Trp. Rick Swanson worked to free a moose from a trap.

AST E Detachment News

BY SHAE HOLLANDSWORTH, AST SOLDOTNA

Incoming:

Sgt. Dan Donaldson returned to Soldotna after three and a half years in Bethel. His incredible energy and can-do attitude is amazing! We're thrilled to have you back, Dan!

Soldotna Post welcomed three new recruits in December. **Trp. Recruit Liz Haddad** joins us from Highland, Indiana. Haddad had never been to Alaska before applying to become a Trooper—what a brave woman! She has already fallen in love with Alaska's beauty and is enjoying the challenge and the learning opportunities associated with being a recruit.

Trp. Recruit Mike Henry has moved to Soldotna from Anchorage, and is closer to both his family and great fishing. Henry fishes for just about anything that swims, so the peninsula was his first choice.

Trp. Recruit Mike Cresswell comes to us from Juneau. Prior to living in Juneau, he was a flight instructor in Colorado. Cresswell enjoys hiking, traveling, conducting Search and Rescues with the Civil Air Patrol, and of course, teaching flying. He loves the variety involved in being a Trooper, and can already tell he'll never, ever be bored!

Soldotna's dispatch center welcomes **Tiffany Stackhouse**. Stackhouse recently moved to Soldotna from the Valley, a move that helps this avid fly fisher spend more time on the waters of the Kenai. Welcome aboard, Tiffany!

Outgoing:

E Detachment said goodbye to **Trp. John Williamson**, who thought he'd



Super models Sgt. Barry Wilson and Trp. Vik Aye are in style with their new fur hats.



E Detachment award winners Trp. William Welch, Jan Redford, and Sgt. Sonny Sabala show off their hardware with presenters **Major Joe Masters, Deputy Commissioner Ted Bachman, Colonel Julia Grimes, Captain Tom Bowman, and Major Jim Cockrell.**

leave the banana belt and give F-f-f-f-freezing f-f-f-f-Fairbanks a try. Good luck, John!

Radio Dispatcher **Ricki Grundy** moved over to the Kenai D.A.'s office, where no doubt she's giving those defendants a run for their money. If she's half as good at her new job as she was at dispatching, the D.A. has struck gold with their new hire.

Trp. Recruit Chris Graves has accepted a job with Anchorage Judicial Services. His family will join him in Anchorage at the end of the school year, and we wish them all the best of luck in their new location.

News makers:

Wedding bells were ringing at the Soldotna Post. In December, **Trp. Jim Johnson** tied the knot with **Brenda Oelrich** on a warm beach in Hawaii. Joker Jim has finally met his match!



Trp. Jim Johnson and his bride, Brenda. Sand...surf...this sure isn't Soldotna!

Trp. Curtis Vik proposed to his girlfriend, Amy, during a snowy getaway weekend in Girdwood. The women of Soldotna Post gave Trp. Vik's ring selection a hearty stamp of approval. Trp. Vik made a great choice on both the ring and the lucky lady!

Soldotna's dynamic duo is back in action. **Trp. Brad Nelson** suffered from some broken ribs while his faithful sidekick, **K-9 Kazan**, was on the mend from breaking his own jaw. It seems K-9 Kazan has some pretty strong jaw muscles, much like his master...

Awards and recognition:

The end of October brought our 2002 awards ceremony, and E Detachment has a lot of which to be proud:

Trp. William Welch of the Girdwood (or as he calls it, "Gigglyweed") Post earned the Director's Commendation for Honorable Service. Trp. Welch was praised for being conscientious, thorough, and a leader amongst his peers. He continues to be a top performer, and E Detachment is certainly proud to call him one of ours. In addition, Trp. Welch was recognized for 10 years of service.

The 2002 AST E Trooper of the Year award went to **Sgt. Sonny Sabala**. Sgt. Sabala is a fine example of what we look
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for in a Trooper. He's dedicated, hard working, and has continuously gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Another E Detachment shining star is our 2002 Civilian Employee of the Year, **Jan Redford**. Redford is without a doubt one of the most efficient, hard-working people on the planet. In fact, watching her at work frequently leaves people not only open-mouthed in awe, but also inspired. Redford also received recognition for 15 years of service. Wow!

Trps. Joey Beaudoin and **Shaw Miller** earned their Basic certificates, and **Trp. Paul Randall** earned his Intermediate certificate. Way to go! Congratulations also to **Trp. Jeremy Rupe**, who was recognized for 5 years of service.

Give a hoot:

Trp. Bryan Barlow thinks owl rescue is for the birds. Barlow recently freed an owl caught in a fishing net in Nanwalek and almost fed it a tasty snack in the process—his finger! ■



If you look closely, you might be able to see bits of Barlow flesh in the beak...

Determined To Get Their Man

BY SGT. BRANDON ANDERSON, AST SEWARD

Saturday July 19, 2003, had already been a busy day in for law enforcement Officers in Seward. It began with security detail for visiting **U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft**. Then a 911-cell phone call came in from a tourist who had climbed into a precarious perch on a steep cliff on Mt. Marathon and then froze with fear. From his perch he was able to only tell dispatch that he could see rocks in front of him, and the bay over his shoulder.

The ensuing 5 hour search and rescue involved a dramatic rope descent by a Seward firefighter, another amazing high angle cable hoist of the firefighter and the tourist into a hovering Blackhawk helicopter pulled off by the Air Guard's 210th Rescue Squadron, and a very difficult climb by other rescuers. AST's Helo One had also been dispatched to Seward when it became evident that the rescue party might need assistance getting off the mountain due to exhaustion. So over an hour after the original victim was safe back in Seward, pilot **Mel Nading** and **Sgt. Brandon Anderson** began planning to pick up five rescuers high on the mountain as daylight faded.

