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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Several years ago the Steering Committee began developing an organization for ALL WSP personnel: troopers, administrative, clerical, inspectors, communications, chemical test, and PCO's. The Wisconsin State Patrol Alumni Association, Inc. (WSPAA) is now registered with the WI Dept of Financial Institutions and has a Board of Directors consisting of the Officers and Regional Representatives. The regions are based on the current regions of the State Patrol: Northwest (Spooner), Northcentral (Wausau), Northeast (Fond du Lac), Southwest (Madison) and Southeast (Waukesha).

Any current employee or any former employee of the State Patrol who has completed their initial probation or has honorably terminated their employment (if they are no longer employed) is eligible to be a member of the WSPAA, Inc. The dues are 15 per year for membership. Since the Sept. Academy kickoff 74 people have joined the WSPAA.

Thanks to Diane King's efforts, our website is at www.wspalumni.org. New information is being regularly added to the website. We have a quarterly newsletter which is distributed electronically. This is the 2nd edition of this document. Additional news information is distributed almost weekly to keep us informed about WSP activities. I personally feel much better connected to today's WSP, and it's good to see how the organization continues to be professional and productive.

The newsletter also gathers information about regional events such as breakfasts or other get-togethers and publicizes them so you can get connected in your area and within the State. In addition, we are planning regional activities in each region during the summer, so plan to come to one or all of them as you wish. If you know of additional activities being planned in your area, please let us know so we can distribute the information.

Tim Heffernan in the NW and Ruth Ferg in the NE Regions have stepped up to handle Regional Representative responsibilities in those areas. Currently we are looking for Regional Representatives for Regions 1 (SW), 2 (SE), and 4 (NC). If you are an organized, out-going individual who would like to be a part of growing the WSPAA, please contact President Bill Harvey at W401@aol.com.

The Regional Representatives will serve as a local contact for the WSPAA. They will coordinate a regional summer social event, work on membership additions and retention, submit newsworthy items to the WSPAA newsletter and maintain contact with the Regional State Patrol Commanders to coordinate activities when possible. The persons we are looking for would enjoy talking to people and reminiscing/remembering the "good old days"

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the WSPAA Membership Coordinator. All of our recruiting to date has been done by word of mouth or email. We need to expand this to US mail for those who do not have email. This person will work to establish and maintain a database of members and potential members, recruit new members and retain current members. Location of this person is not critical. This person will connect with the Officers, all Board Members, Regional Representatives and others to coordinate information and mailings. PC skills in word processing and spreadsheets would be very helpful. If you are interested in this type of volunteer activity, please contact President Bill Harvey at w401@aol.com.

As you can see, a lot has happened and it's only going to get better, so please pay your dues and join in as we develop our own WSPAA!

Bill Harvey, WSPAA President



Traffic Crash Investigation Training

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WSP ALUMNI & CCW

2011 Wisconsin Act 35 created a process for Wisconsin residents to obtain concealed carry weapon (CCW) permits. There has been a fair amount of interest in this law and the process for obtaining a permit for CCW. The new law took effect November 1, 2011. The Department of Justice (DOJ) is working diligently to implement this legislation. Emergency rules implementing the process and listing recognized out-of-state licenses are now approved.

This legislation is fairly complicated and already since the effective date, some things have changed. The best way for the WSPAA to provide information about the law is to guide members to the DOJ website where the information can answer your questions. The DOJ website for CCW is:

<http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/ConcealedCarry/ConcealedCarry.asp>

In this website there are many links to various aspects of the issue.

The law itself is 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 - <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/related/acts/35.pdf>

DOJ has assembled a rather large FAQ –Frequently Asked Questions section on their website. This can be found at: <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/ConcealedCarry/ccw-faq-20111020.pdf>

This section begins with an index. If you want to find the section dealing with permitting for **former law enforcement officers**, scroll down to that section.

We know the State Patrol is working on a process to work with former State Patrol Officers to obtain the CCW permit. This product should be released soon. We will distribute this information as soon as it is available. Until then, it is a good time to do your homework regarding everything that needs to be considered in the carry of a concealed weapon.

GET TO KNOW YOU BOARD MEMBERS

President Bill Harvey:

William A. Harvey grew up on a farm near Edgerton, WI and joined the WSP after serving as a Military Policeman during the Korean Conflict. A member of the 5th Class, Bill was assigned to Brodhead, Green Bay, Fond du Lac, and Wausau.

