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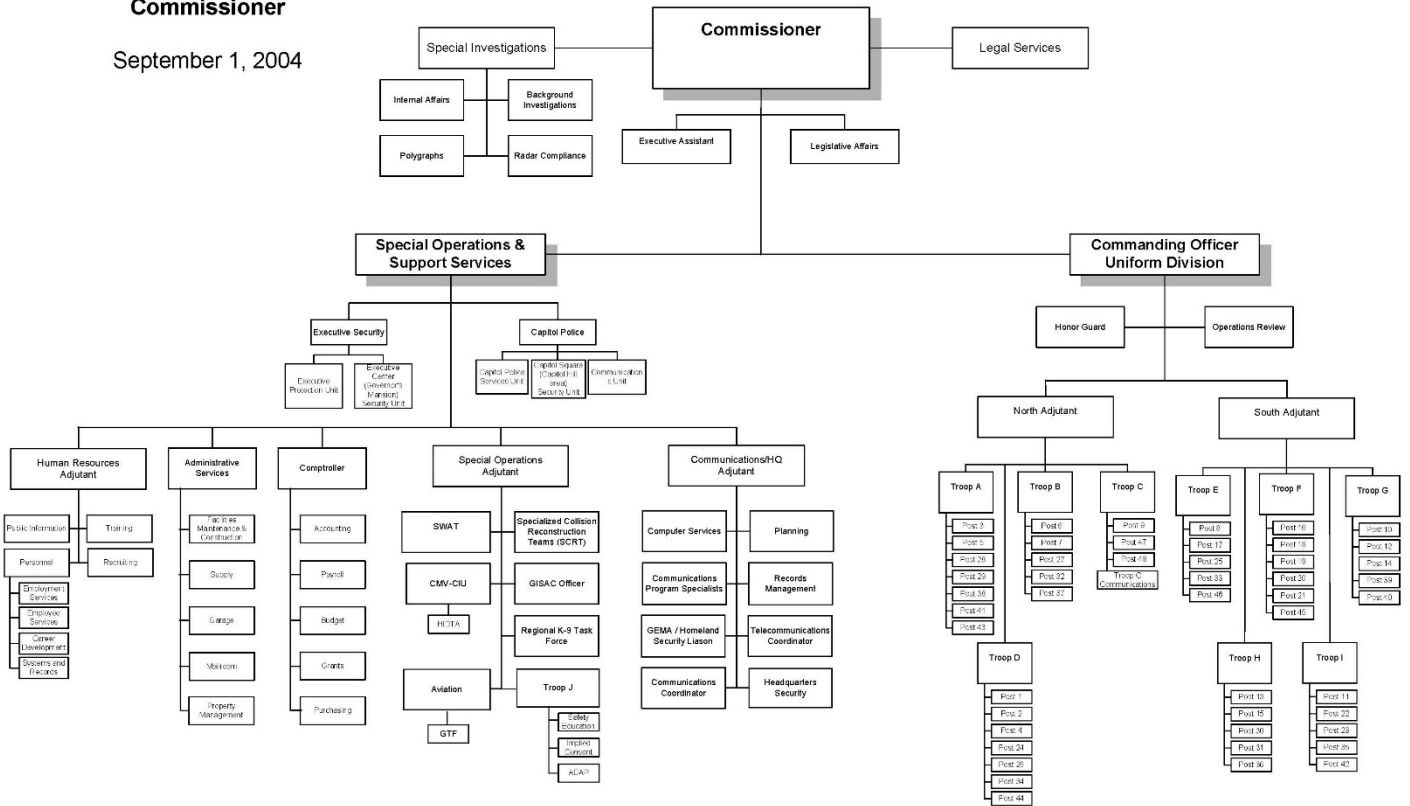
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Colonel George A. Ellis
Commissioner

September 1, 2004



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COMMISSIONER

Colonel George Ellis

Commissioner George Ellis is the Chief Executive of the Georgia Department of Public Safety and holds the rank of Colonel in the Georgia State Patrol. Commissioner Ellis oversees the day-to-day operation of the Georgia State Patrol, Capitol Police, and the Motor Carrier Compliance Division. Legal Services directly reports to the Commissioner.



DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Lt. Colonel Kenny W. Hancock

Lt. Colonel Kenny Hancock serves as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety and as the Commanding Officer for the Uniform Division. He oversees filed operations for the 48 Georgia State Patrol Posts across the state, as well as the GSP Honor Guard and Operations Review.



NORTH ADJUTANT

Major W. Don Chastain

Major Don Chastain serves as the North Adjutant and oversees the North Division of the Uniform Division which is made up of Troops A, B, C and D with a total of 22 patrol posts.



