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Department Reorganization Announced



Commissioner Bill Tandeske, announced his planned reorganization of the Department of Public Safety.

“There has been considerable discussion over the past six months regarding potential reorganization of the department,” said Tandeske, “and we are now ready to move forward.”

Effective Monday, August 4, 2003, the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection became a statewide bureau within the Division of Alaska State Troopers. This new bureau will be known as the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE). ABWE will be a statewide unit with regional supervisors in Juneau, Palmer, Kenai, Kodiak, Fairbanks, and Anchorage (responsible for Western Alaska) each reporting to a commander in Anchorage.

“It is my goal, and that of my leadership team, to implement these changes with little to no disruption to public service” said Tandeske. “Despite changes that are being made, all of the core missions and functions of the Department of Public Safety will remain. Troopers who have been protecting Alaska’s valuable fish and wildlife resources will continue to

do just that. I think it is always important to understand that the work that we perform is ultimately for the benefit of the people we serve. We believe these changes will improve our ability to serve the State.”

The Wildlife Investigation Bureau, previously a separate unit within Fish and Wildlife Protection, will continue their work of focusing on illegal guiding and commercial sport fishing and hunting practices. The Bureau will, however, become a part of the recently reorganized Alaska Bureau of Investigation. Our goal is to further our previously announced concept of a “statewide investigations” function.

Changes are also being made to the Department’s Division of Administrative Services. This division is currently responsible for budget, fiscal, procurement, records and identification, information systems, and human resources for the department. Under the new organization, budget, fiscal, human resources, and procurement will remain within the Division of Administrative Services. Records and Identification and Information Systems will combine with the State Crime Lab to become the Statewide Services Unit under the Commissioner’s office. These statewide services support law enforcement, other agencies, and the public.

“I believe we have a tremendous opportunity to be better at all that we do,” said Commissioner Tandeske. “The actions that we are taking are based on the premise that we expect the department to be the statewide leader in the services we provide. We want the department to be known as the most professional and responsive organization in State government.” ■

New Department Personnel

Commissioner Bill Tandeske announced the selection of two new members of the DPS leadership team.

Administrative Services: **Mr. Dan Spencer** joins DPS in Juneau effective September 16th and will serve as Administrative Services Director. Spencer has served in the same position for the Department of Administration for the past four years. He has a wide variety of experiences which include law en-

forcement and security in the military, state, and private sector. Spencer brings with him a tremendous base of knowledge about state processes and obvious enthusiasm about coming to DPS.

Statewide Services: **Mr. Dave Schade** joins DPS in Anchorage effective September 9th as the Director of the newly formed Statewide Services Division. In this position, Schade will be responsible for Information Systems, Records and

Identification, Crime Lab, and Permits and Licensing. Shade comes to DPS from private sector security and has 22 years of experience in the law enforcement and security fields.

Commissioner Tandeske commented, "Both of these gentlemen are tremendous additions to our leadership team. Please welcome both to DPS and help them learn all they can about our department." ■

Colonel Grimes Announced Personnel Assignments



I would like to announce several personnel assignment changes that are an integral part of the reorganization and change process the department has been undergoing for the last several months. These changes are designed to take the greatest advantage of the individual strengths and skills that the members of our leadership team have to offer. Our organization is facing challenges as to how we do our every day business and we have re-focused on a "back to basics" approach to providing public safety services to our communities. We are looking at everything we do to ensure that it is appropriate to our core missions and, if so, that we are doing it right, and as efficiently as possible.

A basic premise to building a leadership team to take our department into the

future is to put the right people in the right places. This is an ongoing process upon which we will rely, to keep us on the path to excellence in everything we do.

In an effort to keep you informed of our progress to date, I want to make everyone aware of the following changes in assignments:

- ♦ As previously announced, **Lt. Duke Ballard** moved to Anchorage from Bethel, and will supervise the Anchorage Judicial Services Unit. Effective September 16, 2003

- ♦ **Lt. Dan Lowden** moved into AST Headquarters to join my staff, working to consolidate our many large grant programs and work other special projects that directly support field operations. Effective September 16, 2003.

- ♦ **Lt. Rodney Dial** moved into C Detachment Headquarters as the Deputy Commander, supervising AST functions in rural Alaska. Effective September 16, 2003.

- ♦ **Lt. Ralph Reyes** remains on my staff, but is now supervising the Recruitment Unit, an assignment he held previously and with which he is quite familiar. Effective September 16, 2003.

- ♦ **Lt. Will Ellis**, currently on military leave, will move from Juneau to Kodiak Island to supervise the Southwestern Region of ABWE. Effective when he returns from leave.

- ♦ **Lt. Joanna Roop** moved from Kodiak to Anchorage to supervise the Western Region of ABWE. Effective immediately.

- ♦ **Lt. Charlie Yoder** moved from the Aircraft Section to Palmer, to supervise the

Southcentral Region of ABWE. Effective immediately.

- ♦ **Capt. Jeff Babcock** moved from Palmer to my staff as Division Staff Supervisor responsible for supervising the Aircraft and Vessel Sections as well as some staff functions. Effective immediately.

- ♦ **Capt. David Hudson** moved from Division Staff Supervisor to a newly formed headquarters staff function called "Professional Standards", which will be responsible for inspection and review of all divisions and entities in the department in an effort to improve our quality of service and our work processes. Effective immediately.

- ♦ **Captain Howard Starbard** is now the Detachment Commander of W Detachment (ABWE) and will directly supervise the Lieutenants in charge of the six regional areas.

- ♦ **Major Jim Cockrell** is the Administrative Commander of AST, and will oversee all Vessel and Aircraft issues, budget and all other administrative functions, as well as directly supervising Judicial Services and the Emergency Operations Center.

- ♦ Administrative Assistant **Lois Waugh** and Administrative Assistant **Sandy Belcher** have merged the administrative functions that historically were done separately by both Divisions, so that no duplication of effort exists. AA Waugh will handle all employee moves, bids and transfers, as well as some budget matters and all procurement issues for the entire Division. AA Belcher will handle all Work-

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place Alaska matters, badges, and IDs, inventory, and remote transfer notices for the entire Division.

Additionally, I have made several promotions as part of this same process: **Sgt. Hans Brinke** was promoted to Lieutenant, Deputy Commander of ABADE; **Lt. John Glick** was promoted to Captain, Commander of C Detachment; **Trp. Chad Goeden** was promoted to Corporal, DPS

Training Academy; **Sgt. Todd Sharp** was promoted to Lieutenant, ABWE Southeast Region; and **Sgt. Pete Mlynarik** was promoted to Lieutenant, Supervisor Bethel AST.

With this much change occurring in so many areas, it is very important that you be patient as personnel accomplish their moves and learn their new responsibilities. These moves will precipitate additional

promotions and other possible reassignments. For those of you interested in these promotional opportunities, we strongly encourage you to participate in the process and compete.

Once again, managing change can be a challenge. My goal is to focus on what we can potentially do better than any other law enforcement organization, and stay solidly on that path to excellence. ■

Colonel Julia Grimes Announced Promotions

John Glick Promoted To Captain

Hans Brinke Promoted To Lieutenant

Colonel Julia Grimes, announced several promotions within the division. First is **Lt. John Glick**, C Detachment, Deputy Commander, to Captain, C Detachment, Commander; and second, the promotion of **Sgt. Hans Brinke**, Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement, to Lieutenant, Deputy Commander of Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement.

Capt. Glick:

Capt. Glick has approximately 13 years of service with the Alaska State Troopers. After graduating from the Public Safety Academy in August of 1990, his first assignment was with AST Soldotna Patrol, followed by a transfer to Nome.

During his three years in Nome, he was first assigned to Nome Post and later was reassigned to the Statewide Drug Enforcement, Nome Office of Western Alaska Alcohol and Narcotics Team (WAANT).

In 1997, he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to Soldotna Post where he was assigned as General Investigations Supervisor, and later as Patrol Supervisor.

In 2001, then-Sgt. Glick was promoted to Lieutenant, B Detachment, Palmer Post. Within the year, he was reassigned to C Detachment, Deputy Commander.

While assigned to C Detachment, he was responsible for the oversight of patrol operations of seven State Trooper Posts and two RPSO Posts located in Western Alaska. He has worked extensively with the VPSO program. Capt. Glick's assign-

ment will be as Detachment Commander for C Detachment and VPSO Program Manager.

Lt. Brinke:

Lt. Brinke has approximately 12 years of service with AST. After graduating from the Public Safety Academy in 1991, his first assignment was with AST Anchorage Patrol, followed by a transfer to Klawock Post where he served for three years.

In 1997, he transferred to Soldotna Post and later was reassigned to the Soldotna Office of WAANT. In 2001, he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit, Airport Interdiction Team in Anchorage. Prior to his promotion to Lieutenant, he was assigned as supervisor over the WAANT unit that includes investigators located in Kodiak, Soldotna, Bethel, and Anchorage.

Lt. Brinke is an experienced scent canine handler. He is trained and certified in a variety of law enforcement classes, including Certified Firearms Instructor. He also is a Certified Master Underwater Diver.

Lt. Brinke's assignment will be as the Deputy Commander of the Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement. Responsibilities include oversight of the various drug units and operations throughout the State.

"These men each bring a wealth of experience and leadership ability to their new positions", said Colonel Grimes.

"Each is moving the next step up from their current position so I'm expecting a smooth and easy transition for everyone involved. And, each has extensive experience with WAANT. I plan to use that experience to support **Governor (Frank) Murkowski's** commitment to fighting illegal drugs and alcohol in Western Alaska." ■

Pete Mlynarik Promoted To Lieutenant

The promotion of **Sgt. Pete Mlynarik**, Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement to Lieutenant, C Detachment, Bethel Post, effective November 16, 2003:

Lt. Mlynarik has approximately 13 years of service with the Divisions of Alaska State Troopers (AST) and Fish and Wildlife Protection (FWP). After leaving the Academy, his first assignment was with AST Soldotna Patrol for two years followed by a transfer to Yakutat FWP Post where he served for three years. In 1996, he transferred to Iliamna Post and a year later, in December of 1997, he transferred to FWP Anchorage Post.

In 1999, Lt. Mlynarik was promoted to Sergeant and was assigned to King Salmon Post. He supervised FWP King Salmon, Dillingham, and Iliamna Posts in addition to Bristol Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery.

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Lt. Mlynarik has his Advanced Police Certificate, and he is a Certified Police Instructor. He is a commercial fixed wing and rotor wing pilot and a Certified Flight Instructor for fixed wing and rotor wing. He has been an FTO and is a Department Administrative Investigator.

Lt. Mlynarik's new responsibilities directly oversee the daily operation of the C Detachment's rural unit that is responsible for the administration and management of three remote State Trooper Posts, a staff of 16 commissioned officers, and five civilian personnel.

This includes both daily and crisis management, programs, and enforcement efforts covering 61 village communities. AST is fortunate to have a trooper with the background, skills and attitude of Lt. Mlynarik who will become part of C Detachment command staff. ■

Todd Sharp Promoted To Southeastern Regional Commander

The promotion of **Sgt. Todd Sharp**, Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement, Dutch Harbor, to Lieutenant, Southeastern Regional Commander of Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE), effective November 1, 2003:

In 1982, Lt. Sharp began his employment with Fish and Wildlife Protection

(FWP) as a seasonal Enforcement Officer in Ketchikan and worked in that job class for eight summers. In 1989, he received a special commission and worked as a member of the Governor's security detail in Juneau.

Lt. Sharp has approximately 13 years of service as a State Trooper with Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement.

After leaving the Academy, his first assignment was with Soldotna Patrol, FWP Patrol, followed by a transfer to Sitka Post where he served for four years. In 1997, he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to Fairbanks Post. He was in charge of Fairbanks, Delta, and Tok Posts for FWP.

In 2001, he was transferred to Dutch Harbor and supervised the patrol efforts for the 156 foot *P/V Stimson* in the Bering Sea and the Aleutian. He has been a member of the Tactical Dive Unit since 1983. Lt. Sharp is a graduate of Administrative Officers Course (AOC) Southern Police Institute.

Lt. Sharp's assignment will be as Commander of Southeastern Region for the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement. His responsibilities include the supervision of two sergeants for Juneau and Ketchikan and the enforcement operations of the one large marine patrol vessel. Other duties include enforcement program coordination, training and responsibilities. Lt. Sharp brings a wealth of experience and leadership ability to his new position. ■

Chad Goeden Promoted To Corporal

The promotion of **Trp. Chad Goeden**, C Detachment, Nome Post, to Corporal, Department of Public Safety Sitka Training Academy, effective November 16, 2003:

Cpl. Goeden attended the Alaska Law Enforcement Training Session (ALETS #12) and graduated third in his class. He was elected Class Leader, received the Physical Training Award, and was an Honor Graduate. From 1995 to 1996 he was Chief of Police for the City of Tanana.

Cpl. Goeden has approximately eight years of service with AST. After leaving the Academy, his first assignment was with AST Palmer Patrol followed by a transfer to Ninilchik Post where he served for two years. In April 2001, he transferred to Nome Post. Cpl. Goeden has attended numerous training classes, and has his Alaska Police Standards Council Intermediate Police Officer certificate. He has been a member of South Central and Kenai Special Emergency Reaction Teams.