But seconds after lifting off from the Seward airport, Police dispatch broadcast a shooting had just occurred in a subdivision five miles north. As **Trps. Ken Zabala** and **Jeff Evanoff** sped toward the scene, Helo One and crew was also enroute. Within minutes, the two Troopers were on scene along with EMS, and determined a man had been shot point

blank in the chest with a large caliber rifle as he stood in his driveway. He died almost instantly. The victim's frantic wife and young daughter were in the trailer home and were able to tell the investigating Troopers who had shot **John Tulin**. It was Tulin's co-worker and family friend who was staying on the property.

A description of the suspect was quickly obtained, and Sgt. Anderson and Pilot Nading immediately began searching from overhead. Although even with this unprecedented head start, the suspect had already fled into the endless surrounding forest and was not spotted from the air. As darkness approached, the exhausted rescuers from the earlier SAR still huddled at a tiny landing zone approximately two-thirds up Mt. Marathon, hoping not to spend the night. One of them had been exhausted to the point others feared he was going into a medical crisis.

After a substantial time searching for the shooting suspect, Helo One diverted back to the mountain, placed one skid on the LZ, and under power, loaded three rescuers on board, and dropped them to a ball field in town. As the second landing to get the remaining men began, a Trooper at the shooting scene radioed he thought he had the suspect in sight under a vehicle. Helo One crew aborted the second pick-up, dove down the mountain and raced to the scene. But shortly after that, it was discovered that the person was not the suspect, and Helo One again turned

toward Mt. Marathon. When the last of the rescuers were deposited on the ground, the search for the suspect resumed until too dark to fly. But the ground search was just beginning.

By Sunday morning, SERT teams had been requested and Seward Troopers, as well as Seward Police Officers, Forest Service Officers, National Marine Fisheries Service Officers, National Park Service Rangers, and Corrections Officers had volunteered to assist in the manhunt.

In the following three days, an extensive manhunt developed. A mobile command post was set up at the Seward airport, and dozens of law enforcement officers, including two SERT teams combed the area. Investigators determined that the suspect had broken into a small cabin near the scene and had stolen another rifle, and camping gear. A site was located in the woods where the suspect had hunkered down for awhile, later telling investigators he had watched Trooper search teams near him, as he sat with the scoped rifle. A call on Monday from a D.O.T. worker in Anchorage describing a man he had encountered at Mile 18 Seward Highway where the railroad crosses under the Seward Highway, quickly refocused the search area north. Tracking teams worked different sections of the track, and developed some sign.

Word of the manhunt, along with photos of the suspect were widely distributed. A few false sightings were hastily pursued (**Determined**, continued on page 23)

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by Troopers in helicopters, but on Tuesday, in the late afternoon, a campground host at Ptarmigan Campground near Mile 23 Seward Highway, called to report he had seen and spoken to the suspect on the trail near the campground.

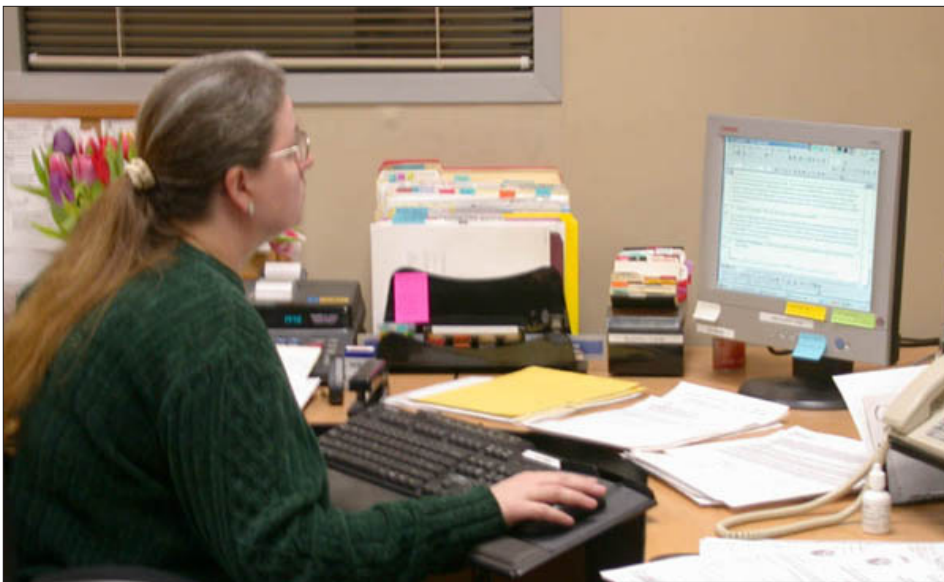
Within minutes the SERT teams were being redeployed to the campground, as well as other Troopers blocking roads,

and a Railroad Officer riding the rails. As AST Helo One circled overhead, and teams deployed toward the trail where he had been last seen, one SERT member was sent the other direction across the highway and to the railroad tracks as a back up.

Shortly after the SERT team member, **Officer Joel Smith**, Wasilla Police Depart-

ment, South Central SERT arrived at his assigned spot near the tracks, the suspect popped up onto the tracks from the woods, saw the SERT Officer and his rifle, put his hands up and said "I'm the one you're looking for".

