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LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE

The Department of Public Safety’s Legal Services Office consists of two attorneys, one paralegal, and one secretary. The Director of Legal Services reports directly to the Commissioner. The primary function of the Legal Services Office is to provide guidance to the Commissioner and his Command/Executive staff concerning any matters associated with the day-to-day operations of the department.

The Legal Services Office interacts with the Prosecuting Attorney’s Council, Georgia Sheriff’s Association, Association of Chiefs of Police, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety in public safety related matters.

The Legal Services Office works closely with Investigative Services to ensure that investigations are complete and objective and, when necessary, properly form the basis for discipline. The Legal Services Office assists the Public Information Office and field staff in processing open records requests, subpoenas and other document requests. The attorneys also regularly provide training to the department’s employees on such topics as unlawful harassment, open records, and search and seizure.

The Legal Services Office reviews and files Safety Responsibility claims to suspend the driver’s license of those individuals who are responsible for damages to Georgia State Patrol vehicles. These damages arose from motor vehicle crashes involving uninsured motorists or individuals driving stolen vehicles.

The Legal Services Office acts as the liaison with the Department of Law in civil litigation matters. They ensure proper requests are made to secure the needed representation for the department’s employees and they provide litigation support to the Department of Law when necessary.

The Legal Services Office drafts or reviews all proposed legislation that may impact the department and closely monitors and gathers information on bills impacting public safety.

On a daily basis, the Legal Services staff works in conjunction with the Personnel Services staff to ensure compliance with all applicable State and Federal labor and employment laws. Legal Services also provides technical assistance to Personnel in responding to inquiries made by the EEOC and the Georgia Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity.

In 2002, the Legal Services staff:

- Reviewed, advised or drafted 31 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between the department and other companies, agencies, or individuals.
- Reviewed 32 adverse actions and assisted in the administration of the disciplinary decision.
- Opened and processed 30 cases and closed seven (7).
- In addition, 32 Safety Responsibility Claims were filed against individuals responsible for property damage to Georgia State Patrol vehicles which totaled $99,347.32.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The GSP Office of Public Information & Public Affairs serves as liaison for the Department of Public Safety to the news media and citizens of Georgia. The Headquarters Public Information Office Staff provides research and clearance for media inquiries and interview requests for 48 State Patrol Posts across the state. During 2002, the Publication Information Office originated 45 news releases and media advisories.
OPEN RECORDS
The Public Information Office oversees public access to Department Open Records for state prosecutors, defense attorneys, insurance companies, and news media.
PIO provides filing, storage and retrieval of evidence photos, videotapes and documents from all GSP field operations. All PIO Staff members are now designated by the DPS Commissioner as Custodians of Public Record as public requests for GSP Open Records services have increased six-fold since 1999.

GRAPHICS UNIT
The PIO Graphics Unit provides development and copying of Department evidence photos, video and audiotapes. The Graphics Unit also provides special projects support to the PIO Publications and GSP Recruitment Units.
In 2002 the Graphics Unit obtained a reconditioned Kodak film scanner/printer unit to help prepare PIO for the anticipated increase in digital evidence photos from GSP SCRT and other law enforcement agencies.

PUBLICATIONS UNIT
PIO Publications is responsible for production of the quarterly GSP Trooper Newsletter, the DPS Annual Report, and content for the Georgia State Patrol website. PIO Publications provided special project support to the Georgia Homeland Security Task Force, the GSP Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP), and the Department’s efforts to obtain accreditation from (CALEA), the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

DIRECTOR’S OFFICE
The PIO Director provides guidance to the Commissioner/Colonel and Command Staff on matters of law enforcement media coverage, and development and placement of highway safety public image campaigns.
Since September 11, 2001, the PIO Director also serves as Official Spokesman for the Office of Homeland Security, by assignment from the Commissioner.

VIDEO PROJECTS
The Director serves as Executive Producer for Department public service and educational video productions. In 2002, the Georgia State Patrol’s new departmental recruiting video was being distributed to civic groups, job fairs and college campuses, and to every Trooper and Patrol Post in the state. The Southern Regional Emmy Awards nominated “Standards of Excellence” in two categories: Best Collaborative Photography and Best Non-News Feature. In June, 2002, the Georgia State Patrol won its first EMMY Award ever for their first recruiting video.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR
The PIO Deputy Director manages the daily operations in the Public Information Office, maintains the GSP retiree notification system, and compiles quarterly GOHS/NHTSA data for statewide seatbelt, child restraint and DUI enforcement campaigns.
Additionally, the Deputy Director represents the Department of Public Safety on the Governor’s Public Safety Awards Committee, is a member of the Public Safety Memorial Committee, coordinates the Department Awards Program and responds to media inquiries after normal business hours and on weekends. The Deputy Director also prepares news releases for the six major holiday periods, specialized enforcement campaigns, and other releases as needed each year. He also prepares seasonal public service announcements for use by field personnel and conducts a training course in media relations to trooper cadets during GSP Trooper School.
The retiree notification system continued to grow during the year with more than 450 retirees receiving recorded messages of news from the Department, including funeral announcements for active and retired members, illnesses, retiree meetings, and upcoming Department events.
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Another 100 members received the messages by e-mail.

The Deputy Director also coordinates the dissemination of information to members of the Command Staff of working significant incidents/crashes utilizing the group paging system.

**MEDIA RELATIONS**

The PIO Director and Deputy Director are on-call to respond to requests for television, radio and newspaper interviews whenever GSP Command Staff or uniformed Troopers are unavailable. The Headquarters PIO Staff plans and produces Department news conferences, media advisories and news releases.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION**

The Special Projects Division is comprised of the Accreditation, Excess Property, Legislative Liaison and Planning units, including certain responsibilities for portions of the Homeland Security effort.

**ACCREDITATION UNIT**

The Accreditation Office made great strides in 2002 towards the process of achieving CALEA accreditation. The GSP Policy Manual was completed, printed, and distributed to all GSP personnel.

In addition, several SOP manuals were initiated, in process, or completed to include:

- Evidence Custodian
- SWAT
- Capitol Police
- Excess Property
- Post 35, Jekyll Island

Accreditation personnel attended Georgia Police Accreditation Coalition (GPAC) and Tri-State Police Accreditation Coalition (Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee) meetings in 2002 to keep up to date with Accreditation issues. Other major accomplishments for the first half of 2002 included:

- Training for over 400 civilian employees regarding the (CALEA) Accreditation program.
- Conducted (CALEA) Accreditation training with the Trooper School Cadets.
- Continued compiling documentation for the (CALEA) Accreditation process.

**EXCESS PROPERTY**

Excess Property successfully organized and hosted the “Southeast Regional Law Enforcement Expo and Training Conference,” April 14 – 16, 2002. The event offered POST Certified training classes through the National Institute of Justice. More than 40 GSA Schedule vendors displayed equipment. About 200 attendees were briefed on both 1033 and 1122 federal programs. The Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) personnel are working with GSP to co-host a 2003 National Conference scheduled for October.

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Georgia’s Excess Property office participated in a 1033 test project. The “Customer Reserve Stock Test Project” was successfully implemented and approved by Colonel Thomas Small, LESO Director. Colonel Small proposed the “Regional Customer Reserve Stock” project to Excess Property for 2003. The Excess Property Office established and now maintains an inventory database system that assists the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in managing equipment items purchased with federal funds.

LEGISLATIVE UNIT
Legislative efforts were coordinated by the Department of Public Safety Legislative Unit with the Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Office of Highway Safety.

Weekly meetings were held at the Capitol during the 2002 Legislative Session to ensure the bills offered by the various agencies under the Department of Public Safety did not overlap or were not in conflict with each other.

In addition, the Legislative Unit of DPS electronically disseminated 36 Legislative Updates during the 40-day session to keep DPS personnel up-to-date on the status of pending bills.

