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Trooper First Class Gabriella E. Gagliardi, who is assigned to the North East Barrack, was named the 2021 Trooper of the Year.

Sworn, Civilian Employees Recognized For Outstanding Service

(TIMONIUM, MD) – Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III on April 20 announced promotions, presented awards for outstanding service and recognized employees of the year for the Department, culminating with the announcement of the statewide Trooper, Non-Commissioned Officer, Police Communications Supervisor, Police Communications Operator and Civilian Employee of the Year for 2021.

During a ceremony that recognized members of the Maryland Department of State Police for their outstanding service, Trooper First Class Gabriella E. Gagliardi was named Trooper of the Year and is

assigned to the North East Barrack. Sergeant Nicholas Iannucci of the Employment Services Section was named Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. PCS Arlene Major, of the Golden Ring Barrack, won Police Communications Supervisor of the Year and nominated for the second time in her Maryland State Police career.

The 2021 Police Communications Operator of the Year was awarded to Police Communications Operator II Krystle Flynn, of the North East Barrack and Ms. Frances Campbell was recognized as the 2021 Maryland State Police Civilian of the Year.

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AWARDS: Honoring Top Performers Of 2021

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“We are here today to honor the courage, dedication, and commitment of those who represent all that is good in the Maryland State Police,” Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III said.

“We are presenting awards for outstanding service and certificates of promotion. Both indicate a high level of achievement by the recipient.”

In 2021, Trooper First Class Gabriella Gagliardi was named North East Barrack Trooper of the Month three times.

In November, she was awarded with the Cecil County First Responders Award. Last year, TFC Gagliardi made 135 total criminal arrests and issued 464 citations while receiving numerous commendations from citizens for her professionalism during traffic stops.

Ranking number one at the North East Barrack with 86 adult drug arrests, TFC Gagliardi is frequently called upon to assist the Cecil County Drug Task Force with investigations and warrant services due to her extensive experience with illegal drug investigations. In her nomination, her barrack commander said this:

“Trooper First Class Gagliardi is the epitome of who a Maryland State Trooper should strive to be.”

Sergeant Nicholas Iannucci, the 2021 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, was acknowledged for his work as the Acting Commander in the Employment Services Section of the Human Resources Division of the Department.

In 2021, SGT Iannucci created the Department’s first ever virtual orientation that has since been utilized by thousands of men and women applying to become a Maryland State Trooper. Under his leadership, he was able to seat two Academy classes within one year, resulting in 75 new troopers hired.

According to Retired Lieutenant Colonel Frank Lioi, the Assistant Director of the Maryland State Police Human Resources Division, “SGT Iannucci is without a question an asset to the Human Resources Division, and to the Department. His work ethic and

demonstrated ability can be summed up as extraordinary.”

The 2021 Police Communications Operator (PCO) of the Year was awarded to Police Communications Operator II Krystle Flynn, of the North East Barrack. She was commended for her professionalism and for making the safety of the troopers her main priority.

This is the second consecutive year she has been nominated for her outstanding initiative. She ranked number one at the barrack for the entry and clearance of warrants and is known for her ability to multi-task even during stressful and demanding situations. Her compassion for others and calm demeanor give her the ability to effectively handle callers during life threatening emergencies.



Sgt. Nicholas Iannucci was named the 2021 MSP Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

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AWARDS: High Levels Of Achievement

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The 2021 Police Communications Supervisor (PCS) of the Year Arlene R. Major is a role model for all employees in many ways.

With nearly 13 years of experience with the Department, PCS Major portrayed the starring role in the Maryland State Police 100th Anniversary video, demonstrating her critical role as a PCS for the Golden Ring Barrack.

In 2021, PCS Major coordinated two time-intensive PCO interview processes in order to fill four vacant PCO positions. She completed this additional work while fulfilling her role as a dispatcher, calmly answering endless phone calls as the first point of contact for citizens in need of help.

The 2021 Civilian of the Year was awarded to Ms. Frances Campbell. Ms. Campbell is assigned to the Support Services Bureau as an Executive Associate.

Last year, she demonstrated a highly consistent level of dedication, expertise and outstanding performance which makes her a vital employee to the entire Department.

Additional awards were presented for lifesaving, being injured in the line-of-duty, and for outstanding performance in assigned duties.



