

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



2024 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 has been my pleasure to serve alongside honorable and hardworking employees and retirees of this great agency. You are what makes this agency a great place to work and an honor to lead. Thank you for continuing to demonstrate our core values of trust, fortitude, compassion, and professionalism.

This year marked 50 years of our Aviation Unit assisting agencies around the state with search and rescue missions, using advancing technologies to recover and save lives. Once again, 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. The 2024 Presidential Election visits and debate brought the candidates and national dignitaries to our state. We played a crucial role in supporting their events ensuring the safety and security of the candidates, venues, and citizens of Georgia.

Let us remember the ultimate sacrifice made by two of our own who gave their lives in service to their state. Trooper Jimmy Cenescar and TFC Chase Redner's courage and sacrifice remind us of the risks we face daily. Their legacy will continue to live on in our hearts, and we vow to uphold their values and dedication as we continue to safeguard all Georgians.

I encourage you to continue to commit to sustaining our brand and making this department the most elite law enforcement agency in the state. Thank you again for your devotion to our agency and the State of Georgia.

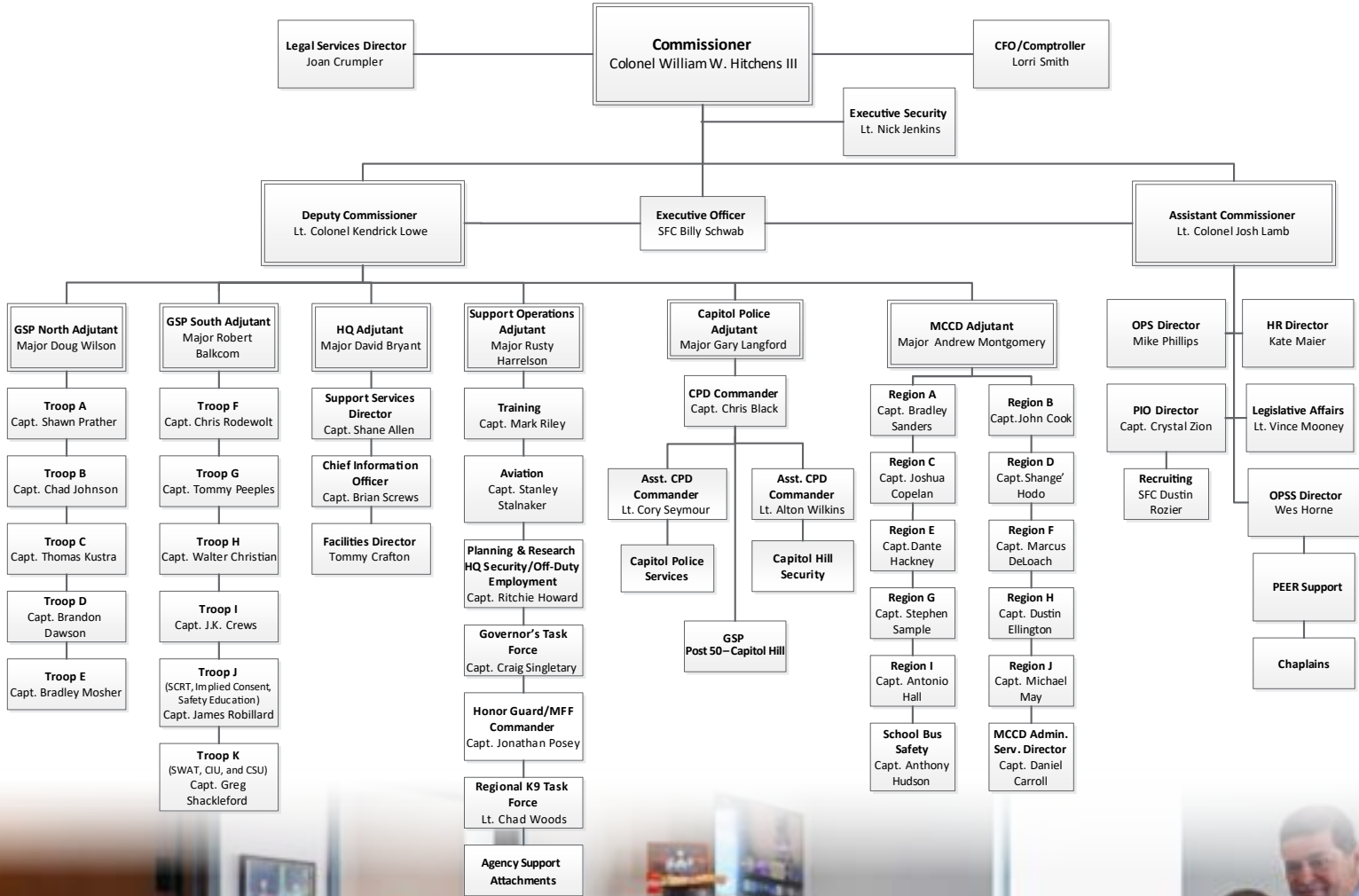
Sincerely,

Colonel William W. Hitchens III
Commissioner

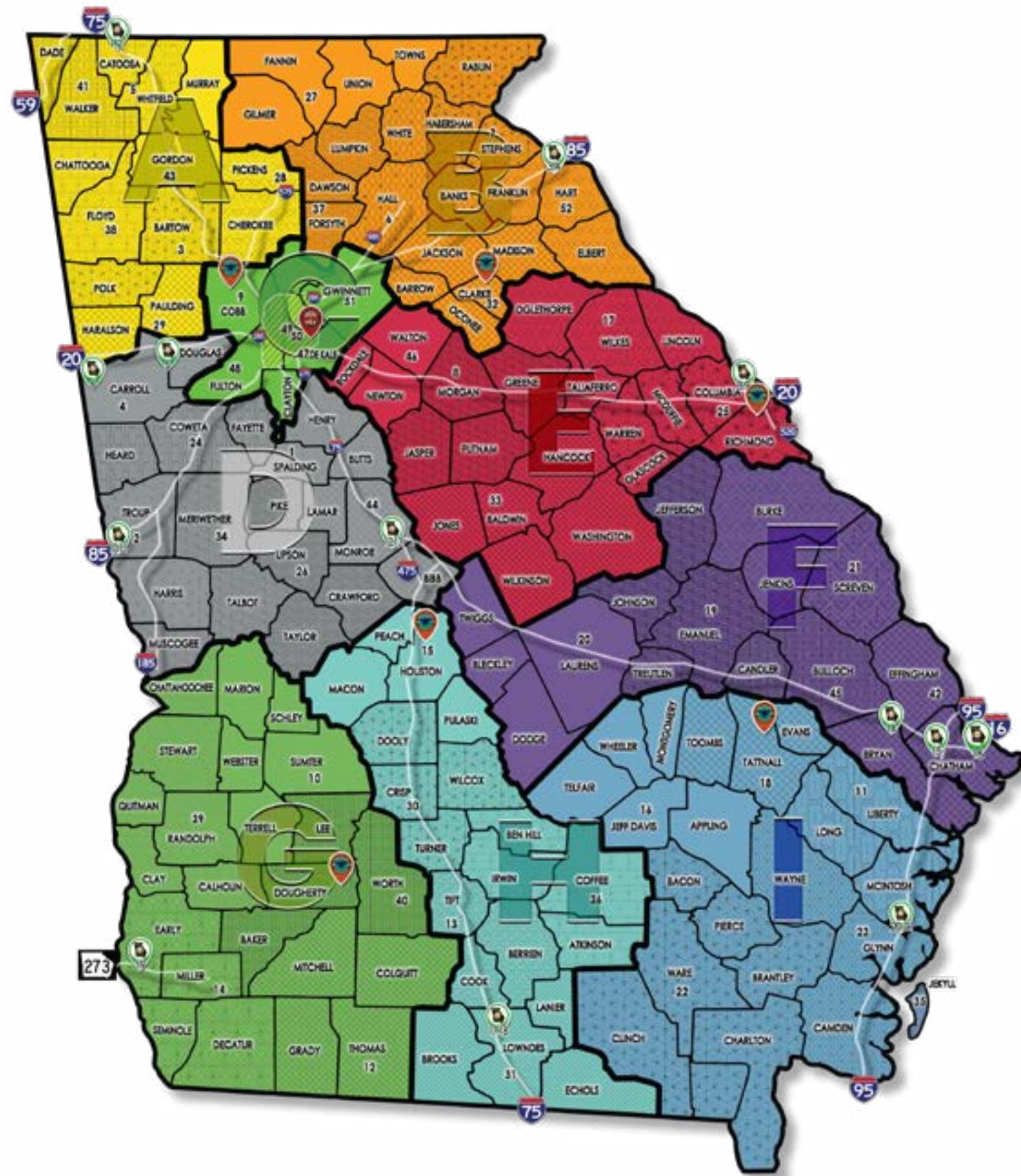
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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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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GEORGIA STATE PATROL

Although focused primarily on the enforcement of traffic laws and investigation of traffic crashes, the Georgia State Patrol 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 **859 Troopers**.

“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 **117 Trooper Schools**.

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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)

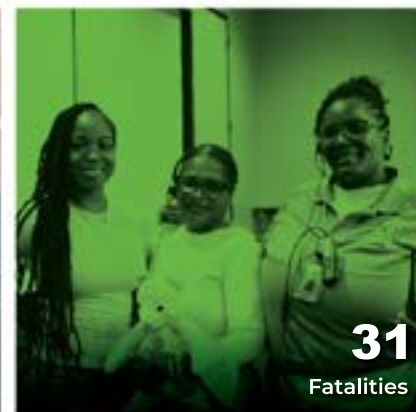


GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP D

- **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)



11,236
Crash Investigations



31
Fatalities



38,836
Citations



48,443
Warnings



1,268
DUI Arrests



55,299
Traffic Stops



11,615
Crash Investigations



132
Fatalities



65,914
Citations



73,726
Warnings



2,278
DUI Arrests



99,388
Traffic Stops



GEORGIA STATE PATROL TROOP E



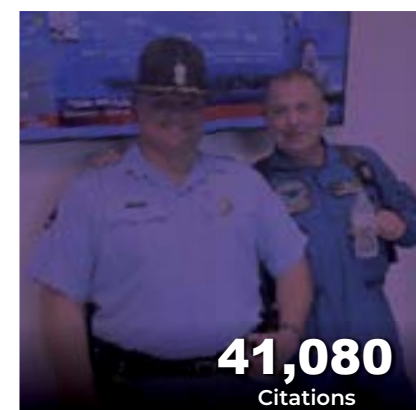
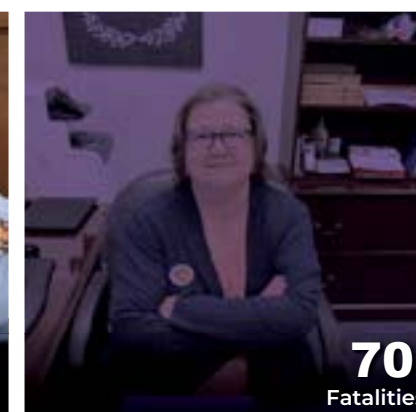
- **Post 8 Madison** (Greene, Jasper, Morgan, Putnam)
- **Post 17 Washington** (Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, Wilkes)
- **Post 25 Grovetown** (Columbia, Glascock, McDuffie, Richmond, Warren)
- **Post 33 Milledgeville** (Baldwin, Hancock, Jones, Washington, Wilkinson)
- **Post 46 Monroe** (Newton,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





