



## *WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER*

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:**

I am proud to have been in law enforcement. I am proud to have been a member of the Wisconsin State Patrol. When I hear the words “the thin blue line” or see the flag representing it, I think of family. My father was a Trooper and my brother is currently a Sgt. at the Academy, but when I say family I also mean each one of you. I am talking about the entire law enforcement community, whether they wear blue, brown, grey, green, maroon, or any other color. I have a feeling of kinship and closeness because we all share common training and working conditions. I knew that we had to rely on each other for our safety and well-being. The sense of family stays with me even in retirement. I would help a fellow law enforcement officer (sworn or non-sworn) if they needed it.

The thin blue line is what protects good from evil. The thin blue line flag should represent support of law enforcement. It should not be twisted to represent a political party or any special interest group. If you are a bad cop, a racist, think you are above the law or expect special treatment, you do not get to stand behind the “line” or flag for protection. I think it is that simple.

I encourage you to think about these questions and answer them for yourself.

- What does the thin blue line mean to you?
- Why is the thin blue line flag so controversial right now?
- Do the words and the symbol mean different things?

Take care of yourself and stay healthy,

Mary

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic the WSPAA board did not meet in the last quarter.

However, Treasurer Linda Woldt reports our checking account balance is at \$18,015.36.

Merchandise coordinator Ruth Tiry reported that currently sales are slow and that the gold challenge coins are sold out. Ruth reports that challenge coins and window decals are our best sellers.

**WSPAA Elections Results:** The WSPAA by-laws state in Article 8, section 2(b) **If there is only one (1) candidate for a position that sole candidate is appointed by acclimation and without election.**

Candidates were asked to contact Secretary Kim Hurley by November 10, 2020 if interested in the President or Secretary positions. Mary Sander advised she would seek re-election for President. Kim Hurley advised she would seek election for Secretary. There were no other candidates. The by-laws were followed. Mary will remain President and Kim will remain Secretary.

## **WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER THE PATROL:**

### **1. Floyd Branchfield -Retirement Bio**

After my retirement from the Wisconsin State Patrol I pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The vast number, and serious extent of injuries I experienced on the road as a State Trooper, directly influenced my pursuit of a career in nursing.

While enrolled in the four year College of Nursing program, I worked evenings for the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh police department as a “police radio dispatcher.” Additionally, during one summer free of educational pursuits, I obtained my private pilot’s license through enrollment at Sentry Aviation flight school in Stevens Point.

Following graduation from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, College of Nursing, I was offered and accepted a Psychiatric nursing position on the forensic admissions unit at Winnebago Mental Health Institute, north of Oshkosh. Coincidentally, I began my second career working for the State of Wisconsin. After working a number of years in mental health nursing I accepted a lateral transfer to the Oshkosh Correctional Institute, a medium security prison in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. There I joined the Correctional health team in providing health services to the inmates incarcerated at that facility.

After working for the Department of Corrections for a number of years, I promoted to a supervisory position as Health Service Unit Manager at Fox Lake Correctional Institute, a medium security prison near Waupun, Wisconsin. While supervising the Fox Lake unit I was asked by the State Correctional Health Office to also provide temporary supervision to the Health Service Unit at the maximum security Green Bay Correctional Institute.

I accepted the challenge of supervising two correctional health service units simultaneously. Over a six month period I divided my supervisory responsibilities between Fox Lake and Green Bay Correctional Institutes. During that period of time I also instituted a new policy and procedure at both institutes to cross train all of the nurses to provide health services to the minimum security correctional camps affiliated with each prison.

Following a rewarding career in correctional health I returned to the Winnebago Mental Health Institute to create and operate an Employee Health Clinic. Within two weeks of my hire date the Employee Health Clinic was open and fully functional. At a later date, I was joined in the Health Clinic by a licensed physician. As a team, the physician and I performed new employee physicals, provided emergency care for patient induced staff injuries, conducted annual tuberculosis screenings on all employees, administered annual employee influenza vaccine, and more.

