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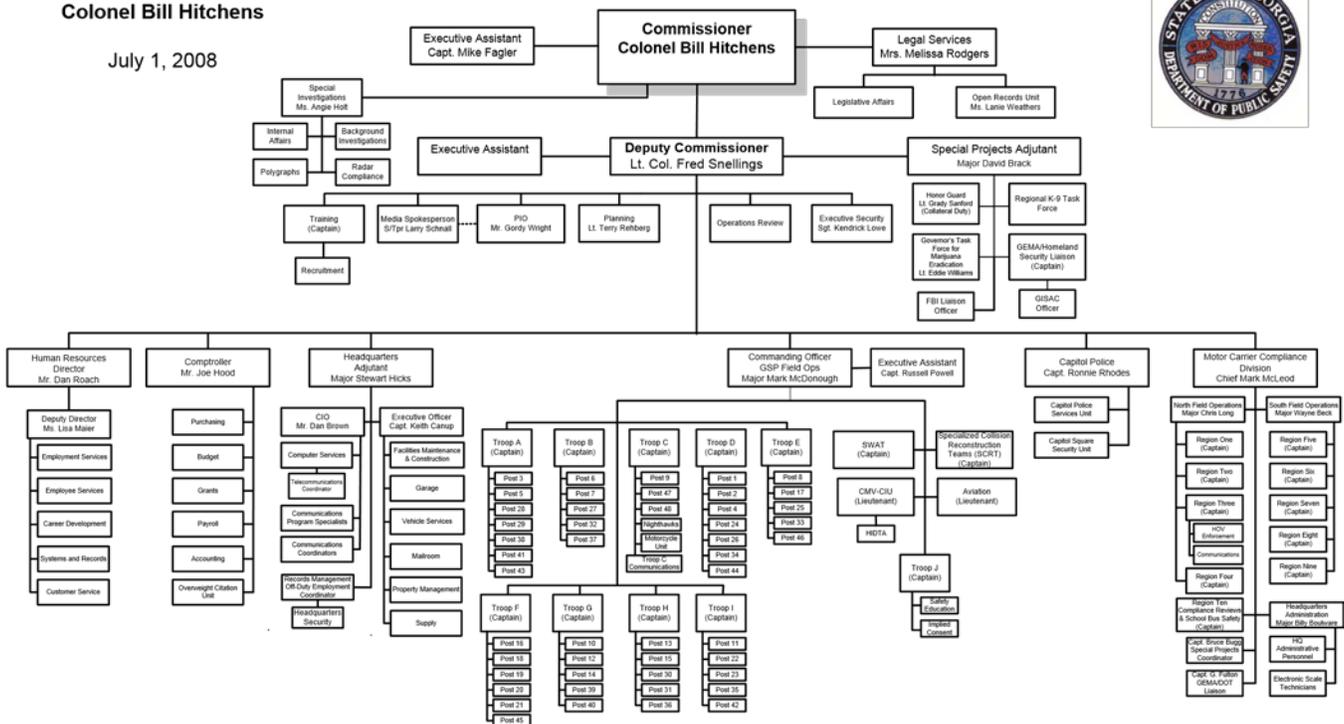
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Organizational Chart

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Colonel Bill Hitchens

July 1, 2008



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DPS Command Staff



Commissioner William "Bill" Hitchens is the Chief Executive of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and holds the rank of Colonel in the Georgia State Patrol (GSP). In January 2003, Governor Perdue selected Hitchens to be the first director of the Georgia Office of Homeland Security. In May 2004, via an Executive Order by Governor Perdue, Hitchens was named Executive Commander of the G-8 Public Safety Command. In December 2004, Governor Perdue nominated Hitchens to be the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and the Colonel of the State Patrol.

Colonel Hitchens' career spans more than 40 years of government service in the military and law enforcement. Hitchens served four years in the United States Marine Corps, which included a 13 month tour in Vietnam, and 28 years on the Georgia State Patrol (GSP). During his career with GSP, Hitchens attained the rank of major serving as the South Division Adjutant. A graduate of Georgia Southern University and the 130th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, Colonel Hitchens has also accumulated hundreds of specialized training hours in the military, in law enforcement, and in homeland security.

Hitchens also served a year as the state president of the Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and two years as the state president of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia.



Lieutenant Colonel Frederick D. Snellings, Jr. serves as the Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. He was appointed and confirmed by the Georgia Board of Public Safety on February 14, 2008. Lt. Colonel Snellings has served more than 35 years in public service. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps. After 18 months in the Marine Corps, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant meritoriously in Vietnam. Shortly afterwards, he joined the Georgia State Patrol where he served from 1972 to 1983 attaining the rank of sergeant.

In May 1983, after leaving the state patrol, Snellings entered on duty with the FBI as a Special Agent and was assigned to the Atlanta FBI Field Office. In August 1991, Snellings was promoted to a Supervisory Special Agent position in the Special Detail Unit, Administrative Services Division, at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC. In April 1999, he was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta FBI Field Office where he functioned as the second-in-command of all the FBI's Criminal Operations in Georgia. After serving in the Atlanta Field Office, Snellings was appointed in April 2002 by FBI Director Robert Mueller to the New York FBI Field Office as Special Agent in Charge where he served as Executive Manager responsible for all criminal operations.

Lt. Colonel Snellings holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Morehouse College and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Brenau University. He is also a graduate of the 128th Session of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA.

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Major Mark McDonough, GSP Field Operations

As Commanding Officer over Field Operations, Major Mark McDonough oversees the daily operations of all GSP Troops (A-I) and Posts (1-48), Troop J (Safety Education, Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT), Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU), and Aviation.



Major Stewart Hicks, Headquarters

The Headquarters Adjutant oversees the daily operations of Computer Services, Telecommunications and Communications programs, Facilities Maintenance and Construction, Vehicle Services, Mailroom, Property Management, Supply Records Management, and Headquarters Security.



Major David Brack, Special Projects

As Special Projects Adjutant, Major David Brack oversees the daily operations of the Honor Guard, Governor's Task Force for Marijuana Eradication, Regional K-9 Task Force, Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security Liaison, FBI Liaison, and the Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center Officer.



Captain Ronnie Rhodes, Capitol Police Services

Captain Ronnie Rhodes oversees the day-to-day operations of the Capitol Police Services and Capitol Police Security Units, which include 20 sworn officers, 46 non-sworn security officers, and 22 Georgia State Patrol troopers.



Chief Mark C. McLeod, Motor Carrier Compliance Division

Chief Mark C. McLeod is the Commanding Officer of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division with a staff consisting of approximately 250 P.O.S.T. certified positions and administrative support personnel assigned to 11 regions and DPS Headquarters respectively.

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Legal Services Office

The primary function of the Legal Services Office is to provide guidance to the Commissioner and to the employees of the department concerning any legal matters associated with the day-to-day operations of the department. This office is also responsible for the oversight of the Administrative License Suspension (ALS) grant and the Open Records Unit. During 2009, Legal Services reviewed, revised or drafted 80 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between the department and other companies, agencies, or individuals. The Legal Services Office also drafts or reviews all proposed legislation that may impact the Department and closely monitors and gathers information on bills impacting public safety. The Legal Services Office consists of three attorneys, including the director, one paralegal, and one administrative assistant.

Legal Services works closely with the Department of Law on legal issues facing the department and serves as the liaison to the law department, providing litigation support and coordinating representation requests.

The staff works closely with the Human Resources Division and department managers to ensure compliance with all applicable state and Federal labor and employment laws, including technical assistance in responding to inquiries made by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Georgia Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity.

Legal Services also works closely with Special Investigations Division, providing guidance and assistance with investigative matters. The attorneys regularly provide training to the department's employees during Trooper School and in-service training. The Legal Services staff also responds to inquiries from the general public regarding the department and the laws it enforces.

Attorneys represent the department before administrative law judges in personnel appeals and other administrative hearings. They also provide assistance to the Motor Carrier Compliance Division on issues involving commercial vehicles and represent MCCD officers at administrative hearings. Attorneys opened 58 overweight/oversize citation cases and represented MCCD officers at 61 administrative hearings.

The Legal Services Open Records Unit, consisting of a records manager, one administrative assistant, and one secretary. This unit is responsible for processing open records requests from the public, with a focus on prompt and efficient customer service. The unit also provides guidance and assistance to field staff responding to open records requests and is responsible for maintaining and updating the department's policy manual. This unit responded to 4,316 requests and collected \$53,376.72 in fees associated with those requests.

The Administrative License Suspension (ALS) grant funds an attorney who represents troopers in Troop C (metropolitan Atlanta) and in other troops statewide, as needed, at ALS hearings and a paralegal assists the attorney with case preparation and record-keeping. The attorney assists troopers statewide with questions regarding DUI and ALS issues. The attorney also conducts DUI/ALS training for all new troopers attending Trooper School. This office opened approximately 1,788 ALS cases, filed approximately 479 motions and briefs.

Until July, Legal Services reviewed and filed Safety Responsibility claims to suspend the driver's license of uninsured drivers who were responsible for damages to Georgia State Patrol vehicles. This year, nine claims were filed totaling \$33,070.79.

The Legal Services Office reviews all asset forfeiture cases and notifies the appropriate district attorney or sheriff for the county of a seizure of any federal asset forfeiture proceeds received by GSP which are available to them. Legal services opened and processed 181 legal case files which included 74 asset forfeiture cases.

Each month, Legal Services publishes the *DPS Legal Review* which is distributed to the department's employees, as well as other law enforcement agencies and interested parties. In addition, this office interacts with the Prosecuting Attorney's Council, Georgia Sheriff's Association, Association of Chiefs of Police, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in public safety related matters.

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Special Investigations Division

The Special Investigations Division (SID) consists of a director, one lieutenant, one sergeant first class, three internal affairs investigators, five pre-employment background investigators (one sergeant first class and four sergeants), two polygraph examiners/investigators, a permit issuance specialist, a confidential secretary, an investigative assistant and a part time support member.

The Internal Affairs Unit investigates allegations of wrongdoing against members of the Department of Public Safety, including the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division and Capital Police. The Internal Affairs Unit also investigates complaints alleging the misuse of speed detection devices by any agency bearing the department's certification.

The department initiated 155 investigations, which included 40 complaint investigations conducted by field troop officers, and 115 complaint investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit. The investigations covered various issues, including improper conduct, hostile work environment, lost/stolen equipment, use of force, work performance, citizen complaints, radar complaints, threat assessments, and impersonating an officer.

The Background Investigation Unit is responsible for conducting pre-employment investigations for candidates seeking positions with the Department of Public Safety. During the year, the Background Investigation Unit conducted 72 pre-employment investigations.

Additionally, the Background Investigation Unit supervisor disqualified a total of 42 applicants during the background investigation process, finding past behaviors that fell outside the department's employment standards. An additional 15 applicants withdrew during the background assessment process. The Background Investigation Unit managed a total of 129 pre-employment cases.

The Polygraph Unit provides support for background investigations, as well as specific issues (both internal affairs cases and criminal matters). One of the two departmental examiners retired in January, creating a vacancy until newly hired investigator completed polygraph training in November. The examiners conducted 117 polygraph tests for the Department of Public Safety and several other agencies. Of the 117 examinations conducted, 87 were pre-employment and 30 were specific issue. The specific issue total represented a 58 percent increase over 2008 primarily due to expanded Internal Affairs testing.

In addition to conducting polygraph examinations, the examiners provided instruction for the police academy, as well as specialized training for the Tennessee Polygraph Association and the Kentucky Polygraph Association. Polygraph instruction was provided to the Georgia Polygraph Association and assistance was provided to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in establishing a pre-employment polygraph testing program. Personnel also rendered support to the law enforcement community by serving on the Northwest Georgia Police Academy Advisory Board and by providing instruction at Kennesaw State University for the criminal justice program and Emory University for the psychology program.

Polygraph Unit personnel had active involvement in transferring hundreds of items of evidence from various formats to digital media to aid in more efficient storage of case evidence. The examiners also investigated and/or assisted with several criminal/internal affairs cases, threat assessment, and provided computer forensic assistance to the Internal Affairs Unit.

This unit administers the statewide issuance of the following permits: speed detection device permits to law enforcement agencies; wholesale/retail firearms licenses to individuals/businesses seeking to sell handguns less than 15 inches in length, and to individuals seeking exceptions to Georgia's window tint law.

The Permits Unit issued/renewed 248 speed detection device permits (a decrease from 313 in 2008), 973 wholesale/retail firearms permits with attached fees of \$31,901, and 253 window tint permits with attached fees of \$2,530. (firearms and window tint exception permits were slightly higher than in 2008).



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Public Information Office

The Public Information Office serves as the liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media and citizens of Georgia. This office consists of three units: Documents, Graphics and Publications. The Public Information Office staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and interview requests for 48 Georgia State Patrol posts, 10 Motor Carrier Compliance regions and Capitol Police.

The PIO Director manages the daily operations in the Public Information Office, maintains the retiree notification system, and

compiles quarterly GOHS/NHTSA data for statewide seatbelt, child restraint and DUI enforcement campaigns. The director coordinates the dissemination of information to members of the Command Staff of working significant incidents/crashes utilizing the group paging system.

Additionally, the director represents the department on the Governor's Public Safety Awards Committee, serves as a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee, coordinates the department awards program and responds to media inquiries. The director also prepares news releases for the six major holiday periods, specialized enforcement campaigns, and other releases as needed each year. He also conducts a training course in media relations to trooper cadets during GSP Trooper School.

The Documents Unit serves as the central filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents from all GSP, MCCD, and Capitol Police field operations. All PIO staff members are designated as custodians of public record. Documents received and filed over 1,900 types of evidence and completed more than 1,100 evidence requests. This evidence included photographs, videos, crash and incident reports, SCRT reports, subpoenas, requests for production of documents, and other documentation. The Documents and Graphics Units also completed requests from the Open Records Units which included photograph and CD/DVD duplication.