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)



1,721

Crash Investigations



78

Fatalities



31,587

Citations



44,648

Warnings



1,742

DUI Arrests



55,235

Traffic Stops



3,582

Crash Investigations



78

Fatalities



44,204

Citations



54,729

Warnings



1,781

DUI Arrests



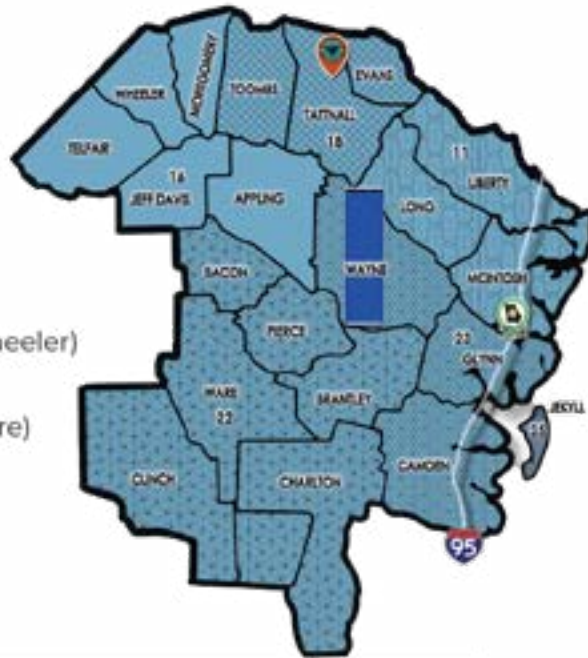
72,461

Traffic Stops



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	182	3	3,775	3,946	1,039	6,439
MIDDLE	40	0	3,233	3,788	709	5,046
SOUTH	50	0	4,679	3,076	671	4,626



2,277
Crash Investigations

89
Fatalities

26,738
Citations

42,516
Warnings

1,543
DUI Arrests

54,330
Vehicle Stops



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. As of December 31, there were **152 dispatchers** statewide.



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

2024 CAD Calls by Troop

101,224

Troop A

122,598

Troop B

196,876

Troop C

155,040

Troop D

89,398

Troop E

81,546

Troop F

71,002

Troop G

82,545

Troop H

89,005

Troop I



GEORGIA STATE PATROL SPECIALIZED COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TEAM TROOP J - SCRT

The **Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team** 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' offices, 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.



1,753

Fatalities

1,516

Fatal Crashes

831

Cases

7,206

Traffic Stops

3,605

Citations

5,350

Warnings

2024 SCRT Cases

107

SCRT A

106

SCRT B

85

SCRT C

135

SCRT D

83

SCRT E

100

SCRT F

54

SCRT G

56

SCRT H

81

SCRT I

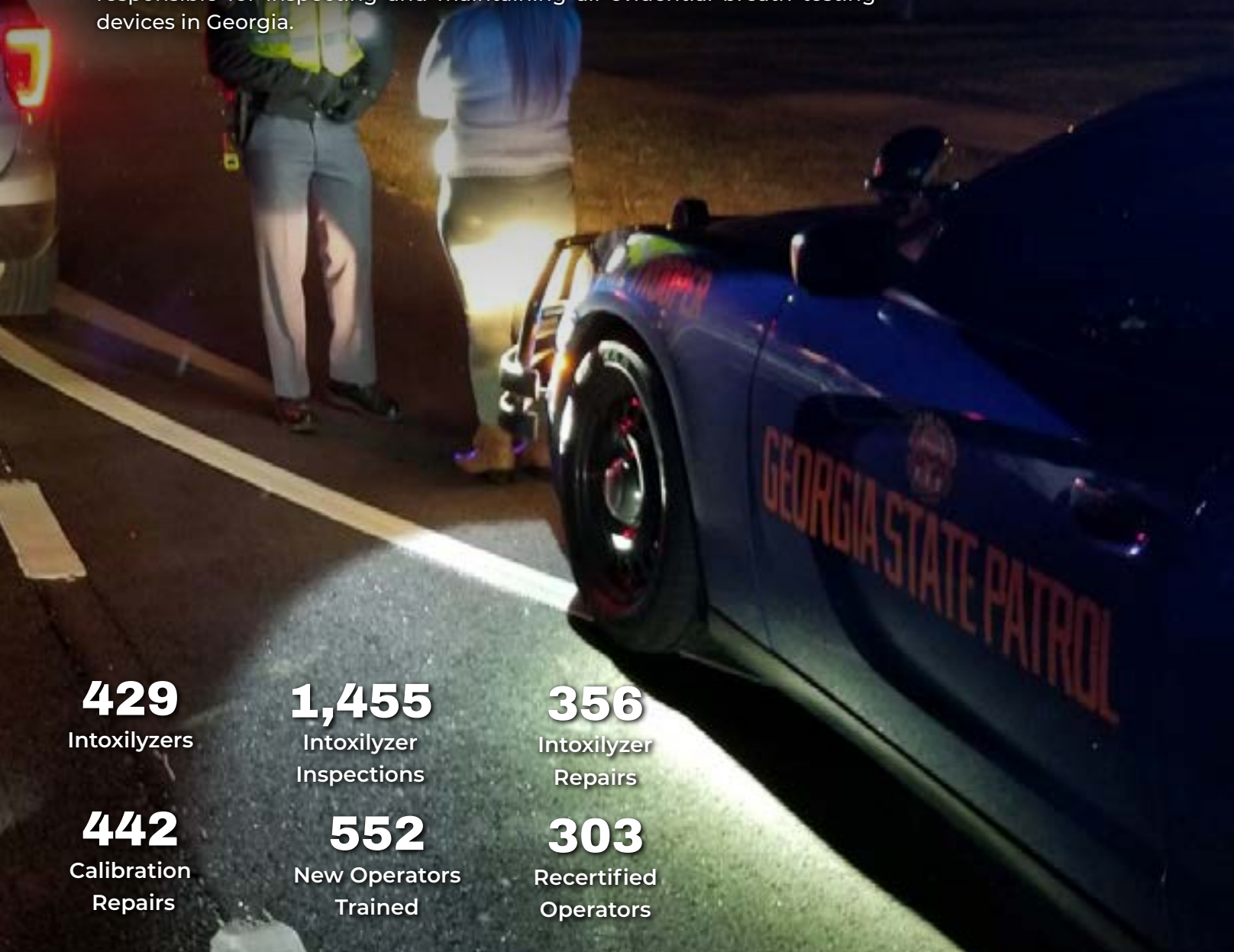




GEORGIA STATE PATROL IMPLIED CONSENT UNIT TROOP J - ICU



Members of the **Implied Consent Unit** 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.



429

Intoxilyzers

1,455

Intoxilyzer
Inspections

356

Intoxilyzer
Repairs

442

Calibration
Repairs

552

New Operators
Trained

303

Recertified
Operators



GEORGIA STATE PATROL SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS TROOP K - SWAT

The **State of Georgia Special Weapons and Tactics Team** 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.



2

Vehicle Assaults

17

Barricaded
Suspects

89

High Risk Warrants

4

Woodland Fugitive
Searches

3

Sniper Overwatch
for Capitol Police

2

Capitol/Mansion
Security Support

2

HQ Security
Support

1

Protest Support

1

Road Race
Support

2

Aerial
Marksman

3

Executive
Protection Details

12

Secret Service
Support

3

Court Security
Details

2

High Risk Protection
Order Services

8

Drowning Victim
Recovery Searches

6

Underwater Evidence
Recovery Searches

2

Submerged Vehicle
Recoveries

4

Safety Diver Support
of Other Agencies

5

Sniper Overwatch
for Secret Service

10

Recruiting Events





GEORGIA STATE PATROL CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT TROOP K - CIU



The **Criminal Interdiction Unit** is a statewide unit tasked with the proactive enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. The unit primarily works within the Metro-Atlanta area and surrounding counties. The unit also assists federal, state, and local agencies with cases dealing with criminal activity. During 2024, in addition to their regular duties, the Criminal Interdiction Unit assisted with several high-profile details and events. The Criminal Interdiction Unit assisted with security at the State Capitol, assisted in numerous dignitary details, and participated in Crime Suppression details in Metro Atlanta.

85 Crash Investigations	165 CMV Inspections	53 Felony Drug Arrests	17 Non-Drug Felony Arrests
19 Misdemeanor Arrests	72 Criminal Apprehensions	15 Stolen Vehicles Recovered	49 Weapons Seized
88.5 Marijuana Seized (Kilograms)	242 Cocaine Seized (Kilograms)	2,982 Methamphetamine Seized (Kilograms)	30 Heroin Seized (Kilograms)
8,505.5 Other Drugs Seized (Kilograms)	186 Agency Assists	\$15,916,237 US Currency Seized	



GEORGIA STATE PATROL CRIME SUPPRESSION UNIT TROOP K - CSU



The **Crime Suppression Unit** 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.

188 Stolen Vehicles Recovered	46 Stolen Weapons Recovered	130 Suspects Apprehended	\$5,688,950 US Currency Seized
175 Crash Investigations	276 Felony Arrests	4,481 Traffic Stops	
4,337 Warnings	1,695 Citations	17 DUI Arrests	





GEORGIA STATE PATROL CANINE UNIT TROOP K - K9



The **Canine Unit** consists of **53 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.

318

Canine
Apprehensions

1,385

Explosive
Detections

568

Narcotics
Detections

30

Marijuana Seized
(Kilograms)

268

Cocaine Seized
(Kilograms)

648

Methamphetamine
(Kilograms)

\$2,083,863

US Currency Seized



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 consist of two pipers, two drummers and a bugler.

The team is comprised of **100 Honor Guard members** who are stationed throughout Georgia. The members' duties are 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 municipalities, and dignitary funerals across the state.

In 2024, the Honor Guard participated in more than **100 details** throughout Georgia, including numerous funeral details and presented the colors at events such as, awards ceremonies, memorial events, 9/11 events, conferences, retirements, and parades.

2024 Honor Guard Details

- Trooper Jimmy Cenescar's funeral detail
- TFC Chase Redner's funeral detail
- Police Week Ceremonies, Washington, DC
- Michigan, Florida, Washington, and New Mexico State Trooper funeral details
- Fallen K9 Memorial Service
- DPS Awards Ceremony
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Savannah, GA
- Georgia State Trooper School Graduations
- Motor Carrier Officer School Graduations





MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

The **Motor Carrier Compliance Division** performs roadside 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 **11 Motor Carrier Officer Schools**.

The primary focus of the Motor Carrier Compliance Division 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. As of December 31, MCCD had **230 Officers** and **29 weight inspectors**.





MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION A

- 14 counties in Northwest Georgia
- Two weigh stations
 - Station 1 – South, I-75 S MM 343
 - Station 2 – North, I-75 N MM 343



MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION B

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





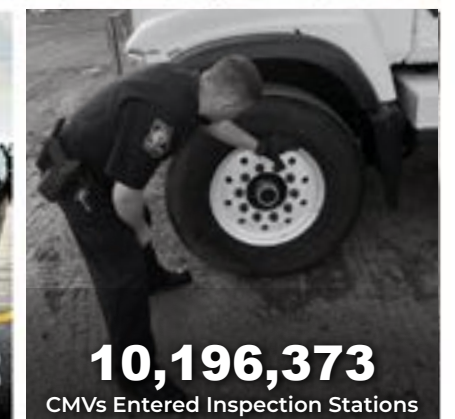
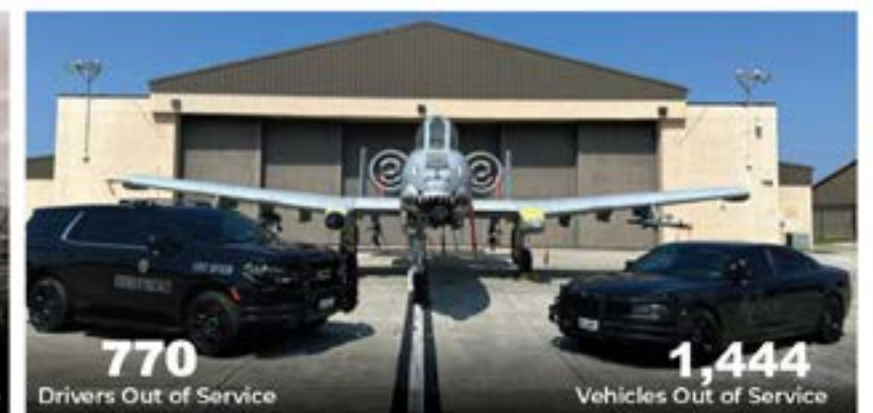
MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION C

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



MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION D

- 20 counties in West 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-75 N MM 190
 - Station 13 – North, I-75 N MM 190





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- A map of Eastern Oklahoma, showing counties colored in red. The counties labeled are: ROGERS, WALTON, OGLETHORPE, WILKES, LINCOLN, ROCKWELL, NEWTON, MORGAN, GREENE, TALLADEMA, COLUMBIA, JASPER, PUTNAM, WARREN, MACDOUGALL, RICHMOND, HANCOCK, GLADDOCK, JONES, BALDWIN, WASHINGTON, and WILKINSON. A large red letter 'E' is superimposed over the map, indicating the Eastern region. A small inset map shows the location of Eastern Oklahoma within the state of Oklahoma, with a red arrow pointing to the Eastern region. A highway shield for I-20 is also visible.



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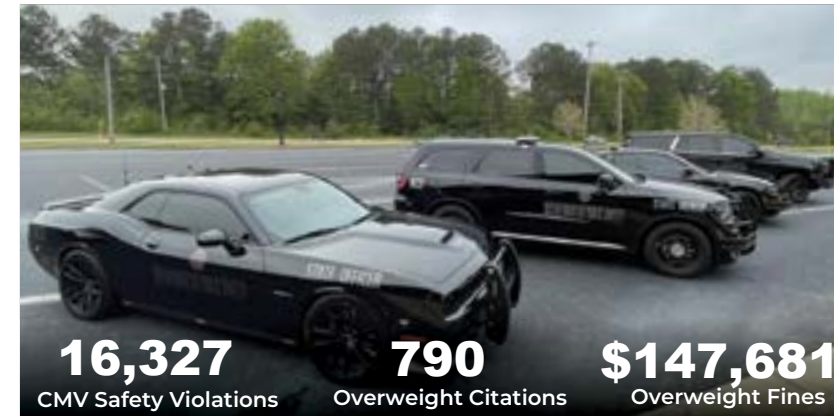
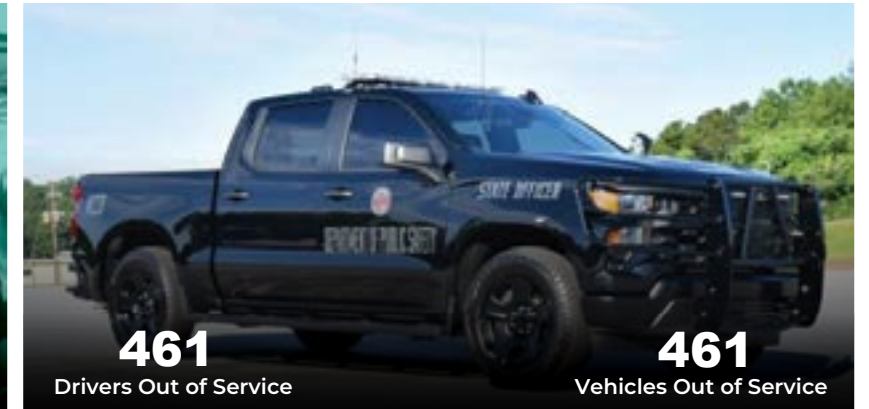
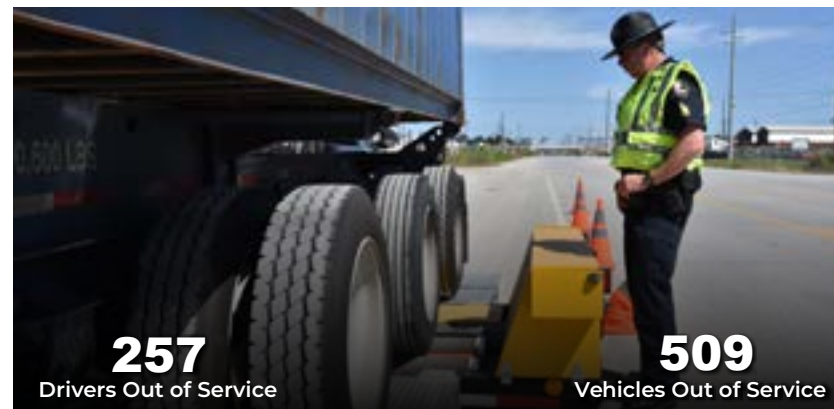
MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION REGION G

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





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 review investigations and safety audits. Sworn and civilian personnel conduct commercial vehicle inspections and maintain the required number of inspections for certification. Region J is also responsible for overseeing the DataQ Program, compiling crash data from crash reports and handling complaints against motor carriers who fail to comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations. Region J includes the following:

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

2,251
Safety Audits

3,547
Safety Audit Contacts

15,582
Crash Reports Reviewed

214
Hazmat Inspections

5,136
DataQ Challenges

20
Trucking Company Complaints

63
Educational Meetings

84
Compliance Investigations

17
Enforcement Cases

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.

Safety Committee

Teams developed to create and nurture a culture of safety.

Facility Inspection

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

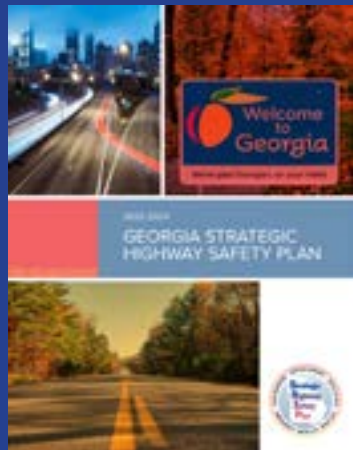
Accident Investigation

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

\$220,880
Civil Penalties



MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



THE SAFETYNET UNIT manages and provides access to crash data, roadside inspection history, and motor carrier and shipper identification information, as well as being responsible for open records requests in relation to driver vehicle inspection reports performed by members of the Department. This information is received by FMCSA from the Department's Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program certified officers entering information into the system through the SafeSpect inspection platform, or through paper forms that MCSAP certified officers, or data entry representatives enter directly into the SafeSpect platform. The SafetyNet Unit is responsible for the maintenance and filing of **over 300,000 driver vehicle inspection reports** that were performed by the departments MCSAP certified officers. The SafetyNet Unit receives, and files returned certified driver vehicle inspection reports as required by FMCSA. The SafetyNet Unit maintains crash data on commercial vehicles received through an

interface with the Georgia Department of Transportation and Lexis-Nexis (contractor for GDOT). Commercial accidents must meet the federal reporting criteria of being a fatality, injury, or tow-away. From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the unit **reviewed over 9,354 commercial vehicle crashes** and uploaded the data to the MCMIS database.

OVERWEIGHT CITATION UNIT

The **Safety Overweight Citation Unit** is responsible for the collection and payment reconciliation of civil assessment fees (citations) assessed to commercial motor vehicles with loads that exceed the legal size and/or weight limits, as defined in OCGA § 32-6-26. Assessment fees collected are returned to the State Treasurer for the maintenance of Georgia's infrastructure.

13,105

Total Overweight Assessments Processed

\$2,435,369

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 GDOT 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.

222,927

Total Permits Issued

237

Pilot Escort Vehicle Certifications Issued

189

Pilot Escort Vehicle Re-certifications Issued

\$12,150,024

Total Revenue Generated

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL UNIT

The **Hazardous Material Permit Unit** is responsible for hazardous materials carrier registration and the issuance of annual and single trip permits, as required by Georgia law, for the transportation of hazardous materials upon Georgia's roadways.

96

Single Trip Permits Issued

526

Annual Permits Issued

\$2,400

Fees Collected

\$52,600

Fees Collected

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

The **Non-Consensual Towing Unit** regulates towing companies that tow illegally parked vehicles from private property. The unit has one full-time employee, who is responsible for regulating over **339 active Non-Consensual Towing companies**. In 2024, there were **339 towing permits issued totaling \$101,700 and 11 consent agreements sent to non-compliant towing companies totaling \$5,100**. In 2024, **33 complaints were investigated, and 25 cease and desist orders were issued**. Fees collected for Non-Consensual Towing totaled **\$106,800**.



HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNIT

The **Household Goods Unit** regulates movers who provide for-hire intrastate moving services. This unit has one full-time employee that processes all applications, audits, complaints, and investigations on household good movers. In 2024, **29 Certificates were issued**. Out of the 29 certificates issued, **29 of those certificates were new companies**. The unit conducted **90 audits, reviewed 53 complaints, and issued 16 cease and desist orders**. There were **11 training classes conducted**. The unit totaled **\$3,110 in revenue through application fees and civil penalties**.



FOR-HIRE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UNIT

The **For-Hire Transportation Services Unit** registers rideshare companies like Uber, Lyft, and taxi companies that provide transportation to individuals for a fee. This unit has one full-time employee that handles all For-Hire Transportation services registrations.

In 2024, **260 For-Hire Transportation Service licenses were approved**. As of December 31, 2024, the Department has issued **120 For-Hire Transportation Service licenses for 2025's registration**. Fees collected in 2024 totaled **\$19,500**.



PASSENGER CARRIER AND LIMOUSINE UNIT

The **Passenger Carrier and Limousine Unit** has one full-time and one part-time employee. The unit is responsible for handling over 1,000 passenger and limousine carrier accounts. In 2024, **97 new permits were issued**. Of the 97 issued certificates, there were **22 passenger certificates and 75 interim limousine certificates**. The Unit also performed **90 audits, issued two cease and desist orders, and investigated one complaint**. There were **11 training sessions conducted in 2024**. The unit collected **\$8,730 in fees**.

GEORGIA INTRASTATE MOTOR CARRIER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

8,685

Intrastate Carriers Registered

\$397,545

Registration Fees Collected

Georgia's UCR program is ranked in the top five nationally.

UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION (UCR)

46,479

Interstate Carriers Registered

\$4,688,890

Total Fees Collected

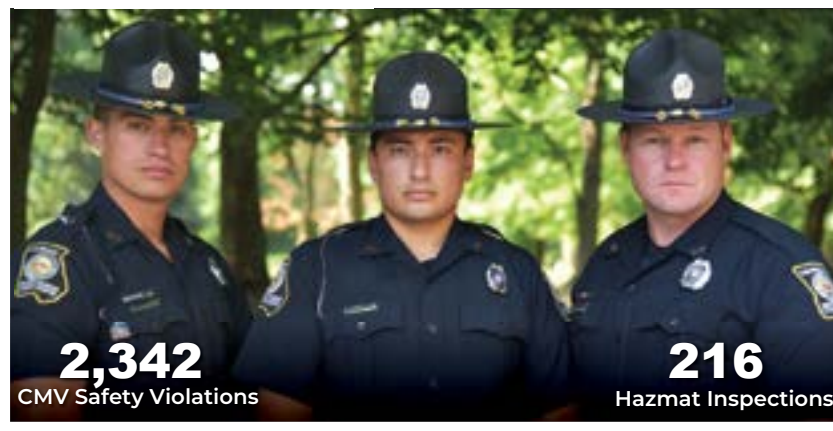
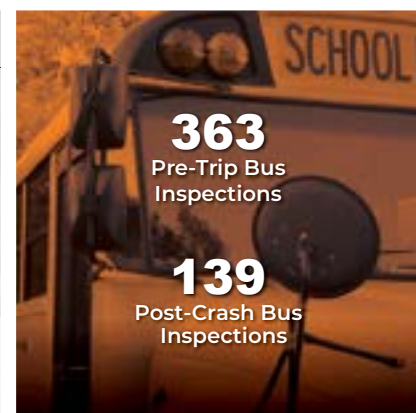
\$2,600,060

DPS Retained Fees



MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION SCHOOL BUS SAFETY UNIT

The **School Bus Safety Unit** is responsible for conducting safety inspections on school buses operating on Georgia's roadways. Along with the Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Association for Pupil Transportation, this unit ensures that school buses are the safest form of transportation for children. Its new initiative, Operation Pre-Trip, enhances school bus safety through direct intervention and interaction with school bus drivers statewide. In this initiative, Officers randomly conduct driver pre-trip and limited vehicle inspections on-site at schools throughout the counties within each Officer's assigned region. These inspections have helped identify deficiencies within a school system's pre-trip inspection process, allowing corrective measures to be implemented proactively. In addition to their regular duties, they also perform the duties of certified Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program Officers. These Officers ensure that the commercial motor vehicles operating on Georgia's roadways are doing so safely by following the state's traffic laws and the rules and regulations imparted by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.



MCCD CMV DRIVING SIMULATOR

Georgia's first 53-foot tractor-trailer CMV driving simulator is a fully operational law enforcement vehicle. MCCD utilizes the simulator at local events to allow citizens to experience driving a tractor-trailer or a personal vehicle

maneuvering around tractor-trailers to simulate safety precautions. This simulator has extensive educational opportunities for outreaches to all school districts and special events in Georgia. In 2024, the driving simulator attended **74 public and private events**. A USDOT National Roadway Safety Strategy report indicates that crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in America. By simulating real-world driving scenarios, the simulator is used to improve youth driving skills and awareness, ultimately reducing the risk of crashes. The variety of different driving scenarios allow students to practice and make mistakes without the real-world consequences, giving them an opportunity to improve and build their driving confidence. The interior trailer has **six simulators** that are controlled by an MCCD Officer simulating multiple daily occurrences driving through cities and highways.



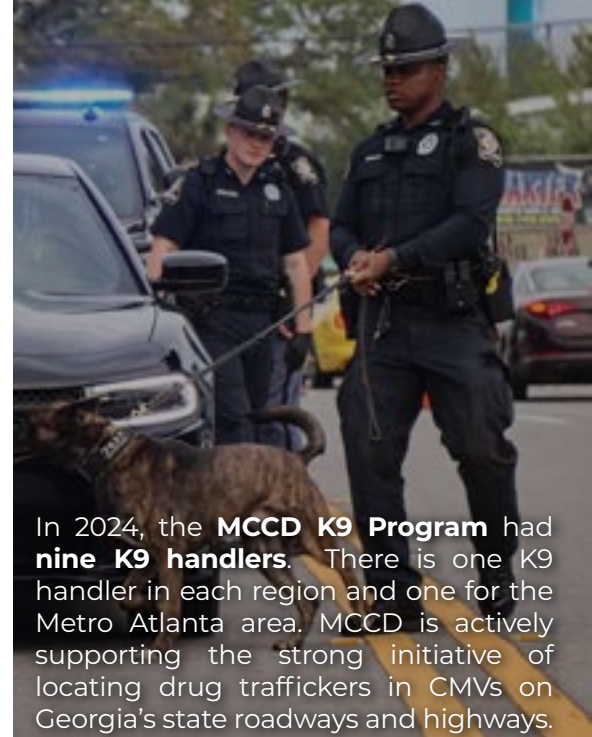
MCCD DISTRACTED DRIVING PROGRAM

In 2024, MCCD signed a contract with Acusensus, a company that provides advanced AI and hardware technology to detect and capture illegal driver behaviors such as mobile phone use, seatbelt non-compliance and speeding. The cameras, which were implemented through a federal high priority grant in July 2024, are used to acquire images of drivers failing to comply with Georgia's Hands-Free Law or not wearing their seat belt. MCCD acquired



two acusensors that were utilized in high crash corridors identified through crash data analytics. The cameras can see inside the cab of the commercial motor vehicles as they pass by the camera. If a driver is holding a cell phone or not wearing his/her seat belt, images are transmitted to an MCCD Officer in the area for review. Enforcement action may be taken through a traffic stop after images have been reviewed and confirmed by an MCCD Officer. By the end of 2024, MCCD had **four acusensors** that rotated throughout the state.

MCCD K9 PROGRAM



In 2024, the **MCCD K9 Program** had **nine K9 handlers**. There is one K9 handler in each region and one for the Metro Atlanta area. MCCD is actively supporting the strong initiative of locating drug traffickers in CMVs on Georgia's state roadways and highways.

MCCD SPECIAL OPERATIONS NUCLEAR RADIOLOGICAL DETECTION TEAM (NRAD)

MCCD Special Operations oversees a variety of division functions including the **Nuclear Radiological Detection Team**, CMV enforcement support computer programming, and management of the Governor's designee. NRAD assisted the U.S. Secret Service surveying the route for the funeral procession for Former President and Georgia native, Jimmy Carter.



Major Andrew Montgomery attended the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, VA from July 7, through September 12, 2024.



CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION

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

The **Capitol Police Division** 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 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 various training sessions, ceremonies, and conferences in the auditorium throughout the year. As of December 31, there were **21 Capitol Police Officers** and **19 Safety Officers**. Post 50 Capitol Hill consists of **21 Troopers**.

The Capitol Hill Security Officers control and monitor access to the State Capitol, Coverdell Legislative Office Building, the Judicial Building, the Trinity-Washington Building, the Health Building, and several loading dock areas. The Capitol Police Division also oversees private security personnel through Dynamic Security, Inc. These are uniformed, unarmed guards, who monitor and control access to other state facilities on Capitol Hill.

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 72,530 parcels and envelopes in 2024.

In 2024, the Georgia State Patrol, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and SWAT, assisted the Capitol Police Division in response to **39 protests, riots, and demonstrations**. There were **43 events** scheduled by the Georgia Building Authority requiring security and police presence.



CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION

Capitol Police Division 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.

39,143

Foot Patrols
Conducted

71

Misdemeanor
Arrests

15

Felony Arrests



GEORGIA STATE PATROL POST 50 CAPITOL HILL

The Troopers of **Post 50 Capitol Hill** control the access into the State Capitol by checking all state employees, visitors, and other personnel for valid identification. 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.

12,523

Foot Patrols
Conducted



CAPITOL POLICE DIVISION

CAPITOL HILL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DETECTION (EOD) K9 UNIT

The **Capitol Hill EOD K9 Unit** consists of **five canine teams**. This 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. This unit also assists other law enforcement agencies throughout the state with bomb threat call outs upon request.



1,278

Sweeps Conducted

31

Suspicious Packages/Bomb
Threat Call Outs

1,810

Training Hours

6

K9 Demonstrations

SWORN OFFICER ACTIVITY	
Arrests from Traffic Stops	788
Vehicle Stops	1,848
Suspicious Persons/Packages/Vehicles	2,150
Traffic Crashes	117
Calls for Service	810
NON-SWORN SECURITY ACTIVITY	
Security Location Checks	10,648
Unsecured Doors	203
Unlocked Building Doors	183
Unlocked Parking Decks and Courtyard Areas	56
COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITY	
Duress Alarms Answered	176
Fire Alarms Answered	36
Elevator Entrapments	129
GCIC Hits	19





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, Capitol Police and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division.

In addition to field operations, there are supporting units, such as Aviation; Office of Professional Standards; Executive Security; DPS Training; Honor Guard; Governor's Task Force; Public Information Office; 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; serve as the liaison to the news media, other state and local agencies, and Georgia citizens; 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 handled; 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 publicized; agency plans are formulated and policies reviewed and updated; an inventory of law enforcement uniforms and equipment is maintained; and agency computers, radios, firearms and communication equipment are issued, maintained, and inventoried and surplus property disposed of or sold.



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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

The **Comptroller's Office** consists of multiple components, such as the Budget Office, the Payroll Office, the Accounting Section, the Grants Section, and the Procurement Division. In addition to handling the financial responsibilities for DPS, the Comptroller's Office has four agencies attached to it for administrative purposes:

- Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council
- Peace Officers Standards and Training Council
- Georgia Public Safety Training Center
- Governor's Office of Highway Safety

The **Budget Office** is a section within the Comptroller's Office. The Budget Administrator is responsible for managing the Department's budget, facilities, and mailroom sections.

The **Accounting Section** is responsible for maintaining accounting books, payroll, and records for DPS and four attached agencies. The Accounting Section is comprised of Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, and the Payroll Office.

2,207
W-2s Issued

The **Grants Section** has grant administrators whose duties include writing grants, preparing reimbursement claims, maintaining budgets, and adhering to federal guidelines on spending. The section also manages all projections and expenditures throughout the year for grants.

Grants included in their work:

\$17,260,918

Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

\$754,000

High-Priority Commercial Vehicle Grant (HP-CMV)

\$352,199

K9 Task Force

\$2,803,623

Administrative License Suspension Program and Nighthawks

\$650,000

Governor's Task Force

\$27,539

Overtime Reimbursements

\$1,238,040

Statewide Concentrated Patrol

\$352,496

Law Enforcement Training Grant

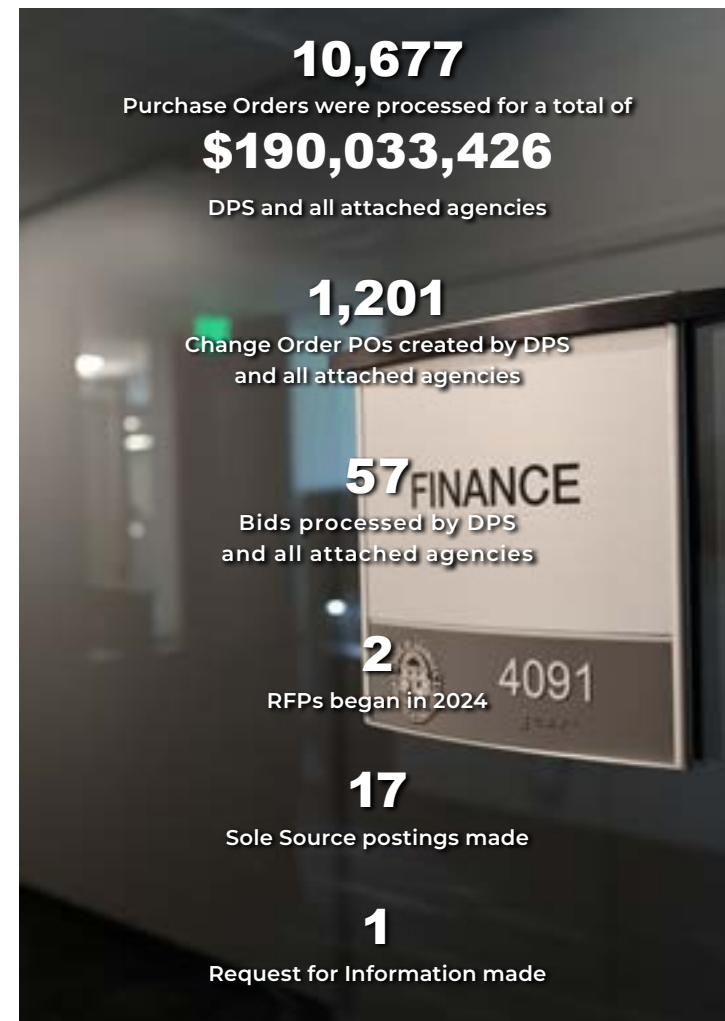
\$6,000

K9 Explosive Ordinance Disposal



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

The **Procurement Division** is responsible for procuring the goods and services needed for the Department of Public Safety to carry out its mission. From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the following activity was handled by this section:



Excess Property provides a coordinated means for state and local law enforcement agencies to obtain excess Department of Defense equipment. This division is also the state point of contact for the 1122 Procurement Program and the 1033 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 counterdrug enforcement, homeland security, and emergency response activities.

