

# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT







# OUR CORE VALUES

## **TRUST**

Trust is our hallmark and foundation. We are committed to the highest ethical standards and highest level of performance that is beyond reproach.

## **FORTITUDE**

We are committed to persevere through sacrifice and adversity to do the right thing, even at personal cost.

## **COMPASSION**

We are sensitive to the needs of others and are committed to treat all with dignity and respect.

## **PROFESSIONALISM**

As an elite and diverse team of highly trained, motivated men and women, we are committed to providing effective, efficient, and courteous customer service.







# OUR MISSION

## 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 man-made 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.







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# MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL



To the Members of the Department of Public Safety:

It is an honor to lead such a fine group of individuals who continue to keep our core values at the forefront of their minds. Thank you for your continued dedication, compassion, and professionalism. Our most valuable asset is our personnel, both current employees and retirees.

Our personnel effectively handled many triumphs and challenges in 2023. We relocated to a brand-new Headquarters building and graduated many new troopers and officers. We upgraded to a new radio system and increased our Aviation fleet. Our agency worked thousands of crashes and conducted numerous commercial vehicle inspections in every corner of this state, while also safeguarding lives and property during protests and suppressing criminal activity in metropolitan areas.

We also dedicated our Fallen Members Memorial to the 28 members who lost their lives in service to their state. Let us remember the ultimate sacrifice and reflect on their legacy that will forever be woven into the fabric of our agency. We vow to uphold their values and dedication as we continue to protect the citizens of Georgia.

I encourage you to continue to put in the hard work that makes our department the most elite law enforcement agency in the state. Thank you again for all that you do to keep the wheels spinning and standing in the gap.

Sincerely,

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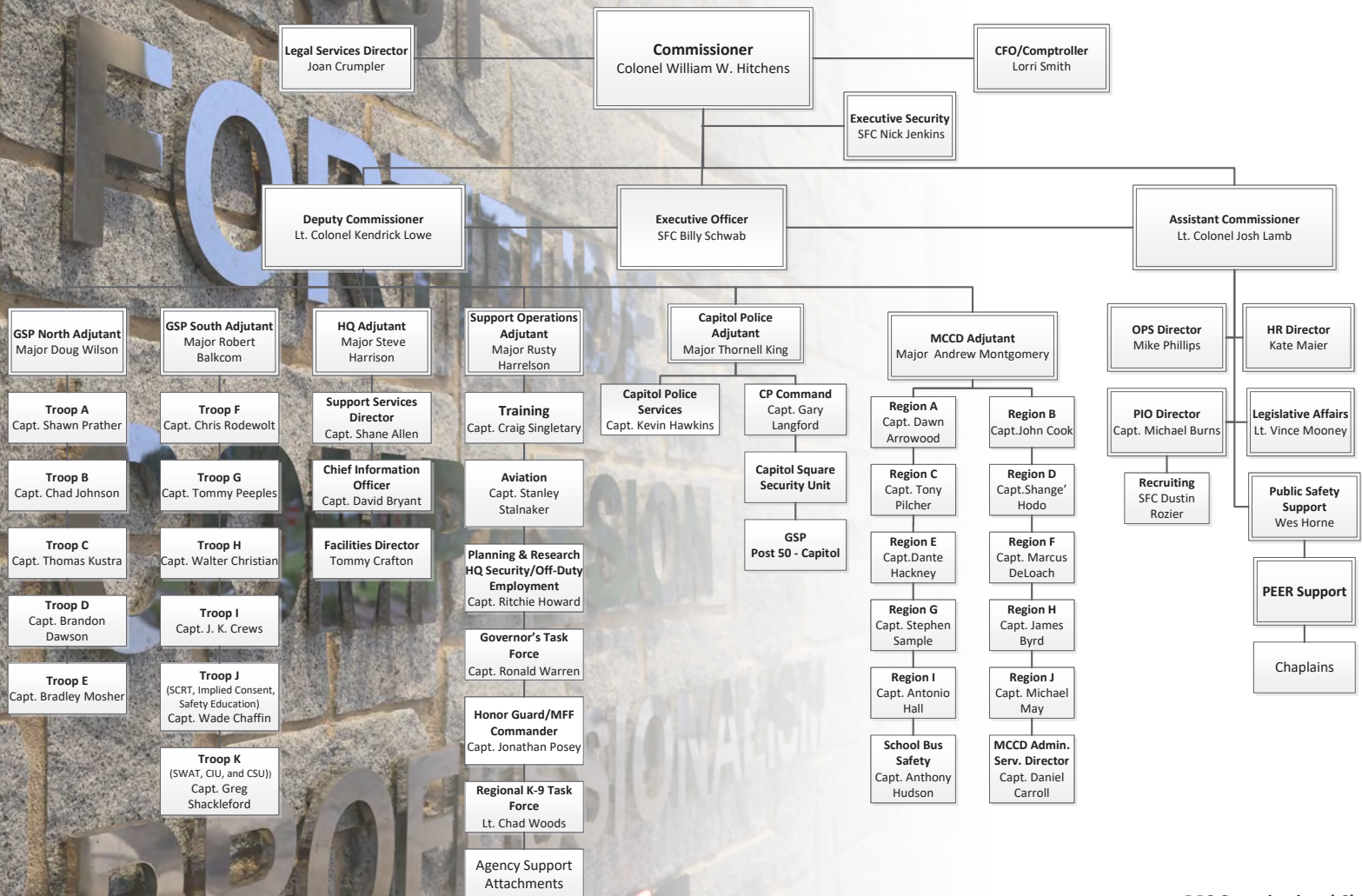
Colonel William W. Hitchens, III  
Commissioner





# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

## Georgia Department of Public Safety Division Level Organizational Chart



DPS Organizational Chart





## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

# GSP TROOP MCCD REGION MAP







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMAND STAFF



**Colonel William W. Hitchens, III**  
Commissioner



**Lt. Colonel Kendrick Lowe**  
Deputy Commissioner



**Lt. Colonel Joshua Lamb**  
Assistant Commissioner



**Major Robert Balkcom**  
South Adjutant  
GSP Field Operations



**Major Doug Wilson**  
North Adjutant  
GSP Field Operations



**Major David Bryant**  
Headquarters Adjutant



**Major Rusty Harrelson**  
Support Operations Adjutant



**Major Gary Langford**  
Adjutant, Capitol Police and  
Post 50 Capitol Hill



**Major Andrew Montgomery**  
Motor Carrier Compliance  
Adjutant





# BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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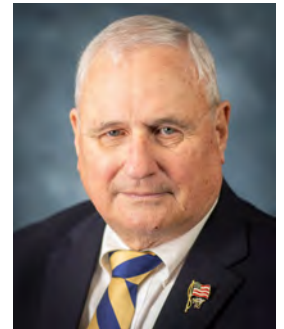
**Mr. Billy E. New**



**Commissioner Tyrone Oliver**



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**Sheriff Joey Terrell**



**Chief Craig Tully**



**Ms. Tina Piper**



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# 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 116 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 constant responsibility. Stranded motorists and motor vehicle crashes require that Troopers work around the clock. As of December 31, GSP had 787 Troopers.



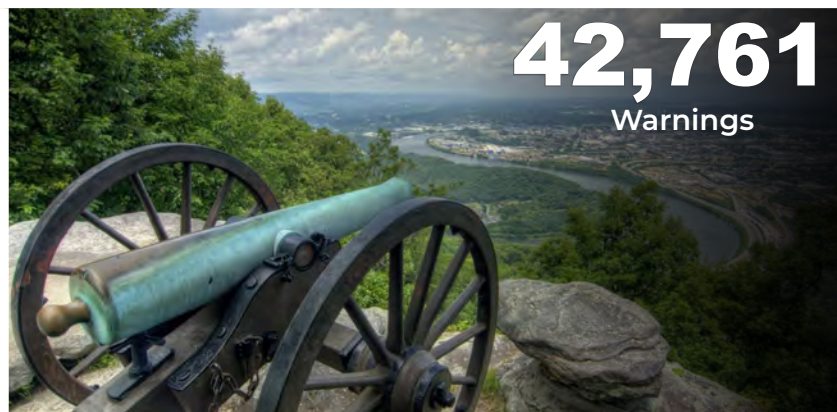
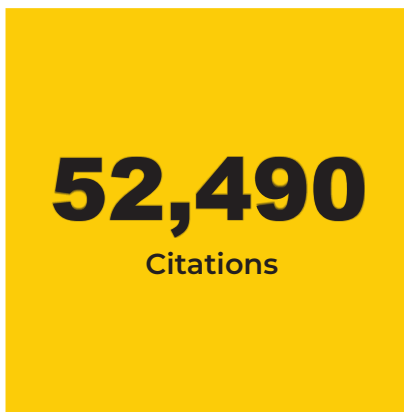
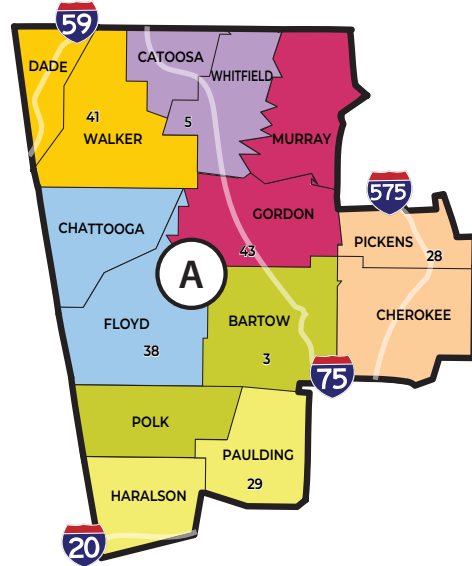
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# GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP A

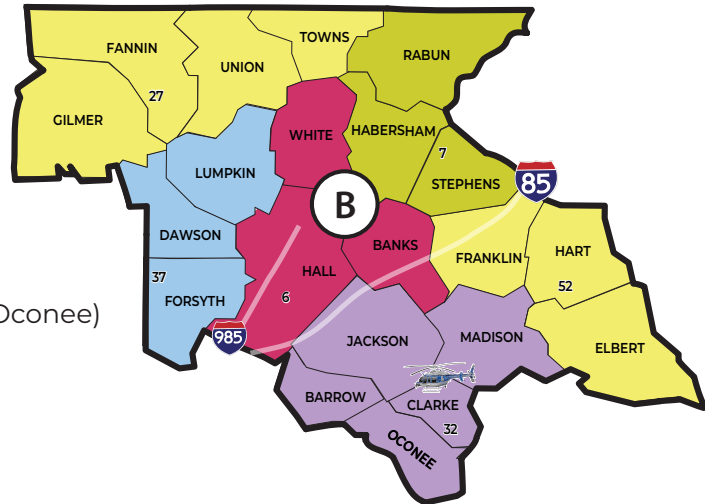
- **Post 3 Cartersville** (Bartow, Polk)
- **Post 5 Dalton** (Catoosa, Whitfield)
- **Post 28 Jasper** (Cherokee, Pickens)
- **Post 29 Paulding** (Haralson, Paulding)
- **Post 38 Rome** (Chattooga, Floyd)
- **Post 41 LaFayette** (Dade, Walker)
- **Post 43 Calhoun** (Gordon, Murray)



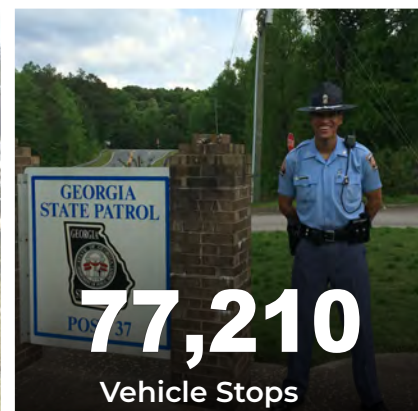
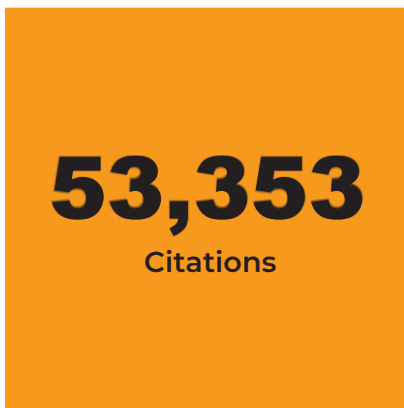




# GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP B



- **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)

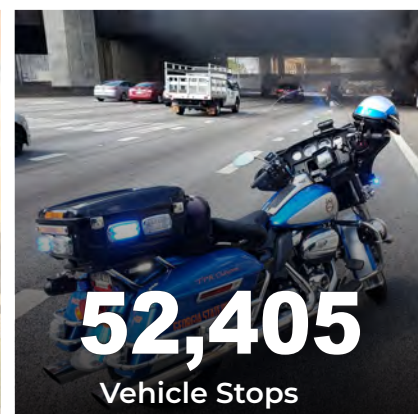
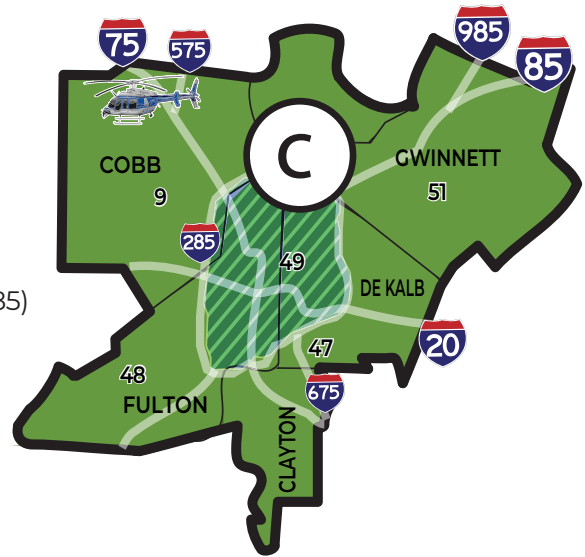






# GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP C

- **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)

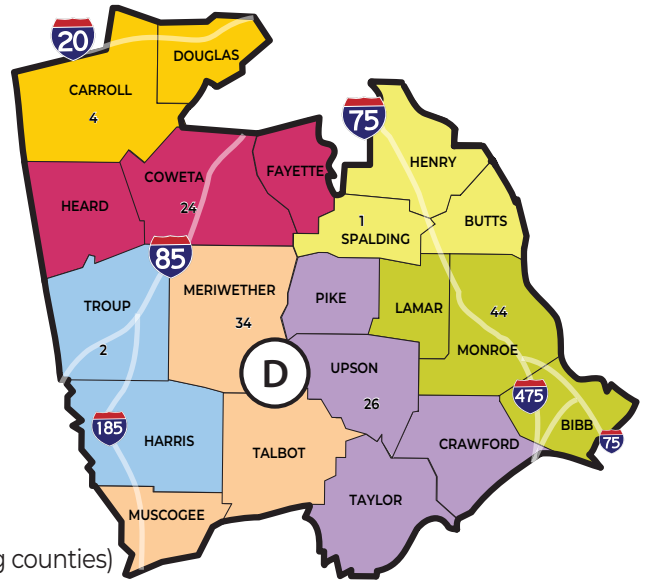






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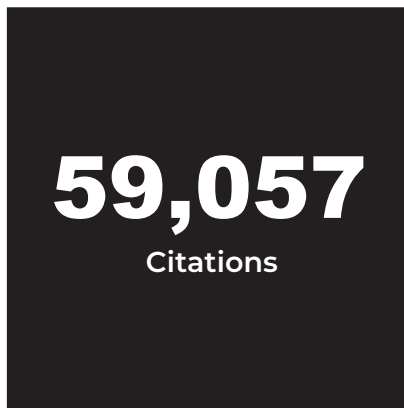
- **Post 1 Griffin** (Butts, Henry, Spalding)
- **Post 2 LaGrange** (Harris, Troup)
- **Post 4 Villa Rica** (Carroll, Douglas)
- **Post 24 Newnan** (Coweta, Fayette, Heard)
- **Post 26 Thomaston** (Crawford, Pike, Taylor, Upson)
- **Post 34 Manchester** (Meriwether, Muscogee, Talbot)
- **Post 44 Forsyth**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



