

# The DPS Quarterly

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## Col. Julia Grimes Announces Promotions: Burke Barrick Promoted To Captain



Colonel Julia Grimes

Col. Julia Grimes announces the promotion of Lt. Burke Barrick, deputy commander of D Detachment, Fairbanks, to Captain, commander of D Detachment, effective August 1, 2005.

Capt. Barrick joined the Alaska State Troopers in June 1990. Upon completion of the Academy he was assigned to D Detachment, Fairbanks Post. While in Fairbanks, he served in patrol, the burglary suppression unit, the general investigations unit, and was a field training officer. He was a member of TDU.

In April 1994, he transferred to D Detachment, Galena Post. In August 1997, he was promoted to corporal and assigned to the Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka. He taught domestic violence investigations, control tactics, driving, and health and fitness.

In October 2000, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to C Detachment,

Nome Post, as the post supervisor. In September 2004, he was promoted to lieutenant and assumed duties as deputy commander of D Detachment.

Capt. Barrick is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course (with a perfect 4.0 GPA). He holds an APSC advanced police certificate and is an APSC certified instructor. He has a bachelor's degree in International Relations, from Brigham Young University.

Capt. Barrick has a strong foundation of diverse experience within the Division, and has been willing to serve in many roles and areas of the state. He will be assuming command of a dynamic, busy detachment, and we have great confidence in his ability to provide leadership for the future of D Detachment. ■

## John Papasodora Promoted to Captain

Col. Julia Grimes is pleased to announce the promotion of Lt. John Papasodora, deputy commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, to Captain, commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, effective August 1, 2005.

Capt. Papasodora began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer with the Soldotna Police Department in July 1985. He joined the Alaska State Troopers in June 1990. Upon completion of the Academy, he was assigned to E Detachment, Soldotna Post. In July 1993, transferred to D Detachment, Northway Post.

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In February 1996, he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to G Detachment, Anchorage Post as a shift supervisor. One year later, he transferred to D Detachment, Fairbanks Post as a shift supervisor and SERT leader, and later, as the general investigations unit supervisor.

In April 2001, he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as field operations coordinator at division headquarters in Anchorage. In August 2003, he was assigned as the Anchorage Emergency Operations Center supervisor. In August 2004, he assumed duties as deputy commander of the Alaska Bureau of Investigation.

Capt. Papasodora is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course (with a perfect 4.0 GPA). He holds an APSC advanced police certificate and is an APSC certified instructor. Capt. Papasodora has a bachelor's degree (with double majors) from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.



**Capt. John Papasodora received his new badges from his wife, Melissa and his daughter, Cathryn.**

Capt. Papasodora has broad experience in complex criminal investigations. His proven capabilities in project planning and change management will be critical as he positions ABI for the future. He will

continue developing the expertise of ABI's investigators through standardization of training and techniques. His infectious "can - do" attitude will serve ABI and AST for years to come. ■

## Staff Promotions:

**Col. Julia Grimes** announced the following promotions:

**Sgt. Brandon Anderson**, E Detachment, Seward Post to Lieutenant, Special Projects, Anchorage Headquarters, effective September 1, 2005;

**Sgt. Anthony April**, Alaska Bureau of Alcohol Drug Enforcement, Anchorage to

Lieutenant, C Detachment, Bethel Post, effective September 1, 2005;

**Sgt. Lantz Dahlke**, Alaska Bureau of Investigation, Fairbanks to Lieutenant, Fairbanks Rural Post effective September 1, 2005;

**Sgt. James Helgoe**, B Detachment, Talkeetna Post to Lieutenant, Legislative

Liaison, Anchorage Headquarters effective September 1, 2005;

**Sgt. Lawrence Piscoya**, A Detachment, Ketchikan Post to Lieutenant, Fairbanks Deputy Commander effective September 1, 2005;

**Sgt. David Tracy**, A Detachment, Juneau Post to Lieutenant, Recruitment Unit, Anchorage effective September 1, 2005; and

**Sgt. Burke Waldron**, Alaska Bureau of Investigation, Wildlife Investigation Unit to Lieutenant, Alaska Bureau of Investigation, Deputy Commander, Anchorage effective September 1, 2005.

All of these lieutenant positions are critical to our daily operations, to accomplishing our 6-core missions and to our ability to serve the public. Many have been vacant for some time, placing an extra burden on the detachments and bureaus to carry on with business.

Col. Grimes said, "The Commissioner's office and my staff have worked very hard

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**Lt. Tony April received his new badge from his wife, Lisa; and congratulations from Col. Julia Grimes.**



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to make the supervisory positions more attractive. We are very pleased with the significant response from our qualified members, allowing every position to be filled.

We congratulate each of our successful applicants on their promotions, and we commend and thank all those who competed for these positions. These new lieutenants represent well, our division's future, and we have great confidence in these new members of our management team.

Please join me in sending your support and congratulations to our new lieutenants." ■



**Lt. Jim Helgoe received his new badges and congratulations from Col. Grimes. He is assigned as Legislative Liaison.**



**Lt. Burke Waldron received his new badges from Col. Grimes. He is assigned as Deputy Commander in ABI.**

## Employee Recognition August 2005



**Kari Kittoe, Public Safety Tech II, received the ABWE Civilian of the Year Award for 2003 from Col. Julia Grimes and Major Matt Leveque.**



**Ed Torres, Procurement Officer, received the Honorable Service Award from Col. Grimes.**



**Mel Nading, Pilot Aircraft Section, received the Meritorious Service Award from Col. Grimes.**



**Lt. Craig MacDonald, Director's Office, received the Purple Heart from Major Howard Starbard.**



**Capt. John Papasodora, ABI Commander, received the Honorable Service Award from Col. Grimes. Capt. Papasodora also received his 15-year service pin.**

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Capt. Randy Hahn, ABWE Commander, received the ABWE Division Supervisor of the Year for 2003 from Major Howard Starbard.



Chaplain Jerry Norman received a plaque of Appreciation from Col. Grimes.

From the Desk of  
Chaplain Jerry O.

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In the Bible, the book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Solomon stated that there is a time for everything, and a season for everything. For the last 7 ½ years I have had the privilege of being a Chaplain with you, the Alaska State Troopers. I have been welcomed by many as part of the team. I have had the privilege of laughing with you, working with you, grieving with you and seeing many issues develop and be resolved with you. Now I am bringing this chapter of my life to a close.

It is with a heavy heart and an excited heart that I write this letter to you. As of 30 June 2005, I am officially retired from the position of Chaplain with the Alaska State Troopers. I will always be grateful for the time I have been serving you as Chaplain.

The Bible again makes the statement to "take heed to yourselves". It is a wise statement that all of us should and must do daily. Be aware, keep sharp and live like today is the best day of your life.

And now, May the Lord bless you! May the Lord keep you! May His countenance shine upon you and give you peace. ■



Lt. "Duke" Ballard, Anchorage J.S., received his 25-year service pin from Col. Grimes.



Sgt. Curt Harris, ABI, received his 25-year service pin from Col. Grimes.



Major Matt Leveque, Director's Office, received his 15-year service pin from Col. Grimes.



Capt. John Glick, C Detachment, received his 15-year service pin from Col. Grimes.

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Lt. Burke Waldron, ABI, received his 15-year service pin from Col. Grimes.



Trp. Robert Hoak, Commercial Vehicles, received his 15-year service pin from Col. Grimes.



CSO Kenneth Hunter, Anchorage J. S., received his 15-year service pin from Col. Grimes.



CSO Julie-Dee Sharkey, Anchorage J.S., received her 10-year service pin from Col. Grimes.



CSO Kevin Kelly, Anchorage J. S., received his 5-year service pin from Col. Grimes.



Samir Obeidi, Statewide Services, received his 25-year service pin from David Schade.



Vicki Miller, Statewide Services, received her 15-year service pin from David Schade.



Chester Jackson, Administrative Support, received his 10-year service pin from Dan Spencer.



Christine Spencer, Administrative Support, received her 5-year service pin from Dan Spencer.

*"They talk about how government employees are bad. That's not true. They'll come alive if you give them an agenda and motivate them, and show them where you're going." Gov. Walter J. Hickel*



## PIO Goes High Tech To Promote Core Missions

BY TIM DE SPAIN, PIO

The Public Information Office is climbing to new heights in promoting the Department of Public Safety and the Alaska State Troopers through print, radio, multimedia, TV, and the web. As a means of accomplishing the next generation of modern digital content for broadcast and DVD, new High Definition cameras and dual Zeon video workstations have been added to the in-house production arsenal.

“HDTV is the television standard of the future and allows for maximum creativity from conception to completed movie” said **Justin Freeman**, Visual Information Specialist and new member of the DPS family.

Through a grant from NHTSA and the Alaska Highway Safety Office, AST has been able to add Freeman to the PIO unit. He has a Bachelor’s degree in journalism and has been a TV news photographer at KTUU in Anchorage for the past 8 years. He brings with him a wealth of Alaska related experience, fresh ideas, and high tech creativity.



**Col. Julia Grimes has been instrumental in promoting the Six Core Missions of the Alaska State Troopers.**

As part of a 16-month marketing strategy planned by the Director’s staff, a 30-second TV commercial highlighting the Six Core Missions is being produced. **Colonel Julia Grimes** stated, “Our Core Missions bring to light the duties, responsibilities, and integrity of the Alaska State Troopers”.

The Core Missions are: Highway Traffic Enforcement, Rural Law Enforcement, Statewide Drug and Alcohol Enforcement,

Statewide Major Crimes Investigations, Wildlife Enforcement, Statewide Training.

Also in the works at the PIO are TV and radio ads for Recruitment, Highway Safety, Commercial Fishing Enforcement, and Fire Prevention, as well as many printed publications and posters. We look forward to working with Department personnel in coming months as we gather the images that so well represent: Loyalty, Integrity, and Courage. ■

## Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement *P/V Enforcer* Commissioned

The *Patrol Vessel Enforcer* was commissioned during a ceremony on July 20, 2005, in Ketchikan. **Governor** and **Mrs. Frank H. Murkowski**, **DPS Commissioner Bill Tandeske**, and **AST Director Colonel Julia Grimes** participated in the program.

Speaking from the deck of the *P/V Enforcer*, Governor Murkowski said, “It’s important for us to recognize the significance of this vessel. Part of the responsibility of government is enforcement of laws and enforcement of regulations.

Murkowski said, “We’re very fortunate in Alaska this year in recognizing a suc-

cessful fishing season that we’re having. We’re having that successful fishing season because we manage our fisheries and we enforce our fisheries. We allow for the maximum return of the resource and the renewability of the resources. So whether it be fish or game, enforcement is necessary. Our Alaska state is second to none.”

“In order to enforce those laws these men and women have to have the best equipment and that’s the significance of this vessel. This vessel replaces another vessel that was retired and taken out of service,” said Murkowski.

The Governor said, “This vessel will be home ported in Ketchikan but it will serve

all of Southeast Alaska.” The vessel will be cruising to other Southeast communities such as Wrangell, Petersburg, Haines, Skagway, and Sitka.

“As governor, I’m very pleased to be here today and to join with all the folks from Ketchikan on this occasion which I think represents a commitment by our administration and the legislature to provide those on the front line of enforcement with the best equipment, best training and best personnel.”

Murkowski said he was very proud of Bill Tandeske, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Public Safety, and Colonel (**Commissioning**, continued on page 7)

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Julia P. Grimes, Director of the Alaska State Troopers, for their accomplishments in meeting this effort.

Speaking briefly, Commissioner Tandeske said, "Often times I reflect back on the time I met Governor Murkowski and we spoke and he told me public safety, education, and transportation are the priorities of government, and I'm standing on one of the proofs of that."

The *P/V Enforcer* was designed and built by Kennedy Ship and Repair in Galveston, Texas. The vessel is 69.9 feet long and 22 feet at her beam. She has a maximum cruising speed of 11.3 knots, or around 7 mph. She is powered by twin Caterpillar diesel engines which provide her with over 1,100 horsepower. With fuel tanks that hold 10,647 gallons of diesel fuel, the *P/V Enforcer* has a total range of 3,000 nautical miles, a distance comparable to travel from Anchorage to Hawaii with 500 miles to spare. The *P/V Enforcer* is equipped with the latest in navigational technology including a complement of marine radios, satellite phones, police radios, weather fax, e-mail system, RADAR, infrared detection camera, and chart plotting system.