In 1968-69 he attended Northwestern University and majored in Police Management. He spent seven years as police chief at UW-Milwaukee and was then appointed the first Administrator of the WSP following reorganization of D.O.T. Bill lives in Wausau with his wife Lucy. Their daughter Katrina and son Bill live in Idaho, and their son David is an Inspector with the WSP.

Vice President Bruce Bishop:

Bruce grew up in Tomahawk and served with the Army in WWII. He joined the State Patrol in 1949 as one of 15 officers hired to increase the Patrol from 55 to 70. Five years later he was promoted to District Commander of the Eau Claire Area and upon expansion of the Patrol in 1955 became it's first Field Commander (Major). In 1965 Gov. Knowles asked Bruce to be the Director of Emergency Government and he eventually became the Governors Chief of Staff. Following a change in Governor's, Bruce worked for FEMA as a Regional Director from 1970 till his retirement in 1984.

Bruce is a retired Army National Guard Officer and attended Northwestern University and the FBI National Academy. He and his wife of 60 years, Pat, spend winter in Belleair Beach, FL and Summer in Tomahawk. They have five children, 12 grandchildren and one great grand child.

Secretary Janet Sabatke:

Janet was born in Wausau, WI, and moved to Madison as a very young child. She is a graduate of Madison Central High School and Madison Business College. She began her career with the Enforcement Division of the Motor Vehicle Dept. (alias WSP) in August of 1957. She worked for 1 Lieutenant, 4 Captains, 1 Major, 7 Colonels, and 4 Administrators plus helped out other supervisors totaling 26 staff members throughout her 38 ½ years with the WSP. Janet was promoted to Administrative Secretary to Director/Colonel L. E. Beier in September of 1960 and was in that position until her retirement in March of 1996. In 1995 she was invited to participate in the U.S. Dept. of Justice's FBI Professional Secretaries Seminar.

Janet enjoys traveling and has visited six continents, including all 50 USA states. She loves photography and working in her flower gardens.

Treasurer Lyle Bliss:

Lyle graduated from high school in Kingsbury, IN in May, 1957. He enlisted in the Army in Feb, 1958 and served until Nov, 1960. He worked several jobs until moving to WI and being hired as a police officer in Fond du Lac. He joined the State Patrol in 1964. He left the Patrol to work for the UWM as a Sgt from 1972 – 1979. He attended the FBI National Academy in 1974. In 1979, he lateraled back to the WSP as a trooper where he retired in 1993.

Since his WSP retirement he has worked as a security officer and part-time deputy for the Rock Co. Sheriff's Department. In recent years he was hired by Judge Richard Werner as his court bailiff. He retired again in Oct 2011.

On Sept 7, 1957, Lyle married his childhood sweet heart, Ruby. They have three children, nine grand- children, 3 great grandchildren and one more great grandchild expected in Feb 2012.

NOW & THEN!

Motor carrier enforcement has been a basic function of the Wisconsin State Patrol since the founding of the organization. Just as the motor carrier industry, commercial trucks and our highways have changed; so have the facilities used for motor carrier enforcement.

Most of us remember working trucks at a small, run down facility with a beam or dial scale. Now, newer facilities weigh trucks on the highway at highway speed. Facilities have a huge amount of technology. This article is to tell you about the newest Safety and Weight Enforcement Facility (formerly called scales) in Wisconsin. The article is written by Sgt. Gary Bauer, Inspector Sergeant, DeForest Post, SW Region. Thank you Gary!

The Beloit (LaPrairie) Safety & Weight Enforcement Facility (SWEF) #19 is located along westbound I 39/90 at m.p. 180 in Rock County. The Beloit SWEF is a port-of-entry facility, replacing the Utica SWEF in Dane County that was originally built in 1963. The new facility was constructed in 2007-08 and began operations on May 12, 2008.

The new \$8.4M, 11,300 square-foot Beloit SWEF replaces the one-room, 300 square-foot, functionally obsolete Utica SWEF that did not have running water or indoor toilet facilities. The new facility provides a workspace for State Patrol inspectors who work at the facility, customer service counter area, State Trooper workspace and restrooms for truckers and staff.

Trucks are weighed on the Interstate approximately one mile south of the facility while traveling at highway speeds. Trucks that are overweight are directed into the scale. They are weighed again on the ramp into the scale. If the trucks weights look good they are directed to bypass the static scale; if overweight they are directed to the static scale platform.

Inspectors can also program a certain percentage of trucks to be directed to the scale platform at random regardless their weight.