It was widely agreed that the search, at that level, could not have continued much longer. ■



Karen Tabios retired January 30, 2004, from the Department of Public Safety's Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (SCDL). She began in 1986 with CIB and had

been the Forensic Laboratory Supervisor's administrative assistant over the past 16 years. Her co-workers commented, "She has been a tremendous asset to our facility and has kept all functions and missions of our Laboratory in constant care and running smoothly. Karen will be spending time with her family and grandchildren as well as traveling abroad. She plans to remain in the Anchorage area. Gratitude and well wishes are extended to her. The services she provided to our Laboratory will be missed. Karen's talents are rarely found in just one person and it will be difficult to replace the many years of experience, dedication, and knowledge she has provided us. Best to her in the future." From her friends and staff of SCDL and DPS.

ABWE Southeast Region

BY CAROLYN HALL, ABWE JUNEAU

From Fall into Winter.... In Southeast Alaska, some years there does not seem to be much of a difference. The snow comes, stays a few days gets rained off and is back again. The troops in ABWE SE Region have been busy. BOIII **Laurence Nagy** has been working in Galveston, Texas with the shipyard on the building of the *Enforcer II*; he has been there since October and will stay until the boat is launched hopefully in April. He has also been aiding with the outfitting of the *P/V Churchill*, the new boat for Cordova. The *Enforcer* was placed on EBAY for sale, first time no bids, second time around sold for \$115,000. Apparently it is now making it's home in Sitka. (Southeast Region, continued on page 24)



Enforcer II is under construction in Galveston, Texas. The anticipated launch date is in April.

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In early December, ABWE SE Region met in Sitka for four days of training. Thanks to **Cpl. Chad Gadden**, **Cpl. Rick Roberts**, **Cpl. Jim Helgoe** and **Katie Tepas** for instructing, and **Sgt. Steve Hall** for organizing the training. It was a packed four days with refreshers for various things, along with a full day of DV training. The highlight had to be the taser training. **Trp. Dan Shamart** was the only one from the region to volunteer to take the full 5-second ride. (I have always wondered about him?)



Trp. Dan Shamhart Wrangell Post getting Tased.

In Northern Southeast, **Trp. Todd Machacek** has been busy. A couple of his residency investigations have turned into major cases. One individual plead guilty and was convicted of three counts of Unsworn Falsification with fines of \$20,000, with 2,500 suspended (\$17,500 to pay), 360 days of suspended jail, 5 years probation, \$1000 in restitution for failure to return Fish and Game licensing vendor revenue, and loss of sport fishing and hunting privileges for one year. In the second case, the individual pled guilty to 3 counts of Unsworn Falsification and received a fine of \$15,000 with \$9,000 suspended, 180 days of suspended jail, lost of sport fishing and hunt privileges for 1 year and 3 years probation. He currently has a similar case pending. Good Job Todd.

Lt. Todd Sharp, upon his return to Southeast and taking command of the region, has not had the opportunity to be home much. A week after starting, he was sent to Anchorage for training, returned for a few hours and was off to Sitka for training. He made it through the holidays and was sent off for two weeks to ride along on a patrol of the Bering Sea on the *USCG Cutter Hamilton*. He is happily back home now.



Lt. Todd Sharp received his new badge from his wife during a ceremony on February 12, 2004.

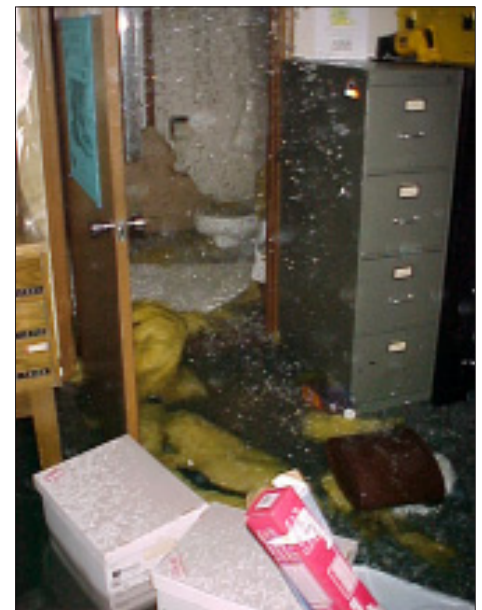
Juneau Post **Trps. Glenn Knapp** and **Rob Welch** were assigned to the SOR Registration/Warrant Task force and each spent a week chasing people down. We recently lost our full time Aide **Liam Higgins**; this brings back Aide **Ken McIntosh** from Fairbanks. Higgins had filled McIntosh's position when Ken transferred north. **Lt. Gary Folger** thought it was great that people were going with him north, and laughed every time he stole an-

other one. I was sure to remind him of this when McIntosh expressed the desire to return to us in wonderful SE.

In Haines, **Trp. Pat McMullin** is starting to wonder if the snow is ever going to stop. We have had very mild winters the past few years, but seem to be getting hit this year. In five days Haines had 50 inches of snow.

Hoonah **Trp. Andy Savland** has been busy with the end of the deer hunting season, he did take time for a Caribbean cruise around the holidays.

The Sitka ABWE troopers have had a streak of bad luck. As stated, the weather (**Southeast Region**, continued on page 25)



A broken water pipe resulted in the flooding of the Sitka ABWE office.



Although the ABWE office in Sitka was a "soggy mess" for awhile, major damage was limited to the computers.

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has been unusual here and cold. Recently a water pipe broke in the restroom and flooded the office. **Trp. Shaun Kuzakin** has been dealing with restoring the office back to normal as **Trp. Tom Akelkok** has been in DT Instructor Training. All in all, I guess the four inches of water provided a good excuse for a through cleaning. As luck would have it, it appears the only items with major damage were the computers.

