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2013 Minnesota State Patrol Trooper Academy Graduates

JOHN BAKER

HOMETOWN: LAKEVILLE
ASSIGNMENT: RED WING

Baker grew up in Lakeville with his parents and two brothers. He graduated from Winona State University in 2010 and received his skills training at Alexandria Technical College. He comes to the State Patrol with great experience working private security as well as with the Minnesota Department of Corrections. In his spare time, Baker enjoys fly fishing in Yellowstone National Park. Baker is excited to help drive Minnesota toward zero highway deaths.

PAUL BARTUSCH

HOMETOWN: CARVER
ASSIGNMENT: BURNSVILLE

Bartusch grew up in Mankato and later moved to Chaska with his parents. He has one brother and three sisters. Bartusch graduated from Minnesota State University-Mankato with a bachelor's degree in corrections. Prior to joining the State Patrol, he was in working in store management for Lund's. Bartusch chose the Minnesota State Patrol because he wants to help make a difference for all Minnesotans.

PATRICK BEUNING

HOMETOWN: ROCHESTER
ASSIGNMENT: ROCHESTER

Beuning is from Rochester where he resides with his wife and their 2 ½-year-old son. He received his bachelor's degree in 2007 from St. Cloud State University and attended Rochester Community College for his law enforcement certificate. Before accepting his position with the State Patrol he worked for five years at an electrical parts supplier and he is very excited to enter a profession where he can make a difference on a daily basis.





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DAVID BORDEN

HOMETOWN: ST. CLOUD
ASSIGNMENT: PARK RAPIDS

Borden grew up on a farm near Brainerd and graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School. He comes from a family of seven children and currently resides in St. Cloud with his wife and daughter. Borden joined the Minnesota Army National Guard in 2003 and was deployed to Iraq from 2006-2007. He graduated from St. Cloud State University and joined the State Patrol because the organization represents the same values he cherishes from the military.

NATHAN DANLEY

HOMETOWN: OAKDALE
ASSIGNMENT: VIRGINIA

Danley is from Oakdale where he resides with his longtime girlfriend. He received his bachelor's degree from Hamline University. Prior to joining the State Patrol, Danley worked as a CSO for the Woodbury police department. In his free time, he enjoys riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Danley chose the State Patrol so that he could make Minnesota's roadways safer.

CLAYTON EBERHART

HOMETOWN: VERMILLION, S.D.
ASSIGNMENT: HIBBING

Eberhardt is originally from Park Rapids. He has been married for one and a half years. He received his bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University. Eberhardt has previous law enforcement experience as a South Dakota Conservation Officer and a South Dakota State Trooper. In his spare time, he likes to spend his time playing hockey and hunting. Eberhardt chose the Minnesota State Patrol because he wants the challenge to become a member of Minnesota's premier law enforcement agency.

BRENT EGAN

HOMETOWN: SAUK CENTRE
ASSIGNMENT: HASTINGS

Egan grew up in Sauk Center with his sister and his parents. He graduated from Minnesota State Moorhead in 2012 with a degree in criminal justice. He wanted to join the State Patrol because they are the most respected agency in the state and is excited to be part of their long history and tradition.





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ERIC FISCHER

HOMETOWN: EDEN PRAIRIE
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Fischer grew up in Eden Prairie with his parents and two younger siblings. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in criminology and Spanish. Before joining the State Patrol, Fischer worked for the City of Eden Prairie Parks Department. In his free time, Fischer enjoys hunting and fishing. He is excited to join an agency deep in tradition.

KARL GENSMER

HOMETOWN: LA CROSSE, WIS.
ASSIGNMENT: THIEF RIVER FALLS

Gensmer grew up in Plainview with his parents and two older brothers. He attended Rochester Community College and Graduated in 2008 with a law enforcement degree. In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing and hiking. Prior to this he served four years as a Wisconsin State Trooper. He is excited to start his career with the Minnesota State Patrol.

DEREK HAEHNEL

HOMETOWN: PLYMOUTH
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Haehnel lives in Plymouth with his wife. He received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Hamline University. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Haehnel worked at Regions Hospital and as a reserve for the West St. Paul Police Department. In his spare time, he enjoys playing football and snowboarding. Haehnel joined the Minnesota State Patrol for the emphasis on professionalism and core values.