While Employee Health Nurse I was also responsible for administering the hospital's Infection Control program. This included coordinating an internal infection control team as well as collaborating with and supporting our sister facility, Mendota Mental Health Institute in

Madison. I'm proud to state that in the number of years I held the role of infection control practitioner, WMHI passed every periodic Joint Commission infection control survey with flying colors.

Throughout the years I operated the WMHI Employee Health Clinic, each semester I provided an on-site clinical experience for 35 UW-Oshkosh nursing students. I supervised students as they provided immunizations, gave TB skin tests, drew blood and performed other clinical nursing skills.

I formally retired from State service in 2001 and was hired by Wisconsin Physician's Services (WPS) in Madison, Wisconsin. In that role I managed the process of screening physician billing practices for Medicare Part B in the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois. I managed a team of 35 RNs, four nursing supervisors, three Program Assistants and a social worker.

I retired from my executive position at WPS in 2007. In 2015 my wife, Jane, retired from a 32 year career with the State of Wisconsin, at which time we moved to Hawaii Island where we now enjoy our retirement years.

2. After retiring from the WSP I enjoyed retirement for several months before going back to work. I went back to work at Badger Bus lines as a training coordinator. And my other responsibility was to drive the big yellow school bus. That came to an abrupt end due to COVID. So it was back to enjoying retirement. Kim Hurley

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I retired to Lake Havasu City, AZ and just retired again [February 29, 2020](#), after twenty years as property manager for a 72 unit condominium association. It wasn't a 9 - 5 job so had plenty of time to use our pool, boat, or just relax with my wife and German Shepherd in the beautiful weather out here. I have a restored 66 Pontiac GTO

convertible with 3 deuces and a 4 speed and also I'm the treasurer for our Havasu Classics Car Club.

Never a boring time. Frank Van Horn

4. Planned to go to work, but so many projects going that I never made it. Did a lot of horse camping and rode year-round till 4 years ago...sold horses. Spend most of our time up north. Fish, hike, bike, drive a street rod I built. In winter we snowshoe and work on a train layout. We both belong to American legion honor guard post 451. Lot of activities there. Said I would never wear another uniform...oh well. Wife and I are both chaplains and Historians. Forgot...we ran a 2 acre farm garden which included 7 varieties of winter squash...for about 8 years. ETC.. 🇺🇸 🇨🇦 🇨🇦 Dick Nelson

**JEFFERSON COUNTY, Wis.** - Jefferson County District Attorney Monica Hall announced on Tuesday, Feb. 16 that the actions of law enforcement officers resulting in the death of Joseph Crawford-Lamal on Dec. 9, 2020 were lawful and reasonable acts of self-defense. Therefore, there will be no criminal charges in relation to the incident.

According to the DOJ, at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, Wisconsin State Patrol attempted a traffic stop for speeding on Highway 26 between Watertown and Johnson Creek. One driver and one passenger were inside the vehicle. The vehicle stopped for a short time, and the only passenger fled the vehicle, then the vehicle fled the scene. The passenger was later apprehended.

Wisconsin State Patrol pursued the vehicle. While pursuing, the individual inside the car fired shots from the vehicle at law enforcement. The vehicle continued southbound on Highway 26, road spikes were deployed, and the vehicle struck them. The vehicle exited Highway 26 at Highway 12 and came to a stop in the median. The driver exited the vehicle with a handgun and attempted to carjack a civilian, according to the DOJ. Three Wisconsin State Patrol Troopers then discharged their weapons and struck the subject. Law enforcement began life-saving measures on the driver. However, the driver, Joseph Crawford-Lamal, died of multiple gunshot wounds at the scene.

DCI led this investigation and was assisted by Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, and the DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services.

