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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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GA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HISTORY



WE SET THE **STANDARD**

The Georgia Department of Public Safety was created in 1937 and oversees the day-to-day operation of the Georgia State Patrol (GSP), Capitol Police and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD).



GEORGIA STATE PATROL

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CAPITOL POLICE

Officers with the Capitol Police Division investigate criminal incidents and traffic crashes; manage street closures for events; patrol the streets on Capitol Square and those adjacent to other state buildings; provide courtroom security for Georgia's Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; conduct security assessments and surveillance detection; and deliver personal safety training for state employees and others.



MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) enforces traffic laws, focusing primarily on commercial motor vehicles. This includes performing driver and vehicle inspections at roadsides, inspection stations, and at carriers' terminals. The inspections range from "full" vehicle and driver inspections, which includes mechanical components, to "driver only" inspections. These may also include inspections of vehicles transporting hazardous materials.



INTRODUCTION

VISION & MISSION

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VISION

The Georgia Department of Public Safety is committed to providing the highest level of professional service to its employees, the citizens of Georgia, and visitors to our state. In determining how this service is to be provided, it is imperative that each employee understands and adheres to the mission and core beliefs of our organization. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Georgia Department of Public Safety to conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with the mission statement and core beliefs outlined herein.

MISSION

The mission of the Georgia Department of Public Safety is to work cooperatively with all levels of government to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors to our state. Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Department of Public Safety will support the efforts of all public safety agencies to reduce criminal activity, apprehend those involved, and respond to natural and manmade disasters. In all of our endeavors, DPS personnel will provide the highest level of customer service while remaining committed to following our core beliefs of trust, fortitude, compassion and professionalism.



CORE VALUES

TRUST

We are trustworthy. Truth is our hallmark and foundation. Our word is our bond. Truthfulness is what the public expects from us and what we demand of ourselves. We are committed to the highest ethical standards and highest level of performance that is beyond reproach.

FORTITUDE

We show fortitude. We are committed to persevere through sacrifice and adversity to do the right thing, even at personal cost. In the tradition of those who preceded us, we are confident in our ability to fairly enforce all laws, to protect life and property, and to be accountable for our actions.

COMPASSION

We show compassion. We have the courage and wisdom to be fair. We are sensitive to the needs of others and are committed to treat all with dignity and respect.

PROFESSIONALISM

We are professional. As an elite and diverse team of highly trained, motivated men and women, we are committed to providing effective, efficient, and courteous customer service. We pledge to set innovative standards for others to follow.



BOARD OF **PUBLIC SAFETY**



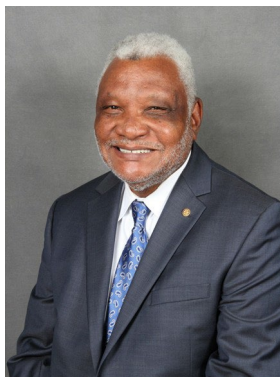
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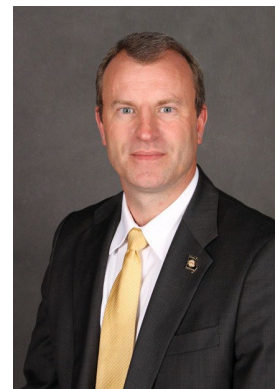
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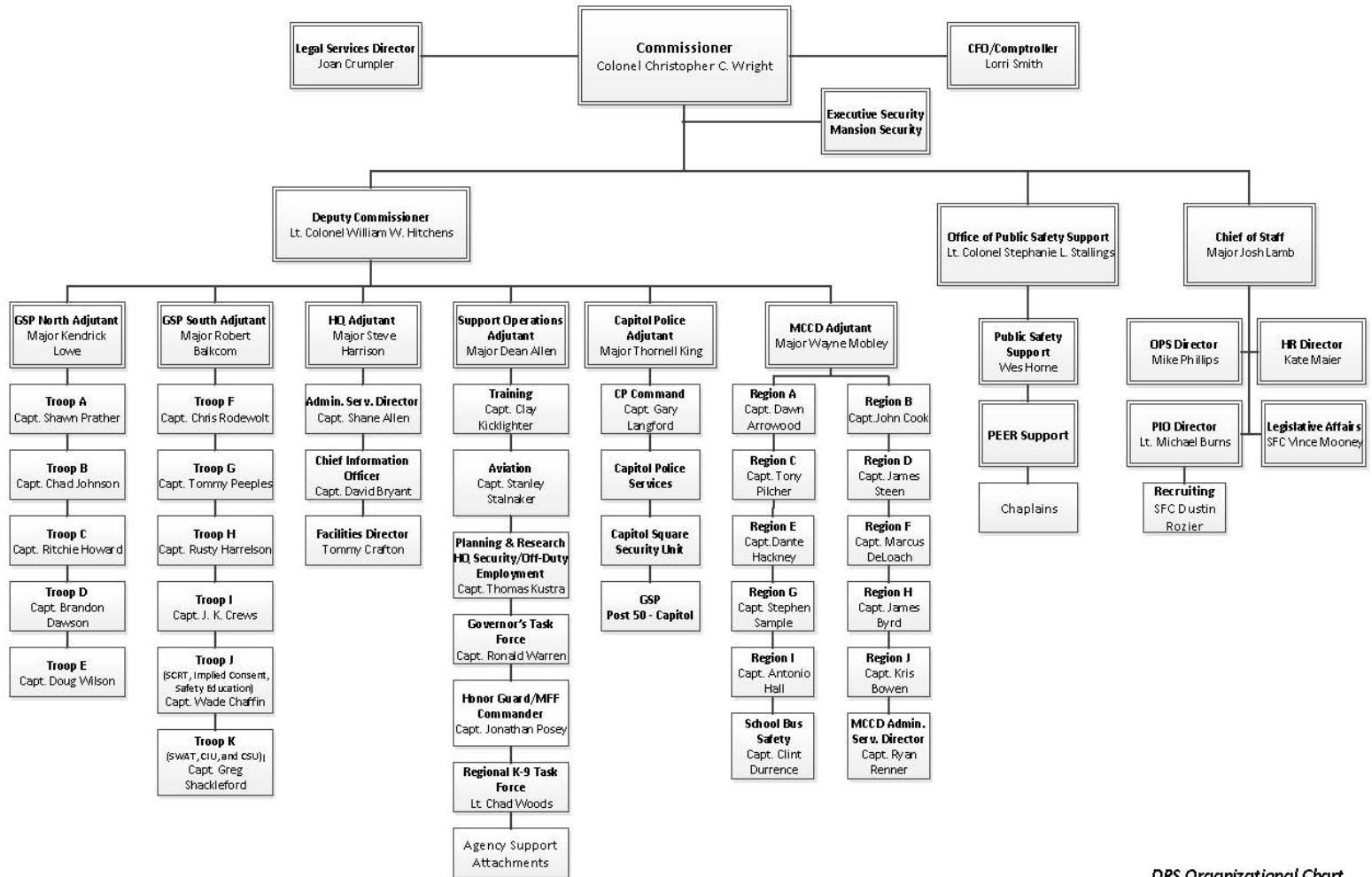


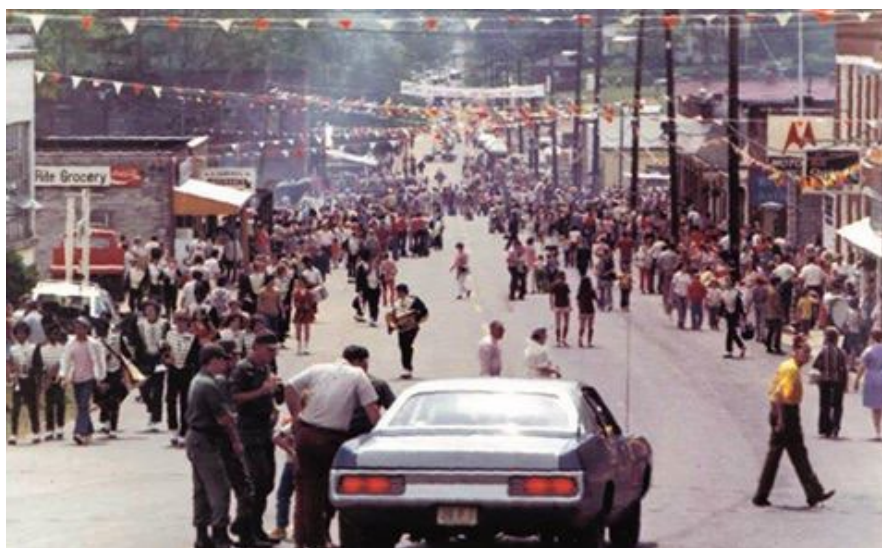
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DPS Organizational Chart

Georgia Department of Public Safety Division Level Organizational Chart





FIELD OPERATIONS

GEORGIA STATE PATROL



"Wisdom, Justice and Moderation" has been the motto of the Georgia State Patrol since its inception in March 1937. It was the motoring public who first advocated the need for the Department of Public Safety. Traffic fatalities, increased crime, and a need for a larger law enforcement agency with statewide arrest powers, led Georgia lawmakers to create the State Patrol. In the summer of 1937, the first Trooper School was held at Georgia Tech and graduated 80 Troopers. To date, the Georgia State Patrol has graduated 113 Trooper Schools.

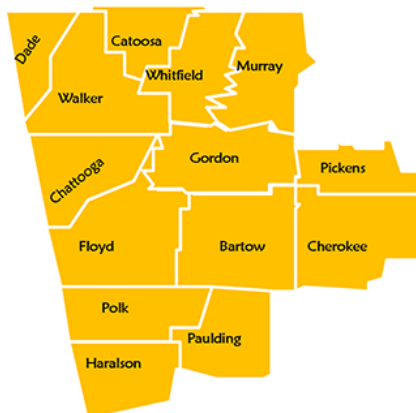


Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Georgia State Patrol (GSP) supports the efforts of all public safety agencies to reduce criminal activity, apprehend those involved, and respond to natural and manmade disasters. Public safety is a 24-hour responsibility. Stranded motorists and motor vehicle crashes require that Troopers work around the clock. As of December 31, GSP had 787 Troopers.

The Georgia State Patrol is divided into 52 patrol posts and seven specialized units, including Nighthawks DUI Task Force, Criminal Interdiction, Implied Consent, Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT), Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), GSP Dive Team, Motorcycle Unit, and the Regional K-9 Task Force within 11 geographic troops. The North and South Adjutants and their staff are located at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters in Atlanta. Each troop consists of a communications center.

On April 5, 2021, the Criminal Suppression Unit or Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) was re-instated by Governor Brian Kemp and Colonel Chris Wright. This unit was tasked with combating the rising number of violent crimes occurring within the City of Atlanta. This unit has also been a key component in addressing and reducing the increasingly popular trend in illegal street racing and street takeovers within the metro counties. Troopers were assigned to overnight shifts on weekends to aggressively patrol and enforce traffic laws. Troopers and MCCD Officers from other Troops and Regions along with Department of Natural Resources Rangers, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Agents, and Department of Community Supervision Officers assisted Troop C Troopers in these patrols.

Troop A



Troop A Territory

- Post 3 Cartersville (Bartow, Polk)
- Post 5 Dalton (Catoosa, Whitfield)
- Post 28 Jasper (Cherokee, Pickens)
- Post 29 Paulding (Haralson, Paulding)
- Post 38 Rome (Chattooga, Floyd)
- Post 41 LaFayette (Dade, Walker)
- Post 43 Calhoun (Gordon, Murray)

Crashes	10,228
Fatalities	135
Arrests	45,600
Warnings	55,996
DUI Arrests	1,311
Vehicle Stops	61,523

Troop B

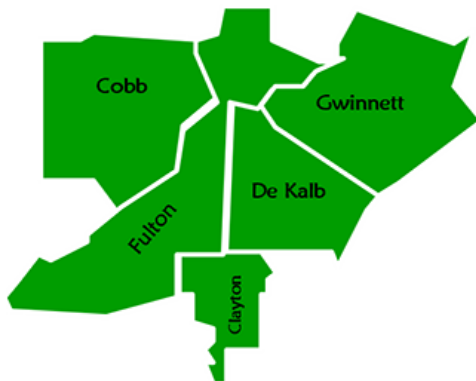


Troop B Territory

- Post 6 Gainesville (Banks, Hall, White)
- Post 7 Toccoa (Habersham, Rabun, Stephens)
- Post 27 Blue Ridge (Fannin, Gilmer, Towns, Union)
- Post 32 Athens (Barrow, Clarke, Jackson, Madison, Oconee)
- Post 37 Cumming (Dawson, Forsyth, Lumpkin)
- Post 52 Hartwell (Hart, Franklin, Elbert)

Crashes	10,715
Fatalities	162
Arrests	46,439
Warnings	64,180
DUI Arrests	2,246
Vehicle Stops	78,504

Troop C



Troop C Territory

- Post 9 Marietta (Cobb, Fulton - North of I-85)
- Post 47 Forest Park (Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton – Outside I- 285)
- Post 48 Atlanta (Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton – Inside I-285)
- Post 49 Motor Unit (Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton)
- Post 51 Gwinnett (Gwinnett – All of I-285)
- Nighthawks North DUI Task Force (Troop C Territory)
- Crime Suppression Unit (Troop C Territory)

Crashes	12,038
Fatalities	53
Arrests	46,777
Warnings	43,698
DUI Arrests	1,181
Vehicle Stops	50,539

Troop D



Troop D Territory

- Post 1 Griffin (Butts, Henry, Spalding)
- Post 2 LaGrange (Harris, Troup)
- Post 4 Villa Rica (Carroll, Douglas)
- Post 24 Newnan (Coweta, Fayette, Heard)
- Post 26 Thomaston (Crawford, Pike, Taylor, Upson)
- Post 34 Manchester (Meriwether, Talbot)
- Post 44 Forsyth (Bibb, Lamar, Monroe)
- Nighthawks Middle DUI Task Force (Troop D Territory)

Crashes	11,300
Fatalities	142
Arrests	53,706
Warnings	59,582
DUI Arrests	2,076
Vehicle Stops	74,516

Troop E



Troop E Territory

- Post 8 Madison (Greene, Jasper, Morgan, Putnam)
- Post 17 Washington (Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, Wilkes)
- Post 25 Grovetown (Columbia, Glascock, McDuffie, Richmond, Warren)
- Post 33 Milledgeville (Baldwin, Hancock, Jones, Washington, Wilkinson)
- Post 46 Monroe (Newton, Rockdale, Walton)

Crashes	2,625
Fatalities	93
Arrests	31,273
Warnings	40,546
DUI Arrests	1,585
Vehicle Stops	53,598

Troop F



Troop F Territory

- Post 19 Swainsboro (Emanuel, Jefferson, Johnson, Treutlen)
- Post 20 Dublin (Bleckley, Dodge, Laurens, Twiggs)
- Post 21 Sylvania (Burke, Jenkins, Screven)
- Post 42 Rincon (Bryan, Chatham, Effingham)
- Post 45 Statesboro (Bulloch, Candler)

Crashes	2,671
Fatalities	94
Arrests	38,910
Warnings	41,616
DUI Arrests	1,984
Vehicle Stops	57,131