PLANNING UNIT
Strategic and Work Force plans were further developed for the Department of Public Safety, Georgia State Patrol, Office of Highway Safety and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council according to the guidelines from the Georgia Merit System, Georgia Technology Authority and Office of Planning and Budget. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation developed their overall Strategic Plan independently. The 2003 plans were developed via meetings with executive and selected core staff members, research and reference materials. Consultation and assistance was provided by the consultant who had developed the 2002 plans in varying amounts for the different agencies.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Special Investigations Division is comprised of the Internal Affairs Unit, the Background Investigation Unit, the Polygraph Unit, Radar Regulations Unit and Firearms Permits Unit.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS
The Internal Affairs Unit investigates allegations of misconduct made against Departmental members, the Capitol Police Services Section, as well as the misuse of radar speed-timing devices against any agency bearing the Department’s certification. During 2002, the Department of Public Safety logged 103 investigative cases. Of these cases, 55 were administrative investigations, which were conducted on the troop level; 42 were Internal Affairs investigations, and six were radar/speed timing device investigations.

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BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
The Background Investigation Unit is responsible for conducting background investigations for candidates seeking employment with the Department of Public Safety. During 2002, the Background Unit processed 570 background investigations. Of these, there were 456 trooper applicants, two Cadet applicants, 50 Police Corporal applicants, 28 Safety Officer applicants, 220 CEO/CCS applicants and 38 civilian applicants.

POLYGRAPH
The Polygraph Unit works closely with the Background Unit, also providing services to the Internal Affairs Unit. This unit administered 385 polygraph examinations for 2002. Of this record number, 359 polygraph examinations were related...
Personnel Services Division provides a full array of human resources services including recruitment and employment, job development and compensation analysis, policy consultation, personnel and benefits processing, management and employee relations, background screening, career development and technical training for the more than 1400 DPS employees. In addition, the Personnel Services Division provides support to 225 positions in six separate agencies that are administratively attached to the Department of Public Safety.

Director’s Office
The Director of Personnel Services provides overall direction, leadership, and management of the agency’s human resources needs to include the areas of human relations services; diversity management; policy analysis and development; personnel administration; and position/budget administration. The Personnel Services Director is also responsible for programs in support of equal opportunity employment and provides guidance and interpretation of departmental policy, State Personnel Board rules and other state and federal employment laws.

Compensation and Staffing Services
Emphasis is placed on using the best business practices in aligning agency jobs with those in the local labor market. This involves developing job descriptions and conducting market comparisons to ensure competitiveness with other law enforcement agencies as well as other applicable business markets (accounting, purchasing, etc.).

Recruitment/Employment Services
Recruitment/Employment services assists managers in recruiting top-notch candidates by conducting targeted and core business recruitments, assessing and evaluating job applicants, and participating in panel selections designed to attract and retain a quality workforce. Personnel Services coordinates preliminary background investigations, polygraph examinations and compiles pre-employment reports.

Permits
The Permits Unit governs the statewide issuance of all Wholesale/Retail Firearms Licenses (required for businesses wishing to sell handguns under 15 inches in length), and the issuance of Speed Detection Device Permits. During 2002 there were 100 radar permits issued and 862 firearms permits, with a total of $25,542.00 in fees collected.

During 2002, the Standard Operating Procedures of this Unit were revised by polygraph personnel under Administrative and Accreditation Office Guidance. The revisions included the addition of DVD audio-visual recorders to existing monitors to document all examinations. A program of field examinations was continued to facilitate prospective employees by eliminating the necessity for applicants to travel to Atlanta after several examinees were identified in a limited geographical area. Field examinations were also used to better accommodate witnesses in Internal Affairs Cases. Specialized Instruction was provided several times throughout the year during Trooper School, at the Police Academy, at Instructor Training School, and at the Internal APA Seminar. These presentations proved valuable to the Unit in establishing professional contacts and gaining positive input on existing procedures.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Testing and assessment centers are coordinated through Personnel Services in cooperation with the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government. These activities support the department’s competitive promotional process for the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Sergeant First Class and Lieutenant. During 2002, 61 positions in these ranks were filled through the competitive process.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS SERVICES
Personnel Services provides consultation and review of employee actions to ensure compliance with departmental policy, State Personnel Board Rules, and federal and state laws. Activities include providing advice and assistance to managers, supervisors and non-supervisory employees regarding policies, rules and law. Personnel Services also provides assistance investigating and responding to complaints and grievances.

BENEFIT SERVICES
Throughout the year Personnel Services responds to numerous requests from employees for information related to benefits. Employee benefit plans include group term life insurance, long term care, vision insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, dental insurance, disability insurance, legal insurance, health and dependent spending accounts. This unit also coordinates the State Deferred Compensation Plans and Workers’ Compensation.

During 2002, DPS opted to participate in the statewide managed care organization which supports employees in recovery of work related injuries for ease and accessibility. During 2002, the Employee Benefit presentation was formalized and an additional segment was added to address the benefits of sworn members.

TRANSACTIONS SERVICES
Official employee records which include the personnel history file (201), confidential file (beneficiary, medical and health related information), Worker’s Compensation files, and separated employees are maintained and stored in the Personnel Services Division. Entries for sick, annual and compensatory time are completed within Personnel Services. During 2002, approximately 5,441 manual transactions were completed to provide promotions, salary changes, transfers, and other personnel transactions. This amount does not include mass transactions such as performance based increases. More than 38,000 additional entries were performed to update leave. During the latter part of the year, the method for granting holiday time and accruing comp time was modified to align with State Personnel Board Rules. This change provided a positive benefit to employees and created a work load issue for additional leave entry.

PROGRAM SERVICES
Each year the Personnel Services Division provides an array of programs aimed at providing a work environment conducive to retaining high caliber employees. These programs include Faithful Service Awards, Statewide Recognition Program, and coordination of the Employee Suggestion Program. During 2002, Department employees were selected from all state agency entries to receive two statewide Public Employee Recognition Awards in the areas of Teamwork and Safety.

TRAINING SERVICES
Personnel Services provides technical training in human resources related topics in support of the Training Division and the Command Staff of the agency.
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

GENERAL SERVICES SECTION

VEHICLE SUPPORT SERVICES
Vehicle Support Services maintains the FleetAnywhere System, handles claims for repairs to departmental vehicles involved in crashes, and orders departmental vehicle tags, titles and Wright Express fuel cards.

The FleetAnywhere System is an automated perpetual system that provides costs, utilization and management information on all vehicles owned by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council and Governor’s Office of Highway Safety. The vehicle system processes all transactions that affect vehicle costs, usage, and descriptive information. It provides fleet management information by vehicle or location. At the end of fiscal year 2002, the department had 1,166 vehicles and aircrafts on inventory valued at $23,530,679.08.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT UNIT
The Records Management Unit is responsible for maintaining the Records Management Program for the entire Department of Public Safety. This unit assists and advises all offices on which records must be retained, how long to retain them, and where to maintain them. The unit coordinates with the State Records Center on transmittal of records and proper destruction of records. A yearly inventory is maintained to make sure the department meets requirements set forth in the retention schedules.

During fiscal year 2002, Records Management was responsible for processing printing requests, reviewing printing when completed, and authorizing payment. Printing costs for the department was approximately $170,750.00. Printing is completed on state contract by Georgia Correctional Industries and small/minority vendors. The Records Management Unit is also responsible for maintaining and initiating revisions for all forms used by the department.

MAILROOM
The Mailroom processes all incoming and outgoing U.S. Mail and United Parcel Service packages, and maintains a postage account for the department. During fiscal year 2002, the postage for outgoing U.S. Mail totaled $153,020.77. The mailroom is responsible for courier runs to Archives, State Records Center, Twin Towers, East Atlanta Post Office and other locations.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UNIT
The Property Management Unit is responsible for maintaining an inventory for the Department of Public Safety, which includes headquarters, 48 State Patrol Posts, and agencies attached administratively to DPS.