The Graphics Unit provides development and copying of department evidence photos, video and audiotapes. The Graphics Unit also provides special projects support to the Publications and Recruitment Units. This unit also serves as the official photographers for the department at local and state events.

Publications is responsible for the production of the department's quarterly newsletter, the DPS Annual Report, special projects and the Department of Public Safety website. This unit also provides special assistance in coordinating departmental submissions for the Georgia Governor's Challenge and the International Association of Chief's of Police (IACP) awards programs.



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Executive Security

The primary purpose of the Executive Security Division of the Georgia State Patrol is to provide effective, efficient dignitary and facilities security services for individuals and facilities authorized in the state statute. The Special Services Section provides dignitary protection services through its Dignitary Protection Unit for those protectees designated by the director and security services for the Governor's Mansion facility and its grounds.

The Dignitary Protection Unit handled 2,010 security details logging in 23,187 hours. There were 45 visiting principals from other states or countries.

The Special Services Section screened 9,462 visitors attending tours at the Governor's Mansion during the year. There were an additional 4,895 guests attending special events. There was a total of 14,959 security hours for the Governor's Mansion. The Executive Security Division logged in 1,512 training hours for the year.



Planning

The Planning Section provides support to all units of the Department of Public Safety by preparing studies and reports related to operations of the department. They provide assistance with the collection and analysis of information and technical assistance in the creation of databases and other computer-related information management tools in cooperation with the Computer Services Section. The Planning Section responds to surveys and other requests for information, and assists with planning for special events and details. This section is often called upon to assist with development and implementation of new work processes and procedures. Planning conducted the following activities:

- Coordinated and facilitated the development of the agency's strategic plan in accordance with Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) guidelines.
- Prepared the annual Pursuit Summary Report.
- Attended training seminars to learn about new strategies and concepts being implemented by the State of Georgia.
- Provided assistance to the commissioner and various division directors, through research and compilation of analyses and reports.
- Conducted surveys for several department members/sections utilizing the online survey tool. These surveys assisted individuals with their education, and provided direction for the department in several areas.
- Assisted in the creation and revision of numerous DPS forms.

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Training

The DPS Training Division consists of the GSP and the MCCD Training Units. The office is located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia. The Training Division consists of 12 sworn and three non-sworn members. Two additional sworn members were detached to the division for assistance with the 87th Trooper School. The MCCD Training Unit added one sworn member.



The 86th Trooper School graduated on February 20, adding 47 new troopers to the battalion. The 87th Trooper School began on July 19, with 55 cadets. Additionally, the unit facilitated Spring and Fall Physical Fitness In-Service training, Spring and Fall Firearms In-Service training, Fall Pursuit Liability and CART training, a RADAR and Laser Instructor course, and Use of Force Simulator training for all sworn DPS officers.

The GSP Unit also conducted various remedial training sessions and assisted several outside agencies with training requests. Outside agency training included the Use of Force Simulator for the Peace Officers Association of Georgia annual conference, Active Shooter training for Evans County Sheriff's Department, and Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) training for Monroe County Sheriff's Department and others.

The MCCD Unit completed over 20 major classes including North American Standards Levels 1 and 2, Cargo Tank, and Other Bulk Packages classes. The MCCD Unit also conducted General Haz Mat and Supervision Level 1 classes.

Human Resources

The Human Resources Division provides a full array of human resources services including recruitment, job development, compensation analysis, policy consultation, personnel transactions/benefits processing, management and employee relations and career development for more than 1,400 employees of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, over 225 positions/employees for six attached agencies are administratively attached to DPS for benefits and transactions services. Human Resources provides technical training in human resources related topics in support of the training division and the command staff of the agency, including Unlawful Harassment Prevention, Discipline, and Performance Management.

The Director's Office provides overall direction, leadership, and management of the agency's human resources needs to include the areas of human relations services, diversity management, policy analysis and development; personnel administration, and position/budget administration.

Employment and Career Development provides assistance to managers in recruiting top-notch candidates by conducting targeted recruitments, assessing and evaluating job applicants, and participating in panel selections designed to attract and retain a quality workforce. This unit compiles applicant data and works closely with the Special Investigations Division to process applicants through background investigations and the hiring process. In an effort to continuously provide opportunities for growth and advancement for sworn personnel, testing and assessment centers are coordinated through Human Resources in partnership with the University of Georgia.

Employee Services is responsible for improving the effectiveness of the Department of Public Safety by developing and supporting efforts to improve the employee-management relations climate within the department. This is done by providing programs such as the Employee Assistance Program and the Peer Support Team which address a need which exists in the workforce, and by consulting with individual

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employees and managers to address specific issues. Internally, issues are informally raised by either constituency and are most often formally initiated in disciplinary actions, complaints, grievances, the request for review of a performance evaluation and charges of discrimination. Externally, the unit responds to actions filed with The Georgia Committee on Equal Opportunity, the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the State Personnel Board and through State and Federal Courts. Formal investigations are often undertaken in order to address both internal and external complaints.

Throughout the year, Systems and Records responds to numerous requests for information related to benefits and assists employees in resolving benefit problems. They provide support for the actions that are administered throughout the agency, including employee transfers, promotions, new hires and terminations. Employment records, which includes the personnel history file (201), confidential file (beneficiary, medical and health related information), Worker's Compensation files, and separated employee files are maintained and stored in this section. Human Resources is responsible for maintaining accurate leave balances for all employees and providing support and consultation to managers to ensure timely and accurate time-keeping records are kept according to state and federal laws.

Comptroller

Budget Office: The Budget Office is a section within the Comptroller's Office. The Budget Director is responsible for managing the department's Budget and Grant's Management Section. The Budget Office duties include preparing the annual operating budget and the program based budget request with guidance from the Governor's and Legislative budget offices. The office also manages all amendments processed throughout the year, adding federal funds to the budget as needed.

Additionally, the Budget Office staff is responsible for monitoring expenditures to ensure they are recorded correctly and to ensure the budget will not be overspent. This includes producing monthly projections based on previous expenditures and historical trends. The Grants Management duties include pursuing funding opportunities for the department. Once funds are received the unit is responsible for submitting claim information to the granting agency and ensuring that the expenses are in accordance with the guidelines of the grant. The following grants/funds were received by the Department of Public Safety in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009:

- **Capitol Police:** Acquired from the Georgia Building Authority in SFY 2001, the Capitol Police Division is responsible for providing the security and protection of the State of Georgia Capitol complex and 17 other state owned buildings and facilities including the Georgia Supreme Court. The use of high-tech surveillance equipment, metal detectors and highly trained security personnel assists with accomplishing this mission. The annual budget is \$6,738,534.
- **Administrative License Suspension (ALS) Program and Nighthawks:** In FY 2008, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) combined the Administrative License Suspension Program (ALS) with the Nighthawk DUI Task Force into one grant for \$725,100. This funding continues to provide legal assistance to state troopers at civil hearings for DUI suspension of driver licenses. The grant provides for one attorney, one paralegal, travel related expenses to court appearances, and administrative support services. This grant also continues to provide funding for the operation of a DUI Task Force that is focused on the five-county metropolitan areas. The unit conducts concentrated patrols, road checks and provides educational information to the public as part of their outreach efforts. The grant provides funding for six troopers, a unit secretary, and other operational expenses.

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- **K-9 Regional Task Force:** The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded \$420,780 to provide continuation funding for the Regional K-9 Task Force. The grant provides funding for the unit commander, seven deputies, a secretary and veterinary expenses.
- **Governor's Task Force:** The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) awarded \$460,000 to provide air and ground search and destroy missions for marijuana eradication efforts in Georgia.
- **Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange:** CJCC provided \$4,500 to fund the expense of one trooper to attend the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange program.
- **Safety Education Workshop:** GOHS provided \$8,121 to send four troopers from our Safety Education Unit to attend this workshop on courses and techniques for conducting safety education efforts.
- **Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP):** For federal fiscal year 2009, MCSAP funding was granted in the amount of \$5,829,994. The mission of the MCSAP program is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety on Georgia's highways by reducing crashes, fatalities and injuries. Each year new goals and objectives are outlined in a commercial motor vehicle safety plan (CVSP) and monitored throughout the plan year. During the 2009 federal fiscal year, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division performed 99,340 commercial motor vehicle inspections.
- **New Entrant Program:** The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is responsible for conducting the New Entrant Program for the State of Georgia. Pursuant to federal regulations, within 18 months of a receipt of New Entrant registration, a motor carrier based in Georgia must undergo a safety audit performed by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division. The audit ensures that the motor carrier has complied with the minimum safety standards necessary to continue operating after initially receiving a U.S. DOT number. For the 2009 federal fiscal year, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division operated on a federal grant awarded in the amount of \$1,629,760.00. During the federal fiscal year, MCCD officers performed 1,601 safety audits.
- **Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (G-TACT):** The Motor Carrier Compliance Division began the Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (G-TACT) campaign in 2007. The G-TACT program is a high-visibility traffic enforcement program. It uses communication, education and enforcement in high-risk corridors to reduce fatalities and injuries from unsafe driving behaviors by passenger vehicles and commercial motor vehicles. This program originated in the State of Washington. Georgia was the fourth state in the nation to implement this highly successful federally funded campaign. The enforcement blitz for each campaign corridor typically runs for three to five days a week with follow up blitz's scheduled later. Enforcement campaigns include officers from MCCD, Georgia State Patrol and other local law enforcement jurisdictions. For the 2009 federal fiscal year, the Motor Carrier Division was awarded \$417,000 for media and outreach and \$458,605.00 for enforcement for the operation of G-TACT. The 2009 campaign includes corridors in Bullock, Chatham, Coweta, Dekalb, Houston, and Troup counties.
- **Education and Outreach:** The Motor Carrier Compliance Division routinely conducts educational and outreach programs and events for the general public and the motor carrier industry. For the 2009 federal fiscal year, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration awarded high priority funds in the amount of \$56,000 for education and outreach programs.



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Payroll: The Payroll Office is responsible for maintaining all payroll related reports and processing payroll twice a month for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. The payroll office includes a staff of payroll paraprofessionals/technicians and the payroll director. Payroll is also responsible for balancing and issuing W-2s to all current and former employees of DPS and the attached agencies. In 2009, 1,914 W-2s were issued. The payroll office assists employees with any questions regarding W-2s. Other payroll functions are as follows:

- Transferring monies from the State Treasury each pay period to cover payroll checks.
- Making federal tax transfer for all federal taxes; this includes employee and employer share of all federal taxes.
- Setting up direct deposit information in PeopleSoft when payroll office receives appropriate form and banking information from employee. Payroll also works closely with Wachovia Bank to resolve any problems related to employee direct deposit.
- Balancing all deduction reports and coordinating with Accounts Payable to send out checks or transfer monies for all employee deductions, including but not limited to tax levies, garnishments, child support payments, supplemental insurance deductions, credit union deductions, savings bonds, and deferred and defined compensation. Additionally, payroll assists employees with any questions or concerns regarding tax levies and garnishments.
- Reconciling, balancing and submitting retirement reports, which includes four different retirement plans, each with a different percentage for employer share. Monthly retirement reports must be corrected and resubmitted for all retroactive salary adjustments.
- Balancing health insurance report for all different health insurance plans and coordinating with the Department of Community Health to resolve problems.
- Balancing and submitting quarterly 941 federal tax report, quarterly state tax report, and the quarterly unemployment report for the Dept. of Labor.
- Entering information for all annual leave, FLSA, and holiday leave payouts as necessary.
- Entering hours for all hourly employees each pay period when timesheets are received.
- Entering all overtime hours to be paid.
- Coordinating with budget office regarding all employees who are paid through grants.
- Distributing quarterly payroll calendars to all employees, incorporating internal cutoffs dates for submission of timesheets and payroll exceptions.
- Ensuring that all personnel entries are correct in system. Making any and all payroll corrections when errors are discovered.
- Completing special projects, as necessary, due to lawsuits or other requests from the Legal Services Office.
- Researching and answering all requests on employees and former employees from IRS, Social Security Administration, Retirement System, and others.

Additionally, furloughs were implemented beginning in August. Furlough docks for affected employees must be manually entered every pay period by payroll staff. This task has greatly increased the workload of the payroll office. *Deputy Commissioner's Office*

The Payroll Office receives many phone calls requesting assistance with payroll related questions. Payroll employees also work closely with the State Accounting Office (SAO) to resolve all payroll problems related to PeopleSoft.

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Accounting: The Accounting Section is responsible for maintaining the DPS accounting books and records for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and four attached agencies. The section consists of accounts payable, accounts receivable/revenue, payroll, and general ledger activity.

The amount of revenue for the Overweight Citations Unit that was transferred to the State Treasury was \$6,981,834.98 for Fiscal Year 2009.

Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit for Fiscal Year 2009 included the following:

Atlanta Municipal Court:	\$ 46,362.03
Clayton State Court:	\$ 1,835.75
Cobb State Court:	\$ 2,593.52
DeKalb Recorders Court:	\$ 5,591.96
Fulton Magistrate Court:	\$414,044.10
Total:	\$470,427.36

The Department of Public Safety has 48 posts located throughout the state, and Capitol Police located in Atlanta. The 48 posts, Capitol Police, the Motorcycle Unit, the Public Information Office, and the Open Records Unit collect the revenues for copies of crash reports requested by citizens. The total revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2009 were \$167,012.20.

The Department of Audits performed a financial review of the accounting records for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009. The overall results of the audit for the department were good. The Department of Public Safety remitted surplus back to the State Treasury in the amount of \$747,524.45.