The **1122 Program** offers state and local government agencies the opportunity to take advantage of the discounts available to the federal government due to its large volume of 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.**

- Provided **322 quotes** to the participating state and local government agencies.
- Placed **182 orders**.
- Purchased **\$4,679,417** in equipment, services, and supplies.

The **1033 Program** enables Georgia law enforcement agencies to acquire Department of Defense equipment to support law enforcement activities under the Federal Guidelines 10 U.S.S. 2576a.

- **268 agencies** participated in 2024.
- Total value of property in the hands of state law enforcement is **\$57,205,586**.

During the week of April 15-19, 2024, the Law Enforcement Support Office conducted a Program Compliance Review of the Excess Property State Coordinator's Office. As part of the review, **34 random law enforcement agencies** were audited for compliance with the 1033 Program, and all were found compliant.





GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LEGAL DIVISION

The primary function of the **Legal Division** 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 (ALS) program;
- 2) The Open Records Unit;
- 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;
- 6) Various other matters including non-consensual towing, the Department's wrecker rotation lists, Department permitting, and rule changes.

In 2024, some of the activities performed by the Legal Division staff were:

- **Contracts:** Reviewed, revised, and drafted approximately **95 contracts, agreements, and memoranda of understanding**.
- **Policy:** Drafted, reviewed, and revised **21 Department policies and exhibits** in coordination with the Policy and Planning Unit.
- **ALS:** Opened **1,760 ALS cases**, an increase of **18%** from 2023; filed motions and briefs in **1,406 cases**; and served as the agency representative at the related ALS hearings.
- **MCCD Hearings:** Opened **43 overweight/oversize citation cases** and served as the agency representative at **three administrative hearings**. Resolved **32 cases** prior to a hearing.
- **MCCD Regulatory Compliance:** Provided advice and prepared documents pertaining to changes to Department's Maximum Rate Tariff for Intrastate Rates and Charges for Household Goods and Maximum Rate Tariff for Intrastate Rates and Charges applying to Non-Consensual Towing from private property.



- **ORU:** Responded to **68,589 open records requests**, (5,410 more than 2023) including **47,714 requests made via EPORTS**, with reimbursement recovery of **\$319,141**, an **increase of 7.8%** from 2023. The recovery supports overhead for such high-volume demands.
- **Procurement:** Assisted both MCCD Operations and DPS procurement staff regarding an RFP from qualified suppliers to provide updates, repair, and maintenance for Georgia's 19 interstate weigh-in-motion systems, which use sensors to weigh trucks while they are moving. Identifying overweight vehicles results in issuance of civil penalties for presumptive damage to Georgia's highways. Fees collected are remitted to the State Treasury to assist with road repairs.
- **Personnel:** Provided legal guidance pertaining to adverse actions of **48 Department members**, including **23 dismissals, 14 demotions, and 11 suspensions**.
- **Litigation:** Received service of **40 new lawsuits**, which is an **increase of 60%** from 2023 and an **increase of 93%** from 2022. Legal also worked closely with the Attorney General's Office (AGO) and Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) with **72 open and on-going lawsuits** against the Department, including drafting discovery responses, locating corresponding documents, materials (dashcam video) and witnesses, and analysis of Department policy.
- **Pre-litigation Notice of Claims:** Received, opened case files, searched, notified witnesses, identified, and pulled corresponding, citations, crash reports, dashcam videos, SCRT files, photographs, pursuit critiques, and crash review board reports for **158 Claims/Ante Litem Notices** against the Department and coordinated same with DOAS and the AGO.
- **Training:** Legal staff routinely responds 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. Legal staff instruct Trooper School classes regarding the criminal justice system, including an overview of law enforcement, courts, and corrections.



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EXECUTIVE PROTECTION DIVISION



The **Executive Protection Division** is a team of Troopers who work in both uniform and covert capacities in the performance of their duties. 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 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.

Troopers working at the Governor's Mansion provide continuous security patrols, monitor surveillance cameras, control gate access, screen all incoming mail and packages, and manage security protocols during special events, tours, and protests. Troopers are also responsible for regulating public access to the grounds and ensuring adherence to established rules and guidelines by all visitors, contractors, and workers.

Governor's Mansion Security details include:

- Worked **25,968 hours**.
- Ensured the safety of **4,365 visitors**.
- Managed security for special events attended by over **2,896 guests**.
- Responded to **21 protests**.

Dignitary Protection Security details include:

- Worked **36,913 hours**.
- Provided security for Georgia Dignitaries while visiting **22 states** within the United States and **four foreign countries abroad**.
- Assisted **23 dignitaries**, including **17 state dignitaries** and **six federal officials**.





GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 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 **more than 1,600 employees** of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, three attached agencies (**over 225 positions/employees**) are administratively attached to DPS for benefits and transaction services.

Career Development: Human Resources is responsible for coordinating the process for career advancement of the DPS sworn personnel. Testing and assessment centers were held in partnership with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, and **11 promotion boards** were convened to provide an opportunity for eligible sworn personnel to compete for promotion into established supervisory vacancies.

Classification and Compensation: Human Resources reviewed requests for position re-classifications based on operational or organizational changes and made recommendations regarding the appropriate position classification and compensation. HR worked on several compensation projects to support agency recruiting and retention efforts.

Employment: The Human Resources Division implemented strategies to attract a qualified workforce in support of the Department's critical staffing needs for Trooper, Motor Carrier Compliance Officer, Capitol Police Officer, Dispatcher, and other support positions. Human Resources provided key staffing metrics to leadership and other stakeholders on a weekly and monthly basis to identify trends and determine the effectiveness of recruiting strategies.

The **Employment Section** received over **3,276 applications** for Trooper School during this period, staffing the 118th Trooper School (started July 2024), 119th Trooper School (started January 2025), and opening the application process for the 120th Trooper School scheduled for July 2025. Human Resources worked closely with the Motor Carrier Compliance and Capitol Police Divisions as they actively recruited to achieve their statewide staffing goals. Human Resources technicians processed **503 background packets** during this period.



Employee Benefits & Transaction Services: Human Resources responded to numerous requests for information related to benefits and assisted employees in resolving benefit problems. Human Resources staff processed **2,653 transactions**, which included employee transfers, promotions, salary increases, new hires, and terminations. Staff updated and maintained accurate personnel files, employment records, leave/time-keeping records, and GA POST records. Human Resources staff continued efforts to digitize employee personnel files and records. We currently have a total of **1,250 complete personnel files** (for both active and inactive employees) in our system. The full **personnel files for 47.2% (945)** of all active DPS and attached agency employees (2004) have been digitized. Human Resources staff worked on **12 special details** throughout the year, which included printing, calculating overtime, correcting timesheets, and processing leave adjustments for **over 1,200 employees** to ensure time-keeping records were accurate. Human Resources staff completed **193 employment verifications** and reviewed/processed **251 leave requests** related to FMLA and paid parental leave.



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

Employee Relations: The Human Resources Division helped to increase the effectiveness of the Georgia Department of Public Safety by developing and supporting efforts to ensure fair and consistent treatment of all employees.

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.
- Ensuring employees are aware and have access to the DPS Employee Assistance Program.
- Providing key workforce data, such as turnover trends to agency leadership.

Policy Development: Human Resources staff continued to review and revise 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 state's annual mandatory Sexual Harassment Prevention training for all DPS employees and managers. In addition, Human Resources conducted numerous training programs throughout 2024, including DPS-specific Workplace Behavior training that was mandatory for all DPS employees and supervisors.





GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS - OPS

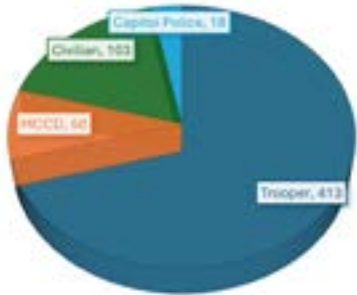
The **Office of Professional Standards** performs its function by conducting a variety of investigations including internal affairs matters, pre-employment background cases, some criminal activity, and alleged violations of speed detection device and light permits. The business components of the Office of Professional Standards include the Internal Affairs, Background, Polygraph, Law Enforcement Agency Assistance and Permits Sections including support staff.

Internal Affairs: The Internal Affairs Section investigates allegations of misconduct against members of the Department of Public Safety, including the Georgia State Patrol, Motor Carrier Compliance Division, and Capitol Police Division. The Internal Affairs Section also investigates complaints alleging the misuse of red and blue lights, and speed detection devices by any agency bearing the Department's certification. The Internal Affairs Section also assesses threats made against the Department's interests and investigates some criminal activity, as well as assisting the Human Resource Division with sexual harassment investigations.



There were **285 applicants** for employment who did not meet the department's employment standards and who were subsequently disqualified from further consideration. There were **33 applicants** who withdrew prior to the completion of their pre-employment process or investigation. The pre-employment investigations were performed by OPS full-time Background Investigators and assisted by sworn DPS field personnel. The overall returned completed background investigations resulted in **243 candidates and applicants** hired by the DPS.

TOTAL BACKGROUNDS PROCESSED - 584



TYPES OF OPS CASES DURING 2024	
Conduct Unbecoming	13
Domestic Misconduct	3
Harassment	3
Off Duty Employment	1
Off Duty Misconduct	2
Officer Involved Shooting	7
Use of Force	1
Negligent Discharge	1
PIT/Pursuit	16
Improper Use of Speed Detection	3
Other	1
Post Arrest	30
Human Resource Investigations	15
Law Enforcement Agency Assists	3,650
TOTAL	3,746

Pre-Employment: OPS is responsible for coordinating the function of pre-employment background investigations for candidates or applicants seeking to join the Department of Public Safety. During 2024, the OPS Background Investigation Section managed **584 pre-employment applications** from Human Resources.

