

State Police Seeks Horse Donations

By Rep. Joe Emrick

NAZARETH - The Pennsylvania State Police is asking the community for donations of horses to support its mounted patrol unit. The department maintains a stable at the academy in Hershey and relies on donations to fill a complement of 28 horses.

The animals are deployed statewide for searches, crowd control, security and patrol of remote areas. They also participate in parades, demonstrations and other community events.

Donated horses must be geldings between the ages of 5 and 15 years old and stand between 16 hands (5 foot 4 inches at the shoulder) and 18 hands tall. Draft and draft-crosses are the preferred breed. Thoroughbreds and other "hot bloods" are less desirable. Animals must have quiet, sound dispositions and be free of serious stable vices. Horses will be accepted on a 120-day trial basis to determine their suitability. A veterinary examination will also be performed. Upon retirement, state police horses are first offered back to their original owners. The department finds them suitable homes if the original owners are unwilling or unable to accept the animals. To arrange a donation or for more information, contact Cpl. Carrie Neidigh at 717-533-3463 or cneidigh@pa.gov.

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Leading this year's parade were Chief Dave Metten from Slate Belt Regional Police then 'Jerry,' the Iconic bicycle rider with his decorated bike in red-white-blue on a float. The Look Out Fire Co. with all their volunteers and trucks led the rest of the parade entrants along with Pen Argyl Mayor Nasaka and councilman following in their cars.

Slate Belt Drum and Bugle were the only band to perform because of the early morning forecast of rain.

Bob and Dawn Abbot towed Bangors oldest fire truck from the earlier 1900's that's in permanent display from the Slate Belt Heritage Cntr. and the famous pink fire truck with all the signatures of cancer survivors wer some of the entries along with fire trucks from the tri-state area just to name a few.

Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It is to honor the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country. It is a federal holiday and it is referred to as the unofficial end of summer.