With the exception of weapons and communication equipment, only items with an acquisition cost of $1,000.00 or more are recorded on the property system.

During fiscal year 2002, this unit processed 766 additions with acquisition costs totaling $5,999,604.27. There were 178 items deleted that were valued at $874,212.82 and 15,365 items were transferred.

The Supply Inventory System is responsible for maintaining and updating an on-line inventory system of all items purchased, maintained, and issued by the Supply Section. This includes office supplies, medical supplies, janitorial supplies, clothing and accessories. At the end of fiscal year 2002, there were approximately 7,628 items kept on inventory valued at $2,201,757.61.
PURCHASING SECTION
The Purchasing Section is responsible for coordinating and monitoring all purchasing activities, which include purchasing office supplies, pursuit vehicles, aircraft, law enforcement items, and establishing specialized contracts. This office also prepares and distributes purchasing procedures and assists departmental personnel to ensure that all purchases are within established rules and regulations.

During fiscal year 2002, the Purchasing Section utilized the Phoenix System - PeopleSoft, to process 7,312 purchase orders and 14 state requisitions for a total of $20,111,051.15.

This Section is also responsible for maintaining the Purchasing Card Program for the Department. The Purchasing Card allows the Department to receive merchandise faster, provide prompt payment to vendors and alleviate the high cost of processing field purchase orders.

BUDGET SECTION
The Payroll Office is responsible for maintaining the payroll records and processing paycheck exceptions for the Department of Public Safety/Georgia State Patrol and six attached agencies. Payroll maintains tax withholding, direct deposit, general deductions, garnishments, and supplemental pay records. Payroll is also responsible for verifying that employee salaries, retirement contributions, and insurances are calculated correctly each pay cycle.

Some of the activities for fiscal year 2002 include:

- Balanced W-2 statements for Tax Year 2001 and distributed them to approximately 2,405 current and former DPS employees.
- Reconciled the monthly statement for the Department of Community Health, which had an outstanding balance for seven years.
- Developed and distributed quarterly Payroll Processing Calendars, incorporating internal and external cutoff dates for submitting timesheets and paycheck exceptions, which significantly decreased the number of “hand-drawn” paychecks and employee overpayments.
- Created a more user-friendly Direct Deposit Employee Authorization Form and offered Direct Deposit participation to all employees which significantly reduced the number of costly “voids” and “stop-payments” due to lost paychecks.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT
The primary activity of this unit is to prepare grant applications, compile records of grant-funded activities and submit reimbursement requests. During fiscal year 2002, there were 17 grants that provided over $3,144,000 in funding to the Department, including $307,939 to Chatham County for a Regional K-9 Task Force. In addition to running the Regional K-9 Task Force, the activities funded by these grants included additional patrols for seatbelt and DUI enforcement, funding the initial expenses of an anti-terrorism unit, purchase of dash-mounted video cameras, producing anti-DUI video materials and bulletproof vests for new troopers. Grants management also reviewed private audits that were submitted by governmental agencies receiving grants from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety. Numerous audits from cities and counties were reviewed for compliance with governmental standards.

The following is the FY 2002 grant activity for the Georgia Department of Public Safety:

**K-9 Regional Task Force (CJCC)** $438,442  
To supervise the activities of the Chatham County Sheriff Office’s K-9 unit regarding inspections and training dogs/handlers.

**Seatbelt Enforcement Campaign (GOHS)** $315,701  
To pay for additional hours of patrols, with the primary enforcement concentration on seatbelt usage.
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**DUI Enforcement Project** (GOHS) $1,567,498
To provide equipment and overtime funding for additional patrols aimed at drunk drivers.

**Homeland Security** (CJCC) $163,023
To initiate a multi-agency, anti-terrorism office.

**Bulletproof Vests** (BJA) $10,828
To purchase bulletproof vests (for graduates of the trooper school). Partial reimbursement due to limited funds.

**LLEBG- Nine In-Car Cameras** (CJCC) $28,305
To equip patrol vehicles that either did not have a dash-mounted camera or had one that was broken.

**LLEBG- Backup Generators** (CJCC) $71,059
To purchase two backup generators for the new 800 Mhz radio system in the Atlanta area.

**LLEBG- SWAT & Garage equipment** (CJCC) $38,567
- To provide trauma plates for the SWAT team and lug wrenches for all patrol cars.

**Property Procurement Program** (CJCC) $35,000
- To assist local law enforcement agencies to purchase items using the federal discount rates.

**SCRT Equipment** (GOHS) $14,977
To purchase upgraded equipment and computers for the SCRT teams.

**Automated Crash Reporting** (GOHS) $191,632
To develop a new computerized reporting system and hire temporary help to correct reports from 1999 forward.

**Citation Automation** (GOHS) $10,089
To provide software, hardware, or monetary grants up to $5,000 for courts to automate their citation reporting processes. (5th year)

**Small Grant Project** (GOHS) $7,472
To purchase equipment for Post 1 in Griffin due to a trooper coordinating a regional network.

**Capitol Hill Police** (GOHS) $1,731
To provide a computer for the Capitol Hill Police unit.

**ADAP Video Project** (DHR/DJJ) $150,000
To produce alcohol and drug abuse educational videos.

**Inventory Project** (CJCC) $73,555
To provide for one position to coordinate and inventory all equipment purchases from CJCC grantees.

**Fatal Accident Reporting** (NHTSA) $26,893
To provide for three positions and related expenses to compile fatal crash data.

**TOTALS**
$3,144,772 (Federal)

### COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Communications Division, under the direction of Major D.A. “Corky” Jewell, provides support services to the Department of Public Safety in the areas of information technology, disaster coordination, and security of the headquarters building, as well as communications.

**DIRECTOR’S OFFICE**
Major D.A. Jewell is responsible for the overall operations of the Communications Division. In addition to these duties, he serves as the chairman of the Communications Subcommittee for the Homeland Security Task Force. In view of both responsibilities, he has worked diligently to promote the need for an integrated public safety communications system for the State of Georgia.

**COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM SPECIALIST**
The Communications Program Specialist develops and presents training programs for...
communications personnel, ensuring compliance with Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) rules and regulations, and providing assistance during semi-annual audits of Communications Centers by GCIC. Other responsibilities include assisting with drafts of policies and procedures applicable to the communications function.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
The Telecommunications Coordinator administers the procurement or communications equipment, and issues and maintains telephones, cell phones, and SouthernLinc radio equipment. The installation of phone lines and equipment at all Department facilities is also arranged.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATORS
The Communications Coordinators are responsible for the radio and speed detection equipment utilized across the state. They provide technical assistance for the installation and maintenance of this equipment.

COMPUTER SERVICES
The Computer Services Section is responsible for the procurement, setup, installation, and maintenance of all computers and computer related equipment. Computer Services maintains the network infrastructure for the department and provides end-user support for all department members. Additionally, they provide technical support to other sections of the Communications Division by offering advice regarding current technology.

During 2002, Computer Services coordinated the SmartCop CAD/RMS pilot project, initiated the upgrade of all Department computers to Windows XP Professional, and performed several major upgrades to network servers.

HEADQUARTERS SECURITY
The Headquarters Security Section is responsible for the general security of the headquarters building and its occupants. In addition, members of the section provide assistance to other Department units through transportation of persons and materials within the Metro Atlanta area.