Polygraph Unit: Polygraph examiners completed ongoing professional training and received specialized training that included validated techniques, test data analysis, and training on countermeasures. The Polygraph Unit conducted **24 less polygraph examinations** which equated to an **1.05%** decrease compared to 2023. There were **15 inconclusive tests** for 2023 which decreased by **1.01%** to **13%** in 2024.

In 2024, OPS examiners administered a combined total of **489 polygraph examinations on 421 applicants**. The tests were composed of primary, secondary and tertiary examinations. Out of all the test administered **63% (265)** had a result of No Significant Response which means the applicant passed the test; **27% (114)** had a result of Significant Response which means the applicant failed; **3% (13)** had a result of Inconclusive which means the applicant did not pass or fail; **2% (9)** had a result of No Opinion which means the examiner had reason to believe the applicant used possible countermeasures.

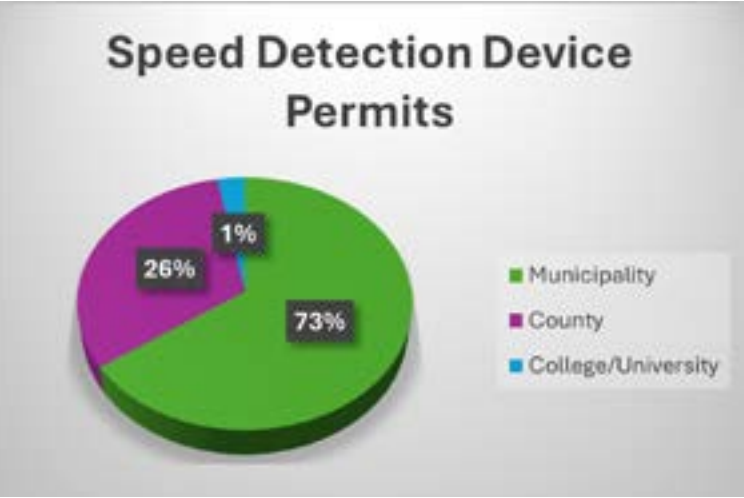
Out of **136 failed tests**, the examiners were able to obtain admissions from **102** which resulted in a **75%** admission rate. Of the polygraphs administered **355** were for the position of Trooper, **50** for Motor Carrier Compliance, **14** for Capitol Police, and two were for IT Technician. The Unit administered **78 secondary examinations** and **four tertiary examinations** in which **23 (33%)** of the applicants passed.



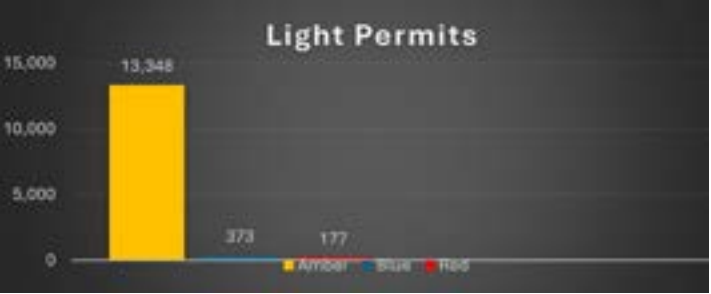
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS - OPS

POLYGRAPHS AND FINGERPRINT DATA			
DESCRIPTION	2023	2024	CHANGE
Polygraphs Given	513	489	-24
Polygraphs by Applicant	426	421	-5
POSITIONS BY APPLICANTS			
GSP Trooper	372	355	-17
MCCD Officer	50	50	0
Capitol Police	3	14	11
Other	1	2	1
TOTAL	426	421	-5
TEST TYPE GIVEN			
Primary	435	427	-8
Secondary	92	78	-14
Tertiary	4	4	0
TOTAL	513	489	-24
RESULTS BY APPLICANTS			
NSR	276	265	-11
SR	106	114	8
INC	15	13	-2
No Opinion	11	9	-2
No Exam	18	20	2
TOTAL	426	421	-5

Speed Detection Device Permits: OPS is responsible for reviewing applications and issuing permits for Speed Detection Device Permits to law enforcement agencies. During 2024, OPS administered the statewide issuance of **176 Speed Detection Device Permits** to law enforcement agencies. Of those permits, **130** were issued to cities or municipalities, **45** to counties, and one 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. In 2024, OPS issued **13,348 Amber Light Permits, 373 Blue Light Permits, and 177 Red Light Permits**. OPS helped in drafting and successfully passing Georgia House Bill 1193. On July 1, 2024, Georgia House Bill 1193 went into effect, which does not require an amber light permit for authorized vehicles.



Window Tint Permits: OPS is responsible for reviewing applications and issuing permits for exemption from the Window Tint Law. In 2024, OPS processed **563 Window Tint Applications** and issued **46 permits**.

Training: Members assisted the Georgia State Patrol and Motor Carrier Compliance Division training offices by providing instruction in GSP Basic Trooper schools, POST IT Training, and DPS in-service classes. The deputy director developed and created a 40-hour Internal Affairs DPS Course to train newly assigned OPS investigators assigned to the Internal Affairs Section and it was recognized by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards Training Council (P.O.S.T.) and assigned a POST Course Code for students to receive POST credit. Members from OPS also trained DPS Personnel what to do after an "Officer Involved Shooting."



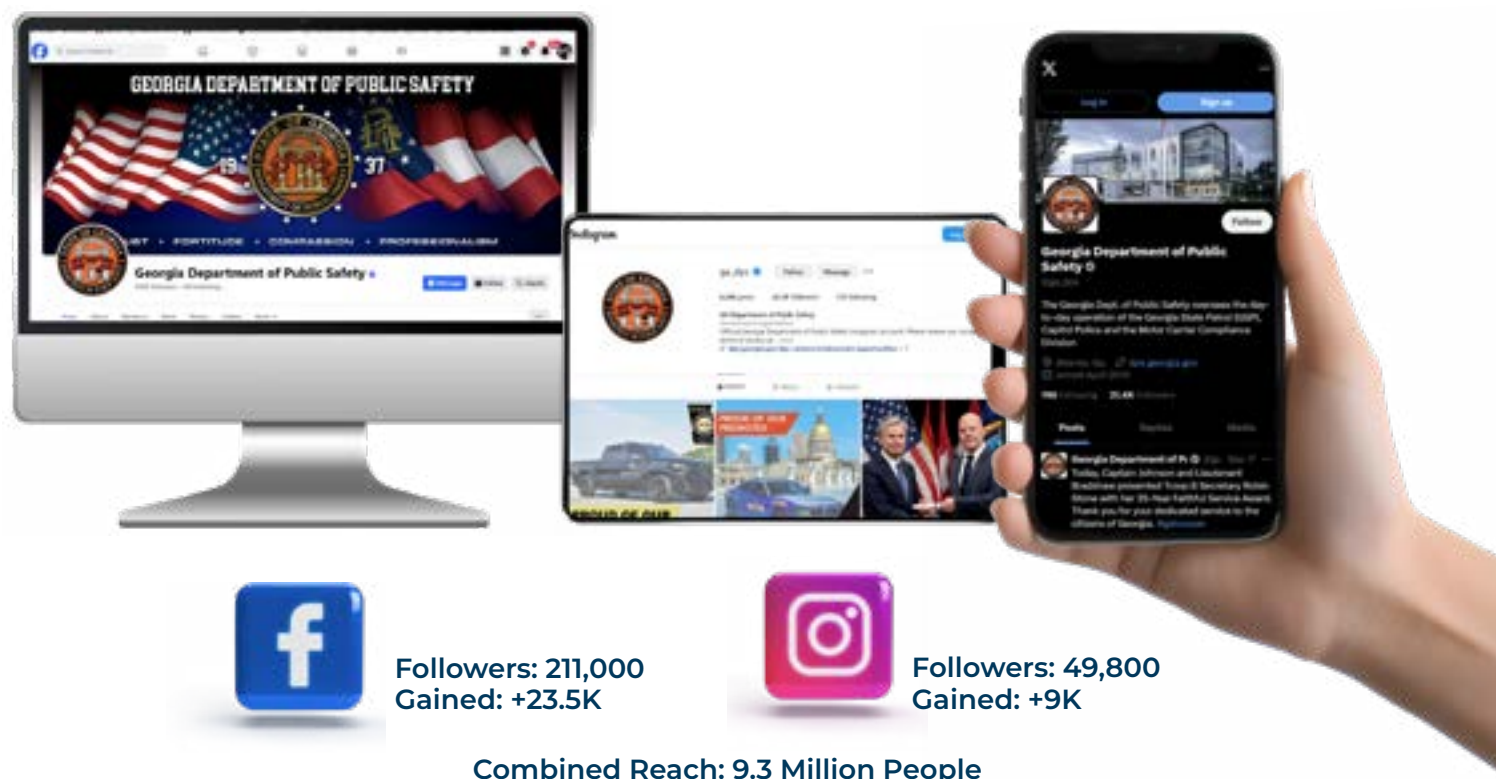


GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The **Public Information Office** 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 historical photos, items, and documents; serves as the official photographer/videographer; assists with recruiting efforts; maintains the Department website; coordinates special events such as grand openings and handles all of the Department's social media accounts. The Department's HQ Museum is organized and maintained by the Public Information Office staff, along with collecting and accepting new historical donations for display. The PIO also serves as support to GEMA/Homeland Security during natural disasters and state emergencies, and for the Joint Operations Center alongside the Atlanta Police Department during large events.



11,420+ Media Requests
15+ Media Interviews
30+ Press Releases
150+ DPS Bulletins
50+ Graphic Design Requests
15+ Special Projects
100+ Photography Requests



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 by coordinating recruiting events in the Metro-Atlanta area and beyond.

- **2,037 applications** for both GSP (118th, 119th, & 120th) and MCCC (12th).
- **44 PT tests** conducted for both GSP (118th, 119th, & 120th) & MCCC (12th).
- Assisted MCCC with the moving the semi-truck and trailer to multiple events across the state for driving simulator.
- Continued working with military installations in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky.
- Participated in **22 TAPs Program and 10 career events** at Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, Fort Gordon, Fort Campbell, Moody Air Force base, Warner Robins Air Force Base, Albany Marine Base, Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, and Fort Moore for a combined total of **32 events**.
- Attended Blue Angels Airshows in Augusta, Vidalia, and Jacksonville, FL.
- Attended **11 car shows** in Georgia and Tennessee, including the Ponies in the Smokies (TN).
- Continued the recruiting booth at the Georgia National Fair in October.





GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNOLOGY SECTION

The **Headquarters Adjutant Division** oversees three main sections: Technology, Facilities, and Support Services. These three sections provide support for the sworn men and women of the Department. The Technology Section is comprised of the DPS Helpdesk, Networking, Program Development and Communications. The Facilities Sections oversees building maintenance, Headquarters maintenance, property records and risk management. Support Services is comprised of Fleet Support Services, the DPS Garage, Property Management, and Supply.

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 (DNR) and the Georgia Forestry Commission, Department of Revenue and United States Fish and Wildlife through Memoranda of Understanding where each agency's law enforcement officers utilize the DPS Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS).

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

- Resolved **19,500 helpdesk tickets**, addressing IT issues for users statewide. This represents a **34%** increase in ticket resolution compared to the previous year, demonstrating a significant improvement in service delivery.
- Reduced the department's active Verizon Wireless lines of service from **1,200** to **456** as part of the strategic migration to AT&T, resulting in cost savings and improved network integration.
- Prepared, deployed, configured, and supported essential technology resources for **94 patrol vehicles for graduates of the 115th, 116th, and 117th Trooper Schools**.

