New Video Highlights Historic Firsts Of The Maryland State Police

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — Since 1921, the Maryland State Police has provided the highest quality of law enforcement services to the people of our state.

As the department prepares to celebrate 100 years of service, it is important to remember individuals who were firsts in the Maryland State Police. They were pioneers in the department; people who blazed a trail and set the standards for others to follow.

The department is thankful for their service and sacrifice. To recognize these achievements, a video was produced and shown for the first time on Jan. 10 as part of the 99th anniversary celebration.

“We are taking time to recognize the legacies at the state police, including many of the people who were the first at some job, some position, or a rank representing diversity across the state,” Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel William Pallozzi said. “We have not done this in the past and it is appropriate to begin now, as we approach our 100th year, in order to reflect on important aspects of our history, like those who were the ‘firsts.’”

Among those highlighted in the video was Diane Kulp, who was in the first Training Academy class to include female troopers in 1974.

“I came on the job to be a trooper,” Kulp said. “I didn’t know I was in the first class with females until they told me I was. We all just wanted to be low-key. Fortunately, I served almost 30 years on the job. I’m proud to be a trooper. I love the Maryland State Police and I’d still be a cop today if they’d let me.”

To watch the video, visit: https://youtu.be/DCnYrEvONls
PHOTOS: Maryland State Police Celebrates 99th Anniversary

On Jan. 10, 2020, MSP members past and present gathered to celebrate the 99th anniversary of the department. The ceremony reflected on the Maryland State Police mission since when Gov. Albert Ritchie formed the department to the unique responsibilities of today. The ceremony remembered those troopers who made the ultimate sacrifice and looked toward the future and the department’s centennial celebration in 2021.
Safety Tip of the Month

Reminding people to buckle up while in a vehicle is something the Maryland State Police never grows tired of doing.

Buckling up is something that is so simple yet can save so many lives. In Maryland, an average of 120 people killed in motor vehicle crashes each year were not wearing their seat belt. Of those, 45 percent could have been saved simply by buckling up.

Overall, 36 percent of all people who died in traffic crashes were unbelted.

Each unbuckled person may receive a citation with a fine of $83.

Aviation Command Pilot Honored As ‘Hometown Hero’ By The Ravens

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — The Baltimore Ravens did not give the home crowd much to cheer about when they were upset 28-12 in the AFC Divisional Round against the Tennessee Titans.

But before the game, the Maryland State Police provided some positive news as one of the department’s helicopter pilots was recognized as a Hometown Hero.

Today, Claude Boushey plays a pivotal role in assisting with medevac calls, hoist rescues, searches and other missions associated with the Aviation Command. Before that, Boushay spent 25 years (1983-2008) serving in the U.S. Army.

Bouchay enlisted in the Army in 1983 when he was 17 years old. His service as a helicopter pilot included two peace-keeping missions, one in Haiti and one in Bosnia. He also had two combat deployments in Iraq.

Wounded in a crash in Iraq in 2004, he was told by doctors he would never walk again. Fifteen months later, Boushey was back in the air. He went back to serve in Iraq in 2006.

After retiring from the Army, Boushey wanted to continue his service to others, so he joined the Maryland State Police Aviation Command. He flies Trooper 2 out of Joint Base Andrews.

“It’s an honor and privilege to always serve and to continue to serve the state of Maryland flying medevac, too” Boushay said in a video released by the Ravens.
(DICKERSON, MD) – A Maryland State Police Aviation Command helicopter crew hoisted a 10-year-old child to safety after the child fell and was injured on rocks in Frederick County.

At about 2:25 p.m. on Jan. 12, Maryland State Police received a request for assistance from Frederick County Emergency Services Center to hoist a 10-year-old child who fell and sustained injuries after losing their footing on the rocks near the peak of Sugarloaf Mountain.

Maryland State Police Trooper 3, based in Frederick, Maryland, was dispatched for an extraction rescue personnel encountered treacherous and remote conditions with high winds. The helicopter crew configured Trooper 3 for an aerial hoist operation and arrived overhead. The pilots maneuvered the AW-139 helicopter into position approximately 85 feet above the rocky embankment. A state trooper/rescue technician was lowered to the scene to begin the preparation of the patient for the hoist evolution.

After the patient was assessed and placed into the secure hoisting device, both the patient and state trooper/rescue technician were hoisted up to the helicopter. Trooper 3 performed the 85-foot hoist extraction of the patient within 10 minutes of arriving on scene. Once the patient was secured inside the aircraft, Trooper 3 transitioned to its medevac role and transported the patient to the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington D.C. for evaluation and treatment.

The Maryland State Police Aviation Command has served Maryland citizens since 1970, and operates a fleet of ten helicopters from seven bases throughout Maryland on a 24/7/365 basis. Missions include medevac, law enforcement, search & rescue, homeland security, and disaster assessment. The success of rescues performed by the Aviation Command depends a great deal on the cooperative efforts of local fire, rescue, EMS and law enforcement agencies. The Maryland State Police Aviation Command would like to remind Marylanders to exercise caution while enjoying outdoor activities during these brief breaks in the winter weather.
(NORTH EAST, MD) — What started as nothing more than a desire to eat healthier a few years ago, has turned into an effort to assist a local restaurant manager in her time of need.

Heather Brunskill has been the manager of the Subway restaurant inside the Walmart near the North East Barrack for about five years. During that time, she became friends with many of the troopers who came in for lunch or dinner.

Unfortunately, Brunskill was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer, a reoccurrence of colon cancer she had suffered from several years prior. The sole provider for her family, which includes her disabled husband and teenage son, Brunskill was forced to take a leave of absence from work in mid-December.