Overweight Citations Unit: The Overweight Citations Unit is responsible for collecting and processing monetary fines imposed on trucks for being overweight when issued a citation on a Georgia highway. This office establishes the accounting policy to determine and implement internal financial controls in order to develop and institute accounting procedures for processing the collection of these monetary funds. This includes the daily depositing of these funds so these funds can be transmitted to the Treasury of the State of Georgia. This process allows this unit to monitor and maintain accounting records on these transactions. This unit processed, collected and deposited \$6,482,821.42 of monetary fines for the period of Calendar Year 2009. Additional functions performed by the Overweight Citations Unit include:



- Processes nonsufficient funds (NSF) checks;
- Researches and applies unapplied funds to appropriate accounts;
- Initiates refunds;
- Links carriers' accounts to departmental accounts;
- Monitors appropriate bankruptcy cases;
- Maintains citation disputes and administrative hearing documents in coordination with the department's Legal Services Office;
- Prepares monthly financial statements and reports for the Comptroller of the department;
- Issuance and monitoring of a conditional release agreement between DPS and the carrier/owner-operator (when signed by both parties) which permits monetary funds to be applied to past due citations.

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Headquarters/Communications Division

The Communications/Headquarters Division provides support services to the agency in the areas of information technology, communications, disaster coordination, planning, and both security and maintenance of the Headquarters facility. The Chief Information Officer (CIO) directs the planning and implementation of enterprise IT systems in support of business operations in order to improve cost effectiveness, service quality, and business development solutions. Another primary unit of this division is the Administrative Services Unit managed by Captain Keith Canup. The Administrative Services Unit is comprised of Facilities, Maintenance, Garage, Vehicle Support Services, Supply, Property Management and the Mailroom.

CAD/RMS Update: Since beginning the implementation of the data technology project a little over a year ago, overall productivity of the officer has been greatly enhanced. The administrative function required of our troopers was supported at the physical location of the post. When a crash was investigated, the trooper had to travel to the post to type his report. The same was true when an arrest required an incident report. By providing in-car computers, the administrative support of the trooper has moved straight into the vehicle where the paperwork is handled. This places the trooper on patrol for more of his/her shift, increasing overall presence, visibility, and contact with the motoring public. By staying on route, response times to crash scenes have been reduced and the result is more efficient service for the citizen. An additional savings has been realized by reduced gasoline consumption because of trips not being made to the post solely for administrative support reasons.



For the trooper, the GPS capability of an in-car electronic system provides for increased officer safety. In any emergency situation, the exact location of the trooper's patrol vehicle is now known and help can be directed to his exact location. Because of the same GPS locating ability, troopers are made accountable for being on their assigned routes at the assigned times.

By effectively using technology and realizing a reduction in current personnel through the regionalization of our communications centers, the department has been able to pay the recurring costs associated with this project. These expenses have been met without the need of any additional budgetary funding. The project allows data interoperability within the department, and also positions the Georgia Department of Public Safety for information exchange with federal, state, and local partners. More specifically, this project provides the following enhancements:

- **CAD: (Computer-Aided Dispatch)** - CAD provides communications centers with a reliable, configurable, and easy to use system to increase productivity, track, manage and reduce response times while ensuring that the right resources are dispatched as quickly as possible.
- **RMS: (L/E Records Management System)** - RMS enables easy and efficient management of vital records by reporting incidents and arrests directly to the FBI, state crime information centers, and local agencies. This also provides the backbone of records management for citations, warnings, incident reports, and crash reports in one centralized location.
- **MDT: (Mobile Data Terminal or Laptop)** - MDTs keep troopers in the field connected with access to CAD dispatch information from their laptops or handhelds and allows them to update incident records, unit status, and run queries against the records management system. Comparisons to state and federal databases can also be obtained.

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- **FBR: (Field- Based Reporting)** - FBR allows troopers to enter reports from the field directly through their laptop. Supervisors are also able to review and approve troopers' reports in almost real-time. This has greatly increased the availability of information.
- **AVL: (Auto Vehicle Locator)** - AVL tracks location and movement of troopers in virtual real time for officer safety and officer accountability issues. The location is mapped on our CAD and MDT systems enabling dispatchers and troopers to see the information simultaneously.

Project considerations included equipment costs, communications upgrades for regional consolidation, current and recurring infrastructure expenses, and construction/modification for regional centers. The department began designing and building electronics power distribution boards to be used in each patrol vehicle. Before, connections varied drastically as each installer had their own method or preferred configuration. Now, all of the electronics are connected and fused the same way in every vehicle. Because each power distribution board is built the same way, the siren, radio, computer, emergency lights, etc., are all connected and fused uniformly. This standardization has greatly improved productivity and offers protection to the vehicles' electrical systems and components. Where it used to take one day to equip and complete two patrol cars, they are now able to complete up to five vehicles in a single day. Quality installations have translated into less time at the repair shop, and more time on the roadways patrolling.

The entire action plan involved a pilot for 2008, completion of two-thirds for 2009, and the balance of three centers for 2010. Troop C (Atlanta) Communications/CAD Center started in January, and training began in February. Beginning in March, training began for the troopers on their MDTs. Training for the troopers covered self-dispatching, electronic citations and warnings, and officer profile settings. After three separate training classes, Troop C went live with CAD and MCT users together. Troop C has been in full operation since that time. Following that same build-out model, Troops D, E, F, H, and I were completed in 2009. The last three troops will be completed later this year.

Interoperability Update: The State of Georgia is in the final phases of its effort to establish the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN). When completed, the GIN will provide an Internet-based backbone for enhanced interoperable communication among public safety radio operators throughout Georgia.

Planned GIN installations will link 174 county and city sites (most of them at 911 centers), 52 state agency sites, and three mobile communications vehicles with satellite connectivity to the network. Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Office of Homeland Security has funded GIN at local sites and most state agency sites through DHS grant funds.

Managed by the Georgia State Patrol, the network offers public safety a variety of new capabilities, including: 1) interoperable communication for public safety agencies at the local level regard less of equipment being used; 2) interoperability with neighboring agencies having overlapping radio coverage; 3) dispatch back-up capability with other agencies to support continuity of operations; 4) the ability for dispatch conferencing involving multiple departments and agencies; 5) interoperable communications statewide in major emergency events; and 6) interoperability with other public safety agencies in adjoining states.

Special Projects Coordinator: The Special Projects and Interoperability Project Coordinator focused on the installation and operation of the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN). The GIN is the Homeland Security initiative to provide communications between public safety answering points and Georgia State Patrol dispatch centers. During the year, the coordinator completed 31 site-walks and Motobridge installations at Georgia State Patrol facilities across the entire state, conducted 26 site-walks and Motobridge installations at county 911 centers, and facilitated communications consolidation of five Georgia State Patrol Troops. He also participated was the rebanding of over 180 radio units in the

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metropolitan Atlanta area and attended bi-weekly project development meetings in conjunction with Georgia Tech Research Institute and the Motobridge Product Team.

Communications Coordinator: There are two communications coordinators. One is responsible for radio communications across the state which includes radios, towers, dispatch consoles and remote facilities in support of the radio systems for the department. This year he performed over 35 site inspections, provided assistance and made recommendations to resolve problems with radio communications, including repairs to 13 existing tower sites. He provided engineering support that resulted in the installation of five new radio sites to expand the radio coverage of the Troops into critical areas. During the year, his focus was identifying outdated radio equipment and making recommendations to purchase new equipment that is compatible with changing technology, including radios and consoles for 18 posts. He coordinates with many private individuals, commercial organizations, and government agencies to ensure that the radio communication requirements of the department continue to improve. He also coordinated with local government agencies for Troop personnel to communicate on their existing trunked radio systems. He has also coordinated for the programming of Troop radios onto these unique trunked systems for crucial communications between our Troop personnel and local law enforcement personnel. Finally, he reviewed, monitored, and coordinated for the repair of radio equipment to ensure that repairs were conducted effectively and in a timely manner.

The other coordinator is responsible for mobile communications assets. He has been focusing on a thorough inventory process and the assignment of correct resources in the installation process. He maintains and schedules installation and repairs for the DPS radio shop. Currently, he is learning to program and troubleshoot GPS systems, radio, and printer repairs. He is also using a new web based scheduling tool along with our department's helpdesk.

Communications Program Specialists: The Technology Division of the department consists of two project coordinators; one over the North and one over the South. Their responsibilities consist of the following activities:

- Overseeing the operations and development of a statewide training program for communications, including the development of the Communications Policy and Procedures manual and the Communications Training Guide.
- Ensuring uniformity by implementing policies and procedures for communications personnel.
- Establishing operational and security plans for communications centers, ensuring state and federal compliance.
- Meeting with GCIC Administrative personnel and Audit Managers to establish guidelines for GCIC Certification (Computer Based Training) to ensure federal and state compliance for all Department of Public Safety (DPS) personnel.
- Maintaining, creating, and correcting CAD GEO (roads, streets, highways, landmarks).
- Adding, deleting, creating, and updating employee user files for the CAD and MDTs.
- Maintaining administrative databases that include court and jail contact information for the mobile forms section of the CAD/MDTs.

Records Management: A first lieutenant serves as the department's records management officer and is responsible for providing assistance with the creation of new forms and for providing information to the appropriate personnel when duplicate forms or conflicts exist. He coordinates with Computer Services in creating and maintaining a central clearinghouse, accessible by all members of the department, for forms designed for use on the computer. He also consults with the Legal Services Office to determine the retention period for all new forms. Approved forms are assigned a DPS number and added to the

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Master Form List. The Records Management Officer also serves as the liaison with the State of Georgia Archives to comply with statutory retention schedules.

Headquarters Security: The first lieutenant also serves as supervisor for Headquarters Security. Headquarters Security is responsible for the security of the Headquarters facility and grounds. Some of the duties include opening and closing headquarters, identifying all visitors, monitoring all entrances and exits, monitoring traffic for the credit union, making deposits for the Department of Revenue, the Overweight Citation Unit and the credit union, and patrolling the grounds. Headquarters security also handles relays to and from headquarters; whether it is a person or items.

Off-Duty Coordinator: An additional responsibility of the first lieutenant is serving as the department's Off-Duty Coordinator. It is the policy of the Georgia Department of Public Safety to allow employees of the department to engage in outside employment, provided that certain conditions are met and approved by the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety. This policy applies to both sworn and civilian personnel. Outside employment requests are sent to the off-duty employment coordinator through the proper chain-of-command. The off-duty employment coordinator obtains the approval or disapproval of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee. The off-duty Employment Coordinator notifies the requesting DPS employee regarding the approval of their request. When a prospective employer contacts the department to request a DPS officer for employment, the off-duty employment coordinator provides the list of approved employees. The approved employee list is maintained by the off-duty employment coordinator in accordance with policy. The off-duty coordinator is tasked with the responsibility of maintaining all files and data entry related to off-duty employment for all employees hired by the Department of Public Safety.

Computer Services: In 2009, the Computer Services Section completed several major projects, regularly assisted users and continued support for all DPS hardware and software systems. This section accomplished the following:

- Continued to support almost 1,500 users, 443 PCs, 793 laptops, 48 network servers and storage devices, 80 Local Area Networks with firewalls, 35 off-the-shelf programs, 25 software applications, 80 hand-held communications devices, 25 cell phones and 33 iDEN radios.
- Answered and closed over 4,527 calls for user support.
- Continued to support the CAD, Mobile Office and RMS (CMOR) project. Imaged, setup and issued 550 laptop computers to DPS Troopers and Officers. Invested over 5,150 support hours, closed over 970 project related help tickets and 71 project related tasks.
- Assisted with the configuration, installation and setup of 62 new copiers at DPS sites.
- Completed the conversion and consolidated of data communication sites throughout the State from MPLS Frame Relay to DSL in an effort to reduce cost. We converted 52 sites with an average saving of \$300 per site.
- Downsized telephones and lines at 32 DPS Offices in an ongoing effort to reduce overall telecommunications cost for the department.
- Completed the Statewide implementation of the Online Duty Roster application. This online system replaced a time consuming paper process and also allowed management access to State, Troop and Post manpower levels through a [MyDPS](#) interface.



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- Continued development of the www.GaCargoTheft.com web site to support the [Southeast Transportation Security Council's](#) (SETSC) mission to facilitate the prevention and recovery of stolen cargo in the transportation industry.
- Continued development of the www.GaInterOP.Com web site to support the Georgia Interoperable Communications Project.
- With the Comprehensive Records Management System (CRMS), we continued to support over 800 users, developed and implemented several system upgrades and supported 250 requests for assistance.
- Developed and deployed a new version release, 1.2.2.3, of Overweight Truck Information System (OTIS) for MCCD. The new release included features for auto-impound, posted bridge warning and many other enhancements for Officers, Management and Overweight Enforcement Unit.
- Installed failover systems for all major DPS applications (Mail, SQL databases and general files) at SCRT Office in Gainesville.
- Through the use of our *Barracuda* Mail Content Filtering appliance, blocked over 15 million SPAM and Virus laden emails from entering DPS user mailboxes and processed over two million valid emails.
- Continued technical support of the WatchGuard in-car Video system and provided users with technical support for damaged systems and disks.

Administrative Services

The DPS Administrative Services Division is responsible for providing support services to all aspects of The Department of Public Safety. Those services include, but are not limited to: Fleet Management/ Vehicle Services, DPS Radio Shop, Physical Property Inventory, Supply, Headquarters Maintenance, DPS Headquarters outgoing mail and internal mail distribution, managing and coordinating new post design and construction, as well as maintenance of existing structures and grounds. General Services personnel are often tasked with unexpected or specialized support duties such as arranging for posts or units to acquire needed items through the State Surplus Property Program, moving and sometime storing furniture, to name a few.

Property Management is responsible for maintaining the accuracy of DPS property inventory. This includes all individual items valued \$1,000 or more and all weapons. During the year, Property Management Section processed 2,001 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$9,049,208.65 and 1,350 deletions valued at \$4,112,451. Transactions are updated daily.

Insurance Claims Services charged with processing and filing insurance loss claims for all divisions of DPS. This office reported processing 21 incidents of loss, of which, 18 were due to lightning, one was due to a tornado, one was due to high wind, and one was due to water damage. Property damage claims from the field resulted in an estimated loss to the department of \$86,467. Insurance reimbursed DPS \$59,130.62 for the claims. Our policy deductible costs and losses surpass our deductibles account for the difference.