Troop G

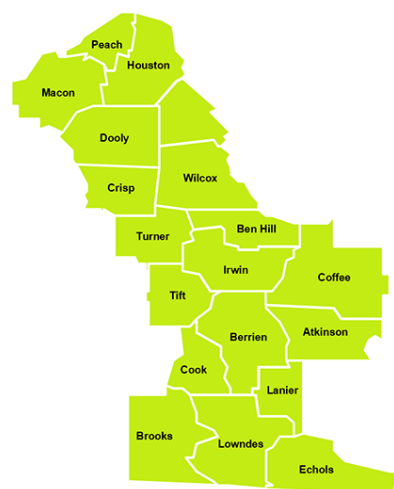


Troop G Territory

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

Crashes	1,845
Fatalities	99
Arrests	18,988
Warnings	43,339
DUI Arrests	1,316
Vehicle Stops	49,333

Troop H



Troop H Territory

- Pot 13 Tifton (Berrien, Cook, Tift)
- Post 15 Perry (Houston, Peach, Macon, Pulaski)
- Post 30 Cordele (Crisp, Dooly, Turner, Wilcox)
- Post 31 Valdosta (Brooks, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes)
- Post 36 Douglas (Atkinson, Ben Hill, Coffee, Irwin)

Crashes	4,600
Fatalities	104
Arrests	40,787
Warnings	37,311
DUI Arrests	1,464
Vehicle Stops	54,624

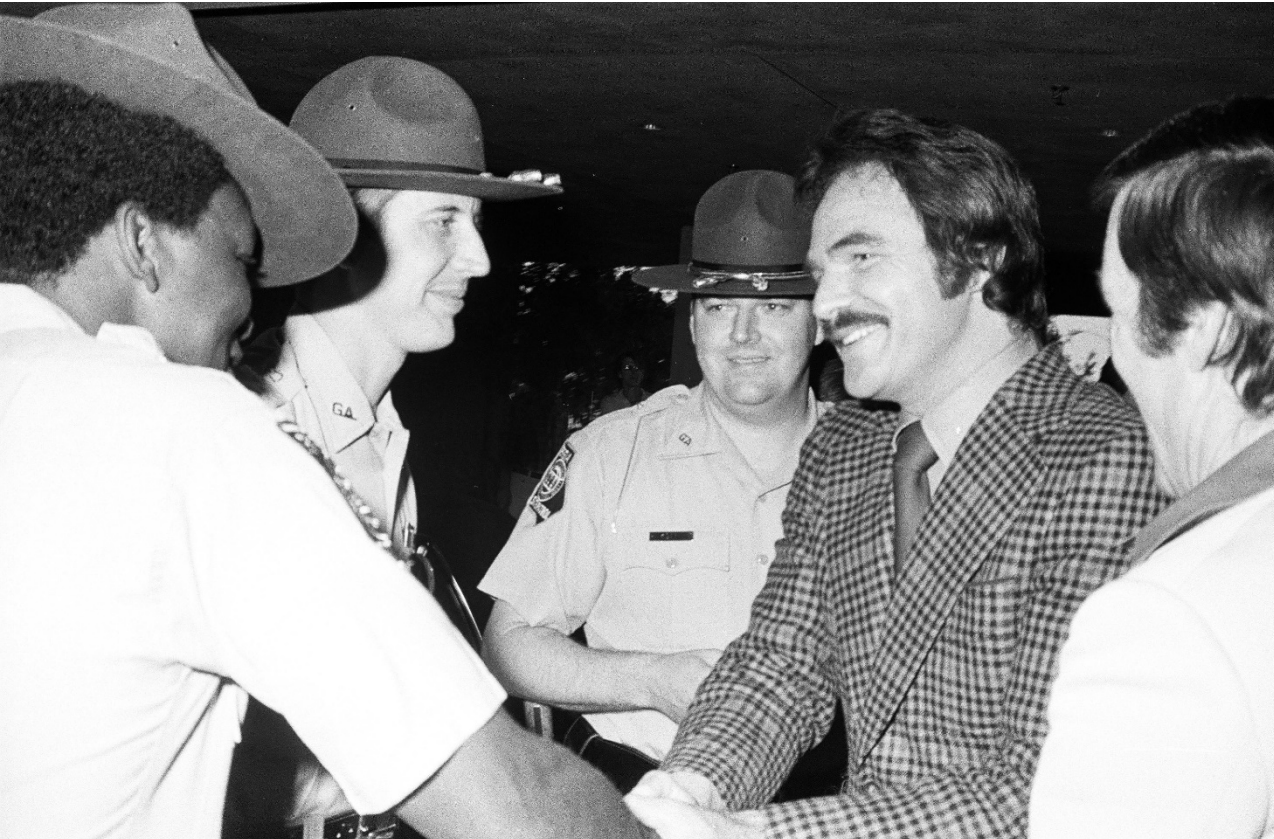
Troop I



Troop I Territory

- Post 11 Hinesville (Liberty, Long, McIntosh)
- Pot 16 Helena (Dodge, Jeff Davis, Montgomery, Telfair, Wheeler)
- Post 18 Reidsville (Appling, Tattnall, Toombs)
- Post 22 Waycross (Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Pierce, Ware)
- Post 23 Brunswick (Camden, Glynn, Wayne)
- Post 35 Jekyll Island

Crashes	2,342
Fatalities	95
Arrests	24,633
Warnings	36,459
DUI Arrests	1,427
Vehicle Stops	49,191



GSP Nighthawks DUI Task Force

The primary goals of this task force are to combat crashes, injuries, and fatalities caused by impaired driving and speeding; to increase seatbelt use, and to educate the motoring public on traffic safety and the dangers of driving under the influence.



The Nighthawks DUI task force is divided into three separate units. All units are comprised of Georgia State Patrol Troopers who have undergone specialized training in impaired driving enforcement. Nighthawks North, located in Troop C, primarily focuses its enforcement in Clayton, Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, and Gwinnett counties. Nighthawks Middle, located in Troop D, focuses on Bibb, Muscogee, and surrounding counties. Nighthawks South, located in Troop I, focuses on Bulloch and Chatham counties.

	Crashes	Fatalities	Arrests	Warnings	DUI Arrests	Vehicle Stops
NH North	121	1	2,525	2,383	719	4,296
NH Middle	70	0	2,828	5,181	729	5,561
NH South	99	0	4,503	3,320	595	4,811



Troop Communications Center

The Communications Centers handle dispatching duties for all posts assigned to each Troop. In many cases, they also handle calls for Motor Carrier Compliance, Department of Natural Resources, as well as Georgia Bureau of Investigations. Troop C Communications located in Atlanta also handles calls for Capitol Police Services, and Post 50, as well as enters Mattie's and Levi's Calls for GBI, dispatching Capitol Police officers to 911 calls and active alarms, or utilizing Atlanta Police, Cobb County Police and Gwinnett County Police Departments' CAD system to dispatch Troopers to vehicle crashes. As of December 31, there were 126 dispatchers.

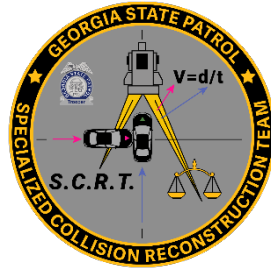
During 2022, Communications Centers logged the following calls:

Troop Communications Center	Total CAD Calls for 2022
Troop A	97,390
Troop B	110,001
Troop C	188,108
Troop D	121,981
Troop E	67,209
Troop F	72,433
Troop G	67,413
Troop H	72,366
Troop I	91,271



GSP Troop J

Troop J is a support troop comprised of two major units, the Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT), and the Implied Consent Unit (ICU). The troop is staffed with approximately 54 members, both sworn and civilian. In addition to Troop J's main support functions, all of the Troops benefit from Troop J's additional personnel in times of natural disaster, civil disobedience, and during personnel shortages.



Troop A SCRT

- Based in Calhoun, this team covers 14 counties in northwest GA.
- There are four members, however most of 2022 they operated with three.
- SCRTA made 101 case investigations in 2021, and 99 in 2022 keeping a steady workload.
- This team issued 25 arrests, 118 warnings and worked 11 non-SCRT crashes in 2022.
- SCRTA conducted 82 commercial vehicle motor carrier and driver inspections.

Troop B SCRT

- Based in Gainesville, this team covers 21 counties in northeast GA.
- There are three members, caseloads indicate a four-member team
- SCRTB made 100 case investigations in 2021, and 137 in '22, marking a 28% increase
- Provided drone overwatch for Athens area protests and civil unrest
- Provided drones for a three-day search and rescue in White County
- SCRTB issued 272 traffic citations, 389 warnings, and worked 10 non-SCRT crashes

Troop C SCRT

- Based in Atlanta, this team covers the five metro area counties.
- There are four members, caseloads indicate a five-member team.
- SCRTC investigated 136 cases
- Participated in several special details, including escorts, VIP security, election security
- Took an active role in mobile field force deployments during times of civil unrest
- SCRTC issued 127 traffic citations, 261 warnings, and worked 67 non-SCRT crashes
- This team conducted 94 commercial vehicle motor carrier and driver inspections
- SCRTC provided several agencies with GPS/phone data from vehicles used in criminal activity
- Established a partnership with Secret Service to collect forensic data from cell phones and vehicles, members have attended training to facilitate this relationship

Troop D SCRT

- Based in Griffin, this team covers 20 counties in western central GA
- There are four members, case load dictates a five-member team
- SCRTD made 168 case investigations in 2022, on par with 2021 and by far the busiest team
- Used drone flights to document three fire scenes for Arson Investigations

- Disproved witness statements related to a high-profile crash; showed witnesses inaccurate
- Assisted Florida Hwy Patrol with a felony homicide by vehicle investigation
- Supported Training Staff with Firearms and Driving classes for 113th Trooper School
- Aided other SCRT teams with 11 investigations and Ft Benning Police with six cases
- SCRTD also responded to Atlanta during protests and civil unrest with mobile field forces
- In 2022, SCRTD issued 18 traffic citations, 147 warnings, and worked 17 non-SCRT crashes
- SCRTD conducted 122 commercial vehicle motor carrier and driver inspections

Troop E SCRT

- Based in Grovetown, this team covers 21 counties in eastern central GA
- There are troopers, caseloads indicate a four-member team
- SCRTE made 120 investigations in 2022, marking an 11% increase over 2021's 107 cases
- SCRTE issued 135 arrests, 184 warnings, and worked 35 non-SCRT crashes
- Assisted Richmond and Walton Counties with two murder investigations
- Assisted GBI with two missing persons cases; each was found deceased in a vehicle crash
- Provided aerial surveillance for GBI related to a child pornography investigation
- Assisted GBI with an in-custody death investigation, subject fell from a moving patrol vehicle

Troop F SCRT

- Based in Dublin, this team covers 16 counties in southeastern GA
- There are positions for four troopers, but they are operating with a three-member team.
- SCRTF made 100 case investigations in 2022, marking a 26% increase over 2021's 74 cases
- In 2022, SCRTF issued 22 traffic citations, 82 warnings, and worked four non-SCRT crashes
- Participated numerous MFF/IRT details including the Arbury Trial, the Republican Governors Convention, and Hurricane Ian IRT.

Troop G SCRT

- Based in Albany, this team covers 22 counties in southwestern GA
- There are four Troopers
- SCRTG made 52 case investigations in 2022 a 19% decrease from 2021's 64 cases
- This team issued 39 arrests, 401 warnings and worked eight non-SCRT crashes
- SCRTG covered crash rotations and concentrated patrols to fill manpower shortages
- SCRTG faced difficulty as they lost their Post 10 offices to MCCC; Cpl Cope worked with Post 40 to acquire new space.
- Purged the evidence room and eliminated more than 80 pieces of evidence dating back to 1998

Troop H SCRT

- Based in Valdosta, this team covers 19 counties in south central GA
- There are three Troopers for a four-position team
- SCRTH made 62 case investigations in 2022, on par with '21's 57 cases
- In 2022, SCRTH issued 82 traffic citations, 245 warnings, and worked 5 non-SCRT crashes
- SCRTH conducted 52 level 1 commercial motor vehicle inspections
- SCRTH provided neighboring troops and several agencies with data from vehicles via Berla
- SCRTH assisted Troop G and I with imaging Hyundai and Kia ACMs
- Assisted Florida Highway Patrol with two homicides by vehicle investigations

Troop I SCRT

- Based in Hinesville, this team covers 20 counties and Jekyll Island in coastal GA
- There are three team members, a caseload for a four-member team
- SCRTI made 101 case investigations in 2022, on par with '21's 105 cases
- In 2022, SCRTI issued 193 traffic citations, 306 warnings, and worked 11 non-SCRT crashes
- Provided drone support and assigned to MFF for Ahmaud Arbery criminal and civil trials
- Worked as IRT members during Hurricane Ian.



Implied Consent Unit (ICU)

Organized on July 1, 1968, the Implied Consent Unit (ICU) trains, maintains and administers the breath alcohol testing and certification program for all law enforcement agencies in the State subject to the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and Georgia Bureau of Investigation Rules and Regulations. This unit is comprised of 12 troopers who are strategically and operationally positioned throughout the state to conduct the daily operations of the unit which are detailed below. ICU members remain on-call around the clock for emergency instrument repairs and courtroom availability. In addition to their regular enforcement responsibilities, ICU members provide a broad range of specialized services designed to complement field operational needs.

Currently, there are nearly 400 instruments Statewide in all 159 counties. During 2022, Implied Consent Unit personnel conducted:

- Inspected 1,439 instruments and documented 2,893 hours of inspection related matters.
- Dedicated 278 hours towards repairing 327 Intoxilyzers helping to save agencies repair expenses and drastically cutting down on time instruments were out of service.
- In addition to performing regular maintenance and quarterly inspections of these breath testing instruments, the members of the ICU provide crucial expert testimony in DUI and DUI related court cases for State, Area and Local Law Enforcement Agencies statewide. ICU members spent multiple hours in court and other legal proceedings, serving as expert witnesses regarding Intoxilyzer operation, theory, and instrumentation.
- The Implied Consent Unit personnel are also responsible for the training and certification of all evidential breath testing device operators. In 2022, this was conducted through 27 two-day basic operator courses and 35 four-hour refresher courses taught at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and other local area Police Academies as well as on-line. Through these courses, 487 new operators were certified, and 694 existing operators were recertified.
- Implied Consent Unit personnel put forth commendable effort toward public safety during 2022 by issuing 257 arrests, 1,300 warnings and by conducting 1,395 vehicle stops. ICU members also worked 23 crashes and had 56 motorist assists. The members of the ICU also supplemented field operations on many levels with Troop related special patrols, deployments to protests, natural disaster responses, GSP honor Guard details and holiday enforcement efforts. Implied Consent Unit members also served as Driving and Firearms instructors and on the Peer Support Team.

Major initiatives included safety program presentations and course training at 59 GOHS Traffic Enforcement Network meetings across the State. ICU members also conducted calibration checks on approximately 354 PBTs for multiple agencies during this period.

GSP Troop K

Troop K is comprised of the State of Georgia Specialized Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and Dive Team, the Criminal Interdiction Unit, Criminal Suppression Unit (CSU), and the K-9 unit. Each unit is specialized and extensively trained beyond normal operations.