Arlene R. Major was named the 2021 Police Communications Supervisor of the Year.



Police Communications Operator II Krystle Flynn was named the 2021 PCO of the Year.



Frances Campbell, who is assigned to the Support Services Bureau as an Executive Associate, was named the 2021 Civilian Employee of the Year.



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39 New Troopers Ready For Duty Following 153rd Academy Class Graduation

(REISTERSTOWN, MD) – As state officials and proud family members looked on, 39 trooper candidates on March 30 took an oath to serve and protect the people of Maryland as they officially joined the ranks during the graduation ceremony for the Maryland State Police 153rd Trooper Candidate Class.

Trooper Candidate Class 153 has completed 27 weeks of a residential police training academy, known as one of most intense and comprehensive state police training programs in the country. During six months of strict discipline and a demanding schedule, the trooper

candidates received instruction in criminal and traffic laws, emergency care, emergency driving, physical training, and scenario-based training that included de-escalation and conflict resolution.

“The troopers who are taking the oath today are capable of doing extraordinary things, and I have no doubt that the contributions of all of you will help make our already great MSP into an even more outstanding agency,” Gov. Larry Hogan said. “I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for choosing to serve and protect the people of our great state.”

“You have been trained by the best and you will be expected to uphold and exceed the standards set by those who came before you,” Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III said. “As you accept the incredible responsibilities and authority entrusted to you by the citizens of Maryland, I urge you never to forget that your mission is to serve and protect. You are now a public safety servant who is expected to courageously perform your duties, while upholding our core values of integrity, fairness and service.”

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GRADUATE: Troopers Join 'Maryland's Finest'



17 are enrolled in the concurrent Associate of Arts program with Frederick Community College and have been obtaining their degrees as they attend the Academy.

Following a brief period of leave, the new troopers will report to barracks across Maryland to begin eight weeks of practical instruction with field training troopers. Upon successful completion of that training, they will be permitted to patrol alone.

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During the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge in March, Academy Class 153 jumped into the Chesapeake Bay after raising nearly \$16,000 for Special Olympics. The 153rd Academy Class finished as the top fundraiser among other participating police academy classes. The 154th Academy Class, scheduled to graduate on July 22, 2022, also took the plunge and raised over \$10,000 for Special Olympics.

The president of Class 153 is John McNamee, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He previously served in the US Marine Corps where he earned the rank of Sergeant. He was honorably discharged after eight years of faithful service. After leaving active duty in 2007, he was hired as a police officer for the Temple University Police Department and later joined the Malvern Police

Department where he was twice named officer of the year.

Among the members of the class, twelve have prior military experience, three previously worked in law enforcement or corrections and four were Maryland State Police cadets. Two are certified paramedics and will be transferring to the Aviation Command following their field training. Nineteen of the recruits have college degrees and another

This is the 11th State Police Academy class to graduate during the Hogan Rutherford Administration. The next Maryland State Police trooper candidate class is already in training at the Academy. They are scheduled to graduate in July, 2022. For more information about a career as a Maryland state trooper, visit <http://mdsp.maryland.gov/Careers/Pages/default.aspx>.





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Child, Father Located Unharmed After Multi-Agency Search Ends In Carroll Co.

(WESTMINSTER, MD) – Maryland State Police located a missing 12-year-old child and his father in Carroll County after an coordinated search ended in Carroll County on April 12.

Christopher Geiger, 35, of Hampstead was taken into police custody without incident and the 12-year-old child was recovered unharmed at 10:40am on April 12. Charges are pending the outcome of the investigation and consultation with the Carroll County State's Attorney. Both were evaluated on scene by emergency medical services personnel and later transported to a hospital for precautionary reasons.

Geiger and his son were reported missing on April 11. The report was called into the Hampstead Police Department by the child's mother after he did not report to school. Police were advised that Geiger was reportedly operating a black 2021 Jeep



Wrangler and was last seen leaving the child's school on April 8 with the child. Due to information received during the investigation and grave concerns for the child's safety, an Amber Alert was issued.

At 5 p.m. on April 11, Maryland State Police located the black Jeep Wrangler unoccupied and parked in a farm field in the 100 block of Kate Wagner Road in Westminster.