KELVIN HAMMES

HOMETOWN: RED WING
ASSIGNMENT: RED WING

Hammes was born in Brazil and moved to Lake City with his three brothers when he was 12 years old. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Winona State University and currently resides in Red Wing with his longtime girlfriend. He enjoys spending his free time with his family and his dogs. He joined the State Patrol to make a difference on Minnesota's roadways.





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YUE HER

HOMETOWN: ST. PAUL
ASSIGNMENT: ST. PAUL

Her was born in a refugee camp in Thailand and emigrated with his parents and five siblings to the U.S. shortly after he was born. He grew up in St. Paul and joined the Army Reserves after high school and deployed to Iraq once. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and prior to joining the State Patrol he worked for Minneapolis Public Schools. He enjoys working out, doing obstacle runs and riding his motorcycle. He is excited to get out on the road and help his future MSP partners.

PATRIC IGNASZEWSKI

HOMETOWN: ALDEN
ASSIGNMENT: OWATONNA

Ignaszewski grew up in Alden with his parents and three siblings. He graduated from Saint Cloud State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Ignaszewski worked in agricultural construction. In his spare time, he races enduro cars. Ignaszewski is excited to use his driving skills to make Minnesota's roads safer for all.

TYLER IVERSON

HOMETOWN: ST. PAUL
ASSIGNMENT: BAGLEY

Iverson grew up in Moorhead with his parents and one older brother. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of St. Thomas in criminal justice and international studies. In his free time, he enjoys running and camping. Iverson is excited to graduate and help his future partners.

JAMES JOHNSON

HOMETOWN: CAMBRIDGE
ASSIGNMENT: HUTCHINSON

Johnson grew up in Isanti and graduated from Alexandria Technical College in 2010. He worked for the Cando Police Department in North Dakota for two years. He was currently going through the North Dakota Highway Patrol Academy when he got called from the Minnesota State Patrol and decided he wanted to make his career in Minnesota because of the State Patrol's reputation as a premier law enforcement agency.





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KALI KLEINSCHMIDT

HOMETOWN: WAITE PARK
ASSIGNMENT: SAUK CENTER

Kleinschmidt grew up in Long Prairie with her parents and two brothers. She graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in criminal justice and enjoys spending time with her friends and being outside in her free time. She is excited to start working on Minnesota's roadways alongside her partners.

RYAN KOENEN

HOMETOWN: MARSHALL
ASSIGNMENT: RED WOOD FALLS

Koenen is from Marshall and graduated from Minnesota State University in 2007 with a BA in law enforcement. Prior to joining the MSP, Koenen worked as a police officer with the Marshall Police Department since 2008. He is engaged and he enjoys hunting, fishing and playing sports. He is excited to join the Minnesota State Patrol family and protect and serve the citizens of Minnesota.

TRAVIS KOENEN

HOMETOWN: WILLMAR
ASSIGNMENT: VIRGINIA

Koenen is from Willmar where he grew up with his parents and sister. He graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University with a bachelor's degree in justice administration and computer science. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Koenen worked as a computer technician for Willmar Public Schools. In his free time, he enjoys playing baseball. Koenen is excited to join an agency deep in history and tradition.

JILL KRAUSE

HOMETOWN: ST. PAUL
ASSIGNMENT: ST. PAUL

Krause grew up in St. Cloud with her parents and two younger sisters. She graduated from Metropolitan State University with a bachelor's degree in education. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, she worked full-time for the Minnesota National Guard. She competed for the United States Biathlon Team from 1996-2006. Krause is excited to provide assistance and education to the citizens of Minnesota.





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JOSHUA LAMSKI

HOMETOWN: ALEXANDRIA

ASSIGNMENT: MORRIS

Lamski is from Alexandria where he resides with his wife and two sons. He received his bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University in political science. Prior to joining the State Patrol, he worked for the Osakis Police Department. In his spare time, Lamski enjoys spending time outdoors and playing hockey. Lamski is excited to assist Minnesota's motorists.

KENDALL LEMAY

HOMETOWN: SHOREVIEW

ASSIGNMENT: CALEDONIA

Lemay is from Shoreview where he resides with his wife and 3-year-old daughter. He received his degree in criminal justice from Northwestern College in Roseville. Prior to coming to the State Patrol, Lemay was the night security supervisor for Abbott Northwestern Hospital. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family. Lemay is excited to join Minnesota's premier law enforcement agency.