GA SWAT

The 2022 SWAT and DIVE Team accomplishments include successfully resolving:

- Three hostage situations with three hostage rescues
- One active shooter
- 10 barricaded suspects
- 70 high risk warrant services
- Five woodland fugitive searches
- 20 surveillances for criminal activity
- Eight quick reaction force details in support of Capitol Hill Security
- Six aerial marksmen
- One protest
- Three executive protection details
- Two small, unmanned aircraft system (SUAS) drones
- Five standby requests from other agencies
- One drowning victim recovery
- Seven underwater evidence recoveries
- Three submerged vehicle recoveries
- Eight safety divers in support of other agencies
- 29 public relations/recruiting events

DIVE TEAM

Below is a list of accomplishments for the SWAT and Dive Teams:

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| • Hostage Situations – 3, 3 hostages rescued | • Standby Requests from Other Agencies – 5 |
| • Active Shooters – 1 | • Drowning Victim Recovery – 1 |
| • Barricaded Suspects – 10 | • Underwater Evidence Recovery – 7 |
| • High Risk Warrant Services – 70 | • Submerged Vehicle Recovery – 3 |
| • Woodland Fugitive Searches – 5 | • Safety Diver in Support of Other Agencies – 8 |
| • Surveillance for Criminal Activity – 20 | • Public Relations/Recruiting Events - 29 |
| • Quick Reaction Force Details in Support of Capitol Hill Security – 8 | |
| • Aerial Marksman – 6 | |
| • Protest – 1 | |
| • Executive Protection Details – 3 | |
| • SUAS (Drone) – 2 | |



Criminal Interdiction Unit

The Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) is a 12-member statewide entity tasked with the pro-active enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. In addition to their regular duties, CIU assisted with high-profile details and events and with security at the State Capitol, the future sight of APD's training facility, and with Crime Suppression Details in metro Atlanta.



Members of the unit instructed several advanced criminal interdiction technique courses to officers across the nation and within the Department, and attended advanced training at a conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. CIU also assisted local Troop Commands with traffic crash investigations and traffic control and supported other local agencies with 410 calls for service. In 2022, CIU assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than \$32,052,579 against organized crime elements operating in Georgia.

In 2022, CIU members:

- Worked 140 crash investigations
- Made 1,612 arrests
- Issued 2,244 warnings
- Made one DUI arrest, 93 felony drug arrests, 31 non-drug felony arrests, and 14 misdemeanor drug arrests
- Apprehended 88 criminal
- Assisted 120 stranded motorists
- Recovered 37 stolen vehicles
- Inspected 200 commercial motor vehicles
- Conducted 3,077 total traffic stops

Additionally, CIU members seized:

- 11.47 kilograms of marijuana
- 0.10 kilograms of cocaine
- 0.29 kilograms of methamphetamine
- .017 kilograms of heroin
- 749 dosage units of other dangerous drugs
- 211 weapons, confiscated \$6,770, recovered 22 stolen items, and located 37 stolen vehicles with a value of \$956,264

CIU also assisted other agencies in confiscating:

- More than 62 kilograms of marijuana
- 198 kilograms of cocaine
- 3,513 kilograms of methamphetamine
- 4.3 kilograms of heroin
- 15,348 dosage units of other dangerous drugs
- \$5,318,010.00 in illegal drug proceeds.

Criminal Suppression Unit (CSU)

The Georgia State Patrol's Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) pro-actively enforces traffic and criminal laws and has the primary responsibility of suppressing crime in the city of Atlanta.

CSU plays a key role in combating the increasingly popular trend of illegal street racing and street takeovers in the metro counties and have taken the initiative to proactively apprehend all participants engaging in these activities. They have been able to gain intelligence which has led to the arrest to several of the organizers who promote and put on these illegal events.

Troopers from CSU are also routinely requested by the U.S. Marshals Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to assist with the apprehension of wanted fugitives. Additionally, the unit is routinely called to assist the Atlanta Police Department (APD). CSU also responded to requests from local Troop Commands to conduct traffic crash investigations and provide traffic control as needed.

In addition to their regular duties, in 2022, the unit's 10 members (including three non-commissioned officers) assisted with multiple high-profile and multi-jurisdictional details and events in metro Atlanta. The Troopers also participated in U.S. presidential and vice-presidential details and escorts and assisted with the gubernatorial election of Governor Brian Kemp.

In 2022, CSU added a dual-purpose K-9 that has been successful in apprehending criminals. Additionally, the unit:

- Completed 280 crash investigations
- Made 1,773 arrests, 30 DUI arrests and 247 felony arrests
- Issued 3,367 warnings
- Apprehended 161 criminals, including eight suspects wanted for murder.
- Conducted 3,298 traffic stops
- Recovered 227 vehicles with a monetary value over \$6,000,000
- Recovered 48 stolen weapons
- Involved in 222 vehicle pursuits

CSU team members are dedicated and display the Department's core values of trust, fortitude, professionalism, and compassion in the performance of their duties and continue to bring great credit to the Department of Public Safety.





FIELD OPERATIONS

MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performs driver and vehicle inspections of commercial motor vehicles at roadsides, inspection stations, and at carriers' terminals. The inspections range from "full" vehicle and driver inspections, which includes mechanical components, to "driver only" inspections. These may also include inspections of vehicles transporting hazardous materials. To date, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division has graduated eight Motor Carrier Officer Schools.



The primary focus of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) is the enhancement of highway safety in regard to commercial motor vehicles. MCCD Officers perform in-depth safety inspections of commercial vehicles, operators, and loads to ensure they pose no identifiable risk to the safety of the motoring public. Enforcement of laws and regulations relating to size and weight of commercial motor vehicles and loads are provided for in Article 2 of Chapter 6 of title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

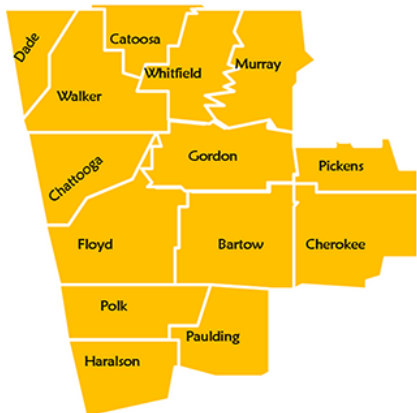
The Motor Carrier Compliance Division is divided into 22 weigh stations within nine geographic regions and three specialized units. One specialized unit, operating within Region C, is the HOT Enforcement Unit. This unit is comprised of two State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) funded officers and two Troopers who patrol HOT lanes in Gwinnett County. The second specialized unit is the Safety Compliance Unit which consists of the New Entrant Safety Audit, Compliance Review, and Region 10. The third specialized unit

is the Nuclear Radiological Detection Team (NRAD). This unit that travels the state providing protective sweeps as needed. NRAD conducts multiple missions to include inspections of commercial vehicles transporting radiological materials, assisting in homeland security missions, and assisting local law enforcement agencies with any special request. The administrative staff for MCCD is located at the Headquarters for the Department of Public Safety in Atlanta. As of December 31, MCCD had 233 Officers and 28 weight inspectors.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Program: The commercial vehicle safety program is outlined in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP), and 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 and Education, and Data Collection.

MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

REGION A



14 counties in Northwest Georgia

21 MCCD Officers

Two weight inspectors

Two weigh stations

- Station 1 – South, I-85 S MM 343
- Station 2 – North, I-85 N MM 343

- 2,850 uniform traffic citations
- 5,045 warnings
- 4 DUIs
- 277 Speeding citations
- 55 Following Too Close citations
- 275 Distracted Driving citations
- 18 Improper Lane Change citations

- 7,683 CMV inspections with 16,782 violations
- 815 hazardous material inspections
- 1,174 vehicles out of service
- 440 out of service drivers
- 2,087 overweight assessments/\$432,059.00 fines

REGION B



21 counties in North Georgia

22 MCCD Officers

Three weight inspectors

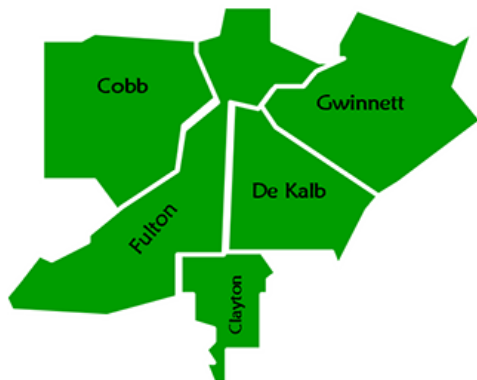
Two weigh stations

- Station 3 – South, I-85 S MM 169
- Station 4 – North, I-85 N MM 171

- 1,591 Uniform Traffic Citations
- 512 Warnings
- 317 Speeding citations
- 190 Seatbelt citations

- 7,906 CMV inspections with 17,745 violations
- 593 hazardous material inspections
- 4,130 overweight assessments/\$631,303.00 fines

REGION C



5 counties in Metro Atlanta

23 MCCD Officers

No weigh stations

- Station 7 – Traffic Division

- 3,616 uniform traffic citations
- 3,646 warnings
- 6 DUIs
- 332 Speeding citations
- 242 Seat Belt/Safety Restraint citations

- 13 Reckless Driving
- 58 Uninsured Motorists
- 36 Apprehended Fugitives
- 553 hazardous material inspections
- 27 safety outreach meetings

REGION D



20 counties in East Georgia

43 MCCD Officers

Seven weight inspectors

Six weigh stations

- Station 5 – Douglas County, I-20 E
- Station 6 – Carroll County, I-20 W
- Station 10 – South, I-85 N MM 23
- Station 11 – North, I-85 N MM 23
- Station 12 – South, I-85 N MM 190
- Station 13 – North, I-85 N MM 190

- 5,547 Traffic Citations
- 4,768 Warnings
- 1,204 citations for driver/vehicle out-of-service violations

- 181 impounds/\$84,847.90 fines
- 5,372 overweight assessments/\$1,032,289.15 fines
- 1,428 Hazmat inspections
- 47 safety outreach meetings

REGION E



21 counties in East Middle Georgia

18 MCCD Officers

Four weight inspectors

Two weigh stations

- Station 8 – East, I-20 E MM 187
- Station 9 – West, I-20 W MM 188

- 3,562 Traffic Citations/Warnings
- 18 DUIs
- 614 Speeding citations
- 155 Following Too Close citations
- 1,877 overweight citations/\$456,001.50 fines

- 60 Improper Lane Change citations
- 10,021 commercial vehicle inspections/19,150 violations
- 4,129 vehicles out of service violations
- 704 out of service drivers

REGION F



16 counties in Central Georgia

23 MCCD Officers

Two weight inspectors

Three weigh stations

- Station 14 – East, I-16 E MM 144
- Station 15 – West, I-16 W MM 144
- Station 16 – South, I-95 S MM 111

- 2,743 Uniform Traffic Citations
- 2,920 Warnings
- 9 DUIs
- 1,291 Distracted Driver citations
- 33 Drug Arrests
- 597 Speeding citations

- 595 Seatbelt citations
- 843 Hazmat inspections
- 215 Out-of-Service drivers/108 Out-of-Service vehicles
- 4,860 overweight assessments/\$1,085,027.00 fines

REGION G



23 counties in Southwest Georgia

21 MCCD Officers

Five weight inspectors

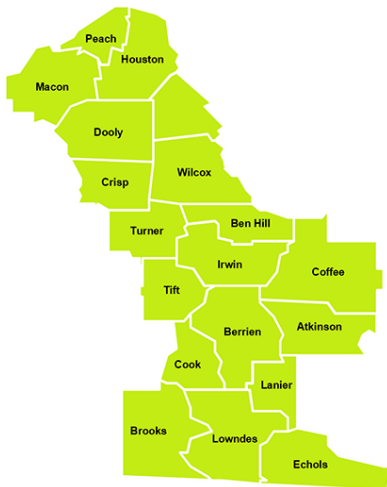
One weigh station

- Station 19 – Early County, GA 273 MM 1

- 809 Uniform Traffic citations
- 2,507 warnings
- 8 DUIs
- 8 Drug arrests

- 271 Speeding citations 194 Seatbelt citations
- 827 overweight assessments/\$275,440.89
- 248 Out-of-Service drivers/592 Out-of-Service vehicles

REGION H



19 counties in South Georgia

18 MCCD Officers

Four weight inspectors

Two weigh stations

- Station 17 – South, I-75 N MM 23
- Station 18 – North, I-75 N MM 23

- 2,195 overweight citations/\$394,449.45
- 697 impounds/\$364,928.63



REGION I



20 counties in Southeast Georgia

15 MCCD Officers

One weight inspector

Two weigh stations

- Station 20 – South, I-95 S MM 56
- Station 21 – North, I-95 N MM 55

- 6,953 Inspections
- 1,265 Uniform Traffic citations
- 3,733 Warnings
- 635 Overweight Citations/\$152,775.50 fines
- 50 Following Too Closely

- 5 DUIs
- 1,207 Speeding Contacts
- 472 Seatbelt Contacts
- 767 Distracted Driving



REGION J is responsible for conducting Compliance Reviews and Safety Audits. This Region has 26 employees (9 non-sworn civilian employees and 17 certified officers). These officers and civilians are required to conduct commercial vehicle inspections and maintain the required number of inspections for certification. Region J is also responsible for overseeing the DataQ program and handling complaints against motor carriers who fail to comply with FMCSA regulations.

Compliance Review Program (Investigation and Safety Analysis) is one of the five elements of the MCSAP plan. The Compliance Review unit consists of 11 compliance review officers and two compliance review civilian employees 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 substances, and alcohol testing, CDL requirements, financial responsibility, accidents, 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. All compliance review officers and civilians are trained in Compliance, Safety, and Accountability (CSA).

New Entrant Safety Audit Program

The New Entrant Safety Audit program is responsible for performing safety audits on new interstate motor carriers based in Georgia within 12 months, (4 months for passenger carriers) of receipt of new entrant registration. The Safety Audit Unit is comprised of eight civilians that solely conducts safety Audits, and one administrative civilian personnel that handles carrier contacts, questions, and carrier reclassifications.

DataQ Program

Region J is responsible for overseeing the DataQ program for FMCSA. A DataQ is a request for data review (RDR). The DataQ team response to challenges from carriers on roadside inspections and crashes. The DataQ Unit is comprised of four officers and one civilian.

Below is a list of accomplishments for Region J:

- Conducted 73 compliance investigations.
- Conducted 3,098 off site Safety Audits.
- Conducted 214 On site Safety Audits.
- Safety Audits not completed, 3,613.
- Conducted 3,508 Safety Audit Contacts
- Prepared two Voluntary Consent Orders (VCOs)
- Prepared 17 enforcement cases.
- Enforcement cases resulted in \$92,061.00 in civil penalties.
- Investigated 31 complaints against trucking companies.
- DataQ team responded to 2,964 inspection challenges.
- DataQ team responded to 207 crash challenges.
- Conducted five educational presentations for carriers.

School Bus Safety Unit is responsible for conducting safety inspections on school buses in operation on the roadways of Georgia. This Unit has 14 sworn officers (12 officers and two supervisors) assigned, throughout the state, to conduct the safety inspections. In addition to their regular duties ensuring the safety of Georgia's local school bus fleets they also perform the duties of a certified MCSAP (Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program) officer. These Officers ensure that the commercial motor vehicle traffic operating on Georgia's roadways is doing so in a safe manner and following Georgia's traffic laws and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's rules and regulations.