An immediate perimeter was established to safely contain the scene near where the abandoned vehicle was found. A subsequent search of the wooded area was coordinated by Maryland State Police and allied

law enforcement agencies on the scene.

At 8:45 a.m. on April 12, the search ended after police located the father and son with a dog inside a shed about one-half mile from the abandoned vehicle. Moments later negotiators from the Maryland State Police Crisis Negotiation Team responded to make contact with the father. The father was taken into police custody and the child was safely recovered.

Maryland State Police from the Westminster Barrack responded to the scene along with personnel from specialized units from the Special Operations Command to include the

Special Tactical Assault Team Element (S.T.A.T.E. Team), and the Maryland State Police Crisis Negotiation Team.

Almost 100 people conducted an extensive grid search of approximately 1.5 square miles of ground. The 15-hour search was conducted by personnel from the Maryland State Police Mobile Field Force, Aviation Command, Special Operations Division, Westminster Barrack, Maryland State Police K-9 and ATV Units, dogs from Chesapeake Search and Rescue, ATV units from the Natural Resources Police, personnel from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, officers from the Hampstead Police Department, Maryland Department of Transportation Authority police, deputies from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Westminster Police Department, and personnel and volunteers from local fire departments.



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Western Troop Initiative Combats Distracted Driving, Seat Belt Enforcement Over Easter Weekend

(FREDERICK, MD) – Maryland State Police troopers from the Western Troop conducted a distracted driving and seat belt enforcement initiative over the Easter holiday weekend.

The Western Troop, which consists of the Frederick, Hagerstown, Cumberland and McHenry barracks, conducted the initiative between Friday and Sunday. The initiative centered on patrols across Interstate 70 and Interstate 68.

During the course of the initiative, the Western Region conducted 134 seat belt or distracted driving related stops. A total of 66 distracted driving or seat belt citations were issued. These stops also resulted in six impaired driving arrests, six drug arrests and one warrant arrest.

The initiative coincided with National Distracted Driving

Awareness Month. According to the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's Highway Safety Office, 181 people die and 26,704 others are injured each year in Maryland as a result of distracted driving.

It has been estimated that a person texting takes their eyes off the road for an average of five seconds. To put this in perspective, this is like covering the length of a football field while driving blindfolded if you are driving 55 mph.

Maryland law prohibits the use of a handheld cellphone and texting while driving. First-time offenders caught using a cellphone while driving face a maximum of an \$83 fine, second-time offenders a maximum of \$140 fine and third-time offenders a maximum of \$160 fine.

Drivers can also be fined \$70 and face one point on their driving record if caught texting while driving. If the use of a device contributes to a crash, the fine may increase to \$110 and three points on your driving record.

The increased enforcement effort against distracted driving comes after the passage of Jake's Law. In effect since 2014, Jake's Law is named after Jake Owen, who was just 5 when he was killed in a car accident caused by a distracted driver in 2011.

The law states that a driver causing serious injury or death while talking on a handheld cellphone or texting may receive up to three years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. These are primary offenses and police officers can stop drivers when those activities are observed, regardless of the presence of other violations.



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Aviation Command, U.S. Capitol Police Participate In Casualty Training Exercise

Last month, the Maryland State Police Aviation Command participated in a casualty training exercise coordinated and hosted by the United States Capitol Police (USCP). This event took place on the grounds of the United States Capitol in Washington, DC and was a coordinated effort amongst federal, state, and local agencies.

Over 50 role players from congressional staff and participating agencies were bandaged and used to simulate the injured. During the training event the U.S. Park Police Eagle 2 helicopter and Department of Defense (DOD) helicopters landed and performed the

simulated evacuation of the role players. D.C. Metropolitan Police, and Fairfax County (Virginia) Police provided aerial surveillance and coordination of all arriving helicopters.

Maryland State Police Trooper 2 helicopter, based out of Joint Base Andrews, landed and provided an overview of our medevac, law enforcement, and search capabilities. Trooper 2 has a strong working relationship with the United States military, which allows us to maintain a hangar on the base and work closely with our military professionals. Other agencies involved in the planning and training



included, U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. Park Police, U.S. Supreme Court Police, D.C.