GEMA LIAISON OFFICER
This officer serves as the department’s liaison with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA). This officer represents the Commissioner on the Homeland Security Task Force and coordinates the development of plans related to disaster operations. During 2002, the GEMA liaison officers assisted in the development of the guidelines to be followed in response to changes in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Threat Notification System status.
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TROOP AND POSTS MAP

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TROOPS AND POSTS

TROOP A

Troop A consists of seven posts in Northwest Georgia: Dalton, Canton, Cartersville, Cedartown, Rome, Lafayette, and Calhoun. The seven posts cover 14 counties stretching from the north Metro Atlanta suburbs to the mountains on the borders of Alabama and Tennessee.

During February, March, and April, a large crime scene at Noble, an officer involved shooting, and the largest vehicle crash in Georgia history kept officers at a gallop. Troop A consistently finished first or second in holiday activity totals throughout the year. Troop A received first place in the Governor’s Challenge, and also received the “Buckle up America” award from the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Troop A troopers also assisted Tennessee Troopers and Chattanooga Police on a rare Vice Presidential visit to Dalton in October.

Post 3 - Cartersville covers Paulding and Bartow counties. Post 3 covers 30 miles of I-75, and for the last several years has worked more crashes than any other post except Villa Rica. In 2002, Post 3 worked 3,304 crashes, resulting in 20 fatalities. Presently, Post 3 staff consists of 21 Troopers, five CEO’s, and the post secretary.

Post 3 has become a training ground for many troopers after graduation from trooper school. Post 3 gives rookie troopers needed experience in crash investigation that benefits the entire state.

Post 5 - Dalton covers Whitfield and Catoosa counties and has 31 miles of I-75, including the Georgia-Tennessee state line. Post 5 is a high activity post, with 1,438 crashes and 26 fatalities worked in 2002. Post 5 staff consists of 15 troopers and four CEO’s.

SGT Kermit Stokes, with assistance from over 25 troopers and S.C.R.T., was responsible for the investigation of the single largest crash series in Georgia’s history, which occurred in Catoosa County on March 14, 2002.

During 2002, Post 5 troopers were responsible for seizing $249,871.11 in illegal drug proceeds. These seizures included over 23 pounds of marijuana, almost half a kilo of methamphetamine, over half a pound of cocaine, and various amounts of ecstasy and other drugs. Post 5 received a grant from the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground for a Contraband Team Detection Kit, valued at over $16,000.00. The post also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Director of the FBI for their cooperation and assistance during an FBI drug investigation.

Master Trooper Kevin Turner was selected by the Peace Officer’s Association of Georgia as Peace Officer of the Year.

Post 28 - Canton is responsible for Cherokee and Pickens Counties. Post 28 covers 23 miles of I-575 and two miles of I-75. Post 28 worked 381 crashes resulting in 11 fatalities in 2002. Post 28 staff consists of 12 troopers and five CEO’s.

A tornado devastated a community near Jasper in Pickens County on November 11. Post 28...
troopers assisted with traffic at a major intersection, and patrolled the area for the next two days to discourage looters. Over 50 businesses and 128 residences were damaged or destroyed as a result of the storm.

**Post 29 - Cedartown** patrols Haralson and Polk counties. Post 29 is responsible for 9 miles of I-20, including the Georgia-Alabama State line. Post 29 troopers investigated 697 crashes resulting in 13 fatalities for 2002. Post 29 staff consists of 12 troopers, 5 CEO’s, and the post secretary.

Post 29 and GSP Aviation assisted in the search for suspects wanted in the June shooting of an Alabama sheriff’s deputy.

**Post 38 - Rome** covers Floyd and Chattooga counties. Post 38 has no interstate, but does cover the large metro Rome area. Post 38 staff consists of 12 troopers, five CEO’s, and the post secretary. During 2002, Post 38 worked 469 crashes resulting in 11 fatalities.

**Post 41 - LaFayette** patrols Walker and Dade counties in the northwest corner of Georgia. Post 41 is responsible for 20 miles of I-59 and four miles of I-24. Post 41 investigated 1,168 crashes resulting in 10 fatalities in 2002. Post 41 consists of 11 troopers, five CEO’s, and the post secretary.

In February, Troop A troopers assisted in the gruesome discovery in Walker County. Post 41 led the Troop in cooperative efforts during Operation Zero Tolerance. In August, an evening road check was held in conjunction with Tennessee troopers on the Georgia-Tennessee state line in Dade County. The next day, Georgia and Tennessee troopers held a free child safety seat check at the Georgia Welcome Center on I-75.

In 2002, Post 41 trooper were instrumental in the location and destruction of nine meth labs.

**Post 43 - Calhoun** works Gordon and Murray counties, including 15 miles of I-75. Post 43 worked 1,126 crashes, resulting in 14 fatalities in 2002. Post 43 staff consists of 15 troopers, 5 CEO’s, and the post secretary.

In April, Post 43 opened its new facility. This coincided with a fire at the old post, which destroyed the communications tower. Radio communications were handled with the GSP Mobile Command Unit.

In May, a tornado struck Calhoun, causing widespread damage and power outage. Post 43, along with other Troop A staff, assisted Gordon County authorities in securing the damaged areas until clean-up efforts could be organized.
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TROOP B

Troop B consists of five patrol posts located in Athens, Blue Ridge, Cumming, Gainesville and Toccoa.

Post 6 - Gainesville patrols Banks, Hall, Jackson and White counties. Presently, Post 6’s staff consists of 14 Troopers, five CEOs and a Post secretary. Post 6 personnel, as well as other Troop B troopers assisted in the annual Atlanta Dragway detail in Commerce.

Post 7 - Toccoa patrols Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Rabun and Stephens counties. Accident enforcement activity for last year was 688 accidents, 833 injuries and 42 fatalities. Post 7 troopers made 3,162 arrests, 144 being DUIs, and issued 4,439 warnings. Presently, Post 7’s staff consists of 12 troopers and five CEOs.

Post 27 - Blue Ridge patrols Gilmer, Fannin, Towns and Union counties. Presently, Blue Ridge has a staff of 12 troopers, four CEOs and a secretary. Post 27 personnel were involved with the traffic detail for the Georgia Mountain Fair and numerous other mountain festivals.

Post 32 - Athens serves as Troop B Headquarters and patrols Barrow, Clarke, Madison and Oconee counties. Presently, Post 32’s staff consists of 13 Troopers and four CEOs. From August through November, Post 32 assists with traffic control for University of Georgia home football games.

Post 37 - Cumming provides coverage for Lumpkin, Dawson and Forsyth counties. Presently, Post 37’s staff consists of 13 troopers and four CEOs. The Cumming post assisted the Lumpkin County Sheriff’s Department with its annual Fall Gold Rush Festival and parade. Post 37 also assisted Cumming Police Department and Forsyth County’s Sheriff’s Department with the annual Hosea William Memorial Peace March. Troop B personnel were responsible for crowd control and security for the marchers.
TROOPS AND POSTS

TROOP C

Troop C consists of three patrol posts located in Forest Park, Kennesaw and Atlanta. The posts work the five metro Atlanta counties. Troop C personnel handled many special details this year: security for the Center for Disease Control, security at the Lester Ave. gate, and security for numerous sports events such as the SEC Championship, 10K Classic Road Race, University of Georgia football, the Peach Bowl and Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Troop C continues to assist in special assignments such as the Walker County Crematory detail, the Players Ball and Christmas Tours at the Governor’s Mansion. One of the most prestigious details is assisting with security for President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

Post 9 - Kennesaw patrols Cobb and North Fulton Counties. This area includes sections of I-75, I-285, I-575, and I-20. GSP Kennesaw also covers all state routes including Ga.400. Presently, GSP Kennesaw consists of 20 troopers and one secretary. The staff consists of 17 Troopers and four Non Commissioned Officers. One member was called to active duty with the United State Air Force.

During 2002, GSP Kennesaw provided security detail for the American Diabetes Association “Ride to Live” event and the Muscular Dystrophy Association’s Lock ups and various other organizations requesting services. Post 9 partnered with other local agencies in conducting various safety campaigns such as “Click It or Ticket” and the Cobb County Public Safety Awareness program offered through the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce.