Captain Durrence, unit commander, not only oversees the day-to-day operations of the unit, but works closely with the Georgia Department of Education. He is a board member of the school bus specification committee, and a board member with the Georgia Association of Pupil Transportation.

These partnerships are vital in helping to ensure that future school buses manufactured continue to be some of the safest forms of transportation for Georgia's future, our children.

School Bus Crash Data information for this section was gathered from what was reported to the School Bus Safety Unit. Total crashes reported for the 2022 school year were 72. Throughout the year, there were several children injured but no child was a fatality while being transported by school buses for the 2022 school year.

School Bus Driver Outreach Program

This program is a proactive and interactive safety program between the state officers performing safety inspections and the county and municipal school bus operation partners. This program allows an open discussion forum for officers, school bus drivers, mechanics, and transportation directors to come together and exchange ideas on how to safely transport Georgia's approximately 1.2 million students one way per day. Combining school's morning routes with their afternoon routes translates to 2.5 million students transported. In 2022, there were multiple safety outreach meetings held across the state. There were two opportunities to speak before the Georgia Association for Pupil Transportation at their Spring and Summer conferences. Between both conferences approximately 400 school bus transportation personnel composed of drivers, mechanics, and transportation directors were in attendance. Topics discussed during these meetings were, pre-trip inspections, and crash causational factors that contribute to school bus accidents, Out of Service criteria updates, school bus specifications, and new school bus inspection concepts.

School Bus Safety Driver Licenses Verification System for School Bus Drivers

This verification system was created by House Bill 459 in 2019, to monitor the driver license status of all public-school bus drivers across the state. This system was created in house by the Georgia Department of Public Safety's Information Technologies department in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Driver Services. The System officially started monitoring Georgia school bus drivers' licenses July 1, 2021, and continues its mission of identifying individuals that may not be licensed to legally operate a school bus.

School Bus Safety Unit by The Numbers

The School Bus Safety Unit conducted 26,798 school bus safety inspections. These inspections discovered 21,389 defects with 2,754 of those defects being Out of Service defects causing 3,349 school buses to be removed from service until the Out of Service condition was corrected. Once the out of service condition is corrected the school bus is then reinspected by a School Bus Safety Unit officer. If the school bus passes that inspection, then the school bus can be placed back into service transporting Georgia's children. When averaging the 26,798 school bus inspections across the 12 officers, they average approximately 2,233 level 1 school buses inspected per officer per year, in addition to their commercial motor vehicle inspections and yearly training requirements. As Georgia sees its population continue to grow the number of school buses needing to be inspected yearly can be expected to grow as well. In addition to local government school bus inspections, the unit also conducted 175 ASPEN school bus inspections (which is a commercially operated school bus) discovering 91 violations with 16 of those violations being an Out of Service violation causing 11 buses to be placed Out of Service.

During their duties as MCSAP officers (Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program) these individuals conducted 2,119 MCSAP inspections discovering 2,965 violations and a total of 15 Out of Service inspections. They placed 15 Drivers Out of Service and placed 12 Commercial Motor Vehicles Out of Service. They also conducted 402 CMV inspections where the cargo being transported was a Hazardous Material. That translates to the fact that as a unit 19% of their inspections were HazMat inspections.

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School Bus Safety Unit Cha

Inspection Type: School Bus	Number Of:	Type	Number of:	Number of OOS Defects	OOS Drivers	OOS School Buses
School Bus Inspections	26,798	Safety Defects	21,389	2,754	N/A	3,349
ASPEN School Bus Inspector	175	Violations	91	Out of Service Violations	16	Out of Service Buses: 11
Inspection Type: CMV				OOS Inspections	OOS Drivers	OOS Vehicles
CMV ASPEN Inspections	2,119	Violations	2,965	15	15	12
Crash Totals 2022				Outreach Program Meetings*		Number in attendance
72				21		1,131

*Outreach Program Meeting topics discussed: Pre-Trip Inspection Items, Crash Causational Factors, Out of Service Criteria Updates, School Bus Specifications, and New Inspection Concepts.



Stop the Threat Enforcement Initiative

- The Stop the Threat initiative is a sustainable traffic enforcement strategy designed to take place in every area of the state. Our Mission with this program: Through education, outreach (media), and aggressive traffic enforcement strategies, is to provide for a safer transportation environment for our citizens and the nation's motorists.
- MCCD officers target for enforcement those commercial vehicle drivers and other motorists who endanger lives by engaging in unsafe driver behavior. Distracted driving kills! Impaired driving kills! Excessive speed kills! Tailgating other motorists kills! Any driver of any vehicle found violating such laws are held accountable to Georgia law.

- Throughout the state, MCCD strategically deploys officers in highly visible, marked patrol vehicles in both high crash corridors and high crash rural route areas of the state during periods that crashes involving CMVs most commonly occur. (Time of Day, Day of Week, Day of Month)
- Officers and troopers focus their enforcement efforts on crash causative factors such as:
 - Speeding
 - Distracted Driving, to include texting and cell phone violations
 - Following Too Close
 - Impaired Driving (alcohol & drugs)
 - Fatigued Driving
 - Improper Lane Changes and Improper Lane Usage
 - Seat Belt Infractions
 - Mechanical and Structural Defects on CMVs

In 2022, MCCD Stop the Threat campaign statewide summary of 12 STT details, issued 9,300 citations, placed 844 drivers OOS, placed 549 vehicles OOS, and completed 9,847 inspections.

Data Reporting and Analytics

As part of its commitment to commercial vehicle safety and reduction of CMV-involved crashes, the Department utilizes software to collect and analyze crash, inspection, and violation data. Analyzing crash data provides a way to identify crash hotspots, making it a valuable tool in the fight to improve safety on Georgia's roadways. Command staff utilize the data to schedule the times and locations of daily enforcement activity and specialized enforcement details, such as the Stop the Threat program. Inspection and violation data provides insights into industry, motor carrier, and driver safety compliance.

- The **Georgia Roadway Incident Dashboard** (GRID) includes an advanced crash location mapping system and an interactive dashboard with approximately 100 filtering options to analyze crash trends, crash factors, and where crashes are occurring.
- The **Stop the Threat Scheduling System** allows Region Commanders the ability to schedule Stop the Threat traffic enforcement details and review officer activity during events. The system's reporting capabilities provide the Command staff summaries of activity and the scope of violations found during enforcement events.
- The **Electronic Significant Crash Reporting** program (eSCR) is utilized by officers to provide timely notification of significant or high-profile CMV-involved crash events, such as the release of hazardous materials, a significant roadway closure, or fatal crashes.
- **SafetyNet**, a federally developed program, is the repository for CMV-involved crash data and inspection data reported to FMCSA. The program allows users to query and export data for analytics and reports to Command staff.
- **Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) technology** allows regional command staff to monitor CMV traffic at weigh stations in real time. An online portal provides data reporting on passing CMV traffic volume and weight violation peak times.

Honor Guard

The Motor Carrier Compliance Division has officers assisting in Mobile Field Forces and 19 officers in our DPS Honor Guard Unit.

Other Accomplishments

Motor Carrier Officer School:

After completing the basic police academy, officers now attend a 24-week GA POST Council approved intermediate-Advanced program that encompasses everything from advanced law enforcement skills in firearms, advanced driving, defensive tactics, as well as state laws and federal regulations that govern the safe operation of commercial vehicles on our roadways. This program includes 12 weeks of classroom and skills training coupled with an additional 12 twelve weeks of field training. The field training program was extended greatly to provide training in not just commercial vehicle inspections, but in all areas needed to be a successful commercial vehicle law enforcement officer.

8th and 9th MOTOR CARRIER OFFICER SCHOOLS GEORGIA PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER



On April 11, 2022, 26 hopeful POST certified officers began the 8th MCO School to become Motor Carrier Compliance Certified officers. Out of 26 students, 18 officers graduated on September 30, 2022.



The 9th MCO School began October 2, 2022.



FIELD OPERATIONS **CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION**

Officers with the Capitol Police Division (CPD) investigate criminal incidents and traffic crashes; manage street closures for events; patrol the streets on Capitol Square and those adjacent to other state buildings; provide courtroom security for Georgia's Supreme Court and Court of Appeals; conduct security assessments and surveillance detection; and deliver personal safety training for state employees and others.



The Capitol Police Division (CPD) 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, Sloppy Floyd Towers, Two Peachtree, and all other state owned buildings located on Capitol Hill. These buildings house constitutional, legislative, and judicial officers of the state, in addition to the state employees that occupy offices in each of these buildings.

The Capitol Police Division headquarters building includes a 297-person capacity auditorium. The CPD Command office schedules the auditorium for DPS events and permits reservations by other state agencies. Several state agencies, including DPS, held 17 various training sessions, ceremonies, and conferences in the auditorium throughout the year. As of December 31, there were 24 Capitol Police officers and 18 Safety Officers.

Capitol Police Services: Capitol Police officers respond to public safety issues, and secure and protect the state's assets, resources, personnel, and visitors on Capitol Hill. 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 the Georgia Building Authority. Capitol Polices Services 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: Investigating criminal activity and prosecuting those found to violate the law; public protests, demonstrations, and counterdemonstrations; news conferences; lying-in-state ceremonies; VIP and dignitary visits; and political rallies. In addition to traffic enforcement, Officers made 95 misdemeanor, eight felony arrests, and conducted 4,325 foot patrols around Capitol Hill.

Capitol Police Division

The Department of Public Safety's Capitol Police Division is responsible for providing primary law enforcement and security duties for the Georgia State Capitol, Nathan Deal Judicial Center, Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Judicial Building, Sloppy Floyd Towers, Two Peachtree, and all other state- owned buildings located on Capitol Hill. These buildings house constitutional, legislative, and judicial officers of the state, in addition to the state employees that occupy offices in each of these buildings.

Capitol Police Division Command

Capitol Police Division Command consists of the Director (Major), Commander (Captain), security manager (Sergeant First Class), and one executive administrative assistant. The command staff is responsible for overseeing the operations of Capitol Police Services, Georgia State Patrol Post 50-Capitol Hill, Capitol Hill Security and private security contractor Dynamic Security, Inc. The CPD Command office schedules the 297-person capacity auditorium for DPS events and permit reservations by other state agencies. Eight training sessions, ceremonies, and conferences were held in the auditorium throughout the year.

Capitol Police Services

The Capitol Police Services section of the division is currently staffed with one Lieutenant, five Sergeants, 17 sworn Police Officers, and two Cadets. Capitol Police Officers respond to public safety issues, and secure and protect the state's assets, resources, personnel, and visitors on Capitol Hill. 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 the Georgia Building Authority. CPS 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:

- Investigating criminal activity and prosecuting individuals found to violate the law.
- Public protests, demonstrations, and counterdemonstrations.
- News conferences.
- Lying-in-state ceremonies.
- VIP and dignitary visits.
- Political rallies.

In addition to traffic enforcement, officers made 63 misdemeanor and eight felony arrests. Capitol Police officers also conducted 37,620-foot patrols around Capitol Hill.

Georgia State Patrol, Post 50-Capitol Hill

The troopers of Post 50 control the access into the State Capitol by checking all state employees, visitors, and other personnel for valid identification. This includes screening all incoming packages, deliveries, and mail. They provide security for all elected officials, state employees and visitors at the State Capitol. The troopers of Post 50 also provide security for all buildings on Capitol Hill by conducting patrols in and around these buildings. Troopers, including supervisors, are also required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, the Coverdale Legislative Office Building, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget building. Post 50 consists of 15 troopers, one auxiliary Trooper, three Corporals, one Sergeant and one Sergeant First Class. Post 50 personnel conducted 11,112-foot patrols around Capitol Hill in 2022.

Capitol Hill Security

The Capitol Hill Security Officers control and monitor access to the State Capitol, Coverdell Legislative Office Building,

the Judicial Building, the Trinity-Washington building, the Health Building, and several loading dock areas. The Capitol Hill Security section consists of three security officer supervisors and 15 non-sworn security officers. Additionally, the security staff aids the Capitol Police Services section as Capitol Hill events are scheduled, and adequate security measures are implemented for each event. Most outside events have been held in Liberty Plaza, which is adjacent to the State Capitol.

Contract Security

The Capitol Police Division also oversees private security personnel through Dynamic Security, Inc. There are 44 uniformed, unarmed guards, who monitor and control access to other state facilities on Capitol Hill. These buildings include the Two Peachtree Street building, the Sloppy Floyd Building (Twin Towers), 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive building, and the Judicial Courtyard.

Capitol Hill EOD K9 Unit

The Capitol Hill EOD K9 Unit consists of five canine teams. They are responsible for responding to suspicious package notifications and bomb threats on Capitol Hill. They also proactively sweep the Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and other state buildings routinely. The EOD K9 Unit assists other law enforcement agencies throughout the state with bomb threats upon request. The unit conducted 826 sweeps and responded to 65 suspicious package/bomb threat call outs. Additionally, the unit completed approximately 1,217 training hours and staged 96 K9 demonstrations in 2022.

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. There were seven sworn officers assigned to the 2022 Legislative Session detail under the supervision of Capitol Police Division Command.

Communications

The Capitol Police Division's Communication personnel receive all radio traffic for calls for service, monitor surveillance video, parking deck alarms, and building elevator systems. Furthermore, they manage building access controls, conduct security background checks, and monitor all duress alarms in place on Capitol Hill.

Mail Services

The Capitol Police Division Mail Services Unit consists of one supervisor and one employee. The unit is not only responsible for the distribution of mail within the division but are also tasked with screening all incoming mail for the offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Legislature, and Supreme Court. The Mail Services Unit screened 110,402 parcels.

Special Details

Throughout 2022, members of the Georgia State Patrol Field Operations, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and SWAT Team, assisted the Capitol Police Division with over 70 protests, riots, and demonstrations.

Issues concerning police involved shootings, race relations, and the Supreme Court decision changing Roe V. Wade, brought protestors and counter-protestors to the streets surrounding downtown Atlanta and the State Capitol. The crowds created volatile situations, including threats to law enforcement and state property, generating the need for additional security and crowd control from outside members of DPS.

Events

There were 54 events, scheduled by the Georgia Building Authority, requiring security and police presence. The events were predominantly held inside the Capitol and Liberty Plaza. There were numerous protests in Liberty Plaza and the Capitol that were not scheduled but required police presence.

Enforcement Activity

Below is a portion of enforcement activity for the Capitol Police Division in 2022.

SWORN OFFICER ACTIVITY	
Arrests from Traffic Stops	883
Vehicle Stops	3,379
Suspicious Persons/Packages/Vehicles	1,282
Traffic Crashes	271
Calls for Service	576
NON-SWORN SECURITY ACTIVITY	
Security Location Checks (non-sworn officers)	12,511
Unsecured Doors	8
Unlocked Building Doors	192
Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	577
COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY	
Duress Alarms Answered	195
Fire Alarms Answered	81
Elevator Entrapments	97
GCIC Hits	58





Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller's Office

The Accounting Section, comprised of accounts payable, accounts receivable/revenue, payroll, grants, and general ledger activity, maintains the accounting books and records for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol. Additionally, the section is responsible for maintaining records for four attached agencies: the Georgia Firefighters Standard and Training (GFFST), Peace Officers Standard and Training Council (P.O.S.T.), Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS).