Over the course of a year, the *P/V Enforcer* will generally cover approximately 9,000 miles of coastline. The vessel will be utilized an average of 120 days each year and will visit or make contacts in every community within Southeast Alaska at least once per year. Her main focus will be patrolling commercial fisheries and hunting activities. She will also be used for emergency responses, search and rescues, investigations, village visits, and public safety education. ■



Governor Frank Murkowski spoke from the deck of the *P/V Enforcer* during the commissioning ceremony. Commissioner Bill Tandeska (back left), Major Howard Starbard, and Deputy Commissioner Ted Bachman observed.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HALL ANDERSON/KETCHIKAN DAILY NEWS

The *P/V Enforcer* Group pictured are: Major Howard Starbard, Col. Julia Grimes, Trp. Mark Eldridge, Sgt. Lonny Piscoya, Trp. Walter Blajeski, Sgt. Steve Hall, Sgt. Dave Tugmon, Major Matt Leveque, Sgt. Bernard Chastain and Capt. Randy Hahn.



Dignitaries posed on the deck of the *P/V Enforcer* after the ceremony.



Trp. Jim Pagel, Aniak Post, received his 20-year pin from Sgt. Matt Dobson on May 15, 2005.



# A Detachment News

BY SHELLY DUNN, AST KETCHIKAN



Governor Frank Murkowski, Nancy Murkowski, and Commissioner Bill Tandeske had the honor of cutting the ribbon to officially open the new Ketchikan Post building.

## *Ketchikan Post Open House:*

July 20<sup>th</sup> marked the day of the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new A Detachment/ Ketchikan Post building and the commissioning of the *P/V Enforcer*. **Governor and Mrs. Frank Murkowski** were present to cut the ribbon to the building and to commission the *Enforcer*. Out of town guests also included **Commissioner Bill Tandeske, Deputy Commissioner Ted Bachman, Colonel Julia Grimes, Major Howard Starbard, Major Matt Leveque, Captain Randy Hahn, Lt. Todd Sharp, Trp. John Chiri, Sandy Belcher, Lisa Emerson,**

representatives from the Legislature's Office and two members of the Stewart RCMP.

A big thank you to Sandy Belcher and Lisa Emerson for all their hard work preparing for the *Enforcer* commissioning and Ketchikan Building Open house. Sandy and Lisa brought FOAST-donated supplies necessary to beautifully decorate the post for the open house, and snacks to feed all the guests. Thank you FOAST for all your contributions, especially the generous donation which was used to purchase the flooring for our workout room. ■

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Capt. Kurt Ludwig spoke during the A Detachment/Ketchikan Post Open House ceremony on July 20<sup>th</sup>.



Lt. Todd Sharp, Juneau Post ABWE, sampling the wonderful assortment of goodies donated by FOAST.



Colonel Grimes, Captain Ludwig and Major Starbard during a tour of the Ketchikan AST building.



Lt. Rodney Dial spent a great deal of time during his leave in June, designing, constructing and painting this beautiful 3 x 3 replica of the AST patch. It hangs in the lobby of the Ketchikan building for all to admire. Thank you Lt. Dial! It is a beaut! No, he is not taking orders, sorry.



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PHOTO COURTESY OF DICK KAUFFMAN/SITNEWS

Trp. Mark Eldridge, Ketchikan Post, received the 2004 A Detachment Trooper of the Year plaque and letter from Col. Julia Grimes and Major Howard Starbard.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DICK KAUFFMAN/SITNEWS

RDII Richard Nowland, Ketchikan Dispatch, received the 2004 A Detachment Civilian of the Year plaque and letter from Major Howard Starbard.



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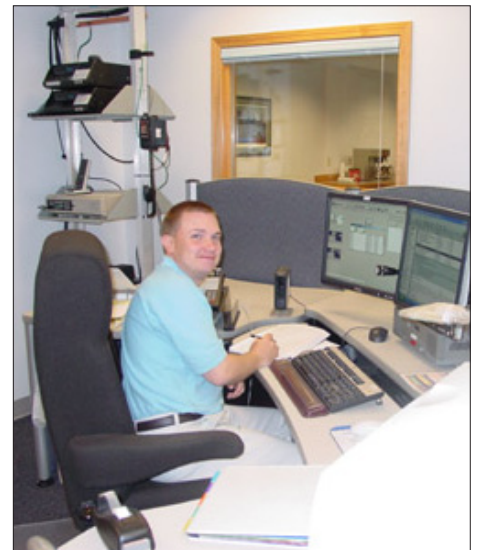
Trp. Walter Blajeski, Klawock Post, receives the A Detachment Trooper of the Year plaque and letter from Col. Julia Grimes and Major Howard Starbard. He also received a commendation for his heroic efforts in rescuing several victims in Klawock who had capsized their boat in rough water.



Trp. Clyde Campbell, Ketchikan ABWE, receives his 5-year pin and certificate from Lt. Todd Sharp at Ketchikan Post in June.



Trp. Herv Ibarra, Klawock ABWE, receives his 5-year pin and certificate from Lt. Todd Sharp at Ketchikan Post in June.



RDII Eric Bird manning Ketchikan Dispatch and really liking the new dispatch consoles.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DICK KAUFFMAN/SITNEWS

RDIII Shelly Dunn receives the 2004 A Detachment Civilian Employee of the Year plaque and letter from Major Howard Starbard and Col. Julia Grimes.



Evan James Barlow arrived in Ketchikan on July 19, 2005, weighing 8 pounds 12 ounces and 22 inches long. Proud parents are Ophelia and Trp. Bryan Barlow. Perm ID is EJB0.



On August 17<sup>th</sup> Ketchikan AST provided security for the U.S. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert. Pictured are Sgt. Lonny Piscocoya, Rep. Mr. Hastert, Trp. Mark Eldridge, and Trp. Bryan Barlow.



Lisa Dial, and David and Linda Deal having a good time at the picnic. Congratulations go out to Linda Deal on her recent promotion to Administrative Assistant. Well deserved!



On July 23<sup>rd</sup> all A Detachment personnel gathered in Ketchikan for a meeting and training and ended the day with the annual picnic at Ward Lake. A good time was had by all. Pictured are: (back) Chris Umbs, Mark Eldridge, Gary Webb, Shane Nicholson, Dave Tugmon, Pat Nelson, middle-Ron Whitton, Dave Tracy, Mark Granda, Bryan Barlow, Rodney Dial, Kurt Ludwig, Walter Blajeski, Bob Claus, Lonny Piscocoya, Wally Scott, Al Fenumiai,(front)Linda Deal, Scott Guenther, Rich Nowland, Eric Bird, Shelly Dunn, Lonna Murray, Sharon Furey and John Rymer.



Trp. Shane Nicholson's kids Trenton and Ashleigh and Sgt. Lonny Piscocoya's daughter Molly enjoyed the Post's annual picnic.



# New Troopers Headquarters Dedicated And Employees Honored

BY DICK KAUFFMAN, SITNEWS  
JULY 25, 2005

*Ketchikan, Alaska* - Among those attending the open house and official building dedication ceremony for the new A Detachment Troopers Headquarters and Post in Ketchikan last Wednesday, was Alaska **Governor Frank H. Murkowski**.

Occupied since March 2005, the new 5900 square foot Ward Cove facility will serve the Southeast Alaska Trooper Posts in Haines, Juneau, Klawock, Petersburg, and Ketchikan. This new facility replaces the previous 1800 square foot Ketchikan State Trooper building that was located at 5150 North Tongass Highway.

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The new Ketchikan State Trooper Building is equipped with one of the most up-to-date dispatch centers available according to the Alaska State Troopers. The Dispatch Center was made fully operational on June 30, 2005, and is the only 24/7 Dispatch Center for the Alaska State Troopers in Southeast Alaska.

The new Ketchikan Trooper Post has its own conference and interview rooms, neither of which was available in the old building. In addition, each Trooper has their own workstation, which provides a more professional and productive environment in which to conduct follow-up investigations and to speak with victims and witnesses.

In late 2003, the Alaska State Troopers began the process of purchasing the new Ketchikan Detachment Headquarters and Post building from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough. Prior to the Troopers occupying the building in March 2005, many renovations were needed in order to produce the optimal floor plan.

According to the Alaska State Troopers, new equipment needed to be purchased to enable the Troopers, Dis-

patchers, and other civilian personnel to provide the best service to the citizens of Ketchikan and its surrounding area.

Following the formal blessing and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ketchikan Trooper Headquarters and Post, there was an awards ceremony.

**Colonel Julia P. Grimes**, Director of the Alaska State Troopers, recognized **Trp. Mark Eldridge** as the 2003 A Detachment Trooper of the year. Colonel Grimes said, "Since his arrival in Ketchikan, Trp. Eldridge has consistently performed at an outstanding level." Grimes said, "An area where Trp. Eldridge has, and continues to excel, in his leadership abilities. For a three-month period from August through November 2003, he acted as the Ketchikan Post Supervisor, while the Post Sergeant was in training. Trp. Eldridge performed this task flawlessly and without hesitation."

"Trp. Eldridge is considered a leader among his peers, and has consistently proven his ability to make excellent decisions and accept additional responsibilities," said Colonel Grimes. "For these attributes and many others, I am proud to recognize Trooper Mark Eldridge as the 2004 A Detachment Trooper of the year," said Grimes.

**Major Howard Starbard**, the Administrative Commander of Alaska State Troopers based at the Anchorage Headquarters, then recognized **Richard Nowland** as the 2004 A Detachment Civilian Employee of the year and commended Nowland for his efforts and years of service with the Department of Public Safety.

Major Starbard said, "Mr. Nowland has worked as a Radio Dispatcher II for approximately seven years. During this time he has constantly proven himself as invaluable, by his ability to take on multiple tasks and assignments and complete those with little supervision."

"Mr. Nowland has been extremely helpful to his supervisor and is well respected by his co-workers. He displays a professional can-do attitude and treats the public with the utmost respect," said Major Starbard.

"For these and many other reasons, I am proud to recognize you as the 2004 A Detachment Civilian Employee of the year," said Major Starbard.

Next, Colonel Grimes recognized **Trp. Walter Blajeski**, who is assigned to the Klawock Post, as the 2004 A Detachment Trooper of the year. Grimes said Trp. Blajeski has proven himself as an outstanding Trooper. She said, "An example of this would be a Search and Rescue that occurred on March 30th, 2004, when he responded to a report of a capsized boat with persons in the water. Trp. Blajeski was instrumental in the successful rescue of four people, and even worked late in the night to recover the boat and property of the victims."

"This incident and others like it, are a clear example of Trp. Blajeski's dedication to duty and commitment to serving the citizens of Alaska," said Colonel Grimes. Grimes said she was proud to recognize Trp. Walter Blajeski as the 2004 A Detachment Trooper of the Year.

The final award was presented by Major Howard Starbard to **Shelly Dunn** who was recognized as the 2004 A Detachment Civilian Employee of the year. Major Starbard said that Dunn had been instrumental in the exhaustive processes involved in the purchase and renovation of the new Ketchikan facility. "From the collecting of information, working with supply and vendors, and her attention to detail, her efforts are largely responsible for this first class facility we can be proud of," he said.

"It is important to mention that Ms. Dunn accomplished all this while continuing to perform her duties as the Ketchikan Post Dispatch Supervisor," said Major Starbard. Starbard said he was proud to recognize Shelly Dunn as the 2004 A Detachment Civilian Employee of the year.

Also attending the building dedication and awards ceremony was **William L. Tandeske**, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Public Safety. Following the ceremonies, refreshments were served which were furnished by the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers. ■

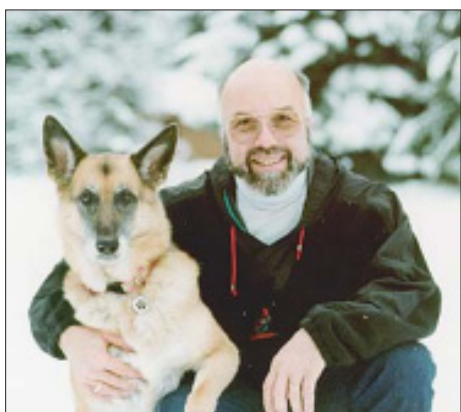
## Juneau Mountain Rescue: Search and Rescue—A Success Story

About 1:00 p.m., on June 28, 2005, Juneau Police Department notified the Alaska State Troopers in Juneau of a missing person likely to have been in the Mendenhall Glacier area. The subject's vehicle had been found near the Mendenhall Glacier observatory. She had not been seen since the previous Saturday when she got off work at a local Fred Meyer store. Within half an hour of the notification, 2 SEADOG (Southeast Alaska Dogs Organized for Ground Search) teams were getting ready for a hasty search of the area. That night, the search was unsuccessful.



