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Christine Burkett Joins the GTSB Staff

GHSA Board Appointee

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Christine Burkett has joined the staff of the GTSB as the new State Programs Administrator. Christine was formerly the Outreach Coordinator for Proteus, Inc. an organization providing farm workers, immigrants and others with a variety of services. Christine is fluent in Spanish and has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Central College, Pella.

Welcome Christine!

Buckle Up Iowa



Every Trip - Every Time

Mike Laski, Director of the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau has been appointed to the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) Board as a Member At Large. The Association represents the highway safety programs of states and territories on the "human behavioral aspects" of highway safety. Areas of focus include: occupant protection, impaired driving and speed enforcement, as well as motorcycle, school bus, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and traffic records. GHSA's mission is to provide leadership in the development of national policy to ensure effective highway safety programs. The Association provides a collective voice for the states in working with Congress and the federal agencies to address their safety challenges. Mike has previously held various positions on the board.

sSTEP Waves 2005

November 21 - 27

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| Iowa seat belt use | 86% |
| Goal | 95% |
| Midwest ranking | # 2 |
| U.S. Ranking | # 12 |

Calendar

2005

October 23-31
Red Ribbon
Week

November 21-
27
sSTEP Wave

November 23-
27
C.A.R.E.
Thanksgiving
Weekend

December 1-31
National Drunk
and Driving (3D)
Prevention
Month

December 16-
18
C.A.R.E.
Lifesaver
Weekend

2006

March 22-23
Iowa Governor's
Highway Traffic
Safety
Conference,
Cedar Rapids, IA

April 9-11, 2006
Lifesavers 24,
Austin, TX



2005 Drug Recognition Expert Class

Back Row: Bill Welch, Iowa City PD; Charles Pepples, Boone PD; Shawn Morgan, University of Iowa PD (*First in Class*) Danny Howard, Clinton PD; Rick Williams, Corydon PD; Lee Lang, Missouri Valley PD; Mike Kenyon, Humboldt PD

Middle Row: Keith Glosser, Appanoose County SO; Andrew Whitaker, Keokuk PD; Dave Schultz, Ames PD; Luke Wilson, Des Moines PD; Ray Eickholt, Storm Lake PD; **DRE Instructor:** Craig Porter, Johnston PD

Front Row DRE Instructors: Garey Bryan, Des Moines PD; Jagat Sandhu, DCI; Marc Griggs, ISP; Denny Becker, DRE Program Manager, GTSB; Russ Belz, Story County SO; Course Administrator Shawn Sharp, University of Iowa PD

The 2005 Drug Recognition Expert Class was held September 12 – 23 in Ames, Iowa. As a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), an officer is able to determine if a subject is impaired and unable to operate a motor vehicle in a safe manner. The DRE rules out medical reasons for impairment. After a 12-step evaluation, the DRE determines which category of drugs is influencing the subject at the time of the evaluation. He is able to determine if there is abuse of prescription, over the counter or illegal drugs; and if the subject is Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (OWI). Many individuals can be cited for possession or delivery of drugs.

The certification phase will be held at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Phoenix, Arizona during the month of October.

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Governor's Traffic Safety Summit

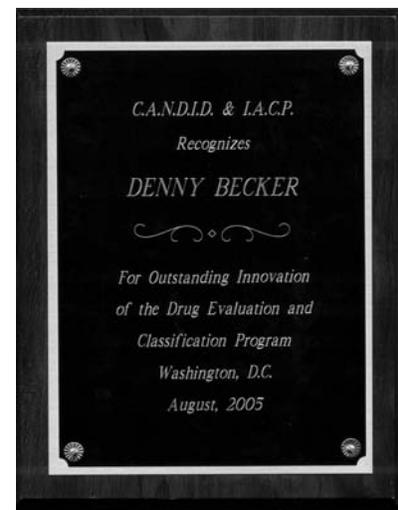
The Iowa Department of Public Safety hosted a Traffic Safety Summit September 21, 2005 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Johnston Iowa to work on a plan to prevent more young Iowans from dying needlessly on Iowa's highways. Topics relating to improvements to the Graduated Drivers License Program, seat belt usage for youth and reducing driving distractions were discussed. Information from this session will be used to determine what changes are needed in Iowa laws to make Iowa a safer state for our young drivers. DPS Commissioner Kevin W. Techau hosted and chaired the summit. A series of follow-up meetings around the state are planned.