The amount of revenue for the Overweight Citations Unit that was transferred to the State Treasury was \$3,669,830.93 for Fiscal Year 2022.

Revenue received from the Motorcycle Patrol Unit for Fiscal Year 2022:

Atlanta Municipal Court:	\$586,306.68
Dekalb State Court:	\$ 2,312.50
Fulton Magistrate Court:	\$ 271.25
Total:	\$ 588,298.43

Accounts Payable: The Accounts Payable section processed 5,253 checks and 12,831 electronic funds transfers, and remitted surplus from State and Other Funds back to the State Treasury in the amount of \$1,048,636.34.

Payroll: The Payroll Office maintains all payroll related reports and processes payroll biweekly. Payroll also balance and issues W-2s to all current and former employees of DPS and the attached agencies. In 2022, 2,132 W-2s were issued. The payroll office assists employees with any questions regarding W-2s.

Grants: Grant Administrators write grants, prepare reimbursement claims, maintain budgets, and adhere to federal guidelines on spending. The section also manages all grant projections and expenditures throughout the year.

The following grants/funds were awarded to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022:

Administrative License Suspension Program & Nighthawks

In SFY 2008, the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) combined the Administrative License Suspension Program with the Nighthawk DUI Task Force into one grant for \$725,100.00. This funding continues providing legal assistance to State Troopers at civil hearings for DUI suspension of driver licenses. The grant provides for one attorney, one paralegal, travel related to court appearances, and administrative support services. This grant also continues to provide funding for the operation of multiple DUI Task Forces. The Nighthawks Unit North is focused on the five-county metropolitan area, the Nighthawks Unit Middle Georgia is focused primarily on the Macon area, and the Nighthawks Unit South is primarily focused on the Chatham and Bulloch County areas. The units conduct concentrated patrols, road checks, and provide educational information to the public as

part of their outreach efforts. The grant provides funding for 29 troopers, a unit secretary, and other operational expenses. The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 grant, for both units combined, was \$3,421.924.

K-9 Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Grant funds of \$6,000 were awarded from The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol-Capitol Police Explosives Detection Dogs supplies.

K-9 Regional Task Force

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded \$352,199 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. The DPS did not retain any grant funds in FY21-22, and all funds were passed to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office.

Law Enforcement Training Grant

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded \$352,496 to provide Law Enforcement De-escalation Training Grant. The grant provides funding for the training staff and new sworn members to learn and participate in another form of de-escalation training.

Governor's Task Force

The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) awarded \$500,000 to provide air and ground search and destroy missions for marijuana eradication efforts in Georgia.

SWAT DIVE/ SWIM

Grant funds of \$100,000 were awarded from then Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for supplies for sustainability for the SWAT team during their training and missions.

Overtime Reimbursements

In SFY 2022, DPS (Georgia State Patrol) worked with various federal agencies and received reimbursement of overtime expenses and other law enforcement expenses related to joint operations. The federal agencies or programs that the DPS conducts joint operation with are Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Justice, and Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program. During SFY 2022, DPS was reimbursed \$35,419 for overtime expenses.

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)

Effective July 1, 2005, the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety was reorganized per House Bill 501, and the DPS was designated the lead MCSAP agency for the State of Georgia. During SFY 2022, FMCSA combined our New Entrant and MCSAP funding into one grant and DPS was awarded \$16,318,334. 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 were outlined in a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan and monitored throughout the plan year. During calendar year 2022, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) performed 75,365 commercial motor vehicle inspections.

Procurement: The Procurement Department is responsible for sourcing the goods and services needed for DPS personnel to carry out its mission. Procurement may occur via open market purchases, statewide contracts, established agency contracts or bidding out the service or goods. The Procurement Department follows all laws and policies established by the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) State Purchasing Division (SPD) and DPS policies. All procurement staff must take the training and pass the tests established by DOAS SPD to become a Georgia Certified Procurement Associate (GCPA). The Procurement Director must reach the level of GA Certified Procurement Manager (GCPM). The Procurement Department also handles procurement for two of the attached agencies, the Georgia Firefighters Standard and Training (GFFST) and Peace Officers Standard and Training Council (POST). Both the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) handle their own requisitions, Purchase Orders (PO), and bids.

During the period 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022, the following purchase orders were processed:

- 6176 Purchase Orders (PO), (decrease of 185) were processed for a total of \$100,259,207.31 (increase of \$6,606,120.25) by DPS proper (all four attached agencies)
- 3641 Purchase Orders (PO), (decrease of 358) were processed for a total of \$79,887,260.52 (increase of \$1,010,472.12) by DPS (includes GFFST and POST)
- 1063 Change Order PO's DPS in its entirety
- 435 Change Order PO's DPS (includes GFFST and POST)
- 30 bids were processed by DPS and all attached agencies, four of those were cancelled.
- 17 bids were processed by DPS, three bids were cancelled before award.
- 0 RFP awarded in 2022 by DPS
- 15 Sole Source Posting DPS (one cancelled), eight Sole Source GPSTC (1 cancelled)
- 0 Request for Qualified Contract (RFQC) by DPS
- Breakdown of PO types for DPS and all attached agencies

Breakdown of Purchase Order types for DPS and all attached agencies:

TYPE	COUNT PO NO.
Open Mkt	2,149
Inter-government	199
Agency Contracts	296
EMER	1
SWCC	2,098
Mandatory	212
Multio PO	28
SWCM	634

Exempt	541
Sole Source	13

Excess Property:

The 1033 Program:

Under Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997, the Secretary of Defense may transfer to State and Local Agencies property that is determined suitable for law enforcement activities from the Department of Defense (DOD). The Georgia 1033 Program enables Georgia Law Enforcement agencies to participate in this program and acquire DOD equipment to support law enforcement activities under the aforementioned Federal Guidelines 10.U.S.C. 2576a.

There are currently 910 agencies listed in the Excess Property database eligible to participate in 1033 Excess Property. These agencies include police departments, sheriff departments, drug task forces, marshal offices, and state law enforcement agencies.

Excess Property Staff attended the annual Law Enforcement Support Office National Training Conference in August 2022 as part of continuing training in the management of excess property.

1122 Procurement Program:

The 1122 Procurement Program is a federal program that allows state and local government agencies access to federal sources of supply to purchase equipment to support counter-drug, homeland security, and emergency response activities. The Department of Defense (DOD), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and the General Services Administration (GSA) provides an authorized list of items available for the purchasing of equipment and services through this program.

The 1122 Program affords state and local government agencies the opportunity to take advantage of the discounts available to the federal government due to its large volume purchases. By using this program, state and local government agencies can stretch their budget dollars. The participating agencies in Georgia have saved millions of dollars by using the 1122 Procurement Program. Agencies may be able to save from 15 to as much as 80 percent when purchasing equipment suitable for counter-drug, homeland security, or emergency response activities.

Legal Services

The primary function of the Legal Services Division (Legal) is to provide legal guidance to the Commissioner and Department members pertaining to any matters associated with the Department's day-to-day operations.

In 2022, the Legal Services Office was authorized to staff six attorneys, two paralegals, ten open records analysts, and one executive administrative assistant. The Legal Director reports to the Commissioner and serves as the Department's Ethics Officer. Legal staff are generally assigned to areas of specialty, including: (a) the administrative license suspension program (ALS); (b) the open records unit (ORU); (c) civil liability matters (litigation, employment, insurance, criminal records restriction, asset forfeiture, nomenclature compliance, legislation, and policy); (d) Contracts (procurement and facilities); and (e) issues pertaining to the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD), non-consensual towing, Department permitting, and Department rule changes. Legal staff routinely respond to inquiries from the public regarding the Department and the laws it enforces, and the attorneys provide internal and external training in their areas of specialty.

For administrative law hearings, Legal provides agency representation before administrative law judges and state boards, including appeals of personnel adverse actions, citations issued by the MCCD for overweight and oversized commercial vehicles, and ALS related to Department-issued DUIs.

The ALS attorney provides in-person representation of troopers at ALS hearings, primarily in the geographical areas covered by Troop C (Metropolitan Atlanta), Nighthawks DUI Task Force South (Savannah and Statesboro), and the Nighthawks Middle Georgia (Bibb, Muscogee, and surrounding counties). The ALS program is part of the Nighthawks DUI Task Force grant, which was awarded to the Department by the Georgia Office of Highway Safety. The attorney also files case-related motions, briefs, and provides guidance to troopers statewide regarding DUI and ALS issues. Considering the Department's law enforcement efforts in addressing impaired driving on Georgia roads and the resulting high volume of DUI cases, the ALS program relies heavily upon the ALS attorney and staff for the administration of calendars, notices, and witness coordination for ALS hearings statewide.

For compliance with Georgia's Open Records Act, the ORU is responsible for timely and efficiently seeking, locating, reviewing, redacting, and producing available, releasable records maintained by the Department and in response to open records requests from the public. The records include, but are not limited to, crash reports, citations, incidents reports, SCRT reports, personnel files, training records, internal affairs files, photographs, emails, dashcam video, and operational reports. The ORU also provides guidance, assistance, and training to Department members for recognizing requests and utilizing ORU processes for handling the production of Department records. In 2022, the ORU:

- Responded to 67,847 open records requests
- Includes 48,206 requests submitted through EPORTS, the Department's online portal implemented in November of 2020

- Recovered reimbursement fees of \$256,544.62, an increase of five percent over 2021

Regarding civil liability matters, the Legal Division works closely with the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) for receipt of service of process and coordination of ante litem notices, preservation of evidence notices, claims, complaints, and lawsuits against the Department. Legal also serves as the Department's liaison and provides litigation support to the Law Department, primarily for identifying, locating, and producing relevant records, witnesses, and information, drafting discovery responses, and preparing witness for depositions and trials. In 2022, Legal received 16 new civil lawsuits and assisted the Law Department with a total of 49 active lawsuits. Legal also works closely with the Law Department concerning the Open Records Act and First Amendment claims, which often involve the Department's response to public protests in metro-Atlanta, and demonstrations on Capitol Square during the legislative session.

Concerning personnel matters, Legal works closely with Human Resources (HR) and Division Directors to ensure compliance with all applicable State and Federal labor and employment laws and provides legal guidance in addressing complaints, internal investigations, and adverse actions concerning Department members. Legal provides technical assistance to HR in responding to inquiries made by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity, as well as with matters related to the Department of Labor.

Contracts touch a wide array of goods, services, and property for the Department's law enforcement mission, Legal provides document preparation, drafts, written opinions, legal guidance, research, review, presentations to the Board of Public Safety, and coordination with the Law Department, DOAS, and the Georgia State Properties Commission (SPC). Goods and services generally involve law enforcement uniforms, weapons, technology, independent contractors, sharing agreements, training, outfitting of patrol vehicles, as well as agreements between the Department and municipalities, counties, or other state agencies. The property documents involve transfer, surveys, construction, leasing, deeds, or acquisitions of statewide facilities for designated use of the Department, including 52 Georgia State Patrol Posts, 21 MCCC weigh stations, seven aviation hangars, and 85 communications towers.

Concerning Department investigative matters, Legal provides guidance to the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) primarily for citizen complaints against local law enforcement agencies for their use of speed detection devices that require Department-issued permits. The department also provides counsel to OPS for citizen complaints pertaining to vehicle uses of red, blue, or amber flashing or revolving lights, which require Department-issued permits. Additionally, Legal provides guidance to GSP Post and Troop commands concerning non-consensual towing complaints and wrecker rotation lists.

Legal also provides counsel to MCCC on matters pertaining to commercial motor vehicle safety, over-weight and over-sized vehicles, the annual inspection of approximately 20,000 Georgia school buses, passenger carriers, and movers of household goods.

Legal drafts and tailors proposed legislation on behalf of the Department and during the

legislative session closely monitors bills impacting public safety, as well as provides research of other states' statutes and legal guidance regarding preferred language for legislation. Following the legislative session, the unit reviews all new and modified statutes, drafts a summary of the ones that may impact the Department's operations, and distributes the summary to department members and external requestors.

Monthly, Legal publishes the *DPS Legal Review*, which is distributed to the Department's employees and other law enforcement agencies and interested parties.

In 2022, some of the activities performed by the Legal Services staff include:

- Contracts: reviewed, revised, or drafted approximately 130 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding.
 - For the Office of Public Safety Support's (OPSS) Post-Critical Incident Seminars, reviewed and drafted agreements with vendors for meeting space and lodging; contracts with mental health professionals providing training and services at OPSS seminars; and training for OPSS Peer Counselors.
- Policy: drafted reviewed, and revised eight Department policies, including new policies pertaining to body worn cameras and apprehension canines.
- ORU: Responded to 67,847 open records requests, including 48,206 requests made via EPORTS, with reimbursement recovery of \$256,544.62.
- ALS: Opened 1,289 ALS cases, filed motions and briefs in 983 cases, and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings.
- MCCD hearings: Opened 43 overweight/oversize citation cases and served as the agency representative at eight administrative hearings. Resolved 25 cases prior to a hearing, with ten additional petitioners withdrawing their cases.
- Personnel: Provided legal guidance pertaining to adverse actions or complaints against members in 47 cases.
- Litigation
 - Received, opened case files, searched, notified witnesses, identified, and pulled corresponding citations, crash reports, dashcam video, SCRT files, photographs, pursuit critiques, and crash review board reports for 197 Claims / Ante Litem Notices (ALNs), and coordinated same with DOAS and the Attorney General's Office.
 - Received service of process and opened 16 new litigation files.
 - Coordinated documents, witness, and discovery response with the Attorney General's Office in 49 open litigation files._

Executive Security

Dignitary Protection

The Georgia State Patrol, Executive Protection Division Troopers work uniformed and in covert capacities while performing their duties. With a broad set of responsibilities within the Georgia State Patrol, Troopers assigned to this Division are responsible for the security, transportation, and logistics of Georgia's most elite elected officials including, the Governor and First Lady, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House and Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

These Troopers also secure and protect the Governor's Mansion and work long hours to safeguard Georgia's first family of Georgia, patrolling the grounds, monitoring security cameras and gate control access, and providing security 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Under the watchful eyes of Executive Protection Division Troopers, the Governor's Mansion remains the safest and most secure residence in the state.

Uniformed Troopers providing security at the Governor's Mansion and residence worked 29,120 hours in 2022 and providing security for more than 3,492 visitors touring the mansion. In addition to the scheduled tours, uniformed Troopers worked special events with over 1,566 guests in attendance.

Troopers working covert operations assist dignitaries and foreign officials during their visits to the state, providing security measures and tactics allowing the dignitary to interact with the public safely in public settings. These operations involve detailed planning, in-depth advance work at event locations and solid communication within the team. Covert operations Troopers worked 31,798 hours providing security for Georgia dignitaries visiting 28 states and six foreign countries, and aided other dignitaries and foreign officials visiting Georgia. Through formal requests from other agencies, these Troopers assisted 17 states with their visiting dignitaries, including five dignitaries from foreign countries and three federal officials.