SOUTH ADJUTANT

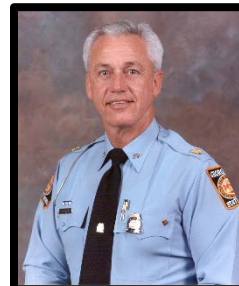
Major Mike F. Bohannon

Major Mike Bohannon serves as the South Adjutant and oversees the South Division of the Uniform Division which is made up of Troops E, F, G, H, and I with a total of 26 patrol posts.

HUMAN RESOURCES ADJUTANT

Major Keith Sorrells

As Human Resources Adjutant, Major Keith Sorrells oversees the daily operations of Personnel Services, the Public Information/Public Affairs Office, the Training Division and Recruitment.



COMMUNICATIONS/HQ ADJUTANT

Major D. A. "Corky" Jewell

The Communications/HQ Division, overseen by Major Corky Jewell, provide support services to the department in the areas of information technology, communications, disaster coordination, planning, and security of the headquarter facility.



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GEORGIA STATE PATROL POST & TROOP BOUNDARIES



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GEORGIA STATE PATROL

Troop A covers northwest Georgia, with most of the territory falling north of I-20 and west of I-75. Troop A consists of seven posts, five of which have territories bordering another state.

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

Troop B patrols 20 northeast Georgia counties. Troop B members are stationed in five geographic locations.

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

Troop C is designated to the Metro-Atlanta area. There is one communication center, three patrol posts and the DUI Task Force (Nighthawks) assigned to Troop C.

- Post 9 – Marietta (Cobb and Fulton counties, North of I-285)
- Post 47 – Forest Park (Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton counties
- , all outside I-285)
- Post 48 – Atlanta (Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, and Fulton counties, inside I-285)
- Post 49 – Motorcycle Unit (I-285 and the interstate system within Metro Atlanta)
- Post 51 – (Gwinnett County)
- Nighthawks North – (Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Gwinnett, and Clarke counties)
- Communications Center – (Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties, GBI Radio Dispatch, Capitol Police Dispatch, and Metro MCCD Dispatch)

DUI Task Force: The DUI Task Force was formed and funded by a grant from the Governors Office of Highway Safety in August of this year. Three Troopers were selected to coordinate and implement the new team known as the “Nighthawks”. These three men worked together from August to October organizing and selecting the team members. On October 16, seven troopers were assigned to the DUI Task Force and reported to duty. The DUI Task Force patrols Cobb, Clayton, Fulton, DeKalb, and Gwinnett counties. The DUI Task Force office is located at Post 47 in Forest Park. The ten members of the DUI Task Force attended the “Robert F. Borckenstein Course on Alcohol, Drugs and Highway Safety: Testing Research and Litigation” in December 2004. The DUI Task Force worked with other agencies in the metro area on road checks and press conferences.

Headquarters Communication Center: The Headquarters Communication Center is the largest and busiest radio room within the Georgia State Patrol, consistently and proficiently handling an extreme volume of traffic. This center operates seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The radio operators

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logged 45,940 vehicle stops in 2004. Vehicle stops have doubled over the last four years while the amount of personnel has remained the same without any diminishment in the quality and handling of this workload. They also processed 368 hits (stolen vehicle/wanted person), 1,219 suspended license, 264 relays, 76 abandoned vehicles, 1,597 impounds, and 101 chases (pursuits). Additionally, the Headquarters Communication Center is the only radio room that monitors four frequencies simultaneously.

Troop D consists of seven patrol posts that cover 20 counties in the central and west-central portion of the state.

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

Troop E is positioned in the eastern central section of Georgia. The territory runs laterally along Interstate 20 beginning just east of Atlanta and ending at the South Carolina boarder in Augusta. Each post, with the exception of Milledgeville, covers a portion of the roughly 150-mile stretch of I-20.

- Post 8 – Madison (Jasper, Putnam, Morgan, and Greene counties)
- Post 17 – Washington (Elbert, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, Lincoln, and Taliaferro counties)
- Post 25 – Thomson (Glascok, Warren, McDuffie, Columbia and Richmond counties)
- Post 33 – Milledgeville (Jones, Baldwin, Hancock, and Washington counties)
- Post 46 – Conyers (Rockdale, Newton, and Walton counties)

Troop F consists of six posts which encompass 21 counties which include the Georgia State Prison and Rogers State Prison in Reidsville and Smith State Prison in Glennville. Nuclear Power Plant Edwin I Hatch is in Appling County and Nuclear Power Plant Vogtle is in Burke County. The troop also patrols a large majority of I-16.

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

Troop G consists of five patrol posts that are located at Americus, Thomasville, Donalsonville, Cuthbert, and Albany. The five Posts of Troop G consist of 23 southwest Georgia counties.