Cpl. Goeden's new responsibilities will be to supervise and evaluate academy students; to provide specialized administrative support and training; to function as an academy instructor; and to develop training plans and testing devices used to evaluate student learning and performance. AST is fortunate to have a trooper with the background, skills, and attitude of Corporal Goeden who will become part of the instructor team devoted to training our new Trooper Recruits. ■

Salute To Those In The Field

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

Trp. Ken Acton, Fairbanks Roving Rural, received a memo of appreciation for his calm demeanor and assistance to Doyon Universal/Alyeska Pipeline Security in dealing with an individual on the Pipeline Right of Way.

Trp. Mike Ingram, Palmer Post, received a memo of appreciation for his proactive response to a call regarding sus-

picious individuals. **Trp. Ingram** and **Trp. Recruit Paul Wegrzyn** recognized items purchased at a convenience store as elements of a methamphetamine cook lab, conducted an investigation, located a residence, and notified Mat Su Drug Unit Investigators who were successful in obtaining a warrant. This resulted in the arrest of four adults on variety of felony charges, removal of five children from the home, and stopping a serious public safety issue for the neighborhood and society in general.

Sgt. Rod Johnson, **Trp. John Ostoj**, **Trp. Chris Russell**, **Trp. Tim Lewis**, **Trp. Andrew Adams**, **Trp. Rick Pyles**, **Trp. Troy Shuey**, **Trp. Vance Peronto**, **Trp. Michelyn Grigg**, **Trp. Skip Chadwell**, **Trp. Eric Lorrington**, **Trp. Mike Zobel**, **Trp. Rob Langendorfer**, **Trp. Dean Hall**, **Trp. Recruit Darren Hernandez**, **Trp. Recruit Carl Henrikson**, **CSO Doug Packa**, **CSO Ty Chisholm**, **CSO Dan Carlson**, and **Eileen Brooks**, B Detachment, each received a memo of appreciation for their

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participation in enforcement efforts during the Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival. As stated in a portion of the memos, "The Festival head of security complained that attendance was down in part to attendees unwillingness to 'run the gauntlet' of

Troopers on the highway. He further explained that his customers weren't the kind of people who stayed sober until they reached the Festival. The presence of the Troopers at this Festival is providing a margin of safety for the public."

A salute and thanks to those who have been mentioned, and to those not described, who continue to provide outstanding public safety services, and strive to maintain a proud and professional image. ■

From The Desk Of Chaplain Jerry O. Norman

Once again the beauty of fall in Alaska is upon us and the future and excitement of the holidays lay before us. I enjoy looking at fall as part of God's handiwork reminding us of His concern for our daily lives. People say the only constant is "change", but I see God's care for each of us as a constant we can depend on every day and in every situation.

As the holidays approach, each of us has our own expectations and anxieties about the season. Some are excited because of reunions with family and friends; some are neutral to just another holiday while some are anxious because of the loss of a loved one or reminded of tragedy during this time. Regardless of the circumstances that you may be facing, I trust

that your mental, physical, and spiritual person is in "good health". The best advice I can give you is "Keep all things in balance and use moderation in everything". I am extending to you all a holiday greeting and I am praying for each of you that this coming year will be a prosperous year for all. God bless you and keep you always. ■

Alaska State Crime Detection Laboratory Highlighted By The History Channel

By JOHN GIACALONE, ASCDL CRIMINALIST

Last spring, the Discovery Channel produced a show for *The New Detectives*, which aired in August, that covered a crime in Sitka, Alaska. This past September, the History Channel sent a film crew to Alaska to produce two different episodes for a new series titled, "Invisible Clues."

The first crime involves the discovery of a body along a wooded area in 1993. The body had been wrapped up in sheets. The identity of the person was established as **Judy Burgin** who had been missing for four months. A single strand of carpet yarn was recovered from the body and was the only trace evidence available. The fibers were examined by **Janice Amick**, a criminalist at the Department of Public Safety's, Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. She observed that the fibers were composed of several un-

usual styles and colors. A suspect had been located but the carpet in the home had recently been replaced. Investigators were able to obtain a search warrant for the residence and located fibers from the older carpet under the existing one.

The talent of **Mr. Skip Palenik**, a world-renowned fiber microscopist, was solicited. Mr. Palenik worked on the carpet fibers that linked **Wayne Williams** to the serial murders in Atlanta. With the expertise of the investigators, Amick, and Palenik, this tiny piece of evidence was enough to tie the suspect to the murder of Judy Burgin.

The second crime involves the discovery of a dead woman in Anchorage's Bicentennial Park. The victim, **Kathryn Harms**, had her throat slit and stab wounds to the chest. A suspect was developed after a package was sent to an

acquaintance in the state of Washington. The suspicious contents that included a knife were returned to investigators. The knife was examined at the Alaska State Crime Detection Laboratory but did not contain any DNA or fingerprints. Firearm and toolmark examiner **Bob Shem** noticed an unusual pattern of the stab marks in the ribs of the victim. This pattern was copied in a mold and was able to be positively matched to test patterns produced by the knife. This implicated the suspect to the murder.

These episodes are expected to be shown on the History Channel in November or December. Keep an eye on the listings as time approaches and tune in to "Invisible Clues" for other exciting crime stories that highlight the expertise and talents of forensic scientists around the country. ■

The Crime Laboratory's Newest Employee

Michelle Collins joined the Crime Laboratory's staff on September 16, 2003, as a Criminalist in the DNA section. Collins, a New York native, graduated from Clarkson University with a B.S. in Chemistry in 1994. She completed her Masters

degree in Forensic Science in 1996 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Over the past seven years, she worked in the North Louisiana Crime Laboratory in Shreveport as a DNA analyst. Her husband was transferred to Alaska by the

military and the Alaska Department of Public Safety's Crime Laboratory has been successful in recruiting her.

Michelle is an asset to our staff and we wish her the best as she begins a career in forensics here in the 'Last Frontier.' ■

A Detachment News

BY SHELLY DUNN, AST KETCHIKAN

October 2003

On October 2, 2003, Ketchikan Post's RDII **Cindy Stone** received a memo of appreciation for a job well done while handling an Alaska, Canada overdue motorist call on September 19, 2003. The complainant extended his thanks and gratitude for the outstanding professionalism and courtesy that RDII Stone showed while speaking with him.

On October 20, 2003, **Trp. Chris Umbs** of Juneau Post was named A Detachment Trooper of the Year at a ceremony held at Anchorage Headquarters. Congratulations Chris, you certainly deserved it.

On November 9, 2003, **Sgt. Lonny Piscoya** returned to Ketchikan Post after spending 3 months at the Southern Police Institute. His wife **Bridget**, and children, **Matthew, Nicholas, Daniel** and **Molly** were very happy to have him back.

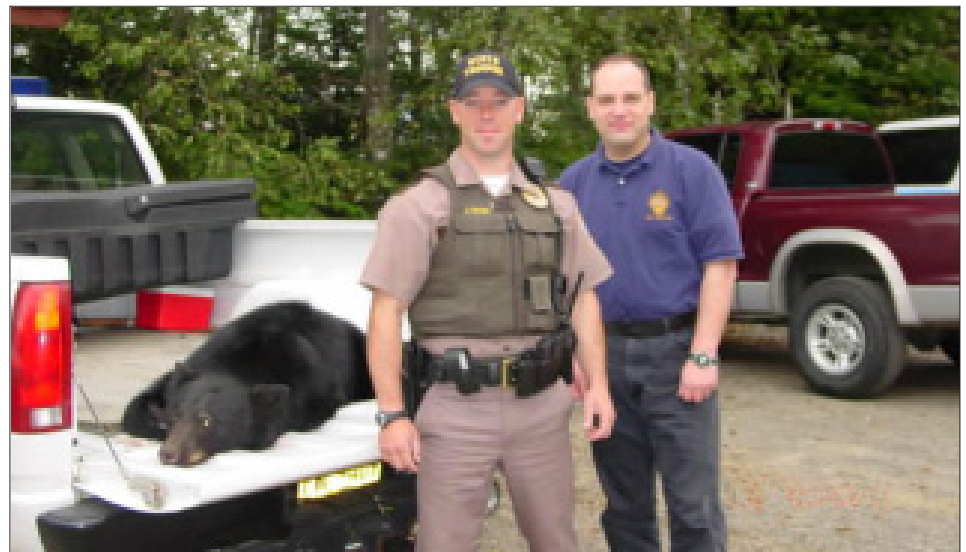
Southeast Alaska Troopers were very busy with Search and Rescues during the past few months. Troopers responded to 29 SARs from July 1, 2003, through October 24, 2003. Most of the cases ended with the successful location of overdue or missing individuals. ■



Allyson Jolie Benson was born on July 31, 2003, at 7:13 pm. She weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces, and was 21 inches in length. She joins proud parents Trp. Adam Benson, Julie Benson, and big sister Ainsley.



Trp. A. J. Charlton posed with J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the number three man in American Government. He was in Ketchikan on August 21, 2003, and again on August 24, 2003, traveling to and from Waterfall resort to fish and attend fund-raisers.



Trp. Jeremy Baum and RDII Richard Nowland responded to a report of a bear that was hit and killed on North Tongass Highway.



Trp. Chris Umbs and his son participated in the annual 4th of July Parade in Ketchikan.

“When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.”

Henry J. Kaiser

B Detachment News

By KIM LEADER, AST PALMER

Palmer evidence facility news:

The Palmer evidence facility is slowly becoming organized. **Lisa Bucher**, our new evidence custodian, has been hired to work with **Julie A. Kirn**, formerly of the Anchorage evidence facility. Bucher has worked here on a temporary basis since April 2003, and as of October 13, 2003, has been hired in a permanent position for the evidence room in Palmer AST. Bucher is an energetic worker and keeps everyone on his or her toes.

Bucher has inventoried and reboxed about one fourth of our evidence. We have also reorganized our three off site units. **Lt. Rick Roberts** (AKA-“Tool Man Roberts”) kindly built shelving for us, which doubled the space. Thank you very much Lt.

Susan Sprague is now the supervisor for the Palmer evidence facility. Lt. Roberts and **Lt. Randy Hahn** supervised the evidence facility prior to Sprague. Thank you both very much for all your support and guidance.

Trading Places-

Transfers in and out of DPS:

Ms. Sprague has been promoted to Administrative Supervisor. She supervises three Administrative Clerk III positions consisting of two evidence custodians and one Administrative Clerk III, who in turn supervises three Administrative Clerk II positions. Sprague has worked for DPS for over 13 years filling numerous roles. AST B Detachment values Sprague’s enduring professionalism.

Kim Leader joined AST B Detachment on October 6, 2003, as an Administrative Clerk III in Palmer. She will be responsible for supervising three Administrative Clerk II positions. Leader most recently worked with the Department of Corrections in Anchorage and has had several years of supervisory experience with a private employer in retail sales in the Palmer/Wasilla area.

So long, farewell...

Cynthia “Cindy” A. Stewart has departed employment with the Alaska State Trooper office in Palmer. Stewart was an Administrative Clerk II, August 21, 1991 to



Major James Cockrell presented Cindy Stewart (center) with the Outstanding 2002 Civilian Employee award for B Detachment; Sue Sprague presented Stewart with a gold pan and appreciation for her work for the Detachment.

October 3, 2003, who assisted the public and fellow employees in Palmer for 12 years. Stewart knew just about all the tasks involved in every clerical position in Palmer. She was the main person that trained all new employees. She assisted employees with computer problems and was the LAN workgroup manager for B Detachment.

Stewart received the Outstanding 2002 Civilian Employee award for AST B Detachment. **Major James Cockrell** presented a plaque to Ms. Stewart at her going away party on October 3, 2003. Ms. Stewart also received a Gold pan from the B Detachment employees and a gift card to her favorite craft store as a going away gift. Cindy will be missed by all of her fellow workers and those she had daily contact with from other State Agencies. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Palmer Sergeant receives special award:

On October 4, 2003, Palmer **Sgt. Mark Ridling** received a beautiful plaque at the Palmer Elks Law, Order, and Safety Appreciation award ceremony. Sgt. Ridling is a swing shift sergeant in Palmer, which as many of you know is considered to be consistently the busiest shift at perhaps the busiest Post throughout the State of Alaska.

The award reads, “Sergeant Mark Ridling, Alaska State Troopers, for dedication you have shown by putting forth the extra effort in the performance of your duties to aid your department, fellow workers, and the community.” Congratulations Mark, from all of us at B Detachment.



Sgt. Mark Ridling received special recognition from the Palmer Elks Club for his outstanding performance and contributions to the community.

Moose in the House:

Sgt. Mark Agnew stands by with his “weapon” to break a window of the base-
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Sgt. Mark Agnew posed with his "window weapon".



Take one home, add one moose, and try to negotiate its departure. The result: one dispatched moose and a really wrecked room.

ment residence with a moose INSIDE. The displaced moose tried to blaze his own trail out of the residence for two and a half hours, resulting in a moose with a broken leg and an estimated \$10,000 damage to the residence. Mercifully, compassionate personnel put the distraught moose out of its misery. Lt. Randy Hahn, Sgt. Mark Agnew, Sgt. Robert Cox, Trps. Troy Shuey, Mike Burkmire, and Cody Lister assisted.

For Sale Cheap, Very Powerful Lawn Mower...Used Twice. One Owner. SEE "THE MAN":



Troopers broke out one of the windows in the residence to give the moose an escape route. Unfortunately, the moose declined to leave and had to be put down.

