



Remembering and Honoring  
Trooper Mark David Barrett, Badge # 1992  
End of Watch: September 14, 2010

The Virginia State Police Family Remembers and honors Trooper Mark D. Barrett. On September 14, 2010, Trooper Mark D. Barrett gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting the Citizens of Virginia. He died following a dive training exercise on Lake Anna.

Trooper Mark D. Barrett, a Chesterfield County native, graduated from Manchester High School. Following high school, Mark earned an associate degree at John Tyler Community College and then joined the state police in 2007. Following graduation from the Virginia State Police Academy, he was assigned to patrol Henrico County and the City of Richmond. He was also a member of the State Police Search and Recovery Team.

The Search and Recovery Team was conducting its annual in-service training and had spent the day in the southeastern portion of Lake Anna on the Louisa County side conducting deep-water dives. Shortly before 2 p.m., Trooper Barrett and his dive partner, a fellow trooper, were conducting a training dive. As they were ascending, his dive partner noticed Trooper Barrett was having difficulty and he assisted Trooper Barrett to the surface and immediately signaled for help from the other divers.

The divers lifted Trooper Barrett onto the SRT boat and administered CPR as the boat returned to shore. The Louisa County Volunteer Rescue Squad met the boat at the Lake Anna Beach Marina and continued medical aid.

Trooper Barrett was transported to Henrico Doctors Hospital where he died becoming the 56th Virginia State Police Trooper to die in the line of duty.

Trooper Barrett is survived by his wife and two children. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his family.

Thank you Mark for your service, dedication and example.

Rest in Peace Brother.