A digital photograph is taken of all vehicles that pass the weigh-in-motion on the main highway. As trucks are directed into the scale, a photograph is sent to the Inspectors computer at the observation area. That way he/she can tell what trucks should report. The speed of the truck, measurements of all its axles, its weight, including information on whether it was following too close, is all displayed with its photo. The computer will alert the Inspector as to whether the truck was overweight or at legal weight, or if it was selected for a random inspection.

The advantage of the weigh-in-motion system is that it allows more efficient use of limited personnel. Only trucks that are overweight or selected at random are directed in. Trucks that are empty or legal can bypass the scale which means less down time for the trucking industry waiting in line to be weighed as was the case with the old system.

The Inspectors of today have to be versed in the laws and technology related to the trucking industry. They also need to be computer savvy. They use many web based computer sights and programs in their course of work, in addition to traditional law enforcement duties.

The new facility features a number of modern safety and enforcement features, including:

- strategic port-of-entry location
- operations area with 180°+ field of view of the Interstate, ramps and parking area, workspace and counter area for customer service,
- interview room for private meetings with customers
- multi-purpose room for staff meetings, conferences, training and breaks
- indoor, two-bay truck inspection building with inspection trenches
- weigh-in-motion scales on the Interstate and on the inbound SWEF ramp, PrePass, an automatic vehicle identification system that can allow pre-approved vehicles to bypass the weigh station
- triple-deck static weigh scale for efficient, legal truck weighing
- 21 parking stalls available for trucks
- 24/7 truck parking and restrooms available for drivers to meet their mandated rest requirements
- weather information and vending machines

- virtual weigh station located on I-43 which can be accessed by officers in their cars or at the Beloit SWEF. The system sends picture and weight of trucks headed north on I-43. Log on at and take a look.
- Two performance brake test devices (PBBT), one for each bay in the garage, The PBBT measures braking efficiency on commercial vehicles.

There are currently 9 WSP Inspectors assigned to the Beloit SWEF, and one Motor Carrier Sergeant. Retirees and friends of the State Patrol are encouraged to stop in for a tour if interested. Call Sgt. Gary Bauer at (608) 219-9272, or stop in, introduce yourself, and ask one of the Inspectors for a tour.

THE OLD:



Dickeyville Scale 1953



1953—Truck driver with Capt Lorin Briese

THE NEW:



Beloit SWEF



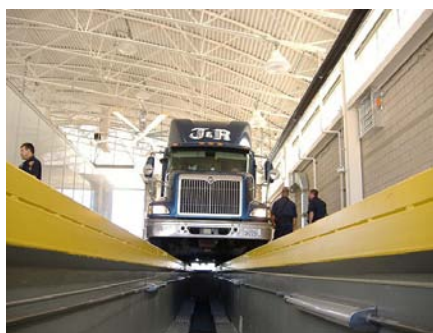
Mainline Weigh in Motion and Pre-Pass Communications Tower



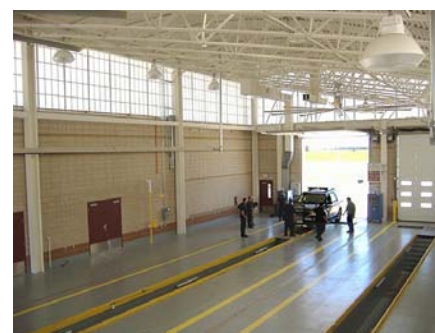
Inspector Operations Area



Brake Test Roller



Truck Inspection Pit



Inspection Bay Entrance

Visit our website: www.wspalumni.org

EVENTS

- **March 23, 2012** - 58th Recruit Class Graduation.
- **September 14, 2012** - 2012 WSP Alumni Luncheon planned, Wisconsin State Patrol Academy.

Regularly Scheduled Gatherings:

- **First Thursday of the Month** - Anyone retired from the State Patrol is invited. This is an informal gathering, no reservations needed, just show up at 9:00 am at the Green Lantern, McFarland, WI.
- **Last Thursday of Even Numbered Months** - WISDOT/DNR Retiree Breakfast at 9:30 am at "The Prime" in Trego, WI. Contact Tim Heffernan (tprtim@charter.net).

If you know of additional events or gatherings of State Patrol alumni, please let us know so we can post it for all to see or attend. Send these items to bjyoung@charter.net. Remember this newsletter is printed quarterly March, June, September and December. Send items in as soon as you hear of them. Thank you.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFO

OFFICERS:

Bill Harvey, President
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Janet Sabatke, Secretary
Lyle Bliss, Treasurer

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Vacant

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Name: _____

Street address: _____

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E-mail: _____

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Last or Current DSP Assignment: _____

Rank: _____

Dues Paid : _____ (Full & Associate Members: \$15/year)

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