CHRISTOPHER LOHMER

HOMETOWN: STILLWATER

ASSIGNMENT: ST. PAUL

Lohmer is from Stillwater and resides there with his wife and two children. He earned his BA from St. John's University and an MBA from Grantham University. Before joining the State Patrol he was as a financial analyst at Boston Scientific and five years on active duty with the U.S. Army and is still serving in the Army Reserves. In his free time he enjoys being with his family, golfing and softball. Lohmer is excited to help make Minnesota a safer and even better place to live.

ANTHONY MAINS

HOMETOWN: LAKEVILLE

ASSIGNMENT: BURNSVILLE

Mains grew up in Naples, Fla., with his parents and one older sister. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a degree in sociology and played defensive line for the Badgers football team. He lives in Lakeville with his long-time girlfriend and enjoys spending his free time outdoors, fishing or playing sports. He is excited to get out on the road to help out his future partners.





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LEE MCCLURE

HOMETOWN: FARMINGTON
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

McClure is from Farmington where he resides with his wife and two children. He received his bachelor's degree from North Dakota State University in biotechnology. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, McClure worked as a police officer for the Chaska Police Department. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family. McClure is excited to help change bad driving behaviors that if left uncorrected could lead to driver fatalities.

SAMUEL MIELKE

HOMETOWN: SHOREVIEW
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Mielke is from Shoreview where he lives with his wife. He graduated from St. Cloud State University with a bachelor's degree in business management. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Mielke worked as a CSO for the Maple Grove Police Department. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his friends and family. Mielke is excited to join an agency deep in history and tradition.

ANDREW OLSON

HOMETOWN: ANOKA
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Olson lives in NowThen with his wife and four daughters, He earned his bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Metropolitan State University and enjoys spending his free time with his family. Olson and his wife have also been running a foster home for medically and physically challenged children since 2006. Olson is excited to help keep Minnesota's roads safe.

CHRIS O'SHEA

HOMETOWN: ST. PAUL
ASSIGNMENT: BURNSVILLE

O'Shea is from St. Paul and currently still resides there. He graduated from Metropolitan State University with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and criminal justice in 2012. O'Shea has served 12 years in the Minnesota Army National Guard and has deployed multiple times. In his





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free time he enjoys spending time with his friends and family and playing softball and golf in the summer. O'Shea is excited to work with and learn from his future partners on the road.

KYLE O'SHEA

HOMETOWN: ST. PAUL
ASSIGNMENT: ST. PAUL

O'Shea grew up in St. Paul and currently lives in North St. Paul with his wife. They are expecting their first child at the end of June. He received his associate's degree from Century College. Before joining the Minnesota State Patrol, O'Shea served eight years in the Minnesota National Guard with two deployments. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family and 2 chocolate labs. He also enjoys playing golf and softball during the summer months. O'Shea is excited to continue serving the citizens of Minnesota in his new role.

KENDRA ROCK

HOMETOWN: CAMBRIDGE
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Rock is from Cambridge where she resides with her husband and two boys. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration from American Intercontinental University. Prior to joining the academy, Rock worked as a Commercial Vehicle Inspector based out of the metro area. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys camping and fishing. Rock is excited to continue developing her career with the Minnesota State Patrol.

DANIEL RYAN

HOMETOWN: PLYMOUTH
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Ryan is from Plymouth and comes to the State Patrol with previous military and law enforcement experience. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Augsburg College and his law enforcement degree from Rasmussen College. In his free time, Ryan enjoys fishing and spending time with his family and friends. He is excited to begin working with his future partners in keeping Minnesota's roadways safe.





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BRUCE SCHEIDEMANTLE

HOMETOWN: MINNEAPOLIS
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Scheidemantle was born and raised in Ellwood City, Pa., and served in the U.S. Navy for six years. He received his bachelor's degree in business management and law enforcement from North Hennepin Community College. He currently resides in Minneapolis with his fiancée, his daughter, his son, and his German Shepherd puppy Layla. Scheidemantle is excited for the opportunity to remove impaired drivers from the roadway to ensure safety for everyone.

KFIR SHETRIT

HOMETOWN: EDEN PRAIRIE
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Shetrit lives in Eden Prairie with his wife. He volunteers at the Eden Prairie Fire Department and in his free time he works in his studio designing and making furniture. Before joining the Minnesota State Patrol Kfir worked in Minneapolis as a graphic designer for an advertising agency. He joined the Minnesota State Patrol in the hopes of making a positive and meaningful change in the life of the citizens of Minnesota.

