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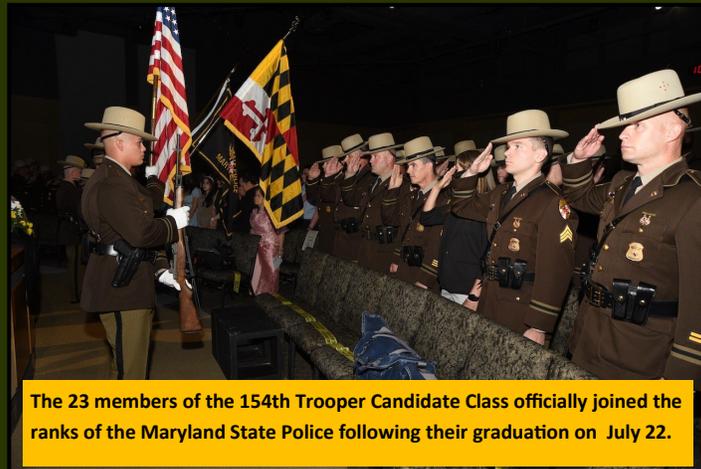
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The 23 members of the 154th Trooper Candidate Class officially joined the ranks of the Maryland State Police following their graduation on July 22.

154th Trooper Candidate Class Adds 23 Members To MSP Ranks

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — The ranks of the Maryland State Police grew by 23 last month following the graduation of the 154th Trooper Candidate Class.

Graduates of Class 154 were required to complete 27 weeks of a residential police training academy, which is widely recognized as one of the nation's most intense and comprehensive state police training programs. 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.

Four members of Class 154 are military veterans, eight previously

worked in law enforcement or corrections, five were MSP cadets, and three are certified paramedics. Eight graduates have college degrees, and 13 are enrolled in the concurrent Associate of Arts program with Frederick Community College and have been obtaining their degrees as they attend the academy.

“It has been one of the greatest honors of my time as governor to attend these trooper candidate class graduations and to be able to welcome so many incredible men and women into the elite ranks of the MSP,” Governor Larry Hogan said. “On behalf of all the people of an incredibly proud and grateful state, we wish each of you success, safety, and Godspeed.”



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PHOTOS: 154th Trooper Candidate Class Final Run, Graduation



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Maryland State Police partnered with the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration and allied law enforcement agencies to combat impaired driving over the July 4th holiday.

MSP, Allied Agencies Combine To Arrest Almost 100 Impaired Drivers Over July 4th Holiday

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – Enforcement efforts throughout the Independence Day weekend led to the arrests of almost 100 people who are suspected of driving under the influence.

From Friday, July 1, through Monday, July 4, police arrested 95 impaired drivers during regular road patrols throughout the state and a joint DUI saturation patrol focused on Route 50.

The full-time drunk driving enforcement team of troopers known as the State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort, or S.P.I.D.R.E. team, funded by the Maryland Highway Safety Office, also worked the initiative.

Troopers worked saturation patrols on I-695 in Baltimore County, I-70 in Howard County and I-495 in Prince George's and

Montgomery Counties.

In total, police issued 1,396 citations and warnings in these four counties during the initiative.

Maryland State Police, with the assistance of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Police, worked a joint DUI saturation patrol on Route 50 in Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties.

Together, they issued an additional 852 citations and warnings and arrested 14 suspected impaired drivers. Formed in 2013, SPIDRE is a specially trained team of five troopers who work in targeted areas in the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas, where impaired driving is a leading cause of death and injury.

Team members train other state police troopers and local law enforcement officers and partner with local police departments and agencies to reduce impaired related crashes throughout Maryland.

MSP and MDOT MVA's Highway Safety Office provide funding for this effort. Since its inception, SPIDRE has been responsible for nearly 4,000 arrests of persons suspected of driving under the influence.

"Impaired driving affects everyone on the road, not just the individual who made the poor decision to get behind the wheel," said Lt. Col. Roland L. Butler, Jr., Chief of MSP Field Operations Bureau. "We are committed to removing what are, undoubtedly, some of the most dangerous drivers on our highways."