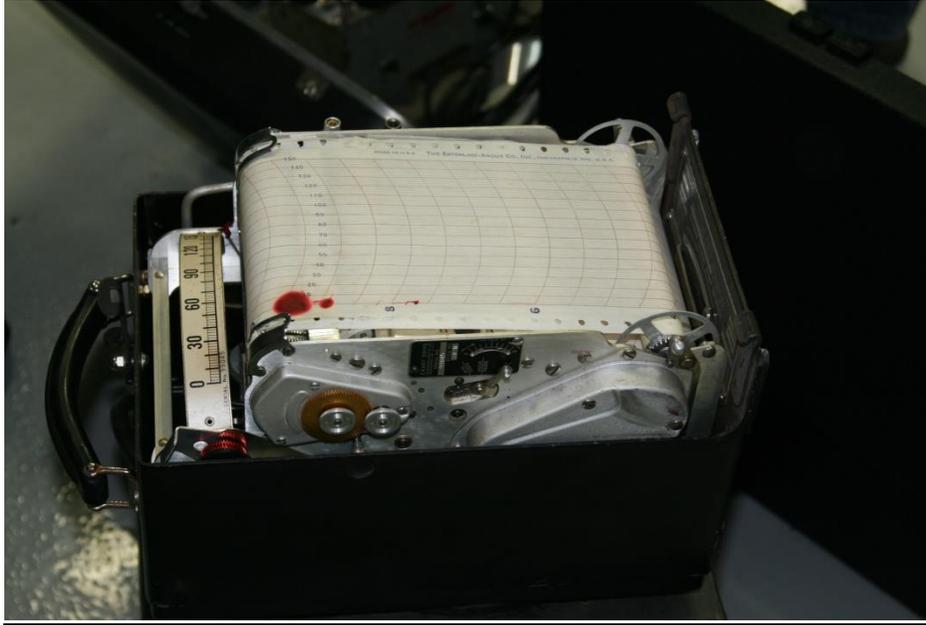
## 2020 Deaths:

1. Herbert Hoehn – died 1-19-20, survived by his children; Jim, Lynn, and Jeni. Herbert was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> recruit class, badge #129.
2. John M Bartol – died on 1-30-20, survived by his wife Mary. John was a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #269.
3. Brian Turner – died on 2-12-20 at the age of 63. Brian is survived by his 2 brothers and 3 children; Michael Turner, Nathan Gilliam and Stacey Ferkin. Brian was a member of the 36<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #826.
4. Gary Duffenbach – died on 2-15-20 at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife Carol, daughter-Degra and Son Christopher. Gary was a member of the 16<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #503.
5. Jack McMahon – died on 2-26-20 at the age of 54. Jack is survived by his wife-Margaret, and Daughters Hannah & Maddy. Jack was a member of the 44<sup>th</sup> recruit class badge #'s 1786 & 2199.
6. Thomas Harris – died on 3-5-20. He is survived by his daughters Monica, Terie, and sons Thomas, Lance & Patrick. He was a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #326.
7. Leo Sendelbach – died on 3-29-20 at the age of 89. Leo is survived by his sons Pete, Mark, Joe, Mike, Tim, and Greg. He was a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #326.
8. Douglas Hearley, age 66, died on 3-30-20. Doug was a communication tech. He is survived by his children Henry & Molly.
9. Joseph Gustafson – died on 4-30-20 at the age of 81. He was a member of the 22<sup>nd</sup> recruit class, badge #725. He is survived by his wife Cheryl, Daughters Jody & Janice.
10. Francis Honish – died on 5-28-20 at the age of 93. Francis is survived by his children Mary Alice Eisenfeld, Denise Krystek, Patricia Critton, Kathleen Giebel, Maureen Honish, Debbie Thompson, Mark Honish, and Chris Honish, 19 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> recruit class, badge #130.
11. Gerald Voss died on 6-23-20 at the age of 80. He was a member of the 11<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #381, He is survived by his wife Pam and sons Derek & Brian.
12. James A Gruentzel died on 7-12-20 at the age of 90. He was a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> recruit class, badge # 67. He is survived by his wife Betty, daughter Kathy and son Dick.
13. Ralph Hall Jr., died on 8-29-20, at age 87. He is survived by his wife Marlene and children Mike, Mark & Melissa.
14. Rodger Palmcook died on 8-23-20, at the age of 85. He is survived by his son Daniel and daughter Judy. Rodger was a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge # 227.