Hearing this news, those at the North East Barrack stepped up to try and help Brunskill and her family. This included launching a GoFundMe page to help the family cover medical and living expenses.

North East Barrack First Sgt. Glen Peterson said there has already been considerable community support and they want to continue to help Brunskill and her family.

“The donations have allowed her to pay her rent through February, buy food, pay for transportation to and from treatment and for medical bills/copays,” First Sgt. Peterson said. If ever anyone needed and deserved some help, it’s Heather. She is kind, considerate, friendly and very hardworking.

For more information, visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-heather-crush-cancer
Troopers Among Those Recognized On Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — The Maryland State Police were among the many law enforcement agencies recognized both in the state and across the country on Jan. 9 as part of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

From community groups, to elected officials, to civilians, each took time to show officers they understand how difficult their job is and that they appreciate the sacrifice and risk they face every day.

Among those who expressed support for law enforcement was Governor Larry Hogan. In recognition of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Gov. Hogan met in Annapolis with state troopers, police officers and deputies from across the state to publicly thank all Maryland law enforcement for their service to our citizens.

“Time and time again, our state has called on our dedicated law enforcement officers and first responders, and every single time they have answered the call with no regard for their own personal safety,” Gov. Hogan said in a statement.

Maryland State Police Superintendent Col. William Pallozzi also took time to thank troopers for the positive impact they have each and every time they come to work and do their job protecting and serving the citizens of the state.

“I join Governor Hogan in expressing appreciation to each of you, both sworn and civilian, for your commitment to service as a member of the Maryland Department of State Police,” Col. Pallozzi said. “You truly make a difference in the lives of Marylanders each day across our state.

“January 10th was the 99th anniversary of our founding as a police department,” Col. Pallozzi continued. “Thanks to the service and sacrifice of each of you, we continue to provide the highest quality of law enforcement services available anywhere to the people of our state. Thank you for your commitment to excellence, your dedication to duty and your unyielding determination to always uphold the reputation of ‘Maryland’s finest.’”
Hagerstown Barrack Troopers Use CPR
To Save Life Of Man

(HAGERSTOWN, MD) — Two Maryland state troopers are credited with helping save the life of a man last month in Washington County.

At about 3:40 p.m. on Jan. 5, Hagerstown Barrack duty officer, Sgt. Ryan Shaffer, heard a fire call being dispatched reporting a cardiac arrest at a residence on Sharpsburg Pike in Hagerstown, Maryland. Sgt. Shaffer directed TFC. Timothy Bennett-Pincus to respond to the call. TFC. Bennett arrived on scene in about one minute, due to his close proximity to the address. Immediately upon arrival, TFC Bennett-Pincus began CPR on the male victim. Sgt. Shaffer soon arrived on scene to assist TFC Bennett-Pincus. TFC Bennett-Pincus continued CPR until emergency medical service crews arrived. Both troopers continued to assist at the scene until the EMS crew stabilized the patient and prepared to transport him to the hospital.

The victim was transported to Meritus Medical Center for treatment of the medical condition.

Investigation In Cecil Co. Results In Arrest Of Drug Suspect

(NORTH EAST, MD) – After a month-long Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) investigation into an interstate drug trafficking operation, Maryland State Police have arrested a Cecil County man on drug charges.

The suspect, identified as Jason Jones, Jr, 40, of North East, Maryland, is charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance and possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Troopers from the North East Barrack assisted with this arrest.

Troopers from the Maryland State Police, Criminal Enforcement Division, Special Investigation Section, along with investigators from the Maryland State Police Gang Enforcement Unit, Firearms Enforcement Unit, members of the Elkton Police Department and this law enforcement operation was made possible, in part, by funding from the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP), Maryland Criminal Investigation Network (MCIN). The Maryland State Police and the Elkton Police Department are active Cecil MCIN partners.

According to a preliminary investigation, Jones was arrested Jan. 22 in a residence on the unit block of Sycamore Drive in North East, Maryland. While serving a search warrant, investigators recovered approximately 148 grams of suspected crack cocaine.
Completing 2020 Census Forms Can Aid Federal Public Safety Funding for Maryland

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — While the U.S. Constitution requires the nation to conduct a national count of all living people, commonly known as a Census, every 10 years, it impacts the states in many important ways.

The Census determines representation in Congress and impacts local legislative districts. The population count is also the basis for funding critical programs and services and assists local decision-making for economic development, school construction and transportation projects as well as public health, public safety and emergency planning.

Every year, the federal government allocates more than $675 billion in funding based on Census data. From a public safety perspective, consider the following funding nationally from Fiscal Year 2015 alone:

- $1.93 billion for crime victim assistance.
- $1.72 billion for block grants for prevention and treatment of substance abuse.
- $475 million for block grants for community health services
- $94 million for family violence prevention and services/grants for battered women’s shelters
- $49 billion for safe and drug free schools
- $47.6 billion for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention allocations to the states.

Consider this: Every Marylander not counted in the Census costs the state approximately $18,250 over 10 years. This equates to the state losing $26.6 billion (based on historical U.S. Census undercount).

Completing your Census form ensures Maryland families, neighbors and communities receive the support they need to live, work, play and grow.

Filling out your Census form is easy and can be done in three ways, by mail, phone — and for the first time ever — online.

Remember, the U.S. Census Bureau must keep all information confidential, including a resident’s citizenship, income and other sensitive personal data. All Census information is private and protected by law in Title 13 of the U.S. Code with violations punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a $250,000 fine.

For more information on the Census in Maryland, visit census.maryland.gov.