**Initial search efforts for the missing person were unsuccessful. Inclement weather limited some search efforts.**

Early the next morning, Juneau PD reported the subject had walked out of the woods to a nearby residence. She was taken to the hospital and was treated for minor injuries and released.



**Bruce Bowler, of JMR, and Mayday.**



**The Mendenhall Glacier area was the focus of a search for a missing person.**

According to Bruce Bowler of SEADOGS, the subject said she had become disoriented and climbed up and over Heintzleman's Ridge. She had been wearing light cotton clothing and had no food or supplies. She had been hiking for 5 days, slept under a covering of leaves and bushes and survived on blueberries and snow.

Appreciation goes to personnel from SEADOGS, Juneau Mountain Rescue (JMR), JMR Rescue Runners, U. S. Forest Service, Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center Staff, Juneau Police Department, Temsco Helicopters, and the subject's friends and coworkers at Fred Meyer who were involved in the search. ■



**Shokoufeh Attaei surrounded by friends and coworkers at Bartlet Memorial Hospital. She commented she kept on going because she didn't want her parents to lose another child (after the recent loss of her brother).**



## Juneau Mountain Rescue At Work

By BRUCE BOWLER

On May 11, 2005, 11:15 pm, AST Dispatch was contacted regarding an overdue hiker/climber named **Jon Scribner**. He left home around 6:00 a.m. to attempt a solo climb of Juneau's Mount Stroller White. Mr. Scribner called his wife from the summit at 2:30 p.m., and from "some cliffs at the bottom of the snow line" around 4:30 p.m.

Trooper **Sgt. Dave Tracy**, SEADOGS and Juneau Mountain Rescue (JMR) began the search at 1:00 a.m., with a

TEMSCO helicopter and more teams entering the search at 4:30 a.m. Climbing to 3,400 feet, JMR and TEMSCO spotted Mr. Scribner's body 1,000 feet below them. He apparently lost his footing shortly after the phone call, fell into the rocks, and died almost instantly. Sgt. Tracy coordinated the search while also providing security for **Justice Sandra Day O'Connor** during her visit to the Alaska Bar Association Conference in Juneau.

(Read a description of JMR page 35 ) ■



**Mount Stroller White claimed the life of an overdue hiker.**

## Meth Lab Located On Wrangell Island

On August 12, 2005, SEANET responded to the discovery of a clandestine methamphetamine lab located on Wrangell Island 20 miles southeast of town on state lands overlooking Eastern Passage. The scene was estimated to be ten acres and was a location used to hide chemicals, cook sites, and waste products. Evidence of manufacturing was located in and near a free flowing stream. Signs of water contamination were not discovered. While searching for the suspect, investigators

responded to the small boat harbor in Wrangell and discovered additional evidence of manufacturing on a small houseboat. A search warrant was obtained and a search conducted which resulted in the seizure of additional evidence.

The Wrangell Police Department, Petersburg Police Department, Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement, U.S. Forest Service, and the Drug Enforcement Administration assisted this investigation. Suspects have been identified and the in-



**S.E.A.N.E.T. responded to the discovery of a clandestine methamphetamine lab on Wrangell Island. Evidence of manufacturing was located at the site. Suspects were identified.**



**SEANET recovered evidence of a meth lab from the 10-acre site. Additional evidence was gathered from a second location at the small boat harbor in Wrangell..**

Investigation continues. The Southeast Alaska Narcotics Enforcement Team (S.E.A.N.E.T.) is comprised of Alaska State Troopers and local police officers in Juneau, Petersburg, Haines, Sitka, Ketchikan, Skagway, and Wrangell. The Alaska State Troopers Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement is partially funded by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, United States Justice Department. ■

# B Detachment News

WRITTEN BY JILL BYBEE

We said our goodbyes to **Julie Kirn** at her retirement party on June 1, 2005. She's been missed. We had a great turnout for the cookout. We bid farewell to **Trooper Eric Lorring**, who left for Kotzebue on July 29<sup>th</sup>.



Col. Julia Grimes presented Julie Kirn with a going away gift.



Lt. Rick Roberts presented Trp. Eric Lorring with a farewell plaque.

The new recruits, **Joshua Ray**, **Mike Peltier**, and **Aaron Meyer** have arrived. They hit the streets on July 15<sup>th</sup> and have been running since.

The DUI Team (**Sgt. Steve Adams**, **Trp. Shayne Calt**, **Trp. Nathan Duce**, and **Trp. Josh Heinbaugh**) from Palmer has been busy patrolling the Alaska roads. They have been to Glennallen, Seward, Girdwood, Anderson, Fairbanks, Delta, and Talkeetna for all of the happening



OFFICIAL COAST GUARD PHOTO BY PETTY OFFICER SARA FRANCIS

**Coast Guard Marine Safety and Security Team boarding officers, Coast Guard cutter Hickory boarding officers, and Alaska State Trooper Shannon Fore discuss how to proceed with processing a Big Lake resident and repeat offender during patrol on Big Lake on July 3. This resident was escorted to shore.**

events in those areas. They have good results in patrolling those areas and will be back to Palmer just in time for the State Fair that starts August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Besides patrolling the highways and roads in the Valley, several of the Troopers have been hitting the local lakes. On July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, **Trp. Shannon Fore** and two U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement specialists, patrolled Big Lake. It was a success in enforcing boating safety. Out of the forty-six boats that were boarded using the Sea Ox, eleven boats had safety violations that were severe enough that the Coast Guard terminated their voyages and escorted them back to the dock. A total of sixty-eight safety violations were observed and citations issued for them by the Coast Guard. One warrant arrest was also made on the water. On Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, **Trp. Simeon** and **Trp. Ken Acton** conducted a boat patrol of Lake Louise, Susitna Lake, and Tyone Lake. They made seven contacts, one citation was given for failure to register the boat, two warnings for no throwable flotation de-

vice, and two warnings for no visual signaling devices.

Glennallen had fun with the Safety Bear coming up to participate in the Fourth of July parade. **Lynda Horn-Jones'** husband, **Randy**, was nice enough to dress as the **(B Detachment, continued on page 15)**



Safety Bear enjoyed a trip to Glennallen.



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Lynda Horn-Jones and Safety Bear, (aka Randy Jones) participated in the July 4th parade in Glennallen.

Safety Bear. Thanks Randy for participating.

Sgt. Troy Shuey graduated from a three week intensive Law Enforcement Motorcycle Instructor's Course in Michigan, sponsored by Northwestern University in July. He was back just in time to saddle up one of the AST Harley Davidsons and

patrol the Parks Highway during the Talkeetna Bluegrass Music Festival.

Trp. Ronny Simmons attended a week long training on the "DARE" Program in San Antonio, Texas. He'll be spreading his knowledge in the Glennallen area, by going to the schools in the area again this school year. ■

*A thank you note...*

This email message was sent to B Detachment Commander, **Capt. Dennis Casanovas**.

"I just finished reading the current edition of "The DPS Quarterly" on the Troopers web site. I saw the article about the poem found at the Girdwood post. This article started me thinking about how I take law enforcement officers and the civilian staff that supports them for granted. I guess that is because I have been lucky enough to not need assistance. But I know if and when the day comes that I do need help, I can count on someone being there. I would like to thank all of the troopers and the staff for a job very well done.

May God bless you and watch over you as you perform your duties. **David B. Nolen** ■

**Talkeetna Bluegrass Enforcement**

Twelve Alaska State Troopers, along with a rotating Court Service Officer position and the Helo 1 helicopter pilot spent more than 400 man hours working in and around the Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival August 4 through 7, 2005. During the four days of the festival, troopers made a total of 26 arrests: 8 on outstanding warrants, 4 for DUI (1 Felony), 7 for driving without a license or license suspended or revoked, 6 for drug offenses, plus various other misdemeanor and felony arrests.

Troopers made 338 traffic stops. During those contacts 176 citations and 203 warnings were issued. Ninety-eight citations were issued for speed, 21 for equipment violations, and 26 for failure to show proof of insurance. "Overall, I'd have to characterize this as a fairly peaceful gathering," said **Lt. Hans Brinke**, B Detachment Deputy Commander. "There were not too many problems on the festival grounds, but when the cars hit the highway, we were there looking to keep impaired drivers off the road. Our scent detection canine, Custa hit on some cars

we stopped for equipment violations and we ended up making some arrests for marijuana and cocaine possession. Drug enforcement is one of our core missions and this was an opportunity to be proactive in getting some drugs off the street."

By comparison, last year there were 23 arrests: 8 on outstanding warrants, 6 for

DUI (1 Felony), 5 for Driving With License Suspended, 2 for Driving Without License, one for another OL offense (not noted), and one arrest for minor consuming alcohol. Troopers made 490 contacts during the festival last year. During those contacts 178 citations and 311 warnings were issued. ■



Inv. Tim Hunyor's grand kids, **Andrick**, age 5; and **Malichi**, age 2; pose as new (future) recruits.

# C Detachment News

## News From Bristol Bay

Another beautiful Bristol Bay summer is behind us and folks are putting up their fishing gear and dusting off their hunting equipment. The staff in Dillingham, King Salmon, and Iliamna stayed busy with lots of travel to the surrounding villages while Clerk II **Jeanette Spofford** handled the front desk and the phones and generally kept the office in order. It sure is nice to have a capable, organized and efficient employee like Jeanette to keep the office running smoothly!

**Sgt. Jeff Laughlin** took a well-needed break this summer by taking some annual leave to visit family in Washington. Then he accompanied his wife **Casey** to her 20<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in California. Finally, they made their way back to Ketchikan to attend his own 20<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. Prior to taking time off, Sgt. Laughlin and **Lt. Pete Mlynarik** (Bethel Post) traveled to all of the villages on the Alaska Peninsula via helicopter. The flight began in Bethel with a stop in Dillingham to pick up the Sergeant, then on to King Salmon. After topping off with fuel, the pair headed down the Bristol Bay side of the peninsula stopping in every village along the way. The first day of the trip ended in Cold Bay where the two bunked at the ABWE State house. The following morning, the community visits continued with a quick



**Lt. Pete Mlynarik and Sgt. Jeff Laughlin visit the sole year-round residents of Ivanoff Bay, Alfred and Lori Kalmakoff.**

“hop” over to King Cove then on up the Pacific side of the peninsula, ending the second day of travel in King Salmon. After an overnight in King Salmon, Lt. Mlynarik dropped Sgt. Laughlin back in Dillingham and returned to scenic Bethel. No villages were skipped, much to the delight of the residents of Ivanoff Bay, population 2. The trip was so well received by the communities that a similar trip was made to the Iliamna Lake and Lake Clark areas.

**Trps. Dave Bump, Cornelius “Moose” Sims and Jack Ransom** have managed to survive their first summer in the Bristol Bay region but not without a few mishaps and miscommunications. Trp. Sims has fit in well to Bristol Bay as he loves to fish but we all agree he should do so by standing on the shore, not by boat! You see, “Moose” and watercraft don’t get along. We’re not sure why it happens but we know when it all started. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, “Moose” borrowed one of Aleknagik **VPSO Jason Creasey’s** personal skiffs for a relaxing day of fishing on the lake. During the outing, something happened that has yet to be explained. Somehow, the motor and part of the transom separated from the rest of the skiff. Realizing that he was holding a running outboard motor with no other form of support, “Moose” wisely tossed the motor and down it went to the bottom of the lake. Since there were no oars in the boat, “Moose” patiently waited for another boater to pass by and offer a tow back to shore. Several weeks later, Trp. Sims attempted to take the Dillingham jet boat up the Nushagak River for some village visits but the throttle cable broke a mile from the harbor. A week or so later, after a new

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**Lt. Pete Mlynarik and VPSO David McComak visiting with the children of False Pass as they fished during a local science lesson.**



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cable was ordered and installed, Trp. Sims and VPSO Dan Decker of Ekwok headed back up river. At Portage Creek, Trp. Sims had to go swimming to clear a clogged intake. Then, near the Kokwok River, a terrible sound came from the drive shaft. They limped up to Ekwok and opened the engine cowling to discover the main thrust bearing had failed. Trp. Sims stayed the night in Ekwok and happily flew back to Dillingham the following day. That did not end Trp. Sims's boating adventures because the following day, he and Sgt. Laughlin ran the Lund skiff back up to Ekwok and towed the larger boat back. Oddly enough, the day they chose to do this happened to be one of the rougher days in the bay all summer. The boat has since been fixed but we haven't seen Trp. Sims anywhere near the water in a boat.