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

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Troop H consists of five Patrol Posts encompassing 19 south and middle Georgia counties. There are 152 miles of Interstate 75 within Troop H that stretches through four post territories. This is the greatest number of interstate miles patrolled in the state. Troop H is also home to the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, Robins Air Force Base, Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta State University, Fort Valley State University, South Georgia College and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

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

Troop I stretches from the South Carolina to the Florida borders along the Atlantic Coast of Georgia and encompasses five patrol posts. Points of interest and responsibility include the Georgia Ports Authority terminals, Savannah International Airport, Interstates 16 and 96, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Fort Stewart Army Base, Kings Bay Naval Base, Hunter Army Air Field, and the US Coast Guard Marine Safety Office.

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



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DPS-521	ARRESTS							WARNINGS		NUMBER		
COUNTY	ALL	GA RES	INTER - STATE	DUI	SEAT- BELT	CHILD RES.		ALL	GA RES		INJU- RIES	FATAL - ITIES
Appling	1117	1004	0	27	101	23	711	1062	950	67	117	7
Atkinson	1137	999	0	32	93	20	562	1404	1247	62	51	3
Bacon	666	609	0	16			285	631	596	23	28	2
Baker	833	696	0	7	42	10	679	918	800	25	25	1
Baldwin	2095	1882	1	48			1303	2182	2117	102	70	4
Banks	519	461	31	5	85	5	280	572	540	109	179	6
Barrow	440	392	70	16	38	0	238	444	433	53	67	6
Bartow	6406	5768	339	154	265	35	3348	6149	5976	2095	987	17
Ben Hill	526	496	0	8	93	16	183	560	541	86	110	3
Berrien	1200	1018	0	55	68	30	743	1017	930	116	87	6
Bibb	1860	1493	1334	13	81	15	1494	761	666	27	7	0
Bleckley	919	859	259	6	41	16	770	708	670	58	58	2
Brantley	1461	1256	0	51			795	1584	1388	53	69	5
Brooks	1487	1251	0	37	121	25	910	1610	1379	199	148	11
Bryan	1767	1253	973	24	106	15	1370	582	466	19	19	2
Bulloch	3407	2986	489	129	54	16	2293	4759	4278	869	651	10
Burke	1857	1786	0	56	227	56	946	1973	1879	95	116	2
Butts	2790	2601	1577	46	167	30	1765	1089	1089	225	209	3
Calhoun	288	242	0	2	13	3	230	329	291	8	4	2
Camden	2782	1163	2260	65	50	16	1981	1251	589	201	188	6
Candler	1533	1367	951	80	22	8	1068	1545	1377	157	107	6
Carroll	3378	3171	673	117	38	6	1518	2505	2243	1669	838	23
Catoosa	2012	1714	11	42	116	18	1195	2839	2395	420	436	11
Charlton	332	225	0	5			158	324	224	14	25	1
Chatham	5799	3724	3566	200	629	43	3825	1836	1319	60	27	2
Chatta- hoochee	163	128	0	6	12	4	62	231	194	36	42	1
Chattooga	1796	1601	0	37	0	0	1020	2939	2755	391	330	7
Cherokee	2844	2589	2254	36	86	27	1950	3910	3572	101	68	4
Clarke	1201	1164	0	40	451	24	126	1207	1207	100	60	0
Clay	263	172	0	2	12	10	188	383	282	19	14	0
Clayton	6079	5138	4745	76	276	55	4180	1719	1542	102	51	3
Clinch	459	393	0	25			223	352	318	26	31	12
Cobb		8328	8872	62	763	48	5856	2264	1916	145	41	0
Coffee	3424	3232	0	187	295	78	1254	3351	3195	390	370	7
Colquitt	1181	952	0	30	176	16	646	1005	862	169	222	12
Columbia	657	565	253	17	78	6	392	380	338	15	10	1
Cook	962	668	457	47	65	12	402	673	529	343	282	6
Coweta	8417	7351	2263	203			3426	6065	5421	1521	993	19
Crawford	499	474	0	7	13	3	357	514	495	16	17	2