The only task Sgt. Cox can't seem to complete without injury is mowing his lawn. He injured his finger by pulling on the cord to start it. The next mishap occurred as he tripped, fell, and ran over his foot. Sgt. Cox has now eliminated lawn care as a sideline activity. Our talented dispatch employee, **Dick Carpenter**, created this appropriate and life-like sketch. Nice job, Dick!

What you going to do when they come for you?

On October 10, 2003, AST attempted to stop a vehicle for a moving violation. The driver, failed to yield for the traffic stop. Following a two-mile pursuit through a residential area in excess of 60 mph and a short, "fleet-footed" manhunt, AST, in cooperation with Wasilla Police Department, took the suspect into custody. Investigation revealed the suspect was operating the vehicle on a Suspended License and had two outstanding arrest warrants. The suspect was taken to MSPT and held on a total of \$15,500. for warrants, Felony Eluding, Reckless Driving, and Driving While License Suspended. Well done **Trooper Jason Feiser!**

Skilled team effort=10-24:

On October 4, 2003, AST arrested an individual after a cabin search in the Red Shirt Lake and Cow Lake area in Willow. Troopers from Palmer, Big Lake, and Talkeetna along with **K-9s Rocco** and

Bruce, Helo 1, a State Park Ranger from Willow and a State Parks' Boat conducted the search. The search and arrest of the individual is a result of a three-month investigation of numerous burglaries reported from Big Lake to the off the road system, where it is difficult to access by normal patrol vehicles. According to **Trp. Dave Willson**, one Homeowners Association named the suspect, "The Friendly Burglar" as a standard modus of operendi was to drink coffee and eat peanut butter.

The arrest was accomplished with the use of high technology, a hand held Forward Looking Infrared Imaging (FLIR -borrowed from the Palmer Police department.) The individual was arrested without incident with assistance from **K-9 Rocco**.

Trp. Willson noted these comments from the suspect, "Serving time with drug dealers isn't good. They have bad attitudes. The best people to serve time with are murderers (as they know they are in for a long time). They seem to think there is no better place than (jail) to serve your time." Precise timing, training, and outstanding personnel made this mission successful. Kudos to: State Park Ranger **Keith Wilson, Lt. Randy Hahn, Sgt. Rodney Johnson, Mel Nading** (Helo 1 Pilot), **Trps. Dave Willson, Rob French, Rob Langendorfer, K-9 Bruce** and **Rocco** assisted. ■

Troopers To The Rescue

In late July, the summer sun melts snow in the high mountains and the added seasonal rains tend to make the rivers in Southcentral rise. So, when **Trp. Bernard Chastain**, ABWE Glennallen, found what appeared to be an abandoned campsite along the Copper River south of Chitina, he became concerned. The camp was located on a sandbar and the water level was rising in the river. Weather reports indicated the river would probably climb another two feet which would wash out the camp.

Trp. Chastain began relocating the camp and came across personal effects, including wallets, IDs, and a passport, of two individuals, one 23 years old, the other 45. He found their vehicle, a rented U-Haul, and placed all of the items inside the vehicle along with a note to contact the troopers if and when the individuals returned. Then he began looking for the campers. He searched several miles of the riverbank without success. He talked to

other people in the area and learned the campers had not been seen at their camp for about five days.

Trp. Chastain reviewed documents he'd found in the vehicle, including a rental agreement, in an effort to learn how to make contact with the missing campers. One of the individuals' family was contacted to find out if they had a local number to reach the campers. They did not. Locates for each subject was entered into APSIN.

Troopers returned to the rental vehicle and opened the back of the truck to find assorted clothing, spoiled food, and photographs of one of the campers. The truck was locked up again and troopers renewed the search of the Chitina area. They showed the photos of the campers they'd found to people in the area. Still, no one had seen the campers.

Troopers also returned to fly over the area in a helicopter however due to weather it turned back. Trp. Chastain and

ABWE **Aide Joshua Heinbaugh** noted the Copper River was bank to bank and the area where the camp had been was flooded. Rafters reported to **Trp. Jimmy Jones**, ABWE Cordova, that they'd seen the two individuals on the riverbank. Trp. Jones relayed the information to **Trp. Tony Beck**, ABWE Valdez, who notified **Sgt. Duane Stone**, AST Glennallen, the individuals had been located walking along the Copper River. Arrangements were made to for a pick up by jet boat. The campers were in good health and reported they had gotten separated from their raft. They were transported to Chitina by boat and returned to their vehicle.

A few weeks later, Sgt. Stone and Trp. Chastain received a letter from the parents of one of the campers. It read in part, "...we want to thank you for the efforts you made, both to protect (our son's) property and find him safely. Thank you for your dedication and professionalism. You make Alaska—and us—proud!" ■

If It's August--It Must Be The Bluegrass Festival

WRITTEN BY JEAN SHAINDLIN, PIO
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August means Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival in the Matanuska Valley. This year, Alaska State Troopers, from B Detachment, working the Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival Thursday, August 7 through Sunday, August 10, dedicated approximately 700 man-hours to patrolling in and around this year's Festival.

During that time, troopers made 21 arrests. Six of those arrested were actually taken to jail, the remaining 15 were issued summons to appear in court. (One person was charged with more than one crime)

Arrests were made for: Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance (6th degree) 3, Driving with Suspended License 10, DUI 4, Driving with License Revoked 3, Misconduct Involving Weapons 1, and Outstanding warrant 1.

Troopers stopped a total of 554 vehicles, issued 173 warnings, 263 citations, and responded to four motor vehicle crashes. One hundred six citations were written for speeding. Four citations were



The Talkeetna "Bluegrass Boys" made 21 arrests, stopped a total of 554 vehicles, issued 173 warnings, 263 citations, and responded to four motor vehicle crashes during the four day Festival.

written for not wearing a seat belt. Fifty-five citations were written for failure to show proof of insurance.

Each of the 14 troopers, 2 trooper recruits, 3 CSOs, and one administrative
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clerk received a personal memo of appreciation from **Col. Julia Grimes**. Their specific duty assignments included administration, planning, and execution of the enforcement event; patrol; breathalyzer operation; supervisory; K-9 handler; and FTOs. (See *Salute To The Field for the specific individuals involved in this event.* Editor.) ■



Cars, campers, caravans stretched for as far as the eye could see during the Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival weekend.

One Last Kiss Farewell

BY VILLAGE POLICE OFFICER, FREDERICK OZENNA III, ST. MICHAELS, ALASKA.

I walked down the hall to give you a kiss.
Little did I know that would be my last kiss.
I told you I would see you tomorrow not knowing
Whether or not I will live to see tomorrow.
All was going well at work.
A little later we got
The call that a shoot out was happening.
A cop was shot and the suspect was apprehended.
A cop put his life on the line to protect and serve the public.
Yet this officer died because of his Dedication, Courage, Loyalty.
Now a single mom must live alone and feed her kids.
The kids do not know if their father is going to come home.
Little does the public know we are there for them.
We are the most needed but yet the most unwanted people;
We are a shoulder for the public to cry on.
And yet we are brothers and sisters in the Law Enforcement:
Alaska State Troopers, Correctional Officers, City Cops, VPSOs, and Village Police Officers. ■

D Detachment News

BY INV. SUE ACQUISTAPACE

October 2003

The frost is not on the pumpkin. It's kind of amazing, but it's mid-October and it's still getting into the 40s during the day. This is probably due to the fact that we just got new holsters and everyone needs to qualify, again, outdoors. We assume that as soon as the last bulls eye is in, the snow will come.

Also enroute are **Trps. John Williamson** and **Al Bell**, who will be joining our beleaguered patrol troopers in their effort to try to catch up with the local marauding ne'er do-wells. Welcome!

It's finally happened, nobody left D Detachment this quarter. Basically, just

about everybody here is either an FTO or a Recruit, so that may have had something to do with it, but we appreciate the fact that our ranks have not been depleted any further, at least this quarter.

Within the Detachment some changes have occurred. **Trp. Ramin Dunford** is now an Investigator in the newly formed ABI in Fairbanks; and **Trp. Kirsten Hansen** will fill Dunford's DV Coordinator slot.

Lt. Charles Tressler presented Tok Dispatcher **Diane Kendall**, **Trp. Steve Lantz**, and **Sgt. Freddie Wells** with their
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Sgt. Freddie Wells traveled along the Tanana River to the Old Tanacross Village and conducted a gun safety class to youth during the 2003 Youth Fair. Members of the village as well as the Tanacross Village Council expressed their thanks to the Alaska State Troopers for the class.

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“Five Year” pins. It used to take seven or eight years to get those, so it’s newsworthy that they were awarded after only five years’ service. Congrats to all.

Just beginning her career is **Savannah Lilith Mackenzie Allen-Adkins**, delivered on August 8, 2003, at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital to proud parents **Trp. Sean Adkins** and wife **Kimberly M. Allen-Adkins**. Mom, Dad, and Baby are all doing well.

It’s hard to believe that this publication will be out around Christmas. This year has really zoomed by.

We hope everyone has a happy and uneventful holiday season. Here’s wishing everyone a Happy, Safe, and Uneventful 2004! ■



Trp. Gary Tellep gathered his allotment of Trooper hats (plastic in kind), painstakingly added badge stickers, and brought them out to Pat, his wife’s first grade class at Anderson Elementary School on Eielson Air Force Base.

First Annual D Detachment Highway Safety Challenge

BY: SGT. BRIAN WASSMANN

The summer is over and the numbers are in for the First Annual D Detachment Highway Safety Challenge. All of you readers are probably asking yourself, “What Challenge?” The challenge stemmed from weekly staff meeting chatter between **Sgt. Dave DeCoeur** and I during the spring of 2003.

In April 2003, I spoke with Sgt. DeCoeur in Cantwell about a budding rivalry that seemed to be developing between the D Detachment- Parks Highway troopers, and the Delta Junction Post troopers. Since my arrival in Delta Junction in January 2003, Sgt. DeCoeur and I traded jabs a few times about the activity level in our respective areas.

The similarities of the Posts and the competitive spirit of all the troopers fueled the inception of the challenge.

The similarities between the posts are evident: Delta Junction has four troopers, as does the Parks Highway crew (Cantwell, Healy, and Nenana), and both areas are in D Detachment.

The respective areas have roughly the same mileage of highway with similar highway safety problems. Both areas have similar population bases with hot

beds of criminal activity with which troopers contend.

In an effort to build upon the esprit-de-corps among the Delta Junction Post troopers and the Parks Highway troopers, we devised the challenge. The challenge pitted the two trooper crews in a test of productivity and trooper presence on our highways. The main objectives of our challenge were to: 1) Reduce motor vehicle crashes, 2) Get DUI drivers off the

highways, and 3) Aggressively target reckless drivers.

The stakes were high; the sergeant that supervised the winning crew would give a hairstyle job of his choosing to the losing sergeant. The hair style penalty was a “no holds barred” stipulation insofar as perms, purple hair, shower cap-n-curlers, and crew cuts were all viable hairstyle options to the loser.

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Trp. Nasruk Nay and **Sgt. Brian Wassmann** measured the scene of a fatal motor vehicle crash.

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A firm handshake transformed the lip service in to a bona fide challenge with some rumors of in-house motivational speeches, tambourine banging rallies, threats of medieval torture to under-achievers, and some serious pencil sharpening.

Starting on May 1, 2003, that challenge began in earnest. Motorists on the Parks, Richardson, and Alaska Highways were greeted by an increased trooper presence not seen in D Detachment in recent history.

Troopers in both areas targeted reckless drivers with a vengeance. All equipment violations were fair game and speed limits in all zones were enforced. No seatbelts- no leniency, no tolerance was the name of the game.

By September 15, 2003, the summer had passed with an outstanding effort from all troopers in both areas. The positive effects were obvious. The D Detachment highways enforced by the Parks Highway troopers and Delta Junction Post troopers had only one fatal motor vehicle crash. Troopers in both areas issued a collective 2500 citations, made 58 DUI arrests, and made 60 DWLR arrests/summons between May 1, 2003 and September 15, 2003.

The only collateral damage of this challenge was carpal tunnel syndrome and blisters on the writing fingers of a few troopers.



Sgt. Brian Wassmann with Mrs. Casey's kindergarten class following a classroom presentation on safety.

Unfortunately, I will be meeting with Sgt. DeCoeur sometime in the near future for my hairstyling appointment because his crew scratched out many more citations than my crew.

The final analysis is that both crews chalked up some impressive statistics. Delta Junction Post DUIs eclipsed the DUI stats for the entire year of 2002 by 300% during the challenge time frame. The number of citations issued by Parks Highway Troopers was approximately 500 tickets above previous years for that time frame.

A pat on the back acknowledging defeat goes out to our brothers on the Parks

Highway: **Trp. Dell Arnston, Trp. Patrick Nelson, Trp. Jake Covey, and Sgt. DeCoeur.** A salute acknowledging hard work also goes to the crew at Delta Junction Post: **Trp. Nasruk Nay, Trp. Steve Lantz, Trp. Tim Tuckwood, and Sgt. Wassmann.** One more note of appreciation is in order for dispatchers and especially to admin. clerks, **Lynn Harris** at Delta Junction, and **Sue Hendren** at Cantwell. Their hard work behind the scenes was appreciated very much.

It was truly an entertaining and productive summer as well as a safer summer for all motorists passing through D Detachment highways. ■

E Detachment News

BY SHAE HOLLANDSWORTH, AST SOLDOTNA

The Soldotna post said good-bye to **Trp. Joe Whittom**, who transferred out to Kotzebue. Although we all miss you, Joe, we have to let you know the fishing has been great since you packed up all of your bananas and left town.