Trp. Bump has fared better when it comes to boating but his weakness appears to be oranges. Apparently, one quiet weekend when Trp. Bump was the only Trooper on duty, he took a break at the post to enjoy a juicy orange. Mid way through the snack, he managed to lodge a piece in his throat, causing a sever restriction of his airway. Well, just before he passed out, the orange piece came out and air started flowing again. The word of the near tragedy spread amongst the local produce dealers causing them to add warning labels to all citrus products.

Trp. Ransom in Iliamna provided a good example of one of the hazards facing an urban Trooper who moves to a rural post. Earlier this year, Trp. Ransom was in Dillingham for orientation. As he was preparing to return to Iliamna via King Salmon, a call for service came in from Egegik (EE-guh-gick). Trp. Ransom was asked to respond to Egegik after he arrives in King Salmon and he agreed. Several hours later, Trp. Ransom called Dillingham and asked to talk with the Sergeant. He said "Sarge, I think I'm in the wrong village." The Sergeant asked Trp. Ransom if he was near the water to which Trp. Ransom answered in the affirmative. When asked if the water was fresh water or salt water, it was disclosed he was in-



**Trp. "Moose" Sims and VPSO Dan Decker work on crafts with the kids in Ekwok, earlier this year.**

deed in the wrong village. It turns out he went to the village of Igiugig (ig-ee-UH-gig) on the shore of Lake Iliamna, not to Egegik (EE-guh-gick) on the coast of the Alaska Peninsula. Trp. Ransom eventually made it to Egegik and we all had a good laugh.

We have no funny stories about **Trp. John Holm** for this edition, mainly because he's working by himself in King Salmon and we have no witnesses available to provide stories to this author. Trp. Holm has wisely remained quiet in regards to anything funny that he might have done that would have made it into this edition of the Quarterly. We'll have something next time, I'm sure.

Well, that's all for now from Bristol Bay. Hopefully by the next edition of the Quarterly we'll be able to announce a new



**The new warning label for oranges sold to the Troopers in Dillingham.**

Trooper stationed in King Salmon and maybe even a new Trooper in Dillingham. Greetings from Bristol Bay! ■



**An aerial view of Bethel's new post photographed by Sgt. Perry Barr.**



## Kodiak Post News

News from the rock this quarter finds things steady at Kodiak AST Post. There has been no change in our Commissioned Troopers. Most of the Troopers here have started getting that weathered look and to grow webbing between their toes. The Kodiak Dispatch staff has lost a long time Kodiak dispatcher and gained one new dispatcher in the last four months.

RDII **Jolene Dodge** retired from the Alaska Department of Public Safety at the end of May 2005. Dodge served DPS in Glennallen and Kodiak, with most of her career working out of the Kodiak dispatch center. She was a dispatcher attached to ABWE, and for many summers went to work the Bristol Bay fishery as the administrative support person. Dodge became a valuable department asset with all the institutional knowledge she acquired over the years. Dodge along with her husband **Paul** will be moving to warmer climates in Utah at the end of August. Best of wishes to Jolene in her well-earned retirement.



**Jolene Dodge retired from DPS in May.**

With Dodge's departure, we welcomed RDII **Jamie Juhlin** to the Kodiak family. We all wish Jamie well in her new challenging career.

**Trp. Dennis Dupras** had a little surprise on August 8<sup>th</sup> this year. He received a tip about marijuana growing out in the middle of the woods on Spruce Island. Spruce Island is a small island in close proximity to Kodiak Island. Trp. Dupras did some follow up related to the tip and a low fly by over the suspected area. He was successful in locating what appeared to be an open-air marijuana grow during

his fly by of the area, which is owned by the Ouzinkie Native corporation. Trp. Dupras applied for a search warrant based on the information that he had worked up and information from past tips. A search warrant was issued for the area. A request was made to the United States Coast Guard to use their helicopter assets to assist in the execution of the search warrant. On August 8, 2005, Trp. Dupras, **Sgt. "Mo" Hughes** and **SA Jeff George** (CGIS) were transported to the marijuana grow location and then lowered to the ground. Upon execution of the search warrant, 324

plants were located in various stages of growth. Plant height ranged from 12 to 24 inches in height. But the big surprise was the amount of marijuana plants found in the area. The information gathered had indicated only about 40 plants. Once at the scene there were eight times as many plants as had been expected. Another harvest bites the dust. Good job Dennis.

The days are getting shorter and the fish are getting up the rivers. Deer season is open and fall is on the way. We will be here to fight crime another day. That's all from the rock. ■



**Trp. Dennis Dupras (left) and SA Jeff George investigate the marijuana grow operation on Spruce Island.**

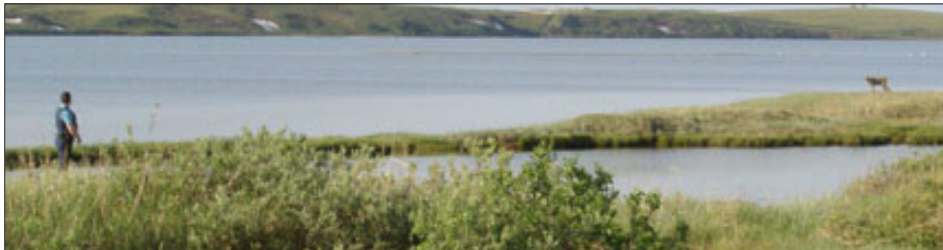


**About 100 plants shown here were located at the scene on Spruce Island.**





Caribou "herders" Sgt. Karl Erickson, Trp. John Brown, and Trp. Grant Miller tried chasing the caribou cow and calf off the main runway at the Kotzebue Airport. It didn't work....



Herder Erickson (aka Sgt. Karl Erickson) held his ground in a caribou stand off.



Herder Miller, (aka Trp. Grant Miller) finally convinced the caribou cow and calf to cross the river,...er, lagoon...



...to get to the other side. DUH.

# Caribou Herding In Kotzebue

By SGT. KARL ERICKSON

On June 27, 2005, at approximately 8:45 a.m., Kotzebue AST received a report from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game that there was a caribou cow and calf on the main runway at the Kotzebue Airport. DOT had already shot "cracker shells" at the caribou to get them to get away from the runway, to no avail.

As Kotzebue AST arrived on scene, the morning Alaska Airlines 737 jet took off with the caribou next to the runway. The jet noise had no effect on the animals. Kotzebue AST responded and was able to walk toward the animals to get them to move away from the runway.

Kotzebue AST and DOT then attempted to herd the caribou with 4-wheelers, but the caribou backtracked and ran directly on the side of the runway. Further herding efforts by 4-wheeler and truck forced the caribou to swim across a small area of water, away from the runway and harms way. No flights in or out of the airport were affected by the animals.

If any other locations in the state need our herding services, call 442-3222, our rates are reasonable. ■

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## C Detachment News

C Detachment, Anchorage, would like to welcome **Naomi Sweetman**. Sweetman is the newest D.A.R.E. Project Coordinator. D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a preventative program, which involves cooperative efforts of state and local law enforcement, communities, schools, and parents with the goal of preventing substance abuse and violent behavior before it starts. The D.A.R.E. office is located within C Detachment Headquarters in Anchorage. Welcome Naomi!

### D.A.R.E. News:

D.A.R.E. will be hosting its annual In-Service Conference on October 13 & 14, 2005. The In-Service will be in Anchorage. All law enforcement officers who are al-

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ready certified to teach D.A.R.E. are eligible to attend.

D.A.R.E. has postponed its annual DOT (D.A.R.E. Officer Training) from November 7 through 18, 2005, until January 2006. Please stay tuned for the exact dates. The DOT will be in Anchorage. Any commissioned law enforcement officer, VPSO or VPO, who is interested in becoming a certified D.A.R.E. Officer, is welcome to attend.

Please watch your mail and e-mail for more information or check our web site at [www.darealaska.com](http://www.darealaska.com). ■

# Abandoned Walrus Pup

By SGT. K. ERICKSON, KOTZEBUE

On June 27, 2005, at 1:45 p.m., Kotzebue AST received a report from the village of Kivalina of a walrus pup on the beach below the village. Villagers reported this pup had been found on the beach last week, with no mother in sight. Last week the pup had been guided back into the ocean, only to return today. Villagers stated the pup looked to have lost weight since it last sighting. The pup was fed milk and was being handled by some of the children of the village. The Alaska SeaLife Center was contacted and they advised the best bet was to attempt to get it to their location. They in turn contacted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who has jurisdiction over the sea mammals. They also concurred, that based on witness statements, the best chance of the pup's survival was to remove it and get it care at the SeaLife Center. Kotzebue AST contacted Bering Air, who volunteered to fly the pup to Kotzebue for free. It was then transferred to Alaska Airlines where it is catching the evening flight into Anchorage; SeaLife Center personnel will transport it to Seward for care. ■



Bocce continued his adventure with a trip to the Seward SeaLife Center.



Denny Hickerson, Bering Air station manager arranged for Bocce's trip to Seward.



Sgt. Karl Erickson with Raegen Miller (Trp. Grant Miller's 3 year old daughter)

## Kotzebue Post News

Summer is in full swing here, for those living in the tropics, arctic summer starts later and ends sooner too. So we try and enjoy it while it's here. When this is being read, we will have had Tpr. Eric Lorring moved in on Aug 1st. Tpr. Lorring's family will be following him later in the year.

Tpr. Vance Peronto has been here since May 1st, with his wife Ernie and son Anthony, finally getting here in the middle of July. Both came to us from Palmer patrol. Tpr. Peronto hit the ground running, getting to the villages on a regular basis. (Kotzebue, continued on page 21)



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Trp. Lorring was a FWP Aide in Kotzebue in the past, so some of it will be old hat.

**Independence Day draws “VIP” visitor to Kotzebue to ride on the State Troopers float in the annual 4th of July parade:**

Kotzebue Post was joined by “Cubby Bear” who flew in to be part of the 4th of July parade this year. Cubby was a big hit with kids and adults alike, as were the lights and sirens of the patrol vehicles of course.

**Trp. Recruit Monigold** also joined the parade along with 2 of his sons. Recruit Monigold is not assigned to Kotzebue post but he and his family call Kotzebue home. Recruit Monigold was formerly a Lieutenant with the Kotzebue Police Dept and very recently graduated from ALET class #33. He is in transition to his first assignment in Fairbanks.

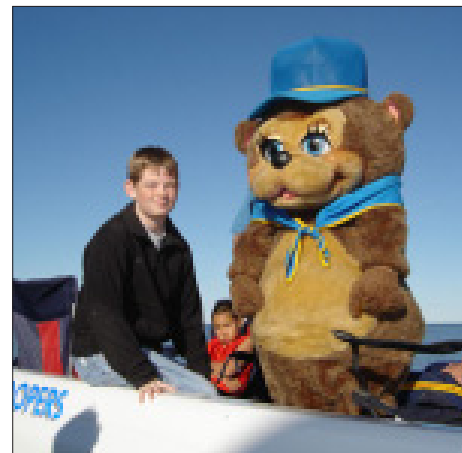
**Trps. John Brown** and **Grant Miller** drove patrol vehicles in the parade. Trp. Miller’s wife **Carrie**, Father **Paul** and 2 children **Raegan** and **Wyatt** joined him in the parade.

Trp. Peronto volunteered to animate Cubby. Many thanks to him for his willingness to “Bear” the hot and heavy task of wearing the costume. Yes, that pun was intended!

Trp. Brown’s son **Patrick**, and Admin. Clerk **Mary Brown** joined **Sgt. Karl Erickson** in showering the parade goers with candy and stickers. It was a beautiful day for a parade and fun was had by all. ■



**Cubby Bear had a big adventure and traveled to Kotzebue to join in their 4th of July Parade.**



**Patrick Brown, son of Trp. John Brown joined the parade.**



**Arctic Beauty queens Gladys Woods (left) and Clarrisa Coffin.**

## “Operation Wildfire” in Alaska

The Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement (ABADE) participated in the DOJ/DEA “Operation Wildfire”, the first nationally coordinated law enforcement initiative designed to continue the fight against the spread of methamphetamine use and abuse in the United States.