The **Network Services Team** maintains numerous equipment needed to keep the network operating as well as content and service-related servers.

- Completed move of circuits to the new Post 18 Reidsville and Post 35 Jekyll Island locations.
- Continued 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.

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 applications purchased by the agency. The Development Team also aids in writing queries and producing reports to deliver data from the various DPS databases to facilitate decision making by DPS command personnel.

- DPS Off-duty employment timesheet went live.
- Overweight Citations Online Payment Systems upgrades.
- Webservice that provide access the commercial vehicle data from our data center to Florida DOT.
- Continued to make ePORTS enhancements to meet user requests.

The **Telecommunications Coordinator** manages the Department's telephone systems and data circuits and arranges for new installations and relocations as needed. The CAD/RMS Administrator ensured that data related to users, their permissions and access, and the general configuration of the system was maintained. This person also serves as the agency 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.

- Trained Trooper School classes on GCIC procedures, and operational instruction for the CAD/Mobile Forms software.
- Transitioned all nine communication centers to statewide CAD.
- Trained all DPS dispatchers on the upgrades for statewide CAD.



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The **Communications Division** is responsible for the two-way radio infrastructure Troopers/Officers and DPS Communication Centers need to operate and handle daily communications. 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 and 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.

- Finished the installation, training, and rollout of the new statewide radio system to include the assignment and management of approximately **2,000 Harris portables/mobiles**. Additionally, bringing online and maintaining approximately **206 LMR/LTE patches**.
- Provided communication plans, solutions and support during numerous protests, Presidential visits, Crime Suppression details, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- 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.
- Performed field repairs to more than **1,000 vehicle mobile radios, cameras, lightbar, Cradlepoint routers, sirens, and printers**.
- Performed radio system quality control checkouts on roughly **7,200 repaired, new, or reissued vehicles**.
- Assisted DNR and Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) with management, programming, and repair coordination of their radio towers and control stations.





GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Fleet Services Section and the DPS Garage work hand in hand to maintain DPS patrol and specialized vehicles. Fleet services handles the administrative functions, including maintaining the large fleet, and purchasing of vehicles allotted to the Department by the Legislature. The DPS Garage Team are those employees that provided the innovation and labor to ensure the fleet is upfitted properly and maintained and serviced.

The DPS Garage maintains a staff of mechanics and emergency vehicle technicians (EV Techs) to accomplish the task of upfitting and maintaining the DPS Fleet. The Garage completes vehicle preventative maintenance services and other minor to moderate vehicle repairs. The EV Techs work to repair issues related to the emergency lighting, sirens, and other related equipment. The EV Techs also upfit most of the specialty vehicles on site. DPS Garage completed the following service and repair work in 2024.

54
Oil Changes

766
Tire Changes

125
Battery Changes

Aligned with the Garage, the Fleet Services Section maintains a computerized information system that provides costs, utilizations and management information on all DPS vehicles. Fleet Services manages vendors such as contracted vehicle upfitters and repair service providers, Wright Express for fuel, and Holman for vehicle repairs and tracking. Fleet Services handles claims for repairs to departmental vehicles involved in crashes, and orders departmental vehicle tags, titles, and fuel cards. This section is also responsible for the DPS Government Sales Program where vehicles that have been retired from service and are deemed to meet a fair, good, or excellent standard are offered to other law enforcement and publicly funded agencies. Vehicles that do not sell are publicly auctioned along with other DPS vehicles meeting a less than fair condition standard and those that are inoperable due to mechanical failure or accident damage. Below are the vehicle transactions from 2024.

29
Dodge Chargers

250
Dodge Durangos

11
Chevrolet Tahoes

1
Chevrolet Silverado

4
KIA Tellurides

2
KIA Sportages

4
GMC Savannas

11
Ford Mustangs

1
Jeep Wagoneer

4
Ford F250s

1
Ford Expedition MAX



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Vehicle transactions continued:

- **1,479** Insurance Claims processed.
- **455** Requisitions completed.
- **73** Vehicles deemed total losses.
- **158** Vehicles sold through public auction & the DPS sales program (valued at **\$980,615**).
- **36** Vehicles transferred to GPSTC.
- **829** Emergency equipment repair work orders completed.
- **967** Mechanical routine service work orders completed.
- **1,630** Vehicles transported by fleet services wreckers.
- **332** Vehicles repurposed.
- **720** Vehicles issued.

The Supply Unit is responsible for procuring, allocating, distributing, and maintaining all uniforms and equipment for the Department's three divisions, including civilian personnel. The unit is also responsible for procuring ballistic vests, stationery, bottled beverage inventory, and accepting and making delivery of parcels received from multiple couriers. During 2024, the Supply Division successfully completed **278 purchase orders** for various goods and services, and **over 3,152 supply requisitions (over 262 requisitions per month)**. These requisitions do not include new hires, and multiple Trooper and MCO Schools.

Special projects assigned to Supply include:

- Working alongside Command Staff on proper design, testing and evaluating of new Georgia State Patrol uniform options.
- Procuring and distributing cold-weather gear for the 2025 Presidential Inauguration.
- Transitioning to MCM software to assist with forecasting and issuing uniform items.
- Tracking of assets, procuring and distributing Streamlight Wedge® flashlights to all sworn members.
- Distribution of **200** new Team Wendy ballistic helmets and Avon C50 gas masks for Troops C, D, and K.



Property Management maintains assets, inventory, and surplus for the Department of Public Safety. Assets with a cost at or above **\$1,000** that have been purchased, transferred, or donated are added to PeopleSoft, the statewide computer system. This includes equipment such as weapons, computers, communications devices, or other equipment that do not meet the **\$1,000 threshold**. Property Management serves the **52 Patrol Posts, 21 MCCD Weigh Stations**, the Capitol Police Division at the Georgia State Capitol, as well as the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, Georgia Department of Administrative Services, State Accounting Office, Georgia P.O.S.T. Council, and Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Property Management also completes monthly reports and queries for the Annual Reconcile Report that shows every item that has been added, errored, retired, or reinstated each month. Property works diligently to remove old equipment that is no longer in service by placing them into surplus by using the statewide Asset Works website provided by DOAS. After review, DOAS will approve the surplus transfer by either an authorization to dispose electronic scrap, state to state department transfer, direct negotiated sale, and/or internet sale.

- Electronic Disposal: **1,521 office, computer, and communication equipment**.
- Internet Sale: **\$26,417** in sales.
- Transfer: **423** State Department to State Department transfers.
- Direct Negotiated Sale: **\$241,800** in sales.





GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES SECTION

The **Facilities Section** is tasked with advising Post, Troop, and Region Commanders on the development of new posts and the repair and maintenance of existing facilities. Currently, the division manages **52 Patrol Posts, 21 MCCD Weigh Stations, seven Aviation Hangars, and the Headquarters Complex Facility (HQ)**. Additionally, the division is responsible for reviewing and approving various purchase and repair requests for facilities statewide.

The **Maintenance Section** is primarily responsible for the upkeep of the HQ Complex. While this section primarily manages the main HQ building, it also provides support for the maintenance of other buildings owned or leased by the Department, as needed. Key responsibilities include, but are not limited to, grounds maintenance, construction, plumbing, roofing, and HVAC repairs. Facilities is also tasked with ensuring that all DPS buildings and communication towers are accurately recorded in the Building, Land & Lease Inventory of Property system.



In 2024, the Facilities Section addressed **337 helpdesk tickets** for issues across the state and managed numerous special projects for the Department, including:

- **DPS-043 Project, Phase 2:** Completed the demolition of the old Headquarters building and the construction of a new entrance and guard house in January 2024.
- **New Post Constructions:** Post 18 Reidsville (opened October 25, 2024); Post 35 Jekyll Island (opened October 28, 2024); Post 83 Buckhead (March 2025); HQ Helicopter Hangar (March 2025); Post 40 Albany (April 2025); Post 32 Oconee (January 2026); and Post 21 Sylvania (2026).
- **Property Renovations:** Post 8 Madison; LED lighting across multiple facilities, including Post 30 Cordele, Post 4 Villa Rica, and Post 52 Hartwell; MCCD Monroe NB weigh station; Building 5; and HQ Complex.

Insurance Claims Management

The Facilities Section also oversees the processing of insurance claims related to damages sustained by natural or manmade causes to all DPS buildings. These claims are submitted and managed in collaboration with DOAS.



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATION DIVISION



The **Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division** provides aerial support to state, federal, and local agencies. Its overall goal is to protect and safeguard the public safety interests of the citizens within the State of Georgia. Currently, the Aviation Division's assets consist of **13 helicopters, six hangars, 13 pilots, three aircraft mechanics, and one administrative support personnel**. Additionally, **20 Tactical Flight Officers comprised of DPS personnel and non-departmental peace officers**, have been trained as Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera operators. The Aviation Division personnel support law enforcement, public safety, and search and rescue missions, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The division also serves as the Air Operations Coordinator for GEMA during natural disasters and large-scale events.

Accomplishments for the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division in 2024:

- Performed **one short-haul rescue** in North Georgia.
- Requested **four hoist rescues** in North Georgia.
- Flew **two hours** in support of fire suppression operations.
- Participated in **42 static displays** which included education, public safety, and recruiting events.
- **Three Air Show appearances/demonstrations** conducted.
- Multiple training operations conducted with federal, state, and local agencies.
- Initial Tactical Flight Officer School conducted for new candidates.
- Recurrent Rescue Crew Training conducted in North and South Georgia.
- All pilots participated in Bell Factory Training during the Spring and Fall of 2024.
- Two pilots attended Bell 412EP initial training at the Bell Helicopter Academy in Ft. Worth, TX.
- Recurrent training conducted for multiple Departmental members from SWAT, SCRT, Capitol Police, Dignitary Protection, and MCCD in Part 107 (Unmanned Aerial Systems) operations.
- **One FLIR simulator** purchased to help train new and current tactical flight officers.