2005 National Roadway Safety Award

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Appointment to National Safety Council

Bob Thompson, Program Evaluator with the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau has been appointed to the Board of Delegates of the National Safety Council. The mission of the council is "To educate and influence society to adopt safety, health and environmental policies, practices and procedures that prevent and mitigate human suffering and economic losses arising from preventable causes". Bob's experience and knowledge with traffic safety issues will greatly benefit the Council's efforts to promote safety.



Drug Recognition Expert Awards

Denny Becker, Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) state coordinator, was recognized for his contribution to the theme of the International Association Chiefs of Police (I.A.C.P.) DRE Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol, and Impaired Driving which was held in Arlington, VA August 5-7, 2005. Denny's entry was selected from a group of 40 DRE states that submitted ideas. The theme for this year was "DRE – For a Safer Road Ahead".

Denny was also awarded with a plaque from the Citizens Against Drug Impaired Drivers (C.A.N.D.I.D.) and the I.A.C.P. recognizing him for outstanding innovation of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program.

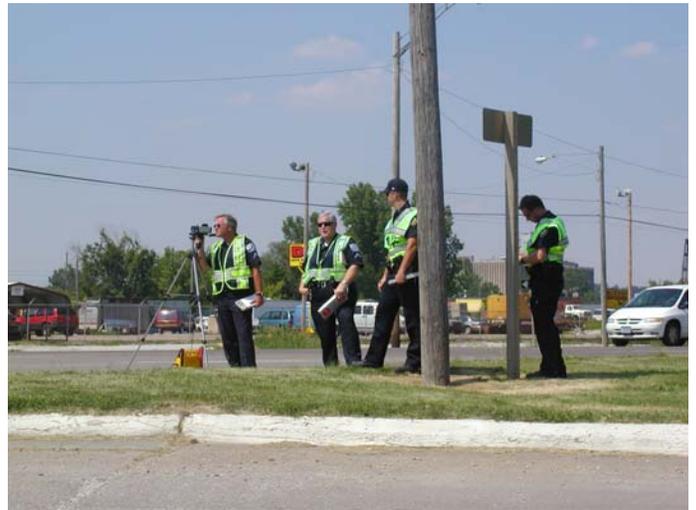
2005 Corridor Projects – Working Together

Multi-agency traffic enforcement efforts facilitated by the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau



Operation Double Aught

This corridor enforcement effort included all counties along and encompassed by US 20 and US 30. Officers taking part in Operation Double Aught along Highway 151 on August 5, 2005 included: (l-r) C.J. Sullivan (Jones County Sheriff), Trevor Martensen (Anamosa Police Department), Jeff Swisher (Jones County Sheriff), Tyler Remley (Iowa State Patrol) and Josh Oliver (Iowa State Patrol). *(Photo by Daryl Schepanski of the Journal-Eureka)*



US 61 HEAT

The success and recognition of the **Highway Enforcement Action Team** speaks volumes for the efforts of agencies participating along US 61.

Cooperative efforts of the Bettendorf Police Department and the Davenport Police Department are shown above at Credit Island Lane and West River Drive in Davenport.



Operation TNT

Corridor enforcement effort which is centered on IA 2, IA 92 & the US 34 area. The above checkpoint was held west of Centerville on Highway 2 and included joint efforts of the Appanoose County Sheriff's Office and the Centerville Police Department.



Operation I's

This corridor enforcement covers I-35 and I-80. I-35 had coverage over the entire route from the Canadian border to the Mexican border and all states in between. Above is a picture of Lt. Mike Lord of the Iowa City Police Department running radar on I-80 in Iowa City.

Northern Lights



Operation Northern Lights

Corridor Enforcement in the Northern part of the state - I IA 3 to IA 9 & US 18 area connect all the counties in which this saturation style cooperative event is held. The above graphic, created by Sandy Bennett of the GTSB, is a vivid example of how important a title and logo are to giving ongoing identity and recognition to these very worthwhile efforts.

GTSB at the Fair



The Iowa State Fair was a huge success with over one million fairgoers attending. The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau maintained a booth in the Hall of Law for the purpose of promoting traffic safety. The GTSB booth gave out pencils, pens, air-fresheners, key chains, brochures, tattoos and frisbees. The GTSB fair booth was manned by GTSB staff members, MADD members, ILEA staff and law enforcement officers from around the state.

Again this year, we were happy to have a couple of young assistants volunteering to be Vince and Larry,

the crash dummies. Vince and Larry were Rachel (age 14) and her older sister, Molly Christensen (age 16). Their father is a State Trooper stationed out of Post 2. Trooper Christensen should be a very proud father, having raised two very mature hard working young ladies. Vince and Larry were a huge success and I was proud to have been a part of the Iowa State Fair and the GTSB.