Trp. Whittom was a great asset to our post, as is evident from his actions on June 6, 2003. Upon arrival at an in-progress assault, Trp. Whittom found two men on the ground, one being held in a headlock by the other. After ordering one man to release the other, the victim fell life-

less to the ground. Trp. Whittom immediately rolled the man over and determined he was not breathing and had no pulse.

After quickly calling for medics, Trp. Whittom cleared the victim's airway and began chest compressions. After two compressions, there was no response. Five more compressions later, the victim began breathing on his own. Luckily, the victim made a full recovery. Had it not been for Trp. Whittom's quick-thinking, immediate action, and professional demeanor during this stressful situation, the

victim would surely not be here today. Way to go, Joe!

Our Homer post clerk, **Deb Hannigan**, left us this summer to begin phase two of her life. Deb and her husband decided to relocate to the lower 48 and get some sunshine. Best of luck to both of them in their new adventure.

After roughing it in Homer for a time without a clerk, **Sgt. Jim Hibpshman** and crew enthusiastically welcomed **Signe Paulsrud** to the position. Paulsrud is an **(E Detachment, continued on page 13)**

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Who are these masked men? No, they're not teletubbies, they're Trp. Ryan Browning, Inv. Dane Gilmore, and Sgt. Jim Hibpshman, suited up for an interesting call.

incredibly quick study and has taken on her many duties with confidence and great skill. Welcome to the team, Signe!

Good news:

We have good news to report about **Ricki Grundy**, our radio dispatcher who underwent surgery to remove a tumor from her auditory nerve. Although Ricki was not able to return to dispatching due to hearing loss, she has been providing some greatly appreciated assistance in Soldotna's records section. With Ricki's help, the "conference room" (a.k.a. the disaster area) now actually resembles a conference room.

If any of you get a chance, be sure to ask **Capt. Tom Bowman** about the importance of proofreading email. We're sure

he'd love to recount the story of how he became aware of the need...

Girdwood gab...

Girdwood Trps. **William Welch**, **Katrina Malm**, **Jorge Santiago**, and **Sgt. Keith Mallard** spent a very busy summer recovering bodies and investigating motor vehicle fatalities. Luckily, they found time to do some other things as well.

Trp. Welch traveled to Tyonek to attend their health fair and was a big hit—apparently everyone loves "Trooper Bill" in Tyonek. Congratulations to Trp. Malm, who was given Honorable Mention in the national "Looking Beyond the License Plate Award" for her stop of a fleeing homicide suspect on August 14, 2002.



Trp. Vic Aye poses with happy travelers alongside an unmarked vehicle used for special traffic enforcement this summer. The extra enforcement along the Seward and Sterling Highways this summer was very well received by the public and highly successful.

Super-duper dispatchers:

Soldotna AST is lucky to have dispatchers the caliber of **Mellinee Davis** and **Lisa Morgan**. Both received commendations for their actions both during and after receiving a 911 call in which it was reported a man was shot through the chest with a large caliber rifle. Despite the extremely agitated state of the caller, Davis and Morgan skillfully extracted enough information to dispatch medics and troopers to the scene.

Their efforts most likely resulted in the saving of the victim's life and facilitated the collection of important investigative information that assisted ABI with having search warrants, arraignment notes, and criminal complaints ready for court the following morning. Thanks for your cool-headedness and dedication to the job, ladies! ■

Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement--Southeast Region

BY CAROLYN S. HALL, ADMIN. CLERK III, JUNEAU

The days are getting shorter and the rain is coming for longer periods of time. YES, we reside in Southeast Alaska. It seems we actually had quite a few days of sunshine this year and temperatures in the high 60s and 70s. I know for you interior people that is not uncommon, but down here, sunshine, no rain, warmth.... it brings people out by the droves.

There has been a lot of activity in our region since the last writing. We are now known as Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement Southeast Region. I am still having problems getting all the verbiage out on the phone but it will come in time. We now have lost our commander. **Lt. Will Ellis**, as reported earlier, was recalled into the Coast Guard in February. He has

now decided that when released from active duty he will not return to us in SE, but venture off to Kodiak. Good luck Lt, we all wish you well. With this transfer, **Sgt. Todd Sharp** from Dutch Harbor was promoted to Lt, and returned to SE in November. Sharp is from SE and knows the area well. **Sgt. Steve Hall**, Juneau Post (ABWE-SE, continued on page 14)

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Trp. Herv Ibarra, Todd Machacek, and Aide Wade McClennan spent many days at sea this summer aboard the *P/V Enforcer* on fisheries patrol.

Supervisor, lately of Acting commander fame, was happy to be turning the reins over. Hall had been filling in the gaps of the Lt, along with his job since February. **Sgt. Ken Woldstad** in Ketchikan had been helping out with handling the patrols and people in Southern Southeast.

The patrol vessel *Enforcer* with its skipper **BO III Laurence Nagy** and **Aide Wade McClennan** spent many days at sea this summer. Juneau troopers **Todd**

Machacek and **Rob Welch**, along with **Klawock Trp. Herv Ibarra** spent a few days out on troll fisheries, along with personal use and subsistence Dungeness crab fishery. They were able to make a few good cases on the patrol. The final sailing of the *Enforcer* was in August with **Trp. Glenn Taylor**, Klawock Post and **Trp. Jeremy Baum**, Ketchikan Post; they patrolled the Commercial Dungeness crab fishery. Congrats to Jeremy, he no longer



Trp. Scott Carson (right) was selected as Trooper of the Year for 2002 A Detachment ABWE Southeast Region. Major James Cockrell presented the award.

has Recruit Status, and has been a real asset to the Ketchikan group. The *Enforcer* will be missed, but once the replacement *Enforcer* is out of the shipyard, I am sure the old *Enforcer* will be a fond memory.

June was a month with a lot of activity. We kicked the month off in Juneau with **Trp. Shaun Kuzakin** getting married. While stationed in Juneau, Kuzakin met his wife, **Teri**. How he convinced a Juneau girl to marry him and move to Sitka, that is still a big question. Teri was born and raised in Juneau and grew up with the Juneau Police Department as her extended family, her mom worked at JPD for 27 years.

Aide Josh Bentz returned to work from seasonal leave on June 4, only to pack his bags and get ready to spend the next month and half on the *P/V Woldstad* for the Bristol Bay fishery. Bentz returned, after going back to Kodiak with the boat, only to find out a week later he had been accepted in the academy. Congratulations to Josh for being accepted into the academy as a trooper recruit, and on his engagement.

Trps. Glenn Knapp, Juneau Post, and **Kurt Walgenbach**, Klawock Post, were both sent TDY to Bristol Bay in the middle of June and did not return from the patrol there until mid-July. Upon being back home for 2 weeks, Knapp was sent off to Kodiak to patrol with the *P/V Woldstad* and from there to the Yakutat fishing grounds. This time he was gone for 2 weeks. **Trp. Rob Welch** flew to Yakutat to assist in the patrol, and ended up in Pelican. Thanks to **Skipper Mike Rueter** and the crew of the *Woldstad* for helping out with the SE patrol.

Speaking of Trp. Welch, he transferred to Juneau from Big Lake June 16th. He brought with him his wife **Dawn** and one year old son **Ethan**. Welcome to Juneau.

To round out the rest of the Northern SE crew, **Aide Liam Higgins**, Juneau Post, was presented the 2002 Civilian of the Year award for A Detachment SE by Major Jim Cockrell. Higgins was awarded this due to his diligence on getting the Detachment inventory straightened out. This was quite a project.

In Haines, **Trp. Pat McMullin** has been keeping busy with a record return of Sock-
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eyes in the Chilkoot River. This, along with patrolling the Lynn Canal gillnetters, has kept him busy. McMullin's seasonal **Aide Tim Hall** was presented the 2002 Honorable Service award for his strength in repairing the outboards on various detachment vessels and for saving the state \$3000 on the repair of one motor.

The film of the TV show/Movie, *Jackass*, paid a visit to Haines at the end of July. The purpose of the trip was to instigate a bear charge. Trp. McMullin kept busy making sure this did not occur. However it appears that they paid a visit to the new Wildlife Park at Mosquito Lake and the highlight of the trip was one of the individuals removed their pants and sat on a porcupine. Okay.... The things some people call fun?

In Hoonah, **Trp. Andy Savland** and **Aide Brian Botts** have been busy with boat and airplane patrol. Savland flew one SAR out of Yakutat for a missing fisherman, and also assisted **Trp. Rob Hunter**, Haines Post, with the SAR for an airplane with 6 people on board that went down in Icy Straits.

In Sitka, **Trps. Tom Akelkok** and Shaun Kuzakin were busy patrolling the commercial fishery's along with the Charter boats, and the rest of the sport and personal use fisheries. Hunting season opened August 1st, so efforts were shifted into some game patrols. Both Troopers work actively with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Marine Fishery Services agents in Sitka. Both troopers, along with



Major James Cockrell (left) and Commissioner Bill Tandeske (right) presented Aide Liam Higgins with the 2002 Civilian of the Year award for A Detachment Southeast Region.

Aide Josh Nelson and **Lt. Chuck Lamica**, were involved in a SAR with for a missing plane on July 3rd. On the 4th, the plane was located crashed into Harbor Mountain in Sitka about 2.5 miles from the airport. Both troopers commented that it was like being in class with Lt. Lamica. He walked them through all the steps needed in dealing with the crash and body recovery. All 3 received a memo of appreciation from Lt. Lamica for their assistance with this.

In Southern Southeast, August 18th marked the return of **Trp. Scott Carson**. Carson departed Petersburg on June 16th for Officer Candidate School for the Alaska National Guard. Need we say that South Carolina is definitely warmer in the summer than Petersburg? Carson did well

and was happy to return. He is now a Lt. in the Guard. The one comment he did have was that boot camp was not this hard, however Scott is now ten years older than he was. Prior to leaving for OCS, the christening of Carson's new patrol vessel occurred. The *P/V Moen* was christened into service with the late **Trp. Jim Moen's** family present. At this time, Carson was also awarded Trooper of the Year for 2002 A Detachment FWP.

Trp. Dan Shamhart finally got his boat. Thank goodness, the whining has stopped. Not only did Shamhart get Trp. Carson's patrol vessel *P/V Protection*, which was replaced by the *P/V Moen*, but also for two months he got both of them. Along with two vessels, he also obtained a seasonal aide, **Tracy Lenehan**. He thought he had it made, 2 boats and an aide... hmmm, life is good. Then the news was sprung that Shamhart, while Carson was gone, got his whole patrol area.

So Shamhart covered from Wrangell up to Kake and all the area in-between for two months. Thanks Dan.... Next time you need something? Think twice about how badly you really want it. All in good fun, Dan did an excellent job, was away from home most of the summer. I think Scott was hardly off the plane and Dan was on his way to Petersburg to return the boat, the keys to the office, and the area to him.

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Sgt. Steve Hall presented the 2002 Honorable Service award to Aide Tim Hall for his outstanding work and saving money for the State.

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In Ketchikan, **Trp. Clyde Campbell** was busy with **Recruit Jeremy Baum** and his training for the first part of the summer, until he was passed off to **Trp. Glenn Taylor** in Klawock, then back to Campbell for the final training. Trps. Campbell, **Mark Finses**, and Baum along with **Aide Jason Keirn** have been patrolling the waters from Hyder up to the Wrangell area pretty heavy. Good job guys.

In Klawock, with Trps. Ibarra, Taylor, and Walgenbach taking their turns out on the various boats, **Aide Ken Seymore** was busy repairing, and rebuilding. Seymore was a great asset to Klawock, and to the detachment. The crab pot puller from one the patrol vessels was recently sent to Klawock to be repaired, prior to taking it to the shop, Aide Seymore set out to see what was up. He fixed the puller and returned it back to boat. This saved a few hundred dollars in a repair bill. He also assisted in a couple of Search and Rescue operations. The troops in Klawock were

sorry to see him go on seasonal leave. We are hoping he returns next summer.

On a trip to Sitka this spring, I was able to participate in an investigation. A "Sea Lion" homicide. While I was there, a report came in from the barge company next to the office that a sea lion was on the beach and had been shot. I accompanied Trp. Kuzakin over to see this. I mean how often does one get to see a dead sea lion. The complainant informed us that the sea lion had been shot numerous times. Upon inspecting the sea lion, I asked the complainant why he thought it had been shot. He pointed out to me the six bullet wounds on the belly of the sea lion. I had to think about this for a minute, but told the complainant that those alleged bullet wounds looked like nipples. The poor guy was suddenly embarrassed and pointed out he did not know the anatomy of a sea lion. Trp. Kuzakin, upon further inspection, confirmed this was the case, no bullet wounds to be found. The animal was then turned over to NMFS who had arrived on scene.

At AST A Detachment Northern region, this summer flew by. **Trp. Mark Granda** joined Juneau Post in April. Granda told us when he came that he was a magnet. I did not quite know what he meant; I thought it must just be his magnetic personality. Wrong..... To say the least he has been busy on one case after another. **Trp. Chris Umbs** worked two plane crashes, both in Skagway. In one month, we had four small plane crashes in northern southeast: two in Skagway, one in Icy Straits, and one in Sitka. All four planes were from out of state with 16 people on board and only two survivors.

