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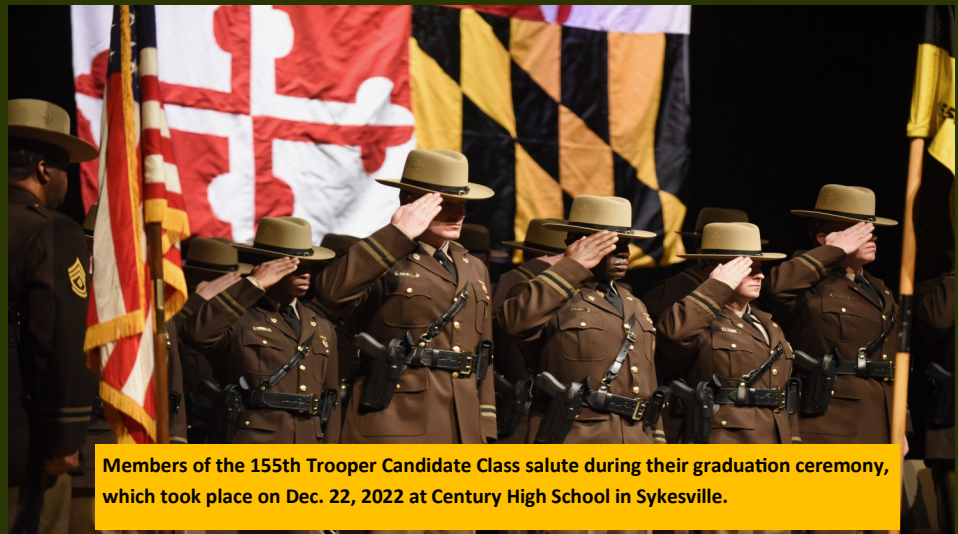
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Members of the 155th Trooper Candidate Class salute during their graduation ceremony, which took place on Dec. 22, 2022 at Century High School in Sykesville.

24 Troopers Join Ranks Of MSP In Final Graduation Ceremony For Col. Jones

(SYKESVILLE, MD) — Maryland State Police gained 24 new troopers following the graduation of the 155th Trooper Candidate Class.

The newest troopers included eight who entered the Academy with a college degree, three who had prior police experience and four who were military veterans. Six of the graduates were also enrolled in Frederick Community College and graduated with an associate degree in police science.

The graduation, which took place on Dec. 22, 2022 at Century High School, represented the 12th and final graduation class of the Gov. Larry Hogan administration. It also represented the final graduation class

for MSP Superintendent Col. Woodrow W. Jones III, who retired at the end of the year after a 35-year career in law enforcement.

“Every single day, we call on our troopers to stand on the front lines to put their lives on the line to protect the rest of us,” Gov. Hogan said at the graduation ceremony. “These are the risks that each of today’s graduates will face when they answer the call to serve.”

“As I travel across the state nearly every single day, I try to shake the hand of every trooper, law enforcement officer, or first responder that I see to personally and sincerely thank them for their service.”



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PHOTOS: 155th Trooper Candidate Class Graduation



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Maryland State Police Helicopter Crew Rescues Hunter In Dorchester County

(CAMBRIDGE, MD) – An injured hunter stranded near Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge was rescued Dec. 2 by a Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC) helicopter.

The crew from Trooper 6, assigned to the Easton Section, responded to the area of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge shortly after noon on Dec. 2. They were summoned to conduct the aerial rescue after Dorchester County emergency responders were called for a man that fell from a tree stand.

According to ground personnel, the man fell approximately 14 feet from a tree stand and required medical attention.

The Dorchester County Department of Emergency Services (DES) contacted SYSCOM and requested the Maryland State Police Aviation Command conduct the rescue due to the severity of the injuries and the remote location and marshy terrain.

Once at the scene, the crew from MSPAC's AW139 helicopter established communications with ground rescuers, who were providing medical care to the injured hunter. From overhead, the crew deployed a state trooper paramedic, who was equipped with medical equipment and rescue gear.

The trooper, along with Dorchester County ground rescuers, provided medical care and packaged the hunter for aerial extraction. The hunter, accompanied by the trooper paramedic, was then hoisted 80 feet to the aircraft. He was then flown by the crew of Trooper 6 to a trauma center, while receiving advanced medical care en route to the hospital.

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served Maryland citizens since 1970 and operates a fleet of 10 AW139 helicopters from seven bases throughout



the State. Each aircraft provides coverage 24/7/365 to Maryland residents and visitors.

The MSPAC missions include medevac, law enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of the missions relies heavily on the cooperative efforts of local fire, rescue, EMS, law enforcement agencies, and our partners at the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Park Police.





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Trooper Nicholas Kline, who is assigned to the Rockville Barrack, was recognized by the Washington Regional Alcohol Program for his effort to combat impaired driving.

Rockville Barrack Trooper Lauded For Effort To Combat Impaired Driving

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) — A trooper from the Maryland State Police Rockville Barrack was among 16 Washington-area police officers who were cited last month for their “outstanding commitment in the fight against drunk driving in Greater Washington.”

Trooper Nicholas Kline was presented with a Law Enforcement Award of Excellence for Impaired Driving Prevention at the Washington Regional Alcohol Program’s (WRAP) annual awards ceremony.