**10,861**  
Crash Investigations



**136**  
Fatalities



**59,057**  
Citations



**54,965**  
Warnings



**2,129**  
DUI Arrests

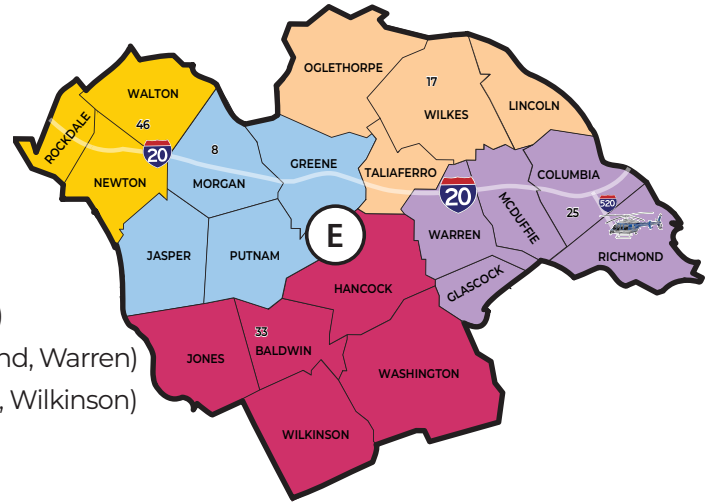


**83,176**  
Vehicle Stops

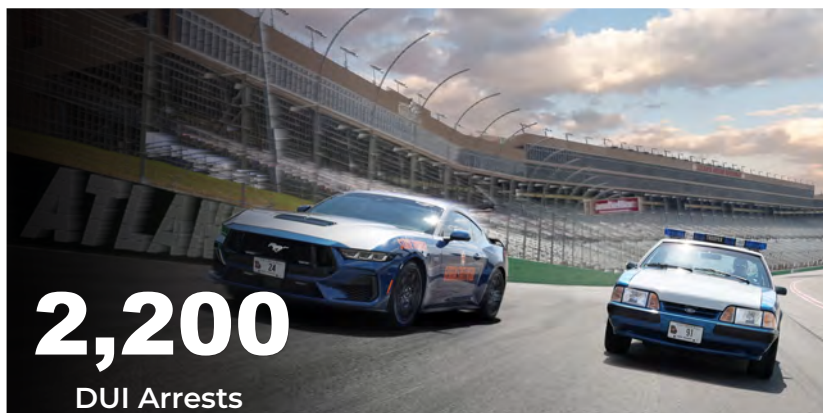
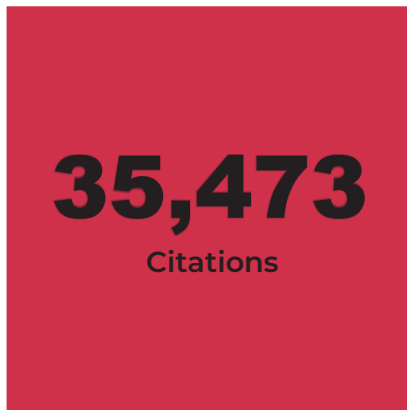




# GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP E



- **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)

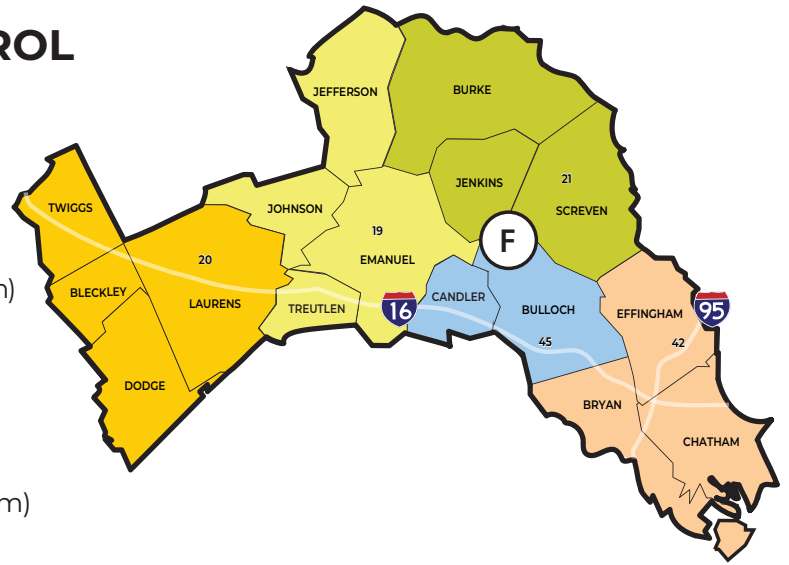






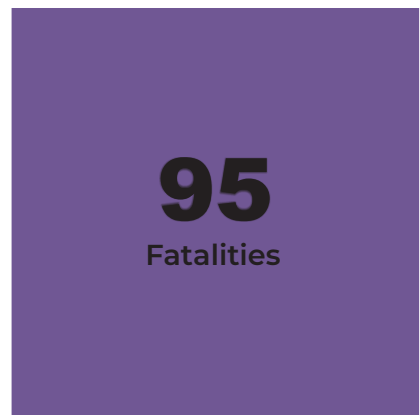
# GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP F

- **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)
- **Nighthawks South DUI Task Force** (Bulloch, Chatham)



**2,682**

Crash Investigations



**95**  
Fatalities



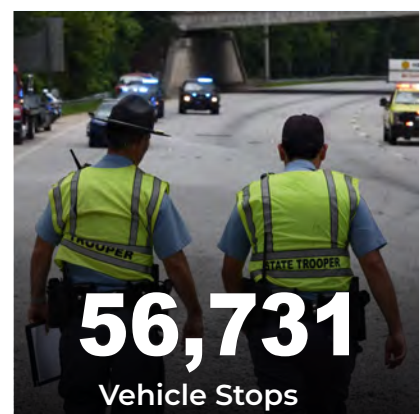
**40,571**  
Citations



**38,537**  
Warnings



**2,288**  
DUI Arrests



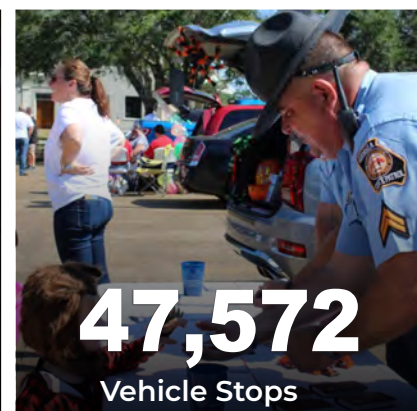
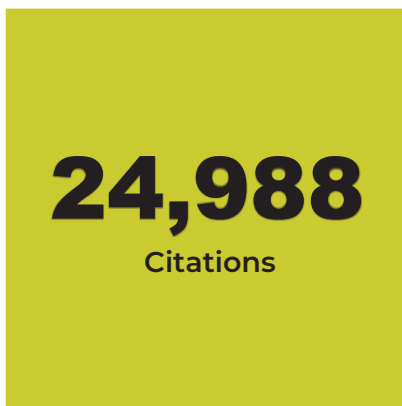
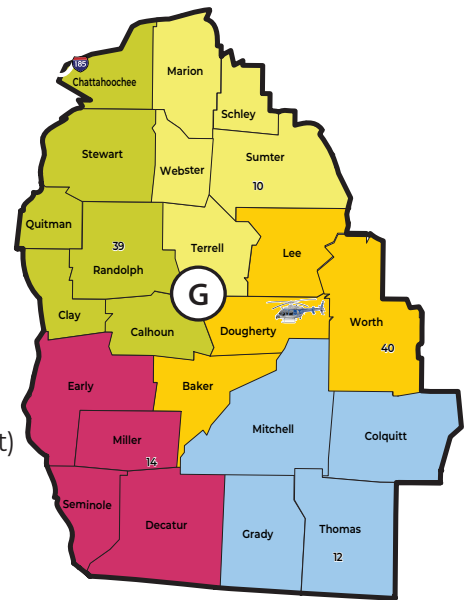
**56,731**  
Vehicle Stops





# GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP G

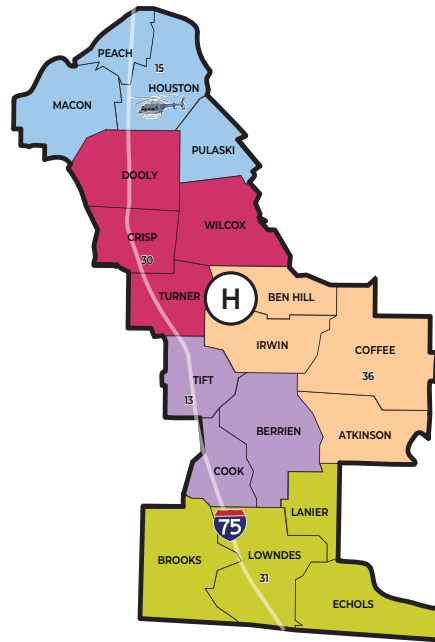
- **Post 10 Americus** (Marion, Schley, Sumter, Terrell, Webster)
- **Post 12 Thomasville** (Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell, Thomas)
- **Post 14 Colquitt** (Decatur, Early, Miller, Seminole)
- **Post 39 Cuthbert** (Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart)
- **Post 40 Albany** (Baker, Dougherty,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



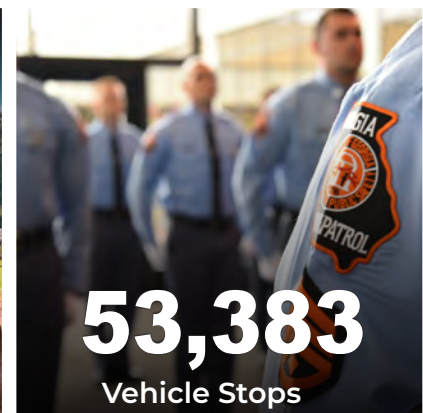
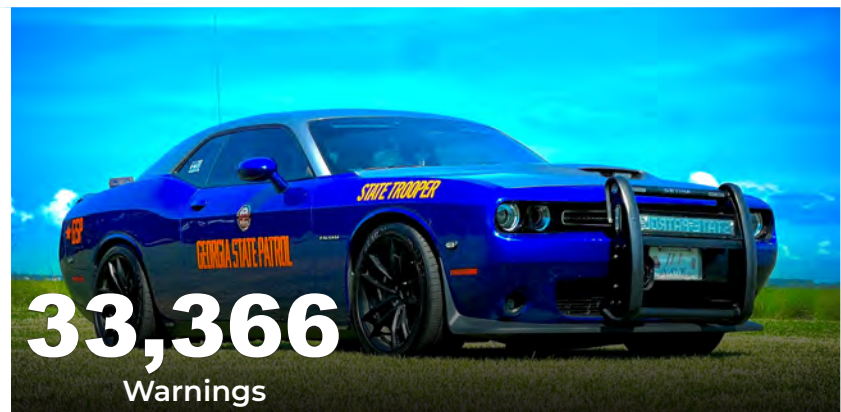
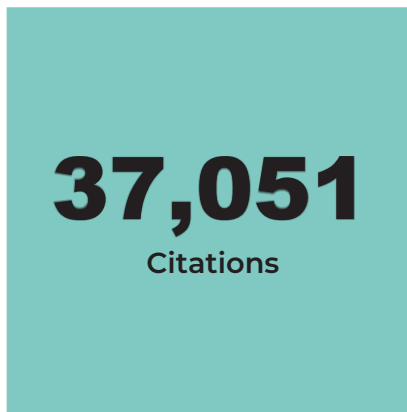




# GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP H



- **Post 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)

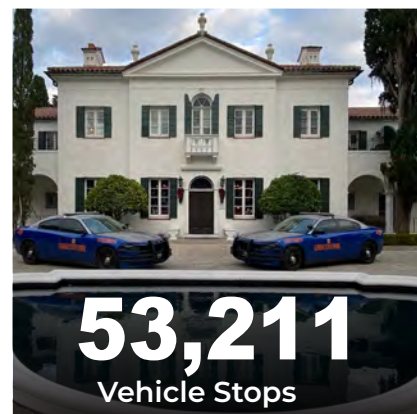
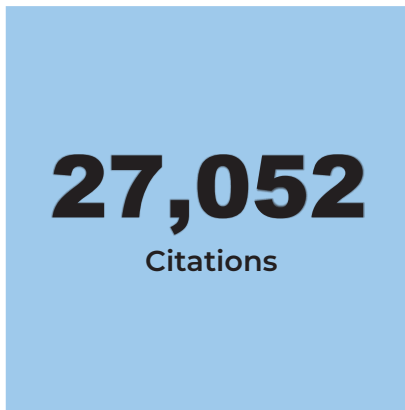
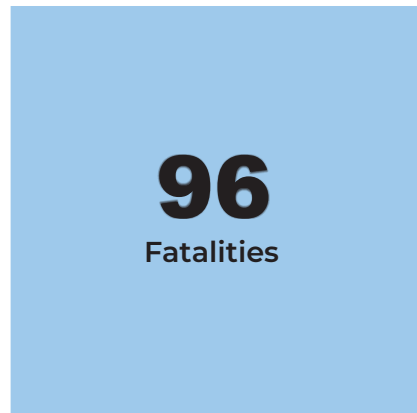
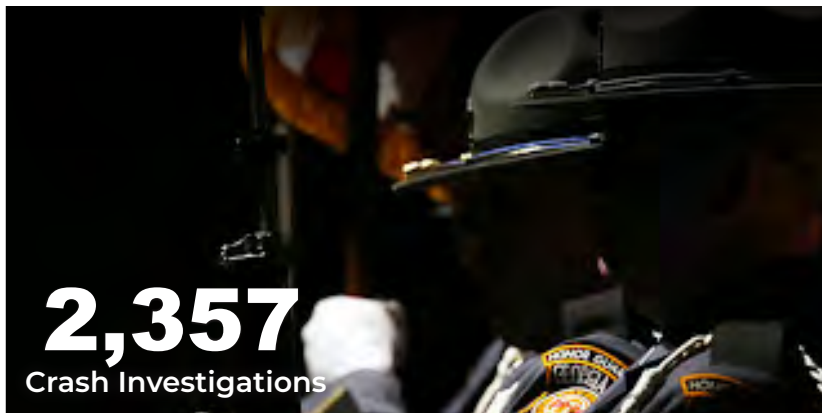
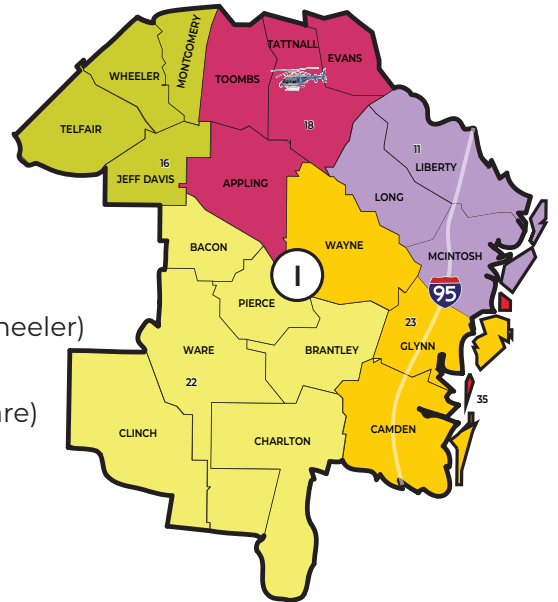






# GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP I

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







# GEORGIA STATE PATROL NIGHTHAWKS



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 F, focuses on Bulloch and Chatham counties.

	CRASHES	FATALITIES	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	DUI ARRESTS	VEHICLE STOPS
NORTH	143	2	2,110	4,429	635	5,168
MIDDLE	52	0	2,720	4,222	738	5,195
SOUTH	90	0	6,458	3,530	890	5,550







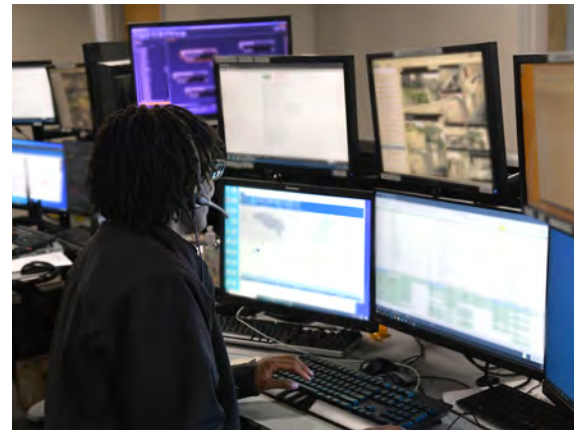
# GEORGIA STATE PATROL COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS



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, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigations. Troop C Communications, located in Atlanta, also handles calls for Capitol Police Services, and Post 50, in addition to entering Mattie's and Levi's Calls for GBI. Troop C Communications also dispatches Capitol Police officers in response to 911 calls and active alarms, and utilizes the CAD systems of the Atlanta Police, Cobb County Police and Gwinnett County Police Departments to dispatch Troopers to vehicle crashes.

## Computer-Aided Device (CAD) calls consist of the following:

- Traffic Stops
- Traffic Crashes
- Abandoned/Recovered Vehicles
- Stolen Vehicles
- Motorist Assists
- GCIC/NCIC Hits Processed
- Controlled Burns
- Pursuits
- DNR Calls
- Aviation Calls
- Road Checks
- Towed Vehicles
- Wanted Persons
- Relays



## 2023 CAD Calls by Troop

**97,390**

Troop A

**122,598**

Troop B

**191,332**

Troop C

**137,559**

Troop D

**82,867**

Troop E

**75,060**

Troop F

**63,309**

Troop G

**73,798**

Troop H

**95,103**

Troop I





# GEORGIA STATE PATROL SPECIALIZED COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TEAM TROOP J - SCRT

The **Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team** (SCRT) is made up of nine teams across the state, each assigned to a Troop. Their primary objective is to investigate fatal and serious injury motor vehicle crashes. Members have also been tasked by Sheriffs' Departments, city and county police, GBI, and federal agencies to assist in investigations where technology and techniques used by SCRT have proven valuable. Crash reconstruction involves forensic mapping of crash scenes, computer imaging of vehicle electronics, speed calculations, evidence preservation, and court presentation.



**1,860**

Fatalities

**1,725**

Fatal Crashes

**894**

Cases

**5,951**

Vehicle Stops

**1,361**

Citations

**2,964**

Warnings







# GEORGIA STATE PATROL SPECIALIZED COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TEAM TROOP J - SCRT



## SCRT Assisted-Details

- Created forensic map of an outdoor murder scene for Catoosa County D.A. with aerial photographs.
- Determined a crash was an intentional act; became murder investigation where a domestic violence victim was killed.
- Recovered forensic vehicle data from a rented car used in several jewelry robberies across the Southeast; investigation is ongoing.
- Assisted Gainesville P.D. in a road rage/shooting incident; video analysis and aerial photos.
- Investigated a single vehicle fatal crash, where the primary aggressor in a rolling domestic dispute was killed chasing his victim.
- Solved five of eight fatal hit and run crashes using technology and thorough investigative work.
- Completed Berla acquisitions and utilized cell phone techniques for various agencies from vehicles associated with criminal activity.
- Provided drone support, aerial photographs and forensic mapping to Arson Investigators on three cases.