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Crisp	3882	2289	2234	92	604	86	2193	4258	2917	344	236	13
Dade	1351	460	874	27	58	5	779	1974	786	269	181	3
Dawson	1934	1894	0	21	378	12	974	1672	1623	124	122	7
Decatur	1154	836	0	42	285	14	598	1839	1483	126	136	13
Dekalb	7200	6416	6824	38	423	38	4240	1205	1092	106	49	0
Dodge	1149	1110	0	43	153	31	598	1430	1413	148	152	6
Dooly	2983	1681	2113	40	208	39	2067	3077	2029	202	106	2
Dougherty	1867	1581	0	36	264	30	1205	2517	2242	11	15	0
Douglas	4386	4105	1195	132	56	6	1433	2714	2417	2858	1232	20
Early	912	542	0	11	171	13	574	1103	750	25	31	4
Echols	676	497	0	37	62	15	291	613	476	57	32	2
Effingham	2636	2303	115	51	254	25	1823	1177	1062	75	97	5
Elbert	603	549	0	20	113	12	295	627	621	43	34	3
Emanuel	2978	2713	624	104	172	86	1763	2908	2720	210	195	4
Evans	565	515	0	17	22	9	388	918	863	50	81	3
Fannin	1216	1103	0	50	182	9	345	1493	1366	322	229	10
Fayette	136	132	0	1			76	129	126	19	16	0
Floyd	3073	2705	0	44	0	0	1861	5361	4946	111	53	0
Forsyth	1568	1485	0	63	104	15	809	1051	1000	65	44	1
Franklin	1060	924	147	76	258	29	267	811	749	123	164	11
Fulton	6118	5048	3701	74	475	35	3741	1748	1505	98	41	0
Gilmer	890	841	0	20	123	7	449	1117	1077	110	136	5
Glascocock	155	149	0	7	14	2	98	106	102	11	16	0
Glynn	3980	2877	629	146	445	32	1890	3108	2235	420	215	8
Gordon	3566	2706	1830	93	197	34	2152	4561	3656	729	468	12
Grady	1742	1345	0	45	199	29	1080	1396	1183	79	122	4
Greene	489	419	210	13	0	0	288	234	210	105	131	5
Gwinnett	1635	1376	1333	46	219	6	510	170	143	51	19	0
Habersham	1179	1098	0	77	355	29	201	1371	1279	225	306	14
Hall	3739	3525	531	122	343	57	2016	2892	4829	1815	1212	26
Hancock	1084	1026	0	22			848	520	492	55	79	3
Haralson	1814	1508	277	63	107	32	786	2653	2675	315	268	6
Harris	1147	871	545	25	61	6	647	713	529	214	178	3
Hart	508	462	7	39	91	13	110	375	352	135	172	5
Heard	340	315	0	7			196	205	197	47	68	0
Henry	861	839	361	27	51	16	429	249	249	92	54	2
Houston	3607	2663	1562	85	266	67	2239	2254	1880	201	74	3
Irwin	669	639	0	14	38	8	412	977	936	63	49	3
Jackson	586	324	129	12	28	4	118	345	236	153	289	22

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Jasper	843	823	0	31	5	1	511	421	410	85	103	2
Jeff Davis	357	352	0	13	63	12	134	370	367	86	109	3
Jefferson	994	911	0	17	21	23	734	991	919	44	45	7
Jenkins	2267	1966	0	81	184	58	1375	2164	1935	75	87	1
Johnson	942	872	0	20	51	8	753	863	820	34	36	1
Jones	775	732	0	5			589	714	689	1	1	0
Lamar	1253	1164	105	32	35	17	921	919	886	173	129	4
Lanier	1149	1018	0	25	140	17	619	1130	1013	77	69	0
Laurens	3874	3466	2040	106	197	92	2650	3259	3048	271	240	8
Lee	1020	935	0	7	66	15	733	1952	1870	49	66	7
Liberty	2474	1734	452	104	521	48	942	1417	1065	402	460	12
Lincoln	120	112	0	4	30	2	44	98	88	16	26	1
Long	1596	1384	0	56	179	40	874	1263	1132	131	113	5
Lowndes	5127	3456	1926	202	579	59	2275	4380	3169	1333	804	14
Lumpkin	567	542	0	22	47	5	273	489	471	63	61	7
Macon	1093	1037	0	35	46	30	665	810	763	129	116	5
Madison	1511	1448	0	46	214	9	610	1817	1809	162	247	10
Marion	906	793	0	15	66	8	619	719	656	77	73	3
McDuffie	2405	2152	464	99	234	51	1297	1354	1248	367	268	10
McIntosh	1548	593	1127	31	189	27	1033	871	442	145	148	8
Meriwether	777	750	0	28	34	15	418	739	710	276	204	3
Miller	1060	850	0	16	176	26	710	1591	1358	46	52	4
Mitchell	964	821	0	25	120	6	640	863	773	86	129	9
Monroe	3325	2396	2315	24	69	24	2738	1738	1446	116	78	1
Montgomery	354	342	0	12	66	28	104	451	448	26	45	2
Morgan	4677	4072	3255	58	371	51	3697	2238	1836	135	139	11
Murray	1923	1654	0	38	113	18	1150	2674	2263	420	436	11
Muscogee	491	399	172	13	28	13	259	262	217	5	0	0
Newton	2840	2433	1501	62	76	11	1728	1293	1093	234	338	19
Oconee	1728	1641	0	23	93	11	1285	1848	1800	48	62	4
Oglethorpe	712	663	0	30	87	16	337	666	649	121	110	3
Paulding	3886	3788	0	98	158	22	1594	4337	4164	1429	693	12
Peach	2956	2089	1690	61	158	33	1967	1432	1127	229	217	4
Pickens	2967	2722	0	65	98	27	1867	4034	3732	305	245	5
Pierce	1389	1312	0	75			507	1556	1473	143	122	6
Pike	552	528	0	6	22	3	346	617	603	59	113	2
Polk	1771	1608	0	48	115	32	736	3081	2838	418	315	4
Pulaski	896	845	0	19	61	11	631	722	687	84	58	0
Putnam	796	783	0	30	3	0	460	438	428	22	29	1