RD III Scott Guenther took a few days off for family fishing time and the Golden North Salmon derby. I think in the future this time period may be re-evaluated for leave. Actually, it does not seem to matter when Guenther takes leave. The past couple of times, the very day he starts leave we end up with a Search and Rescue.

That's all in the summer of AWBE Southeast region.... Till next time. ■

Knock On Horns And Kick Ash

By TRP. JIM PAGEL, ANIAK POST

When I was a young recruit in the Academy in Sitka, one of the classes we had was Criminal Investigation. The instructor was a seasoned Trooper with the Major Crimes Unit in Anchorage sent TDY to the Academy to instill upon us the finer points of catching bad guys.

After many war stories and as many outbursts from the class, The Great Karnack, if I may borrow a phrase from Johnny Carson and the Tonight Show, took his piece of chalk and wrote upon the erasable tablet of knowledge, "GOYAAKOD." To those who might remember, it stood for GET OFF YOU'RE A— AND KNOCK ON DOORS. I will never forget that acronym, however for us in Wildlife Enforcement the proper acronym is, "KOHAKA", KNOCK ON HORNS AND KICK ASH.

When you have been around long enough, and spent most of your career in the bush as I have, you find yourself in

Deep KOHAKA on a daily basis. Which brings us to the point of this article.

I had just walked into the Aniak Wildlife Enforcement Office and as it often does the phone was already ringing. It was September 11th, and I had been rolling over caribou and sheep gut piles and carcass for almost six weeks; hunting season was in full swing.

"Jim, I know you are very busy but I think there is something funny going on up on the Anvik River!"

As I picked up the phone, I instantly recognized the friendly voice of the Fish and Game Area Biologist, **Toby Boudreau**. Toby and I have had a great working relationship for several years and he has not

been afraid to keep an ear open, and better yet, pass on to me any game violation that may come his way.

"Jim, I know you are very busy but I think there is something funny going on up on the Anvik River!" Toby went on to explain he had just received a phone call from **Brian Jardine** and **Robert Fawcett**; they had called from the A.C. Store in Aniak. Toby went on to explain that Fawcett had lost his hunting license and metal locking tag. Fawcett told Toby he was from Southern California and was not familiar with the Alaska system and wanted Jardine to explain his problem for him.

Toby took care of Mr. Fawcett's problem. Toby went one step further and made a phone call to **Jack Whitman** the Area Biologist in Sitka. Toby was able to determine, Jardine was an Assistant Big Game Guide, who had once worked for one of
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the Registered Guides in Game Management Unit 21E.

After a brief discussion, Toby and I agreed it sure smelled like an illegal guide operation. Basically, an Assistant Guide acting as a Registered Guide - a Title .08 violation. I had met Jardine in Aniak and knew he was an Assistant Guide. I checked with the Commercial Services Board, and verified that Jardine was not a Registered Guide.

Illegal Guides in Alaska area, are a major problem. Too often an unsuspecting client is hoodwinked into paying for what he thinks is a professional guide. The client spends thousands of dollars on a fly-by-night operator who is not insured and does not have the proper equipment or expertise and leaves the State without a trophy and a very bad taste in his or her mouth.

It helped a lot knowing what Jardine looked like. I began checking the airport, looking for the Jardine party. On the very next day, the 12th, I hit pay dirt. Jardine was standing in the lobby of one of our local air taxi operators.

Jardine recognized me right off; he looked as nervous as a calf moose on glare ice! I walked up and greeted Jardine and the man standing next to him. Jardine introduced me to his brother **Shane**. They told me they had some time off from work and decided to go on a float trip down the Anvik River. Jardine further stated just his brother and he were going on the trip and that he was not going to guide this fall. The client was not in sight!

It helps having a good professional relationship with the air charter that Jardine was flying out on. They told me the Jardine party was going to be dropped off on the Anvik River near its confluence with the Yellow River. The Jardine's would be floating in blue rafts down the Anvik River to the Village of Anvik. The trip was reported to last 10 days.

On September 14, 2003, the bad weather broke. I had to fly south west of Aniak about 80 miles where I had a report that a non-resident from Wisconsin shot an overlimit of caribou and the wrong sex. After wrapping that case up with citations, I

flew north to Aniak, refueled, delivered two caribou to the elders in Aniak, and headed 100 miles north to the Anvik and Yellow Rivers.

*The Yukon River valley
was a collage of canary
yellow and spruce green
against a cobalt sky.*

The wind was out of the north at about 20 knots. The Yukon River valley was a collage of canary yellow and spruce green against a cobalt sky. The Anvik River finds it's beginning just south of the village of Unalakleet and snakes its way south through open tundra, birch, and spruce forests.

Two sky blue rafts were located about ten miles south of the Yellow River on the Anvik River. As I flew by, I could see four hunters standing on the gravel bar. The rafts were moored on the inside of a hair-pin turn of the river. It was impossible to land there. I overflew the river and was able to locate a suitable landing area down river.

As the super cub slowed, I pulled on full flaps. I descended between two ancient spruce trees that appeared to reach out to capture the blue dragonfly as it approached the coffee water below. The floats kissed the river and cast a shower of golden leaves into the air.

I kept the aircraft on step and approached my suspects as close as I dared, then pulled the mixture and glided up to shore. A soft crunching sound met my ears telling me the floats had met the sandy bottom. I turned the cub around by hand and brought the heels of the floats out of the water and secured the tail line with my trusty Danforth anchor.

As I approached my suspects, I stayed to the shadows and all four people had the sun in the eyes as I approached. The suspect's body language was textbook as I approached the hunting camp. The two young guys, the Jardines, were grooming them selves and trying to find things to do with their hands. The two older gentlemen were looking at each other, hoping if they did not say anything maybe I would not see them.

The stillness was broken by Jardine, with a very nervous "Ha Hi Jim".

"Brian we need to talk", I said starring straight into his soul.

"I know what this looks like, Jardine stammered, "But honest to God, this is not a guided hunt."

That was the beginning of the end for Mr. Jardine!

All four hunters were separated, and bit by bit, the truth came out. I felt like an old cutting horse in the final seconds of team penning.

One of the clients, Robert Fawcett, told me he was one of the biggest plumbing contractors in the Los Angeles area. I asked Fawcett, (Faucet?) "Bob when you go into a building can you tell if it's plumbed right just by the way it looks?"

Fawcett replied, "Well yes, of course I can."

I looked directly at Fawcett and said, "Well partner, today I am the plumber, and this plumbing sucks."

In the end, Mr. Fawcett and his hunting partner admitted to paying Jardine several thousand dollars to take them on a guided moose hunting trip.

And the moral is: "It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt." **Mark Twain** (1835 - 1910) ■

Karen Allam Retired

BY CAPT. HOWARD STARBOARD

After twenty-five years with the Department of Public Safety, **Karen Allam** decided to retire, effective July 31, 2003.

If ever there ever was a position we would all agree on to be the slot we could least afford to have vacated it would be Karen's. Not only because her position was important to our overall operation but because she performed functions that no one else did and completed them in an outstanding manner. Her skills, budgetary knowledge, work ethic, and historical memory have long been the hallmark of this Division.

Allam's duties were absorbed by others in headquarters, both ABWE and AST following the reorganization of the Department's fiscal section. ■

It's The Sign Of The Times...

BY DENA BRONSON, ABWE SOLDOTNA

Lt. Steve Bear and **Sgt. Glenn Godfrey** of ABWE Soldotna post stand under the new post sign that displays our newly acquired name.

ABWE: what's that stand for? Acquiring Blue With Enthusiasm. Not quite but close. It's the new acronym for Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement. There certainly has been a lot of change around here with uniforms, signs, identifiers, etc. One thing that I am glad to see *not* change is the morale of the troops. Their unchanging positive demeanor and dedication to their profession makes the work environment a most pleasant one. I personally feel fortunate for the opportunity to be employed among such a quality of people.

Welcome to **Shiloh Sexton**, our new Clerk II at the Cordova Post. Sexton brings her professional experience, very pleasant personality, and the adaptability to change. Thanks, Shiloh, for your patience with all the delays in response to your questions.

I have met many of her inquiries with "I am not sure, let me find out"! The answers come from many sources: **Ann Porter, Sandy Belcher, Audrey Ayay-Dehart, Judy Fletcher, Debbie Boylan**, and many more. These mentioned few have been resources of knowledge and direction for me as well as many others and they all deserve to be recognized for their hard work and dedication to their professions. Thanks to all of you. ■



Lt. Steve Bear and Sgt. Glenn Godfrey pose beneath the new post sign.

Kenai Peninsula-Prince William Sound Region

BY SGT. GLENN GODFREY

What do they say? There must be something in the water? I guess in Soldotna's case, there must be something in the Jersey Subs. We have multiple expectants running around the Soldotna ABWE post. **Lt. Steve Bear's** wife, **Renee** is due in December; this will make number five for them. Amateurs! **Trp. Travis Helund's** wife **Misty** is expecting in about seven months, and **Trp. Brent Johnson's** wife **Mariah** is also expecting around then. Hmmmm, my investigative intuition tells me that we may be a little short-handed at the Soldotna Post in May and April '04. I will also surmise that Trps. Hedlund and Johnson will start bidding the later shifts, as they will covet more sleep. Well at least we can count on Homer and Seward to be there in April. Unless there is something **Trp. Tom Lowy** isn't telling us? **Trp. Todd VanLiere** has been very busy working on his new home, so he hasn't had time for anything else. And **Trp. Travis Bordner**, in between SARS, has been holding down the fort in Homer. Overseas, **Sgt. Paul McConnell** is settling in Cordova, he too has a new mini-trooper with **Trp. Clint Songer's** new addition to the Cordova population. And **Trp. Tony Beck** contin-

ues to plug away in Valdez, still taking boat trips in between storms.

I am thinking of opening our own division of CSI right here at post. We conducted our first experiment by getting a slug from a 30.06 in our own homemade water tank. I'm just not sure if the side of the tank, or garbage can as the un-scientific may call it, is supposed to blow open.

Also, next time, I will wear rain gear as advised prior to the experiment; as 30 gallons of water tends to make wool pants smell like a pack of wet dogs, and has an adverse effect to brass.

In other news, **Trp. Todd Mountain** bagged himself a 53 inch Moose. Way to go Todd. That ought to keep the world famous (Kenai Peninsula, continued on page 19)



Trp. Clint Songer and Mama, proudly present **Micah**, the newest addition to the population of Cordova.

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CSI: Soldotna ABWE opened a branch forensic lab to process evidence.

mous “Mountain’s Mega Moose burgers” flowing for the next couple of Soldotna BBQ’s. If you haven’t had one, then... I guess you haven’t had one. **Trp. Brent Johnson** took a hunting trip to Kodiak. Well, he said it was a hunting trip, but I



Is this suppose to happen? Sgt. Glenn Godfrey considers using State Lab.

don’t know if you can call it hunting if you don’t see ONE animal that was not on a leash. Yet, he came home with a cooler full of meat, thanks to **Trp. Alan Jones** trying to get off of “freezer restriction” so he can harvest more critters.



A qualified success. Sgt. Godfrey obtained the slug he was after.

In between all this fun, we had work, and plenty of it. There is nary time to take a breath from June to September in this area. In fact, I wonder how Johnson and Hedlund had time in July or August to.....never mind. ■

True Tales Of An Alaska State Trooper

I Slept With The Bears, by **Dave Carpenter**, is a collection of true tales of an Alaska State Trooper/Game Warden.

Carpenter’s love of Alaska, the land, the people, and the creatures are evident in his book. It has something for nearly everyone. It is exciting, informative, and humorous. He writes with passion and enthusiasm. Follow him as he takes you around the countryside on his various exploits. Although incredible at times, all the stories are true.

His informal style invites you to imagine you are sitting with him around a cozy campfire somewhere in the Alaska bush, while he relates these stories. It won’t take much imagination, as his personal and friendly style of writing will make you feel as though you are with him and experiencing these adventures yourself. So sit back, relax, pour yourself a hot cup of coffee and enjoy this incredible book.

Carpenter joined the Department in 1973 as a road trooper and later switched to Fish and Wildlife. During that time, he was stationed in Anchorage, Delta Junction, Kodiak, Palmer, and Haines, then back to Anchorage where he retired in 1994.

Carpenter commented, “The book is separated into those different posts. Numerous experiences on the job are mentioned, as are several of the troops I worked with. My wife, **Linda**, is a large part of the book and most of the women who have read it have enjoyed it and say they want more of Linda’s versions of those stories.

This book was originally written not to be published, but merely to be passed on in manuscript form to our children and grandchildren in order that they might have some written record of our life in Alaska. It turned out so well that many

friends and relatives encouraged me to get it published. Since being published, sales have skyrocketed and we have to keep ordering more batches to keep up with the demand. That’s really not what I had in mind. I’d like to get a book to every trooper who wants one and then, hopefully sales will dwindle so we can go back to our routine lives.

On a separate note, I would like to encourage any trooper who is now working to keep a log or journal of all the comical, serious or strange things that happen to or around him/her so some day, if they decide to put it in written form, they won’t have to depend on their memory as I did.”