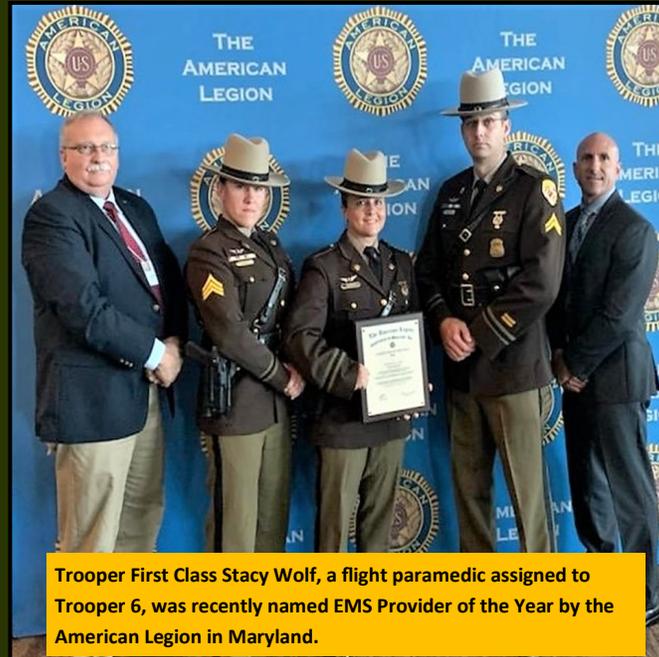
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Trooper Medic Lauded As Career EMS Provider Of The Year

(OCEAN CITY, MD) — A three-year veteran of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command was recognized last month by an organization that exemplifies commitment, service and sacrifice.

Trooper First Class Stacy Wolf, a flight paramedic assigned to the Easton Section – Trooper 6, received the prestigious American Legion Department of Maryland Career EMS of the Year Award during the veterans' organization annual convention here.

TFC Wolf obtained her National Registry Paramedic Certification in 2005; four years later, she joined Air Evac Lifeteam, the largest independent air ambulance service in the United States. In 2015, she moved to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to serve as the chief flight paramedic for Haiti Air Ambulance. Since becoming a member of the Maryland State Police, TFC Wolf continues to assist Haiti Air Ambulance.



Trooper First Class Stacy Wolf, a flight paramedic assigned to Trooper 6, was recently named EMS Provider of the Year by the American Legion in Maryland.

TFC Wolf graduated from the Maryland State Police 150th Trooper Candidate Class in 2019 and was assigned to the Westminster Barrack in Carroll County. TFC Wolf transferred to the Aviation Command in 2020 where she underwent a rigorous Rescue Technician Training Program.

Using her extensive background in airborne emergency medicine, she helped navigate other aspiring rescue

technicians through the challenging course. Upon completion of the initial training, she was assigned to the Salisbury Section – Trooper 4, where she excelled as a crew member and mastered the helicopter camera system used in law enforcement and search missions. TFC Wolf was transferred the Easton Section – Trooper 6 in August 2021, where she excelled and successfully completed the upgrade program to Flight Paramedic/Crew Chief. She then embraced an opportunity to serve

MSPAC recruiter and mentor for candidates in the MSP Academy. TFC Wolf is credited with recruiting three applicants, who are now in the ranks of the Maryland State Police. She also serves as an outreach coordinator, working closely with Queen Anne's County Emergency Services to bolster operational practices with the MSPAC.

Between January and March 2021, the Maryland State Police was tasked with creating and organizing Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics to administer 6,637 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine into the arms of Maryland State Police employees and allied agency personnel.

TFC Wolf was personally selected by clinic organizers due to her teamwork, efficiency and professional demeanor. She assisted with administering vaccinations during six different clinics across the State.



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Troopers Rescue Three From House Fire In Allegany Co.

(LAVALE, MD) — Two troopers helped rescue three people from a burning house last month in Allegany County.

About 4 a.m. on July 15, Senior Trooper Ersel Wilson and Trooper First Class Hunter McCue were patrolling in the area of the 1000 block of National Highway when Wilson noticed smoke nearby. The troopers soon responded to the 1000 block of National Highway, and saw fire coming from the rear of a home.

The troopers forced their way into the front of the home, woke up the occupants who were sleeping

on the upper level and got them safely out of the smoke-filled house. While all of the occupants escaped unharmed, two cats died in the fire.

According to a preliminary investigation by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, smoke detectors were present in the house, but failed to initially activate.

The two-alarm fire took 30 minutes to get under control and it took 56 firefighters to extinguish the blaze. The LaVale Volunteer Fire Department led the firefighting effort. They were

was assisted by volunteer fire companies from Corriganville, Ellerslie, Mount Savage, Frostburg, Shaft, Midland, Bedford Road, Bowling Green, Cresaptown and Ridgeley.

In addition, Allegany County Department of Emergency Services ambulances also responded to the scene

According to investigators, the preliminary cause of the fire was discarded smoking material on the rear porch.

The fire caused an estimated \$70,000 in damage to the home.



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Troopers, Cadets Support Fundraising Effort For Family Of Fallen Wicomico Co. Sheriff's Deputy



(SALISBURY, MD) — A group of Maryland state troopers and cadets worked with other allied agencies earlier this summer in Salisbury, MD to help raise money to support the family of a fallen officer.