## 2023 SCRT Cases

**104**  
SCRT Team A

**118**  
SCRT Team B

**124**  
SCRT Team C

**140**  
SCRT Team D

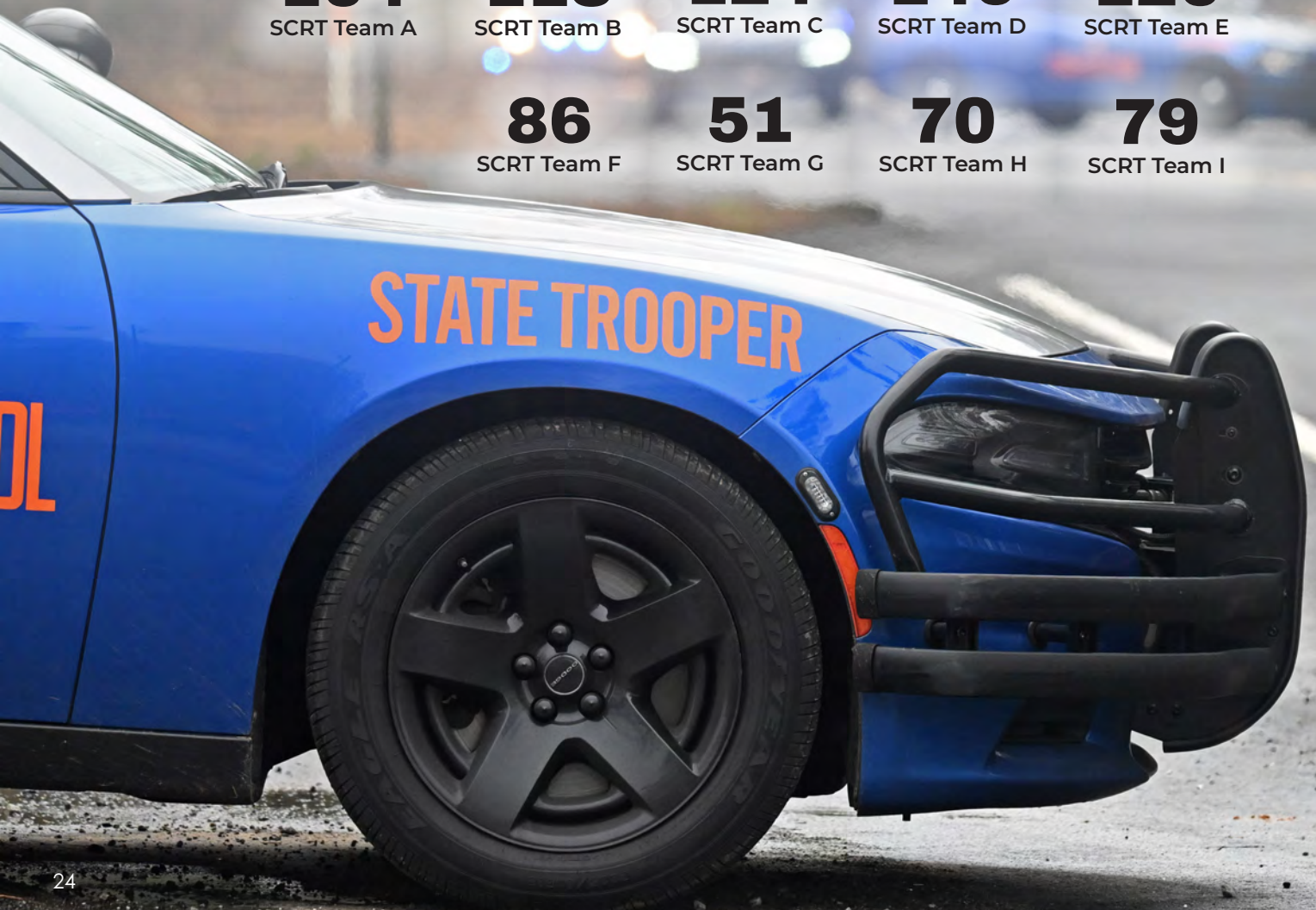
**120**  
SCRT Team E

**86**  
SCRT Team F

**51**  
SCRT Team G

**70**  
SCRT Team H

**79**  
SCRT Team I







# GEORGIA STATE PATROL IMPLIED CONSENT UNIT TROOP J - ICU

**1,179**

Active Shooter

**240**

Intox Repairs

**17**

Crashes

**1,517**

Warnings

**249**

Citations

**1,073**

Vehicle Stops



Members of the **Implied Consent Unit (ICU)** remain on-call around the clock for emergency instrument repairs and courtroom availability. In addition to their regular enforcement responsibilities, members provide a broad range of specialized services designed to complement field operational needs. Tasked with this important undertaking and in cooperation with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, these sworn GSP members are responsible for inspecting and maintaining all evidential breath testing devices in Georgia.





# GEORGIA STATE PATROL SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS TROOP K - SWAT

The **State of Georgia Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)** is a highly trained and skilled tactical team and a resource for all law enforcement agencies in Georgia for resolving critical incidents and high risk operations. The DIVE Team provides a highly trained and skilled underwater search/recovery team for safely rescuing and/or recovering those lost by drowning and recovering items of evidential value hidden beneath the surface of the water.



**1**

Active Shooter

**12**

Barricaded  
Suspects

**110**

High Risk Warrants  
(12 Murder Suspects)

**6**

Woodland  
Searches

**6**

Criminal  
Surveillance

**11**

Capitol/Mansion  
Security Support

**7**

HQ Security  
Support

**25**

Protest Support

**1**

Peachtree Road  
Race Support

**5**

Aerial  
Marksman

**7**

Executive  
Protection

**1**

SUAS (Drone)

**1**

Suicidal Jumper

**2**

High Profile  
Prisoner Transport

**7**

Drowning Victim  
Recovery Searches

**7**

Underwater Evidence  
Recovery Searches

**2**

Submerged Vehicle  
Recoveries

**7**

Safety Diver Support  
of Other Agencies

**4**

Sniper Overwatch  
for Capitol Hill

**16**

Recruiting Events





## GEORGIA STATE PATROL

# CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT TROOP K - CIU

The **Criminal Interdiction Unit** (CIU) is a 12-member statewide entity tasked with the proactive enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. In addition to their regular duties, CIU assisted with high-profile details and events, provided security at the State Capitol and the future sight of APD's training facility, and assisted with crime suppression details in metro Atlanta. **In 2023, CIU assisted in making a total monetary impact of more than \$24,160,327 against organized crime elements operating in Georgia.**



**89**

Crash  
Investigations

**167**

CMV Inspections

**76**

Felony Drug  
Arrests

**15**

Non-Drug  
Felony Arrests

**11**

Misdemeanor  
Arrests

**83**

Criminal  
Apprehensions

**31**

Stolen Vehicles  
Recovered

**64**

Weapons Seized

**120**

Marijuana Seized  
(Kilograms)

**332**

Cocaine Seized  
(Kilograms)

**2,211**

Meth Seized  
(Kilograms)

**3**

Heroin Seized  
(Kilograms)

**346**

Other Drugs Seized  
(Kilograms)

**354**

Agency Assists

**\$2,578,452**

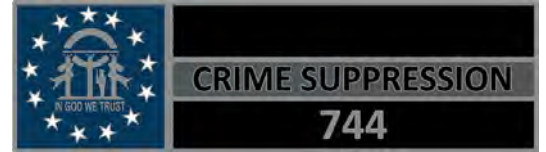
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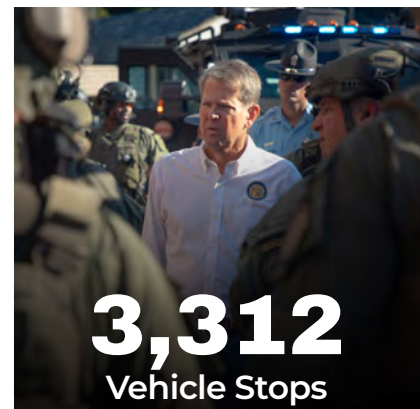
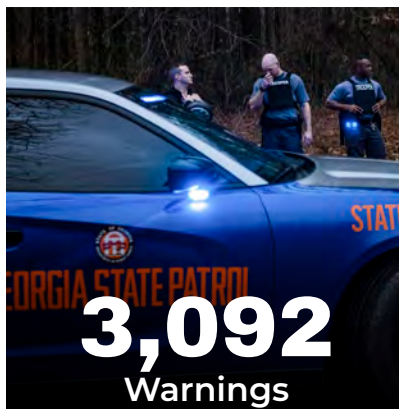
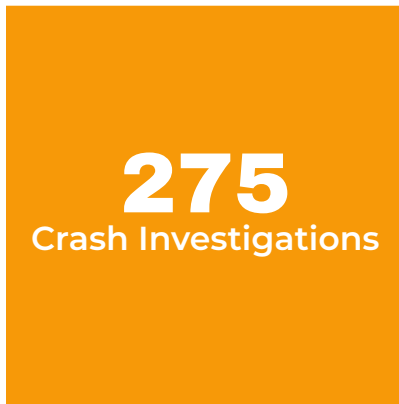


GEORGIA STATE PATROL

# CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT TROOP K - CSU



The **Georgia State Patrol's Crime Suppression Unit (CSU)** is tasked with the proactive enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. The unit's primary responsibility is to suppress and reduce crime in the City of Atlanta. This includes actively looking for street racers, violent gang offenders, individuals who utilize and distribute illegal drugs and weapons, as well as any other criminal elements. Troopers from CSU are also routinely requested by the U.S. Marshals Service, FBI, GBI, and ATF to assist with the apprehension of wanted fugitives.







# GEORGIA STATE PATROL CANINE UNIT TROOP K - K9

The **Canine Unit** consists of 46 canine teams. These teams are comprised of Troopers/Officers from the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance and Capitol Police Divisions. These canine teams consist of narcotic detectors, explosive detectors, tracking and apprehension canines.



**128**

Canine  
Apprehensions

**742**

Explosive  
Detections

**592**

Narcotics  
Detections

**201**

Marijuana Seized  
(Kilograms)

**346**

Cocaine Seized  
(Kilograms)

**1,873**

Meth Seized  
(Kilograms)

**36**

Heroin Seized  
(Kilograms)

**21**

Illegal Narcotics  
(Kilograms)

**137**

Firearms Seized

**\$2,682,855**

US Currency Seized







# MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION



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 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.

In 2023, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division was restructured to be divided into regions consistent with the Georgia State Patrol. The 22 weigh stations within nine geographic regions were all renamed by alphabetic lettering consistent with GSP Troop locations. MCCD also has two specialized units, the School Bus Safety Unit and the Safety Compliance Unit which performs Safety Audits and Compliance Reviews. The MCCD Administrative Staff is located at the DPS Headquarters in Atlanta. As of December 31, MCCD had 231 Officers.

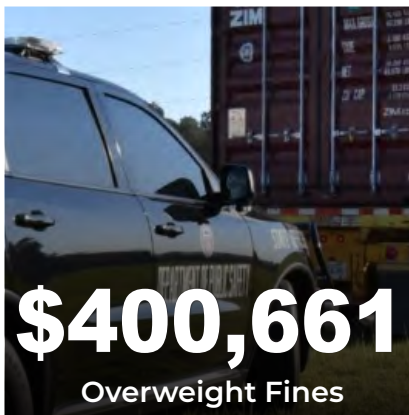
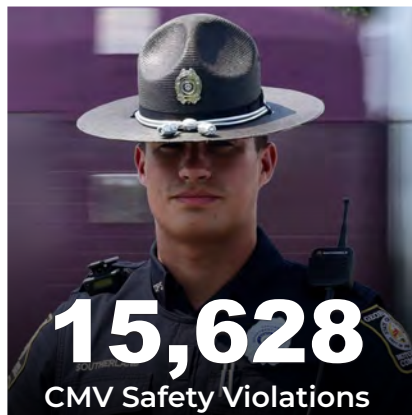
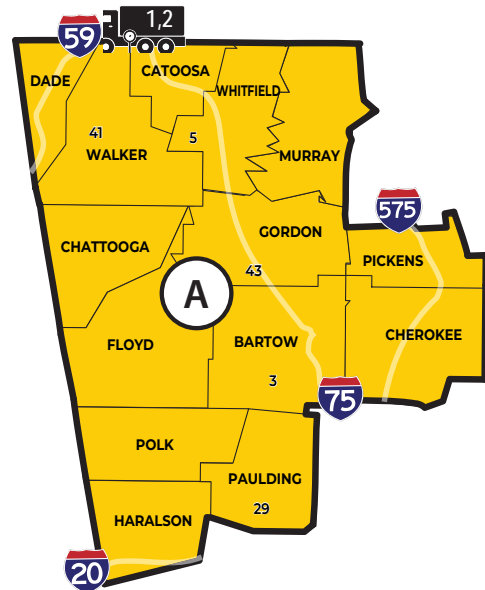






# MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION A

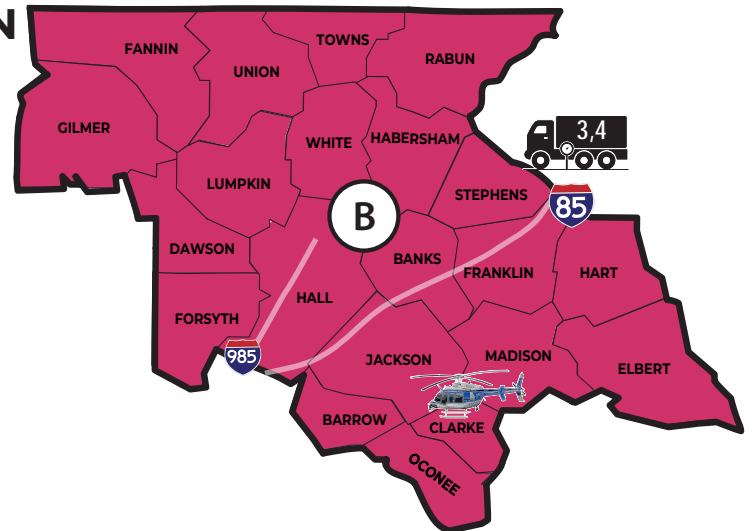
- 14 counties in Northwest Georgia
- Two weigh stations
  - Station 1 – South, I-85 S MM 343
  - Station 2 – North, I-85 N MM 343



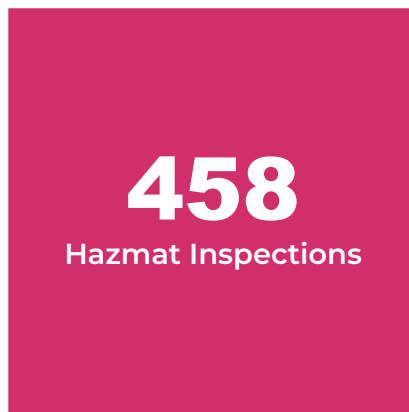




# MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION B



- 21 counties in North Georgia
- Two weigh stations
  - Station 3 – South, I-85 S MM 169
  - Station 4 – North, I-85 N MM 171







## MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION C

- 5 counties in Metro Atlanta
- No weigh stations
  - Station 7 – Traffic Division