“The manufacturing and use of methamphetamine continues to be a problem throughout Alaska”, said **Capt. Ed Harrington**, commander of ABADE. “Statewide drug enforcement is one of the Alaska State Trooper’s six core missions.

We continually work to be proactive in fighting the supply of drugs in Alaska.” During the two days of “Operation Wildfire”, ABADE members served a search warrant on a suspected meth lab in the Caswell Lakes area near Wasilla. Although evidence of an active meth lab was not found, evidence of drug trafficking, along with several grams of meth were found as well as stolen equipment and one firearm. Another search warrant was served in Fairbanks resulting in the seizure of a “box lab”. No arrests have been made; both investigations are continuing.

To date in 2005, ABADE members have eradicated 35 active methamphetamine labs in Alaska. ABADE seized three meth labs this month; two were located in Southeast and one in the Mat-Su valley area. Methamphetamine labs have been on the rise in Alaska. ABADE members eradicated 28 labs in 2002, 45 labs in 2003 and 62 labs in 2004. “The Alaska State Troopers and the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement will continue to aggressively investigate the manufacturing and abuse of methamphetamine,” said Harrington. ■

# D Detachment News

BY SUE ROGERS, AST FAIRBANKS

## *New arrivals and departures:*

Trp. James Burton and wife Diana welcomed daughter **Kiley Rae Burton** on June 16, 2005. Kiley weighed in at 6 pounds 12 ounces.



**Kiley Rae Burton**

CSO **Lucy Keturi** and husband **Leo** have a new baby boy. **Cameron** was born on August 10, about 09:30 hrs. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 1/2" long. Mom and baby are doing well, as is Daddy and big brother **Tyler**.

Six Trooper Recruits reported to Fairbanks in July including **Scott Sands, Ricky Merritt, Jeremy Stone, Ronald Monigold, Zachery Huckstep** and **Joshua Rallo**. Trooper Recruit Rallo will be moving to Bethel when he has completed the FTO program.



**Capt. Burke Barrick** received his new badges and congratulations from **Major Howard Starbard** on August 1, 2005.

CSO **Janelle Moore-O'Bryant** transferred to Judicial Services in Fairbanks from Anchorage.

## *Aloha*

On July 30, 2005, the Ice Park in Fairbanks took on the appearance of Hawaii as approximately 100 friends and family members gathered for **Capt. Steve Garrett's** retirement party. The party theme was a Hawaiian Luau complete with a roasted pig and Polynesian dancers.

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**Commissioner Tandeske** congratulated **Capt. Garrett** on his retirement.



**Capt. Steve Garrett** received his patch plaque from retired **Major Masters**.



**Capt. Garrett** shows off radio controlled pickup truck.



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Steve and **Suzy** will be moving to Hawaii within the next couple of months. **Col. Julia Grimes, Commissioner Bill Tandeske and Major Matt Leveque** braved the rain as they motorcycled from Anchorage to attend. **Major Howard Starbard** and his wife chose to travel in the more conventional Ford Explorer. Fairbanks cooperated with nice weather and everyone enjoyed the stories and memories of Capt. Garrett's 22-year career with the Alaska State Troopers. Capt. Garrett, and his grandson **Tyler**, are very excited over

the radio-controlled pickup truck that was presented by **Capt. Randy Hahn**.

### *Return from Iraq*

We are happy to have **Trp. Jeffrey Jones** back in Fairbanks patrol following his return from Iraq in June. He spent 7 months in Fallujah serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Recon BN Marine Expeditionary Force. Trp. Jones is a member of a Reserve Unit in Anchorage and spent 11 months on active duty before his return to Alaska. He was previously been stationed in Fairbanks and Bethel. ■

## *From Capt. Steve Garrett, Retired*

I just wanted to say good-bye and thank you to all those that have helped me and supported me throughout my career. It has been a fabulous time and the most fulfilling career anyone could hope for. It has been an honor and a privilege to have been associated with what I consider the finest law enforcement agency in the country and all the dedicated employees that make it so.

Its time for me to spend some time with my family and see what new ventures await, so after 22 years I say good-bye and god speed to all of you. If you are ever in Honolulu please let Suzy and me know. My personal email address is: [steven.garrett@att.net](mailto:steven.garrett@att.net). Be careful and please stay in touch. Steve ■



**There are king salmon in the Salcha River. This 23+ pound king salmon was caught July 8, 2005, on a blue/silver "wiggie wart" by Fairbanks Dispatcher, Kitty Lancaster.**

## Motor Vehicle Accident Resulted In Double Fatality

On August 22, 2005, Fairbanks AST Dispatch was notified that a vehicle, occupied by an unknown number of persons, had gone into the Tanana River near Salcha after having been involved in a two-vehicle collision. The scene of the incident was approximately Mile 330 of the Richardson Highway. Troopers, a North Pole Police Officer, members of the Salcha Volunteer Rescue Squad, and others responded to the scene to offer assistance. Scuba divers from Fairbanks also arrived on scene to assist with rescue efforts. The vehicle had been reportedly located in swift water and was completely submerged.

The investigation showed that a 42-year old female resident of Salcha was driving southbound in a U.S. Postal Service 1992 Jeep Cherokee when it drifted across the center line and collided with a northbound 1988 Lincoln sedan driven by a 65-year old female, with a 49-year old female passenger, both of Salcha. The Jeep came to rest on its top in the ditch along the northbound lane. The Lincoln skid-

ded off the roadway and came to rest in the Tanana River where it drifted several hundred yards in swift current and completely submerged. Salcha Rescue and other volunteers subsequently recovered the Lincoln from the river. Both occupants of the Lincoln were pronounced dead at the scene. Their seat belts were both unfastened.

The driver of the Jeep was wearing her seat belt and sustained minor injuries for which she was treated at the scene by EMS and released.

The State Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and both bodies were scheduled to be autopsied. Both vehicles were impounded at AST. The investigation continues. ■



**Salcha Rescue and volunteers recovered the vehicle and victims from the river.**

## Delta Junction News

BY SGT. BRIAN WASSMANN

There has been no shortage of trooper business at Delta Junction this summer despite being short-handed, and taking on a larger coverage area. We recently assumed responsibility of the eastern half of the Denali Highway to ease some of the pressure from the Parks Highway troopers.

We seem to be in a constant state of scurrying to calls for service with periods of catching our breath and waiting from the bell to ring again. This summer our troopers have been swamped with the routine calls for service and self-initiated cases. Despite the increased workload troopers have managed to knockout a high number of DUI arrests this summer.

We had a few newsworthy cases in our area this summer. **Trp. Tim Tuckwood** and **Trp. Jake Covey** responded to a motorcycle crash near mile 5 Denali Highway in Paxson. **Roy B. Thompson III**, 64 years of age, of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and his two sons were riding on the Denali Highway on separate motorcycles. A flatbed-utility truck approached from the opposing lane and lost an 8-inch piece of iron that was not secured to the bed of the truck. The piece of iron fell off the truck, bounced twice on the pavement, and struck Thompson on the head. Although Thompson was wearing a helmet, the



(Left) DFM Tom DePeter, Trp. Josh Bentz, Salcha Fire Dept. Chief Ed Keep-Barnes, and Northstar Fire Dept. fireman Ernie Misewicz discuss a fatal trailer fire in Salcha, Alaska.

strike caused him to crash his motorcycle. The strike and crash caused serious injuries that resulted in Thompson's death at the scene.

In another tragic mishap, a hiking party was traversing a field of ice and snow on the Gulkana Glacier near Summit. The glacier had rapid flowing waters beneath the surface. An area of rotten snow and ice gave way when **Christina A. Jensen**, 26 years of age, of Anchorage, followed

other hikers who had just walked over it. Jensen slid under the massive icepack and eventually drowned. **Trp. Steve Lantz**, **Trp. Rick Swanson** and **Trp. Nasruk Nay** all helped to coordinate search and rescue efforts. A/C Pilot **Mel Nading**, with Helo One, responded from Anchorage to assist with the efforts. Jensen's body was eventually recovered after the swift flowing waters freed her body from the icepack.

**Trp. Josh Bentz** and **Sgt. Brian Wassmann** investigated a fatal structure fire in Salcha with the assistance of Deputy Fire Marshal **Tom DePeter**. An early morning trailer fire ignited near a wood stove and spread rapidly through the residence. Two men managed to escape by breaking windows and jumping outside. **Tina Stomp**, 45 years of age, of Salcha, was unable to escape before smoke and flames engulfed the trailer. Troopers and Salcha Fire Department were on scene within minutes, however the intense fire prevented a rescue.

In enforcement efforts, ABADE came down recently to assist us with a marijuana grow investigation. **Sgt. Ron Wall**, **Inv. Jason Pugh**, **Inv. Bruce Barnett** (Fairbanks Police Department) and **S.A. Mike Foran** (DEA) helped to dismantle a (**Delta Junction**, continued on page 25)



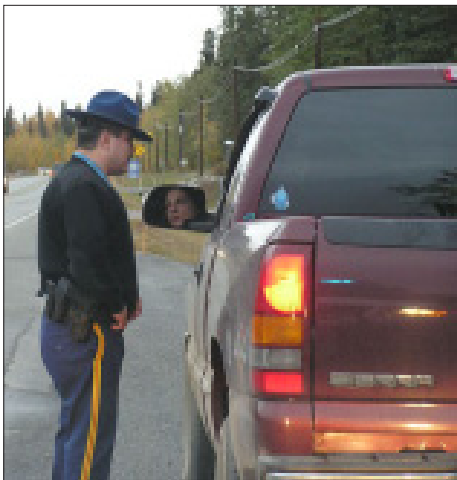
**Trp. Rick Swanson**, A/C Pilot **Mel Nading**, **Trp. Steve Lantz**, and members of the Alaska Mountain Rescue group gathered at the scene of a SAR/Drowning near the Gulkana Glacier.



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grow operation at a local residence. We stumbled upon a bonus when we found firearms, later determined to be stolen, inside the house.

Adult Probation recently paid a surprise visit to our supervised convicted felon population. Troopers assisted P.O. **Leisa Lefner** with a search that resulted in new MIW cases on a probationer and her husband for possession of illegal firearms. Troopers also checked up on other probationers in the area to ensure that they were complying with probation conditions.



**Trp. Nasruk Nay** talked with a motorist stopped recently near Delta Junction.



**Trp. Tim Tuckwood, Sgt. Ron Wall, and Inv. Jason Pugh** bag and tag evidence at the scene of a marijuana grow operation.

Our last newsworthy tidbit comes from a case that is a candidate for the dumbest criminal. Trp. Nasruk Nay worked with **Inv. Daniel Mott** (Valdez Police Department), and **S.A Eric Cohoon** (BATF-Fairbanks) on a federal firearms violation investigation.

One of our local probationers walked into a Valdez sporting goods store and attempted to purchase a handgun— while intoxicated. The felon did a nice job of

legibly printing all of his personal information on the purchase application. He even provided a copy of his ID to the store clerk, which was helpful with locking in the identity. Once the clerk had all the evidence in hand he denied the intoxicated probationer a purchase and reported him to the authorities. Probation violation charges, and federal firearms charges are pending. The name of the store: Hook, Line & Sinkers. ■

## A Pictorial View Of E Detachment News

By SHAE HOLLANDSWORTH, AST SOLDOTNA



**The Homer post** relocated this summer to their new facility in Anchor Point, to rave reviews from the Troopers and clerical staff. They now have room to breathe, and are geographically closer to the majority of their calls. With highway frontage, the Troopers are also much more visible to passers-by.

First of all, congratulations to **Sgt. Dan Donaldson** for earning his Advanced Certificate!

Brenda Morris has joined the staff of the Seward Post as the Administrative Clerk II. Welcome aboard, Brenda.

Homer Post moved to their new facility in Anchor Point this summer. During their openhouse, the free ice-cream coupons from McDonalds were a huge hit this summer with children.

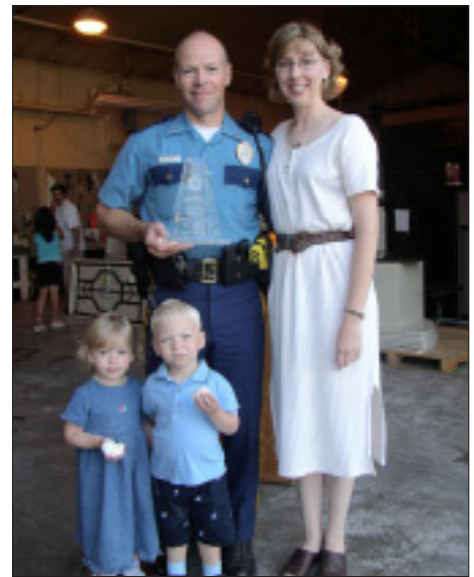
Troopers passed the coupons out to kids when conducting traffic stops, responding to 911 calls, or other calls for assistance. A big thank-you goes out to McDonalds for their support of law enforcement and area youth. ■

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Trp. Ryan Browning appears to work diligently at his desk in the new Anchor Point facility. We're not sure his computer is actually plugged in though...