I Slept With the Bears can be ordered by contacting Carpenter at isleptwiththebears@hotmail.com or by calling him in Idaho at (208) 486-6204. The book is also available at the FOAST Museum, in Anchorage. ■

Division of Fire Prevention

BY JODIE HETTRICK, PUBLIC EDUCATION COORDINATOR

2003 Alaska State

Fire Service Conference:

Members of the Division of Fire Prevention attended the 2003 Alaska State Firefighters and Fire Chief's Annual Conference in Kenai during September. **Deputy Commissioner Ted Bachman** spoke at the opening ceremonies. The conference brought together almost 200 members of the fire service from all over Alaska. For many people this is their only opportunity to attend new fire training. The Kenai Chapter of the Alaska State Firefighters Association and the Kenai Fire Chief's Association hosted the conference in Kenai and Soldotna. Fire Service Training provided a new testing station this year, firefighters were able to test for certification as Firefighter I and II, Fire Instructor I and II, and Fire Investigator I and II.

During the conference **Lt. Governor Loren Leman** attended meetings with the Alaska State Firefighters Association and Alaska Fire Chiefs Association.



State Fire Marshal Gary Powell spoke during the opening ceremony of the Alaska State Fire Service Conference.

The Division of Fire Prevention awarded Fire Instructor of the Year to Homer Fire Department **Assistant Chief Scott Elmer**. Public Fire Educator of the Year was awarded to Fairbanks Fire Department **Fire Marshal Ernie Misewicz**.

The Importance of Inspections:

Deputy Fire Marshal I John Bond discovered a problem with emergency lighting in a Bethel elder housing complex. Burn marks on the exterior casing of the lights were evidence of an internal problem. Further investigation found that all of the emergency lights had the same burn marks. The Division contacted Consumer



Participants in the Opening Ceremony of the Alaska State Fire Service Conference included (left) **Mark Barker**, **Mayor John Williams**, **SFM Gary Powell**, **Deputy Commissioner Ted Bachman**, and **Chief Scott Walden**.

Products Safety Commission Investigator **Marcus Morris** to see if the lights had been recalled or reported in the past. Investigator Morris discovered that a similar light was recalled and began an investigation to see if this was the same light with a different name. These lights were also being used in a preschool facility in Meadow Lakes.

Deputy Bond requested removal and replacement of the lights. The CPSC may issue a new recall for these lights under the different name. The last recall involved 1.2 million lights.

Deputy Fire Marshal I Dan Jones recently spent six days inspecting 23 schools in the Lower Kuskokwim School

District. He found this blocked exit door in Kwigilligok. The door was bolted shut, barred, and duct taped. There was no possible way for anyone to escape through that exit during an emergency. (See photo next page.)

Plan Review Office:

The Plan Review office is working on many projects that improve small community infrastructure. New or upgraded power plants, water and wastewater treatment facilities, bulk fuel storage, and health care facilities are being built all over Alaska. Koyuk and Kaltag are in the plan review stages for their new power plants. Huslia is making improvements to

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Defective Prescolites were found in a Bethel elder housing complex.

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This exit door found in a Lower Kuskokwim School was not only blocked, it was bolted shut, barred, and duct taped.

their health clinic. Improving the infrastructure in the small communities will greatly improve life in rural Alaska.

Home Builders Convention:

Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Plumb staffed a booth at the Alaska State



Deputy Fire Marshal I Don Cuthbert spent several days in St. Paul in early September. He lucked out and experienced beautiful weather, sunny skies with no wind. He liked it so much he might go back to house hunt for a retirement vacation spot.

Homebuilders Convention in Juneau. The focus of the booth was to educate and encourage homebuilders to offer residential sprinklers to their customers. Capitol City Fire and Rescue **Fire Marshal Rich Etheridge** and Alaska State Firefighters Association member **Billie Jo Gehring** assisted him at the booth.

Project Code Red:

Contract instructors **Jan Dick** and **Mike Supkis** traveled to Savoonga for Project Code Red in September. The community was extremely receptive to the training. Instead of having a sign up sheet for the class, they had a non-attendance sign up sheet. If fire department members couldn't attend the training they had to write down justification for not being available. Almost half of the fire department participated in the training. The

trained students will pass the information on to those unable to attend.

Off To Fight Other Fires:

The Division of Fire Prevention wishes **Deputy Fire Marshal Theresa Ross** a warm good-bye. Theresa (Smith) Ross was hired as a Deputy Fire Marshal I in the Juneau Regional Office on August 16, 1999. She transferred to the South-central Regional office in March of 2001. Deputy Ross was promoted to a Deputy Fire Marshal II, and transferred to the Northern Regional office as the regional supervisor on August 16, 2002. Deputy Ross resigned on September 18, 2003, in order to accept a position with the University of Fairbanks Fire Department.

We thank her for her years of contribution to our Division and wish her all the best in her future career. ■

Dragon Slayers – Camp Kick Ash

The Aniak Volunteer Fire Department began a new program this summer, emergency response training for teenagers. Aniak is the home of the Dragon Slayers; a group of teenagers trained to respond to fire and medical emergencies. **Pete Brown**, the Aniak Fire Chief, proposed bringing teens to Aniak for an emergency responder camp. The Alaska State Troopers, Division of Fire Prevention and Division of Community Health and Emergency Medical Services provided funding and services to bring nineteen young people from western Alaska to Aniak to participate in Camp Kick Ash.

Camp Kick Ash began on July 21 with the final drill exercise on August 2. The instructors covered a wide array of topics. They spent four hours each morning learning how to be Emergency Trauma Technicians and four hours each afternoon learning other rescue skills such as firefighting, rappelling, water rescue, self defense and structural rescue.

Teenagers from Aniak, Crooked Creek, Chuathbulak, Ruby, Huslia, Shageluk, Grayling, and Russian Mission attended the two-week training camp.

The Dragon Slayers traveled to several schools this spring to talk about their pro-

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Teens from western Alaska attended ETT training at Camp Kick Ash.

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State Fire Marshal Gary Powell (left); Aniak Fire Department Chief Pete Brown; Jodie Hettrick, DPS Fire Training Specialist; Janice Latoza, CDC; and Mary Kvamme, CHEMS developed and conducted Camp Kick Ash.

gram. They focus on the importance of setting small goals. Small goals lead to big goals.

Three of the Dragon Slayers and an Aniak firefighter attended the Youth and Elder Conference at the beginning of AFN this October. FOAST hosted a "Meet the Dragon Slayers" event at the Alaska State Trooper Museum. **Shenai Simeon, Caroline Kvamme, Jasmin Simeon, and Jenny Hoeldt** signed posters and spoke with the media about their program and the Aniak Fire Department. ■



Nineteen students attended the emergency responder training camp.



Teens from Aniak, Crooked Creek, Chuathbulak, Ruby, Huslia, Shageluk, Grayling, and Russian Mission attended the two-week training camp. They learned rescue skills such as rappelling, water rescue, and firefighting.



Their Land Rover was presented to them by the Oprah Winfred Show.



The Aniak Volunteer Fire Department Dragon Slayers are an all girl rescue team which has been recognized in such publications as Reader's Digest and People Magazine, and on the Oprah Winfred Show for their inspiration to other teens.



Trp. Michael Duxbury, Aniak Post, was instrumental in the design and promotion of a safety poster on ATV safety featuring the Dragon Slayers. The team frequently travels to local schools to discuss their program and to encourage healthy life choices and setting of positive goals.



The Dragon Slayers attended the Youth and Elders Conference during AFN and were guests of FOAST where they autographed the safety poster.

Suspicious Fire Destroyed Marshall VPSO Office



PHOTO BY TRP. ERIC SPITZER

If VPSO Richard Ellis HAD an office and a desk, this is where he would be. Vandals are suspected of setting the fire which resulted in an estimated loss of \$50,000 including building and equipment.

Shortly after 5:00 a.m. on July 3, 2003, VPSO Richard Ellis was notified that his office was on fire. The building, located next to Marshall City Hall, housed the VPSO office, jail, evidence storage, and fire fighting equipment storage. He arrived to find the front door locked, but open, and the building fully engulfed in flames.

VPSO Ellis was able to withdraw one portable pump from the fire fighting storage equipment before the building was destroyed. Use of this one pump was credited with saving the Marshall City Hall from destruction.

Fire Investigator Don Cuthbert, DFM1, responded to the scene. After investigation of the area, Cuthbert determined fire patterns indicated that a person(s) used available combustible materials, placed them in the area of the desk, and ignited them. Although an exact heat source was not recovered, a lighter or match was the probable heat source used. The floor under the desk received the most substantial



PHOTO BY DFM1 DON CUTHBERT

The burn pattern on the floor of the VPSO office indicates the most substantial damage occurred in this area which would have been under a desk. With all other possible causes eliminated, it was determined the fire was an intentional act, a crime of arson.



PHOTO BY DFM1 DON CUTHBERT

The building which housed the VPSO office, jail, evidence storage, and fire fighting equipment storage was located next door to the Marshall City Hall which was not damaged.

fire damage. He found no evidence of accelerants, and natural, mechanical, and electrical causes were examined and eliminated. After eliminating all other possible causes, this fire was determined to be an intentional act by person(s), which is a crime of arson.

Estimated losses, including the building and equipment, are \$50,000.00. There were no injuries in the fire.

Alaska State Troopers responded to the scene. Following interviews by VPSO Ellis and Troopers, at least one arrest was made. ■



Holiday Fire Safety

The holiday season is a special time for Alaskan families. Family get-togethers are the perfect time to discuss fire safety. Walk through the house before decorating begins and check for fire hazards.

Hunt for Home Hazards

- Are all electrical cords in good shape? No bare wires showing.
 - Do the smoke alarms work?
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- Are the electrical outlets used properly? No more than two items should be plugged into the outlet.
- Is there at least 3 feet between heat sources and combustible material?
- Did the chimney get cleaned this year?
- Did the furnace get its' annual cleaning and inspection?
- Can you open every exit? Are they free of snow and ice?

Christmas trees

- If using an artificial tree, make sure it is labeled "Fire Resistant".
- Make sure the live tree is fresh by checking if the needles are hard to pull from the tree.

- Cut at least 2 inches off the bottom of the tree so it can draw in water.
- Maintain a good water supply for the tree.
- Place the tree away from any heat source.
- Make sure the tree does not block exits.

Christmas lights

- Use only lights approved by Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- Inspect all lights for bare wire, loose connections and broken or cracked sockets.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls or other firm supports to protect lights from wind damage.

Decorations

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim the tree.
- NEVER use lighted candles on or near a tree.

Fireplaces

- Use care with "fire salts" which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires.
- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result.
- Ensure that decorations used on the fireplace do not hang down in front of the mantle. ■

Patriots Day 9-11-03

By LCDR MIKE SNYDER, USN (RET)

I woke in the dark this morning to sirens wailing up the main road to some emergency or another. Routine stuff . . . until you think what day today commemorates.

We're calling it Patriots Day in memory of all those lost and injured in the terrorist strikes this day two years ago, and to formalize the emotional bond we have with the overwhelming numbers of Americans who, over 300 years, gave their lives, their skills, and their personal commitment to make the United States the dominant economic, political, and military power in the world today.

I grieve at the senseless loss of life on September 11, 2001, while standing in awe of the resilience and determination of the entire nation. We're more vigilant today, we're more aware of our vulnerabilities, we're more committed to the defense of our way of life, and we are at war with the international beasts who abhor our successes and personal freedoms.

The dead of September 11, 2001 have been called heroes, as certainly those who knew the danger and unhesitantly faced it should be.

But all from that day and the thousands of days before and since who worked at their desks, plied their trades, carried weapons, delivered fuel, produced food or steel, and contributed in some

way to the strength of this nation have justifiably earned the title Patriot.

This is a new commemoration day forced on us by terrorists. But counter to their expectations, it will forever symbolize our strength, determination and resilience as a nation, rather than our deaths and damages.

Today I think of my friend, an NYPD Captain who served at ground zero, grieve

with him at the loss of his comrades, and at the emotional rending inflicted on his city. Unabashedly, I reveal that he was among those who got to go home on 9-11-01.

(Mike Snyder is a retired U. S. Navy officer and a contributor to a new publication on Navy stories and anecdotes about their experiences in the service which will be published soon. Editor.) ■



The proud warriors of Baker Company wanted to do something to pay tribute to their fallen comrades and let the world know, "We have not forgotten and are proud to serve our country." Baker Company is part of the only Marine Infantry Battalion left in Iraq. Photo and information provided by First Sergeant Dave Jobe, U. S. Marine Corps.

From the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

"Carved on these walls is the story of America, of a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream." - **President George Bush**

The Day The Old Detective Cried©

BY KEITH BETTINGER

In February and March of 2002, I was doing a lot of traveling. I went to Anchorage, Alaska with a friend for the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers. Alaska in winter is beautiful. From there I went to Southern California to visit a friend and his family. The high desert is also magnificent. After California, I drove to Las Vegas to visit my son who lives there and to put a down payment on the new family home.

While visiting, I looked up an old friend, a retired detective from the New York police department from which we both retired.

He is the old time cop that movies are made about and from where folklore is born....to this day, he is still a legend.

Whenever I go to Las Vegas, I try to get together with this gentleman, **Elliott Kraus**. He is the old time cop that movies are made about and from where folklore is born. He has unique people skills and always gets the job done. To this day, he is still a legend.

He is the only detective, who during his career, was returned to uniform for having a "discussion" with a less than astute supervisor, and later was returned to detective duties. He is also the father figure you can always call on when you need help.

When a kid, far away from home, needs a Dutch uncle to fall back on, Elliott is there with just one phone call. When he is told, 'I owe you big time,' his response is always, "We're family. We're here for one another."