**4,477**  
Citations

**3,345**  
Warnings

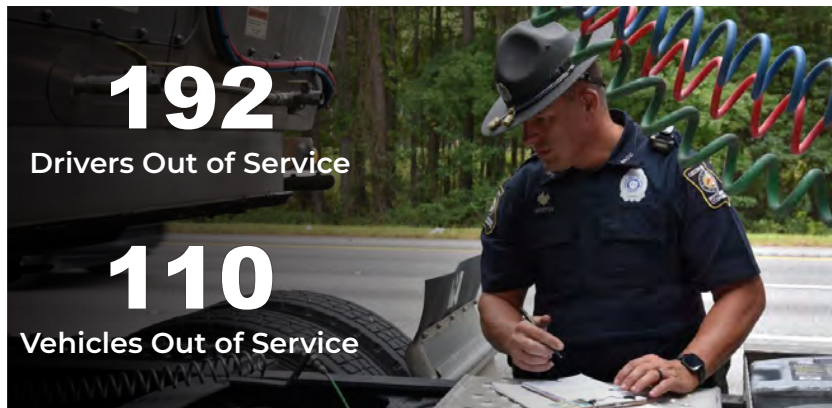


**5,901**  
CMV Inspections

**394**  
Hazmat Inspections

**192**  
Drivers Out of Service

**110**  
Vehicles Out of Service



**18,004**  
CMV Safety Violations



**60**  
Overweight Citations

**\$19,255**  
Overweight Fines

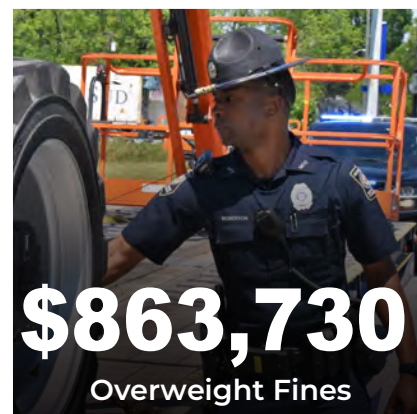
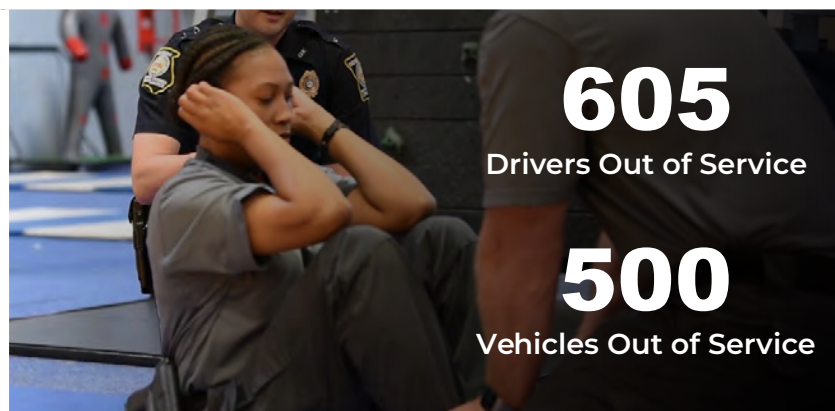
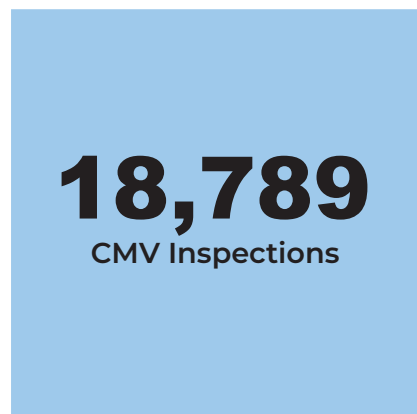
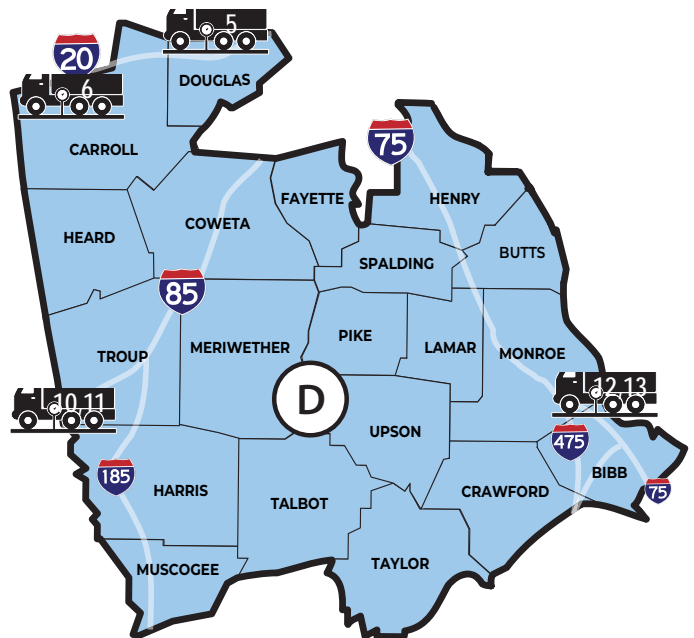






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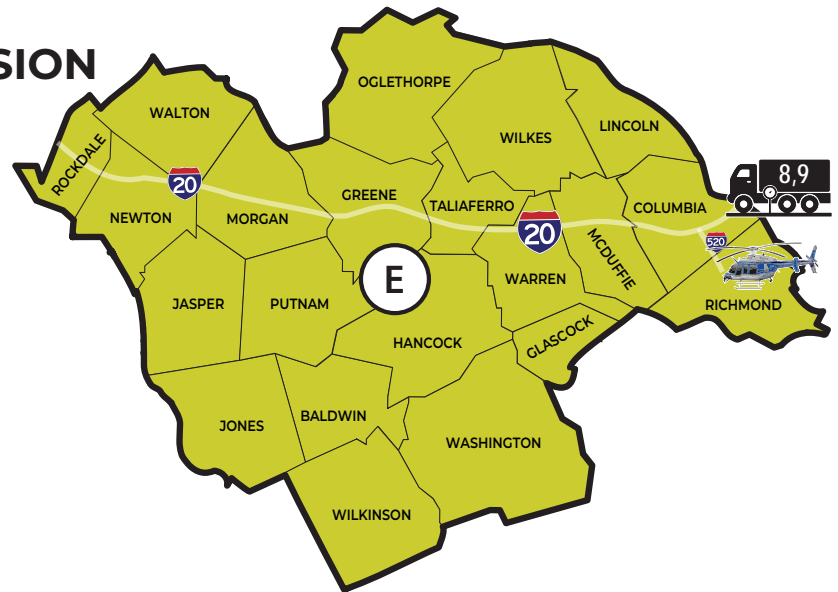
- 20 counties in East Georgia
- Six weigh stations
  - Station 5 – Douglas County, I-20 E
  - Station 6 – Carroll County, I-20 W
  - Station 10 – South, I-85 N MM 23
  - Station 11 – North, I-85 N MM 23
  - Station 12 – South, I-85 N MM 190
  - Station 13 – North, I-85 N MM 190







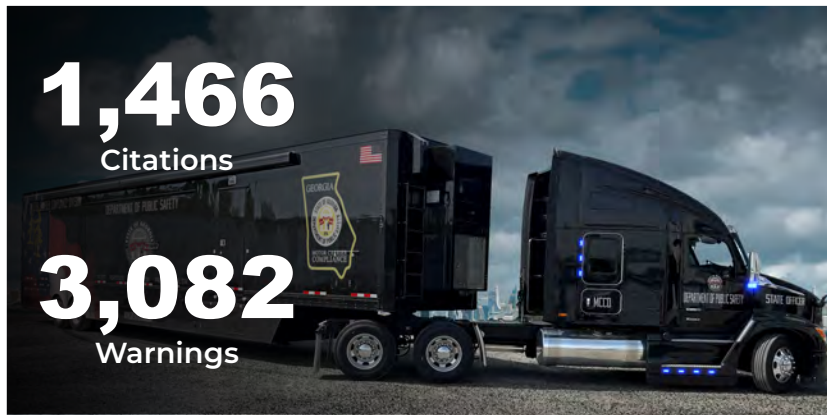
# MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION E



- 21 counties in East Middle Georgia
- Two weigh stations
  - Station 8 – East, I-20 E MM 187
  - Station 9 – West, I-20 W MM 188

**1,466**  
Citations

**3,082**  
Warnings



**9,940**  
CMV Inspections

**832**

Hazmat Inspections

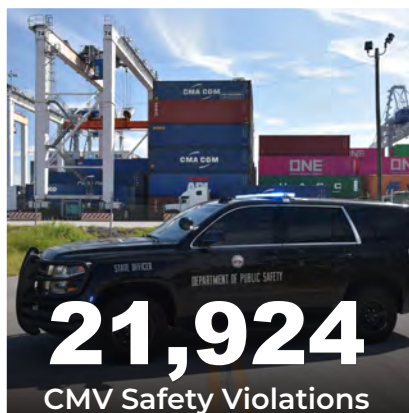


**130**

Drivers Out of Service

**51**

Vehicles Out of Service



**21,924**  
CMV Safety Violations

**1,523**

Overweight Citations

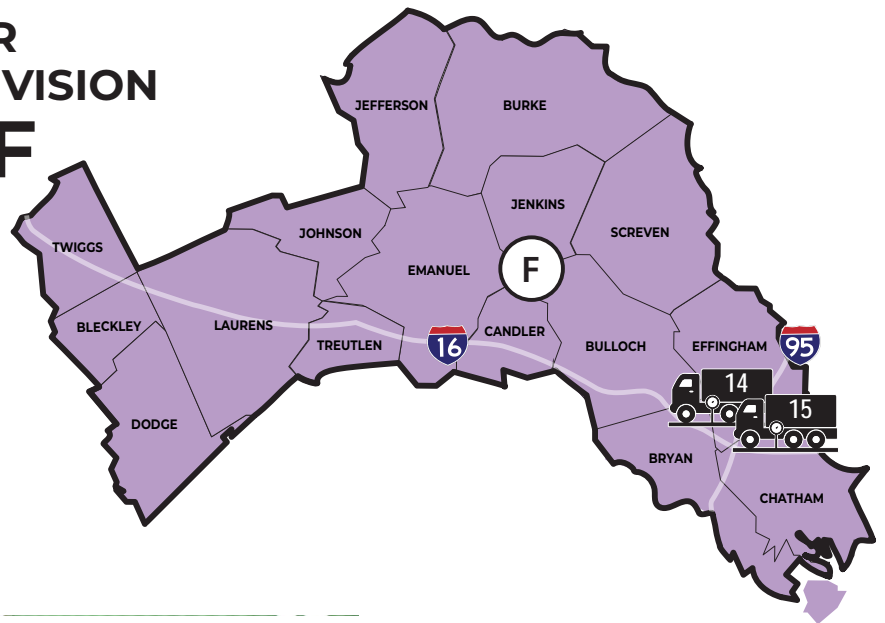


**\$361,409**  
Overweight Fines





# MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION F



- 16 counties in Central Georgia
- 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

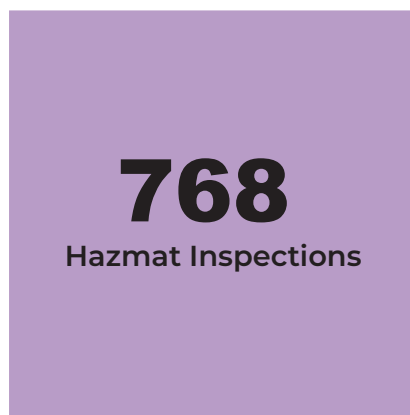


**3,254**  
Citations

**2,472**  
Warnings



**8,940**  
CMV Inspections



**768**  
Hazmat Inspections



**561**  
Drivers Out of Service

**1,059**  
Vehicles Out of Service



**17,004**  
CMV Safety Violations



**3,952**  
Overweight Citations



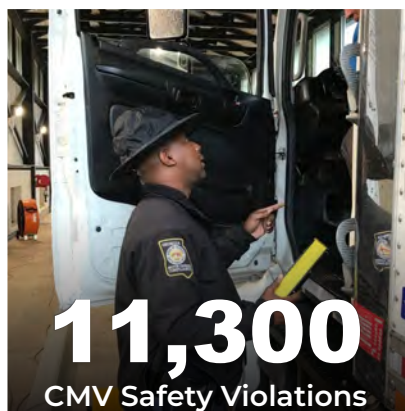
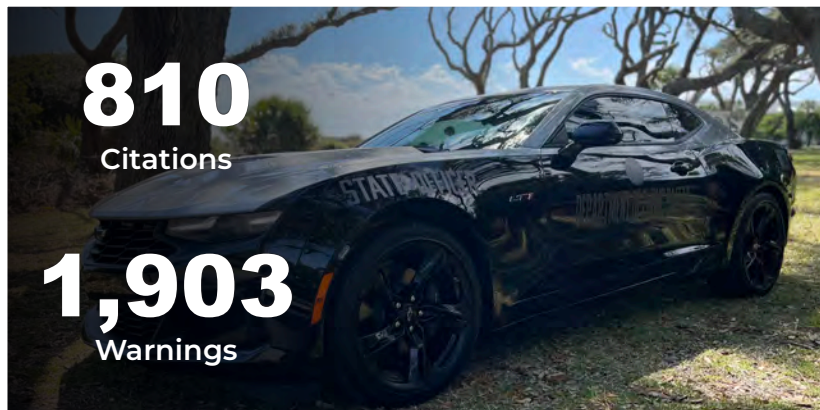
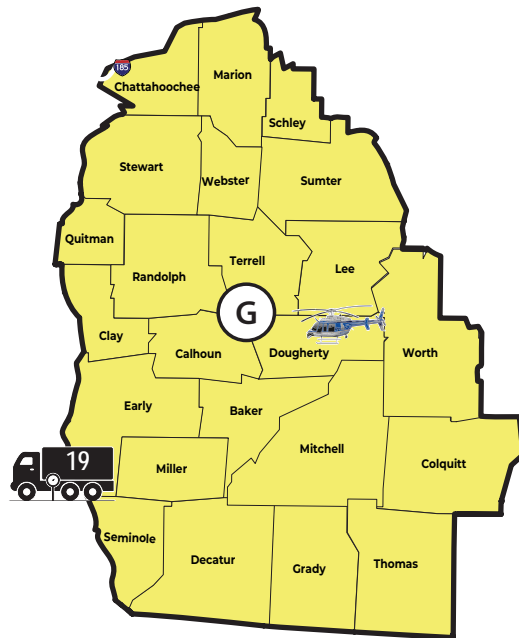
**\$822,404**  
Overweight Fines





# MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION G

- 23 counties in Southwest Georgia
- One weigh station
  - Station 19 – Early County, GA 273 MM 1

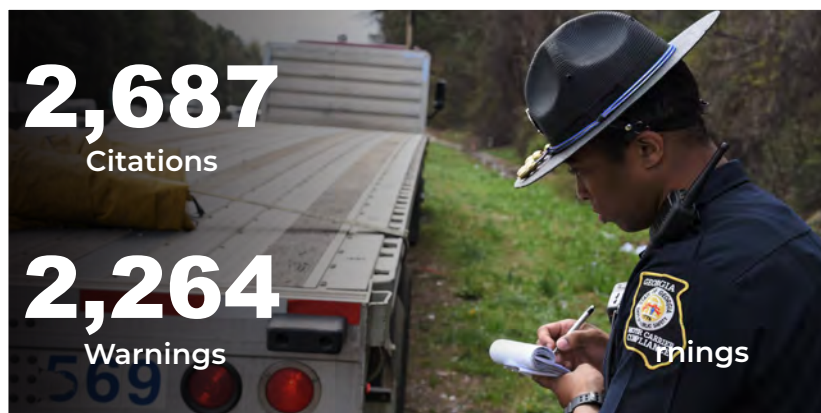
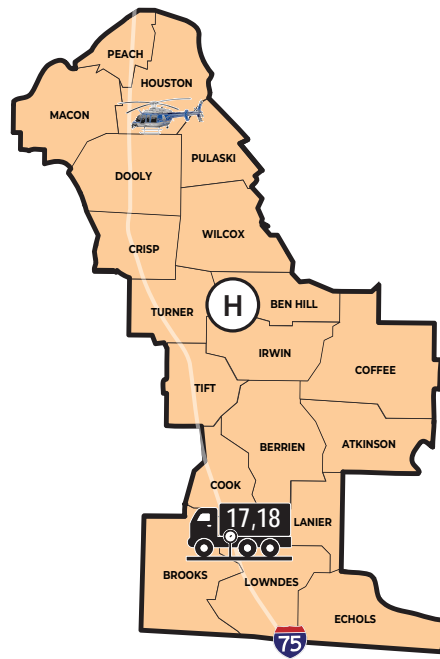






# MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION H

- 19 counties in South Georgia
- Two weigh stations
  - Station 17 – South, I-75 N MM 23
  - Station 18 – North, I-75 N MM 23



**2,687**  
Citations

**2,264**  
Warnings



**5,564**  
CMV Inspections

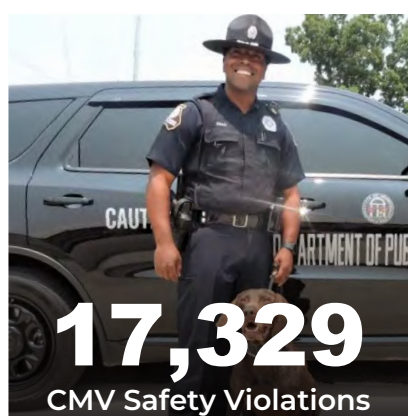


**494**  
Hazmat Inspections



**607**  
Drivers Out of Service

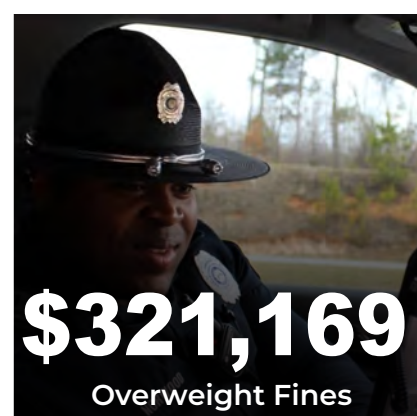
**897**  
Vehicles Out of Service



**17,329**  
CMV Safety Violations



**1,329**  
Overweight Citations



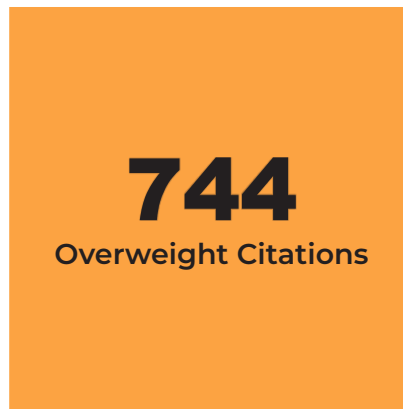
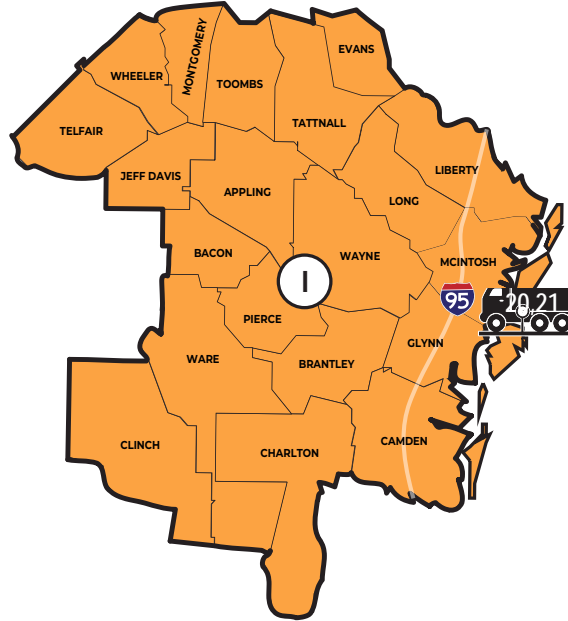
**\$321,169**  
Overweight Fines





# MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION I

- 20 counties in Southeast Georgia
- Two weigh stations
  - Station 20 – South, I-95 S MM 56
  - Station 21 – North, I-95 N MM 55







## MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION J

# DataQs

Region J's geographical area is statewide. Region J conducts compliance and safety investigations on motor carriers, driver/vehicle inspections, **DataQ's** from motor carriers, outreach to carriers, and compiles data from crash reports from all law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia. Region J also assists other Regions with special details as needed. Region J includes the following:

- **Compliance Review Program** (Investigation and Safety Analysis)
- **New Entrant Safety Audit Program**
- **DataQ Program**
- **Crash Review Unit**

**56**

Citations

**65**

Warnings

**901**

CMV Inspections

**214**

Hazmat Inspections

**8**

Drivers Out of Service

**8**

Vehicles Out of Service

**2,664**

Safety Investigations

**71**

Compliance Investigations

**22**

Compliance Investigation Cases

**\$152,560**

Compliance Investigation Fines

Four Key Pieces of an

### Audit & Inspection Program

#### Regulatory Audit

The initial check for issues that would likely result in injuries and penalties if not addressed.