Maintenance completed or assisted with several renovation projects in addition to their routine maintenance duties and emergency repairs. The front lobby of Headquarters was completely renovated. The temporary mobile trailers that are now housing Post 6 in Gainesville during the construction phase of the new facility were both renovated to accommodate the post's needs; this also included two out buildings used to store lawn equipment. The offices housing Legal Services were renovated and painted. Maintenance also prepared the room used to relocate the new Headquarters exercise room. Our maintenance section played an integral part with renovations to the new building slated to house the Metro-Motor Unit. DPS maintenance personnel worked in conjunction with the Department of Corrections

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to complete the project. In addition to remodeling and renovations, Maintenance repainted six offices. Maintenance also constructed a shelter to house the bulk oil storage system for the DPS Garage.

DPS Garage continued with the CAD/RMS vehicle install program and has now completed the board/console installs in approximately 85 percent of the cars in our 1,200 plus vehicle fleet. This was in addition to preparing and equipping 31 cars for cadet troopers and performing routine maintenance as well as emergency repairs needed to keep our fleet roadworthy.

DPS Radio Shop worked in conjunction with the DPS Garage to make the RMS/CAD install program a success. After each install, the Radio Shop tests all the equipment to ensure it functions properly. Watch Guard video cameras continued to be installed to replace the older VHS version. The Radio Shop processed and cleared approximately 1,090 Help Desk Tickets.



Vehicle Support Services processed the paperwork and brokered the purchase of 118 new vehicles for the Department of Public Safety in addition to one new vehicle for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and one new vehicle for Post Council for a total of 120 new vehicles. Vehicle Services also completed the necessary process and paperwork to take possession of a seized work truck for our maintenance section, which brought the total number of acquisitions to 121. A breakdown of the acquisitions is as follows: 91 Ford Crown Victoria pursuit vehicles, 17 Dodge Charger pursuit vehicles, eight Harley Davidson enforcement motorcycles, one Ford F-650 rollback, one Ford F-150 (P.O.S.T. Council), and one Chevrolet 1500 series pickup (G.O.H.S.), one Chevrolet Tahoe, and the used, seized vehicle that was successfully filed on and obtained for maintenance. Before 2009 ended, Vehicle Services issued nine new Dodge Chargers and 40 Ford Crown Victoria pursuit vehicles. Vehicle Services processed 244 departmental vehicle accidents which entailed filing insurance recovery claims when appropriate and scheduling and tracking repair work. There were 193 vehicles sent to surplus and 65 more were prepped and are on the lot waiting to be sent to surplus.

Building and Property Management Division completed construction for Post 46 in Monroe and moved the post from its original location in Conyers. Post 25 in Grovetown completed its construction and moved from Thomson. Post 23 in Brunswick has a new facility located in Glynn County. Post 6 in Gainesville is still under construction. Post 3 in Cartersville, Post 10 in Americus, the Motor Unit, Post 48 in Atlanta, Post 9 in Marietta, and the Criminal Interdiction Unit buildings are still under construction.

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Georgia State Patrol

The Georgia State Patrol continues to enforce the importance of wearing seat belts, using the appropriate child restraint for children, slowing down and not speeding, and refraining from driving impaired on Georgia's roads.

Three Year Comparison

Type of Citation/Arrest	2009	2008	2007
No. of Seat Belt Citations	56,515	57,816	51,097
No. of Child Seat Citations	9,293	8,821	6,056
No. of Speeding Citations	168,072	150,722	194,455
No of Impaired Driving Arrests	14,629	11,812	11,378

For the year, troopers reported the following activity for the seven enforcement campaigns conducted:

Impaired Driving Roadblocks.....	3,273
Impaired Driving Saturation Patrols.....	518
Seat Belt Enforcement Zones.....	1,530
Special Speed Enforcement Details.....	205
Other Traffic Enforcement Efforts.....	168

Troopers also reported the following number of citations given during these campaigns:

Total Citations.....	248,509
Seat Belt and Child Restraints.....	65,808
Speeding.....	168,072
DUI Arrests.....	14,629



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Troop A

Troop A covers northwest Georgia, with most of the territory lying north of I-20 and west of I-75. Troop A is made up of seven posts, five of which have territory bordering Alabama or Tennessee. The posts of

- Post 3 Cartersville which covers Bartow and Paulding Counties
- Post 5 Dalton which covers Whitfield and Catoosa Counties
- Post 28 Jasper which covers Pickens and Cherokee Counties
- Post 29 Cedartown which covers Haralson and Polk Counties
- Post 38 Rome which covers Chattooga and Floyd Counties
- Post 41 Lafayette which covers Dade and Walker Counties
- Post 43 Calhoun which covers Gordon and Murray Counties

Troop A provided over 150 DOT Escorts throughout 2009. These escorts were for oversize loads ranging from expensive yachts going to Savannah or Lake Lanier to F-22 Raptor components going to Lockheed.

Troop A is also heavily involved in the Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard. One of the lieutenants is the Honor Guard Commander for the state, and he supervised numerous details involving from two to over 20 honor guard members. These details included funerals, convention openings, and various other ceremonies.

Troop A actively supports the Governor's Office of Highway Safety through participation in several traffic enforcement networks. Additional activities include the following: Troop A Strike Team (TAST), NASCAR races at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Georgia Power benefit runs, Southern National Drag Races in Commerce, Hands Across the Border, Operation Lifesaver train rides, Operation "Rolling Thunder", Shriner's Parade and Toy Run, Veterans Day Parade, Blue Knights Motorcycle Club Memorial Ride, Civil War Reenactments in Walker and Gordon counties, University of Georgia football games, Security details involving visits by Vice President Dick Cheney, and security for Governor Sonny Perdue, and other state dignitaries.



Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 3	3,789	24	9,270	10,317	375	12,992
Post 5	2,485	17	10,444	14,532	356	13,973
Post 28	536	10	3,943	8,191	146	9,103
Post 29	712	6	3,852	10,895	140	8,903
Post 38	978	9	4,927	8,401	129	8,747
Post 41	1,137	9	5,868	8,661	187	8,283
Post 43	1,212	25	5,806	8,442	181	9,345
TOTALS	10,849	100	44,110	69,439	1,514	71,346

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Troop B

Troop B consists of five patrol posts: Athens, Blue Ridge, Cumming, Gainesville and Toccoa. Troopers from these posts patrol 20 northeast Georgia counties which consist of 5,438 square miles. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's resident population estimates for 2008, five of Troop B's counties are included in the 100 fastest growing US counties with 10,000 or more population.

- Post 6 in Gainesville patrols Banks, Hall and White counties
- Post 7 in Toccoa patrols Habersham, Franklin, Rabun and Stephens counties
- Post 27 in Blue Ridge patrols Fannin, Gilmer, Towns and Union counties
- Post 32 in Athens patrols Barrow, Clarke, Jackson, Madison and Oconee counties
- Post 37 in Cumming which patrols Dawson, Forsyth and Lumpkin counties



Troop B was awarded third place in the GSP Troop Division of the Georgia Governor's Challenge. In August, the final group of troopers became certified child passenger safety technicians. This completed the certification for all troopers and NCOs in the Troop. Our troopers assisted with more than 20 child safety seat checks across our territory in 2009.

Special Details: The Troop captain served as an assessor for the 2009 Pennsylvania State Police lieutenant and captain promotion examinations held in Hershey Pennsylvania. One of the lieutenants coordinated the Georgia State Patrol's participation in the *2009 Police Unity Tour*, a 250 mile bicycle ride from Portsmouth, Virginia to Washington, D.C. This ride raises money to support the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum, and helps increase awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. He and three other Troop B troopers made the 250-mile ride in honor of the 133 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2008.

Troop B's Mobile Field Force was deployed to civil disturbances in the City of Hartwell in February and March. Troop B provided detail for the following events: Hands Across the Border, SKF motorcycle escort, Spring Nationals Drag Race, Pinks All Out Drag Race, Atlanta Motor Speedway, University Of Georgia football games, Dahlonega parade, Tour de Georgia bicycle race, Georgia Mountain Fair, City of Clermont parade, Oktoberfest in White County, funeral detail for a North Carolina trooper killed in the line of duty, immigration detail at the Georgia State Capitol, Northeast Traffic Enforcement Network press conference, Gilmer County Apple Festival and Operation Rolling Thunder.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 6	3,064	35	12,104	9,797	265	14,986
Post 7	1,338	28	6,454	7,155	420	8,547
Post 27	659	15	3,847	3,312	174	4,582
Post 32	2,013	32	6,932	8,102	283	10,247
Post 37	761	15	4,773	5,369	164	7,762
TOTALS	7,835	125	34,110	33,735	1,306	46,124

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Troop C

Troop C patrols the ever growing Metropolitan Atlanta area and focuses on increasing the awareness of safe driving while reducing the number of impaired drivers, crashes, injuries and fatalities. Troop C Command oversees the day-to-day operations of three posts, a DUI Task Force, a Motorcycle Unit, and the Communications Center located at DPS Headquarters.



- Post 9 in Marietta patrols Cobb and Fulton counties (North of I-285)
- Post 47 in Forest Park patrols Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton counties (All outside I-285)
- Post 48 in Atlanta patrols Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton counties (All inside I-285), & Gwinnett (All of I-285)
- DUI Taskforce patrols Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton and Gwinnett counties
- Motorcycle Unit patrols I-285 and the interstate system within
- Communications Center patrols the areas listed above

Troop C is a unique Troop largely due to the numerous special details and dignitary escorts during the year. Collectively, Troop C dedicated approximately 4,083 hours to special details. It also provided escorts for several dignitaries and provided security escorts for numerous fund raising organizations.

The Georgia State Patrol Nighthawks DUI Task Force concentrates on the apprehension of DUI offenders during the peak hours when statistics have shown DUI related incidents occur. In addition to routine patrols, the Nighthawks also participate in concentrated patrols and road checks with other law enforcement agencies. This year the task force made 1,130 DUI arrests.

The Motor Unit was tasked with investigating the majority of the traffic crashes due in large part to the fact that the motorcycles could respond and maneuver through the traffic congestion faster and easier than a trooper in a patrol car. The Motor Unit investigated 2,938 traffic crashes. In April, history was made when the Motor Unit's training officers conducted the first basic police motorcycle operator's training class.

Headquarters Communications Center handles all communications for HQ Personnel, Troop C Personnel, Aviation, C.I.U., S.W.A.T., Safety Education, Implied Consent, and S.C.R.T. Teams. Headquarters Communications is the primary point of contact for all Communication Centers statewide. The communications center includes the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, Capitol Police, and the Georgia State Patrol dispatchers. Communication equipment officers dispatched over 6,000 crashes in the Metro Atlanta area with 5,841 actual crash reports generated; handled 46,093 traffic stops which resulted in 38,877 arrests and 20,139 warnings.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 9	699	1	7,550	5,013	67	8,703
Post 47	435	1	7,488	3,187	43	8,923
Post 48	1,744	3	9,938	6,803	72	12,122
Nighthawks North	102	1	3,912	2,090	1,502	7,450
Motor Unit	2,991	2	13,746	4,721	49	13,978
TOTAL	5,971	8	42,634	21,814	1,733	51,176

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Troop D

Troop D is responsible for enforcing traffic and criminal laws and investigating crashes in a 20 counties located in Central Georgia. Twenty percent (20 out of 99) of the troopers assigned to Troop D is detached full time to various units, which include: Motor Carrier Compliance Division, Executive Security, Training Division, Troop C Nighthawks, FBI, and the Criminal Interdiction Unit.



- Post 1 in Griffin patrols Butts, Henry and Spalding counties
- Post 2 in LaGrange patrols Harris and Troup counties
- Post 4 in Villa Rica patrols Carroll and Douglas counties
- Post 24 in Newnan patrols Coweta, Heard, and Fayette counties
- Post 26 in Thomaston patrols Crawford, Pike, Taylor, and Upson counties
- Post 34 in Manchester patrols Meriwether, Muscogee and Talbot counties
- Post 44 in Forsyth patrols Bibb, Lamar and Monroe counties

Troop D has participated in numerous details this year resulting in 3,760 special detail hours. The events include, but are not limited to the following: two Nascar Sprint Cup races at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Southern Governors' Conference, Emancipation Proclamation detail in Thomaston, Super Sunday detail in Roberta, the School of Americas detail in Columbus, flood detail in Carroll/Douglas Counties. Also, the troop captain led 50 troopers, as a security force, to represent Georgia at the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. This security assignment was the captain's second Presidential Inauguration. The captain was also recognized this year with a Commissioner's Commendation for his efforts in reducing manpower and cost associated with the two Nascar Sprint Cup races.

The Troop D H.I.T.T. (High Intensity Traffic Team) patrolled several problematic areas in major cities in troop territory. Due to furloughs, the team was only deployed on 11 patrols this year. The 10-man team operated under the leadership of the sergeant from Post 44 in Forsyth and the sergeant of Post 24 in Newnan. The Troop D H.I.T. Team produced a high number of quality arrests that resulted in the following enforcement activity: 813 arrests, 73 DUIs, 522 courtesy warnings, and 11 fugitive apprehensions.

In September, Troop D transitioned to its new communications center which is a centralized radio room located at Post 24 in Newnan.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 1	1,023	11	6,754	8,172	202	5,399
Post 2	1,270	21	9,164	7,342	262	10,937
Post 4	4,613	39	7,505	9,599	401	10,458
Post 24	1,769	9	7,302	9,898	224	14,328
Post 26	531	9	7,087	7,833	150	10,617
Post 34	388	11	3,941	4,710	219	6,692
Post 44	287	5	9,103	5,199	160	10,891
TOTALS	9,881	105	50,856	52,753	1,618	69,322

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Troop E

Troop E is located in the eastern central section of the State of Georgia. The northern end begins in Rockdale County at Interstate 20 and continues south-easterly for approximately 150 miles of this interstate to the Georgia/South Carolina line, ending in Richmond County. The posts that comprise this troop are Monroe, Madison, Milledgeville, Washington, and Grovetown. Most of Troop E's area is rural with the exception of a portion of Lake Oconee in Putnam and Greene Counties that has seen extreme growth in the recent past. Interstate 20 runs through the territory in Morgan and Greene Counties and encompasses approximately 41 miles.