In Southern SE on Prince of Wales Island, **Trps. Kurt Walgenbach, Herv Ibarra** and **Glenn Taylor** have been kept busy. They recently moved into a new office with the Klawock Police Department. They all have been busy with various patrol activities. Trp. Taylor found that doing the Alaska Marine Highway Ride-along program could keep one busy. He recently made a trip to Juneau and had the long ride back via Sitka. But the hours flew by. Sitka Police Department hauled two individuals off that Taylor had arrested enroute. Trp. Ibarra is currently in DT instructor training in Sitka, and I am sure he will show off his new skills upon return to the island. This has left Trp. Walgenbach to hold down the post. Walgenbach has kept busy. Prince of Wales Island is a large patrol zone with a lot of activity.

In Ketchikan, **Trp. Mark Finses**, and **Trp. Jeremy Baum** were assigned to the SOR Registration/Warrant Task force. They aided in bringing people back into compliance. Recently Finses ended up with a vehicle theft case that ended up solving many of the vehicle theft cases in Ketchikan. Three people were arrested



ABWE Southeast Region: (Back row from left) Lt. Todd Sharp, Rob Welch, Glenn Knapp, Andy Savland, Scott Carson, Dan Shamhart, Mark Finses, and Glenn Taylor. (Front row from left) Kurt Walgenbach, Sgt. Ken Woldstad, Shaun Kuzakin, Todd Machacek, Patrick McMulling, Jeremy Baum, Clyde Campbell, Herv Ibarra, and Tom Akelkok. (Kneeling) Carolyn Hall.

and indicted on 57 charges. **Trp. Clyde Campbell** has been keeping things running, and **Sgt. Ken Woldstad** decided to take his wife on a Caribbean cruise. This seems to be the year for cruises. Enforcer Aide **Wade McClennan** has been assisting the Ketchikan Post aide with preparing for the spring season, and was also sent TDY to Kodiak to help out on the *P/V Woldstad*. The Ketchikan troopers all rallied together again to go to Happy Harbor and have an emergency woodcutting party for **Stella McAllister**, an elderly lady who lives by herself. This is something they started a few years ago and have continued keeping an eye on her comfort for the winter. Good job guys.

Wrangell and Petersburg Trps. Dan Shamhart and Scott Carson have been

busy chasing down the bad guys. Trp. Carson has been working with the forest service recently to solve a gun theft case. Trp. Shamhart has been busy following up on hunt and logbook information along with serving JS paperwork.

The *P/V Cama'i* with **Skipper John Lagasse** will be joining us around the 15th of February; the new *Cama'i* will be coming out of the shipyard after being replaced.

They will be assisting SE with the tanner crab fishery and staying around to assist with a Boating Safety program in March. Trps. Glenn Knapp, Andy Savland, Scott Carson, Shaun Kuzakin and Lt. Todd Sharp will all be traveling to various villages and towns teaching kids about safety on the water. ■

ABWE Mat-Su Region

BY TRP. RCT. CODY LITSTER AND LT. CHARLIE YODER

ABWE, Mat-Su Region, welcomes our newest recruits, **Jeffery Duhren** (Palmer Post), and **John Rhyshek** (Big Lake Post). Best of luck in the FTO program.

Congratulations to **Trp. Doug Massie** and Mama **Debbie Gordon**, who were blessed on December 3, 2003, with the ar-

rival of **Gavin Michael Massie**. Gavin arrived at 8:03 PM, weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Fish and Wildlife Aides **Jaime Kirkmeyer** and **John Ekelmann** have spent quite a bit of time recently building the new Palmer ABWE Shop. They have

done it all, from building the fence, pouring the slab to raising the walls. With their hard work, they finished covering the roof just before the snow covered everything. The skilled work of these men greatly decreased building costs. The
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Baby Gavin Michael Massie arrived December 3, 2003 to proud Papa Trp. Doug Massie and Mama Debbie Gordon.

shop will primarily be used to store and work on ATVs and boats.

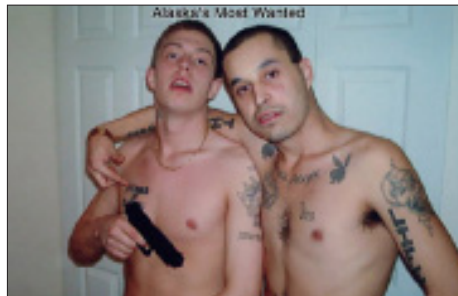
On December 5, 2003, a joint effort to arrest some of the Mat-Su Valley's most notorious fugitives was successful. Acting on a tip, the U.S. Marshals, AST, and ABWE converged on the Willowa subdivision where **Antwan Demolle** and fellow fugitive **Carl Nielsen Jr.** had been hiding out. **Trps. Paul Wegrzyn, David Herrell, Cody Litster** and **Dave Willson** secured



Trp. Cody Litster and his bride were to be wed on February 15. The wedding was to be held in Wasilla with family and friends attending.



The new ABWE Palmer Shop was built with much hard work by Fish and Wildlife Aides Jaime Kirkmeyer and John Ekelmann. Their skilled work significantly reduced the building costs. The shop will be used to store and maintain ATVs and boats.