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Quitman												
Rabun	240	201	0	20	20	3	39	256	223	52	82	2
Randolph	1251	839	0	14	52	22	985	1966	1520	47	60	0
Richmond	2170	1819	971	63	264	21	1335	849	753	55	36	2
Rockdale	1552	1238	828	34	36	4	736	579	488	80	49	0
Schley	700	635	0	12	61	9	447	800	749	40	43	0
Screven	1698	1481	0	63	243	64	773	2255	2037	207	197	3
Seminole	1499	1090	0	40	289	36	779	2615	1977	85	73	2
Spalding	5054	5011	87	139	316	61	2595	2548	2548	1061	752	10
Stephens	810	776	0	57	155	12	158	694	667	170	189	4
Stewart	1831	1223	0	9	54	15	1557	1648	1228	43	31	1
Sumter	1311	1230	0	21	199	32	666	1772	1708	98	111	3
Talbot	1664	1330	0	20	59	16	1241	1340	1039	145	117	2
Taliaferro	1201	745	1040	2	97	11	927	918	613	46	73	3
Tattall	2414	2260	0	125	161	86	812	2078	1969	224	208	4
Taylor	1573	1191	0	16	33	10	1322	1196	960	53	68	4
Telfair	1145	1101	0	33	236	48	537	1340	1322	61	47	4
Terrell	1292	944	0	12	211	9	831	1024	875	57	61	4
Thomas	3424	2531	0	46	458	27	2237	3328	2634	248	200	8
Tift	4486	3873	1103	163	386	110	2463	3416	2800	712	505	10
Toombs	1869	1758	0	63	293	58	783	1666	1576	141	160	5
Towns	397	334	0	14	66	4	162	522	479	30	52	1
Treutlen	2137	1812	1734	30	31	23	1775	1291	1159	47	58	3
Troup	6145	3883	3717	138	436	80	3605	4859	2972	997	678	21
Turner	794	582	286	17	61	20	375	993	768	141	111	10
Twiggs	1503	1338	750	26	43	31	1184	1226	1123	61	62	5
Union	524	478	0	9	80	6	261	860	811	38	65	3
Upson	1763	1682	0	51	145	41	775	2421	2354	371	243	8
Walker	3907	3160	0	145	443	54	1497	5863	4914	959	698	15
Walton	724	608	150	14	25	4	437	268	239	95	159	16
Ware	1661	1391	0	54			847	1842	1625	183	236	9
Warren	1286	1129	535	27	63	27	920	795	703	113	115	2
Washington	1280	1220	0	30			961	815	788	54	68	6
Wayne	862	744	0	7	38	7	646	646	559	14	9	2
Webster	683	445	0	6	107	4	478	495	395	28	21	2
Wheeler	642	615	0	19	74	22	375	653	647	42	35	5
White	217	212	0	15	41	0	73	292	281	35	53	3
Whitfield	3566	2706	1830	93	197	34	2152	4561	3656	729	468	12
Wilcox	833	771	0	19	75	3	470	1044	960	54	40	4

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2004	ENFORCEMENT							CRASHES				
DPS-521	ARRESTS							WARNINGS		NUMBER		
COUNTY	ALL	GA RES	INTER-STATE	DUI	SEAT-BELT	CHILD RES.		ALL	GA RES		INJURIES	FATALITIES
Wilkes	1121	1043	0	43	153	22	609	865	803	139	102	2
Wilkinson	284	279	0	3	22	5	210	290	279	21	28	4
Worth	1196	1074	0	32	116	12	718	1370	1263	193	169	7
City of Atlanta		8699	8249	193	797	66	4777	2230	1976	205	80	0
Other		12968	5681	293	777	140	9287	9580	8111	33	15	1
TOTAL - 2004		266902	98627	7819	23627	3680	182414	258780	226829	36542	27486	865



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SPECIAL OPERATIONS

TROOP J

Troop J is composed of the following units: Troop J Command, the Implied Consent Unit, the Safety Education Unit, and the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP). Presently, these units consist of 27 sworn uniform members and three support personnel.