#### Facility Inspection

Investigation of an organization's physical premises, teams, and workforce behaviors.

#### Safety Committee

Team developed to create and nurture a culture of safety.



#### Accident Investigation

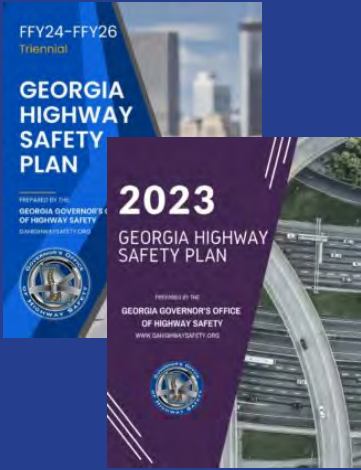
Exposes safety program gaps. Highlights needed changes to facility inspections. Helps you adapt to the issues facing your organization.





## MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



## THE SAFETYNET UNIT

manages and provides appropriate access to crash data, roadside inspection history and data, and motor carrier and shipper identification information. To do this, the SafetyNet system maintains records that include, but are not limited to, truck/bus driver name, social security number, license number, date of birth, truck/bus driver and company contact information, and vehicle identification numbers. This data is generated by the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** and state officials. The data enters the system through the direct electronic data upload of commercial carrier audits and roadside commercial driver/vehicle safety inspections. The SafetyNet Unit is also tasked with assisting with the preparation and evaluation of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP) required annually by FMCSA's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) for Georgia's program planning and funding. The CVSP is utilized by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to supplement Georgia's vehicle safety planning. Various state and federal data requests, grant inquiries, and quarterly/annual reports are also prepared by this unit.

**78,829**

Driver Vehicle  
Inspections Processed

**31.52%**

Inspections  
Certified

**14,916**

Commercial Vehicle  
Crashes Reviewed

## OVERWEIGHT CITATION UNIT

The Safety Overweight Citation Unit is responsible for payment reconciliation regarding citations issued due to vehicles and loads that exceed the legal size and/or weight limits for travel on the public roadways in Georgia. The unit has the responsibility to process all legal hearings requested to contest citations based on **OCCA §§32-6-27(c)(2)**.

**15,137** Total Overweight  
Citations Issued

**\$3,670,894.61**

Total Assessment  
Fees Generated

*(Fees remitted to State Treasurer for infrastructure maintenance.)*

## OVERSIZE PERMIT UNIT

The Oversize Permit Unit has Statewide responsibility for the transportation of oversize and overweight loads as defined in **Federal Code Title 23; Georgia Code Title 32 and CDOT Board Rule 672-2**. Permits are issued for vehicles and loads that exceed the legal size and/or weight limits for travel on the public roadways in Georgia. The Unit also conducts training courses and issues four-year certifications for pilot escort vehicle operators who accompany the over-dimensional loads.

**212,604**

Total Permits  
Issued

**158**

Pilot Escort Vehicle  
Certifications Issued

**199**

Pilot Escort Vehicle  
Re-certifications Issued

**\$11,755,993.50**

Total Revenue Generated



## REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE SECTION

The Regulations Compliance Section is responsible for regulating the for-hire transportation of persons and property such as Household goods and Non-Consensual Towing companies. This unit is also responsible for registering companies with Unified Carrier Registration and Georgia Intrastate Motor Carrier Registration. These registrations authorize companies to operate in interstate and intrastate commerce.

### NON-CONSENSUAL TOWING UNIT

Non-Consensual towing regulates towing companies that tow illegally parked vehicles from private property. Non-Consensual Towing has one full-time employee, who is responsible for regulating over 300 active Non-Consensual Towing companies. **In 2023, the unit issued 339 towing permits totaling \$101,700; sent seven consent agreements to noncompliant towing companies totaling \$3,200; investigated 43 complaints; and issued 53 Cease and Desist orders. Fees collected for Non-Consensual Towing totaled \$104,900.**

### FOR HIRE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNIT

The For-Hire Transportation Unit registers ride share services like Uber, Lyft, and taxi companies that provide transportation to individuals. This unit has one full-time employee who handles all the registrations for For-Hire Transportation services. **In 2023, the unit reviewed 259 For-Hire Transportation Service licenses; and four complaints. As of December 31, 2023, the Department has issued 139 For-Hire Transportation Service licenses. Fees collected totaled \$19,275.**

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNIT

The Household Goods Program regulates movers who provide for-hire services in Georgia. This unit has one full-time employee who handles all applications, audits, complaints, and investigations on household good movers. **In 2023, the unit issued 23 certificates. Of the 23 certificates issued, all were new companies. The unit conducted 26 audits; reviewed 50 complaints; and issued 16 Cease and Desist orders. There were 12 training classes. The unit generated \$3,840 in revenue through application fees and civil penalties.**

### PASSENGER CARRIER AND LIMOUSINE UNIT

The Passenger Carrier and Limousine Unit has one full-time and one-part-time employee responsible for handling over 1,100 passenger and limousine carrier accounts. **In 2023, the unit issued 140 new permits, 41 passenger certificates, and 99 interim limousine certificates. The unit also performed 130 audits; issued two Cease and Desist orders; and investigated three complaints. There were 11 training sessions conducted in 2023. Fees collected totaled \$14,210.**



### UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION AND GEORGIA INTRASTATE MOTOR CARRIER REGISTRATION UNIT (UCR/GIMC)

The UCR/GIMC Unit has two full-time employees, one part-time employee, one full-time open requisition and is responsible for the registration of over 9,684 carriers for GIMC, and over 47,529 carriers for UCR registration. The UCR/GIMC registration gives intrastate and interstate carriers operating authority to haul goods and services in and through the state of Georgia. **Georgia is a top-five state for maintaining carrier audits above the 85% program requirement for clearance and collections.** This unit collected the following registration fees in 2023:

#### GEORGIA INTRASTATE MOTOR CARRIER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

**9,684**

Intrastate Carriers Registered

**\$395,323.01**

Registration Fees Collected

#### UCR Audit Performance:

YEAR	FARS	RETREATS	VIOLATIONS
2023	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>98.98%</b>

#### UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION (UCR)

**47,529**

Interstate Carriers Registered

(approximate carriers due to refunds)

**\$5,441,374.00**

Total Fees Collected

**\$2,660,060.00**

DPS Retained Fees  
(program cap)



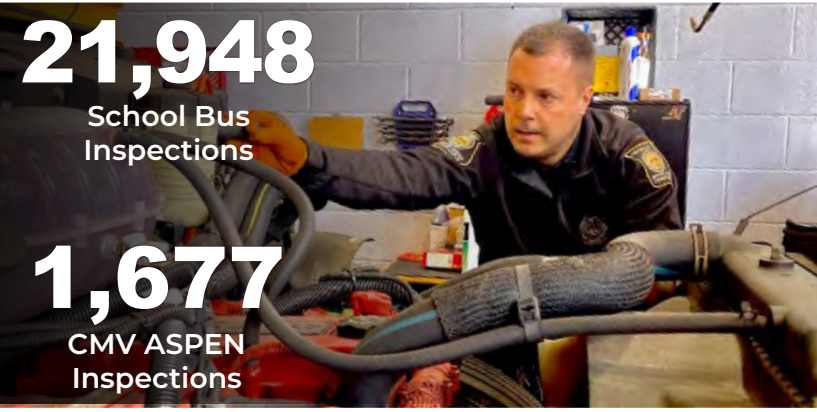


## MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY UNIT

The **School Bus Safety (SBS) Unit** is responsible for conducting safety inspections on school buses operating on Georgia's roadways. This Unit has 15 sworn officers assigned throughout the state to conduct 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 vehicles operating on Georgia's roadways do so safely and follow Georgia's traffic laws and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's rules and regulations. The SBS Unit is comprised of:

- School Bus Crash Data
- School Bus Driver Outreach Program
- School Bus Safety Driver Licenses Verification System for School Bus Drivers



**21,948**

School Bus  
Inspections

**1,677**

CMV ASPEN  
Inspections

**3,621**

Out of Service  
Defects

**2,084**

Out of Service  
School Buses



**14**

Out of Service  
Drivers

**7**

Out of Service  
Vehicles



**121**


2023 Crash Totals

**18**

Outreach Program  
Meetings

**1,160**

Number in Attendance



**21,935**

Safety Defects





## 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. The program's mission, through

education, media outreach, and aggressive traffic enforcement strategies, is to provide for a safer transportation environment for Georgia's citizens and the nation's motorists. MCCD officers target enforcement efforts towards those commercial vehicle drivers and other motorists who endanger lives by engaging in unsafe driver behavior. Any driver of any vehicle found violating Georgia's traffic laws are held accountable. 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 including, but not limited to, the time of day, day of the week, and day of the 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

## MCCD K9 PROGRAM

In 2023, MCCC began a new K-9 program with the approval of nine K9 handlers. MCCC is actively supporting the strong initiative of locating drug traffickers in CMVs on Georgia's state roadways and highways. **MCCC currently has one K9 handler in each Region across Georgia and one for the Metro Atlanta Area.**

## MCCD SPECIAL OPERATIONS NRAD

MCCD Special Operations oversees a variety of division functions including the **Nuclear Radiological Detection (NRAD) Team**, CMV enforcement support computer programming, and management of the nuclear escort program as the Governor's Designee. MCCD Special Operations also supports the MCSAP inspection quality control mission and the yearly MCCD Inspector Competition.



In 2023, MCCC's **Stop The Threat** campaign statewide conducted:

# 108

**Stop The Threat Traffic Enforcement Details**

# 32

**Stop The Threat Traffic Quarterly Hours of Service/Seat Belt Details**



## HONOR GUARD

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



Publications featuring MCCC

- 2023 Trux Magazine interviewed Major Andrew Montgomery
- Guardian Magazine (Fourth Quarter) featured 2023 MCCC K9 Program article





# 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 responsible for 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.

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. Post 50 - Capitol Hill consists of 21 Troopers.

The Capitol Police Division Mail Services 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 84,245 parcels and envelopes in 2023.

In 2023, the Georgia State Patrol, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and the SWAT Team, assisted the Capitol Police Division in response to over 34 protests, riots, and demonstrations.







# CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION

## 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 Police 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; monitoring public protests, demonstrations, and counter-demonstrations; hosting news conferences; performing lying-in-state ceremonies; securing VIP and dignitary visits; and monitoring political rallies.



**37,529**

Foot Patrols  
Conducted

**92**

Misdemeanor  
Arrests

**2**

Felony Arrests



## GEORGIA STATE PATROL POST 50 - CAPITOL HILL



**9,529**

Foot Patrols  
Conducted

### 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. Post 50 Troopers also provide security for all buildings on Capitol Hill by conducting patrols in and around these buildings. Troopers, including supervisors, are required to secure the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget building.





# CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION

## CAPITOL HILL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DETECTION (EOD) K9 UNIT

The Capitol Hill EOD K9 Unit consists of five canine teams. The Unit is 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 Capitol Police Division acquired two new canines for the EOD K9 Unit in 2023.



**43**

Suspicious Packages/Bomb Threat  
Call Outs

**1,872**

Training Hours

**4**

K9 Demonstrations

### SWORN OFFICER ACTIVITY

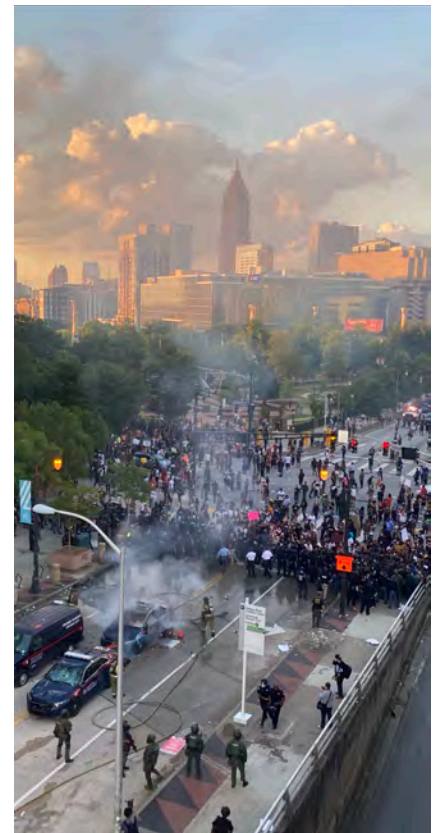
Arrests from Traffic Stops	<b>850</b>
Vehicle Stops	<b>1,958</b>
Suspicious Persons/Packages/Vehicles	<b>2,044</b>
Traffic Crashes	<b>121</b>
Calls for Service	<b>810</b>

### NON-SWORN SECURITY ACTIVITY

Security Location Checks	<b>9,900</b>
Unsecured Doors	<b>1</b>
Unlocked Building Doors	<b>183</b>
Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	<b>56</b>

### COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY

Duress Alarms Answered	<b>309</b>
Fire Alarms Answered	<b>80</b>
Elevator Entrapments	<b>185</b>
GCIC Hits	<b>56</b>







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT OPERATIONS

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

In addition to field operations, there are specialty units, such as Aviation; Office of Professional Standards; Executive Security; DPS Training; Honor Guard; Governor's Task Force; the Office of Public Safety Support; and Recruiting. The sworn officers in these units provide aerial support for law enforcement; protect the integrity of the Department; provide security for state and visiting dignitaries; honor fallen law enforcement officers; deter drug trafficking organizations; facilitate basic and advanced training of Troopers and Officers; and provide mental health services to first responders.







The Department includes administrative and support operations personnel, comprised mostly of civilian employees, who perform a wide range of critical services. These services include: ensuring employee payroll is processed, bills are paid, and grants are administered; employee benefits are provided and strategies are implemented to attract a qualified and diverse workforce; legal guidance is rendered and Open Records Requests are responded to; new buildings are constructed and existing facilities are repaired and maintained; vehicles are purchased, repaired, and outfitted; media relations is handled, publications and graphics are created, and social media content is updated; computers and radios are issued and maintained; agency plans are formulated and policies reviewed and updated; an inventory of law enforcement uniforms and equipment is maintained; and agency computers, firearms and communications equipment are inventoried and surplus property sold or otherwise disposed of.

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# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

The **Budget Office** is a section within the Comptroller's Office. The Budget Administrator is responsible for managing the Department's Budget, Facilities and Mail-room sections.

The **Payroll Office** is responsible for maintaining all payroll-related reports and processing payroll twice a month from the Department of Public Safety and four attached agencies: Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC), the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS), Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council (GFSTC), and Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST). Payroll is also responsible for issuing W-2s to all current and former employees of DPS and the attached agencies. In 2023, 2,168 W-2s were issued.

The **Accounting Section** is responsible for maintaining the DPS accounting books and records for the Department of Public Safety and attached agencies. The section consists of Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable/Revenue, Payroll, Grants, and general ledger activity.

**The amount of revenue transferred to the State Treasury for the Overweight Citations Unit was \$4,296,662.92 for Fiscal Year 2023.**

#### **Unit for Fiscal Year 2023:**

Atlanta Municipal Court:	<b>\$470,629.77</b>
Dekalb State Court:	<b>\$8,174.00</b>
Fulton Magistrate Court:	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$478,803.77</b>

The **Accounts Payable Section** processed **5,572** checks and **13,621** electronic funds transfers.