Two tattooed fugitives: Antwan Demolle (left) and Carl Nielsen, Jr. were arrested by Fugitive Task Force.

the house's perimeter. Meanwhile, an unsuspecting resident unknowingly opened the door to meet ABWE **K-9 Bolo**, his handler **Trp. Rick Pawlak, U.S. Marshal Kevin Guinn** and **Trp. Rae Arno**. Demolle was arrested and another person at the scene was arrested for hindering prosecution. These same subjects fled on previous attempts. Good Teamwork! ■

An Undercooked Moose Roast Speaks Out!

BY: SGT STEVEN ARLOW BETHEL/ABWE WESTERN REGION

During a resent cow moose poaching investigation in the village of Tuntutuliak, it came to light: never pass up a pot roast on a stove.

I received a report of a double cow moose poaching in Tuntutuliak, Alaska. On the initial contact I obtained a full confession from the violator, while the moose meat was hanging in the meat shed and members of the violators family were cutting and packaging meat as fast as possible. The town became restless; men, women, and children began to gather around the meat shed in protest. They

didn't want the Trooper to take the two illegally taken cows from the violator. An on-the-spot decision was made. It was deemed more prudent to retrograde to my Blue and White Supercub and depart intact, rather than risk injury to others or myself over a moose poaching. All were put on notice the Troopers would return to take care of business.

The following day a search warrant was granted. But, realistically would any of the evidence still remain? A plan was made and was blessed by the chain of **(Moose Roast, continued on page 27)**

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command. Resistance was already evident when the village council faxed a letter to the Bethel Troopers. They put us on notice, sanctioned from the village boundaries, if we intended to enforce State hunting or fishing regulations.

A Caravan aircraft was chartered in Bethel and seven of Alaska's Finest boarded to execute the warrant. A message would be sent that Alaska's laws would be enforced today and will be in the future. The short flight to the village, just south of Bethel on the Kuskokwim River, allowed the troopers to gather their thoughts. Would their mission encounter resistance or be peaceful? Only time would tell. The moment soon came and, in fact, the village was peaceful to the visit. It was so peaceful you could hear the seven sets of boots marching down the village boardwalk. Villagers were staring out windows wondering why the Troopers were there in such force. The seven in Blue, with the utmost respect, greeted those with a smile, who elected to walk the boardwalk. After all, not all of the villagers were supportive of the actions of a few. Many fine people reside in this village on the Kuskokwim.

Soon the mile walk was over and the residence in question was reached. The customary knock and announcement

"ALASKA STATE TROOPERS, WE HAVE A SEARCH WARRANT" was bellowed for all inside to hear. As we moved through the house, we looked for any signs of game meat in the three freezers. The trashcans were rummaged through, for any sign of fat or meat scrapes. No sign of a mass butchering party from the day before were present. Nothing! It was as if it never had happened. Surely some clues would have been carelessly left behind.

I looked on the stove that was cluttered with cookware. I opened a lid to a pot and, to my surprise, I hit PAYDIRT! A few pieces from a cooked pot roast from the night before still remained. It was bagged and tagged as the head of house declared, "that was given to us from someone else!" I proceeded to the meat shed outside. It was as clean as though a wedding was going to be held that day. I asked myself, where were all the moose quarters that had been swinging from the meat poles just 18 hours ago? No meat, no fat, no bones, no bugs, of any kind could be found. Then as I got on my knees to examine more closely, I spotted a single drop of blood. To say it was the size of a dime would be embellishing. But it was evidence and it was carefully removed. That was it! Copies of the warrant were provided to the homeowner along with the inventory of two pieces of evidence that were extracted over the last

hour. All involved appeared confident nothing more would come of it. Surely no case could be made from what the Troopers gathered.

I was encouraged to send the evidence of the case to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Forensic Lab in Ashland, Oregon. I talked with Forensic Scientist Jim Lemay and he explained about the possibility of extracting DNA from the drop of blood. If the meat wasn't cooked all the way, Lemay might be able to do the same. He believed it was a long shot, but was willing to try. Soon after arraignment day came, the violator pled not guilty and requested his day in court.

A month later I received a surprising call from Lemay exclaiming he had the DNA test results back. Both the meat and blood samples came back as being from a female North American Moose. Not only that, each sample was from a different female moose. Luck you say! Better yet, ABWE troopers are highly skilled investigators with a keen eye for the not so obvious! Needless to say a plea agreement is in the works.

Moral of the story: A poached medium rare moose roast should always be eaten in its entirety and for goodness sakes, make the kids do the dishes after dinner. If not, Dead Nemesis Animals may come back to haunt you. (Nemesis- The goddess of retributive justice or vengeance.)■

Federal Law Enforcement Officer Association 2002 National Award Recipient: Mitchell Doerr

Alaska Investigator **Mitchell Doerr** was nominated for an award for his dedication to wildlife conservation as evidenced by his significant contribution in the investigation and prosecution of two big game guides, their assistant guides, and clients. Inv. Doerr initiated both cases and was invaluable in seeing them all the way to their successful conclusion. Thanks in large part to Inv. Doerr's tenacity, felony Lacey Act prosecutions and significant penalties were the results in both cases. Further, the guiding operations of both big game guides have

been shut down for the maximum five-year period allowed under the law.

In both cases, Inv. Doerr initiated two investigations after receiving complaints from prior employees of the guides. The first case centered on poaching violations of a guide who had been the subject of a previous (unsuccessful) undercover investigation.