ANDREW SIEGMANN

HOMETOWN: NEW ULM
ASSIGNMENT: NEW ULM

Siegmann is from New Ulm, where he currently lives with his wife and two daughters. He graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a B.A. in history. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Siegmann worked as a copywriter for BIC Graphic and Norwood Promotional Products. In his spare time he is a freelance trumpet player and spends as much time at home with his kids as possible. Siegmann looks forward to enforcing the state's driving laws to help keep our citizens safe on the highways.

JONATHAN SISTERMAN

HOMETOWN: SHOREVIEW
ASSIGNMENT: STILLWATER

Sisterman is from Shoreview where he lives with his wife. He graduated from St. Cloud State University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Sisterman worked for Tiffany's. In his free time, he enjoys attending Gopher and Wild





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hockey games. Sisterman is excited to work with and learn from his future partners on Minnesota's roadways.

SCOTT SMITH

HOMETOWN: CRYSTAL
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Smith grew up in Crystal with his parents and older sister. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Smith worked for the Minnesota Department of Corrections at Oak Park Heights. In his free time, Smith enjoys running and boating. He is excited to use his newly gained knowledge to serve the citizens of Minnesota.

AARON STRUNTZ

HOMETOWN: TYLER
ASSIGNMENT: RED WOOD FALLS

Struntz lives in Tyler with his wife and two daughters. He graduated from Minnesota State University Mankato in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Struntz worked as a deputy sheriff for Lincoln County for seven years. In his free time he enjoys spending time with his family, hunting, fishing and golfing. Struntz is looking forward to getting back onto the roads and enforcing laws as well as helping his future partners.

JUSTIN TURBES

HOMETOWN: LAKEVILLE
ASSIGNMENT: BURNSVILLE

Turbes was born and raised in Lakeville where he currently resides. He received his bachelor's degree in law enforcement from MSU-Mankato in 2011. Turbes comes to the State Patrol with previous experience at MCF-Red Wing. He enjoys playing hockey and golf in his spare time and is a huge Wild fan. Turbes is excited to get out on the road and begin serving the citizens of MN with one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the country.





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TYLER UTHE

HOMETOWN: ANDOVER
ASSIGNMENT: MINNEAPOLIS

Uthe is from Savage where he resides with his wife. He received his Associate's Degree in law enforcement from Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Uthe worked as a general manager for Papa Murphy's. Uthe also served with the Minneapolis Police Reserves. He is excited to help make Minnesota's roadways safer by seeking out and removing impaired drivers.

BRADLEY WARREN

HOMETOWN: DULUTH
ASSIGNMENT: TWO HARBORS

Warren was born and raised in Duluth. He attended Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College for Skills Training. Prior to joining the Minnesota State Patrol, Warren worked as a manager for Rex's Bar. Warren also served four years in the United States Marine Corps. In his free time, he enjoys golfing and working out. Warren looks forward to continuing his service to the State of Minnesota.

KENNETH WILLERS

HOMETOWN: WORTHINGTON
ASSIGNMENT: OWATONNA

Willers is from Worthington where he resides with his wife and son. He attended Minnesota West Community College before joining the Nobles County Sheriff's Office where he worked for more than five years. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing and going to Vikings games. Willers is looking forward to joining an organization deep in tradition.

DAU YANG

HOMETOWN: ST. PAUL
ASSIGNMENT: ST. PAUL

Yang is from St. Paul where he lives with his wife and four daughters. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration. Before joining the Minnesota State Patrol, he worked at U.S. Bank for





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four years. He enjoys spending his free time with his family. Yang is looking forward to serving in Minnesota's premier law enforcement agency.

DAVID ZOLLDAN

HOMETOWN: FALCON HEIGHTS

ASSIGNMENT: ST. PAUL

Zolldan was raised in Bayport and currently lives in Falcon Heights. He obtained his degree in law enforcement through Century College in 2008. Before coming to the academy, he worked full-time performing military funeral honors for deceased veterans in the National Guard. He is happily engaged to be married in September to his fiancé. Zolldan enjoys traveling, guitar playing, and shooting in his free time. He looks forward to becoming a member of Minnesota's premier Law Enforcement organization.

