

DPS WEEKLY

February 21st, 2022



Sr. Corporal Michael Springer

Arkansas State Police - Highway Patrol Division Troop H
End of Watch: February 11th, 2022



One of our own, one of our best, fell from the ranks of his beloved Arkansas State Police on Friday, February 11th, 2022.

ASP Senior Corporal Mike Springer, a 33 year veteran of the department, assigned to the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H succumbed to a lengthy illness.

Michael Ray Springer, 59, of Fort Smith was born June 8, 1962 in Booneville, AR to Billy Ray and Elizabeth Ophelia Springer. Michael was member of the Northside Church of Christ in Greenwood, and a retired U.S. Navy Seabee that was decorated for his service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years Rhonda; two daughters, Haley Laster (Kyle) of Greenwood and Hannah Alford (Ty) of McNeil, AR; his step-mother, Maxine Jones of Booneville; one sister, Brenda Dormois of Booneville and two grandchildren, Paislee Ray and William Wyatt Laster.





THIS WEEK'S WELLNESS TIP!

Remember the DPS Wellness Unit is always available!



DPS WELLNESS UNIT

The DPS Wellness Program is a holistic approach in being proactive and reactive to the needs of officers, civilians, and families to preserve mental, physical, social, and relational factors.

THE DPS WELLNESS TEAM PROVIDES:

- STRESS MANAGEMENT (PEER SUPPORT, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG, DEFUSING, DEBRIEFING, & REFERRAL SERVICES)
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- PHYSICAL AND NUTRITIONAL PLANNING
- EDUCATION-BASED TRAININGS
- MONTHLY EDUCATIONAL AND KNOWLEDGE BASED INFORMATION
- REFERRAL AND COORDINATED RESOURCES FROM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE AGENCY

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DID YOU KNOW?

CLEST is tasked with developing, training, and maintaining the training records for Telecommunicators across the State!

Act 683 of 1985 (codified as Ark. Code Ann. 12-10-301 et seq.) created the Arkansas Emergency Telephone Services Board. The Board is primarily responsible for promulgating rules related to emergency telephone services. Act 640 of 2011 brought several changes to public safety communication. The Act charged the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training and the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (a branch of CLEST) with developing and administering training for telecommunicators.

Act 919 of 2015 brought more changes, charging the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training with maintaining training records for Arkansas dispatchers and telecommunicators. The Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training and the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy are committed to offering the most up-to-date training. The current 40-hour certificate course is in compliance with national standards released in 2016.



We need your help! Our Arkansas State Police photographer is always looking for a great spot to take photos of our Troopers and their vehicles. Do you know a place that would make for a great photo? Maybe it's a barn in a field, spot by a river that has a pretty sunset, or a unique landmark?

**If you've got a spot send it to:
jonathan.nettles@asp.arkansas.gov.**



DPS Mission:

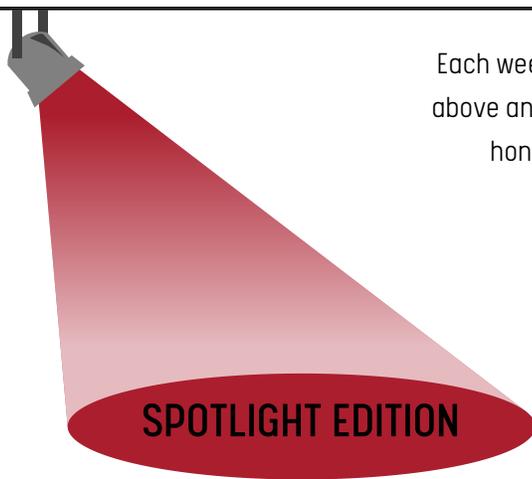
The Department of Public Safety’s mission is to enhance the safety and security of all Arkansans through ethical, character-driven behavior that promotes professionalism, clear communication, and accountability while serving as the state’s premier public safety agency.



DPS Core Values:

- **Respect** for everyone
- **Integrity** in everything we do
- Providing **excellence** in customer service
- Performance through **teamwork**
- Commitment to **servant leadership**
- Pursuit of **continuous improvement**

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Each week our Mission Moment celebrates DPS employees who reach above and beyond the mission of the Department of Public Safety. We honor these individuals for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to public service.

MISSION Moments

Name: Juan Reyes

Division: CLEST/ALETA

Length of employment with DPS: 12 years

CLEST/ALETA Training Supervisor Juan Reyes has served as a law enforcement officer in Arkansas for more than 26 years. Prior to his employment with ALETA-Camden, he worked for the Camden Police Department, the 13th Judicial District Drug Task Force, and the Union County Sheriff’s Office.



Supervisor Reyes is responsible for managing and overseeing training at ALETA-Camden. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science/History from Southern Arkansas University, where he received both academic and scholastic scholarships.

Since his employment in 2012, his wealth of knowledge and experience has been instrumental in the advancement and improvement of law enforcement in Arkansas. He is a supervisor who leads by example, always willing to step in to ensure that ALETA’s goals and needs are met. He enjoys teaching when he can, his favorite topics being Criminal Investigations and Crime Scene Photography.

Supervisor Reyes has been married to his wife Carla since 1994 and they have one child, Lilly. His list of hobbies is quite extensive, too many to list! DPS and CLEST are grateful for Training Supervisor Reyes and his unwavering commitment to law enforcement and the citizens of Arkansas.