Inv. Doerr developed the case and then requested the assistance of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to obtain warrants in other states. Federal search warrants were obtained and executed at the residences

and businesses of two of the guide's clients, one of whom was a nationally syndicated outdoor television host. Continued cooperation with the Special agent assigned to the case led to the successful indictment and prosecution of the guide, two of his assistant guides, and the two non-resident hunters. A jury trial conviction on all felony counts was followed by a protracted appeals process, wherein the government prevailed in a precedent-setting 9th Circuit Court ruling against the guide. In 2002, after all appeals were ex-
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hausted, the guide finally served his one-year sentence, will serve an additional two years of supervised release, and be precluded from guiding for five years. The guide also received a \$5000 fine, and lost his Supercub aircraft through the civil forfeiture process.

In the second case, Inv. Doerr received information about a possible violation by one of Alaska's most notorious big game master guides. Inv. Doerr passed the information to another investigator prior to leaving the investigations division. Upon return to investigations two years later, it was learned that the information had been dismissed as insignificant. Inv. Doerr opened a case and tracked down the original complainant, obtaining a statement that began what would become a two-year, multiple subject investigation. Inv. Doerr then spent hundreds of hours over the course of the next two years working with the federal case agent investigating the multitude of violations that he had uncovered against the master guide, his assistant guides, and dozens of hunters



Deputy Marvin Goffena, U. S. Marshals Office (left) presented Investigator Mitch Doerr with the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association 2002 National Award.

from all over the United States and abroad.

The joint investigation resulted in all the defendants pleading guilty. The collective guilty pleas of guides and clients in 2002 resulted in the imposition of approximately \$30,000 in fines, forfeiture of several hunting trophies, and the surren-

der by the master guide and his son of both their guide and transporter licenses for the maximum five-year period. In addition, the master guide and his son cooperated and were debriefed over a several-day period, providing information that will result in a second wave of prosecutions. ■

Fire Prevention Director's Notes: By Gary Powell, State Fire Marshal

Fire Prevention Pays

Permanent Dividends:

Once again, our collective efforts resulted in the lowest number of fire fatalities in the history of the State, at a time when the population is at an all time high. In 2003, we experienced seven fire fatalities, five of those in Anchorage. In 2002, we had set a previous record low of nine, of which only two were in Anchorage. When I was appointed State Fire Marshal in 1999, our

previous five-year average was 23.6 fire fatalities per year. One thing this tells me is that our efforts in Rural Alaska are paying dividends. This is not the result of any single effort, but the culmination of many programs and efforts by dedicated people.

Division of Fire Prevention

Reorganization:

The Division is undergoing a reorganization to focus more on our core functions and better serve the public. When completed, we will have a separate Plans

Review Bureau (PRB), Training and Education Bureau (TEB), and Life Safety Inspection Bureau (LSIB). The LSIB will also be responsible for the fire investigation function.

Each of these bureaus will be under the direct supervision of capable leaders and have statewide responsibility. You will probably notice some moving activity in the Headquarters Building as we relocate offices and workspace in order to collocate our functional areas. ■

Division of Fire Prevention Public Education

BY JODIE HETRICK, PUBLIC EDUCATION COORDINATOR

The National Fire Academy

In February, I attended a two-week course at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The National Fire Academy is one of the centers for emergency response training in the United States. Courses include Executive Devel-

opment, Public Education, Building Codes, and Fire Investigation.

I attended a course to assist our Division on identifying high-risk groups and developing programs focused specifically on those groups. Courses at the National Fire Academy are project completion ori-

ented; students are required to collect information before attending with the goal of completing a project to be applied specifically to their community.

One of the most important benefits of courses at the National Fire Academy is **(Public Education, continued on page 29)**

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the sharing of information between students from every region of the United States. Other Alaskans were also at the National Fire Academy while I attended: Juneau Fire Marshal **Rich Etheridge**, Central Mat-Su Fire Chief **Jack Krill**, Anchorage Fire Inspector **Craig Torrey**, and Valdez Fire Captain **David Gildersleeve**.

Fire Training:

Fire Service Training Supervisor **Mark Barker** organized Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training for DPS Headquarters. Fifty DPS employees attended the training and become certified to use the AEDs mounted in the Headquarters building. Mark will be organizing future training for those that were unable to attend the training in December.

Fairbanks Fire Training Specialist **Bill Hedrick** is working with Fort Knox Gold mine to provide training to their Fire Brigade.

Trip to the Haines Fire Department Firefighter I Certification

By Fire Service Training Supervisor, Mark Barker

Roy Johnston and I spent the weekend in Haines doing their FFI accreditation test. It was an unbelievable weekend. The Haines FD folks were fantastic. They probably have the most organized FFI program I have ever seen. They received a FEMA fire grant to put their program together, and through the grant were able to purchase the equipment, supplies, and tools to support the full program. **Al Badgley**, their training officer, has prob-

ably the best records system and training program I have seen. Every student knew every skill exactly and did it all the same way. It was very fun to watch and to be a part of. They should be very proud of their program. Here is a short run down of the trip to Haines.

I flew down to Juneau on Thursday night — no big deal. Johnston and I got up and went to the airport and bought tickets to Haines on Wings of Alaska. Then the weather got bad so we could not go and had to get the tickets refunded. Then we raced out to the ferry and got on it. Then we headed to Haines. We were almost there when they got a Mayday and we turned around and headed back to Juneau to help a ship that was starting to sink.

We turned and headed back for almost two hours. We were within 15 minutes of the boat when another boat got there and they turned us around — so back three more hours to Haines. We finally got to Haines about 10:00 late on Friday. The testing lasted all day Saturday and finished up about 8:00 in the evening. Sunday morning we left on a little plane to Juneau in 30-knot winds over the water — it was bumpy and windy, but luckily we had a tailwind, so it was a quick flight. We got to Juneau late and I missed my return to Anchorage. I went to Alaska Airlines and was able to get on the next flight but it was the milk run — so I rode back to Yakutat, then Cordova, then here.