Trp. Mark Pearson, wife Ida, and twins Ruth and Steven celebrate his move from Soldotna Patrol to Soldotna ABI.



Trooper Recruits Michael Guymon and Daniel Blizzard arrived in Soldotna right in the middle of red salmon season...what an initiation!



Inv. Eugene Fowler prepares for his physical fitness test by speed-loading some mega carbs (aka cake).



Did you ever wonder what happens on a weekend on the Peninsula? Does this answer your question?



From the look on Inv.Fowler's face, it appears the cake might not have been a good idea after all.

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E Detachment will sorely miss hearing the voice of dispatcher (and shift supervisor) Carly Reimer over the radio waves. Carly accepted a position teaching physical education and science at Soldotna Middle School. Our loss is certainly the school district's gain—Carly's upbeat attitude, excellent problem-solving abilities, and incredible work ethic will undoubtedly inspire not only her students, but her co-workers as well.



Dispatchers Jennifer Russell, Carly Reimer, and Tammy Goggia gather to wish Carly farewell.

*Take time to say "I'm sorry,"  
"Please forgive me,"  
"Thank you", or "It's okay."  
And if tomorrow never  
comes, you'll have no regrets  
about today.*

From *If I Knew*



When his Crown Vic just won't do, Trp. Mark Pearson uses any means of transportation necessary to get the job done!

## Plane Crash Near Seward, Alaska

BY GREG WILKINSON, PIO

Alaska State Troopers, in Helo 1 rescued four people from Johnstone Lake near Seward July 7, 2005, after the plane they were in crashed into the lake. One passenger on board did not survive.

Troopers in Seward received a call at around 3:30 this afternoon that **Kurt Stenhjem**, of Glacier Air Adventures, piloting an M-7 Muhl floatplane had not

returned from flying customers out to a recreational camp on Johnstone Lake. Stenhjem reportedly left at around 10:00 am from Bear Lake outside of Seward to fly **William O'Neal**, and his wife **Carolyn O'Neal**, both from Overland, Kansas, out to the camp on Johnstone Lake. He was then going to pick up another two people

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Johnstone Lake near Seward.

PHOTO BY LT. BRANDON ANDERSON

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from another camp on Little Johnstone Lake. Also on board was **Ryan Fisher**, of Seward. At around 11:00 a.m., the second couple called on their satellite phone to report that Stenehjem had not picked them up.

Troopers notified Civil Air Patrol in Seward and Alaska State Trooper helicopter Helo 1, which was in Seward on another mission at the time. Helo 1, with **Sgt. Brandon Anderson** from Seward on board as a spotter, made several passes over Johnstone Lake before spotting

some people on what was described as a "mattress" sized iceberg at around 5:30. Helo 1 pilot **Mel Nading** hovered the helicopter over the iceberg while Anderson got out on the skids and helped Fisher and Mr. O'Neal into the helicopter.

The two pointed out two other passengers from the plane who were on another iceberg a short distance away. Helo 1 flew over to the second iceberg and rescued the other two people.

A fifth person from the plane, **Mark Schroeder**, of Durban, South Africa, who

was on board helping the pilot, reportedly assisted the others before being overcome by the icy water of Johnstone Lake. Stenehjem swam out to attempt to rescue Schroeder but it was too late. His body has not been recovered. By 6:00 pm, the four survivors had been flown back to Seward and taken to Seward Providence Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries and the effect of the cold and then released.

Cause of the crash is unknown at this time. ■

## Troopers Rescue Fire Victim

On July 27, 2005, at approximately 11:20 pm, Troopers in Soldotna received a report from the Kotzebue Police Department notifying them a family member of a resident of Sterling, Alaska had called them.

The family member reported the resident was depressed, suicidal, and threatened to set her residence on fire. **Trp. Larry Erickson** responded and arrived at the residence at approximately 11:49 pm.

As he approached the residence, Trp. Erickson detected a strong odor of fuel. When the female saw the State Trooper she made a comment about igniting an item and dying. She then fled back into the residence and locked the door before Trp. Erickson could approach her. Minutes later flames were observed inside the residence. As he broke open the residence door, Erickson was forced back by heat, flames, and smoke.

Several minutes later **Trp. Michael Henry** arrived on scene and together they were able to crawl into the residence. Staying low to the ground, and using a fire extinguisher, they located the female unconscious lying next to an open 5-gallon container of gasoline.

The female was pulled out of the residence and removed from the area because there was a 100-gallon propane tank located next to the residence, which was now fully engulfed in fire.

The female was transported to Central Peninsula General Hospital (CPGH) and



**Troopers responded to a residence in Sterling but were unable to deter the resident from setting her house on fire. Fighting smoke and flames, they were able to pull the victim from the house and the immediate area where a 100-gallon propane tank was located. She was transported to CPGH for treatment.**

later airlifted to Anchorage for treatment of severe smoke inhalation. Both State Troopers were treated at CPGH for smoke inhalation and released. The female's residence and a motorhome parked next to the residence were both a total loss due to fire. The investigation continues. ■





## Bus Crash Near Seward

On August 7, 2005, at approximately 6:30 a.m., Alaska State Troopers received the report of a Holland America bus rolled over with entrapment at Mile 5.5 of the Seward Highway near Seward.

The investigation revealed the victim was driving the Holland America bus south on the Seward Highway when he fell asleep and drove off the road.

The victim was extricated from the vehicle and transported to Providence Seward Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries. The driver was wearing his safety belt and alcohol was not a factor. The bus was estimated to be a total loss. ■



The Holland American bus left the road at Mile 5.5 of the Seward Highway.



The victim was transported for treatment of minor injuries. The bus was a total loss.

## Division of Fire Prevention

By JODIE HETRICK

### *Director's Office*

Thanks to **Mr. Chet Weger** for assisting us, again, as a STNP Fire Safety Specialist with the Joint Pipeline Office. Since April 25th to August 31st, Weger has assisted the Fire Marshal's liaison with a higher than anticipated rush of fire safety plan reviews and permits related to the Trans Alaska Pipeline Reconfiguration Project. As the retired State of Alaska Assistant State Fire Marshal and retired Chief Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force Fire Protection, his expert knowledge and experience at code enforcement has been invaluable. Not only that, he's good people and a good friend. Come back soon!

### *Plan Review Bureau*

By Tim Fisher, Deputy Fire Marshal I

The State of Alaska Fire Marshal's office is developing a process to assist the public in meeting the American Disabilities Act. Last week at the Mat-Su Department of Public Safety Facility, training by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the State Disabilities Department teamed up to produce a class to train and familiarize themselves with the requirements of the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

Currently the International Building Code, Chapter 11, the Accessibility Chapter, has not been adopted by the State Of

Alaska, as this is a Federal requirement not a state requirement. Learning to match the ADA with the Accessibility Chapter of the International Building Code (IBC), will allow the State of Alaska to assist business owners in meeting the requirements and reducing possible law suits throughout the state and providing accessibility to many of our citizens or constituents.

The class was taught by **Brian D. Black** from New York of BDBlack Codes, Inc. who has had over 20 years of experience in practicing, developing, reviewing and writing building codes for the International Code Council and Department of Justice (DOJ) ADA. His extensive knowledge and unique background enabled him to explain the differences between the International Building Code (IBC), Chapter 11, of which the State Of Alaska is looking at adopting or enforcing in part or entirety and the American Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) for buildings and facilities of which the U.S. Department of Justice has adopted and currently enforces.

Problems relate from the fact, that there aren't any checks and balances between the creation of building or facility plans by architects/engineers and a quality assurance review process before the

construction starts to ensure compliance with the ADAAG. If a disabled patron visits an establishment and can't gain access, they then file a lawsuit with the DOJ. The owner may have or would have complied if he knew it was a requirement, but because something was missed, this unnecessary action was filed. The State Fire Marshal's office currently has a review process and will evaluate the possibility of adding ADA requirements to that review process.

### *Training and Education Bureau*

**Jodie Hettrick** accepted a new position as the Fire Training Administrator, supervising the Training and Education Bureau. Ms. Hettrick brings a wide variety of fire service experience with her to the position.

**Todd Kollar** joins the Bureau as the new Fire Training Specialist in the Southeast Office. Mr. Kollar served for many years as the Chief of the Douglas Fire Department.

The Public Education Office finally finished up the Alaska Home Fire Safety Project. Over 1500 homes throughout Alaska received a fire safety inspection and fire prevention and safety equipment. We will evaluate the homes after one year to see if the equipment is still in place and if the residents have any questions. ■

## State Fire Marshal Newsletter–1980s:

As a celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary here are more excerpts from the State Fire Marshal Newsletter 1980s:

### *June 1980 –*

Community Health aides, district sanitarians and accident prevention specialists from across Alaska attended a 2 and a half day Public Education Conference at the Anchorage Regional Fire Training Center, April 17-19, 1980.

The program was jointly sponsored by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the U.S. Public Health Service. The Public Fire Education Steering Committee developed and presented the program. Instructors included **DFM III Gordon E. Brunton**, **Chief William Shechter**, U of A Fire Department; **Inspector Eric Morhrmann**, Fairbanks Fire Department; **Loren Sickles**, USPHS; **Brian Dusseault**, Local Gov't Specialist, Community & Regional Affairs; and **Capt. (Ret) Tom Take**, Anchorage Fire Department.

Subjects covered included fire protection organization, smoke detectors, flammable liquids and fabrics, home inspections, portable extinguishers, and systematic planning.

The high fire death rate in bush Alaska emphasized the need for the training

### *September 1981 –*

Watch That Whale!

Caution: cooking with whale oil may clog up your smoke detector and possibly cause a false alarm. That's the word from Underwriters Laboratory, the outfit that tests all sorts of electrical gadgets for safety. In a correspondence exchange between UL and the Alaska Council on Science and Technology, the council asked if the UL had done any testing on smoke detectors in small houses typically found in rural areas of cold climate regions. According to a press release from the University of Alaska's Geophysical Institute, the query was part of a research program that the council administers for the Alaska State Troopers. The council got a response from UL, along with the remark that "...it is our understanding that most of the residences of the type described use whale oil for cooking..." The letter went on to say that UL had not checked out whale oil fumes on smoke detectors, but it was suspected that it might cause false alarms and also gum up the detectors, making them useless.

In 1983, the State Fire Marshal's Newsletter was adopted by the Alaska State Firefighters Association and Renamed "The Hook and Ladder"

### *September 1983 –*

Meadow Lakes Fire Department in the Mat-Su Valley received a surplus fire

tanker from the Anchorage Fire Department. The 1000 gallon tanker, a 1963 Ford has been replaced by a more modern diesel powered, all wheel drive fire apparatus with larger capacity water tanks (1600 gallons). The new apparatus is better suited to serve the rapidly growing hillside area of Anchorage.

The Meadow Lakes Fire Department serves a 55 square mile area North of Wasilla and is an all-volunteer fire department under the direction of **Chief Albert Toler**.

### *October 1983 –*

At 3:00 am on 11-02-83, the Akiachak power plant was discovered to be on fire. Power plant operator, **George Pasitnak** stated that the power plant was fully engulfed in fire. The fire was so hot that the power plant building could not be entered and the metal building collapsed. The loss estimated by the President of the IRA Council was placed at close to \$250,000.00. The village had obtained a new fire truck sometime earlier which was parked approximately 75 feet away from the fire. The fire truck was not used because no one knew how to operate the vehicle. Troopers in Bethel are continuing the investigation. Due to the extensive damage, the origin of the fire has not yet been determined. ■

### *Promotion:*

**Ms. Marie Collins'** position has been upgraded from an Administrative Clerk III to a Statistical Technician II. Collins already manages the Alaska Fire Incident Reporting System, the State's National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Program, Blue Light Program, Fire Department Registration Program, and many other functions. The data she collects and tabulates directly impacts the future direction of the Fire Marshal's office. ■

### *Fire Prevention Month Theme*

#### *Use Candles with Care*

#### *When you go out, blow out!*

**State Fire Marshal Gary Powell** and the Alaska Division of Fire Prevention urge all to use extreme caution when using candles particularly during the holiday season. One quarter of all candle-related fires occur during the holiday season. According to the United States Fire Administration each year candles are responsible for approximately 9,400 residential fires, over 90 fatalities and 950 civilian injuries. The direct property loss from candle related fires are estimated at \$120.5 million. Candle sales are estimated at \$2.3 billion annually by the National Candle Association.