15. Donald Dudley, died on 8-27-20, at the age of 91. Donald was a radio tech (car 300) in Marshfield. He is survived by his wife Mary and children; Daryl, Debra, Dixie, Danny, Diane, and Dena.
16. Michael Borkavec, died on, at the age of 67. Mike was a member of the 29<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #'s 918 & 1475. He is survived by his wife Carol and children Lisa, Tony, Nicholas & Jerry.
17. Robert Roehl died on, at the age of. Robert was a member of the 14<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #464.
18. Norm Venden died on, at the age of. Norm was a member of the 35<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #'s 1607 & 2193. Norm is survived by his wife Linda.
19. Gerald H. Striegel died on 9-30-20, at the age of 88. Gerald was a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> recruit class, badge #151. He is survived by his sister Mary Lee Schneiderhan.
20. William R Werbeckes, age 86, died on 10-27-20. He was a member of the 13<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #437. He is survived by his wife-Bette and children Carrie & Liz.
21. Bruce Bishop died on 11-6-20 at the age of 97. Bruce was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> recruit class, badge #7. He is survived by his wife Pat and 5 children.
22. John C Reich age 89, died on 11-15-20. He worked in Chem test. He is survived by his sons John & Paul and his daughters Sally & Jackie.
23. Bernard (Bernie) McKinnon died on 11-17-20 at the age of 83. Bernard was a member of the 12<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #401. Bernie is survived by his wife Pat, sons; Mark, Mike, Scott and Steve.
24. Ronald C. Disher age 77 died on 11-18-20. Ronald was a member of the 18<sup>th</sup> recruit class, badge #540. Ron is survived by his wife Karin and children Peter & Susan.
25. Bryce Gardner age 97, died on 12-17-20. Bryce was a member of the 13<sup>th</sup> recruit class. Bryce is survived by his wife Doris.

## **2021 Deaths**

1. Margaret Kmiotek – died on 2-5-21 at the age of 100. She was a secretary at Hill Farms. Survived by her children; Stephanie, Michael, and Linda.
2. Don Bloedow – dies on 2-10-21 at the age of 86. Don was a fleet manager for 25 yrs. Survived by his son Steve, Don's brother – Robert and Don's sister – Ruby.



**Did any of you operate either of these devices?**

If so please share your story with the rest of us.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ *New member*      \_\_\_\_\_ *Membership Renewal*

**Membership year runs from January 1, through December 31.  
Deadline for renewal of your 2021 membership is March 1, 2021.**

***Please provide all information requested below. Thanks.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Current DSP Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired/Separated (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Rank/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruit Class # \_\_\_\_\_ Badge# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Member: \$15.00/year or \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member: \$15.00/year

*If you wish to pay multiple years, you may do so by multiplying the number of years by \$15.00.*

**Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your check payable to: WSPAA, Inc. and return this form along with your check to:  
Linda Woldt, 3120 Breeze Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590.**

*For Inquiries on your Membership, please contact:*

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Or

President: Mary Sander ([mambear6615@gmail.com](mailto:mambear6615@gmail.com)) 715-222-3524

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EMBROIDERED T-SHIRT	ADULT SIZES		HEATHER SPORT  ROYAL		\$15.00	
11 OZ. CERAMIC COFFEE CUP					\$7.00	
20 OZ. TRAVEL MUG (Tumbler)					\$13.00	
CHALLENGE COIN - GOLD				<b>SOLD OUT</b>	\$10.00	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
CHALLENGE COIN - SILVER					\$10.00	
WINDOW DECAL					\$5.00	

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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