The troopers and cadets gathered in support of the Blue Line Network on June 19 and helped raise \$7,022.37 in support of the family of Wicomico County Sheriff's Deputy Corporal Glenn Hilliard. Cpl. Hilliard was fatally shot while pursuing a suspect on June 12. Cpl. Hilliard, who was posthumously promoted from deputy first class, is survived by his wife and three children.

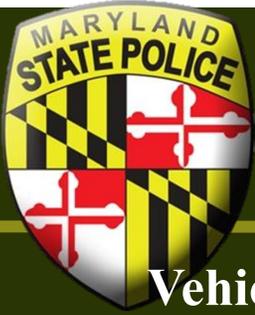
Along with helping collect donations for a memorial badge and blue line for the donors' vehicles, a handful of cadets worked non-stop and assisted FOP Lodge 111 with moving donations of water and food supplies that were constantly being dropped off for Cpl. Hilliard's funeral, which took place on June 21.

Those who assisted in this effort included:

- Sgt. Theodore Antal (Easton Barrack CED)
- Cpl. Michael Hubbard (CVED Delmar Scale House)
- M/Tpr. Ian Rola (Easton Barrack)

- TFC Brandon Strong (Centreville Barrack)
- Trooper Darren Black (Easton Barrack)
- Trooper Christopher Bekefi (Easton Barrack)
- Cadet Cade Quicho (Cecilton Scale House)
- Cadet John Henry (Cecilton Scale House)
- Cadet John Glessner (Cecilton Scale House)
- Cadet Seth Cross (Park & Ride Scale House)
- Cadet Colby Timmons (Delmar Scale House)
- Explorer Austin Glessner





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Vehicle Thefts Continue To Decline In Maryland, Work To Reduce Rates Further Continues

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – The number of vehicle thefts in Maryland declined for the fourth straight year in 2020.

However, work continues by the Maryland State Police, allied law enforcement agencies and the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council to reduce those rates even further in upcoming years.

This as July was National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month. In Maryland, a car is stolen every 49 minutes, while one is stolen every 39 seconds in the United States. In most cases, vehicles are stolen either for the resale or distribution of parts, for transportation

purposes, for the commission of other crimes, or for exportation.

One of the primary goals of National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month is to highlight how preventable most thefts are if people follow some basic steps. Overall, 50 percent of the vehicles stolen had the keys/key fobs left inside the vehicle while 60 percent of the vehicles stolen were left unlocked.

In addition, more than 66 percent of vehicle thefts occur at night and 95 percent of the vehicles stolen had no anti-theft devices. National surveys reveal that 33 percent of



drivers left their vehicle while it was running.

According to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, there were 10,683 vehicles stolen in Maryland in 2020, compared to 13,847 in 2016 and 38,194 in 1994, the year the Council was created. This represents a 68 percent decrease in stolen vehicles over that 26-year span. However, at the same time, there has been an increase in carjackings in recent years. Maryland recorded 1,015 carjackings in 2020, compared to 807 in 2019 and 731 in 2018.

To help drivers keep their

vehicles safe, the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council is continuing its annual awareness campaign during July. Vehicle theft is serious business. Consider the following:

- 810,400 cars were stolen in the U.S. in 2020.
- Only 56.1% of all stolen motor vehicles were recovered.
- 52% of stolen vehicles are not recovered
- Thieves can strip a vehicle of parts in 30 minutes or less. Approximately 25 to 40 percent of the cost of comprehensive auto insurance is due to auto theft.

YOU HOLD THE KEY? CHECK OUT OUR TIPS TO PREVENT AUTO THEFT.

Auto theft PREVENTION TIPS

Auto theft prevention is common sense, but not common practice. FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS to protect your vehicle and spare yourself the hassle and expense of having your car stolen.

STEP ONE: LOCK YOUR CAR, TAKE YOUR KEYS, EVERY TIME.

Develop good habits – consciously make the decision to double check that you have your keys as you walk away from the vehicle. No place is safe from theft, even your own driveway.

STEP TWO: DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNLOCKED, RUNNING AND UNATTENDED.

Whether you're just running out to grab a cup of coffee or warming the car up before leaving for work, it only takes a thief seconds to steal your car. It's illegal to leave a car running and unattended on a public road.

STEP THREE: DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR. Leaving cell phones, mail, garage door openers, wallets, computers, or other valuables in the car attracts thieves. Leaving mail and sensitive information in your car also leaves you vulnerable to identify theft. Leaving your garage door opener can also invite burglary to your home.

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