- Post 8 in Madison patrols Greene, Jasper, Morgan, and Putnam counties.
- Post 17 in Washington patrols Elbert, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, and Wilkes counties.
- Post 25 in Grovetown patrols Columbia, Glascock, McDuffie, Richmond and Warren counties.
- Post 33 in Milledgeville patrols
- Post 46 in Monroe patrols

Troop E has provided support to other troops when special details have arisen. Troop E continues to assist Troop D during the Atlanta Motor Speedway races held in March. Troop E assisted Troop B personnel during the NHRA Southern Nationals Drag Race on April 18 and 19. Our presence was also requested to assist Troop H with the Georgia National Fair at the National Fairgrounds held in Perry in October. During the 16th Annual Hands Across the Border event, August 31 – September 4, Troop E was represented by personnel from Post 25 in Grovetown, as well as Troop E Command staff. In light of furloughs that began in July, assistance was not provided for the Fall AMS, as well as the UGA home football games. During April, citizens rallied at the Georgia Capitol and personnel were requested to provide crowd control for the "T.E.A. Party Demonstration". During the week of June 8 – 13, personnel were provided to assist the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force with Operation FALCON. Due to an increased number of automobile thefts of public safety equipment in the DeKalb and Fulton areas, troopers from Post 25 were sent to the Stonecrest Mall area, October 19 – 23, to assist in a Bait Car Detail.

On September 1, inmates at the Milledgeville Youth Detention Facility rioted and held some female guards hostage. Troop E was sent in due to proximity and brought the situation under control without serious injury. Troop E also assisted the Richmond County Sheriff's Department with a large enforcement effort in Barton Village and Harrisburg neighborhoods to gain control of gang violence and criminal activity.

Each of the posts' communication centers closed and moved their entire operations to the Troop E communication center located in the new post in Grovetown. This facility is a state of the art "Computer Assisted Dispatch" center that has improved communication with troopers.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 8	327	21	5,574	5,243	253	7,892
Post 17	312	11	5,363	4,338	269	7,694
Post 25	700	19	8,403	5,697	229	10,363
Post 33	343	13	5,320	7,224	225	9,627
Post 46	1,272	27	9,773	9,866	275	14,209
TOTALS	2,954	91	34,433	32,368	1,251	49,785

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Troop F

There are six posts assigned to Troop F which encompasses 22 counties. Several members received the customer service award for their actions as part of the Troop F Task Force in assisting with a house fire in Laurens County during a concentrated patrol. Troopers from each post are a part of this task force.

- Post 16 in Helena patrols Jeff Davis, Dodge, Montgomery, Telfair, and Wheeler counties
- Post 18 in Reidsville patrols Appling, Tattnall, and Toombs counties
- Post 19 in Swainsboro patrols Emanuel, Jefferson, Johnson, and Treutlen counties
- Post 20 in Dublin patrols Bleckley, Laurens, Twiggs, and Wilkinson counties
- Post 21 in Sylvania patrols Burke, Jenkins, and Screven counties
- Post 45 in Statesboro patrols Bulloch, Candler, and Evans counties

Post 16 conducted several safety talks throughout the year and had 108 documented school visits. Every school in the territory was visited by at least one trooper. Post 16 troopers participated in other civic activities and various parades. Three troopers were recognized by MADD for at least 25 DUIs. The post commander was recognized for a Governor's Customer Service award.

Post 18 assisted various state and local agencies throughout the year. Troopers assisted with traffic details at Georgia Southern University football games and during Plant Hatch FEMA and GEMA drills in Toombs and Tattnall counties. Post 18 had a major renovation in 2009 of the roof and gutters for the entire post.

Post 19 participated in Operation Rolling Thunder and at Hands Across the Border events with South Carolina troopers on 1-95. One trooper is a member of the Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard. All troopers completed the departmental training requirements for in-car computers and Accident Reconstruction Levels II and III. One trooper completed Instructor training for the Drug Recognition Expert program.

Post 20 assisted Post 45 with traffic details at the Georgia Southern University home football games, and were responsible for traffic support at Possum Hollow, a large arts and crafts festival in Laurens County. Troopers also escorted a charity benefit ride hosted by Middle Georgia Bikers.

Post 21 personnel was detached to numerous Governor's Office of Highway Safety Enforcement campaigns throughout the year. These campaigns included Operation Rolling Thunder, Rural Roads Enforcement campaign and several Southeastern Traffic Enforcement Network road checks.

Post 45 participated in joint terrorism training with the Georgia Southern Police Department, Bulloch County Sheriff's Department, Statesboro Police Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and assisted with the Rattle Snake Roundup held in Claxton.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 16	378	9	3,997	6,656	210	7,871
Post 18	484	8	4,136	7,064	239	7,539
Post 19	479	15	5,251	7,117	265	8,369
Post 20	621	31	5,158	8,115	194	9,676
Post 21	306	11	4,429	6,216	230	5,684
Post 45	1,606	22	4,337	5,607	250	7,434
TOTALS	3,874	96	27,308	40,775	1,388	46,573

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Troop G

Troop G consists of five patrol posts that are located in Americus, Thomasville, Colquitt, Cuthbert, and Albany. The five posts in Troop G cover 23 southwest Georgia counties and include the following:

- Post 10 in Americus patrols Marion, Schley, Sumter, Terrell, and Webster counties.
- Post 12 in Thomasville patrols Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell and Thomas counties.
- Post 14 in Colquitt patrols Decatur, Early, Miller, and Seminole counties.
- Post 39 in Cuthbert patrols Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Quitman, Randolph, and Stewart counties.
- Post 40 in Albany patrols Baker, Dougherty, Lee, and Worth counties.

Troop G participated in several training classes and handled special details such as, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Georgia National Fair, Hands Across the Border, Operation Rolling Thunder details, and the Presidential Inauguration.

On July 30, the ground breaking ceremony for the new post was held at its new location on Highway 19 south. Troop communications moved into the Post in December after the post conference room was turned into the new communications center.



Post 12 participated in several traffic network meetings with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the surrounding counties, logging 613 road check hours and exhausted 856 hours on radio detail due to the shortage in communication operators.

Post 14 housed offices for staff with GEMA and Miller County EMA. This year, several troopers were recognized by the MADD GA chapter for their efforts in impaired driving. Five of ten troopers were recognized for 25 or more DUI arrests, two for 50 or more DUI arrests, and one for 100 or more DUI arrests.

Post 39 assisted the local sheriff's departments with funeral escorts, drug raids, felony warrant issuance, small riots, manhunts, and domestic calls. Officers and troopers have responded to local schools during Career Day presenting the advantages of being a Trooper and responsibilities. Officers have also presented updates of current laws to local state prisons in the area.

In May, Post 40 personnel assisted with the Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Celebration in Albany May and sent personnel to assist the U.S. Marshall Service with a fugitive roundup for southwest Georgia in October.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 10	332	4	4,622	7,091	182	9,737
Post 12	4,493	19	7,979	6,362	621	12,652
Post 14	273	11	6,899	5,259	379	6,866
Post 39	166	5	5,283	6,337	144	7,489
Post 40	370	10	7,524	7,199	238	10,430
TOTALS	5,634	49	32,307	32,248	1,564	47,174

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Troop H

Troop H consists of five patrol posts that are located in Americus, Thomasville, Colquitt, Cuthbert, and Albany. The five posts in Troop H cover 23 southwest Georgia counties and include the following:

- Post 13 in Tifton patrols Berrien, Cook and Tift counties.
- Post 15 in Perry patrols Houston, Macon, Peach and Pulaski counties.
- Post 30 in Cordele patrols Crisp, Dooly, Turner and Wilcox counties.
- Post 31 in Valdosta patrols Brookes, Echols, Lanier, and Lowndes counties.
- Post 36 in Douglas patrols Atkinson, Ben Hill, Coffee, and Irwin counties.

Troop H handled special details such as, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Georgia National Fair, Hands Across the Border, Operation Rolling Thunder, and the Presidential Inauguration.

Post 13 led the state in the highest number of DUI arrests. Troopers have conducted numerous safety talks in many of the local schools by providing information concerning laws that effect teenage drivers. Post 13 partnered with the Patticake House which helps to deliver gift, clothes, and other needed items to abused and foster children in this area.

Post 15 participated in multiple Middle Georgia Traffic Enforcement Network meetings with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and surrounding agencies, as well as the three-month, six waves Houston County Rolling Thunder detail. Post 15 had six troopers recognized by M.A.D.D. for their efforts in D.U.I. enforcement.

In October, troopers from Post 30 assisted the Dooly County Sheriff's Department with patrols in and around the Unadilla area because of a large weekend gathering of the Outlaw Motorcycle Club meeting at Angel City. Two troopers from Post 30 participated in "Teen Maze" at Crisp County High School. This was an event that took hundreds of volunteers to set up different scenarios for the students to experience the dangers and consequences of making bad choices regarding alcohol and drugs.

As part of the department's efforts to upgrade and streamline operations, computerized operations for Post 31 was part of Troop H's final phase of this transition. The post is fully changed over to the CADs/CTS System on September 1. This has enabled troopers and supervision to utilize mobile computerized reporting and investigations for virtually all daily functions as well as a central data center for all compiled information.

Troopers at Post 36 assisted local agencies with traffic/crowd control at the Sweet Potato Festival in Ocilla, several funerals and the "Trojan Train," a local high school series of events on several occasions. Troopers also provided courtroom security for a high-profile murder case at the courthouse in Atkinson County. Five troopers were recognized by MADD for their DUI enforcement efforts in 2009.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 13	938	20	9,206	9,938	445	14,863
Post 15	631	19	7,972	5,601	405	8,324
Post 30	763	13	8,557	8,103	406	12,889
Post 31	1,401	22	9,058	7,404	376	9,038
Post 36	681	10	5,980	6,979	319	9,721
TOTALS	4,414	84	40,773	38,025	1,951	54,835

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Troop I

Troop I has five patrol posts that cover 15 southeast Georgia counties extending from the Georgia/Florida state line to the Georgia/South Carolina state line. It covers all of I-95 through Georgia, as well as portions of I-16 and I-516 in Chatham County. Points of interest and responsibility within the Troop include the Georgia Ports Authority Terminals in Savannah and Brunswick, Savannah International Airport, The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Kings Bay Naval Base, Hunter Army Airfield, Fort Stewart Army Base, the US Coastguard Marine Safety Office, and the Okefenokee Swamp and Wildlife Refuge. The entire Georgia coastline is located in the Troop I territory.

- Post 11, Hinesville (Liberty, Long, and McIntosh);
- Post 22, Waycross (Ware, Brantley, Bacon, Clinch, Charlton, and Pierce);
- Post 23, Brunswick (Glynn, Camden, and Wayne);
- Post 35, Jekyll Island; and
- Post 42, Rincon (Chatham, Bryan, and Effingham).



In January, Troop I sent five troopers to Washington D.C. for a historic Presidential Inauguration. The National Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation presented a bronze lion statue to GSP and the family of Cpl. Mike Young on February 27. This statue is to honor the memory of Cpl. Young who succumbed to injuries sustained in an automobile crash in August 2006.

Twenty-three troopers were honored for DUI enforcement in 2008 at the M.A.D.D. Luncheon. Troopers also assisted the United States Marshal Service on several details and round-ups resulting in numerous warrants being cleared and criminals being apprehended.

At the end of September, Post 23 and Troop I Command relocated to the new patrol post less than a year after the ground breaking in December 2008. The new post houses Post 23 personnel, Troop I Command, Safety Education, CIU, and Troop I Communications. Troop I won first place at the Governor's Challenge Awards Luncheon in October. Troop I Communications consolidated and began CAD operations on October 15, out of Post 23.

Post 35 in Jekyll Island provides duties parallel to city and criminal law enforcement along with providing the residents of Jekyll Island with 911 services. Jekyll Island troopers provided security and traffic control for the annual Fourth of July Firework festivities. August brought the Beach Music Festival that required assistance from troopers from across South Georgia.

On November 16, a new DUI Nighthawk Team was created thanks a GOHS grant. This new team was assigned to the Chatham/Bulloch county area under Troop I at Post 42. Seven troopers and a corporal were selected to serve on this unit. For the month and a half they patrolled, the DUI Nighthawks, South issued 501 arrests and 640 warnings out of 718 traffic stops. The team also made 105 DUI arrests.

Post	Crash Investigations	Fatalities	Citations	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
Post 11	367	16	3,590	4,463	222	5,964
Post 22	395	19	3,832	5,222	197	7,127
Post 23	799	29	8,313	6,798	289	10,004
Post 35	137	0	1,939	4,027	72	5,090
Post 42	383	22	7,434	7,324	391	7,911
Nighthawks South	40	1	2,135	4,441	614	4,366
TOTALS	2,121	87	27,243	32,275	1,785	40,462

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Troop J

Troop J is comprised of the following units: Troop J Command, Implied Consent, and Safety Education. Presently, these units consist of 27 sworn uniform members and one support staff member that provide a broad range of services on a statewide basis.

Implied Consent Unit: The mission of the Georgia State Patrol's Implied Consent Unit (ICU) is to effectively administer and oversee the State's breath alcohol testing program. In cooperation with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the unit and its sworn GSP personnel are responsible for inspecting and maintaining all evidential breath testing devices in the State of Georgia. Currently, there are approximately 600 instruments statewide in over 158 counties. The Implied Consent Unit personnel conducted 1,900 instrument inspections and documented over 4,217 hours of service related matters.

