1950s

Patrolman Wallace Evans and his new 1950 Ford.

Trooper B. J. Barnett with old Ford patrol car in front of Troop C Headquarters in Bartow before it was moved to Lakeland in 1951.

Highway Patrolman speaking with Governor Fuller Warren
May 24, 1952
January 6, 1953, Florida’s 31st Governor Daniel T. McCarty’s Inauguration Parade on Monroe St. just north of Park Ave in Tallahassee.

Florida Highway Patrol’s float for Governor Dan McCarty’s inaugural parade. Tallahassee - January 6, 1953.
The float was decorated by Lt. Keith for the parade.

Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Keith’s son Paul rides on the float in Governor Dan McCarty's inaugural parade. Tallahassee, Florida - January 6, 1953.
Florida Highway Patrol Sergeant Joe Cook at the Capitol in Tallahassee - 1953

B. H. Spears, Doyle Dempsey and N. G. Thornhill were the Lake County crew in 1953
Florida Highway Patrol Sergeant Joe Cook was driver for Governor Dan McCarty 1953
Casket of Dan McCarty carried down steps of the Capitol
September 29, 1953

After the death of Governor McCarty, State Senate President Charley Johns became the Acting Governor. The state constitution at that time provided for the state Senate President to become the Acting Governor upon the death, incapacitation or resignation of the Governor.

Governor Charley Johns with a patrolman before his flight to New York.
December 3, 1953

Trooper Bill Joyce points to the first sign erected after the speed law was enacted in 1953.

W. B. Oliver and C. C. Reynolds conduct teenage driving rodeo in Venice in 1953.
$1^{st}$ Sergeant B. J. Barnett and Corporal G. B. Stafford testing first FHP radar on Tamiami Trail near Miami in 1954.

SOUTHERN GOVERNOR’S CONFERENCE DETAIL - 1954

Lt. Colonel Reid Clifton holds a Southern Division staff meeting in Miami in 1954.


Southern Division staff meeting in front of the Miami Station in 1954.

Highway patrol cars in the Tampa Gasparilla Parade
February 1954

The first Tallahassee unit of the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary formed in 1955.
Governor Leroy Collins signs pay bill while Roger Collar, Joe Cook and Reid Clifton look on.
April, 1955

FHP and FHPA assist with Boys State Detail at the Capital 1955-1956
Florida Highway Patrolmen
Tallahassee, Florida
December 5, 1956

Standing -left to right: Patrolman Joseph Peavy, Greenville; Trooper O.J. Gilbert, Chattahoochee; Trooper Kenneth Hackle, Tallahassee; Patrolman Weldon Ivey, Quincy; Trooper Kenneth Reeves, Havana; Lt. A.D. Cosson, commander headquarters troop, Tallahassee; Trooper B.R. Burkett, Tallahassee; Trooper A.P. Floyd, Tallahassee; Trooper James H. Raker, Perry; Trooper A.L. Graham, safety education officer, Tallahassee; Sgt. Kenneth Sconlers, Tallahassee; and Sgt. Ralph Strong, Quincy.

Front row -left to right: Patrolman R.L. McDonald, Crawfordville; Patrolman George Sandell, Perry; Patrolman Fred Sowell Jr., Bristol; Patrolman M.T. Crawford, Tallahassee; Trooper Ralph Moore, Tallahassee; Trooper O.D. Arnett, Tallahassee; Trooper James H. Ross, Madison; Trooper John Bembry, Monticello and Trooper E.W. Reeder, Apalachicola.
Troop Commanders Meeting - Martin Building - Tallahassee - 1956


Trooper W. B. Oliver and RTO Gilbert Hudlow with four FHP Auxiliary Officers provide security in Miami for the maiden voyage for the Goodyear Blimp in 1956.
The 33rd Florida Governor Leroy Collins with his wife and daughter are escorted to the reviewing stand for the inaugural parade.

Tallahassee - January 8, 1957

LtoR: Adjutant General Mark Lance, Governor Collins, Mrs. Collins, Sarah Darby Collins and Joe Cook.
Florida Highway Patrol Officer O. D. Arnett puts a "safe driving" sticker on a car in Tallahassee - July 1957
"Speed kills - Slow down & live".

Highway Patrol Trooper Weldon Ivey directing cars to detour through Bristol and Blountstown around the Chattahoochee Bridge when the drawbridge failed. September 9, 1957.
The pilot of this plane is preparing to take-off from Crawfordville Highway in Tallahassee, Florida. He ran out of gas and had to use the highway as a temporary airstrip. With the help of the Highway Patrol, the plane was towed down the road, the road was blocked and the pilot took off again.

August 1, 1958.
Troop K holds a staff meeting in 1958 – Chief R. T. O. Height, Corporal Johnson, Sergeant Harrison, Sergeant Doyle, Captain Taylor and Lieutenant Kaufman.
Members of Florida Highway Patrol’s Troop H go over last minute instructions before starting on their weekend campaign to cut down on traffic violations and accidents.
November 27, 1959.


Retired Lt. Glenn Blocker and Auxiliary Officer Joe Chiavaroli pause during patrol in the late 50’s.
FHP Captain A. D. Cosson speaks with another patrolman on the Perry highway.
November 27, 1959