1,107
Flights

2,136.3
Flight Hours

26
SWAT Transport/Flight Hours

279
Aerial Searches

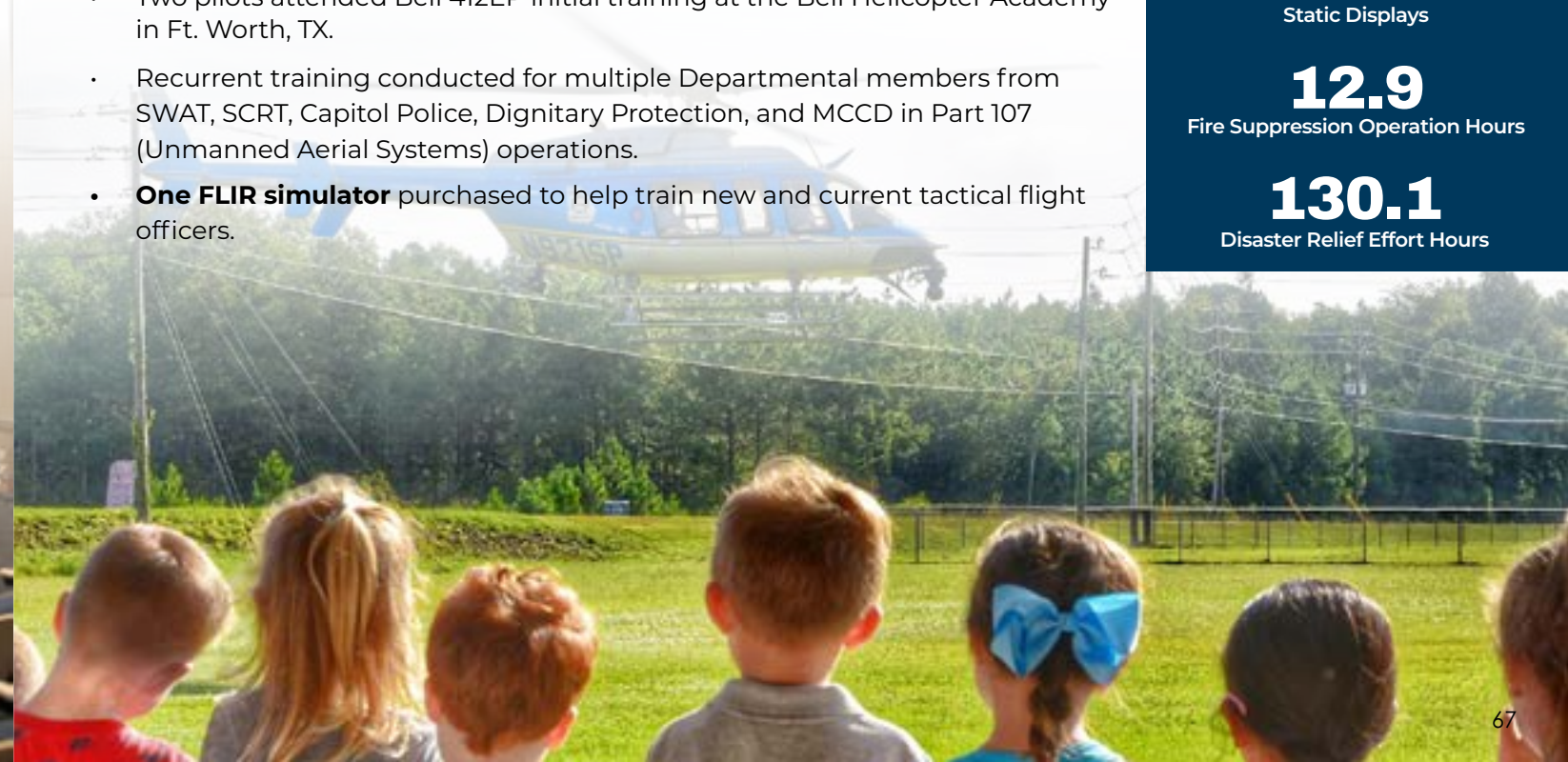
129
Subjects Located with FLIR Technology

103.8
Traffic Observation Hours

42
Static Displays

12.9
Fire Suppression Operation Hours

130.1
Disaster Relief Effort Hours





GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE - GTF

The mission of the multi-agency **Governor's Task Force** is to cease and deter Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) from operating in Georgia and prevent the spread and 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.

The 2024 Governor's 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 also gains assistance from the Georgia National Guard Counterdrug Team and aviation resources assigned to the Georgia Forestry Commission. GTF works with the Georgia Department of Agriculture and stays abreast of laws related to hemp cultivation.

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 aids local agencies with other special requests when needed. 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 DTOs and illegally grown cannabis.

The Governor's Task Force 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.

The Aviation Division, a vital asset to GTF missions, supplied aircraft, pilots, and mechanics in support of GTF missions. Special missions are specifically requested by other agencies, which may include requests from federal, state, or local agencies. The Governor's Task Force collaborates with the DEA and utilizes DEA assets when available. In 2024, GTF flew missions over the Oconee National Forest in Middle Georgia, the Chattahoochee National Forest in North Georgia, and areas surrounding the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in South Georgia. GTF also flew missions over as patrolling these areas for illegal grow sites.



480

Plants Eradicated

21

Outdoor Plots of
Illegal Cannabis

15,500

Indoor Illegal Cannabis Plants
Eradicated

81

Arrests

1,732

Pounds of Processed
Marijuana

87

Weapons Seized

586.5

Aviation Hours
Flown

152

Aviation Missions
Flown



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING DIVISION



The **Training Division** consists of the GSP and MCCD Training Units. The office is located at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center 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 Training Division maintains training records for all its members, as well as reporting training to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

The 117th Trooper School graduated in September. The 118th Trooper School began in July and will graduate in March 2025. Trooper School consists of basic and advanced training equaling 22 weeks for the basic Trooper School and 14 weeks for the advanced school. The 11th Motor Carrier Officer School graduated in April. The 12th Motor Carrier School started in May and graduated in November. The Motor Carrier Officer School consists of advanced training equaling 12 weeks of training.

The GSP Training Division conducted the following training for the Department: Firearms Qualifications, Use of Deadly Force and De-escalation, LWRC Patrol Rifle qualification, Pursuit Liability with Due Regard, Field Training Officer (FTO) Refresher, Accident Reconstruction Levels 1 through 5, Defensive Tactics Instructor, ALERRT, Peer Support, Gang Training, and Leadership Training for Master/Senior Troopers/Officers. The MCCD Training Unit offers the following advanced 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 P.I.T. Upon request, with the approval of the Commissioner, the Training Division also provides basic and advanced training to other state and local agencies.

**DPS sworn members received a combined total of
251,089 P.O.S.T. credited training hours for 2024.**



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Officers
11th MCO School
April 2024



39

Troopers
117th Trooper School
September 2024



8

Officers
12th MCO School
November 2024



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING & RESEARCH

The **Office of Planning and Research** is responsible for developing and maintaining the agency's strategic plan, the bi-annual review of the agency's policies, Uniform Crime Reporting, major event planning, and other special projects as directed by the Commissioner. Members were instrumental in planning the annual DPS Awards Ceremony.

Strategic Plan: The Office of Planning and Research communicates with all departmental divisions to ensure the strategic plan aligns with the Governor's priorities and is the link between the agency's operations, budget, and future direction.

Bi-Annual Policy Review: The Policy Review Panel meets monthly to objectively review policies. During 2024, the Office of Planning and Research coordinated one new policy and the review, revision, and approval of **12 existing policies**.

Within the Office of Planning and Research are the Off-Duty Employment Coordinator, Headquarters Security and Records Management Officer.

The following tasks were accomplished in 2024:

The **Off-Duty Coordinator** revamped the outside approval process by streamlining it to remove duplicate levels of approval for employees seeking outside employment and vendors/organizations seeking to employ DPS members.

Headquarters Security and the Cadet Program were tasked with controlling access to and providing security for the State Complex which consists of DPS Headquarters, GEMA/Homeland Security, GDOT Traffic Management Center and the Georgia National Guard.

The **Records Management Officer** coordinated with HQ and field personnel to schedule records destruction according to the records retention guide.



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORT - OPSS

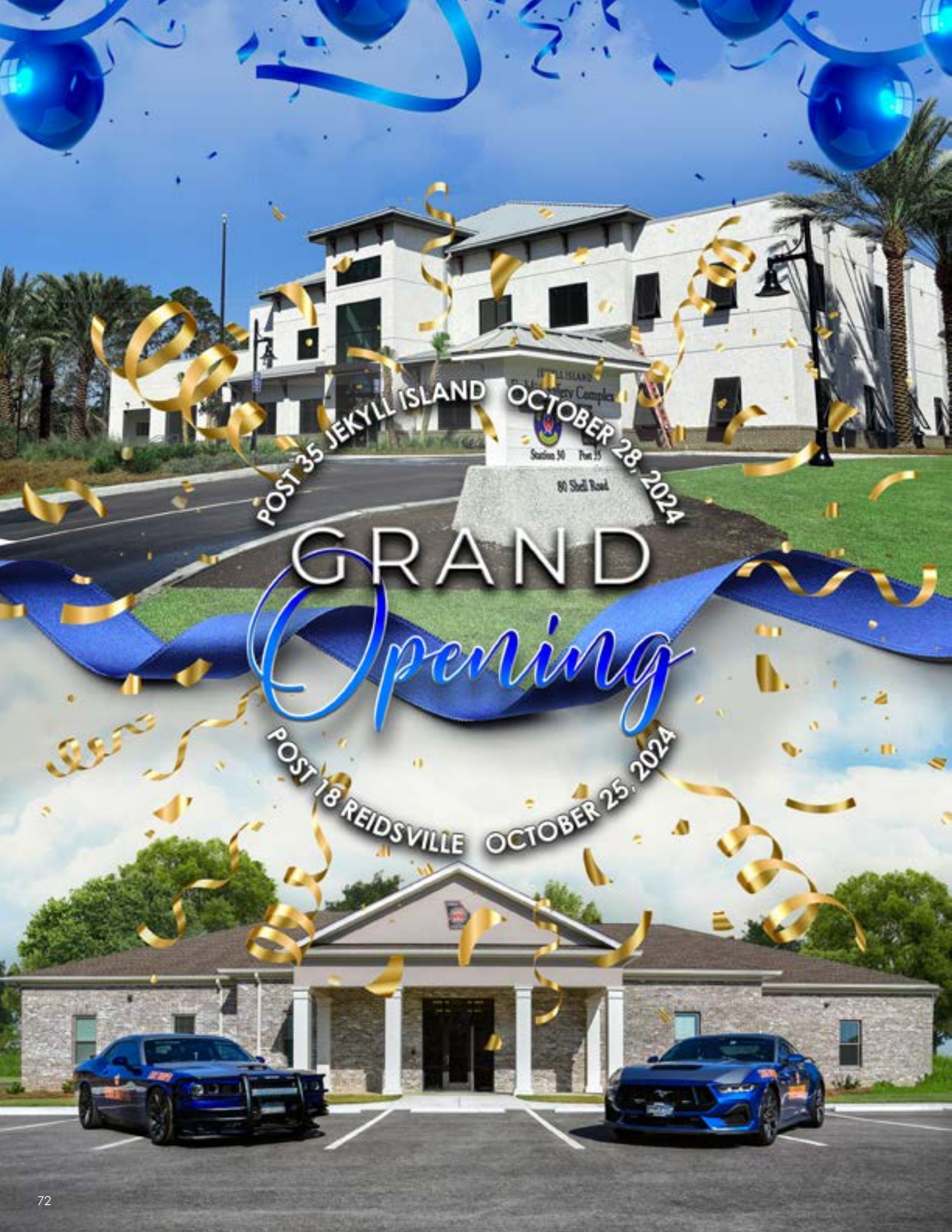
The **Office of Public Safety Support** continues to provide psychological first aid, as well as professional mental health services to all of Georgia's first responders. These services are provided to those who have experienced a critical incident(s) or traumatic event(s) while either on duty or off duty. **OPSS has one administrative assistant, nine peer counselors, five mental health clinicians, four service canines, along with the director and deputy director, to fulfill the mission of the office.**



In 2024, the Office of Public Safety Support provided the following services:

- Conducted **136 group crisis interventions** following critical incidents or traumatic events with **over 1,500 first responders attending**.
- Offered **six, 40-hour Peer Counselor Certification Courses with over 190 first responders, from local and state agencies, becoming certified peer counselors**.
- Hosted **four Post Critical Incident Seminars** for first responders who have experienced a critical incident or traumatic event. This also included the second Grief/Loss Seminar which focused on helping first responders who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
- Continued to support to neighboring states, such as Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida, by providing OPSS peer counselors to assist them with their Post Critical Incident Seminars or having officers from these states attend one of the OPSS seminars.
- Peer counselors made **over 5,900 contacts with first responders**.
- Mental Health Professionals conducted approximately **400 therapy sessions with first responders**.





In Memory of



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