In addition to performing regular maintenance and quarterly inspections of all breath testing instruments, the members of ICU provided crucial expert testimony in DUI and DUI-related court cases for state, area and local law enforcement agencies statewide. Members regularly responded to open records requests, documenting 107 collectively. Manual open record requests continued to decline due to the availability of electronic submission and availability of GBI/DOFS records. ICU members also spent 228 hours in court and other legal proceedings regarding Intoxilyzer operation and instrumentation.

ICU personnel are also responsible for the training and certification of all breath testing device operators. This was conducted through approximately 35 two-day basic operator courses and 37 four hour refresher courses taught at GPSTC and other local area police academies. Through these courses, 1,115 new operators representing 272 individual agencies were certified. Additionally, 1,405 existing operators representing 311 agencies were recertified.

Implied Consent Unit personnel issued 763 citations, 1,426 warnings, 1,406 vehicle stops and 167 motorist assists during the year. The members also assisted field operations with troop related special patrols, such as the AMS race detail, St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, the Stone Mountain traffic detail and holiday enforcement efforts. The Implied Consent Unit also assisted Troop J operations during the planning and implementation of events such as (BRAG) Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, Georgia Power Cancer Run, Girls State, Special Forces Operation OV One Run, the Annual GPEE Bus Trip Across Georgia, Operation "Push America", the First Annual "Wounded in Action" appreciation event, the "Iron and Steel" Run, the University of Georgia's Philanthropy Run, as well as the GOHS "Hands Across the Border" sobriety checkpoints and media events.

Major initiatives were developed this year, including program presentation and course training at many GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network meetings across the state and the DPS portable breath test device repair and service program. The PBT repair and service program was functionally equipped and centrally housed at Post 15 in Perry where trained ICU coordinated PBT repairs for all DPS officers. This effort has ensured that functional PBTs are in the hands of officers and a significant cost savings was achieved by the department.

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Safety Education Unit: The mission of the Safety Education Unit (SEU) is to promote the safe operation of motor vehicles and reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities in the state of Georgia through education and enforcement. SEU troopers expended 2,337 hours conducting 2,279 safety programs. The recipients of these programs were schools, civic clubs, employee groups, military bases and various other organizations. Unit members conducted 1,785 public relations visits with the purpose of making the public more aware of the efforts of the GSP concerning highway safety.



SEU troopers issued 1,063 citations (including three DUI arrests), 977 warnings and assisted 125 stranded motorists. SEU troopers spent 61 hours assisting local patrol posts with accident investigation. SEU troopers aggressively participate in holiday patrol efforts, sustained enforcement drives and concentrated patrols.

SEU troopers dedicated 1,586 hours participating in many special details. SEU members assisted with Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education (GPEE) bus trips, the American Legion sponsored Boys and Girls State, race details at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Safe Kids Leadership Conference, Operation One Voice military run, Hands Across the Border events, Heart and Soul of Georgia Bus Tour, Camp Civitan (for handicapped children), St. Patrick's Day detail, Georgia Highway Safety Conference, Rolling Thunder, Rural Roads Initiative, New York Fire Departments Iron and Steel Run NYC to Ft. Benning, dignitary protection details and other special events.

The unit also shows its commitment to community involvement by its participation in PRIDE (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error) classes, Drive Smart Expo's at high schools and conducting defensive driving classes and child safety seat programs. SEU was also responsible for development and teaching of the department's motorcycle safety program (Operation Full Throttle) to various groups throughout the state.

SEU troopers are active in their troop Mobile Field Forces, serve the department as instructors at GPSTC and assist with regional training for other departments. A corporal serves the department as a chaplain.

Special Weapons and Tactics Team

The State of Georgia Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) was requested to assist with 35 critical incidents during the year. Some of the incidents were resolved prior to our team's arrival, by the requesting agency, others lasted hours. The majority of our requests were to assist with a barricaded gunman or a hostage situation. Others ranged from manhunts, VIP security details, warrant services for other government agencies, as well as a request to prevent a home invasion style robbery that had been planned. Each incident was resolved without any



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harm to a hostage, a team member, or a suspect by our team, although the armored car was shot during a standoff by a barricaded gunman.

The department was awarded two federal grants from Homeland Security totaling \$510,000. The grants were awarded to the Counter Terrorism Task Force, the SWAT Team and the State of Georgia Dive Team.

SWAT Dive Team: The mission of the Dive Team is to assist other agencies with critical incidents, recoveries or any other special need which requires working in water. There were over three dozen applicants from across the state for the one dozen positions. The divers underwent an intense initial training phase that included advanced open water training, rescue training, enriched air training, as well as public safety diver level 1 and level 2. One week of this training took place in weather that started the day with temperatures in the teens and the high reaching only into the low 30s. The divers had to break the ice to enter the water. There will be monthly specialized training including the completion of instructor level training by several members on the team.

Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team

The Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team's (SCRT) main mission is to provide a means by which fatal crashes can be investigated thoroughly by specially trained investigators and properly document evidence in collisions to be used for successful court prosecution. SCRT also gathers statistics in order to save lives by avoiding future collisions. SCRT has five teams of specially trained investigators in Calhoun, Gainesville, Forsyth, Reidsville and Valdosta to assist field troopers with investigating fatal crashes. These teams consist of six investigator positions that are equipped with the latest technology and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. SCRT is also responsible for assisting allied agencies in the investigation of major incidents including homicide cases, officer involved shootings, fatal crashes and air disasters.

During the year, SCRT recorded a total of 239 new cases resulting in 211 deaths. This is an increase in four cases since 2008 (less than one percent change). SCRT was involved in 28 percent of all fatalities that GSP worked and an estimated 16 percent of the reported statewide fatalities. SCRT members closed 246 cases during the year.

Team 1 (Calhoun) opened 36 cases which resulted in 37 deaths. These figures represent a decrease of seven percent in the number of cases opened (39 in 2008). Team 1 reconstructed a number of high profile cases this year. Three investigations were conducted that involved vehicles fleeing from law enforcement officers. Of those three, two of the fleeing suspects were killed in subsequent collisions. In January, Team 1 members reconstructed a fatal crash involving a Georgia Bureau of Investigation civilian Crime Lab employee who was operating a department vehicle utilizing emergency equipment without authorization to do so. The GBI employee disregarded a traffic light resulting in a collision that fatally injured a second driver. In April, Team 1 members conducted an investigation into a crash involving a wrong way driver on Interstate 75 that resulted in a crash that took the life of a United States Air Force Colonel. Team members assisted in the production of a simulation that was admitted at trial in Dade County. This is the first accepted simulation in a trial by the emerging SCRT Animation Section. Team 1 tirelessly assisted field Troopers and other agencies by providing assistance at crash scenes, a murder scene in Bartow County and by providing backup assistance to officers during non-routine traffic stops.

Team 2 (Gainesville) opened 65 new cases, which resulted in the deaths of 53 individuals. These figures represent an increase of 22 percent in the number of cases opened (53 in 2008). Team 2 also reconstructed a number of high profile cases this year. Team 2 investigated three GSP pursuit related

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crashes and two other agency pursuit related crashes. Two occurred on the same day in February. Of these investigations, four crashes resulted in fatalities. Three of the fleeing suspects were killed and one innocent motorist. In January, Team 2 assisted the United States Army Military Police by mapping the scene of an investigation they were conducting at Fort Gordon. In March, Team 2 members participated in the Drive Smart Expo at Elbert County High School that focuses on educating students of the detrimental effects of driving recklessly and under the influence. Team members mapped a shooting scene involving GSP troopers that developed at the termination of a pursuit that occurred in Newton County. Team 2 members assisted the SCRT Support Services Team throughout the year by assisting with the teaching of Traffic Crash Reconstruction Level 3 to troopers in the team's area. Team 2 continues to operate one member short.

Team 3 (Forsyth) opened 68 cases, which resulted in 53 fatalities. These figures represent an increase of nine percent in the number of cases opened (62 in 2008). Team 3 reconstructed two crashes involving pursuits. One pursuit did not result in any fatalities. The second pursuit occurred when the suspect fled from a Palmetto Police Department road check. A Palmetto officer jumped in the car to attempt to apprehend the suspect and was injured when the car subsequently left the roadway and overturned. The suspect died as a result of his injuries. In April, Team 3 members assisted the GBI with the mapping of an officer involved shooting that occurred at the end of a pursuit of a stolen truck. A trooper was wounded by an accidental discharge of a deputy's weapon. In December, Team 3 members responded to a crash involving an ambulance transporting a patient to a hospital. The crash resulted in the death of one of the Emergency Medical Technicians. Team 3 members also assisted with the teaching of Traffic Reconstruction Level 3 throughout the year.

Team 4 (Reidsville) opened 47 new cases that resulted in 42 fatalities. These figures represent no change in the number of cases opened (47 in 2008). Team 4 reconstructed six crashes involving pursuits. Of these six, only one of the fatalities was an innocent third party. Three of the crashes resulted in the deaths of the fleeing suspect. Two of these three also resulted in the death of a passenger in the fleeing vehicle. Two crashes involved the successful use of the PIT maneuver that did not result in a fatality. Team members also assisted with a crash involving two vehicles racing that did not result in a fatality. In March, Team 4 relocated their offices to the newly renovated Tattnall County Courthouse. The courthouse had its grand opening in April.

Team 5 (Valdosta) opened 23 new cases resulting in 26 deaths. These figures represent a decrease of 34 percent in the number of cases opened (35 in 2008). In February, Team 5 members responded to the scene of crash involving a Lanier County fire truck. The crash claimed the life of a Lanier County fireman. In April, team members responded to another crash involving a public safety employee. A Tifton Police officer, while responding to a call, was killed when a vehicle pulled into his path from a private drive. Team 5 members were also involved in many educational programs throughout the year. Team members participated in four Operation Drive Smart programs at local high schools in the area. The corporal participated in Team Maze at Crisp County High School. The three day event focused on DUI and seatbelt usage and included the creation of a mock crash site. The sergeant assisted the Dougherty County 4-H program with Prom Promise. Presentations on the dangers of drinking and driving were given at local schools in the county. The motor carrier officer and his rifle team placed third in the nation at the National Long Range Rifle Competition at Camp Butner, North Carolina in October.

SCRT adjudicated 147 cases during the year. Of the cases that were forwarded for prosecution, SCRT is proud to have a current conviction rate of 96 percent for the year. Only three defendants were found not guilty during trial. Eighty-five percent of these convictions were "Guilty Pleas" as a result of the overwhelming evidence developed in the cases. This saves countless tax dollars in court trial costs.

In addition to our crash reconstruction duties, SCRT investigators logged 15,891 enforcement hours while patrolling 701,148 miles during the year. SCRT investigators issued 651 citations and 974 warnings.

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SCRT attended 3,104 hours of training and instructed for an additional 2,649 hours. In an effort to bring the newer team members up to the training level of the original team members, IPTM was selected to provide advanced training conducted at GPSTC. SCRT members received advanced and refresher courses in commercial vehicle crash investigation during the summer. All SCRT members have been trained and equipped with the department's new mobile data terminal computers.

SCRT is responsible for all crash investigation courses currently taught to troopers. In an effort to raise the standards for all troopers in the area of traffic crash investigation, the Command Staff implemented a plan to require that most all troopers attend the first three levels of traffic crash reconstruction. The SCRT

In addition to their training responsibilities, the SCRT Support Services Section created an animation of a crash using the newest animation software and submitted the project to the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Support Services section was tasked with the mission to train all field personnel needing this training. The sergeant first class and the sergeant coordinated the training. With the help of many instructors from all five teams, the final phase of this challenge was met during the year. By the end of the year, field troopers had successfully completed the first three levels of reconstruction training. SCRT members also participated in the collision investigation training during Trooper School.

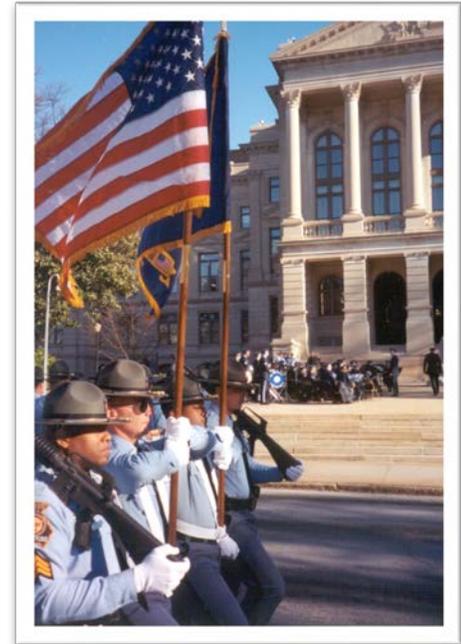


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Special Projects

Honor Guard

The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard represents the State of Georgia and the Georgia State Patrol at special events such as funerals, memorial services, details where a color guard is required and other functions as deemed appropriate. In order to ensure proper representation and coverage throughout the State, the Honor Guard is comprised of a north unit and a south unit. Each unit is comprised of 14 sworn members and on occasions, both units are required to function together as one. During 2009, the Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard was involved in 39 special events throughout the State of Georgia, which included 24 color guard details and 15 funerals details. The Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard participated in three major events which included the opening ceremony of the Kobalt Tools 500 NASCAR race at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, the presentation of the colors at the Church of the Apostles Public Safety Recognition Ceremony and assisting with the funeral service of world renowned evangelist, Dr. Michael Guido.



GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison

Responsibility and duties: The GEMA/Homeland Security Liaison Officer is responsible for attending all emergency management, Homeland Security and other meetings designated by the Commissioner and/or Command Staff. The Liaison Officer serves on committees and subcommittees coordinating the department's roles and responsibilities for potential manmade and/or natural disasters. The Liaison Officer represents the department at hurricane related conferences in and out of state, as well as assists with disaster related training exercises. The officer will occupy the state operations center during a declared state of emergency and coordinate the department's efforts in the recovery phase of the emergency. The Liaison Officer remains on call seven days a week/24 hours a day to fill requests from GEMA/Homeland Security as a supporting agency to state and local governments.