- Burn candles inside a 1-foot circle of safety, free of anything that can ignite.
- Extinguish candles after use or whenever you leave the room.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Use a sturdy metal, glass, or ceramic candleholder.
- Don't place lit candles in windows where blinds and curtains can ignite.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.
- Don't allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.
- During power outages, use flashlights not candles.
- Never use a candle for light when checking pilot lights or fueling equipment. ■



## Division of Statewide Services

### Crime Lab Welcomes New Staff

By JOHN GIACALONE

**Ginger Boatwright** started working as an Administrative Clerk III in March 2005. She has worked in the recent past with the Office of Children Services and the YMCA. She is originally from Alabama and has spent many years in Nashville. She enjoys singing, playing her musical instruments and writing songs. Boatwright will be performing in Dillingham on Saturday September 17, 2005 at the Dillingham Arts Council Concert and Pot Luck dinner and invites DPS staff members to attend and meet her while she is in that area.



**Ginger Boatwright, Admin. Clerk III**

**Caroline Bolar** began working at the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory in July 2005 as an Administrative Clerk II. She transferred from the Records and Identification Section at AST Headquarters where she has worked since 2001. Bolar's original home state is Florida, but



**Caroline Bolar, Admin. Clerk II**

after 36 years in Alaska, home is here. She has a degree in radio and broadcasting, spent several years in Samoa, and worked in community relations and corporate contributions with Standard Oil/BP.

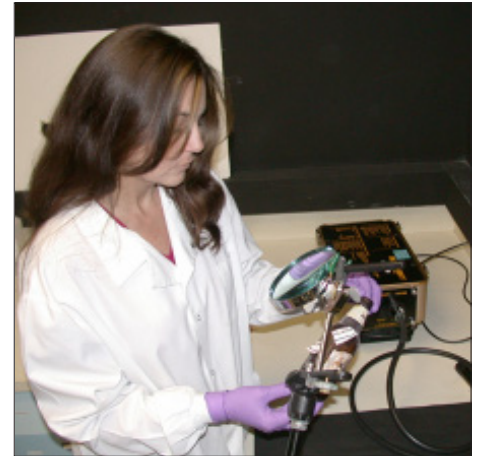
**Lori Zirkle** accepted the position of Administrative Assistant in August 2005. She spent 25 years in Washington State and has been in Alaska for sixteen years. She was previously employed with the Commission on Post Secondary Education.

The energy and motivation of these three Administrative Staff Assistants will serve to insure the smooth operations of the day-to-day chores of the Laboratory. All the behind the scenes efforts they contribute permit the Forensic Analysts to focus on their specialties. We are grateful to have them and their talents.



**Lori Zirkle, Admin. Assistant**

**Jo Anne Lopez** is a graduate of Florida State University and began working with the Alaska State Crime Laboratory in June as a Latent Print Examiner III. She began her career with the crime scene unit at the Tallahassee, Florida Police Department. She has also worked with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Crime Lab in Latent Prints, the forensic unit of the Sheriffs Dept. in Fresno, California, and most recently the DEA's Western Laboratory in San Francisco. Alaska will greatly benefit from her experience.



**Jo Anne Lopez, Latent Print Examiner III**

**Willie Cook** retired in June 2005. She will be moving to West Virginia with her husband and plans on relaxing in her new home (with pool) in the hills of the Appalachian Mountains. Though she has been with the Crime Lab for a short period she has been effective in furthering the progress of our mission. She is missed and we wish her the very best.



**Willie Cook**

**Michele Czajkowski** was hired as a Forensic Technician to operate the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) equipment in the State Crime Lab. NIBIN utilizes a networked computer data-  
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# State Crime Lab To Participate In National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Program

By JOHN GIACALONE, CRIME LAB

As part of a national effort to help law enforcement agencies solve violent firearm crimes, the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory participates in the ATF's National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) Program.

NIBIN employs ballistic imaging technology to capture computerized images of bullets and cartridge casings obtained from crime scenes and recovered firearms. These images are then stored in a networked, computer database and can be compared against thousands of other images of ballistic evidence collected from other crime scenes to identify potential matches. It is possible to search against evidence from the same jurisdictions, neighboring jurisdictions, and other jurisdictions across the country.

By analyzing these images, investigators have the ability to link multiple crime scenes, identifying patterns of criminal activity and producing new leads. NIBIN automates the initial steps of this analysis, implementing a computerized search of thousands of ballistic evidence images in a matter of minutes to minimize the amount of non-matching evidence that firearm ex-



The Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory has acquired the latest in ballistic imaging technology.



aminers must inspect to make a positive firearm identification. Ultimately, this assists law enforcement agencies in discovering links between crimes more quickly.

Law enforcement agents in Alaska can take advantage of NIBIN as a crime-fighting tool by doing the following:

1. Collect projectiles and cartridge casings, when available, from ALL crime scenes and submit them to the State Crime Lab for imaging into NIBIN.
2. Ensure that recovered firearm weapons are test-fired so the products of those test fires (i.e., projectiles and cartridge casings) can be imaged into NIBIN.
3. Follow-up on the investigative leads that NIBIN discovers.

To learn more about NIBIN, contact the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory at (907) 269-5740. ■

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base to store thousands of images of ballistic evidence collected from crime scenes and recovered firearms which can be searched in a matter of minutes to discover potential links between crimes not previously known to be connected.

Czajkowski was raised in Port Chester, New York, and moved to Anchorage in 1992 after experiencing an Alaska summer vacation in 1990. She holds a Master of Science degree in Immunology and has previously worked in the area of cancer research. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Public Administration program at the University of Alaska Anchorage and will complete her degree in December 2005. ■



**Michele Czajkowski, Forensic Technician will operate the new National Integrated Ballistic Information Network equipment in the State Crime Lab.**

*Blink if you use a computer. Your eyes tend to blink less often while watching a computer screen. If you try blinking more often, your eyes will be less red, irritated, and strained.*



## Division of Administrative Services



The Division of Administrative Services hosted the annual Administrative Conference in Anchorage June 7-9, 2005. The attendees included: Gilbert Nelson, Jr., Amy Clark, Ann Porter, Annette Richards, Audra Mitmoen, Audrey Ayay-DeHart, Carolyn Hall, Cheryl Searles, Dena Bronson, Diana Brost, Eileen Brooks, Ginger Boatwright, Jan Redford, Jane Bennett, Jaye Forst, Jeanette Wilkinson, Jill Veloske Bybee, Judy Cantey, Laura Mote, Linda Deal, Ceresa Tolley, Margaret Simmons, Marjean Denison, Nancy Magnus, Rebecca Miller, Sandy Belcher, Shae Hollandsworth, Shelley Cubbedge, Shirley Weston, Stacy Gagnon, Sue Sprague, Suzanne Andleman, Susanne Rogers, Vicki Maxwell, Joanne Griggs, Ginger Nishimoto, Annie Mortensen, Barbara Keller, Bob Degroot, Carol Petraborg, Christine Spencer, Dale Galosich, Dan Spencer, Fred Schmitz, Gene McDowell, Janet Donovan, Jason Adams, Joan Kasson, Judy Fletcher, Karin Sullivan, Kathy Miller, Kimberly Rice, Lisa Emerson, Mark Knight, Nancy Wojnowski, Charles Hull, Aaron Kershner, Cassandra Byrne, Misti Simonds, Pamela Brandt, Roxanne Kuk, Esther Schermerhorn, Kathy Monfreda, Willie Cook, Loretta Coffee, Major Matt Leveque, Armida Yee, Kelly Howell, and Tamara Holman.

## Bureau Of Justice Assistance Conducts Onsite Visit

On August 29 - 30, staff from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) was in Anchorage to conduct an onsite-monitoring visit. Alaska's BJA State Policy Advisor, **Jeannie Santos**, completed an administrative and programmatic review of several of the Department's grants including the Byrne Formula grant, the Project Safe Neighborhoods grant, the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant, the Illegal Drug and Alcohol Use Initiative grant, and the Rural Alcohol Interdiction grant.

The administrative review involved reviewing compliance with grant terms and conditions, reporting requirements, and completeness of documentation in the grant file. The programmatic review assessed whether grant activities were consistent with the grant implementation plan and the stated goals and objectives.

During her visit, Ms. Santos and Grant Administrators **Kelly Howell** and **Geney McDowell** from the Division of Adminis-

trative Services toured the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center. In

addition, a meeting was held at the U.S. Attorney's Office with members of the **(Bureau of Justice**, continued on page 34)



**Bureau of Justice Assistance State Policy Advisor, Jeannie Santos visited Bethel to meet Troopers working on the Rural Alcohol Interdiction grant project. The meeting included: (from left) Capt. Ed Harrington, Sgt. Perry Barr, Jeannie Santos, Lisa Emerson, and Kelly Howell.**

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Project Safe Neighborhoods coalition, of which **Lt. Dan Lowden** is a member. The highlight of Ms. Santos' three-day visit was a trip to Bethel with **Capt. Ed Harrington**, **Lt. Anthony April**, Administrative Manager IV **Lisa Emerson**, and Grant Manager Kelly Howell with the Division of Administrative Services, to meet with Troopers working on the Rural Alcohol Interdiction grant project.

While the final results of the monitoring visit will be forthcoming, Ms. Santos' summary remarks were positive. Most importantly, she left with a newfound understanding and appreciation of the realities of law enforcement in rural Alaska, the unique issues facing the Department, and the ongoing efforts and accomplishments made possible through federal funding from BJA.

Many thanks to Capt. Harrington for arranging the trip to Bethel, to Lt. April, **Sgt. Perry Barr**, and **Inv. Joe Hazelaar** for taking the time to meet with Ms. Santos and answer all of her questions, and to Trooper Pilot **John Chiri** for getting us safely there and back. It was an experience Ms. Santos is sure to remember and share with her colleagues in Washington! ■

## In Other News

### Murderer Of Kenai Police Officer Sentenced

On September 6, 2005, at approximately 1545 hours **David Forster** was sentenced in Kenai Superior Court for the December 25, 2003, murder of Kenai Police **Officer John Watson**. Forster was sentenced to 99 years with none suspended for first degree murder.

He was also sentenced to one year for assault in the third degree on Kenai Police

**Sgt. Scott McBride**, one year for assault in the third degree on Kenai Police **Officer Jay Sjogren**, and one year for assault in the third degree on Forster's girlfriend, **Crystal Hallman**. The sentences for assault on the police officers is consecutive with the murder sentence, giving a total sentence of 101 years with none suspended. ■

### With Regret

Retired Trooper **Alan Williamson** passed away in Anchorage, July 2, 2005, from complications from multiple sclerosis. His ashes will be spread later this year, when his sons "take him hunting one last time," his family wrote.

Williamson attended the Alaska State Trooper Academy in 1974. He had worked in Anchorage, Eagle River, Palmer, Kodiak, and King Salmon until his retirement in 1978 when he became afflicted with multiple sclerosis.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Alaska Division, 511 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 101, Anchorage, Alaska, 99503. Attention: Research. Memorial tributes may be left at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com). ■

### POLICEMAN'S PRAYER

*When I start my tour of duty God  
wherever crime may be,  
as I walk the darkened streets  
alone,  
let me be close to Thee.  
Please give me understanding  
with both the young and old,  
let me listen with attention  
until their story's told.  
Let me never make a judgment  
in a rash or callous way,  
but let me hold my patience,  
let each man have his say.  
Lord, if some dark and dreary  
night,  
I must give up my life,  
Lord, with your understanding  
love,  
protect my children and wife.*

*Author Unknown*

## Canadian Mountie Killer Took His Own Life

FROM THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

The man blamed for one of the bloodiest incidents in the history of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police took his own life after shooting the four officers, according to a broadcast report (on June 21, 2005). **James Roszko** had been wounded twice by police bullets, but the fatal shot was self-inflicted from an illegal semi-automatic rifle, according to autopsy files

obtained by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). Roszko ambushed the four Mounties in March after they went to his farm in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, to investigate a report of stolen vehicles and an illegal marijuana growing operation. Roszko's family has said he had a deep hatred for police. **John Roszko** told CBC his 46-year-old brother likely knew he had

been badly wounded, and "wasn't about to give police the credit for taking his life, so that's probably why he took it himself."