Additionally, uniformed Troopers logged more than 640 hours of training and covert operations. Troopers logged over 806 hours of training in 2022.

Special Services

The Special Services Division provides effective and efficient dignitary and facilities security services for individuals and facilities authorized in the state statute, which includes protection services for those individuals designated by the Director and security services for the Governor's Mansion facility and the Athens location.

In 2022, the Special Services Division screened 3,492 visitors attending public tours at the Governor's Mansion and 1,566 guests attending special events, providing 18,720 security hours. Additionally, the Special Services Division provided 10,400 security hours for the Athens location. The team also logged 304 training hours.

Office of Professional Standards (OPS)

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) supports the mission and core beliefs of DPS and is dedicated to protecting the integrity of the department through ensuring adherence to ethical standards, performance criteria, and commitment to public service. The DPS OPS performs its function by conducting a variety of investigations including internal affairs matters, pre-employment background cases, some criminal activity, and alleged violations of speed detection device and light permits. The business components of the Office of Professional Standards include the Internal Affairs, Background, Polygraph, and Permits Sections including support staff.

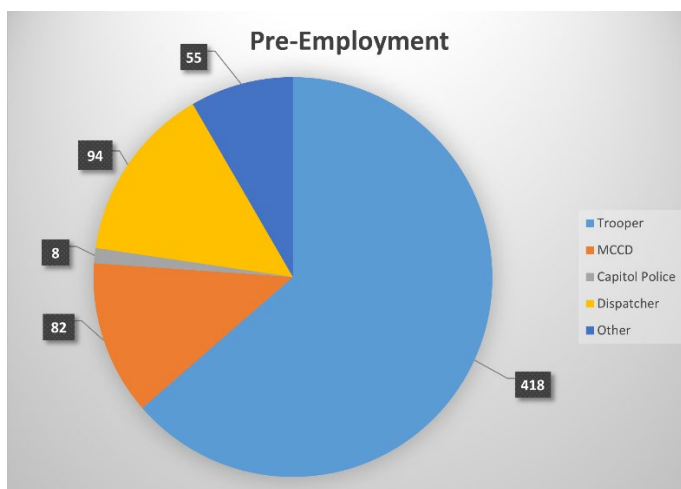
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Internal Affairs Section investigates allegations of misconduct against members of the Department of Public Safety, including the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and Capitol Police Division. The Internal Affairs Section also investigates complaints alleging the misuse of red and blue lights, and speed detection devices by any agency bearing the department's certification. The Internal Affairs Section also assesses threats made against the Department's interests and investigates some criminal activity. During 2022, the DPS OPS completed 82 internal investigations and 1,314 agency assist investigations which totaled 1,396 investigations. Of this number, 18 were complaint investigations conducted by field troop officers or Human Resources staff, while the remaining were investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Section. The table below is a summary of the types and number of cases investigated during 2022:

Consuming Alcohol on Duty	2
Citizen Complaint Other	1
Damage to Government Property	1
DPS Employees Made Threats to Civilians	2
Falsifying Traffic Stops/Warning	1
Garrity Violation	1
GSP Badge For Sale on Internet	1
Falsifying Traffic Stops/Warnings	1
Garrity Warning Violation	1
In-Custody Death	1
Inmate Policy Violation	2
Misconduct (Domestic)	2
Mishandling Evidence	1
Missing/Lost Weapon	1
Negligent Discharge	2

Off-Duty Misconduct	4
Off-Duty Employment Policy Violation	1
Officer Involved Shooting	4
Other	2
Other -Admin	2
Post Arrest	28
Pursuit/PIT	10
Pursuit/Violator Crashed	3
Speed Detection Device Complaints	2
Social Media Policy Violation	1
Threat Assessments	4
Unreported Patrol Car Crash	1
Agency Assists	1,314
	Total – 1,396

PRE-EMPLOYMENT



OPS is responsible for coordinating the function of pre-employment background investigations for candidates seeking to join the Department of Public Safety. During 2021, the Background Investigation Section managed 658 pre-employment applications from DPS Human Resources (HR). There were 293 applicants for employment who did not meet the Department's employment standards who were disqualified from further consideration. There were 87 applicants who withdrew prior to the completion of their pre-employment investigations. The pre-employment investigations were performed by field personnel (GSP Lieutenants, NCOs, and MCCD SFC's) who were assisted by OPS members resulted in 118 applicants being hired by the DPS.

The applicants aspired to be considered for the following positions: GSP trooper, dispatcher, - Motor Carrier (for the positions of Cadet and Weight Inspector), Capitol Police/Safety Officer, and other (secretary, clerk, computer services technologist, mechanic, and others).

POLYGRAPH UNIT

There are six staff members who are qualified polygraph examiners. During 2022, 447 screening examinations were administered and one diagnostic or specific examinations (internal affairs) exams were administered.

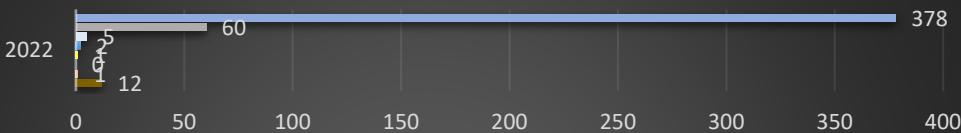
All examiners completed ongoing professional training during the year. Four examiners attended the Tri-State Conference in Savannah, Georgia, and received specialized training that included validated techniques, test data analysis, countermeasures. Two attended the Reid investigative interview and positive persuasion course in Atlanta, Georgia.

Due to DPS no longer requiring dispatchers or civilian positions to be polygraphed as an employment requirement, the unit had 76 (18%) less applicants compared to the 2021 calendar year. The inconclusive rate from polygraphs decreased by 4% from 2021 to 2022. The DPS OPS examiners continues to conduct their polygraph examinations with in-depth knowledge of polygraph chart analysis, interpretation, and ability to exercise judgment through all phases of the polygraph examination and analysis. Examiners write detailed reports regarding their interviews and polygraph test results.

Plans for 2023, includes updating digital recording and storage equipment, continuing rigorous quality control to ensure the upmost professional quality of exams are being administered by the DPS OPS Polygraph Unit. For the upcoming year, the polygraph unit will tract the admission percentage. The DPS OPS examiners continue to thrive in developing their skills to seek additional training to expand their proficiency administering polygraph examinations.

The chart on the following page displays the 2022, calendar polygraph examinations administered by the DPS OPS Unit. In 2022, DPS OPS examiners administered 447 Polygraphs. Of the polygraph test administered, 198 were No-Significant Response (NSR) Indicated, 174 Significant Response (SR) Indicated, 30 Inconclusive (INC), 22 No Opinion (possible countermeasures used), 12 applicants failed to appear for their scheduled polygraph appointment and 23 applicants had admission during the pre-test interview that were automatic disqualifiers. Of the polygraphs administered, 378 were for the position of Troopers, 60 for Motor Carrier Compliance, 5 Capitol Police, 1 IT Technician, 2 sworn positions, and 1 Specific Issue for Investigation. The Unit administered 82 secondary examinations whereas 18 (22%) applicants passed.

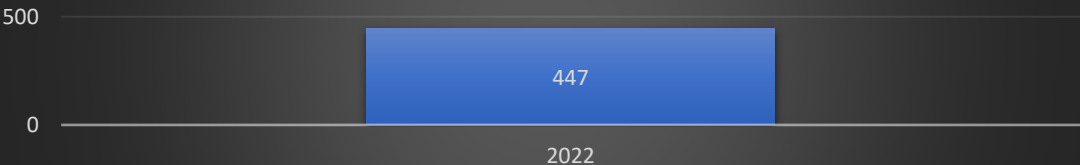
Polygraph By Positions



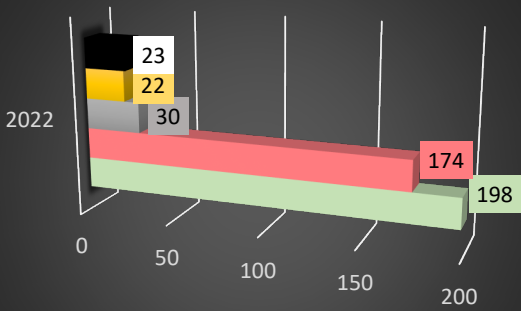
	2022
Trooper	378
MCCD	60
Capitol Police	5
Sworn Position	2
Specific Issue	1
Dispatcher	0
Civilian	1
No Show	12

■ Trooper
 ■ MCCD
 ■ Capitol Police
 ■ Sworn Position

Polygraph by Numbers

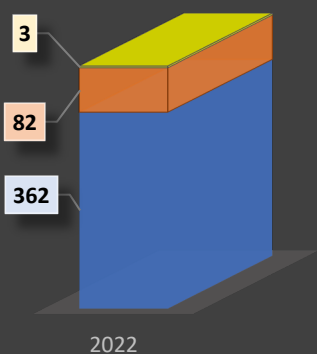


Polygraph by Results



■ No Exam (DQ)
 ■ NO Opinion
 ■ INC
 ■ SR
 ■ NSR

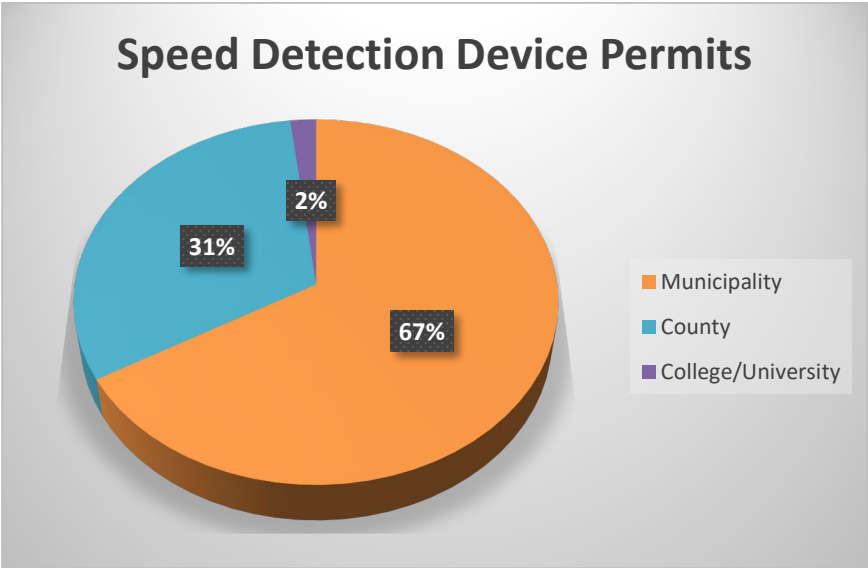
■ Tertiary (3rd Test)
■ Secondary (2nd Test)
■ Primary (1st Test)



INC: Inclusive; SR: Significant Response; and NSR: NO Significant Response.

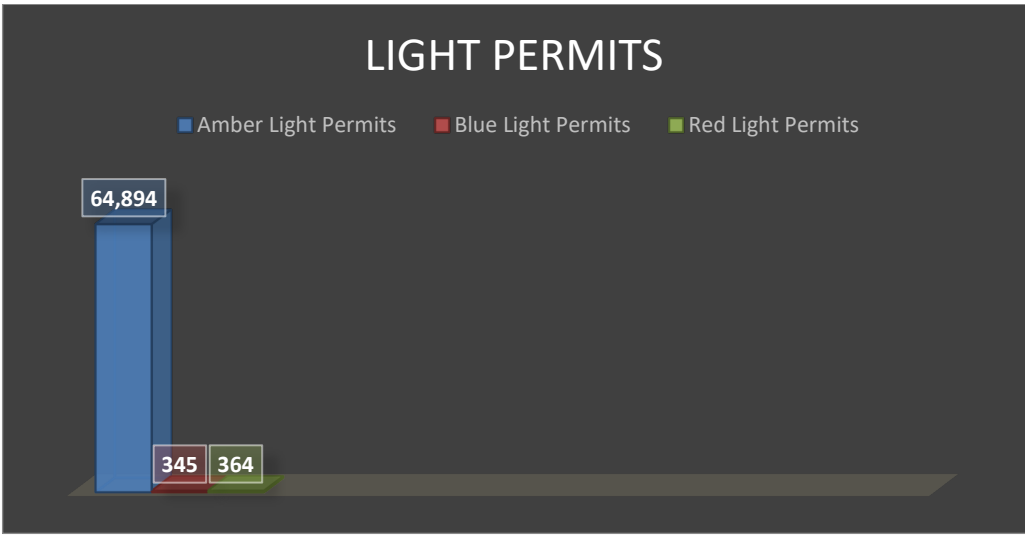
SPEED DETECTION DEVICE PERMITS

During 2022, the DPS OPS administered the statewide issuance of 213 speed detection device permits to law enforcement agencies. Of those permits, 142 were issued to cities or municipalities, 67 to counties, and four to colleges or universities.



LIGHT PERMITS

The DPS OPS is responsible for reviewing applications and issuing permits for the use of Amber, Blue, and Red Flashing or Revolving Lights. During 2022, OPS issued 64,894 Amber Light Permits, 345 Blue Light Permits, and 364 Red Light Permits.



WINDOW TINT PERMITS

OPS is responsible for reviewing applications and issuing permits for exemption to the Window Tint Law. For 2022, OPS processed 360 Window Tint Applications.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Members of OPS assisted the Georgia State Patrol (GSP) and Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD) training offices by providing instruction in GSP Basic Trooper schools, POST IT Training, and DPS in-service classes.

DPS OPS investigators assigned to the Internal Affairs Section completed specialized training provided by the Daigle Law Group (DLG) for Basic Internal Affairs Certification and the Use of Force Summit hosted the DLG, Cell Phone Investigations and Basic Law Enforcement Intelligence training courses presented by Atlanta - Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) instructors, Introduction to Identifying Gangs, and Background Investigator Training.

The Director and three staff members attended the National Internal Affairs Investigators Association Conference in Clearwater, Florida.



Human Resources

The Human Resources Division provides personnel services for the more than 1,500 employees of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, three attached agencies, encompassing approximately 225 employees, are administratively attached to DPS for benefits and transactions services.

- **Career Development:** Testing and assessment centers were held in partnership with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and 22 promotion boards were convened to provide opportunity for eligible sworn personnel to compete for promotion into established supervisory vacancies.
- **Classification and Compensation:** Throughout the year, HR worked on several compensation projects to support agency recruiting and retention efforts and reviewed requests for position re-classifications based on operational or organizational changes and made recommendations regarding appropriate position classification and compensation.
- **Employment:** The Human Resources Division worked with various internal departments to implement strategies to attract a qualified and diverse workforce. More than 2,623 applications for Trooper School were received, staffing both the 113th and 114th Trooper Schools, and opening the application process for the 115th Trooper School scheduled for 2023. Enhancements to the hiring process experience for candidates, such as streamlined events for out of state applicants and virtual interviews. Human Resources also worked closely with the Motor Carrier Compliance and Capitol Police Divisions as they actively recruited to achieve their statewide staffing goals.
- **Employee Benefits & Transaction Services** Human Resources responded to numerous requests for information related to benefits, assisted employees in resolving benefit problems, and hosted benefit related events. Staff updated and maintained accurate personnel files, employment records, leave/time-keeping records and GA POST records.
- **Employee Relations:** Human Resources increased the effectiveness of the Department by developing and supporting efforts to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all employees and improving the employee-management relations climate through investigations, consulting, and conflict resolution.
- **Policy Development:** Human Resources reviewed policies to ensure compliance with

3,059

Transfers, Promotions, Salary
Increases, New Hires &
Terminations

204+

Employment Verifications

59,459

Digitized Personnel Files &
Records

12

Special details entailing printing,
calculating overtime, correcting
times sheets and processing leave
adjustments

224

Leave Requests related to FMLA,
Paid Paternal and Vaccine Leave

federal and state laws, state personnel board rules, and other state policies and procedures.