2009 Activities: The Liaison Officer served as the Primary Emergency Support Function 13 coordinator. Major activities and events include:

- H1N1 (Swine Flu) tracking
- Homeland Security Task Force meetings
- Hurricane preparedness meetings/exercises
- Child Abduction Recovery Team (CART) preparedness
- Successful CART activation (four year old female in North Ga. Mountains)
- Metro Floods
- Southwest Ga. Floods
- Tracking major storms – IDA, HENRI, and EIGHT

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Motor Carrier Compliance Division



MCCD Mission Statement: Through a commitment to excellence and the utilization of progressive and proactive strategies, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Public Safety continuously strives to enhance highway safety by reducing traffic crashes involving commercial motor vehicles, thereby enhancing the quality of life and creating a safer transportation environment.

Size and Weight Enforcement: Enforcement of laws and regulations relating to size and weight of commercial motor vehicles and loads are provided for in Article 2, Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the

Official Code of Georgia. The operation of 19 permanent weigh/inspection stations provides enforcement coverage on the interstates and related by-pass routes throughout Georgia. The utilization of 71 one-man portable weigh/inspection teams allows for monitoring and enforcement efforts on other roadways within the state.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Program is outlined in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP), the annual Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) grant statement to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The CVSP contains five required program areas: Driver/Vehicle Inspections, Traffic Enforcement, Compliance Reviews, Public Information/Education, and Data Collection. There are 14 other local municipalities that participate as sub-grantees in the MCSAP program conducting commercial vehicle inspections. These 14 municipalities in partnership with MCCD coordinate special checks in High Crash Corridors Checks and respond to Commercial Vehicle Crashes in their respective areas. The main function of the sub-grantee's role is traffic enforcement. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit of the DPS/MCCD consists of 40 Georgia State troopers who are trained to conduct MCSAP inspections.

Compliance Review Program is one of the five elements of the MCSAP plan. The Compliance Review unit consists of nine compliance review officers that are cross trained to conduct safety audits and conduct both interstate and intrastate safety compliance reviews. These on-site examinations of motor carrier operations include reviewing driver's hours of service; maintenance and inspection of vehicles; driver qualification files; controlled substance and alcohol testing; CDL requirements, financial responsibility; crashes; hazardous materials; and other safety and transportation records. This review is intended to provide information to evaluate the safety performance and regulatory compliance of a company's operation. This unit is also responsible for the preparation of civil penalty cases for prosecution of serious safety violations found during these reviews. Three of these officers are also committed to the implementation of FMCSA's Compliance, Safety, Accountability 2010 project in Georgia.

New Entrant Program: The New Entrant program is responsible for performing safety audits on new interstate motor carriers based in Georgia within 18 months of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of 12 officers who are also cross trained to conduct compliance reviews.

Public Information and Education Program: This program involves extensive educational outreach by the Motor Carrier Compliance Division to the general public, drivers, carriers, industry groups, law enforcement agencies and the judiciary community. MCCD develops, prints, and distributes over 62 separate informational brochures and handouts on various commercial vehicle safety topics. MCCD has one officer committed to monitor, inventory, and distribute printed public information sheets and

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promotional items. This information is distributed to the officers and the general public. The MCCD Public Information Officer works closely with The Georgia Motor Trucking Association and the general public. This unit is also responsible for arranging and attending functions that focus on the commercial motor vehicle industry and the general public.

HOV Operations Unit: This unit is responsible for the enforcement of HOV lane restrictions. HOV lane operations are currently conducted by 15 officers who are responsible for patrolling over 100 miles in the metro Atlanta area. These officers ensure compliance with HOV lane restrictions, thus improving air quality and traffic mitigation in the Metro Atlanta area. These officers also conduct motor carrier safety inspections and enforce truck lane restrictions in the metro Atlanta Area. There are three full-time Communications Equipment Operators (CEOs) assigned to the statewide MCCD Operations Center. The CEO provides a vital link between officers in the field and current GCIC/NCIC records, driver license files (including verification of CDL status in conjunction with commercial vehicle safety inspections), motor vehicle records and the insurance database. These operators are located at DPS Headquarters.

Law Enforcement Training Unit: This unit is responsible for the professional development, training, and continuing education of all MCCD law enforcement officers, as well as for other agencies wishing to learn about commercial vehicle enforcement. This year, MCCD instructors provided 7,584 hours of training to 210 officers which included 72 officers trained in North American Standard Inspections, 72 officers trained in Hazardous Materials, 57 officers trained in Cargo Tank Inspections, 73 officers trained in Other Bulk Packaging, and nine officers trained in Level 6 Inspections. In addition, one officer received K-9 training. The training unit provides a minimum of 20 hours of annual in-service training as required by P.O.S.T. including annual firearms qualification. It also offers and coordinates commercial vehicle inspection courses, drug interdiction courses, and other law enforcement specific courses as may be required. This unit is currently under detachment to the DPS Training Division.

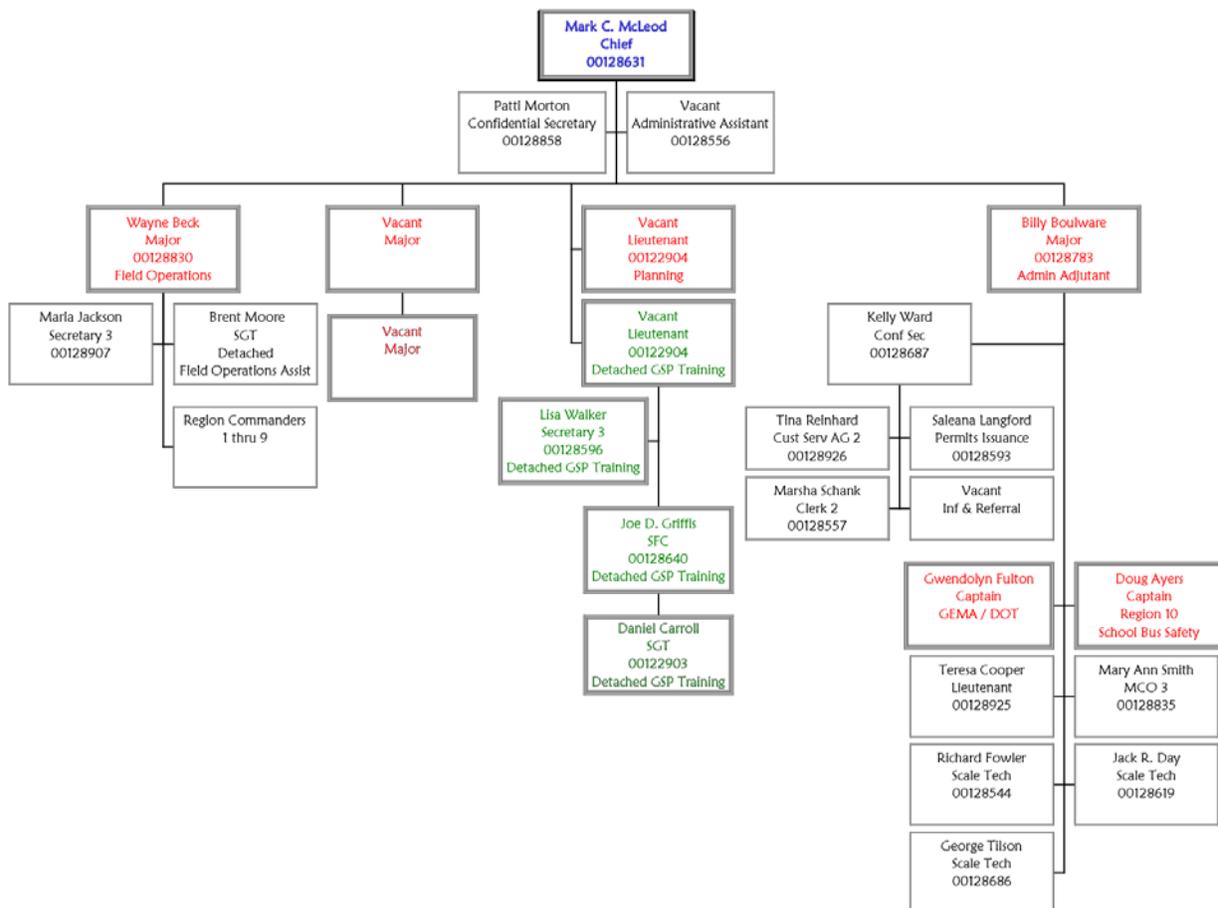


School Bus Safety: The School Bus Safety Unit consist of 10 MCSAP certified officers who are responsible for conducting safety inspections on approximately 17,750 public school buses statewide. The unit also conducts inspections on over 600 Head Start buses annually. In addition to the primary responsibility of bus inspections, other responsibilities include conducting safety meetings and performing commercial motor vehicle inspections.

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Organizational Structure: The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is divided into nine geographic regions and two specialized units. One of the specialized units, operating within Region 3, is HOV Enforcement. This unit is geographically located in the Metro Atlanta Area with an office at 320 Chester Avenue in Atlanta. The other specialized unit is the Safety Compliance Unit which consists of the New Entrant Safety Audit, Compliance Review, and School Bus Safety identified as Region 10. Region 10's office is located in Madison. The Administrative Staff for MCCD is located at the Department of Public Safety building in Atlanta. This division consists of 353 employees, of which 334 are sworn positions and 19 are non-sworn positions.

MCCD Organizational Structure



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Law Enforcement Statistics CY 2009

Safety Inspections

CVSA Certified Officers	231
Inspections	104,886
Out-of-service Vehicle Violations	10,222

Out-of-service Driver Violations

8,968

Size & Weight

Total Trucks Weighed	6,457,543
Overweight Assess. Written	34,980

UTC's Written

19,512

High Occupancy Vehicle

HOV Citation Arrest	9,507
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School Bus Inspections

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Public School Bus Inspections

17,750

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Regional Accomplishments

Region 1 is responsible for 14 counties located in the northwest corner of the state. Region 1 operations center around the Catoosa County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 343. The region has 17 MCCD officers, one civilian, and three troopers. The officers issued 3,129 overweight assessments totaling \$787,870, performed 10,965 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 1,396 uniform traffic citations, 52 International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) citations and conducted 232 Dyed Fuel inspections. The officers also conducted 37 outreach events, including Teen P.R.I.D.E. Program and the National Life Saver event. They participated in 44 special enforcement activities including concentrated traffic checks, multi-agency joint enforcement details such as CVSA Operation Air Brake, FMCSA Be Ready Be Buckled, Over the Limit Under Arrest, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Hands Across The Border, Hazardous Materials Checks, High Crash Corridor Checks, G-TACT (Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks), Click It or Ticket and Zero Tolerance campaigns. The officers checked and replaced over 150 child safety seats, and provided practical experience through the use of D.U.I. simulation goggles to teens and adults. During this reporting period three CVEU troopers and six officers completed Hazardous Material, Cargo Tank, and Other Bulk Packaging training, and one officer completed NAS training.

Region 2 is responsible for 20 counties located in northeast Georgia. Region 2 operations center is located at the Franklin County Inspection Station located on I-85 at mile marker 169. Region 2 has 22 MCCD officers and three troopers. The officers issued 4,050 overweight assessments totaling \$794,807, performed 10,860 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 3,633 uniform traffic citations, and conducted 389 Dyed Fuel inspections. Region 2 conducted 21 safety outreach meetings, and participated in 10 multiagency joint efforts. Region 2 received recognition by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety as agency of the year for North East Traffic Enforcement Network. They participated in multi-agency efforts such as Hands Across the Border, a Gold Rush event in Dahlonega, annual motor coach inspections, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over the Limit Under Arrest, and FMCSA's, Be Ready Be Buckled. On a quarterly basis the officers conduct a Safety Outreach program for Athens Technical College. The lieutenant initiated 28 Judicial Outreach meetings. Two officers conducted 32 courtesy inspections for the Georgia Forestry Commission. Also during this reporting period, Region 2 participated in the G-TACT campaign along the I-85 corridor. They also had officers assist in the GMTA truck driving championship held in Gwinnett County at Lake Lanier.

Region 3 is responsible for 10 counties located in the metro Atlanta area, and includes HOV operations. Region 3 operations center at the Douglas County Inspection Station, located on I-20 at mile marker 43 and the Carroll County Inspection Station located on I-20 at mile marker 15. The Region has 18 MCCD officers, 16 MCCD-HOV officers, four troopers, and three CEOs. Together they issued 3,122 overweight assessments totaling \$583,434. The officers performed 8,447 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,638 uniform traffic citations and performed dyed fuel inspections. The officers participated in special events such as, Safety and Health Fair, Click It or Ticket, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Hands Across the Border, Governors Challenge Program, career day programs, Public Safety Expo, Truck Driver Rodeo Competition, CVSA Operation Air Brake, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled and G-TACT. The officers attended training on Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction, Cargo Tank Inspection, and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. They assisted with security during



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special events at the State Capitol. A trooper and MCCD officer participated in the torch run for the Special Olympics.

Region 4 is responsible for 18 counties in east Georgia. Region 4 operations center is located at the Columbia County Inspection Station on I-20 at mile marker 187. The Region has 19 MCCD officers and two troopers. The officers issued 3,280 overweight assessments totaling \$680,596, performed 8,242 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 1,480 uniform traffic citations, nine IFTA citations and conducted dyed fuel inspections. MCCD officers participated in joint effort road checks with local law enforcement and Georgia Office of Homeland Security, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Operation Safe Driver, Hands Across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, Over the Limit Under Arrest, and FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled. Officers participated in GMTA Truck Rodeo. During January a three-week long enforcement effort with MCCD officers, GSP, Columbia County Sheriff's Department, McDuffie County Sheriff's Department, and Richmond County Crime Suppression Unit was conducted along the I-20 corridor in Columbia County.