In March of 2002, while in Las Vegas, I called him. We met for lunch at the Sunset Station Casino. After our greeting and then some small talk, the discussion turned to old friends and how they were. Later, the discussion like all discussions between New Yorkers and former New

Yorkers, turned to the attack of September 11, 2001.

Elliott told me how, after he retired, one of his jobs was driving a limousine. He made many trips into the World Trade Center with clients. In fact, he made so many trips, he made friends with the parking attendants in the underground garage. He bought them coffee on his frequent visits and chatted with them while waiting for his passengers. Elliott can make friends with anyone. He wondered out loud how well these people fared in the attack.

He told me about some of his other friends. These were friends who did not make it out. Always the cop's cop, Elliott is a member of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club. He has made many motorcycle trips across country with his law enforcement friends. He also would make trips from Long Island into New York City on his motorcycle to visit cop friends at their commands.

One of his friends was **Mike Curtin**, a New York City Police Sergeant assigned to Emergency Services. Mike was a former Sergeant Major in the United States Marine Corps. He served in the Persian Gulf War and had a chest full of medals for heroism. Although he was as tough as steel, he had a heart that was as soft as butter.

Elliott's voice started to change, and the tears came. This was something I had never seen or heard from this tough old time detective before.

Mike was one of the cops who went in the World Trade Center during the rescue operations and never made it out. His nickname was Iron Mike.

According to Elliott, he was invincible. He spoke reverently about Mike's family and how important they were to him and what a great friend he was to all who knew him.

Elliott's voice started to change, and the tears came. This was something I had never seen or heard from this tough old time detective before. I gave him his time. He had to grieve. He had to work his way through his thoughts. After a while, he wiped his eyes, and we started to talk about the temporary memorial that was being set up at the World Trade Center site; the towering twin blue lights. I told Elliott I was hoping to view the towering lights on my flight home the next evening.

After a while, he wiped his eyes, and we started to talk....

The next night the flight home was uneventful and even though I was happy to get home after three weeks of traveling, I was disappointed I didn't get a view of the twin towers of light.

The next morning, my slumber was broken by a phone call from **Suzie Sawyer** of Concerns of Police Survivors. She needed a favor. Concerns of Police Survivors was doing a three-day seminar on line of duty deaths near Buffalo, New York. The speaker for the third day was ill and unable to attend. She wanted to know if I would fill in? I put together my lecture material, made my airline reservations, and got a ride to LaGuardia Airport.

At 6:30 I boarded my flight for Buffalo. As we left the airport, we flew over lower Manhattan. I looked out my window and there, soaring into the heavens, were the twin towers of blue light. Everyone on the plane looked out the left side windows and sighed and commented how beautiful the memorial looked. As we left the area, I sat back in my seat and thought how I wished the old detective was with me on this flight; we could have shared a few tears together.

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D.A.R.E. Sponsors Retro Bill Tour Of Alaska

BY BOB SANDERS, D.A.R.E. COORDINATOR

The award winning RETRO BILL Children's Safety Show performed for 8,000 school children in twenty-seven Alaska communities during the month of September. RETRO BILL is considered by many leading authorities to be one to the country's foremost experts in children's safety and self-esteem. This super-charged "blast from the past" was created by and is performed by actor, director, writer, and producer **Bill Russ**. He is the official "Safety Buddy" of the National D.A.R.E. program. RETRO BILL has performed all over the United States promoting healthy life choices and the importance of maintaining a positive circle of friends for young people. He co-hosted National Kids Day in Washington D.C. with **First Lady Laura Bush** before traveling to Alaska.

On September 9, Bill arrived in Juneau, in a driving rainstorm, to begin his Alaska tour. With his towering pompadour hairstyle, wind and rain was a definite hazard. Bill continued his first week with performances in Anchorage, Seward, Kenai, Soldotna, Homer and Kodiak performing as often as three times a day. Right away I discovered this guy was addicted to "double-shot skinny lattes." A triple-shot espresso was an after-dinner drink.

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The second week we headed for Western Alaska with pilot **Joe Wilson** in the State Trooper Piper Navajo. Thanks to Joe, this old pilot even got to fly a couple of legs. Our Hollywood star was introduced to rural Alaska in Koliganek and New Stuyahok, our stops on the way to Dillingham. The first thing he noticed was that there were no Starbucks in the villages. I explained to RETRO BILL that there was only one street in most villages and it ran from the airport through town to the dump. There are no corners to put a Starbucks on and besides, the drive thrus

are too high for snowmachines. Trooper **Sgt. Pete Mlynarik** flew over from King Salmon in the helicopter to give us a ride from Koliganek to New Stuyahok since the runway there was a little short for the Navajo. After an evening performance in Dillingham, Bill posed for a "Got Milk" poster for a local restaurant so they would let us in for a late night milkshake after closing time. After Dillingham we stopped in Manokotak and Togiak on our way to Bethel. On Wednesday we flew to Atmatluak and Kwethluk on the National Guard Black Hawk helicopter accompanied by Army Guard **Major Simon Brown** (and retired State Trooper Captain). Landing in a Black Hawk is certainly a good way to get the attention of everyone in the village.

After Bethel we traveled to Chevak, St. Michael's, Unalakleet, and Aniak before returning to Anchorage for the weekend. Time and again, RETRO BILL demonstrated his talents as an actor and entertainer by holding the attention of students from first grade through high school for a full hour. He has the unique ability to capture their attention with his antics and 1950's Elvis hairstyle and clothes. Bill does not follow a script. He tailors each performance to the audience. While he always has the same props available on the table behind him, he chooses only those he needs for whatever lesson he is emphasizing at the time. I was present for approximately thirty of the forty performances he gave during his tour and no two were identical. Teachers and principals praised the program as the right message for the kids of today. Believe in yourself and be kind to others. Do good things and good things will come to you. Do bad things and bad things happen. Don't put harmful things in your body. Keep a good circle of friends around you to help you make good choices.

The third week Bill visited Kotzebue, Noatak, Point Hope, Barrow, and Fairbanks. It was 104 degrees in L.A. when Bill departed California. It was 18 degrees in Noatak when he climbed on the 4-wheeler for the ride into town. **Trp.**



Andy Greenstreet kindly loaned Bill his parka for the rest of the week. He finished off the week in Unalaska on Friday. We were blessed with great flying weather while traveling throughout the State. This was very much a surprise to me because I know how bad the weather can be during the September hunting season. Except for the rain in Juneau, the weather had been perfect until Bill reached Dutch Harbor. His plane on Friday was the last to land before the weather closed the airport down for four days.

The part RETRO BILL seemed to enjoy most was meeting kids following his performance. If time permitted, he would stay around signing autographs and talking to kids as long as the teachers would allow. The majority of the audience in Nenana for an evening show was middle and high school kids so Bill directed his comments primarily to that age group. Following the show, Bill met with several high school kids who had been genuinely affected by what he had to say. I was constantly impressed by RETRO BILL's ability to read his audience, capture their attention the whole hour and effectively deliver a simple but powerful message in a way that entertained them all, teachers and students alike.

The Alaska D.A.R.E. program sponsored RETRO BILL's tour of Alaska which would not have been possible without the transportation provided by the Alaska State Troopers and the Alaska Army National Guard Counterdrug Operations. ■

AFN Youth Dance

BY BECKY LYONS, RECRUITMENT

The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Youth Dance was held on October 21, at the Egan Convention Center. There were volunteers from DPS Headquarters along with some Troopers and a few VPSO who were in Anchorage for the recruitment booth at the Convention.

The AFN Youth Dance was funded by FOAST as it has been for about 3 years. Glow sticks, pink bunny ears that flashed with lights, and flashing necklaces were handed out. There were about 600 kids and 200 chaperons.

The event went off with out any problems, the kids were a lot of fun to be around. Half of the Convention Center was delegated to the dance and the other half was delegated to about 4 basketball hoops.

The Army National Guard came in and helped with the games portion of the dance. Fatal Vision goggles were put on the kids so they could see how drinking impaired there ability to play the game, was among the activities. The kids really enjoyed this and kept coming back to play again. ■



Kids put on Fatal Vision goggles, which distort the vision as if the person had been drinking, then tried to play basketball.



The AFN Youth Dance at the Egan Convention Center.



In July, four Alaska State Troopers traveled to Barcelona, Spain to compete in the 2003 World Police and Fire Games. Our trooper team joined the 10,000 other competitors from around the world in a gathering of competition and friendship. Trp. Robert French, Capt. David Hudson, Sgt's Robert Baty, and Tim Schoenberg participated in the team Center Fire Pistol Competition. Although the weather was hot, the festivities were endless. The trooper team placed 7th overall in the pistol shoot.

Subject: New virus

I thought you would want to know about this email virus. Even the most advanced programs from Norton or McAfee cannot take care of this one. It appears to mostly affect those who were born prior to 1960.

Symptoms:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished.
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND."

It is called the "C-Nile Virus." ■

The Doll And A White Rose

BY V.A.BAILEY

I hurried into the local department store to grab some last minute Christmas gifts. I looked at all the people and grumbled to myself. I would be in here forever and I just had so much to do. Christmas was beginning to become such a drag. I kinda wished that I could just sleep through Christmas.

But I hurried the best I could through all the people to the toy department. Once again I kind of mumbled to myself at the prices of all these toys. And wondered if the grandkids would even play with them. I found myself in the doll aisle.

Out of the corner of my eye I saw a little boy about 5 holding a lovely doll. He kept touching her hair and he held her so gently. I could not seem to help myself. I just kept looking over at the little boy and wondered who the doll was for.

I watched him turn to a woman and he called his aunt by name and said, "Are you sure I don't have enough money?" She replied a bit impatiently, "You know that you don't have enough money for it." The aunt told the little boy not to go anywhere that she had to go get some other things and would be back in a few minutes. And then she left the aisle.

The boy continued to hold the doll. After a bit, I asked the boy who the doll was for. He said, "It is the doll my sister wanted so badly for Christmas. She just knew that Santa would bring it." I told him that maybe Santa was going to bring it. He said, "No, Santa can't go where my sister is."

"I have to give the doll to my Momma to take to her" I asked him where his sister was. He looked at me with the saddest eyes and said, "She has gone to be with Jesus." My Daddy says that Momma is going to have to go be with her. My heart nearly stopped beating.

Then the boy looked at me again and said, "I told my Daddy to tell Momma not to go yet. I told him to tell her to wait till I got back from the store."

Then he ask me if I wanted to see his picture. I told him I would love to. He pulled out some pictures he'd had taken at the front of the store. He said "I want my Momma to take this with her so she don't ever forget me." "I love my Momma so very much and I wish she did not have to leave me but Daddy says she will need to be with my sister."

I saw that the little boy had lowered his head and had grown so very quiet. While he was not looking I reached into my purse and pulled out a hand full of bills. I ask the little boy, "Shall we count that money one more time?" He grew excited and said, "Yes, I just know it has to be enough" So I slipped my money in with his and we began to count it.

And of course it was plenty for the doll. He softly said, "Thank you Jesus for giving me enough money." Then the boy said "I just ask Jesus to give me enough money to buy this doll so Momma can take it with her to give to my sister. And he heard my prayer. I wanted to ask him for enough to buy my Momma a white

rose, but I didn't ask him, but he gave me enough to buy the doll and a rose for my Momma." "She loves white roses so very very much."

In a few minutes the aunt came back and I wheeled my cart away. I could not keep from thinking about the little boy as I finished my shopping in a totally different spirit than when I had started.

And I kept remembering a story I had seen in the newspaper several days earlier about a drunk driver hitting a car and killing a little girl and the Mother was in serious condition. The family was deciding on whether to remove the life support. Now surely this little boy did not belong with that story.

Two days later I read in the paper where the family had disconnected the life support and the young woman had died. I could not forget the little boy and just kept wondering if the two were somehow connected.

Later that day, I could not help myself and I went out and bought some white roses and took them to the funeral home where the young woman was.

And there she was, holding a lovely white rose, the beautiful doll, and the picture of the little boy in the store. I left there in tears, my life changed forever. The love that little boy had for his little sister and his mother was overwhelming. And in a split second a drunk driver had ripped the life of that little boy to pieces.

This holiday season, and throughout the year, please don't drink and drive. ■

Test Your Holiday IQ

Questions:

1. What were the first names of Scrooge and Marley?
2. How many Magi or Wise Men came to Bethlehem?
3. Who wrote the words to the carol "Silent Night"?
4. When is the feast day of Santa Claus celebrated?
5. What Christmas delicacy did Mrs. Bob Cratchit prepare in a copper cauldron in her washhouse?

6. Which renowned Christmas card artist was still turning out "a batch of three or four paintings a week" at age 100?
7. Which of James Joyce's "Dubliners" short stories takes place at Christmastime?
8. Who was the surprise guest speaker when President Franklin D. Roosevelt lit the National Tree at the White House in 1941?
9. Which Nativity masterpiece was stolen from a church in Palermo, Sicily, in 1969 and has not been seen since?

10. What were True Love's first and last gifts in the rondeau "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
11. For what crime did William Sydney Porter, alias O. Henry, the author of "The Gift of the Magi," spend several Christmases in the Ohio State penitentiary?
12. What popular revel, evocative of the Middle Ages, takes place in Philadelphia during the holiday season?

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The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas,
 he lived all alone,
 In a one bedroom house made of
 plaster and stone.
 I had come down the chimney with
 presents to give,
 And to see just who in this home
 did live.