Troop J Command: In June 2004, Troop J Command planned and hosted the 37th Annual “Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop” (USEOW) in Atlanta. USEOW brings together Safety Education troopers from all over the nation to network and share traffic and highway safety programs. GSP won an award at the Workshop in the “Audio PSA” category. This five-day event was a great success due to the hard work and long hours put in by Troop J members, and reflected very favorably on GSP in the eyes of fellow troopers from around the United States. Captain Whittaker also led GSP’s efforts to raise funds for “Special Olympics of Georgia” via the “Law Enforcement Torch Run”. In 2004, GSP raised approximately \$10,500, which put e GSP in 7th place among all participating law enforcement agencies. Troop J members raised \$8,000 of that total. GSP involvement in this worthy cause brought great credit upon the department and Troop J.

Troop J Command was responsible for GSP’s participation in the “National Law Enforcement Explorers Conference” held at Georgia Tech. Command officers were also responsible for the security of the cyclists (including Lance Armstrong) who participated in the Dodge Tour de Georgia professional cycling event held in April. One of the lieutenants was detached from November 2003 through June 2004 to the South Division Adjutant’s office to assist with the G8 Summit detail planning. During the summit, the captain and another lieutenant served in the Savannah ICC during the Summit, while another lieutenant was assigned to the MACC in Brunswick.

During the DPS Awards Ceremony held in October, a lieutenant was recognized as the DPS nominee for the Public Employees Recognition Program in the area of “Innovations/Suggestions Award” due to his work with the “ADAP On-Line” program. Another lieutenant was recognized as a nominee in the category of “Community Service Award.”

Implied Consent Unit (ICU): The mission of the Implied Consent Unit is to effectively administer the state’s breath alcohol testing program, maintain breath alcohol testing instruments, and train operators of these instruments for all law enforcement agencies in Georgia. Unit members responded to 2,549 requests for intoxilyzer services during 2004, and expended 5,893 hours in the process.

Additionally, unit members provide crucial expert testimony in DUI cases for state, county, and city law enforcement agencies. ICU complies with Open Records requests from both defense attorneys and prosecutors. During 2004, unit members spent 231 hours in court proceedings.

In 2004, ICU issued 962 citations including nine DUI arrests, 1,950 warnings, and 1,405 motorist assists. Unit members also assisted field operations with details such as the Atlanta Race details, HQ Gate Security, and concentrated patrols. ICU members also took part in Troop J details, such as the “Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), the Tour de Georgia, and the American Legion Girls State. Unit members also expended 2,458 enforcement/patrol hours assisting with the G8 Summit security detail, and helping to sustain field post operations during the actual summit. ICU members also showed their commitment

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to their local communities by raising funds on behalf of the "Special Olympics of Georgia" via the "Law Enforcement Torch Run".



Safety Education Unit (SEU): The mission of SEU is to promote the safe operation of motor vehicles and to oversee and administer the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program required for young drivers. Unit members are very active in communities around the state providing a wide assortment of instructional programs to schools, civic groups, employee groups, and various other organizations.

During 2004, SEU members spent 1,608 hours presenting 1,026 safety programs in an effort to make Georgia's highways safer for everyone. Additionally, the SEU expended 1,519 hours monitoring, teaching, and overseeing the operation of the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP). In a tremendous step forward for ADAP and the state, in 2004 "ADAP On-Line" became fully operational. This was the culmination of an arduous process which began in 2003 when efforts to design and create a computer base for ADAP would greatly improve the speed and efficiency of entering ADAP information and the issuance of program completion certificates. "ADAP On-Line" virtually eliminated any waiting time as ADAP instructors were now able to enter rosters into the system and print certificates on-site, which greatly enhanced customer service. The SEU supervisor, a Sergeant First Class and the ADAP Secretary were recognized for their efforts as members of the "ADAP On-Line Implementation Team" during the October DPS Awards ceremony.

Another improvement in the ADAP Program involved the updating of the ADAP student workbook. Troop J Command and Safety Education personnel worked with the workbook publisher to replace the cartoon type illustrations with color photographs, many of which included GSP troopers and department personnel. This gave the workbook a more modern, professional look.

Unit members conducted 3,316 public relations visits with the purpose of making the public more aware of the efforts of the GSP. Additionally, SEU troopers issued 1,351 citations (including five DUI arrests), 1,155 warnings and assisted 624 motorists. In June 2004, SEU members played an essential part in the planning and execution of the 37th Annual USEO Workshop held in Atlanta. Due to their hard work and long hours, the five-day workshop was a great success.