The autopsy report also said that Roszko was wearing socks that had been cut to cover his boots, a hunting trick that would have muffled his footsteps and allowed him to approach the officers without them hearing him. ■



## The SHOOT

BY LT. HANS BRINKE

The Alaska State Troopers hosted the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual RCMP/AST pistol competition in Soldotna at the Snowshoe Shooting Range June 27 - 28, 2005. This competition is the longest running international law enforcement pistol competition in the World and named, "THE SHOOT".

Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Alaska State Troopers went head to head for two days. Day one consisted of a battle between two-five man teams, the commanders of each organization, and the significant others of the two teams. Day two consisted of a Tactical Competition where all participants went up against each other.

The AST Team dedicated a lot of time to preparing for the competition. The dedication by each member of the team paid off. The Alaska State Trooper Team was

victorious and brought the trophy back to Alaska after losing it to the Mounties last year. **Sgt. Tim Schoenberg** was awarded with trophies for the highest scoring Trooper and highest scoring shooter overall from both teams. **Constable Ryan Hack** was awarded the trophy for the highest scoring Mountie. **Chief Superintendent Shewchuk** edged out **Col. Julia Grimes** at last year's competition between the commanders. Colonel Grimes dedicated a lot of her time preparing for this year's competition with only one goal in mind, win. Colonel Grimes triumphed over Chief Superintendent Shewchuk and brought the trophy home. **Denise Gork** won the Significant Other Shoot Off (SOSO) for the Mounties. The youngest participant of the competition, **Trp. Nathan Duce**, cleaned house with the best

time during the Tactical Competition and won the trophy.

This event brought both great organizations closer together socially and professionally, meeting the goals set out in 1960. This event could not have been possible without the support of the Fraternal Order of the Alaska State Troopers, The Department of Public Safety, members of each team, and private sponsors. ■

### The team:

Col. Julia Grimes, Lt. Pete Mlynarik, Sgt. Tim Schoenberg, Sgt. James Helgoe, Trp. Odean Hall, Trp. Nathan Duce, Sgt. Pat Davis (alt), and Lt. Hans Brinke (rangemaster/coach) ■

## Juneau Mountain Rescue

Not long ago, Juneau Mountain Rescue team members received national accreditation and recognition as one of the nation's elite rescue teams. Now, one of 56 fully accredited teams in the United States and Canada, this team of dedicated personnel put their lives on the line to help others.

**Bruce Bowler** of SEADOGS (Southeast Alaska Dogs Organized for Ground Search) said his group frequently works with Juneau Mountain Rescue. He considers the accreditation "a recognition of the job they've been doing."

He said there was a time when the community would wait to see if lost people would find their way down from trails before mobilizing searches. But the more aggressive, dedicated and professional search-and-rescue teams operating today are saving lives. **Steve Lewis**, founding member and director of the team, Bowler said, "puts the 'rescue' into the search-and-rescue business."

Founded in 1982, the group now has 20 volunteer members. **Jim Calvin**, who has been a team member for three years, said he appreciates the support that comes

from the community, especially since members pay for their own equipment. He said people bring different skills to the group, but they share a love for the outdoors. Team members also are good at what they do. He said he is proud to be in a group that met the rigorous standards of the Mountain Rescue Association. "We've been training very hard for a year-and-a-half, hanging from ropes in crevasses and off of steep slopes. You never know when the pager is going to go off," he said.

Bowler recalled a day in September 1999 when three helicopters crashed on Herbert Glacier.

"I asked these guys to hike into dangerous conditions," he explained. Within an hour, they were ready at the airport to be dropped off on the Juneau Icefield with everything they needed to find and bring out six tourists from California.

An arctic storm had just moved in on the of the crash site. The storm was estimated to last 3 days and bring with it high winds, heavy snow, and zero visibility. **Sgt. Bill Welch** (now in Girdwood) and I established a Unified Command, and told these guys that they were going into the

unknown, with no backup, and with the lives of 10 people in their hands. Coast (JMR, continued on page 36)



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 Nine of the 16 members of the team are pictures: (top from left) Greg Bledsoe, Jim Jurrens, Jim Calvin, Dennis Grooms, David Mason, and Doug Wessen. (front from left) Steve Lewis, Jon McElwain, and Steve Handy.

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Guard flew a C-130 in from Kodiak and orbited at 16,000 feet just above the storm to provide us with communications.”

Lewis said it was about 6:30 p.m. when the team was dropped in 1,200 feet below the 8-square-mile plateau they needed to search. He said members of the group occasionally called out “hello” in the darkness, until they heard a faint woman’s voice calling back at about 11:15 p.m.

“We put up tents and sleeping bags,” he said. A helicopter picked up the tourists the next day. Lewis talked a Coast Guard H-60 in through zero-zero conditions, so bad that it had to use the hoist to get the tourists and the injured pilot out. Then, the rescue team hiked out.

Coast Guard Admiral Barrett awarded Juneau Mountain Rescue the Coast Guard’s second highest medal for bravery; and Sgt. Welch received a commendation.

*(The Juneau Empire published an article prior to the teams accreditation in March 2004. Editor.)* ■

## New Staff For The Commissioner’s Office

The Commissioner’s office is pleased to announce **Ms. Cassandra Byrne** has accepted the secretary position in the Anchorage Commissioner’s office. Ms. Byrne comes to the commissioner’s office from the Division of Fire Prevention Director’s office. Ms. Byrne took on the duties of her new position effective immediately but continued to support the DFP Director’s office until they can replace her.

**Nancy Korting** joined the Juneau Commissioner’s office as Executive Secretary to the Commissioner, replacing **Kathy Crenshaw** who accepted a position with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. ■



Civilian volunteers, troopers, CSOs, VPSOs and fire safety personnel all braved 12 days of rain to meet and greet the public at this year’s Alaska State Fair. Fair attendance was moderate throughout the fair, probably due to the weather. Still, we gave away a lot of frisbees, balsa wood airplanes, pens, key chains and notepads, all reminding the public that “You Drink & Drive, You Lose”. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year’s DPS booth at the Alaska State Fair a success.



Above: Lt. Craig MacDonald and Suzanne Andleman handled Safety Bear ID cards at the DPS fair booth. Left: Vickie Miller answered questions on a variety of safety issues and concerns.



**Police quotes:**

- "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired.
- "Warning! You want a warning? Okay, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."



## Part of the Job

By O.R. "Mac" McKinley  
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At times there are questions  
And some things one should know.  
Before interrogating a suspect  
And the direction you should go.

When speaking to any person  
Be thoughtful in what you say.  
Make them the most important contact  
That you talk to that day.

Don't take anything for granted  
Until you've heard their side.

Approach their feelings with caution.  
Let them keep their pride.

Always address them as equals.  
Don't come on, and abuse.  
Make sure your information is right.  
Be careful, when you accuse.

Even when they admit guilt  
And are wired all the way.  
Show some compassion for them,  
On this job it will always pay. ■

(O.R. "Mac" McKinley was a patrolman for Kodiak Police Department and was named Chief in 1949. He worked for the U. S. Marshals Office in 1957, Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in 1960, Chief of Police Cordova 1970-74, Chief of Police Seward 1975, and Alaska Pipeline Security from 1978 until 1988 when he retired. He was 82 years of age in November 2004. His memories are many and he has fond recollections of his many friends. His poems were his daily reports and most of them were written on the spot. They were saved in a folder by Mother and have now passed on to me for safekeeping. Dale E. McKinley.)

## The Trials and Tribulations of Being a Field Training Officer<sup>©</sup>

By Keith J. Bettinger

There are many rewards that are part of being a Field Training Officer. First of all, you know that you alone are molding an unproven individual into a professional police officer. Maybe there is also the added reward of getting a hero bar to wear, or corporal stripes to display and let's not forget the small amount of added cash that some departments pay for your expertise.

However, there are those days that it just doesn't seem to be worth being an FTO. Sometimes things just don't seem to be going your way no matter how good an FTO you are.

Everyone has days like that, but when you're an FTO you know they only happen at the most inopportune times and your day is on its way downhill.

You are about to embark on your career as an FTO. You have been trained to be an FTO and are about to teach all of your rookies how to make the world safe for democracy and mom's apple pie even though your academy hasn't graduated a class of rookies in two years. Your bubble is burst when you find you were picked to be an FTO not because of your intelligence and your dedication to the job, but because everyone else refused to be an FTO.

You know it's going to be a bad day as an FTO when you come to work for an 8

to 4 after spending the night helping your partner celebrate the fact that he lost one hundred and fifty pounds, his divorce was finalized. You slashed your throat shaving, and you spilled a cup of hot coffee in your lap on the way to work. Now the sergeant gives you the good news, you are about to train a rookie who just graduated from the academy.

It's going to be a horrible night when you show up to work on a midnight, the sergeant introduces you to your new rookie police officer, and she is gorgeous! You think the rumbling you hear is your heart skipping a beat, but it's your stomach reminding you that your wife served you Kielbasa and baked beans for dinner.

You know it's not going to be a good day as an FTO when you pull up to your relief point, and there is a rookie waiting for you and he is older and in worse shape than you are.

You know it's going to be a long day when you see a little boy three foot tall standing next to your patrol car looking forlorn. You lean out the window and ask "Did you miss your school bus little boy?" and the munchkin says, "No sir, I'm assigned to ride with you, you're my FTO."

The day is really going down hill when you go into the diner with your rookie for lunch, and the crazy old waitress says,

"That's a cute costume, is your little boy in a school play?"

In order to avoid being embarrassed again by the nutty waitress, you tell your rookie "Tomorrow we'll bring our lunch to work." The next day when you stop for lunch at the park, he sits down next to you at the picnic table and opens his Lone Ranger lunch box.

The rookie really annoys you while you are telling him about how rough the job was when you started many years ago.

You tell him how you had to walk a foot post for two years and every day you had a school crossing at an elementary school. The rookie then tells you he attended kindergarten at that school and remembers how you used to holler at him to hurry up and cross the street.

You want to test the rookie's powers of observation. You're driving through a secluded area. Suddenly, in a field on the side of the road you see something out of the corner of your eye. You tell the rookie to pull over. You ask him if he saw anything unusual. He says "No". You tell him to look to his left and right. There on the left side of the road is a large safe with the tumblers punched out and the safe door is wide open. Being a good training officer you ask the rookie what does he

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Safety Bear had an awesome adventure on a trip to Dutch Harbor for a visit during their safety fair. Safety Bear, aka Trp. Mitch Doerr, Chief Bob Beasley from Unalaska PD, Sgt. Greg Garcia, and Fire Prevention Dog Sparky, aka Trp. Ralf Lysdahl, posed during a photo op'.

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think this means? The rookie looks at you and asks, "What happened to the building that used to be around the safe?"

It's finally the rookie's turn to drive. Not because he needs the practice, but because you need a nap. As you are practicing clandestine observation techniques through closed eye lids, you suddenly hear the rookie utter the two words you told him you never wanted to hear him say, "Uh Oh". When you're filling out the reports in the sergeant's office, you clearly state that you were preoccupied checking the hot sheet for a stolen car and those were the only words of warning you heard prior to the crash.

The sun is shining, the weather is great, it's a beautiful day, you couldn't ask for more. It looks like your horoscope in the morning paper was correct, "Your day will be perfect and start off with a bang". You tell the rookie to check out the car before you start on patrol. As he is working his way around the cab of the car you hear a deafening roar from within and smoke coming out the open doors. Well at least he knows there's no longer a live round in the chamber of the shotgun. Now through your expertise gained in Cre-

ative Writing 101 you help the rookie explain to the sergeant how he mortally wounded the transmission in your brand new Crown Victoria Patrol Car with only three hundred miles on the clock.

It's time to consider retiring when you pull up for work one morning and another new rookie is standing there in his neatly pressed uniform. He has on spit shined shoes, a never run out of ink pen in his pocket, and has a badge number that's higher than the reading that was on your bathroom scale this morning. After you introduce yourself you realize the two of you have something in common. You both know the same person. His mother was your date to the senior prom. She's also the person who never returned your phone calls after that evening.

You know it's really going to bad day and you ought to stop by personnel and retire when you realize this rookie looks just like you when you started your career in law enforcement and makes you remember what you were like when you were a rookie.

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