 I looked all about, a strange sight
 I did see,
 No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
 No stocking by mantle, just boots
 filled with sand,
 On the wall hung pictures
 of far distant lands.

 With medals and badges,
 awards of all kinds,
 A sober thought came through my mind.
 For this house was different, it was
 dark and dreary,
 I found the home of a soldier,
 once I could see clearly.

 The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
 Curled up on the floor in this
 one bedroom home.
 The face was so gentle, the room in
 such disorder,

Not how I pictured a United States soldier
 Was this the hero of whom
 I'd just read?
 Curled up on a poncho, the floor
 for a bed?
 I realized the families that I saw
 this night,
 Owed their lives to these soldiers who
 were willing to fight.

 Soon round the world, the children
 would play,
 And grownups would celebrate a bright
 Christmas day.
 They all enjoyed freedom each month
 of the year,
 Because of the soldiers, like the one
 lying here.

 I couldn't help wonder how many
 lay alone,
 On a cold Christmas eve in a land
 far from home.
 The very thought brought a tear
 to my eye,
 I dropped to my knees and
 started to cry.

 The soldier awakened and I heard
 a rough voice,

"Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;
 I fight for freedom, I don't
 ask for more,
 My life is my god, my country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over and
 drifted to sleep,
 I couldn't control it, I continued
 to weep.
 I kept watch for hours, so silent
 and still
 And we both shivered from the cold
 night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that
 cold, dark, night,
 This guardian of honor so
 willing to fight.
 Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice
 soft and pure,
 Whispered, "carry on Santa, it's
 Christmas Day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew
 he was right.
 "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a
 good night."

This poem was written by a Marine sta-
 tioned in Okinawa Japan. ■

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13. Which movie has had the most TV re-runs during the holiday season?
14. Who were the stars of the film, "White Christmas"?
15. Who played Kris Kringle in the 1947 original film version of "The Miracle on 34th Street"?
16. Who played the little girl?
17. How did the della Robbia wreath get its name?
18. Sherlock Holmes, Ellery Queen, Inspector Maigret and many other fictional sleuths have solved Christmas crimes. What is the contemporary best-selling mystery novelist Mary Higgins Clark's contribution to the genre?

Answers:

1. Ebenezer and Jacob.

2. St. Matthew did not specify how many. In early Christian times, their number varied from two to six. A 4th century fresco in the Catacombs of Domitilla, outside Rome, depicts four. By the 6th century, tradition settled on three.
3. Father Joseph Mohr, the parish priest in the little Austrian village where the mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ.
4. December 6 is the feast of St. Nicholas, the original Santa Claus.
5. Her Christmas pudding.
6. Anne Mary Robinson, better known as Grandma Moses.
7. "The Dead."
8. Winston Churchill
9. Caravaggio's "Nativity," one of the master's last works, painted in 1609, the year before he died.

10. If sung properly as a rondeau, with each day's new gift followed by a repetition of all the previous gifts, the answer is "a partridge in a pear tree."
11. Bank embezzlement
12. The Mummers Parade.
13. Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
14. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye.
15. Edmund Gween
16. Natalie Wood.
17. It is the family name of an uncle and nephew, Luca and Andrea della Robbia, acclaimed sculptors in Florence, Italy, during the early Renaissance. From their workshop came exquisite ceramic wreaths sculpted with a floral motif in brightly enameled glazed terra cotta.
18. Her short novel "Silent Night," where the criminal trail begins under the tree in Rockefeller Plaza. ■

Personnel Actions: July 1, 2003, To September 30, 2003

Appointments:

SINE HOLLY	Nome	MARLENE LAVALLE	Anchorage	KEVIN M. KELLY	Anchorage
Court Services Officer	07/01/03	Administrative Clerk II	08/11/03	Court Services Officer	08/18/03
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Deputy Fire Marshall I	07/07/03	Administrative Clerk II	08/11/03	Administrative Clerk III	09/02/03
PAULA SODEN	Fairbanks	MARGARET BRUNER	Soldotna	GREGORY MCEWEN	Juneau
Administrative Clerk II	07/14/03	Radio Dispatcher II	08/15/03	Accounting Tech. II	09/11/03
SANDRA S. EUNICE	Anchorage	RANDY L. BURDINE	Soldotna	NANCY JACOBSKI	Juneau
Radio Dispatcher II	07/15/03	Radio Dispatcher II	08/15/03	Human Resource Tech. II	09/16/03
JESSICA REIS	Juneau	PIERRE BURKETT	Palmer	DANIAL SPENCER	Juneau
Administrative Clerk II	07/15/03	Court Services Officer	08/15/03	Director/Admin. Services	09/16/03
JOY E. CRAIG	Anchorage	JENELLE O'BRYANT	Anchorage		
Project Assistant	07/16/03	Court Services Officer	08/18/03	Transfer location:	
DANA MIDGETT	Juneau	LAUREN RAE JONES	Juneau	RYAN BROWNING	Homer
Administrative Clerk II	08/01/03	Human Resources Tech. II	08/20/03	State Trooper	07/01/03
MARGARET FOSTER	Talkeetna	LINDA BRANCHFLOWER	Anchorage	CHRISTOPHER JAIME	Nome
Administrative Clerk II	08/07/03	Corporal	08/25/03	State Trooper	07/01/03
KEVIN R. BAKER	Sitka	DOUGLAS BURTS	Anchorage	KENNETH ACTON	Glennallen
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Aircraft Pilot II	09/01/03	State Trooper	08/03/03
SHAYNE M. CALT	Sitka	DANIEL MCMONAGLE	Anchorage	DONALD STARBARD	Anchorage
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Accounting Clerk I	09/02/03	State Trooper	08/05/03
JASON M. CARPENTER	Sitka	MARY SWISHER	Kotzebue	JIMMY JONES	Talkeetna
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Administrative Clerk II	09/02/03	State Trooper	08/16/03
HENRY K.C. CHING	Sitka	BEVERLY FLETCHER	Juneau	ANGELA LANGSTON	Palmer
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Assoc. Coordinator	09/09/03	State Trooper	08/16/03
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State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Assoc. Coordinator	09/09/03	State Trooper	08/16/03
MATTHEW CUNNINGHAM	Sitka	DAVID SCHADE	Anchorage	ANCREW MERRILL	Bethel
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Division Director	09/09/03	State Trooper	08/18/03
JEFFREY DUHRSEN	Sitka	MICHELLE COLLINS	Anchorage	PAUL MCCONNEL	Cordova
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Criminalist II	09/16/03	State Trooper	08/19/03
ELIZABETH HADDAD	Sitka			JOANNA ROOP	Anchorage
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Transfer in:		Lieutenant	08/26/03
MARC HENDRICKSON	Sitka	JOHN F. BLYEU	Anchorage	JOSEPH WHITTON	Kotzebue
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Investigator I	07/01/03	State Trooper	09/01/03
JAMES KIMURA	Sitka	DOUGLAS GRIFFIN	Anchorage	JASON EAGLEY	Cordova
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	ABC Division Director	07/01/03	State Trooper	09/04/03
PRESTON KROES	Sitka	RICHARD FINNEY	Fairbanks	NELSON BALLARD	Anchorage
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Investigator I	07/01/03	Lieutenant	09/16/03
ARTURO LINCON	Sitka	JANE HANNAN	Anchorage		
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Administrative Clerk III	07/01/03	Promotion:	
AARON MOBLEY	Sitka	DAWN WILLIAMS	Anchorage	GREGORY N. GRAVES	McGrath
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Records/Licensing Supervisor	07/01/03	RPSO	03/01/03
JAMES NORTON	Sitka	HENREEDA JARMILLA	Anchorage	FRANCES KINNEY	Juneau
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Administrative Clerk III	07/01/03	Human Resource Manager	09/01/03
JOHN RHYSHK	Sitka	EDWARD KALWARA	Juneau	KRISTI JOHNSON	Anchorage
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Investigator I	07/01/03	Criminal Justice Tech. II	08/01/03
GREGORY PAELATERE	Sitka	GILBERT NELSON	Anchorage	SUSAN SPRAGUE	Palmer
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Administrative Assistant	07/01/03	Administrative Supervisor	08/01/03
JAMES WILCOX	Sitka	WILLIAM ROCHE	Anchorage	JOHN R. GLICK	Anchorage
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Investigator I	07/01/03	Captain	08/13/03
MICHAEL ZWIEFEL	Sitka	PAULINE THOMAS	Bethel		
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03	Administrative Clerk II	08/16/03		

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Lieutenant	08/14/03
NELSON BALLARD	Bethel
Lieutenant	08/16/03
JEREMIAH BAUM	Ketchikan
State Trooper	08/16/03
SCOTT BRIGGS	Palmer
State Trooper	08/16/03
EDWARD HALBERT	Palmer
State Trooper	08/16/03
ERIC LORRING	Palmer
State Trooper	08/16/03
JON MCENROE	Fairbanks
State Trooper	08/16/03
HAROLD C. MILLER	Soldotna
State Trooper	08/16/03
BRENDAN RUMPH	Juneau
Payroll Supervisor	08/16/03
CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL	Palmer
State Trooper	08/16/03
BRIAN ZEISEL	Fairbanks
State Trooper	08/16/03
MARTHA C. BOLAR	Anchorage
Administrative clerk II	09/01/03
AMY GAMBOA	Anchorage
Mail Services Courier	09/01/03
PAUL MCCONNELL	Cordova
Sergeant	09/01/03
ALICE PONCHO	Anchorage
Criminal Justice Tech. I	09/01/03
BONNIE CLOUSER	Anchorage
Accounting Clerk II	09/16/03

Promotion with transfer:

JOSHUA A. BENTZ	Sitka
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03
MICHAEL HENRY	Sitka
State Trooper Recruit	08/10/03

Transfer out:

SUSAN BROWNE	Juneau
Administrator VCCB	07/01/03
NORMAN LEAR	Juneau
Administrative Clerk III	07/01/03
AMY O'MARA	Juneau
Administrative Assistant	07/01/03

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Look For Us On The Web

By JEAN SHAINDLIN, PUBLICATIONS SPECIALIST

The December 2003 edition of the DPS Quarterly will be the final edition to be published and mailed. With the December edition, you can also see the first edition of the Quarterly presented electronically.

To find the electronic Quarterly, just go to the DPS Public Information Office webpage at: www.dps.state.ak.us/pio/ and click the link "DPS Quarterly."

As Editor of The Quarterly, it has been an honor for me to be able to place a copy of our publication on every desk and coffee table for which we've had a request. I concur with many "there is something

special about the feel of a publication when you read it." However, time indicates we need to make an effort to move forward with technology and to reduce the costs to our department.

I appreciate the comments, you our readers, have made over the years, and thank you for forwarding articles which were of interest to the department. Please continue to send in those comments and articles. You are still an important part of this publication!

And now, as the techno-savvy saying goes, "just look for us on the web." ■

With Regret

Retired Alaska State Trooper, **Abraham E. GreyBear**, passed away August 28, 2003, following a battle with cancer.

Trp. GreyBear joined the Troopers in 1975 and served until 1992. His four children have followed in his footsteps as law enforcement officers.

GreyBear was born in Poplar, Montana, October 3, 1945. He attended college and the Law Enforcement Academy. He joined the U. S. Air Force in 1963 and was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in 1964. When he retired from the Troopers, he returned to Montana where he continued his work in law enforcement as a lead detention officer. He was appointed an Associate Judge before accepting a position as the public safety officer, overseeing the law enforcement agency. He returned to Alaska in 1999 and worked as a security officer on the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline until he became ill.

Trp. GreyBear was buried in Copper Center, Alaska. Donations to the family may be sent to Wells Fargo Bank, account #1101941030.

Retired Trooper **Quentin Forrest Higgins** passed away September 6, 2003,

at the age of 60, in Tyler Texas, after a battle with cancer.

Trp. Higgins was born November 11, 1942, in St. John's, Newfoundland. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was part of the 95th Bomb Wing. He was discharged June 10, 1965, in Tacoma, Washington, with decorations of Outstanding Unit, Good Conduct, and U.S. Parachutist.

Trp. Higgins earned an associate's degree in police science and police administration. He was employed by the Fayetteville, North Carolina Police Department from 1971 to 1974. He then moved to Alaska and was an officer with the Palmer Police Department from August to December 1974. He joined the Alaska State Troopers on January 16, 1975, and served 20 years, retiring on April 30, 1995.

His family wrote: "He was a dedicated trooper and was honored as such with Trooper of the Year. He was a loving father, a devoted and loving husband, and loyal friend to many." He was buried in his Alaska State Trooper dress uniform.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Trp. Higgins' memory may be made to the Trinity Mother Francis Foundation, 611 S. Fleishel, Tyler, Texas, 75701. ■

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Hats off to our Future: Trp. "Howie" Peterson's, daughter, Remmi, just 5 days old, sits in Dad's trooper hat. (Read more B Detachment news beginning on page 7.)

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Lieutenant	07/31/03	JUANITA HENSLEY	Juneau
SAMANTHA SMITH	Anchorage	Special Assist. To Commissioner	09/16/03
Administrative Clerk II	07/20/03	MARGARET HAMLEY	Juneau
DARYL MAGNUSON	Big Lake	Program Budget Analyst IV	09/30/03
State Trooper	07/28/03	NORMAN HOOD	Anchorage
		Court Services Officer	09/30/03 ■