Troopers from the SEU participated in many other special details during 2004. During the Dodge Tour de Georgia, unit members were part of the select group that provided security for the cyclists (including Lance Armstrong) during the entire race. During 2004, the SEU played an important role by helping to maintain local post patrol operations due to the massive deployment of field troopers to the G8 Summit. Several unit members took part in the "National Law Enforcement Explorers Conference" held at Georgia Tech. SEU members also assisted with the Atlanta Race details, HQ Gate Security, the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), the American Legion-sponsored Boys and Girls State, and concentrated patrols, and sustained enforcement efforts. The SEU also showed its commitment to community involvement by its participation in the "Law Enforcement Torch Run" fundraising efforts on behalf of Special Olympics of Georgia.

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SPECIALIZED COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (SCRT)

During 2004, the Georgia State Patrol Specialized Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT) was extremely busy conducting the task of investigating fatal crashes and assisting allied agencies. SCRT's main mission is to provide a means by which fatal crashes are investigated thoroughly by specially trained investigators and properly document evidence in collisions to be used for successful court prosecution. SCRT also gathers statistics in order to save lives by avoiding future collisions.

SCRT has five teams of specially trained investigators stationed strategically throughout the state to assist the field troopers with investigating fatal crashes. These investigators are equipped with the latest technology and are on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each team is allocated six investigators.

SCRT is also responsible for assisting allied agencies in the investigation of major incidents including, homicide cases, officer involved shootings, fatal crashes, and air disasters.

Team 1 Calhoun opened 67 cases, which resulted in 67 deaths. These figures represent a decrease of 3 percent in the number of cases opened (69 in 2003).

Team 2 Gainesville (Athens) relocated to a new office building located on the grounds at Post 6 - Gainesville in October. Team 2 opened 65 new cases, which resulted in the deaths of 57 individuals. These figures represent a decrease of 23 percent in the number of cases opened (84 in 2003). Team 2 assisted the GBI during the year with two potential death penalty investigations. In August, team members were approached by the GBI to assist in a death penalty murder case in Stephens County. The team forensically mapped the scene and was able to create two and three-dimensional diagrams showing the shooter's position based upon trajectory angles. Sadly, Team 2 assisted the GBI in processing the murder scene that claimed the life of Pendergrass Police Officer Chris Ruse. In December, the team forensically mapped the murder scene and surrounding area.

Team 3 Forsyth opened 76 cases, which resulted in 64 fatalities. These figures represent an increase of 24 percent in the number of cases opened (61 in 2003). In May, Team 3 was called to the scene of a crash in Henry County that claimed the life of Henry County Police Officer James Gilbert.

Team 4 Reidsville opened 62 new cases that resulted in 66 fatalities. Team 4 continues to have the largest territory in the state. These figures represent an increase of 10 percent in the number of cases opened (56 in 2003). Team 4 worked hand in hand with the GBI on two murder cases in 2004. Two high-profile cases were also investigated by the team during the year. A fiery crash occurred in Clinch County where a tractor trailer struck a pickup truck knocking it into a backhoe that it was following. Two children and an adult were killed during the collision. The driver of the tractor trailer walked away from the scene without rendering any aid to the injured. The driver was later apprehended and convicted of 15 criminal counts and a sentence of 60 years in prison. Team 4 also investigated a PIT related crash that resulted in two deaths and an abundance of media attention.

Team 5 Valdosta's workload also increased in 2004. Team 5 opened 96 new cases resulting in 68 deaths. These figures represent an increase of 31 percent in the number of cases opened (73 in 2003). One foggy October morning, the team was called to investigate a multi-vehicle crash that occurred on Interstate 75 in Tift County. The collision involved 11 vehicles and resulted in 12 injuries and four fatalities.

Overall, SCRT recorded a total of 366 new cases resulting in 322 deaths. This is an increase in 23 cases over 2003 (6 percent). Typically, SCRT is involved in 42 percent of all fatal crashes the GSP works and

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21 percent of statewide fatal crashes.

SCRT investigators logged 28,104 hours in crash related duties to include field work, case report preparation, and court attendance. In addition, our investigators logged 17,865 enforcement hours while patrolling 836,194 miles. SCRT investigators issued 1,158 citations and warned 1,155 motorists.

SCRT attended 5,085 hours of training, and instructed for an additional 391 hours. SCRT is responsible for all crash investigation courses currently taught to troopers. SCRT members instruct crash investigation to the Police Corps cadets at the GPSTC and provide in-service training to Georgia Coroners.

SCRT personnel participated in countless speeches, presentations, and demonstrations to various schools, civic groups, and other law enforcement agencies. These include presentations before the Prosecuting Attorney's Council. SCRT members continuously receive requests for future presentations and demonstrations.