Post 47 - Forest Park patrols Fulton, Clayton, and DeKalb Counties (outside I-285). Post 47 concentrates patrols mainly on the interstate system in the metropolitan area which includes I-75, I-85, I-20, and I-675. Post 47 staff consists of 21 troopers, and one secretary.

Post 47 personnel received two awards from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety for their outstanding performance during “Click It or Ticket” enforcement campaigns.

Post 48 – Atlanta patrols Cobb, Fulton, Clayton, and DeKalb counties inside I-285 and all of Gwinnett County. Post 48 patrols mainly along the interstate system in the metro Atlanta area which includes I-285, I-20, I-75, I-85, and I-985. Post 48 has 37 troopers and two secretaries.
Troop D consists of seven patrol posts in West Central and middle Georgia. These patrol posts are located in Griffin, LaGrange, Villa Rica, Newnan, Thomaston, Manchester and Forsyth. Troop D covers a total of 20 counties. Troopers patrol approximately 195 miles of interstate highways, including I-75, I-20, I-85, I-185, I-475 and I-16.

Troop D was responsible for coordinating traffic details at the Atlanta Motor Speedway races, the 100th Anniversary Harley-Davidson Road tour, NOPI Nationals, Steeple Chase and the Fantasy in Lights at Callaway Gardens, Powers’ Crossroads Country Fair and Arts Festival, Players Ball, and several other events.

Post 1 - Griffin patrols Spalding, Henry and Butts counties, covering approximately 26 miles of Interstate 75. Post 1 staff consists of 17 troopers and five CEO’s. Troopers issued 8,847 arrests, 6,253 warnings and investigated 1,133 crashes during 2002. These crashes involved 802 injuries and 16 fatalities.

Post 2 - LaGrange patrols the counties of Troup and Harris with 31 miles of I-85 and 36 miles of I-185. Post 2 has two NCOs, 14 troopers, five CEO’s and a secretary. Three troopers are detached to CIU.

Eight vehicles were seized from drug or compartment arrests and, six US Currency seizures totaling $603,600.00 along with $8,000.00 in recovered stolen property and $20,000.00 in recovered counterfeit property.

Post 4 – Villa Rica patrols Carroll and Douglas counties covering approximately 36 miles of I-20 west. There are 27 troopers, five CEO’s and one secretary assigned to Post 4. One trooper is on active duty with the US Army Special Forces and one trooper detached to HIDTA.

Post 24 - Newnan patrols Coweta, Heard and Fayette counties, including approximately 30 miles of I-85. Post 24 has four non-commissioned officers, 13 troopers, three CEOs and a post secretary.

Post 24 is working with the Coweta County Board of Commissioners to obtain a much needed new patrol post.

Post 26 - Thomaston patrols Pike, Upson, Taylor and Crawford counties. Post 26 staff consists of 16 troopers, five CEO’s and one post secretary. Troop D’s command staff are also located at Post 26, including the three NCOs and a secretary.

Post 26 troopers are responsible for the investigation of accidents in all four counties. Troopers frequently assist the sheriff’s offices and police departments in the territory with warrant service and other enforcement activities.

Post 34 - Manchester patrols Meriwether, Talbot and Muscogee counties. Post 34 staff consists of 11 troopers, five CEO’s and one secretary. Post 34 is also the base for two specialist troopers.

During 2002, Post 34 coordinated the traffic details for both Cotton Pickin’ Fairs in May and October. Troopers also assisted in special details at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, University of Georgia, and assisted with security details at headquarters and in the Tri-State Crematory excavation and investigation in Walker County.

Post 34 troopers participated in the Manchester Veterans Parade and escorted the Annual Pop-Top Run which originates in Griffin and ends at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus.

Post 44 - Forsyth patrol Monrroe, Bibb and Lamar counties. This post covers 48 miles of Interstate 75, 15 miles of Interstate 475 and nine miles of Interstate 16. Post 44 staff consists of 11 troopers, five CEO’s and one post secretary.

Post 44 troopers participated in the Macon 1st Kids Program and the Lamar County Family Fun Day.
TROOPS AND POSTS

TROOP E

Troop E consists of five patrol posts located in Milledgeville, Conyers, Madison, Washington, and Thomson. Troop E consists of 21 East Central Georgia counties.

Post 8 - Madison patrols Morgan, Greene, Jasper and Putnam counties covering approximately 43 miles of Interstate 20. Presently, Post 8 staff consists of 14 troopers, three CEOs and one secretary.

Post 8 participates in Click-it or Ticket and other enforcement campaigns. Post 8 hosted the 2002 Troop E Family Supper, the Troop E training for the new time sheets, and the Troop E training for the new wreck reports. Post 8 provided support to the Morgan County Sheriff’s Department Junior Deputy Academy.

Personnel at Post 8 hold a variety of state certifications to include: 14 radar, 12 lidar, two Vascar, five Field Training Officer, three General Instructors, two Driving Instructors, one Identification Technician, and one Guest Lecturer.

Post 17 - Washington is located in Washington and patrols the counties of Wilkes, Lincoln, Elbert, Oglethorpe, and Taliaferro. Post 17 troopers cover 10 miles of interstate in Taliaferro County. Post 17 has three NCOs, eight troopers, one SCEO, three CEOs, and a secretary.

Post 17 troopers assisted local agencies, counties, and municipalities with various functions throughout the year including traffic control at parades, traffic control at fireworks shows, and crowd control on Mule Day.

Post 25 – Thomson covers Richmond, Columbia, McDuffie, Warren, and Glascock counties. Troopers cover 48 miles of Interstate 20. The post territory includes Georgia’s second largest city (Augusta) and one of the fastest growing areas (Columbia Co.). The post is staffed with nine troopers, two NCOs, three CEOs, and one secretary.

In addition to enforcement activities, Post 25 personnel also attended several special details and training classes.

Post 33 - Milledgeville covers a territory consisting of Baldwin, Jones, Hancock and Washington Counties. The Post has 14 troopers and five CEOs.

Post 46 – Conyers patrols Rockdale, Newton and Walton counties covering 23 miles on Interstate 20. Presently, Post 46 consists of 12 troopers, two of which are detached full time, five CEOs and one secretary.

The City of Conyers purchased three in-car computers for use by Post 46.
Troop F consists of six patrol posts in southeast Georgia which are Swainsboro, Dublin, Helena, Sylvania, Reidsville and Statesboro. These six posts cover 22 counties.

Troop F personnel participated in the Player’s Ball detail which required over 175 troopers. Additionally, Troop F troopers are assigned to Georgia Southern Football games and handle the Cemetery Days detail in Montgomery County, Possum Hollow in Dexter and the Southern Legislative Conference in Savannah.

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Post 18 - Reidsville patrols Tattnall, Toombs and Appling counties. There are currently 15 troopers, five CEOs and one secretary. There are three major state prisons in Post 18’s territory.

Post 19 - Swainsboro territory includes Emanuel, Treutlen, Johnson and Jefferson counties. There are currently 11 troopers at Post 19 with four CEOs and one secretary.

Post 20 - Dublin patrols Laurens, Bleckley, Wilkinson and Twiggs counties. There are currently 14 troopers and four CEOs.

Post 21 - Sylvania territory consists of Screven, Burke and Jenkins counties. The post consists of 12 troopers, supported by five CEOs and one secretary.

Post 21 was recognized and received a Buckle Up, America award for excellence in child restraint enforcement and education during the year. Post 21 troopers also were involved in the Reading is Fundamental program in Screven County, Leadership Screven, the 4-H Advisory Council and the Screven County Chamber of Commerce. Some troopers are members of the Georgia National Guard.

Post 45 - Statesboro territory encompasses Bulloch, Candler and Evans counties. There are currently 17 troopers, five CEOs and one secretary.

