

*I wanted to drop you a note to thank you for your dedication and work involved in Trooper to Trooper. Communicating with active and retired members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and all those who support our mission, is critical to our success. I cannot put into words how proud, honored, and privileged I am to be a part of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. I will always keep in the forefront of my decisions those who sacrificed so much to produce a rich history. There is simply no better purpose than within the mission of the Patrol. Below are a few highlights of my remarks at today's event with Director Thomas P. Charles and Governor Elect John Kasich. As we move closer to January 10, 2011, more specific plans about what lies ahead will be communicated to both active and retired members. "Beginning January 10th, we're going to do what the highway patrol has done for almost 80 years, and that's contribute to a safer Ohio. It is that simple. It is that foundation on which we were founded in 1933." "We won't allow individual misconduct to become organizational misconduct. We're going to focus on the basics of public service and embrace our core values. We're also going to ensure that we're doing the things that the public wants, reducing crashes, reducing fatalities, reducing crime on our highways".*