Hats off to all the volunteers who assisted in making this a successful year.

Randy Hunefeld
sTEP Program Coordinator



Visual Impact Traffic Safety Prop available at no charge

The Story County Sheriff's Office has this 1996 Corvette that crashed at 140MPH. The driver was 16 years old and had a blood alcohol of .16 (twice the legal limit). He was ejected and killed instantly. The passenger, who was belted, was able to go for help. His girl friend (the passenger) had been asking him to slow down and buckled up just before he lost control, hit the ditch and flipped end over end.

The car was donated to the Sheriff's Office by the parents of the dead boy in hopes it would help save lives. The driver had a license suspension and was excluded by the insurance policy on the Corvette, so his parents had to pay off the loan.

The car is mounted on a trailer with a sign that tells about the accident. There is no charge to use it. It can be parked in front of a school, plant, office or at safety fairs. It has great impact. Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald, Capt. Gary Foster and Sgt. David Lekwa were able to get the trailer, labor and material donated. If you would like to use the trailer, you will need a vehicle to tow it with a 2 inch ball and a round light plug. You will need to pick it up and return it to Nevada, Iowa.

Contact Capt. Foster or Sgt. Lekwa at 515-382-6566

THANKS TO:

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Ames, Iowa

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Ames, Iowa



A STORY COUNTY TRAGEDY

This car is a 1996 Corvette. When it left the factory, it had 300 horsepower, weighed 3200 lbs, and was capable of speeds of 175 mph. It was owned by David and Fay Litch from Ames.

At about 3:15 a.m. on September 27, 2002, the car was driven by their son, Ryan Litch, age 21, without his parents' consent or knowledge. Ryan and his girlfriend, Krystal Burnett-Larkins, age 18, drove south on county road R-38 from Ames at a high rate of speed. Near Malice, Ryan lost control of the Corvette and entered the west ditch. The car flipped end for end before coming to rest on its top near the fence line. Based upon the crash analysis, it was determined that the car was traveling at between 134 and 145 miles per hour at the time of the crash. Ryan was drunk, with a blood alcohol level of .16.

Ryan, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from the car and found lying about 90 feet from where the vehicle came to rest. Krystal was wearing a seatbelt. She got out of the car and walked to the nearest farm residence for help. Both Ryan and Krystal were taken to Mary Louder Medical Center in Ames. Krystal sustained minor injuries. Ryan's injuries were severe, and he died several days later as a result of his injuries.

This was a preventable crash. Three factors played a part in causing this tragic event. They are:

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| 1. Excessive Speed | High speeds require much quicker reaction times. |
| 2. Drunk Driving | Alcohol slows reaction times. |
| 3. No seatbelt | Ryan was Ryan, survived had he been wearing his seatbelt. Krystal did. |

Ryan's parents have generously made this car available so that others might learn from his mistakes. He didn't think this could happen to him. If you, though, it can happen to you, too. Please obey the speed limit, don't drink and drive, and wear your seatbelt.

THANKS TO:

Bob & Jodi Damman
Slater, Iowa

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Ames, Iowa

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Ames, Iowa

Sign Pro
Ames, Iowa



STORY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Commissioner's Special Award for Traffic Safety

2006 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Iowa Department of Public Safety annually recognizes outstanding traffic safety contributions by individuals. Selection is based on one's commitment to traffic safety and service provided beyond routine duties, creativity of approach, and effectiveness of a traffic safety program or campaign in 2005.

To be considered for an award, an individual will have contributed in a leadership role to traffic safety issues through promotion and awareness in his or her area of expertise. Despite the level of success the effort achieved or how the target audience was affected. Please cite results to show how the nominee's actions have affected a change.

Keep in mind the goal of a traffic safety program is the reduction of death and injury on Iowa's roadways.

Some entries may need audio or visual substantiation. Please advise if those must be returned.

The Awards Committee will assign a category if one is not indicated. More than one award may be given in a category. Award recipients will be notified. Decisions by the Awards Committee are final.

The Commissioner's Special Award for Traffic Safety will be presented at the Governor's Highway Traffic Safety Conference, March 22 - 23 at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Complete the nomination form and submit entries on a single sheet of paper:

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Entry deadline: **JANUARY 31, 2006**

Category

(check one)

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Audio/Visual

Criminal Justice

Individual

News Media

Health

Professionals

Business

Children & Youth

Advocates

(Nominee)

(Title)

(Address)

(Organization)

(City & Zip)

(Nominee's phone)

Attach one sheet of paper, explaining why the nominee should receive an award.

(Nominator)

Entry deadline:

January 31, 2006

(Nominator's phone)

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