Post 16 - Helena covers Jeff Davis, Telfair, Dodge, Wheeler and Montgomery counties. Currently, there are 14 troopers, five CEOs and one secretary assigned to this post.

Post 16 experienced renovations to the radio room which consisted of a new work station and a new radio.
Troop G of the Georgia State Patrol consists of five patrol posts that are located at Americus, Thomasville, Donalsonville, Cuthbert, and Albany. The five Posts of Troop G patrol 23 southwest Georgia counties.

**Post 10 - Americus** presently patrols Marion, Schley, Sumter, Terrell, and Webster counties with 12 troopers, five communication equipment operators, and one secretary. Post 10 troopers participated in Drug Recognition Expert training and Marijuana Identification certification.

**Post 12 - Thomasville** patrols Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell, and Thomas counties with 15 troopers, and five communication equipment operators.

**Post 14 - Donalsonville** is located in the southwest corner of Georgia bordering the states of Alabama and Florida. Post 14 troopers patrol Decatur, Early, Miller, and Seminole counties with a staff of 11 troopers, four CEOs and one secretary.

**Post 39 - Cuthbert** patrols Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Quitman, Randolph, and Stewart counties with 12 troopers, four CEOs, and one secretary.

**Post 40 - Albany** patrols Dougherty, Worth, Lee and Baker counties. Presently Post 40 consists of 14 troopers (two are detached), five CEOs, and one secretary.

In addition to regular patrol duties, troopers assisted the Pataula Drug Unit with raids and serving warrants on several occasions. Troopers also assisted local sheriffs with their enforcement efforts in their counties.

Troopers also participated in the Atlanta Race Detail, Perry Fair, Players’ Ball, Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition, local parades, traffic enforcement meetings, and assisted with the storm damage in Early County.

**Post 40** personnel assisted the Secret Service with traffic control and security for a January visit to Albany by Vice President Dick Cheney.

In March, Troop G personnel attended an accident report form training session at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany.

Post 40 troopers were sent to assist with the Players’ Ball in Statesboro, the Georgia National Fair in Perry and the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo in Moultrie.
TROOPS AND POSTS

TROOP H

Troop H is composed of posts located in Tifton, Perry, Cordele, Valdosta and Douglas and serve 19 counties. Troop H is responsible for 152 miles of I-75 from the Florida line to Macon. This territory presently has 32 miles of interstate under construction for an additional third lane with additional areas of the interstate planned for construction in 2003.

In April, Troop H attended the “Hands Across the Border” event with other Georgia and Florida law enforcement officers at the Georgia and Florida welcome centers.

Post 13 - Tifton is responsible for Tift, Cook, and Berrien counties. This also includes approximately 42 miles of Interstate 75. Presently, Post 13 staff consists of 17 troopers and five CEO’s.

Renovations for Post 13 included a generator room enclosure and improvements to the existing heating and cooling system.

Post 15 - Perry consists of Houston, Peach, Macon and Pulaski counties. Post 15 currently has 13 troopers, five CEOs, and one secretary.

Post 15 was the command post for traffic operations during the 13th Annual Georgia National Fair in October. The estimated attendance for the fair was 366,557, up 1.9 percent from last year. This was a record breaking attendance. Post 15 troopers also investigated 18 motor vehicle collisions on I-75 within a two hour span, on the first Saturday of the Fair.

Post 30 - Cordele consists of Crisp, Dooly, Turner, and Wilcox counties. Post 30 covers 51 miles of Interstate 75. Post 30 ended the year with 11 sworn personnel, five CEOs and one secretary.

Post personnel handled the traffic detail for the annual July 4th fireworks show at Georgia Veterans’ Memorial State Park at Lake Blackshear. Troopers also appeared in several parades, including the annual Watermelon Parade and several Christmas parades.

Our Post Public Information Officer gave interviews to the local newspaper, the Cordele Dispatch, and has appeared on the Mid-day show on WSST-TV.

Post 31 - Valdosta patrols Lowndes, Brooks, Lanier and Echols counties, covering approximately 31 miles of I-75. Presently, Post 31 staff consists of 20 Troopers and six CEOs.

Post 31 personnel participated in the following details throughout the year: AMS Race Detail in Atlanta, Player’s Ball in Statesboro, Beach Music Festival on Jekyll Island, Hands Across the Border activities in Lowndes and Echols counties and Georgia National Fair in Perry.

Post 36 - Douglas consists of Atkinson, Ben Hill, Coffee and Irwin counties. Post 36 began the year with twelve sworn personnel and ended the year with twelve.

Post 36 personnel participated in several events at elementary schools explaining our job and teaching students the laws of our state and safety issues.

The Post PIO did several interviews and has appeared on a television program.
TROOPS AND POSTS

TROOP I

Troop I consists of five patrol post that are located in Brunswick, Jekyll Island, Rincon, Waycross and Hinesville. Six of the 15 Troop I counties are on the Atlantic coast.

Post 11 - Hinesville patrols Liberty, McIntosh, and Long Counties, covering 37 miles of interstate. Presently, Post 11 staff consists of 13 troopers, four CEOs and one secretary.

Post 11 assisted 890 stranded motorists, and answered 100 calls for assistance by other agencies.

Post 22 - Waycross patrols Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Pierce and Ware counties. Post 22's staff consists of 13 troopers, five CEOs and a secretary.

Post 22 assisted other agencies with various activities including traffic control during dense smoke which caused road closures and rerouting of traffic; life and property protection after a tornado; mock disaster drill trainings for train derailments, prison emergencies, school disasters/threats, and airplane crashes; and even “pick up sticks” when a log truck loaded with sticks used in the manufacture of ficus trees overturned and lost all of cargo in the roadway.

Post 23 - Brunswick covers Camden, Glynn and Wayne counties. Post 23 patrols 44 miles of interstate 95 from the Florida state line to the McIntosh county line. Post 23 covers four heavily traveled state routes.

The majority of Post 23’s enforcement effort is concentrated on I-95 due largely to construction projects in Camden and Glynn counties, where the north and southbound lanes are being widened to three lanes. Currently the Post staff consists of 13 troopers and five CEOs.

Post 35 - Jekyll Island performs unique functions with the Georgia State Patrol through a full range of law enforcement and 911 services which parallel with those offered by typical police departments. Throughout the year, Jekyll Island is host to countless special events which require extensive planning and allocation of resources.

They include: several 5k and bike races throughout the year; the Great Easter Egg Hunt and Festival; Spring Break groups that retreat to Jekyll during March and April; school proms and graduations; summer tourist groups from May through August; fireworks displays in July; and the Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Festivals.

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TROOP J

Troop J is comprised of the following units: Troop J Command, Implied Consent, Safety Education and Pupil Transportation Safety. Presently, these units consist of 34 members which provide a host of services statewide.

Members of the former School Bus Safety Unit provided much needed manpower to the Implied Consent Unit and Safety Education’s Pupil Transportation Safety unit after the release of DPS personnel from DMVS.

IMPLIED CONSENT UNIT

The Implied Consent Unit is charged with the responsibility of overseeing and maintaining the breath-alcohol program for the state. Members of the unit provide crucial expert testimony in DUI cases, as well as a number of services to various law enforcement and judicial agencies at the state, county and city level.

In addition, this unit complies with open records requests and attend speaking engagements. Unit members responded to 2,679 requests for intoximeter services, expending 4,727 hours and 590 hours in court proceedings.

S/Tpr. Kenny Rogers received an award from the Solicitor’s General Association of Georgia for his support and commitment to the breath testing program.

SAFETY EDUCATION UNIT

The mission of the Safety Education Unit is to promote the safe operation of motor vehicles, and to oversee and administer the statewide Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program required of young drivers. Unit personnel are very active in the communities providing a wide assortment of instructional programs to schools, civic groups, employee groups and various other organizations. During 2002, unit personnel presented 1,634 safety programs, dedicating 3,606 hours.

