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Tennessee Highway Patrol graduates 38 state troopers; Commissioner Jeff Long served as keynote speaker at Belmont U

NASHVILLE, Tenn --- On December 7, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Jeff Long and Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) Colonel Matt Perry welcomed the newest graduating classes of Tennessee State Troopers. The department simultaneously instructed a regular 17-week trooper cadet class and an 11-week lateral trooper cadet class. The lateral class returned from their district assignments for the graduation ceremony that took place at Belmont University, 15th Avenue South, Nashville. The 13 graduates of Trooper Cadet Class 1223 included eight cadets with prior military service, five cadets with bachelor's degrees, and one cadet with a master's degree. Cadet Class 1223 additionally hosted a blood drive with the American Red Cross and Blood Assurance. Lateral Trooper Cadet Class 1123 graduated 25 cadets composed of all prior Peace Officer



Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officers from across Tennessee. Class 1123 included six cadets with associate degrees, two cadets with a bachelor's degree, one cadet with a master's degree, and eight cadets with prior military service. The lateral class brings a combined 161 years of prior law enforcement experience to the THP. Commissioner Jeff Long served as the keynote speaker during the graduation ceremony and swore in the new troopers as they delivered their oaths of office. "The Tennessee Highway Patrol is not only one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the state, but in the entire country," said Commissioner Long. "As such we recruit the best of the

best. During the past few months of rigorous physical and academic training through your hard work and perseverance, you've earned the right to be a Tennessee State Trooper. Congratulations and thank you for serving the people of our great state."

"Joining any law enforcement agency makes you a part of something far bigger than yourself," said Colonel Perry. "Today, you represent the Tennessee Highway Patrol while in uniform and out. You will be held to a higher standard - not only by the public but also by your peers and your leaders." He spoke to the importance of their individual actions, stating, "You are not just part of a larger agency; you are a unique force capable of influencing positive change. During this holiday season, it is especially important to remind ourselves that service is at the heart of everything we do as Tennessee State Troopers."

SAF wins lawsuit; Federal appeals court strikes New York signage requirement

From Tactical Wire.com

A federal appeals court has struck down a New York state law requiring private property owners to post signs allowing concealed carry on property open to the public as part of a massive decision dealing with several separate challenges of the Empire State's post-Bruen gun control legislation. The Second Amendment Foundation was involved in two of the four cases decided by the court in its 261-page ruling. They are known as *Hardaway v. Chiumento* and *Christian v. Chiumento*. The cases were before the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. The Christian case challenged the signage requirement. The court noted that the regulated conduct—carrying a firearm for personal protection on private property—"falls within the Second Amendment right to carry." Thus, the requirement to post signs allowing carry on private

property open to the public was struck down. The restriction carried with it a criminal penalty of up to four years imprisonment and was graded as a Class E felony - which would strip the individual of their right to keep and bear arms in perpetuity.

The Hardaway case challenged a tenet of the law prohibiting carry in places of worship. The complaint became moot when the legislature changed the law after SAF sued to allow people such as plaintiff Jimmie Hardaway to carry in his church. In both cases, SAF was joined by the Firearms Policy Coalition.

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Jim Shepherd examines the Peacemaker Concealed Carry Jacket also designed as bulletproof protection

By Jim Shepherd
The Outdoor Wire

No one is ready for everything. That was proven - again- this weekend. No one expected unseasonably warm weather to meet a cold front and morph into tornadoes this close to Christmas. But it did. Six people in our area died. Others find themselves homeless, but will celebrate simply for

having survived. Unfortunately, not all the threats we face today are from nature. Some people's filters have slipped to the point that violence has is their first response, not their last resort. Violence seems to be everywhere. When faced with it, my advice is simple: get away if you may. Do it quickly if you can. That won't protect anyone from unexpected violence -but it might

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were never my strong suits. Where Wick's tightly tailored, bullet-resistant suits enabled him to fight hordes of attackers, mine aren't bulletproof. They don't even repel spills. That's why I perked up at a news release about a jacket that included a "body armor concealment system" from Body Guard. The Peacemaker Concealed Carry Jacket wasn't just designed to allow quick access to your concealed firearm, it offered bulletproof protection from handguns. So I made a phone call. Not long after, I received a package.

Inside was a Peacemaker jacket and pair of soft armor plates rated for Level 3A (NIJ Level IIIa) protection. If you're not familiar, Level 3A is rated to stop handgun rounds ranging from .22 LR through .44 Magnum, and standard shotgun pellets. That's not same amount of body armor worn by police officers. And it's not hard armor designed to stop rifle rounds. It's protection from pistol rounds for your essential centerline vitals - front and back. An informational video

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Smith & Wesson selected as 2023 Guns & Ammo Innovator of the Year

From Tactical Wire.com

MARYVILLE, TN. - Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. (NASDAQ Global Select: SWBI), a leader in firearm manufacturing and design is proud to accept this year's Guns & Ammo '2023 Innovator of the Year Award'.

Nominated and voted on by Guns & Ammo editors, contributors, and staff, Smith & Wesson is the recipient of this year's award, which recognizes S&W's continued dedication to innovation, through the manufacturing of reliable, high-performing, and affordable firearms.

Product releases that were considered in the voting process include the smooth shooting M&P9 M2.0 Metal, the easy-to-rack and easy-to-shoot S&W Equalizer™ chambered in 9mm, the M&P@5.7 pistol with advanced Tempo™ Barrel technology, S&W's first introduction



of a PCC platform, the M&P@FPC, and the all-new M&P@22 Magnum pistol, with an impressive 30+1 capacity. "Smith & Wesson is honored to receive the '2023 Innovator of the Year' award from our partners at Outdoor Sportsman Group and Guns & Ammo. This recognition is a profound acknowledgment of our team's dedication, passion, and relentless pursuit of excellence when it comes to our products. At the

core of our mission is a commitment to being consumer-driven where every innovation, every solution, is crafted with a singular focus - to meet the evolving needs of our customers. Innovation is the cornerstone of progress and we will continue to embrace ingenuity as a guiding force to shape our brand's legacy moving forward", said Kyle Tengwall, Vice President of Marketing. Since 1852, Smith & Wesson has empowered Americans with the freedom, equality, and security promised by the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Innovation will remain a cornerstone of Smith & Wesson and its mission to design and produce the finest firearms for self-defense, training, and the hunting sports. For more information, please visit www.smith-wesson.com.

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