The annual awards, presented at a ceremony Dec. 16, 2022 at Maggiano’s Little Italy in the Tysons

Galleria, were bestowed by WRAP in memory of Metropolitan Police Department Motor Patrol Officer Anthony W. Simms. Officer Simms, as a result of injuries sustained while on duty, lost his life to an impaired driver during Memorial Day weekend in 1996.

“This year’s awardees represent the front lines in Greater Washington’s continuing fight against drunk driving,” said Kurt Erickson, WRAP’s President. “Their collective effort to annually arrest and remove over 10,000 drunk drivers from Washington-metropolitan area roadways has undoubtedly saved lives.”



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Maryland State Police Arrest Man On Drug Charges Following Traffic Stop In Garrett County

(MCHENRY, MD) – Maryland State Police arrested a man on drug charges following a traffic stop Dec. 7 in Garrett County.

The suspect, identified as Bryant Mikael Warren, 30, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is charged with felony drug possession, possession with intent to distribute drugs and related charges. He is being held

without bond at the Garrett County Detention Center.

At about 4 p.m. on Dec. 7, troopers from the Maryland State Police McHenry Barrack responded to westbound Interstate 68 at U.S. Route 40 for a report of a speeding and reckless vehicle. According to a preliminary investigation, troopers located the vehicle and con-

ducted a traffic stop. During the course of the traffic stop, troopers gained probable cause to search the vehicle and discovered 1,286 grams of suspected cocaine in the vehicle. Warren was arrested at the scene.

The case remains under investigation...



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PHOTOS: 2022 It's Kindertime Toy Drive



Maryland State Police were among the first responders from across the area who helped deliver toys to children who were sick and/or in need as part of the annual It's Kindertime Toy Drive. Troopers paid a visit to children at the Ronald McDonald House and the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore. Thanks Pete and Beverly O'Neal for spearheading this effort each year.



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PHOTOS: 2022 Shop With A Cop



Berlin Barrack



Prince Frederick Barrack



Troopers from McHenry to Berlin were able to spread some holiday cheer to families from across the state through their participation in various “Shop with a Cop” events. Maryland State Police partnered with allied law enforcement agencies, local businesses and community organizations to ensure as many children as possible were able to purchase presents for themselves and their family this holiday season.



Cumberland Barrack



Leonardtown Barrack

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PHOTOS: MSP In The Community



Troopers from the Maryland State Police Rockville Barrack helps handout medals following the Special Olympics state bowling tournament.



Major Jon Armiger receives a tour of the JEWELS School by Rabbi Yisroel Fuchs.



Trooper Neal and Master Trooper Bracken gave Cub Scout Pack 238 a tour of the Bel Air Barrack. Master Trooper Bracken also offered a K9 demonstration with K9's Pito and Charlie.



The La Plata Barrack, in conjunction with their allied agencies, collected over 7,500 pounds of non-perishable items for the Southern Maryland Food Bank .

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North East Barrack Troopers Provide Christmas Joy To Children Who Lost Their Parents

(NORTH EAST, MD) — Two troopers assigned to the North East Barrack worked extra hard to ensure three children who recently lost their parents had the best Christmas possible under the circumstances.

TFC Matthew Hughes and TFC Samuel Rogers raised nearly \$5,000 in two weeks in order to purchase presents and gift cards for the children, ages 17, 13 and 6. TFC Hughes and TFC Rogers felt motivated to help the children after they had to notify them

of their parents' death.

The children had already been worried prior to the troopers' arrival as their parents, Jessica and Nicholas Zeimer, had not returned home after celebrating their wedding anniversary.

At about 7:10 p.m. on Nov. 12, 2022, troopers from the Maryland State Police North East Barrack responded to east-bound Pulaski Highway at Old Elk Neck Road in Elkton, Maryland, for a report of a multi-vehicle crash. According to a preliminary investigation, a 2014 Hyundai Genesis was traveling east at a high rate of speed on Pulaski Highway when it struck the passenger side of Jessica and Nicholas Zeimer's 2010 Honda Civic as the driver attempted to make a left turn from west-bound Pulaski Highway onto Old Elk Neck Road. The driver of the Hyundai, identified as Cameron Doucette, 20, of North



Members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol helped deliver gifts to the children of Jessica and Nicholas Zeimer. The North East couple died on Nov. 12 after a crash and the children moved to Ohio to be with relatives.

East, Maryland, along with the Zeimers, were declared deceased at the scene.

Days after this tragedy, TFC Hughes and TFC Rogers began a project of their own initiative to try to assist the children with their first Christmas without parents, a date which was rapidly approaching.

The two began with the fundraiser, which allowed them to exhaust the children's Christmas lists.

TFC Hughes and TFC Rogers then liaised with the Ohio State Highway Patrol to have the gifts delivered to the two youngest children, who moved to Ohio to live with relatives.

The troopers then presented funds to the eldest child, who remained in Maryland to complete her senior year of high school.

The Maryland State Police Crash Team is continuing to investigate the crash.



TFC Hughes and TFC Rogers helped raise about \$5,000 to purchase Christmas gifts for the Zeimer family children.