**The Department remitted surplus from State and other funds back to the State Treasury in the amount of \$1,559,525.78.**

The **Grants Section** administrator's duties include writing grants, preparing the reimbursement claims, maintaining budgets, and adhering to Federal guidelines on spending. The administrator also manages all projections and expenditures throughout the year for grants. The following grants/funds were awarded to DPS during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023:

**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**. 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) 2023 grant, for both units combined, was \$2,836,350.58.**

**K9 Explosive Ordinance Disposal:** FFY 2023 grant funds of **\$6,000** were awarded from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) to provide funding for Georgia State Patrol and Capitol Police Explosives Detection Dogs supplies.

**K9 Regional Task Force:** The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) awarded **\$352,199** to provide continuation funding for the Regional K9 Task Force. The grant provides funding for the unit commander, seven deputies, a secretary, and veterinary expenses. **DPS retained \$58,258 for the GSP lieutenant's labor costs in SFY 22-23, and \$293,941 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. The grant provides funding for training staff and new sworn members to learn and participate in another form of de-escalation training.





# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

**Governor's Task Force:** The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) awarded **\$672,425** to provide air and ground search and destroy missions for marijuana eradication efforts in Georgia.

**Overtime Reimbursements:** In SFY 2023, DPS (Georgia State Patrol) worked with various Federal agencies and received reimbursement of overtime expenses and other law enforcement expenses related to joint operations. DPS conducts joint operations with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Justice, and the Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program. **During SFY 2023, DPS was reimbursed \$36,780 for overtime expenses.**

**Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP):** During SFY 2023, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) combined MCCC's New Entrant and MCSAP funding into one grant and DPS was awarded **\$17,416,365**. The mission of the MCSAP program is to improve commercial motor vehicle safety on Georgia's highways by reducing crashes, fatalities, and injuries. Each year, new goals and objectives are outlined in a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Plan and monitored throughout the plan year. During calendar year 2023, MCCC performed **79,116** commercial motor vehicle inspections.

The **Procurement Division** is responsible for procuring the goods and services needed for DPS personnel to carry out its mission. The procurement may be through open market purchases, statewide contracts, established agency contracts or bidding out the service or goods. The Procurement Department must follow all laws and policies established by the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) State Purchasing Division (SPD) and DPS policies. The Procurement Department handles the procurement for two of the four attached agencies, Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council (GFSTC) and Georgia Peace Officer Standards 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 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023, the following purchase orders were processed:

- **6,521** Purchase Orders (PO), (increase of 345) were processed for a total of **\$124,628,656.29** (increase of **\$24,369,448.98**) by DPS proper (all four attached agencies)
- **3,729** Purchase Orders (PO), (increase of 88) were processed for a total of **\$103,610,172.84** (increase of **\$23,722,912.32**) by DPS (includes GFSTC and POST)
- **1,112** Change Order POs DPS in its entirety
- **515** Change Order POs DPS (includes GFSTC and POST)
- **37** bids were processed by DPS and all attached agencies, nine of which were subsequently cancelled.
- **24** bids were processed by DPS, two bids were cancelled before award.
- **0** RFP awarded in 2023 by DPS
- **9** Sole Source Posting DPS (0 cancelled), **5** Sole Source GPSTC (1 saved)
- **0** Requests for Qualified Contract (RFQC) by DPS

Breakdown of PO types for DPS and all attached agencies:

TYPE	COUNT PO NO.
Open Market	2,270
Agency Contracts	272
Intergovernment	137
EMER	1
ACC	6
ACP	1
SWCC	2,089
Mandatory	234
Multiple Purchase Orders	58
SWCM	847
Exempt	588
Sole Sourced	6
General	12





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**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) provide 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.

In 2023, Excess Property provided 375 quotes to State and local government agencies that participated in the program. Out of the 375 quotes provided, 320 orders were placed, purchasing \$8,702,049.79 in equipment, services, and supplies. Excess Property provides 1122 Program training in conjunction with the 1033 Program training the second Tuesday of each month, at the Excess Property Office in Atlanta. Training was also conducted at several locations throughout Georgia to accommodate the varying geographical locations of participating agencies.

**1033 Program:** Under Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997, the Secretary of Defense may transfer to State and local agency properties that are 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 Federal Guidelines 10.U.S.C. 2576a.

There are currently 912 agencies listed in the Excess Property database eligible to participate in 1033 Excess Property. These agencies include police departments, sheriff's departments, drug task forces, marshal offices, and State law enforcement agencies.

In 2023, 304 agencies participated in the 1033 Excess Property Program. The total value of property distributed was \$5,216,086.81. Since the beginning of the Excess Property Program, September 1, 1991, to present, over \$205,000,000 worth of equipment has been distributed to law enforcement agencies throughout Georgia.

Excess Property provides 1033 training the second Tuesday of each month, at the Excess Property Office. During 2023, there were 18 attendees in the training classes. Training was also conducted at several locations throughout Georgia to accommodate the geographic locations of participating law enforcement agencies.







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LEGAL DIVISION

The **Legal Division** reports to the Commissioner and the Director serves as the Department's Ethics Officer and ADA Coordinator. The primary function of the Legal 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. Legal staff are generally assigned to areas of specialty, including: (1) the administrative license suspension program ("ALS"); (2) the open records unit ("ORU"); (3) civil liability matters (litigation, employment, discipline, insurance, criminal records restriction, asset forfeiture, nomenclature compliance, legislation, and policy); (4) Contracts (Department services, procurement and facilities); (5) issues pertaining to the Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD), and (6) various other matters including non-consensual towing, the Department's wrecker rotation lists, Department permitting, and 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.

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 Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The ALS attorney files, case-related motions, and briefs, provide training regarding DUI matters at Trooper Schools, and provides guidance to troopers statewide regarding DUI and ALS issues. In light of 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.

In 2023, the Legal Division performed the following activities:

- **Contracts:** Reviewed, revised, and drafted approximately 120 contracts, agreements, and memoranda of understanding.
- **Policy:** Drafted, reviewed, and revised 33 Department

policies and exhibits in coordination with the Planning and Research Unit.

- **ORU:** Responded to 63,179 open records requests, including 43,452 requests made via EPORTS, with reimbursement recovery of \$295,016.40, an increase of 13% from 2022.
- **ALS:** Opened 1,493 ALS cases, an increase of 14% from 2022; filed motions and briefs in 1,134 cases, an increase of 13% since 2022; and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings.
- **MCCD Hearings:** Opened 64 overweight/oversize citation cases, a 25% increase from 2022, and served as the agency representative at 13 administrative hearings, a 38% increase since 2022. Resolved 38 cases prior to a hearing, which is a 35% increase from 2022.
- **Personnel:** Provided legal guidance pertaining to adverse actions of 47 Department members, including 24 dismissals, 12 demotions, and 11 suspensions.
- **Litigation:** Received service of 24 new lawsuits against the Department, an increase of 33% from 2022. Worked closely with the Law Department and DOAS with the 56 open and on-going lawsuits against the Department, which is a 13% increase from 2022. The work includes drafting discovery responses, locating corresponding documents, materials (dashcam video) and witnesses, as well as providing responsive information for review and resolution of several cases.
- **Pre-litigation Notice of Claims:** 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 177 Claims/Ante Litem Notices (ALNs) against the Department, and coordinated the same with DOAS and the Law Department.







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EXECUTIVE PROTECTION DIVISION

The **Georgia State Patrol's Executive Protection Division** is a team of troopers who work in both uniform and covert capacities in the performance of their duties. This division holds a wide range of responsibilities within the Georgia State Patrol. Troopers assigned to this division are tasked with ensuring the security, transportation, and logistical needs of Georgia's highest-ranking elected officials, including the Governor and First Lady, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

Troopers in the Executive Protection Division are also entrusted with the safeguarding and protection of the Governor's Mansion. Those assigned to protect the Georgia Governor's Mansion work diligently, maintaining security and vigilance around the clock to ensure the safety and privacy of the First Family of Georgia within the Mansion gates.

The duties of the Troopers working at the Governor's Mansion include continuous security patrols, monitoring surveillance cameras, controlling gate access, and managing security protocols during special events, tours, and protests. Troopers stationed at the Mansion are responsible for regulating public access to the grounds and ensuring adherence to established rules and guidelines by all visitors, contractors, and workers. Under the watchful eyes of Troopers, the Governor's Mansion remains the most secure residence in Georgia.

Troopers providing uniform security at the Governor's Mansion and residence worked a total of **34,678 hours**, during 2023. These troopers provided security for **6,428 visitors** to the Mansion grounds attending public tours. In addition to these scheduled tours, Troopers assigned to uniform security worked special events with over **1,928 attending guests**. Uniform Troopers logged over **1,152 hours** of training.

Troopers operate within covert settings, supporting dignitaries and foreign officials during their visits to our State. The members of the Executive Protection Division are tasked with implementing security measures and tactics that allow dignitaries to

engage safely and securely with the public in various public settings. This involves detailed planning, in-depth advance work of event locations and solid communication within the team. Though the daily dress attire seldomly displays any familiar appearance of a trooper uniform, these Troopers still represent the blue and gray of the Georgia State Patrol in everything they do.

Troopers providing security in covert dignitary protection worked **37,126 hours** during 2023. Troopers logged over **1,456 hours** of training for the year. During 2023, these troopers provided security for Georgia dignitaries in travel, while visiting **40 states** within the United States and **five foreign countries** abroad. Providing security for Georgia Dignitaries is not the only job of Troopers assigned to the Executive Protection Division, however, Troopers assigned to covert dignitary protection teams aided other dignitaries and foreign officials visiting Georgia. Through formal requests from other agencies, Troopers from the Executive Protection Division **assisted 31 dignitaries**, including **16 State dignitaries** and **15 Federal officials**.







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## HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

The **Human Resources Division** provides human resources services including recruitment, job development, compensation analysis, policy development and consultation, personnel transactions/benefits processing, employee relations and career development for more than **1,600 employees** of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, three agencies with more than **225 positions/employees** are administratively attached to DPS for benefits and transactions services. These agencies include the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS), Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC), and Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST).

**Career Development:** Testing and assessment centers were held in partnership with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and **15 promotion boards** were convened to provide opportunity for eligible sworn personnel to compete for promotion into established supervisory vacancies.

**Employment:** The Employment Section received over **2,048 applications** for Trooper School during this period, staffing the 115th Trooper School (started July 2023), 116th Trooper School (started September 2023) and 117th Trooper School (started January 2024), and opening the application process for the 118th Trooper School scheduled for July 2024. 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:** Currently, there are **907 complete personnel files** (for both active and inactive employees) in our system. The full personnel files for 42.5% (820) of all active DPS and attached agency employees (1,931) have been digitized. Human Resources staff worked on 12 special details throughout the year which entailed printing, calculating overtime, correcting timesheets and processing leave adjustments for **1,200 plus employees** to ensure time-keeping records were accurate. Human Resources staff completed **147 employment verifications** and reviewed/processed **247 leave requests** related to FMLA and paid parental leave.

**Employee Relations:** Develops and supports efforts to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all employees and improve the employee-management relations climate within the department. These efforts included:

- Investigating, resolving and/or responding to employee complaints regarding workplace issues.
- Consulting with individual managers on a wide variety of workplace issues specific to employee performance and behavior, and providing guidance to ensure compliance with employment laws, state personnel board rules and DPS policy.
- Assisting in the resolution of interpersonal conflict between employees.
- Assisting employees with the process of addressing operational issues through their chain of command.
- Providing assistance and guidance regarding requests for reasonable accommodation.
- Providing key workforce data such as turnover trends to agency leadership.

**Policy Development:** Human Resources staff continued to review policies to ensure compliance with 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 throughout 2023, including Workplace Behavior, Supervisory training for NCOs, and conducting performance evaluations.







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

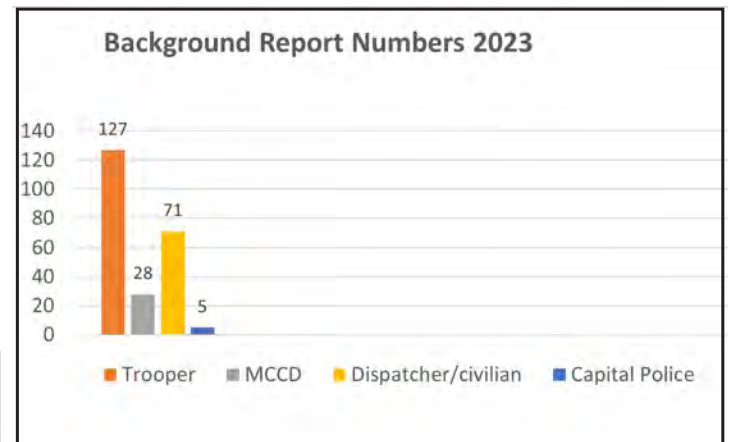
## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



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. 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 OPS include the Internal Affairs, Background, Polygraph, and Permits sections including support staff. During 2023, personnel assigned to the division included 14 sworn certified peace officers, consisting of eight state Troopers, two Motor Carrier Compliance Officers, one Capitol Police Officer, and two criminal investigators. The civilian staff assigned to the division include a polygraph examiner, one license technician, and one confidential secretary.

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 2023, the OPS completed **71 internal investigations** and **2,246 agency assist investigations** which totaled **2,317 investigations**. The table below is a summary of the types and number of cases investigated during 2023.



Accident Investigation	1
Citizen Complaint Other	2
Conduct Unbecoming	8
Harassment	4
Hostile Work Environment	2
In-Custody Death	1
Missing/Lost Weapon	3
Negligent Discharge	1
Off-Duty Misconduct	1
Off-Duty Violation	2
Officer-Involved Shooting	10
Other	1
Patrol Car Crash	1
Post Arrest	18
Pursuit/PIT	12
Technology Violation	1
Use of Force	2
Use of Force Firearm Discharge	1
Agency Assists	2,246
TOTAL	2,317

The **Background Investigation Section** managed 561 pre-employment applications from Human Resources. There were 287 applicants for employment who did not meet the Department's employment standards and who were subsequently disqualified from further consideration. There were 43 applicants who withdrew prior to the completion of their pre-employment process or investigation. The pre-employment investigations were performed by OPS fulltime Background Investigators and assisted by DPS sworn field personnel. The overall returned completed background investigations resulted in 231 candidates and applicants hired by DPS.

**Pre-Employment:** The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for coordinating the function of pre-employment background investigations for candidates or applicants seeking to join the Department of Public Safety.





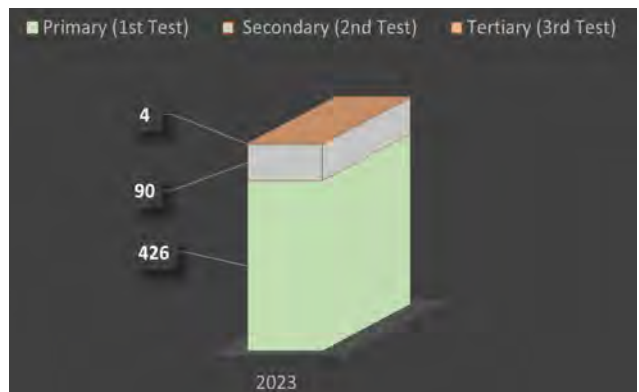
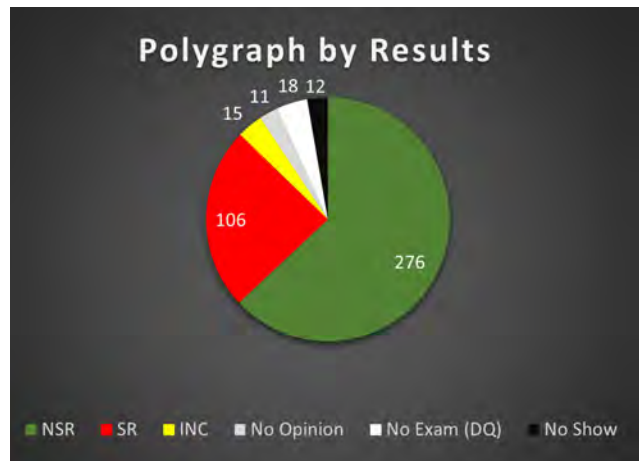
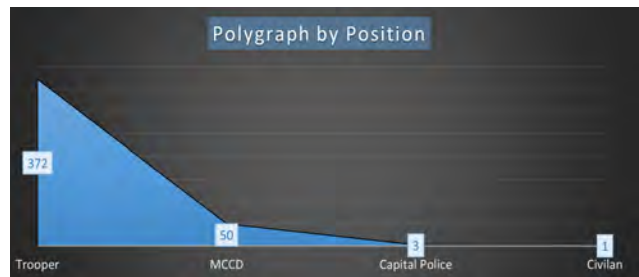
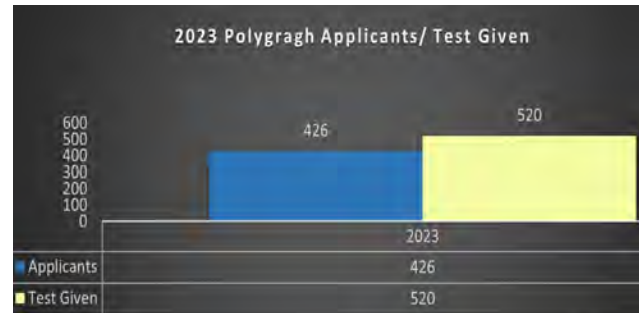
# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

**Polygraph Unit:** The Polygraph Unit is made up of seven examiners and a Chief Polygraph Examiner. The Polygraph Unit implemented a new digital camera system, by Intelligent Video Solutions, which has proven to be highly proficient in locally storing audio and video files of examinations. During 2023, the unit conducted quality control which included a review of polygraph test results and monthly video reviews.