When we got on the ferry in Juneau, Johnston knew members of the crew. The Chief Mate had attended a previous fire training program and he had also partici-

pated in the big Kennecott drill with our Division in Petersburg. He took us up to the bridge and spent the whole day with us. It was fantastic. We went everywhere in the ship, spent tons of time in the engine room, and all over. And of course, rode the whole time in the wheelhouse, even during the big Mayday. We even ate with the Captain in the Officer's mess.

All of the folks are very interested in safety training and learning more fire training. It was a great experience, and made a really long day a lot more bearable. Through the whole day, both Johnston and I were saying we wished **Gary (Powell)** was with us. He would have loved it. It was a "gear and tool" guys dream.

Project Code Red:

The Associated Press wrote a national article on Project Code Red. The story ran in many papers throughout the nation. Fire Training Specialist **Steve Schreck** received numerous phone calls from rural communities interested in how they could bring Project Code Red equipment to their location.

Retirees:

Deputy Fire Marshal, Supervisor of the Southeast Regional Office, **Jerry Gentile** recently retired after serving the Division of Fire Prevention for eleven years. Deputy Gentile started with the Division in May of 1992, in the Anchorage Office. He transferred to the Southeast Office in July 1993, and was promoted to DFM II in January 1997. Deputy Gentile will be spending time at his home in Belize and invited anyone in the area to stop by for a visit. ■

In Other News

D.A.R.E. Training Certified 25 Officers

Twenty-one police officers, including four Village Public Safety Officers, completed the eighty-hour D.A.R.E. Officers Training (DOT) course in November 2003. During the same class, four officers who had been teaching at the elementary level received their middle school certificates.

The new VPSO D.A.R.E. officers are **Alvin Jimmie**, Kwigillingok, **Mark**

Nelson, Eagle; **Christopher Alexie**, Kipnuk; and **Kasey Mayhew**, Akutan. **Trp. Dixie Spencer**, Aniak, and **VPSO Ben Beaver**, Atnautluak, complete certification for the middle school curriculum.

The November training class was the first class in Alaska to receive the new D.A.R.E. Curriculum. The new training differs from the old format in that officers



are now certified in both elementary and middle school curriculums instead of just the elementary curriculum. Over the past three years, University of Akron has been (**D.A.R.E. Training**, continued on page 30)

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developing a new D.A.R.E. elementary and middle school curriculum. The new middle school curriculum has been undergoing extensive testing in five population centers in the lower forty-eight. Results from these tests have been very positive. The new elementary curriculum has been shortened from seventeen weeks to ten weeks.

During the two-week DOT, the Alaska D.A.R.E. Training Center underwent an assessment evaluation by a team from D.A.R.E. America. The team inspected the administration aspects of the training center as well as observing the mentors during presentations, team meetings, and staff meetings. According to **Ken Pearman**, Accreditation Coordinator for D.A.R.E. America, "It has been documented by an on-site assessment team that the Alaska D.A.R.E. training Center has successfully demonstrated compliance of all standards established by D.A.R.E. America." D.A.R.E. Alaska will receive its official accreditation status at the National Training Conference this summer. ■



Thanks To All Who Attended: If you missed the November 3rd SHARE cake gathering, you missed some good conversation and laughter. Over \$800.00 in contribution pledges were received. A special thanks to Commissioner William Tandeske, Director of Statewide Services David Schade, Deputy Commissioner Ted Bachman, and Col. Julia Grimes for making this event possible. Thanks also to our photographer, Mary Ellen Thomas. Our photo models, Mina Barzel-Freeman, Capt. Matt Leveque, and Annabell Stevens as they display the gifts that contributors could receive.



The GreyBear Family: (Left) Abe Sr., Vivian, Elizabeth, Coretta, Abe Jr., and Ava.

A Note Of Thanks To The Alaska State Troopers

We, the wife and children of Abraham E. GreyBear Sr., would like to thank each and every one, former and present Alaska State Troopers, who supported the family during the passing of our husband and father.

It had made the day of our greatest loss a little easier knowing that enough

cared so much to be with us and that helped us during and after the funeral.

With our sincerest gratitude, we all send our thanks to you and God bless all of you in the wonderful work you do.

Sincerely: The GreyBear family—Vivian, Abe Jr., Lizann, Coretta, and Avamarie ■



Retired Scent Detection K9 Picasso still uses his nose. Now he sniffs out cookies. Best wishes to all in the New Year. From Picasso and Roger Goe (retired 1997).

Clarification:

To clarify, in the Winter 2003 edition of the DPS Quarterly, "The Day The Old Detective Cried", **Keith Bettinger** and **Elliott Kraus** were not retired from New York Police Department, but working officers with the Suffolk County Police Department, at the time of the incident.

Editor. ■

Physics 101:

- The ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter: Eskimo Pi.
- The time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement: 1 bananosecond.
- The time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour: Knot-furlong.
- 1000 grams of wet socks: 1 literhosen.
- 2000 mockingbirds: two kilomockingbirds. ■

New Superintendent Appointed at Lake Clark National Park and Preserve

By JOHN QUINLEY AND JANE TRANEL
 COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, ALASKA REGION

Acting Regional Director **Marcia Blaszak** announced **Joel Hard** has been chosen as the new superintendent at Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

Hard comes to the National Park Service (NPS) after a career with the Alaska State Troopers that spanned over two decades.