Region 5 is responsible for 15 counties in west Georgia. Region 5 operations center around the Troup County Inspection Station located on I-85 at mile marker 23. The region has 14 MCCD officers and four troopers. The officers issued 1,287 overweight assessments totaling \$285,072, performed 7,388 commercial vehicle safety inspections, issued 2,396 uniform traffic citations and conducted dyed fuel inspections. The officers participated in nine joint agency concentrated enforcement activities which included Tornado Security, Easter Security, CVSA Operation Air Brake, National Road Check, Click It or Ticket, Hands Across the Border, Over the Limit Under Arrest, and FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled.

Region 6 is responsible for 20 counties in central Georgia. The operations center is located at the Monroe County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 190. The Region has 26 MCCD officers, six troopers, and one civilian. The officers issued 8,803 overweight assessments totaling \$1,478,657, issued 2,874 uniform traffic citations, performed 15,083 commercial vehicle inspections and conducted dyed Fuel inspections. They conducted 23 concentrated patrols all of which were located in high crash corridors. They conducted 11 safety outreach meetings and three judicial outreach meetings. Region 6 assisted with the Easter detail and fire security in Atkinson County. The officers participated in Annual Motor Coach Check, Hands Across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over the Limit Under Arrest, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled, Hazardous Materials check and High Crash Corridor checks.

Region 7 is responsible for 18 counties located in southeast Georgia. Region 7 operations center is located at the Bryan County Inspection Station located on I-16 at mile marker 144 and the Chatham County inspection station located on I-95 at mile marker 111. The region has 24 MCCD officers and seven troopers. The officers issued 3,178 overweight assessments totaling \$722,804, issued 2,496 uniform traffic citations, performed 12,393 commercial vehicle safety inspections, 28 IFTA citations and conducted 876 dyed fuel inspections. They participated in a number of joint agency enforcement checks, such as Vidalia Air Show, Operation Rolling Thunder, Click It or Ticket, and port checks. They also participated in Hands Across the Border, CVSA Operation Air Brake, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Over the Limit Under Arrest, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled, Savannah Saint Patrick's Day Parade, G-TACT, Georgia Agriculture Dept check, Chatham Drug Interdiction, Hurricane Expo, and FMCSA North Carolina Division road check.

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Region 8 is responsible for 29 counties in southwest Georgia. Region 8 operations center is located at the Lowndes County Inspection Station located on I-75 at mile marker 23. There is one semi-permanent scale located in Early County. This site has an office type trailer and is equipped with pit scales. The region has 18 MCCD officers and four troopers. The officers issued 5,839 overweight assessments totaling \$792,538, issued 4,821 uniform traffic citations and performed 8,429 commercial vehicle safety inspections. They participated in special details such as Easter Security, Motor Coach Expo, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over the Limit Under Arrest, and FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled. The Sunbelt Motor Coach detail proved successful this reporting period. Officers inspected 55 Motor Coaches resulting 118 vehicle violations and 18 driver violations. One officer was nominated for the Tift area Elk's Lodge Officer of the year.



Region 9 is responsible for 15 counties in coastal Georgia. Region 9 operations center is located at the McIntosh County Inspection Station located on I-95 at mile marker 55. There is one semi-permanent scale located in Long County which has an office type trailer and is equipped with pit scales. The Region has 17 MCCD officers, and seven troopers. The officers issued 2,276 overweight assessments totaling \$412,791.00, 2,399 uniform traffic citations, 15 IFTA citations performed 8,856 commercial vehicle safety inspections and conducted 121 dyed fuel inspections. The region participated in 79 joint agency road checks. They also assisted with special checks targeting commercial motor vehicles at the port of Savannah, two hazardous material checks, 23 High Crash Corridor checks, six regional road checks and conducted 56 safety outreach meetings. The officers also participated in 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over the Limit Under Arrest, and FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled.

Region 10's responsibilities include compliance review, safety audits and school bus inspections. This region has 37 officers. The office is located in Madison. The officers perform safety inspections on each of the approximate 18,000 public school buses within the state. Region 10 conducted 409 Compliance Reviews and 1,681 Safety Audits on motor carriers throughout the state. The officers had 110 enforcement cases resulting in 388,130.00 dollars in civil penalties. These officers are also required to conduct commercial vehicle inspections and maintain the required number of inspections for certification. MCCD's Region 10 participated as an Operational Model Test State for Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010, dedicating three full time and two part-time compliance review officers. A total of 5,349 hours were committed to CSA activity.

Other Accomplishments and Activities

- In addition to their regular duties, each region participated in special enforcement activities such as Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition, The Annual Motor Coach Inspection, Hands Across the Border, 100 Days of Summer Heat, Click It or Ticket, CVSA Operation Air Brake, Over The Limit Under Arrest, FMCSA's Be Ready Be Buckled, special Hazardous Materials checks, High Crash Corridor checks and Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks.
- Nineteen permanent inspection stations are participating in the Pre-Pass program. Pre-Pass is a program that allows commercial vehicles to pass by the inspection station based on the safety fitness rating and paying a fee to the Pre-Pass program.

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- MCCD officers issued 34,980 overweight assessments totaling \$6,575,863.00. MCCD Officers were responsible for collecting approximately \$241,732.00 in delinquent citations during this reporting period.
- MCCD had officers assisted in Mobile Field Forces and 20 officers make up our Honor Guard Unit along with five officers detached to Georgia State Patrol SCRT teams.
- In a joint effort from all regions, a total of 231 NAS certified officers in the Department of Public Safety's Motor Carrier Compliance Division have completed 663 Significant Crash Reports involving commercial vehicles with a serious injury, fatality, or significant road closure, resulting in 356 post crash inspections.
- Through public outreach MCCD has distributed 30,681 pieces of public information sheets. With the participation of all regions, 210 safety meetings were conducted with 5,534 participants.
- MCCD participated as a test state for the Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 (CSA 2010) effort. CSA 2010 is a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration initiative to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency's motor carrier compliance and enforcement program. The ultimate goal of CSA 2010 is to improve large truck and bus safety to achieve a greater reduction in commercial motor carrier vehicle crashes, injuries, and fatalities. Eight MCCD officers, along with the major, and a revenue clerk from Region 10 won the Partners in Safety Award from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for their work on CSA 2010.

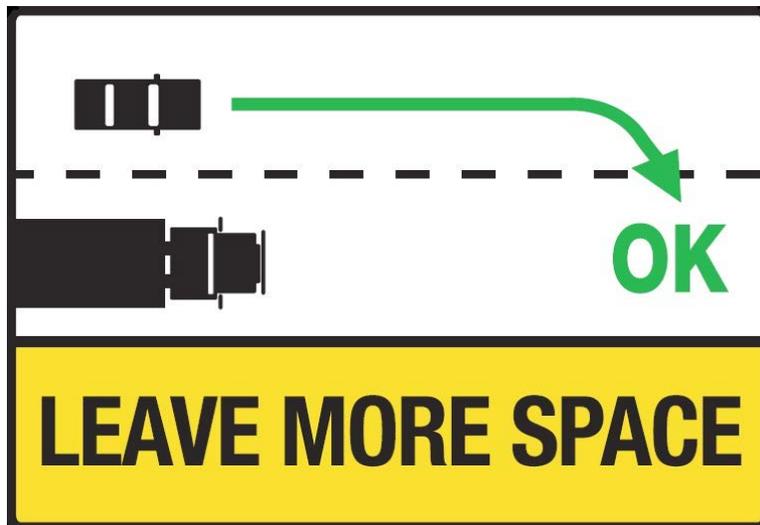


Additionally, the Georgia Targeting Aggressive Cars and Trucks (G-TACT) project continued this year with the first wave conducted in counties along the I-20 and I-520 corridor. This enforcement effort was conducted for three days and resulted in 63 total commercial vehicle inspections with 95 equipment violations, 64 driver violations, 197 uniform traffic citations, and 355 warnings issued. The second wave of enforcement took place during February, March, and April along the I-75 corridor. The enforcement results were 463 total commercial vehicle inspections, with 377 equipment violations, 843 driver violations, 1,235 uniform traffic citations, and 498 warnings issued. The third wave of G-TACT enforcement took place during June, July, and

August along the I-20 corridor. The results were a total of 699 commercial vehicle inspections, 691 equipment violation, 392 driver violations, 654 uniform traffic citations, and 487 total warnings issued. The fourth wave took place during September in four different geographical locations in the state, Regions 2, 4, 7, and 8. The enforcement results were 354 commercial vehicle inspections, 409 equipment violations, 448 driver violations, 331 uniform traffic citations, and 876 warnings issued. The fifth wave of G-TACT took place during October along the I-75 corridor. The enforcement results were 93 total commercial vehicle inspections, with 69 equipment violations, 150 driver violations, 146 uniform traffic citations, and 320 warnings issued. The final wave of the G-TACT campaign took place in December along the I-75 corridor. The results were a total of 72 commercial vehicle inspections, 100 equipment violations, 112 driver violations, 119 uniform traffic citations, and 232 warnings issued. The G-TACT campaign promotes a positive message to "leave more space". The project incorporates partnerships with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Georgia Motor Trucking Association, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Transportation and other law enforcement agencies, involving a high visibility campaign using paid advertising, innovative road signs, and aggressive enforcement. The officers attended 24 public outreach functions communicating G-TACT campaign. Educational information was shared

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through radio ads, newspaper ads, wrapped semi vehicles, overhead variable message boards, electronic signs supplied by DOT, television coverage, and distribution of pamphlets at welcome centers in Georgia.



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Capitol Police Division



The Department of Public Safety's Capitol Police Division is tasked with the responsibility of providing primary law enforcement and security duties for the Georgia State Capitol, the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Judicial Building, Two Peachtree, and all other state owned buildings located on Capitol Hill. These buildings house constitutional, legislative, and judicial officers, state employees, and contract workers that serve the citizens of the state of Georgia.

Police Services

The Capitol Police Services section of the division is comprised of 20 sworn police officers that respond to public safety issues, and secures and protects the State's assets, resources, personnel, and visitors from interruption, or destruction. In addition to the day to day operations, the Capitol Police Division establishes and manages access and security policies for the Capitol Square area in conjunction with building tenants, government leadership, and Georgia Building Authority, and is responsible for planning and providing security and law enforcement services for all public events in the Capitol Square area, including but not limited to:

- Public protests, demonstrations and, counter-demonstrations
- News conferences
- Lying-in-state ceremonies
- VIP and dignitary visits
- Political rallies

Capitol Security

The Capitol Police Security officers assigned to this division control and monitor access to the State Capitol, Coverdell Legislative Office Building, and the Judicial Building. The Capitol Police Security Section consists of three safety officer supervisors, and 46 non-sworn security officers. The security staff provides assistance to the Capitol Police Services Section, as Capitol Hill events are scheduled, and these safety officers ensure that adequate security measures are implemented and security is in place to monitor crowds for the safe assembly of each event. While most events are held on the Washington Street side of the State Capitol, some individuals or groups request to utilize the surrounding areas of the Capitol.

Contract Security

The Department of Public Safety also contracts with the private security firm, Allied Barton Security, to monitor and control access to all the other state facilities on Capitol Hill. These buildings include the Health Building, Archives Building, Two Peachtree Building, and the Sloppy Floyd Building (Twin Towers).

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Detached GSP Troopers

Due to the extreme reductions in the fiscal year 2009 budget, all sections of the division were required to work as a team to fulfill the security initiatives that they have been set forth to ensure the safety of the buildings, employees, and visitors to the Capitol Hill area. The Capitol Police Division trooper staff was reduced from twenty-two to seven detached troopers to assist in the mission of the division. These seven troopers are detached for an undetermined period of time. With the loss of additional staff, troopers, including supervisors, were required to assume additional responsibilities required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, the Georgia Supreme Court, and area patrol.

Legislative Detail

Each year, beginning in January, the Capitol Police Division is delegated the responsibility of monitoring and providing security for the Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly. Security details included response to medical emergencies, suspicious individuals and packages, media requests, removal of unruly individuals, escorts, and other suspicious activity.

Communications

The Communications Center moved to the Department of Public Safety's Headquarters Communication Center where personnel monitor life-safety, video surveillance, and building elevator systems. Further, they manage building access controls, conduct security background checks for numerous state agencies, and monitor all of the duress alarms on Capitol Hill.

Activity

Police Activity	
Arrests from Traffic Stops	1,397
Vehicle Stops	2,626
Suspicious Package, Persons, and Vehicle Reports	207
Impounded Vehicles	163
Traffic Crashes	141
Calls for Service	1,138
Non- Sworn Security Activity	
Security Location Checks (non-sworn officers)	20,590
Unsecured Doors	1,671
Unlocked Building Doors	87

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Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	282
Communication Activity	
Duress Alarms Answered	176
Fire Alarms Answered	54
Elevator Entrapments	216
GCIC Hits	61

Capitol Police 2009 Events



There were a total of 71 events requiring security and police presence in the Capitol Hill area. Listed below are a portion of the larger events that required Capitol Police and Security Officer staffing:

February 25 - Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities – Disability Day at the Capitol

March 1 - Atlanta Community Food Bank – Hunger Walk

March 17 - Southeast Equipment Dealers Assoc. – Agricultural

Awareness

March 3 - Georgia Municipal Assoc. - Metro Atlanta Mayors' Assoc. – Raise awareness to benefits of bicycling and walking and to secure legislative support for this effort.

April 15 - Freedom Works – Atlanta Tea Party – Call attention to taxes being raised.

April 16 - ABATE of Georgia, Inc. – To promote motorcycle awareness and safety

May 2 - Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights - Latino awareness

May 19 - Amnesty International – Troy Davis Execution

June 22 - Long Road Home Celebrate Olmstead - Provide awareness of the detrimental effects of institutionalization.

July 9 - Rally for Troy Davis



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