The Polygraph Unit conducted 68 more polygraph examinations which equated to a 13% increase compared to 2022. The inconclusive rate for 2023 was 3.5% which is a significant decrease from 2022, where the rate was 6.7%. All OPS examiners continue 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. The examiners write detailed reports regarding their interviews and polygraph test results.

In 2023, OPS examiners administered a combined total of 520 polygraph examinations on 426 applicants. The tests were encompassed of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd polygraph exams. Out of all the tests administered, 276 (64.7%) were No-Significant Response Indicated (Pass), 106 (24.8%) Significant Response (Fail) Indicated, 15 (3.5%) Inconclusive, 11 (2.5%) No Opinion (possible countermeasures used), 18 (4.2%) applicants had admission during the pre-test interview that were automatic disqualifiers, and 12 applicants failed to appear for their scheduled polygraph appointment.

The Polygraph Unit was able to obtain admissions from 112 out of 132 (85%) applicants to justify their Significant Response, Inconclusive, No Opinion or No Examination Given Tests. Of the polygraphs administered 372 were for the position of Trooper, 50 for Motor Carrier Compliance, three Capitol Police, and one IT Technician. The Unit administered 90 secondary examinations and four tertiary examinations with 23 (27%) of the applicants passed.





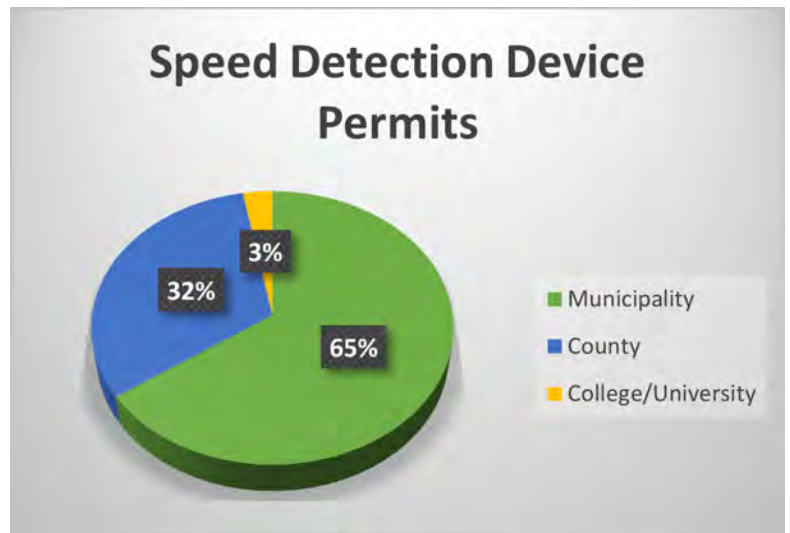


# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

**Speed Detection Device Permits:** During 2023, OPS administered the statewide issuance of 173 speed detection device permits to law enforcement agencies. Of those permits, 113 were issued to cities or municipalities, 55 to counties, and five to colleges or universities.

**Light Permits:** OPS is responsible for reviewing applications and issuing permits for the use of Amber, Blue, and Red Flashing or Revolving Lights. During 2023, OPS issued 41,151 Amber light permits, 402 Blue light permits, and 224 Red light permits.

**Window Tint Permits:** OPS is responsible for reviewing applications and issuing permits for exemption to the Window Tint Law. In 2023, OPS processed 475 Window Tint applications.







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORT



The **Office of Public Safety Support (OPSS)** continues to provide psychological first aid, as well as professional mental health services to all of Georgia's first responders. These services are provided to those who have experienced a critical incident(s) or traumatic event(s) 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 2023, OPSS provided the following services to first responders around the State:

- Made over 5,000 contacts with first responders.
- Conducted 87 group crisis interventions following critical incidents or traumatic events with over 770 first responders attending.
- Assisted over 75 different local and state agencies with group interventions following critical incidents or traumatic events.
- Conducted close to 400 therapy sessions with first responders by mental health professionals.
- Hosted five, 40-hour Peer Counselor Certification Courses with over 160 first responders, from local and State agencies, becoming certified Peer Counselors.
- Hosted three Post Critical Incident Seminars (PCIS), which included first responders that had experienced a critical incident or traumatic event.
- Hosted its first Grief/Loss Seminar (GLS), which focused on helping first responders who had lost loved ones.
- Presented at numerous seminars and meetings, providing information about the mission of OPSS, as well as the resources available through the office.
- Traveled to South Carolina, West Virginia, and Kentucky to assist with peer support related requests.

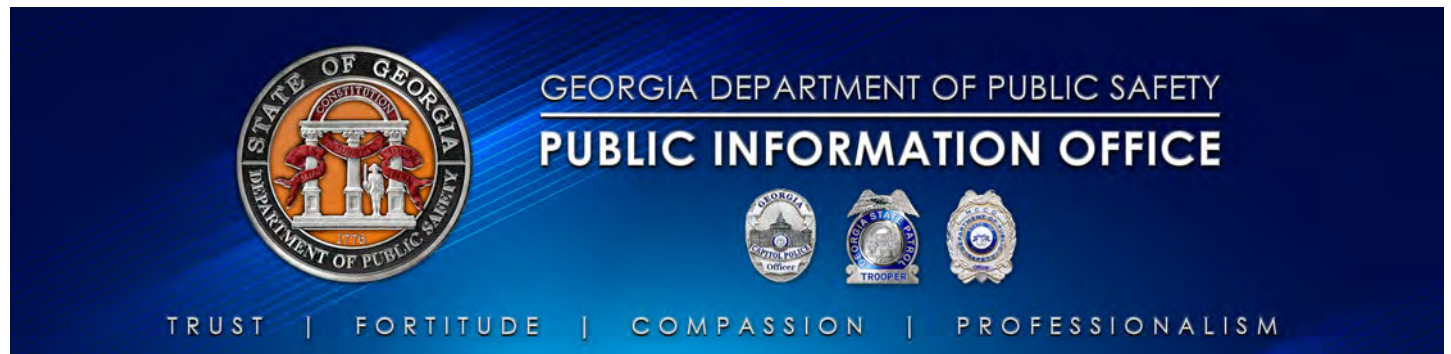






# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

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. In addition to media relations, this office serves as the central filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, and documents; serves as the official photographer/videographer; assists with recruiting efforts; maintains the Department website; and coordinates special events like the Annual Awards Ceremony; and other special details, when requested. PIO also serves as support to GEMA/Homeland Security during natural disasters and state emergencies and for the Joint Operations Center (JOC) alongside the Atlanta Police Department during large events. The DPS Recruiting Unit is assigned to PIO.



**19,520+**  
Media Requests

**15+**  
Media Interviews

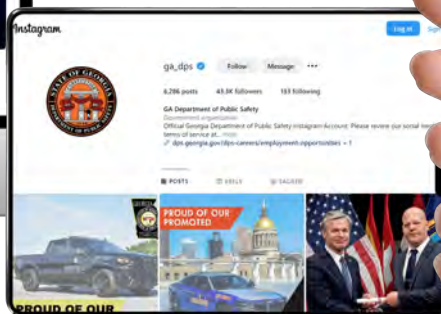
**30+**  
Press Releases

**100+**  
DPS Bulletins

**40+**  
Graphic Design  
Requests

**10+**  
Special Projects

**100+**  
Photography  
Requests



Reach: 171,000  
Followers: 41,3000



Reach: 11.9 Million  
Followers: 201,400



Followers: 20,600





# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY RECRUITING UNIT



The **Recruiting Unit** is part of the Public Information Office. The Recruiting Unit oversees the day-to-day operations for recruiting for each of the three divisions: Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and Capitol Police. The Recruiting Unit is comprised of a recruiting commander, and four recruiting coordinators. The recruiting coordinators consist of two Troopers (North and South) and two motor carrier Officers (North and South). The recruiting coordinators work with and assist the Troop/Region recruiters in their recruiting endeavors. In addition, the recruiting commander assists the Capitol Police recruiter with recruiting endeavors by coordinating recruiting events in the Metro-Atlanta area and beyond.

- Continued working with military installations in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Kentucky.
- Hosted dinners at the Troop level with Trooper School applicants prior to the start of Trooper School as a meet and greet session.
- Continued working with colleges in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.
- Attended five conferences across the nation to learn ways to better utilize social media with recruiting, established contacts with other agencies across the nation that are also facing staffing challenges, and for recruitment and retention strategies development.
- Implemented new recruiting vehicle designs for GSP and MCD.
- Attended multiple car shows to display the Camaro and Challenger.
- Visited schools for safety education and touch a car recruiting events.
- Conducted interviews on radio stations and news channels across the state.
- Coordinated judges and recruiters to attend the Skills USA at the Georgia World Congress Center.
- Attended multiple events from Faith and Blue and National Night Out to career events at high schools and colleges for a combined total of 300 for all three divisions combined.

## 2,037

Trooper & Officer Applications

## 44

Physical Training Tests  
Conducted

## 300

Career/Recruiting Events at  
High Schools/Colleges

## 217

Social Media Posts

## 67

Physical Training Assessments

## 15

(TAPs) Military Transition  
Assistance Programs Events







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY SECTION

**Information Technology:** The Technology Section serves the needs of the Department in the areas of personal computers, software, network, servers, telecommunications, and video recording. The Technology Section also provides direct support to the Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Forestry Commission, Department of Revenue and United States Fish and Wildlife through Memoranda of Understanding since each agency's law enforcement officers utilize the DPS CAD/RMS system.

**IT Operations:** The Help Desk Support Team provides direct support to users 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 units.

- Completed [14,562 helpdesk tickets](#) to resolve IT problems for users statewide, a 30% increase from the previous year.
- Issued [63 computers](#) and taught classes for the 114th Trooper School.
- Issued [69 computers](#) and taught classes for the 115th Trooper School.
- Issued [19 computers](#) and taught classes for the 116th Trooper School.
- Implemented Panasonic PCore inventory system.
- Conducted Axon dashcam test program with eight cars with Nighthawks South, including installation and uninstallation of full camera system.
- Conducted i-Pro dashcam test program with eight cars with Nighthawks North, including installation and uninstallation of full camera system.
- Set up [33](#) patrol cars for the graduates of the 113th Trooper School.
- Set up [38](#) patrol cars for the graduates of the 114th Trooper School.
- Surplused excess computer equipment to properly dispose of obsolete property in preparation for the Headquarters building move.
- Recovered usable IT equipment from the old HQ building before demolition.
- Migrated IT equipment and set up work cubicles in new HQ building.

The **Network Services Team** maintains numerous servers and the 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.

- Continued performing upgrades to circuits at DPS facilities
- One Gbps – HQ/DR (Completed in 2022)
- 250 Mbps – All Comm Centers and Building 5 (Completed in 2022)
- 100 Mbps – All other sites with physical circuits (All except two sites complete – Post 39/Post 21 were needing construction – Post 39 is scheduled for upgrade April 8th)
- Moved entire HQ network from the old building to the new one, with minimal operational disruption.
- Began preparing for single-instance CAD at HQ. Five servers were built for this purpose.
- 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 showed around a [3% failure rate](#) throughout the agency.
- Completed and published the umbrella Cybersecurity Policy.
- Completed and published the Security Awareness Training Policy.
- Continued efforts to set up a Disaster Recovery solution in the cloud between the HQ server environment and the AT&T network equipment.
- Began refreshing our UPSs in the field to allow for momentary power outages.
- Began setting up Multi-factor Authentication, through DUO, for email. This will cut down on our susceptibility to real-world phishing attempts.
- Began the process of increasing our data capacity with additional server hardware at HQ.

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** ensures that data related to users, their permissions and access, and the general configuration of the system is maintained. This person also serves as the DPS Terminal Agency Coordinator for the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC). This position coordinated with the chief dispatchers in each of the nine communication centers on GCIC compliance and training.





# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY SECTION

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 assists in writing queries and producing reports to deliver data from the various DPS databases to facilitate decision making by DPS command personnel.



- Leave request system development and implementation.
- Time Distribution Report website for MCCD division.
- Inspection report unusual occurrence report developed and deployed to production.
- Chapters added to online policy to help orient trooper cadets and new employees.
- Overweight Citations Online Payment Systems.
- GAMCCD Portal: Filtering PC and HHG applications by approved/rejected/completed, Updated the application forms for HHG and PC to ask for proof of citizenship and utilizing rideshare.
- GIMC/UCR: New Fields added to the registration form, 2024 Year Registration and updates to the system.
- GA Trooper and GA State Officer website updates as needed for new schools and recruiters.
- Application directory modification to provide user-based access to applications.
- 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
- Enhancements to ePORTS – More reports for the admins to run and enhancements to walk-in request processing
- ePORTS: Merged or logged to ePORTS and implemented logic to block the unpaid requesters
- School Bus System – driver file automation
- DPS online policy added supervisor report
- Written customized database queries to provide statistical data for many requests including media requests in a timely manner.
- Continued support of many in-house websites such as LAS, Roster, ATS, permit, IA case tracking, DPS Inventory, cForms.







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The **Communications Division** is responsible for the communications infrastructure needed Troopers and DPS Communication Centers to operate and handle the daily communication operations for statewide public safety. The communications infrastructure is comprised of, but not limited to, tower structures, mobile and portable radios, base stations, control stations, patch devices, and other equipment needed by State Troopers, State Officers, DPS Communication Centers, and local law enforcement. The Communications Division staff is comprised of sworn and civilian personnel tasked with purchasing, installing, updating, and maintaining the communications infrastructure.

**Radio Programming/ID Management:** Communication Services works with federal, state, and local agencies to ensure their radio communication systems are accessible to DPS personnel when possible. Most of these systems utilize radio IDs that are associated with individual radios. Communication Services daily manages roughly **40,000 radio IDs**. Communications Services also must ensure that all changes to radio programming are updated in all mobile, portable and tower radios expeditiously to continue successful communication.

**FCC Licensing/Tower Lighting and Marking: Communications Services** works daily to ensure all radio licenses and towers meet federal standards and guidelines. Communication Services manages **113 FCC radio licenses**, and **94 radio tower sites**.

### **Communications Training:**

Communications Services personnel are responsible for providing radio communications training for DPS sworn personnel, dispatchers and others. During 2023, Communication Services conducted numerous training sessions in Troops F, G, H and I for the new radio system.

In 2023, the Communication Services Division accomplished the following:

- Purchased and managed roughly **\$98M in radio equipment/infrastructure**, including mobile video equipment.
- Served on the DPS Incident Management team as Communications Unit Leader/Communications Technician for special events/details and disasters and develops plans (Director).

- Encumbered the equipment for the new radio system, which included: **1,200 new Samsung Phones**, **1,500 Harris portable radios**, **2,000 Harris mobile radios**, and equipment for **355 LMR/LTE patches** for local agencies.
- Provided communication plans, solutions and support during numerous protests, Presidential visits, Crime Suppression Details, St. Patrick's Day parade, and the **Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter's Funeral**.
- Provided radio equipment or installations for Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), GA State Fire Marshal's Office, Insurance Commissioner's Office, and Department of Revenue Agents.
- Attended three Georgia Emergency Communications Board meetings.
- Upfitted the **two new Mobile Command Vehicles** with radio, camera, and conference technology so they are ready to deploy.
- Performed field repairs to roughly **480 vehicle mobile radios, cameras, lightbar, Cradlepoint routers, sirens, and printers**.
- Performed radio system quality control checkouts on roughly **700 repaired, new, or reissued vehicles**.
- Managed and coordinated repairs of roughly **200 statewide network outages**.
- Instructed Trooper/MCCD Cadet School radio training sessions.
- Performed **140 Tower site inspections**.
- Constructed new 300 ft. tower at **Post 10 Americus**.
- Completed construction of the **Post 8 Madison** and **Post 17 Washington** towers and began planning for replacement towers at **Post 6 Gainesville**, as well as two other new site locations.
- Performed and managed repairs/optimizations to **11 radio tower sites**.
- Assisted DPS Facilities to ensure all communication 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.
- Provided requested radio communications support, advice, and assistance to the FBI and several state and local agencies.
- Attended Harris programming training for the new radio system.
- Spent **dozens of hours** building new Harris radio programming keys to continue interoperability with local Motorola radio systems.





# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES DIVISION

The **Facilities Division** is responsible for guiding the Post/Troop/Region Commanders in the building of new posts, and making repairs to all current buildings. Facilities currently maintains [52 Patrol Posts](#), [21 MCCD Weigh Stations](#), [seven Aviation Hangars](#) and the [Headquarters Complex Facility \(HQ\)](#). It is also responsible for approving certain requests for purchases, as well as repairs to facilities statewide. The Maintenance section is responsible for the upkeep of the HQ complex. This section is predominately responsible for the main HQ building, but will also assist, when needed, in the maintenance of other outlying buildings owned or leased by the Department of Public Safety. They are responsible for many actions, including but not limited to grounds upkeep, construction, plumbing, roof repair and HVAC repair. Facilities is responsible to ensure all DPS buildings and communication towers are entered into the BLLIP (Building, Land & Lease Inventory of Property) information system.