- **Employee Training** – Human Resources coordinated the annual mandatory Sexual Harassment Prevention training for all DPS employees and managers. In addition, Human Resources conducted numerous training programs, including Workplace Behavior and Conducting Performance Evaluations.
- **COVID-19 Pandemic Response** – Human Resources worked with internal departments to implement strategies to interest a competent and varied workforce. This was challenging in 2022, as the United States labor market had not experienced a full recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in many Americans choosing to leave the workforce, resulting in a substantial reduction in the number of applicants applying for advertised positions and in an increase in the number of applicants failing to attend scheduled interviews. This often resulted in posting positions several times to find a qualified candidate.



Public Information Office

The Public Information Office (PIO) serves as the liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media, other state and local agencies, and the citizens of Georgia. The Public Information Office staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and interview requests for 52 Georgia State Patrol posts, 10 Motor Carrier Compliance regions, and Capitol Police. This office serves as support to GEMA/Homeland Security during natural disasters and state emergencies and serves as support for the Joint Operations Center (JOC) alongside the Atlanta Police Department during large events. This office also serves as the central filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, and document; serves as the official photographer/videographer; assists with recruiting efforts; maintains the Department website; and coordinates special events like the Annual Awards Ceremony; Shred event; and other special details, when requested. This year PIO also assisted and coordinated events and projects for the 85th DPS Anniversary. The DPS Recruiting Unit is also housed in PIO.

Other accomplishments for the Public Information Office during 2022:

Media Relations

- Wrote and distributed over 25 press releases, including media advisories
- Wrote talking points and speeches when requested
- Responded to inquiries from local, state, and national media
- Participated in multi-agency holiday travel
- Responded to Open Records from the media

Records Management

- Revised 21 policies
- Taught policy manual and social media to the 112th and 113th Trooper Schools and the 8th and 9th MCO Schools

Publications and Graphics

- Created/distributed over 185 "Bulletin" and "DPS Update" publications
- Created social media graphics for the holidays, training classes, recruiting, and winter and driving tips
- Created graphics for GSP, MCCC, and Capitol Police recruitment efforts
- Created Capitol Police Legislation graphic
- Designed GSP recruitment slides for video, PT Test posts, PT Test reminder and GSP recruitment posts Created 85th Anniversary logo
- Created DPS historical video in recognition of the 85th anniversary
- Assisted with new headquarters building design, signage, graphics, etc.

Social Media

- Facebook: 16,518,527 reached (up 107.3%); and 835,771 followers (up 10,152)
- Instagram: 559,446 reached (up 321.8%); and 98,148 followers (up 2,658)
- Twitter – utilize mainly for media relations, including holiday traffic period updates
- Tiktok – 45+ videos (discontinued utilizing format after statewide ban)

- Coordinated with GOHS on holiday and special detail social media campaigns

Recruiting Unit

The Recruiting Unit falls under the Public Information Office. The Recruiting Unit oversees the day-to-day operations for recruiting for both the Georgia State Patrol and Motor Carrier Compliance Division. During 2022, the Recruiting Unit comprises of recruiting commander and three recruiting coordinators. The recruiting coordinators consisted of two troopers (North & South) and a motor carrier officer. The unit comprises of a recruiting commander, three recruiting coordinators. The coordinators work and assist the troop/region recruiters in their recruiting endeavors in both in and out of state.

Below is a list of accomplishments for the Recruiting Unit in 2022:

- Contracted with FOCUS Advertising to create and post 36 billboards across various places in Georgia
- Contracted with Georgia Association of Broadcasters for radio and tv broadcasting for recruiting
- Established contacts with military installations in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Kentucky.
- Established contacts with colleges outside of the State of Georgia in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.
- Established contact with NASCAR to attend races twice a year.
- Established contact with Rome Braves to attend 10 games.
- Established contact with the Atlanta Braves to attend six games.
- Conducted numerous PT assessments across the State of Georgia.
- Implemented the Streamline Process for out of state applicants.
- Attended the Government & Social Media Conference in Dallas, TX to learn ways to better utilize social media with recruiting and established contacts with other agencies across the nation who are also facing staffing challenges.
- Assisted the Public Information Office with setting up the awards ceremony.
- Attended Blue Angels and Thunderbirds Airshows in Rome (GA), Vidalia (GA), Jacksonville (FL), Pensacola (FL).
- Designed and purchased recruiting trinkets.
- Designed new recruiting vehicle designs.
- Attended multiple car shows to display the Camaro and Challenger.
- Attended schools for safety education and touch a car recruiting events.
- Conducted interviews on radio stations & news channels.
- Monitored and posted social media posts on Instagram & Twitter.
- Developed point of contacts with various state patrol/police agencies across the nation.
 - Implemented and coordinated recruiting photo shoots with other state patrol agencies with their university football teams for recruiting purposes (UGA vs. UF, UGA vs. LSU, UGA vs. UT, UGA vs. OSU)

Headquarters

The **Support Services Division** of the Georgia Department of Public Safety oversees several divisions: Fleet Services, Communications, Facilities, Supply, Property, and Maintenance, all of which are administered by the Headquarters Adjutant of the Department of Public Safety.

The Fleet Services Division is responsible for the purchase of vehicles allotted to the Department by the Legislature; it is also responsible for equipping, issuance, surplus and maintenance of these vehicles. Fleet Services, also known as the Garage, maintains a staff of mechanics and electronic specialists to accomplish these tasks. Fleet Services also manages other vendors such as contracted vehicle up fitters and repair service providers, Wright Express for fuel and ARI for vehicle repairs and tracking.

- 379 Dodge Durangos were purchased.
- 14 Chevrolet Tahoes were purchased.
- 5 Chevrolet Suburbans were purchased.
- 14 Kia Tellurides were purchased.
- 12 Harley Davidson Motorcycles were purchased.
- 1 Ford Responder F-150 was purchased.
- 1 Ford F-250 was purchased.
- 4 Ford Explorers were purchased.
- 1,741 Insurance Claims Processed.
- 127 Requisitions were completed.
- 72 Vehicles were deemed to be total losses.
- 187 Vehicles were sold through Public Auction for a total of \$1,120,906.00.
- 29 Vehicles were transferred to G.P.S.T.C.
- 1,212 Emergency Equipment Repair work orders completed.
- 1,357 Mechanical Routine service work orders completed.
- 1,204 Vehicles were transported by Fleet Service Wreckers.
- 714 Vehicles were re-purposed.
- 614 Vehicles were issued.

The Communications Division is responsible for the infrastructure needed to allow Troopers and DPS Communication Centers to operate and handle the daily operations for providing statewide Public Safety, as well as the GIN Link interoperability system installed in all 911 centers statewide. The infrastructure is comprised of, but not limited to tower structures, mobile and portable radios, base stations, control stations, and other items needed by State Troopers, State Officers, DPS Communication Centers, and 911 Centers. The Communications Division staff is comprised of all civilian personnel, tasked with purchasing, installing, updating, and maintaining this infrastructure.

Below is a list of accomplishments for the Communications Services Division in 2022:

- Field tested and proved the concept of a LTE (Long Term Evolution) Mission Critical Push To Talk radio system over Southern Link's network.
- Provided communications plans, solutions and support during numerous Protests, Presidential visits, Crime Suppression Details, and MCCD PORT/Stop the Threat details.
- Provided radio equipment or installations for GEMAHS, GA State Fire Marshal's office, Insurance Commissioner's Office, and Department of Revenue Agents.
- Attended two local MTUG (Motorola Trunking User Group) meetings.
- Established and programmed new encryption capabilities for radios.
- Established much-needed access to the city of Columbus radio system
- Established access to the Decatur-Grady regional radio system and eliminated trooper's need to carry two portable radios.
- Received shipment of two new Mobile Command Vehicle from LDV, Inc.
- Performed field repairs to roughly 325 vehicle mobile radios, cameras, lightbar, sirens and printers.
- Performed radio system quality control checkouts on roughly 300 new or reissued vehicles.
- Managed and coordinated repairs of roughly 151 statewide network outages.
- Instructed Trooper/MCCD Cadet School radio training sessions.
- Performed 98 Tower site inspections.
- Constructed new 300 ft. tower at Posts 8 Madison, Post 14 Colquitt, and Post 17 Washington.
- Secured new tower lease for Post 40 Albany.
- Performed and managed repairs/optimizations to 12 radio tower sites.
- Assisted DPS Facilities to ensure all communications site leases and inventory were updated in BLIPP and Georgia State Properties Commission.
- Assisted DNR and GBI with management, programming and repair coordination of their radio towers and control stations.
- Assisted with training DNR Ranger on Southern Linc devices.
- Investigated 14 cases of harmful radio interference with DPS communications systems.
- Provided requested radio communications support, advice, and assistance to FBI as well as several state and local agencies.
- Attended training for radio tower troubleshooting with Southern Linc RAN Techs.

The **Facilities Division** is responsible for guiding the Post/Station/Troop/Region Commanders in the building of new posts/stations, as well as repairs to all current buildings. Facilities currently maintains 52 Patrol Posts, 21 MCCD Stations, seven Aviation Hangars, and the Headquarters Complex Facility (HQ).

For 2022, the Facilities Division oversaw a multitude of special projects for the Department of Public Safety. Some of these projects included:

- HQ Complex property renovations
- The new \$65 million HQ Building 110,000 sq. ft. building with parking deck. Construction began August 2021 with an April 27, 2023, material completion date. We anticipate June 2023 move in date

- New Post 16 Hazlehurst was completed. Ribbon cutting ceremony was held September 23, 2022
- New Post 33 Milledgeville was completed. Ribbon cutting ceremony was held March 31, 2023
- New Roof for the MCCD Pole Barn in Hampton
- Completion of the new Radio Shop Post 13 Tifton
- Construction to stop the water intrusion in the basement area Post 8 Madison. Renovations to the original building will begin May 2023
- Renovations to Building 5 for the New Post 9 Marietta
- Construction of New Post 18 Reidsville was awarded with construction to begin soon
- Construction of New Post 35 Jekyll Island has begun with a June 2024 completion date
- Construction of New Post 40 Albany has begun with a July 2024 completion date
- Construction of New 16 ft. x 204 ft. addition to Building 12
- MCCD weigh station renovation and miscellaneous work
 - Completion of new training building for Region A
 - New LED information signs and stop and go lights for each station

Lastly, the Facilities Division oversaw all insurance claims relating to any DPS building damages. These claims were submitted and processed by the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS).

The **Supply Division** distributed and maintained inventory of uniforms and equipment for the Department's three Divisions, the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and Capitol Police Division. Supply had several projects that were completed during this calendar year. They were as follows: the creation of the new Georgia State Patrol shirt badge, which is placed on the training shirts, the new Cobalt Blue Georgia State Patrol training polo shirts, the new Navy-Blue Capitol Police training polo shirts, the new Department of Public Safety Communication polo shirts, and the issuance of the new 5.11 Stryker (Khaki) pants to all sworn members of the three Divisions including the Communications division. Supply continued its support in supplying coolers and drinks to the Troopers/Officers assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit in Atlanta. Supply was able to complete the uniform complements of the 111th and the 112th Trooper Schools.

The Property Management Unit is responsible for maintaining an inventory for the Department of Public Safety. This includes Headquarters, 52 State Patrol Posts, 10 Motor Carrier Compliance Division Regions, and Capitol Police Division as well as specialty units, and various administrative attached agencies. All assets purchased, donated and/or transferred with an acquisition cost of \$1,000.00 or more and *all* weapons, computers, and communication equipment regardless of cost are recorded and managed using the statewide system, PeopleSoft.

Property Management Surplus for the 2022 calendar year:

- Electronic Scrap: 189 Desktop and Laptop Computers; 134 Printers, Office Phones and Docks, 10 Computer Scanners; three Servers; 43 Monitors; 54 Radars and Lidars.
- Internet Sale: Two Flatbed Semi-Trailers
- Internet Sale: Jet Fuel Tank
- Internet Sale: HATCH Mobile Field Force Gear
- Transfer: HATCH Mobile Field Force Gear to Kennesaw State University Department of Public Safety
- Internet Sale: 1999 Wells Cargo Trailer
- Internet Sale: John Deere D140 Lawn Mower
- Internet Sale: X350 Lawn Mower
- Internet Sale: 97-Safariland GLOCK Model 17 High Gloss Holsters/254 Safariland GLOCK Model 17 Tactical Web Holsters
- Internet Sale: Whitney Jensen 36"x18" Gauge Manual Foot Shear, Standing Sheet Metal Bender Brake, Lockformer Easy Edger, Lock Former Cheek Bender, Miller Millermatic 200 Welding Power Source
- Internet Sale: EZ-GO 4-6 Passenger Golf Cart
- Internet Sale: Honda Generator/Vanguard 23HP Engine
- Internet Sale: Duro Dyne Compact Pinspotter
- Internet Sale: Five Double Sided Conex Storage Boxes
- Internet Sale: Portable Platform Scale Trailer
- Internet Sale: Two Universal Expandable Shelters
- Internet Sale: Auto Master Trailer
- Internet Sale: Felling Scale Trailer
- Internet Sale: Various Office Furniture

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The **DPS Technology Section** serves the needs of the department in the areas of personal computers, software, network, servers, telecommunications, and video recording. The section also provides direct support to the Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Forestry Commission through Memoranda of Understanding which DNR and GFC Law Enforcement Officers utilize the DPS CAD/RMS system.

Chief Information Officer: The Chief Information Officer (CIO) works with the DPS Command Staff to develop and implement technology related initiatives and policies. The CIO reports to the Headquarters Adjutant. The CIO oversees the operations of the Information Technology Division and the Radio/Communications Division. The CIO also provides direct support for special IT and Communications projects and programs.

IT Operations

The Help Desk Support Team provides direct support to users who are experiencing problems in using issued computers and devices, whether desktop or mobile. This team also installs, and upgrades various operating systems and software applications used by the various DPS functions.

The Network Services Team maintains numerous servers and vast network that keeps DPS employees connected. These include the core servers and equipment needed to keep the network operating as well as content and service-related servers.

The Development Team consists of programmers who not only develop custom applications to meet the needs of various units, but also assist with the implementation of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) applications purchased by the agency. The Development Team also aids in writing queries and producing reports to deliver data from the various DPS databases to facilitate decision making by DPS command personnel.

The Telecommunications Coordinator manages the Department's telephone systems and data circuits and arranges for new installations and relocations as needed.

The Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS) Administrator ensured that data related to users, their permissions and access, and the general configuration of the system maintained. This person also serves as the agency Terminal Agency Coordinator for the Georgia Crime Information Center or (GCIC). This position coordinated with the Chief Dispatchers in each of the nine communication centers on GCIC compliance and Training. During 2022, the CAD Administrator guided the Agency through a GCIC audit to which the Agency did very well.