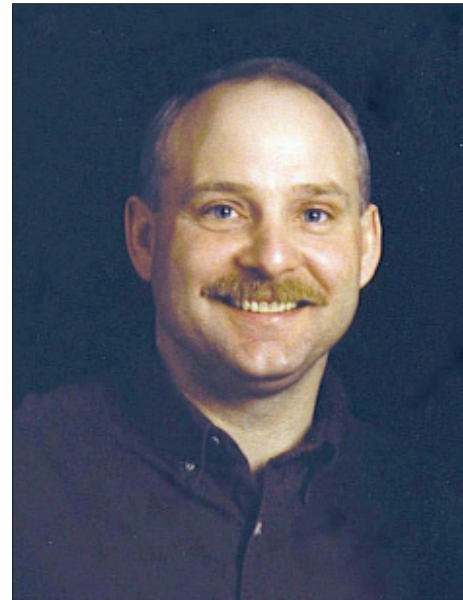
“Hard has a strong background in supervision and leadership,” said Blaszak. “He has worked closely with other agencies to find common ground and his strong communication skills will be valued in his role as superintendent of Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.” Hard replaces Superintendent **Deb Liggett**, who is now a management assistant for the NPS Alaska Regional Office.

developing and implementing statewide wildlife protection and law enforcement programs throughout the State. He also served as a trooper, investigator and supervisor in many urban and rural communities from Anchorage to Tok. Among his many accomplishments, he was Alaska’s chief drug enforcement officer and developed the department’s drug enforcement policy.

“I understand the value of teamwork and the importance of committed, trusting relationships,” said Hard. “I am very grateful for and excited about this opportunity to help give further value to land and resource conservation programs in the National Park Service. I believe we share many ideals.”

Hard’s duty station will be in Anchorage, however he will spend a significant portion of the year out at the park. He is a near life-long Alaskan and he is a licensed pilot. He graduated from Juneau Douglas High School in 1978 and is a 1994 graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He lives with his wife and two sons in Palmer.

The 4-million acre Lake Clark National Park and Preserve was established in 1980 and is located about 125 miles southwest of Anchorage. ■



Superintendent Joel Hard

“I understand the value of teamwork and the importance of committed, trusting relationships,”

Hard wore many hats in his tenure with the State Troopers. He most recently led the State’s Department of Public Safety, Fish and Wildlife Protection Division. In his role as Director, he was responsible for

Personnel Actions:

The Personnel Actions for October 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003, were not available for this publication. The information will be included in the next edition for which it is available. *Editor.* ■

Something To Make Us Proud!

The Third Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer has the responsibility for providing ceremonial units and honor guards for state occasions, White House social functions, public celebrations, and interments at Arlington National Cemetery, and standing a very formal sentry watch at the Tombs of the Unknowns. The public is familiar with the precision of what is called “walking post” at the Tombs. There are roped off galleries where visitors can form to observe the troopers and their mea-

sured step and almost mechanical silent rifle shoulder changes. They are relieved every hour in a very formal drill that has to be seen to believe.

Some people think that when the Cemetery is closed to the public in the evening that this show stops. First, to the men who are dedicated to this work, it is no show. It is a “charge of honor”. The formality and precision continues uninterrupted all night. During the nighttime, the drill of relief and the measured

step of the on duty sentry remain unchanged from the daylight hours. To these men, these special men, the continuity of this post is the key to the honor and respect shown to these honored dead, symbolic of all American unaccounted for American combat dead.

The steady rhythmic step in rain, sleet, snow, hail, hot, and cold...bitter cold, is uninterrupted. Uninterrupted is the important part of the honor shown. One night, **(Make Us Proud, continued on page 32)**

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The high technology of the jet age was put on hold at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska when a typical Alaskan moose went for a stroll on the flight line. No moose, people, or aircraft were injured getting this photo!

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while you were sleeping, the teeth of hurricane Isabel came through this area and tore hell out of everything. There were thousands of trees down, power outages, traffic signals out, roads filled with down limbs, and "gear adrift" debris. They had flooding and the place looks like it has been the impact area of an off shore bombardment.

The Regimental Commander of the U.S. Third Infantry sent word to the nighttime Sentry Detail, with permission to secure the post and seek shelter from the high winds, to ensure their personal safety. *They declined.* During winds that turned over vehicles and turned debris into projectiles, the measured step continued.

One fellow said "I've got buddies getting shot at in Iraq who would kick my butt if word got to them that we let them down. I sure have no intention of spending my Army career being known as the gosh dang idiot who couldn't stand a little light breeze and shirked his duty." Then he said something in response to a female reporters question regarding silly purposeless personal risk. He said, "I wouldn't expect you to understand. It's an enlisted man's thing."

God Bless the rascal. In a time in our nation's history when spin and total po-

litical babble seems to have become the accepted coin-of-the-realm, there beat hearts of the enlisted hearts we all knew and were so proud to be a part of, who fully understand that devotion to duty is not a part time occupation. While we slept, we were represented by some fine men who fully understood their post orders and proudly went about their assigned responsibilities unseen, unrecognized and in the finest tradition of the American Enlisted Man.

There's hope. The gene that **George S. Patton, Arliegh Burke, and Jimmy Doolittle** left us, survives.

On the ABC evening news, it was reported tonight that, because of the dangers from Hurricane Isabel approaching Washington D.C., the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment.

They refused. "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin and marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person.

The Tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930. ■

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