Metropolitan Police, Fairfax County (Virginia) Police, Department of Defense, Health and Human Services, External Support Agency and D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served the citizens of Maryland since March 1970, and operates a fleet of ten August AW-139 helicopters from seven helicopter bases throughout Maryland on a 24/7/365 basis. Missions include medevac, law enforcement, search

and rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment.

The Aviation Command staffs each helicopter with two pilots and two Advanced Life Support Trooper Flight Paramedics. Our values are focused on safety, excellence, pride, honesty, respect, equality, integrity, commitment, teamwork, and leadership.

The success of all the missions performed by the Aviation Command depends a great deal on monthly, quarterly, and annual proficiency training and is a cooperative effort with allied agencies.





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MSP Accepting Applications For 2022 Youth Leadership And Career Development Seminar

(PIKESVILLE, Md.) – The Maryland State Police announced that the third annual Leadership and Career Development Seminar, a free event held to develop interest and introduce future generations of young men and women about the career opportunities with the Department, will take place in July.

Applications for the free event are still being accepted. The two-day, action packed seminar is free and will be held from July 29-31, 2022 at the Maryland State Police Training Academy in Sykesville. High school rising juniors and seniors and incoming college freshmen interested in starting a career in law enforcement – either sworn or civilian – are invited to learn about the Maryland State Police from troopers and civilian employees who specialize in a wide range of expertise.

The seminar is a way to identify young talent and foster a relationship with the community. The goal is to provide participants with hands-on experiences and an introduction to the Department's mission critical career opportunities.

Attendees will learn about emergency communications, fitness and defensive tactics,



facets of a career law enforcement, leadership, digital forensics/cybersecurity and details into our diverse civilian occupations. Troopers and civilian employees from various specialized units will be on hand to share their experiences about life as a state trooper or as a civilian employee in a law enforcement career. This will include representatives from criminal investigations, forensic sciences, police communications, information technology and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Along with this exciting opportunity, food and lodging will be provided on the campus of the Maryland State Police Academy. Each barrack commander will

select one applicant to represent their respective county, including Baltimore City.

To qualify for enrollment, applicants must submit either a two-minute self-taped video or a written essay to explain why they are interested in a career in law enforcement.

The deadline for applications remains open. For more application guidelines, please visit <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Careers/Pages/Youth-Leadership-Seminar.aspx>.

Questions about the seminar and the application process can be emailed to msh.youthprograms@maryland.gov.



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MSP Recognizes Police Communications Operators, Administrative Personnel

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — April provided Maryland State Police the opportunity to pay tribute to many of the vital employees who help ensure the department's mission of serving and protecting the public is fulfilled.

The first group to be recognized were the department's Police Communications Operators and Supervisors. This took place from April 10-16 as part of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Beginning in 1981, the week is a time to honor the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the world's citizens.

"Each day across our state, our police communicators are taking calls from distraught victims screaming into the phone, or disoriented drivers just involved in a crash, or a mother or child hiding from an abusive partner or parent," MSP Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III said. "Their ability to calm people down, ask and get answers to pertinent questions, and reassure victims that help is on the way is amazing."

On April 27, the department also took time to recognize the work of its many administrative professionals as part of National Administrative Professional Day.

The day is an opportunity to honor the professionals who keep an office running smoothly every day. Col. Jones said this is especially true for those who work in law enforcement agencies like the Maryland State Police.

"Most administrative professionals are organized and prefer order in their day," Col. Jones said. "Yet our administrative professionals are subjected to unpredictability and demands that can change minute to minute, depending on the crisis being handled by the unit, barrack or division they are in. Maryland Department of State Police administrative professionals are known for their flexibility and their ability to adapt to ever-changing situations."



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PHOTOS: Troopers Escort Remains Of Korean War Veteran Reported MIA Since 1950



Maryland State Troopers were among those who in April helped escort the remains of Korean War Veteran US Army Sgt. Roy Charles DeLauter. The Washington County native had been missing in action since 1950. His remains were among 55 returned by North Korea to the US in 2018. (Photos courtesy of Bill Green/*The Frederick News-Post*)





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PHOTOS: Troopers Escort Veterans On Honor Flight Trip To Washington, D.C.



On April 9, Troopers assisted US Military veterans from World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War who were part of the Honor Flight South Florida. The organization reached out last year and requested assistance from Maryland State Police with the detail. The veterans and Honor Flight South Florida were extremely grateful for the assistance.