Helpdesk Accomplishments in 2022:

- Installed Cradlepoint inside patrol cars in Troops D, E, and G, which provides a constant upload for the in-car camera videos
- Issued 70 computers at the 113th Trooper School
- Issued Panasonic desktop docks and monitors for all NCOs and Officers
- Hired a new helpdesk analyst supervisor
- Hired and trained three new contractors
- Completed 11,200 helpdesk tickets to solve IT problems for users statewide
- Completed the migration of ELX to ELC videos with corresponding metadata
- Implemented and installed WatchGuard smart switch for the ability of patrol cars to upload videos wirelessly to ELC

- Surplus excess computer equipment to properly dispose of obsolete property in preparation of the Headquarters building move

Network/Security Team Accomplishments in 2022:

- Completed the 10 Mbps upgrade for all sites
- Began more upgrades to circuits at our sites
 - One Gbps – HQ/DR (Completed)
 - 250 Mbps – All Comm Centers and Building 5 (Completed)
 - 100 Mbps – All other sites with physical circuits (Approximately 80% Complete)
- Installed 100 Mbps physical circuit at Augusta Aviation
- Connected HQ Complex Buildings 8, 12, and 13 to circuit at Building 5
- Changed our server backup solution from Barracuda to Rubrik
- Changed our primary malware detection solution from Endgame to Palo Alto Cortex XDR
 - GTA also required Crowdstrike, which we have complied with
- Built SmartCop environments for both testing and training purposes, individually, which mimic our primary SmartCop environments to allow testing and training without affecting the primary production environment.
- Continued our quarterly Security Awareness Training
 - Met GTA's 90% agency completion goal in each quarter
- Continued conducting Mock-Phish exercises, as mandated by the State Cyber Security Board
 - Results were inconclusive and inconsistent due to issues with exempting items from Barracuda filtering
- Completed draft of the agency's umbrella Cybersecurity Policy
- We have been working closely with Turner and AT&T at the new HQ building, to ensure all physical infrastructure is available and ready when HQ personnel move to the new building.
 - Working with AT&T and Nutanix to ensure the DR environment is ready to fall back on during the transition to the new building

Development Team Accomplishments in 2022:

- Webservice to import real time commercial vehicle data (IRD) from GA weigh stations to our data center
- Webservice that provide access the commercial vehicle data from our data center to FL DOT
- GAMCCD portal Household Goods and Passenger Carrier online system implemented
- Inspection Reports – SCRT inspection and Fatality report implementation
- Enhancements to Eports – More reports for the admins to run and enhancements to walk-in request processing

- School Bus System – driver file automation
- DPS online policy added supervisor report
- DPS supply inventory system - System can accept barcodes and each stock items can be searched using barcode scanner
- STSS-Stop the threat, a website to collect the critical crash factors to reduce commercial vehicle crashes – Major changes to program to accommodate region and county-line updates
- Written customized database queries to provide statistically data for many requests including media requests in a timely manner.
- Recruiting sites (gatrooper.com and gatsateofficer.com) are updated as needed.
- Continued support of many in house websites such as LAS, Roster, ATS, permit, IA case tracking, DPS Inventory, cForms
- Added employee Unit Listings to the employee directory
- Made changes to PERMIT website to help with retaining the documents in the application server instead of on flash drives the Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN), Georgia's interoperable public safety radio network and the STSS-Stop the threat a website.



THE GSP PLANE patrolled in the Newnan area this week using a new method of apprehending speeders which involves the coordination of troopers in the plane and in

patrol cars. Some of those participating in the local work included, left to right, Corporal Buck Maxwell, the pilot; Sgt. H. D. Holcombe, Corporal C. M. Stallings, Cadet Trooper

Freddie Hines, Trooper C. E. Jacobs and Trooper Billy Norris.

GSP Aviation Division



The mission of the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division is to provide aerial support to state, federal and local agencies. Its overall goal is to protect and safeguard the public safety interests of the citizens within the State of Georgia. Currently the Aviation Division's assets consist of 12 helicopters, six hangars, 15 pilots, three aircraft mechanics, and one administrative support personnel. Additionally, 20 Tactical Flight Officers (TFO) comprised of Troopers from field posts and non-Departmental Peace Officers, have been trained as Forward-Looking Infrared Camera operators (FLIR). The Aviation Division's crews support law enforcement, public safety, and SAR (search and rescue) missions, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Division also serves as the Air Operations Coordinator for GEMA during natural disasters and large-scale events.

Below is a list of accomplishments for the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division in 2022:

- Conducted 1,264 flights throughout the State supporting multiple agencies
 - 26 SWAT Transport/Support Flights
 - Five short-haul rescues requested in North Georgia
 - Five hoist rescues requested in North Georgia
- Aviation hours flown for various details:
 - 2,310.4 aviation hours
 - 470.5 hours utilizing Night Vision Goggles
 - 678.2 hours supporting the Georgia Governor's Task Force in drug eradication missions
 - 18.9 hours to aid in disaster relief efforts
 - 295.5 hours during Criminal Suppression and Traffic Observation Details
 - 341 aerial searches were conducted in multiple counties
- Conducted multiple training operations with federal, state, and local agencies
 - Initial Tactical Flight Officer School for new TFO candidates
 - Recurrent Rescue Crew Training in North and South Georgia
 - Recurrent training for multiple Departmental members from SWAT, SCRT, Capitol Police, Dignitary Protection, and MCCD in Part 107 (Unmanned Aerial Systems) operations
- All pilots participated in Bell Factory Training during the Spring and Fall 2022
- Participated in 63 static displays at education, public safety, and recruiting events
- Obtained a second mobile-downlink-receive site for video streaming missions to be utilized in South Georgia

DPS Training Division



The Georgia Department of Public Safety Training Division, located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, consists of the GSP Training Unit and the MCCD Training Unit. The Training Division is responsible for facilitating basic and advanced training for all members of the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and the Capitol Police Division. The GADPS Training Division maintains training records for all its members as well as reporting training to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. Upon request, with the approval of the Commissioner, the DPS Training Division also provides basic and advanced training to other state and local agencies.

Sworn members of DPS received a grand total of 174,697 P.O.S.T. credited hours for 2021.

The Training Division conducted the following training for the Department: Firearms Use of Force and de-escalation, LWRC Patrol Rifle qualification, Pursuit Liability with Due Regard, Field Training Officer (FTO) Refresher, Accident Reconstruction, Levels 1 through 5, Defensive Tactics Instructor, ALERRT, Peer Support, Gang Training, and Leadership Training for Master/Senior Troopers/Officers.

The MCCD Training Unit offers the following training for the department: North American Standards Inspections Parts A, B, and State, Weight Inspector, TruVision Operator and Instructor, General Hazardous Materials Inspector, Cargo Tank Inspector, Other Bulk Package Inspector, Honor Guard, RADAR Operator, LIDAR Operator, Radioactive Materials Inspection, SFST, ARIDE, Advanced EVOC and PIT.

GSP Trooper Schools

The 111th and 112th Trooper Schools graduated in April with 68 Cadets. The 113th Trooper School began in July.

Motor Carrier Officer Schools

The 8th Motor Carrier Officer School graduated in September with 18 cadets. The 9th Motor Carrier School started in October.



DPS Honor Guard

The Georgia Department of Public Safety's Honor Guard is comprised of the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and the Capitol Police Division. Comprised of a rifle team and a pipe and drum band, the 100 members' primary duty is to handle funerals for current and retired employees of public safety municipalities, and to carry out other special details throughout our state.

Each of the Department's nine Troops have team leaders and assistant team leaders that are that schedule manpower for details and quarterly training within their Troop. Larger details often involve additional personnel from other Troops which usually requires members to travel long distances to assist with the details. Bi-annually, the north and south Troops have a joint training session for all their respective Troops to train together. The Rifle Team, comprised of 15 members, trains every other month to remain proficient with the timing of their rifles during a 21-gun salute.

As an assisting agency, the Honor Guard provides services to any public safety agency that requests them. Requests range from funerals to the presentation of our national and state colors at parades, graduations, and other ceremonies. Our pipe and drum band, along with numerous members of the Honor Guard team, march in the city of Savannah's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Traditionally, a team attends National Police Week in Washington, D.C., to help honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense and protection of our communities.

2022 Honor Guard Details

In 2022, the Honor Guard participated in more than 70 details in Georgia and other states. In 2022, the Honor Guard team participated in numerous funeral details and presented the colors at awards ceremonies, memorial events, 9/11 memorial events, conferences, retirements, and parades, including:

- Trooper Cadet Patrick Dupree's funeral detail
- Former First Lady Sandra Deal's funeral detail
- Speaker of the House David Rolston's funeral detail
- A North Carolina and a Louisiana Troopers' funeral details
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Savannah Georgia
- Two Trooper School graduations
- Two Motor Carrier Officer School graduations
- GBI Basic Agent School graduation
- Two graduation ceremonies at Ogeechee Technical Institute





Georgia Governor’s Task Force (GTF)

The Governor’s Task Force (GTF) is assigned to the Office of Support/Administrative Operations of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and supervised by a Task Force Commander and an Assistant Task Force Commander. The GTF consists of five state agencies and is supported by one federal agency, the *Drug Enforcement Administration* (DEA), who provides funding through a grant, which is derived through asset forfeiture.

The 2022 Task Force members consisted of the Georgia State Patrol (GSP), GSP’s Aviation Unit, Department of Public Safety Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD), Department of Corrections, and the Department of Community Supervision. The Department of Forestry provided one fixed wing aircraft in support of GTF’s mission. The Georgia National Guard’s Counter Drug Task Force provided one aircraft and support team which joined GTF during six mission weeks. One DEA aircraft and pilot also contributed to cannabis suppression and eradication efforts during one mission week. The Task Force also had two civilian employees to provide additional support with fueling operations and logistics. The state of Georgia consists of 59,425 square miles and 159 counties. GTF has an ability to strategically canvas areas that could potentially be used as grow sites and suppresses the efforts of drug growers.

672.2 GSP Aviation Hours Flown
12 Special Missions Flown
28 Grow Sites Located
1,095 Plants Eradicated
2,735 Illegal Plants Eradicated
67 Arrests
94 Weapons Seized

GTF is designed to cease the spread of illegal cannabis cultivation in Georgia. The program targets Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) operating in our state and ceases and suppresses the cultivation of cannabis through aggressive enforcement efforts.

GTF provides support to local statewide agencies that which often do not have the equipment, manpower, or means to suppress and eradicate illegal grow sites. GTF utilizes networking and intelligence sharing to locate and identify illegal grow sites.

In 2022, GTF collected intelligence and data from law enforcement agencies throughout the state and entered the information into the Domestic Cannabis/Suppression program data base (D.I.C.E). In conjunction with GTF data, this information is obtained from other reporting agencies and depicts the continuous problem that illegal cannabis presents to the citizens of the state. As reported in many of the cannabis related arrest cases, other criminal activity is present, including other illegal drugs, weapons, cash, and other illicit activity.

GTF works with the Federal Forestry Service and canvasses the National Forests and other public lands to ensure illegal grow sites are not becoming a prime resource for DTOs. In 2022, GTF flew missions that canvassed the Oconee National Forest in north Georgia and the Chattahoochee National Forest in middle Georgia. GTF also flew state-owned Georgia Wildlife Management areas searching for illegal grows sites.

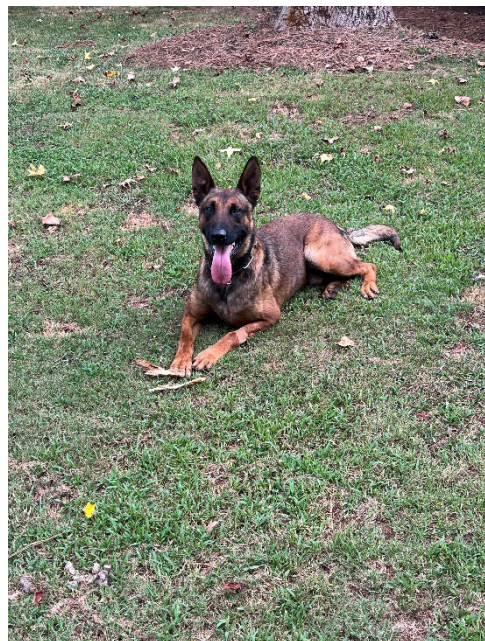
Regional K-9 Unit

The K9 Unit consists of one commissioned officer and two non-commissioned officers who are responsible for training and the certification of the Department of Public Safety's (Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance and Capitol Police) canines. These canine teams consist of narcotic detectors, explosive detectors, tracking, and apprehension canines.

In 2022, K9 Figo (#896) succumbed to injuries sustained as Troopers assisted Clayton County Police and Sheriff's Deputies with a traffic stop. K9 Figo was commanded by his handler to enter the stopped vehicle to garner the driver's compliance. The driver shot Figo who was taken to a local animal hospital and ultimately to Blue Pearl Animal Hospital in Sandy Springs where he died.

Although the Canine unit suffered a great loss with K9 Figo, the unit also had numerous wins and success. In 2022, the Canine Unit:

- Added two new instructors, now totaling three
- Added six new apprehension dogs, now totaling eight canines.
 - Apprehension canines assisted in capturing 105 criminals
- Explosive detection canines performed 800 sweeps
- Narcotic detection canines performed 218 free air sniffs and assisted in seizing
 - 101 Kilograms of marijuana
 - 43 Kilograms of cocaine
 - 735 kilograms of methamphetamines
 - 1 kilogram of heroin
 - 2,791 kilograms of other illegal narcotics, including fentanyl
 - \$3,289,531 in United States currency



Office of Public Safety Support



The Office of Public Safety Support was established to provide psychological first aid as well as professional mental health services to all of Georgia's first responders. This assistance is provided for those who have experienced a critical incident or traumatic event while either on duty or off duty. OPSS has one Administrative Assistant, seven Peer Counselors, three Mental Health Clinicians, two service canines along with the Director and Deputy Director, to fulfill the mission of the office.

In 2022, the Office of Public Safety Support provided the following services to first responders around the state:

- OPSS Peer Counselors had over 5,000 contacts with first responders around the state
- OPSS conducted 92 group crisis interventions following critical incidents or traumatic events with over 900 first responders attending
- OPSS assisted over 60 different agencies with group interventions following critical incidents or traumatic events
- OPSS Mental Health Professionals conducted close to 300 therapy sessions with first responders
- OPSS hosted six, 40-hour Advanced Peer Counselor Certification Courses with over 150 first responders becoming certified Peer Counselors from local and state agencies.
- OPSS hosted four Post Critical Incident Seminars (PCIS), which included first responders from around the state that had experienced a critical incident or traumatic event.
- OPSS made presentations at numerous seminars and meetings around the state, providing information about the mission of OPSS as well as the resources available through the office.
- OPSS also added an additional canine in 2022. Both canines, Bonnie and Kylo, are trained to recognize and respond to the symptoms of PTSD and anxiety. The canines are used during both individual and group interventions.
- OPSS was the recipient of the 2022 GACP Dr. Curtis McClung Award of Excellence





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