In 2023, 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 completion of the [new \\$65 million HQ Building](#), a 110,000 sq ft building with parking deck. Construction began August 2021 with an April 27th, 2023, material completion date. DPS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held June 27, 2023.
- Phase 2 of DPS-043 project with the demolition of the old Headquarters building and construction of the new entrance/guard house was completed January 2024.
- Renovations to [Building 5](#) for the [new Post 9](#) were completed. Post 9 moved into their new area at Building 5 in January 2023.
- Construction of the [new Post 18 Reidsville](#) started on March 13, 2023, has a completion date of May 1, 2024.
- Construction of the [new Post 35 Jekyll Island](#) started on April 3, 2023, has a completion date of August 20, 2024.
- Construction of the [new Post 40 Albany](#) started April 23, 2023, and has a completion date of December 2024.
- The planning phase of the [new Post 32 Oconee](#) began May 2023 with an anticipated June 2025 completion date.
- Construction of [new 16 ft. x 204 ft. addition to Building 12](#), with a completion date of May 2024.
- MCCD Weigh Station Renovation and miscellaneous repairs to the stations.
- New roof for the Hampton Scale building.

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







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

**Property Management** maintains the assets, surplus, and Inventory for the Department of Public Safety. Property Management also assists other state agencies and units, including the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia P.O.S.T. Council, and Governor's Office of Highway Safety. On the statewide system PeopleSoft, it adds, retires, and reinstates assets that were purchased, transferred, and donated into the Department's inventory. These assets' locations, custodians, and statuses are updated on the Asset Management tab on the PeopleSoft website. The majority of these added assets have a total cost of **\$1,000 or more**. Although there are some assets including computers, communication devices, weapons, and others that cost less than **\$1,000**, they will still be added into PeopleSoft for tracking the location and the custodian of the asset. Each of these assets have assigned asset numbers, a State of Georgia Property Decal, and serial numbers recorded on the website.

## 2023 Property Management Surplus:

### ELC – Electronic Disposal

- 474 desktop and laptop computers
- 152 desktop monitors
- 43 printers, scanners, copiers & fax machines
- 169 radars, mobile radios, microscopes, typewriters, speakers, routers, etc.
- 408 portable & mobile radios, Motorola Futurecom repeaters
- 67 Motobridge desktop computers

### Internet Sales

- 39 pieces of office furniture
- 23 Dell laptop docking stations
- 25 Dell docking station monitor stands
- 1985 Fruehauf semi-truck trailer
- 1 wedge concrete saw
- 1981 Great Dane 1GR trailer
- 1 John Deere lawn mower
- 3 Husqvarna lawn mowers
- 41 laptop storage bag



### Transfer (State Department To State Department)

- 3 pieces of office furniture transferred to the community service board of Middle Georgia
- 63 pieces of office furniture transferred to the Department of Corrections (DOC)
- 19 pieces of office furniture transferred to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS)
- 20 pieces of office furniture transferred to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- 4 pieces of office furniture transferred to the Department of Revenue (DOR)
- 1 Allied Gary International safe transferred to the Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Two 2004 Wells Cargo trailer
- transferred to Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC)
- AD – Disposal Authorization
- 33 pieces of office furniture
- 1 custom enclosed trailer
- 2 Ford Crown Victoria driving simulators
- 161 date expired Georgia law books
- 1 electric stove top oven
- 1 helicopter transport trailer

### DNS – Direct Negotiable Sale

- 6 pieces of office furniture to the express H.O.M.E. Program Inc.

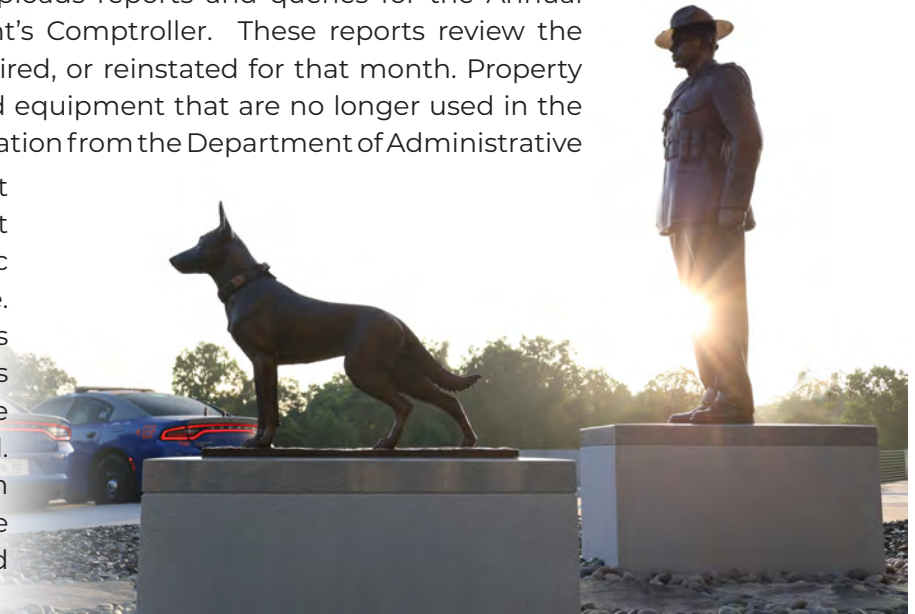






## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Each month, Property Management uploads reports and queries for the Annual Reconciling Report for the Department's Comptroller. These reports review the assets that have been added, erred, retired, or reinstated for that month. Property Management surpluses old and expired equipment that are no longer used in the Department. With the help and authorization from the Department of Administrative Services(D.O.A.S.), Property Management mainly disposes of equipment by internet sales, state department transfer, electric scrap, and an authorization to dispose. The D.O.A.S. website, Asset Works, is utilized to assign the surplus transfers with as much information about the equipment that is being surplussed. The Department gets a percentage from D.O.A.S. of the purchase funds from the Internet sales, direct negotiated sales, and the electronic disposal.



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPLY DIVISION

The **Supply Division** is responsible for procuring, allocating, distributing, and maintaining all uniforms and equipment for the Department's three sworn divisions, including civilian personnel. The Unit is also responsible for procuring ballistic vests, stationery, bottled inventory, and accepting and making delivery of parcels received from multiple couriers. In 2023, the Supply Division successfully completed 282 purchase orders for various goods and services. Also, in 2023, a total of over 3,194 supply requisitions were completed. This averages out to over 260 requisitions per month. Not counted in those requisitions are new hires, the multiple Trooper and MCO Schools spaced out through the year. Special projects assigned to the Supply Unit included the design, procurement, and distribution of new shoulder patches for all three divisions; distributing the newly designed training uniforms and boots; and procuring and distributing Level IV ballistic plates. These tasks were completed with only three full-time personnel.

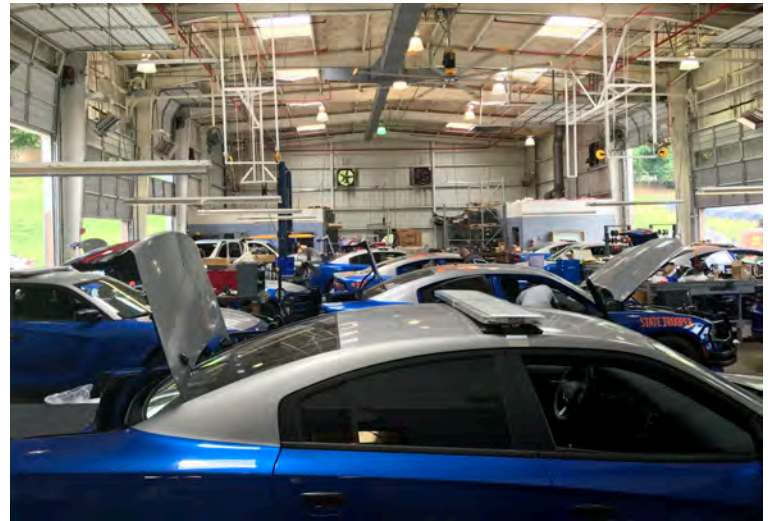






# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FLEET SERVICES DIVISION

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 upfitters and repair service providers, Wright Express for fuel and ARI for vehicle repairs and tracking.



- 166 Dodge Chargers were purchased.
- 7 Dodge Durangos were purchased.
- 33 Chevrolet Silverados were purchased.
- 2 Chevrolet Suburbans were purchased.
- 5 Kia Tellurides were purchased.
- 1 KIA Sportage was purchased.
- 4 GMC Savanas were purchased.
- 15 Ford Mustangs were purchased.
- 2 Ford Responder F150s were purchased.
- 2 Ford F250s were purchased.
- 1 Ford Expedition was purchased.
- 1 Ford F450 was purchased.
- 7,160 Insurance Claims Processed.
- 364 Requisitions were completed.

- 44 vehicles deemed total loss by insurance
- 307 Vehicles were sold through Public Auction for a total of **\$2,082,234.50**
- 29 Vehicles were transferred to GPSTC.
- 1,443 Emergency Equipment Repair work orders completed.
- 1,589 Mechanical routine service work orders completed.
- 1,285 Vehicles were transported by Fleet







# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATION DIVISION



The mission of the **Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division** is to provide aerial support to Federal, State, and local agencies. Its overall goal is to protect and safeguard the public safety interests of Georgia's citizens. Currently, the Aviation Division's assets consist of 14 helicopters, 6 hangars, 13 pilots, three aircraft mechanics, and one administrative support personnel. Additionally, 20 Tactical Flight Officers (TFO) comprised of DPS personnel and non-departmental peace officers, have been trained as Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera operators. The Aviation Division's crews support law enforcement, public safety, and SAR (search and rescue) missions, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Aviation 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 2023:

- Two short-haul rescues were requested in North Georgia
- Two hoist rescues were requested in North Georgia
- Participated in 80 Static Displays which included education, public safety, and recruiting events
- 24 SWAT Transport/Support Flights conducted
- Multiple training operations conducted with federal, state, and local agencies
- Initial Tactical Flight Officer School conducted for new TFO candidates
- Recurrent Rescue Crew Training conducted in North and South



**1,278**  
Flights

**2,552.7**  
Flight Hours

**748**  
GTF Flight Hours

**331**  
Aerial Searches

**171**  
Subjects Located with  
FLIR Technology

**322.6**  
Crime Suppression/  
Traffic Observation Hrs.

**12.9**  
Fire Suppression  
Operation Hours

**30.7**  
Disaster Relief Efforts



# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE

The **Georgia Governor's Task Force (GTF)** is a multi-agency Task Force, whose mission is to cease and deter Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) from operating in Georgia and prevent the spread and illegal cultivation of illegal cannabis. GTF receives funding from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) through the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program (DCE/SP). DCE/SP funding and resources enhance the eradication and enforcement efforts of state and local law enforcement agencies within Georgia.

GTF is assigned to the Office of Support/Administrative Operations of the Georgia Department of Public Safety. The 2023 GTF Task Force includes members from the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia State Patrol Aviation Unit, Department of Public Safety Motor Carrier Compliance Unit, Department of Corrections, the Department of Community Supervision, and the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). GTF works with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and stays abreast of laws related to hemp.

The Governor's Task Force works throughout the state and provides support to local agencies, which often do not have the equipment, manpower or means to suppress and eradicate illegal cannabis grow sites. GTF utilizes networking and intelligence sharing to locate and identify illegal grow sites. GTF has an ability to patrol areas that could potentially be used as grow sites and suppress the efforts of DTO's and drug growers.

GTF aids local agencies with other requests when needed. During the operational season GTF team

members located one missing person and one stolen vehicle. The eradication and suppression efforts force growers to utilize other means to conceal their illegal activities such as indoor grows. GTF collected intelligence and data from law enforcement agencies throughout the state and enters the information into the Domestic Cannabis/Suppression Program database (D.I.C.E). GTF patrols the National Forests and other public lands to ensure illegal grow sites are not becoming a prime resource for Drug Trafficking Organizations. In 2023, GTF flew missions over the Oconee National Forest in north Georgia and the Chattahoochee National Forest in Middle Georgia. GTF flew over state owned Georgia Wildlife Management Areas patrolling these areas for illegal grows sites. It remains a critical aspect of GTF mission to protect these areas from DTO's.

The **GSP Aviation Division** is vital to GTF's Mission. The Aviation Division supplied aircraft, pilots, and mechanics in support of GTF. Special missions are specifically requested by other agencies, which may include requests from Federal, State, or local agencies. The Governors Task Force collaborates with the DEA and utilizes DEA assets when available. One DEA aircraft and pilot contributed to cannabis suppression and eradication efforts during one mission week.



**24**

Separate Plots of  
Illegal Cannabis

**992**

Plants Eradicated

**1,571**

Illegal Cannabis  
Plants Eradicated

**53**

Arrests

**705**

Pounds of Processed  
Marijuana

**37**

Weapons Seized

**747.7**

Aviation Hours  
Flown

**5**

Special Missions  
Flown





# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HONOR GUARD



The **Georgia Department of Public Safety Honor Guard**, is comprised of the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and the Capitol Police Division. Within the team, there is a [Rifle Team](#) and a [Pipe and Drum Band](#) which consists of pipers and two drummers.

The [100 Honor Guard members](#)' primary duty is to assist with funerals for current and retired law enforcement members of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, in the line of duty death for other public safety agencies, and dignitaries throughout Georgia. Each of the nine Troops have a team leader and assistant team leaders that are

responsible for scheduling manpower for details and quarterly training within their Troop. Larger details often require additional personnel from other Troops, which usually requires members to travel long distances to assist with the details. Twice a year, the north and south Troops have a joint training session for all of their respective Troops to train together. The Rifle Team, which is comprised of [15 members](#), trains every other month in an effort to remain proficient with the timing of their rifles during a 21-gun salute.

As an assisting agency, the Honor Guard provides its services to any public safety agency that requests them. It receives requests ranging from funerals to the presentation of the national and State colors at parades, graduations, and other ceremonies. The Pipe and Drum Band, along with numerous members of the Honor Guard team, march in the St. Patrick's Day parade held annually in Savannah. Traditionally, a team is sent to National Police Week in Washington, D.C., to help honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense and protection of our communities.

In 2023, the Honor Guard Team participated in [more than 108 details](#) throughout Georgia. This is a [54% increase](#) from 2022. For 2023, the team is on track to exceed the previous year again. Statewide, the team is averaging [10 details per month](#). Throughout 2023, the Honor Guard participated in numerous funeral details and presented the colors at events such as, award ceremonies, memorial events, 9/11 events, conferences, retirements, and parades.

2023 Honor Guard details include:

- Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter's funeral detail
- Governor Kemp's Inauguration
- Police Week Ceremonies, Washington, DC
- Indiana, Nevada, and Pennsylvania State Troopers funeral detail.
- Fallen K9 Memorial Service
- DPS Awards Banquet
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Savannah GA.
- Georgia State Trooper School graduations
- Motor Carrier Officer School graduations
- GBI Basic Agent School graduations





# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING DIVISION



The **Georgia Department of Public Safety Training Division** consists of the GSP Training Unit and the MCCD Training Unit. The office is located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) in Forsyth, Georgia. 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.

The 114th and 116th Trooper Schools graduated in 2023, with 51 cadets total. The 115th Trooper School began in July. 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 Training Division also provided training in Leadership and Supervision to all Non-Commissioned Officers.

In 2023, the MCCD Training Unit graduated 30 cadets from the 9th and 10th Motor Carrier Schools. The 11th Motor Carrier Officer School began in October.

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.

In 2023, sworn members earned a grand total of 258,411 P.O.S.T. credited hours.



**37**

Troopers  
114th Trooper School  
September 8, 2023

**14**

Troopers  
116th Trooper School  
December 12, 2023



**13**

Officers  
9th MCO School  
March 31, 2023

**10**

Officers  
10th MCO School  
October 27, 2023





# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING & RESEARCH

The **Office of Planning and Research (Planning and Research)** is responsible for developing and maintaining the Department's strategic plan, the bi-annual review of the Department's policies, Uniform Crime Reporting, major event planning, and other special projects as directed by the Commissioner.

One of the main responsibilities is developing and maintaining the Department's strategic plan. This office communicates with all Departmental divisions in the development of the strategic plan. Planning and Research is aligned with the Department's Strategic Plan. Assigned members bring to life our mission statement by working cooperatively with all internal and external stakeholders to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors in Georgia.

Planning and Research is responsible for the bi-annual review of the Department's policies. The policy review panel meets monthly to objectively review policies. During 2023, at the monthly policy meetings, Planning and Research initiated/coordinated **10 new policies**. In addition, Planning coordinated the review/revision/approval of **30 existing policies**.

Another task of Planning and Research is to plan/coordinate/implement special projects as assigned by the Commissioner. After months of construction, DPS moved into a new Headquarters Building in 2023. Planning and Research members coordinated move-in dates, furniture transfers, and building tours. This office also assisted in planning the Headquarters

Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony. Members also assisted in planning the DPS Awards Ceremony held in Macon. The DPS Awards recognize members who have performed meritorious acts or displayed consistent exemplary performance in the course of their official duties, as well as the great sacrifices and enormous courage displayed by DPS members.

Within the Office of Planning and Research are the Off-Duty Employment Coordinator, Headquarters Security and Records Management Officer. The Off-Duty Employment Coordinator is responsible for administering requests to work Outside Employment, providing names of eligible sworn members to prospective employers of Off-Duty Police Employment, maintaining employer information, and overseeing approval processes for use of Patrol Vehicles. In 2023, the Off-Duty Coordinator processed approximately **665 requests for outside employment**.

The Headquarters Security and Cadet program is overseen by Planning and Research. During 2023, a new Headquarters security plan was developed and implemented. An emergency response incident plan was developed and coordinated with campus partners GDOT, GEMA and GA National Guard.

The Records Management Officer is responsible for coordinating DPS forms development and record keeping functions. The Records Management Officer coordinated with HQ and field personnel to schedule records destruction according to the records retention schedule.