In April of 2002, Cpl. Jamie Sullivan was selected as the Safety Award nominee in the State of Georgia’s “Public Employee Recognition Program”. Cpl. Sullivan was elected as the Safety Recognition Award winner at the state level from nominees from over 80 state agencies.

In June of 2002, several troopers from the Safety Education Unit attended the 35th annual Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop (USEOW) held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Each year the troopers have a competition for television Public Service Announcements (PSA’s). At this year’s event, GSP received third place for an anti-DUI PSA made by S/Tpr. Gary Parker and Cpl. Jamie Sullivan.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY UNIT

It is the mission of the Pupil Transportation Unit to provide local school systems with the practical know how and ability to create one of the safest school transportation systems in the nation. This unit also offers a variety of safety related programs geared towards pupil transportation and works closely with the Georgia Association for Pupil Transportation in accomplishing this goal. During 2002, over 5,000 Georgia school administrators and bus drivers attended these programs.

In 2002, Troop J personnel issued 3,435 citations, 3,142 warnings and made 12 DUI arrests. Members also supplemented field posts during annual events such as the Atlanta Race Details, Bicycle Ride Across Georgia, Cotton Pickin’ Fair, Law Enforcement Torch Run, U.S. Navy Run and Headquarters Gate Security Detail.
AVIATION DIVISION

During 2002, the Aviation Division provided aerial support to the Georgia State Patrol, as well as other state, federal and local agencies and the citizens of Georgia. In 2002, this division participated in aerial searches, traffic control, aerial photography, surveillance and transportation of personnel to facilitate state business. The Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division has also taken the main role in conducting marijuana eradication, through the operation of the Governor’s Task Force.

During 2002, pilots of the Aviation Division flew over 3,800 hours, providing airborne law enforcement whenever it was needed in the State of Georgia. The Command Staff allowed the Aviation Division to add additional recurrent in-service flight training. This enabled the unit to attend a needed semi-annual recurrent training conducted by the Bell Helicopter Training Academy in lieu of annual recurrent training. Six pilots attended the Bell 407 Helicopter Transition Course. Two pilots attended Water Insertions, Long Line Extractions and Caving Ladder Operations training.

The Aviation Unit continued to create expertise in search and rescue operations using the Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) and Night Vision Goggles (NVG). The unit presently has seven pilots that are NVG qualified. The Unit has seven FLIR operators, which assists in decreasing response time and increasing available expertise.

During 2002, Georgia State Patrol Aviation Pilots flew over 3,800 hours. Of this total, over 2,000 flight hours were dedicated to the Department of Public Safety, over 900 flight hours were dedicated to other agencies, and over 750 flight hours were dedicated to the successful season of the Georgia Governor’s Task Force on Marijuana Eradication.

The Aviation Division is presently made up of 12 trooper pilots, six aircraft maintenance personnel and two administrative personnel. The aviation unit consists of thirteen Bell helicopters. 1 Bell 407, 1 UH1H (Huey), 6 206 Jet Rangers, 5 OH-58, and is expected to receive a new Bell 407 in December. A new, more advanced fast rope system has been supplied for the Huey helicopter.

SPECIALIZED COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

The Georgia State Patrol Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team’s (SCRT) mission is to provide a means by which fatal crashes can be investigated thoroughly by specially trained investigators and to properly document evidence in collisions to be used for successful court prosecution. SCRT also gathers statistics.

SCRT has five team investigators stationed strategically throughout the state to assist the field troopers with fatal crashes. These investigators are equipped with the latest technology and are on call year-round.

SCRT also assists allied agencies in the investigation of major incidents when requested. These incidents include: homicide cases, officer involved shootings, fatal crashes, and large crime scenes.

SCRT expanded its responsibilities to include training new Trooper Cadets in crash investigation during two trooper schools in 2002. SCRT trained
all troopers on a new computerized version of the crash report as well as many other allied agencies during an eight hour in-service this past year designed specifically as a crash investigation refresher course. SCRT also produced a short video on crash investigation that was shown during this in-service. Plans are under way to provide training in all levels of crash reconstruction for interested field troopers in the near future.

Overall, SCRT recorded a total of 213 new cases involving in 242 deaths. SCRT also assisted field Troopers and allied agencies in 155 separate investigations and logged 1,078 hours of assistance. These figures represent a 29 percent increase in the workload carried by SCRT.

SCRT was proud to be nominated as the exemplary unit for the Department of Public Safety’s Accreditation efforts in 2002. SCRT personnel participated in countless speeches, presentations, and demonstrations to various schools, civic groups, and other law enforcement agencies during 2002.

TEAM 1 - CARTERSVILLE
Team 1 Cartersville was in the forefront of this history-making year for SCRT. In March, Team 1 investigated an 87-vehicle collision which occurred on I-75 in Catoosa County. This crash resulted in five fatalities and was recorded as the largest single crash in Georgia history. I-75 was closed for 16 hours while field troopers and six SCRT investigators documented the evidence left by this crash. In the end, a weather anomaly caused by extremely dense fog was listed as the contributing factor of this crash.

Team 1 made history again at the Tri-State Crematory investigation. Team 1 assisted the GBI and local officers by conducting the forensic mapping of the crime scene and location of the bodies. In all, 339 bodies were located on a 16-acre site. This 16-acre crime scene is to-date the largest scene ever mapped in the United States. This also involved mapping from a boat for the 2 acre lake.

TEAM 2 - ATHENS
Team 2 Athens had the most new cases opened and the fewest number of investigators. Team 2 opened 50 new cases, involving 52 fatalities. Team 2 also assisted in 31 additional investigations by field troopers and allied agencies, logging 99 hours of assistance.

TEAM 3 - FORSYTH
Team 3 Forsyth, with the assistance of Team 2, also made history with its involvement in a bomb scare in Barnesville. Nine separate explosive devices were found located throughout the city. The GBI Bomb Squad was called in to detonate these devices. They, in turn, enlisted the help of SCRT to document the evidence by forensic mapping. Eight investigators toiled for several hours to reproduce the crime scenes for the GBI. All of the devices turned out to be fake and no one was injured.

TEAM 4 - REIDSVILLE
Team 4 has the distinction of having the largest territory in the state. Hit and run cases were in the forefront for Team 4 Reidsville. In one particular case, the violator fled to Mexico. With the help of INS and some diligence on the part of SCRT investigators this individual was identified.
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TEAM 5 - VALDOSTA

Team 5 Valdosta received the Governor’s Award of Excellence in the area of teamwork. Team 5 also received the Team Recognition Award from the Department of Public Safety.

Team 5 was also involved in several high profile cases. In one case, six people perished when their church van was struck by a tractor-trailer on I-75. The at-fault driver was indicted for six counts of homicide by vehicle in the first degree.

Team 5 also assisted the GBI and Special Investigations with a trooper-involved shooting.

SPECIALIZED WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)

The State of Georgia SWAT Team is a functional organization providing weapon and tactical expertise not normally available to troopers of the Georgia State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies. The SWAT Team provides resolution to critical incidents in an effort to reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers, and suspects.

Approximately 25 members were assigned to SOG SWAT as tactical operators on a part-time basis, divided into three elements; entry; counter-sniper; and perimeter. Two support personnel are assigned on a part-time basis to assist with logistics and communications during training and call-outs.

SOG SWAT was activated 19 times during calendar year 2002. The call-outs were six barricaded gunmen; four high risk arrest warrants; six high risk prisoner transports; two surveillance operations and one VIP security detail.

CAPITOL POLICE

The Capitol Police Services section of the Georgia State Patrol is responsible for providing primary law enforcement and security services for the grounds and properties of the State Capitol Building; Legislative Office Building Judicial Building; 244 Annex Building; 254 Annex Building and the State Health Building.

These buildings house constitutional, legislative and judicial officers of the state as well as state employees.

A secondary responsibility is to provide law enforcement services to all other Georgia Building Authority state-owned/operated facilities and properties within our jurisdiction.

During 2002, the following incidents and issues occurred for the Capitol Police Services.

- A fire incident resulted in the State Capitol Building being evacuated and two construction workers burned. They sustained minor injuries.
- An armed gunman outside the State Capitol surrendered peacefully after about four hours of SWAT negotiation.
- Several vehicles broken into in parking decks and surrounding streets around Capitol Hill.
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- Wanted persons were located.
- Criminal trespass warnings were issued.
- Conducted traffic arrests and enforcement near intersections and crosswalks.
- Vigilant patrols and area checks of state properties were conducted.
- There were 100% identification checks prior to entering state buildings.
- Responded to and handled several calls regarding suspicious packages, i.e., mail, bags and boxes.
- Responded to numerous activated alarms and monitored evacuations from state buildings.

Also during the 2002 Legislative Session, Capitol Police contended with daily press conferences, demonstrations and protests by organized groups.

CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT

Due to the strategic location and convenience of the interstate routes through Georgia, specifically through the Atlanta metropolitan and coastal Georgia areas, this state has attained a national ranking as the third most utilized corridor for illegal drug distribution originating from U.S. borders.

The GSP Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) represents an active statewide commitment to reduce drug trafficking in the State of Georgia by networking with other existing state, federal and local law enforcement agencies and drug enforcement programs.

GSP’s contribution to this effort is supported by both troopers on the highways and the Department of Public Safety’s development and sharing of drug intelligence. Responsibility for the intelligence aspect of GSP’s Criminal Interdiction Unit is shared by agents from the State of Georgia’s Governor’s Task Force (GTF), the Georgia State Patrol’s Statewide Analytical Interdiction Narcotics Team (SAINT) and three federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force efforts centered in Columbus, Savannah and Atlanta-HIDTA, (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area).

Since its inception in December 2001, officers from the GSP’s Criminal Interdiction Unit have interrupted the delivery of large quantities of drugs, seized cash and assets from those criminals, and arrested a significant number of traffickers participating in illegal drug commerce within the state.

In the last 15 months, CIU has seized cocaine, crack, marijuana, methamphetamines, and currency and assets totaling approximately $2.8 million. Of that figure, CIU conducted 13 seizures of cocaine totaling 152 kilos and 8,607 kilos of marijuana removed from the streets of Georgia.

The Governor’s Task Force, with GSP support, seized more than 75-thousand cultivated marijuana plants and more than $219 thousand in assets, while arresting 15 dealers and growers and taking 43 weapons from their possession.

During 2002, the Georgia Department of Public Safety hosted the annual Drug Interdiction Assistance Program (DIAP) Conference in Atlanta, which set the benchmark as the best attended DIAP drug conference to date. Presently, the Department continues to provide drug interdiction training during GSP in-service.
The Georgia Department of Public Safety became the coordinating agency responsible for administering the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program in 2002. The physical operation of the Governor’s Task Force was transferred from the GBI to the GSP Aviation Division.

During the 2002 eradication season, the Governor’s Task Force was composed of one reconnaissance/eradication team. The team was manned by a Major from the Special Operations Unit, a Program Coordinator, a Task Force Commander, a DCE/SP Coordinator, a Line Supervisor, (5) ground team leaders, (4) helicopters (GSP, DEA and GaNG Counter Drug), (2) Secretaries, and (2) refuel teams (JTF-6, 58th Quartermaster Group U.S. Army).

In addition to the reconnaissance/eradication team, the Governor’s Task Force was supported by 19 pilots from the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Aviation Division, and GaANG Counter Drug “RAID” Unit. In addition, 11 aircraft technicians from the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Division, and the GaANG Counter Drug “RAID” Unit maintenance division supported the program. The Georgia State Patrol, Financial Section maintained the grant funds and disbursements.

During the 2002 eradication season, GBI also provided the Governor’s Task Force with investigative personnel, ground support, and intelligence.

The DEA grant funding for 2002 was $430,000.00. This amount is a $30,000 increase to the 2001 grant funding.

**2002 GTF Operations**

At the beginning of the 2002 eradication season, the Governor’s Task Force conducted their annual in-service training. The training consisted of updates on policies and procedures, aircraft and vehicle safety, first aid, legal aspects of marijuana eradication, and asset forfeiture and seizure.

The 2002 eradication season produced a substantial increase in marijuana plants discovered and eradicated. The increase in rainfall, improved cultivation conditions, and the effects of the closed borders of the United States due to the 9/11/2002 World Trade Center terrorist attacks most likely attributed to the increase in the cultivation of marijuana.

The marijuana plots discovered by the Governor’s Task Force increased from a minimal plant count to plots containing several hundred and up to as many as 15,000 plants in a single plot.

**2002 Eradication Statistics**

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Cpl. Jeff Puckett
MTPR Kevin Turner
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TFC Chris Wigginton

LIFESAVING
Cpl. Dean Whittaker
STPR. H. H. Gilliard
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TFC James Kilgallen
TFC R. D. McLain
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Dawn Hagan

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SFC W. K. Clark
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MTPR Warren Lee
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25-Year
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Capt. Quincy Jones
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MTPR John Kidd
MTPR J. M. Lamb

30-Year
MTPR D. J. Keadle

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RECOGNITION AWARDS

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Customer Service Award............................................................................. Ms. Sandy Bryan
Community Service Award ........................................................................ Sgt. T. A. “Yogi” Peeples
Safety Award ......................................................................................... Georgia State Patrol P.I.T. Maneuver
Leadership Award ..................................................................................... Ms. Tara Cochran
Team Award .............................................................................................. SCRT #1
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Brian Keith Harper
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Stephen Wayne Hinson
Susan N. Holloman

Kristin Ryan Holloway
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Ramey Joe Hunter
Wesley Lee Hutchinson
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Ted Kimbrell, Jr.
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Stephanie L. Lankford
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Susan A. Martin
Quincy Terrell Melvin

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Brenda H. Merritt  
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Tedson Weldon Riner  
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Benny R. Tallant  
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Arthur White, Jr.

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W. Kenneth Clark  
Benje L. Cowart  
John T. Daniels  
John Joseph Durrence  
Harold A. Ellerbee, Jr.  
David L. Ellis, Sr.  
Kenneth W. Hancock  
Robert E. Martin  
Wayne P. Yancey

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Calvin Bennett  
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George M. Brown  
Willie E. Burns  
David M. Callaway  
Alfred W. Carlisle  
Wade S. Carter  
Mack O. Childs  
Royce G. Collins  
William Collins, Jr.  
Joseph M. Cunningham  
William T. Dean  
Judy DeFoor  
Michael N. Dobson  
Beuford Durrence  
James D. Fincher  
David Fowler  
S. Bruce Giles  
Ruby L. Grogan  
Frederick Hailey  
Johnnie B. Hall  
William C. Holton  
Howard R. James  
Jessie A. Jones  
Paul W. King  
William R. Kitchens, Jr.  
Rita R. Morrison  
Eddie Lee Owens  
Lewis E. Ozmore  
Charles E. Parker  
Shelly W. Parker  
Tommie Poole Sr.  
R. Lavon Prine  
Douglas H. Ralston  
David Reed  
Larry E. Scott  
Daniel T. Sikes  
Albert A. Simmons  
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William S. Smith  
James H. Stalling  
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Scott S. Thomas  
James P. Trezza  
James P. Twiggs  
Emory Walker  
Terry Weaver  
Laverne Weeks  
Patricia L. Wheeler  
Ricky L. Wilcox  
Howard L. Youmans, Jr.  
George S. Young  
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