CRIMINAL INTERDICTION UNIT (CIU)

The Georgia State Patrol's Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) is basically comprised of four teams that are spread across Georgia. Troopers assigned to this team are encouraged and trained to "Look beyond the Ticket" and to recognize when a routine traffic stop may develop into a criminal arrest or interdiction.

This unit has been on the forefront of criminal interdiction efforts on a national scope. Team members have trained other interdiction officers across the country. They have opened line of communication and developed relationships with other units and agencies. They stay in constant contact to share information between the units which elevates the level of success seen across the country. Team members have also worked to develop the skills and training of other Georgia troopers. Members regularly teach interdiction and traffic stop classes during the Georgia State Patrol Trooper Schools.

Even though 2004 had many high profile incidents to participate in, such as the G-8 Summit event on Sea Island, the unit members were still able to focus on their main mission. Members were able to investigate 54 traffic crashes. They made 3,208 arrests and issued 5,818 warnings. They arrested 43 DUI drivers. They made 116 felony drug arrests, 61 non-drug felony arrests, 91 misdemeanor drug arrests, and 85 criminal apprehensions. They assisted 855 stranded motorists. Unit members seized over 109 kilos of marijuana, over 468 kilos of cocaine, over two kilos of methamphetamine, over two kilos of heroin, and other street abused drugs. They recovered 14 stolen vehicles. Unit members seized \$1,295, 351.50 in illegal drug currency proceeds. CIU is responsible for a total monetary impact in excess of \$13,154,322 against the criminal enterprises that operate in or travel through the State of Georgia.

CIU has been moved to the forefront of other types of criminal investigation. The CIU Commander now acts as a liaison between the department, the Southeastern Transportation Security Council, the Regional Organized Crime Information Center, and the COBIJA3 Network. These relationships have expanded CIU's interoperability capabilities.

Improvement in technology and equipment are now a part of CIU's operations. Several of the members are now testing onboard computer systems capable of running license tags and driver's license information directly from the vehicle. Those troopers have seen a distinct increase in fugitive apprehensions. Many other advances have been made to increase the team's operational capabilities that should have a noticeable effect in the future.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICE (CIO)

The Central Intelligence Office (CIO) also falls under the control of the Criminal Interdiction Unit. The CIO is staffed by one trooper and one GBI agent. Once assisted HIDTA, the CIO was moved under the CIU to improve the flow of information relating to the illegal flow of contraband across Georgia's highways. The CIO's mission has expanded to include capturing information of seizures made by county and city agencies across Georgia. The captured information is entered in to an analytical database and disseminated across the State and Southeast to agencies that can use the information to track current trends of contraband smugglers.

REGIONAL K-9 OPERATIONS

The Regional K-9 Task Force is based at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office in Savannah. It is a statewide narcotics and explosive detection task force. It is also a K-9 training and recertification academy. It consists of 12 personnel. There is one state patrol captain, one explosive incident specialist, two explosive detection K-9s, six narcotic K-9s, one highway interdiction specialist, and one office assistant. During 2004, the unit conducted 2,841 narcotic searches, 177 firearms searches, and 1,213 explosive detection searches.

The alerts/finds were 824 times of marijuana, 143 times cocaine/crack, 12 times of meth, 43 times of firearms, and three times of explosives. The amounts of currency seized was \$88,962. The dollar amount of drugs seized was \$490,461.

The K-9 training academy trained 20 narcotic teams, four patrol dog teams, four K-9 supervisors, recertified 25 narcotic teams, and six explosive detection teams. The unit also performed educational demonstrations for 22 civic groups, 11 schools, and nine professional organizations. It responded to bomb threat calls to six schools and 16 other facilities. During the G-8 Operations, the explosive detection units performed 412 sterilitysweeps.



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LEGAL SERVICES

The Department of Public Safety 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 to the employees of the department concerning any matters associated with the day-to-day operations. The Legal Services staff also responds to inquiries from the general public regarding the department and the laws it enforces.

The Legal Services Office works closely with Investigative Services, providing legal advice and assistance. The Legal Services Office works closely with 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, search and seizure, and discipline.

On a daily basis, the Legal Services staff, in conjunction with the Personnel Services staff, works with the departmental managers 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.

Attorneys with the Legal Services Office represent the Department before Administrative Law Judges in personnel appeals and other administrative hearings.

This year the Department of Public Safety received a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to hire an Administrative License Suspension attorney. An attorney was hired to represent three troopers at Administrative License Suspension hearings. The attorney provides general assistance and training to troopers statewide regarding DUI and ALS issues.

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.

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 accidents involving uninsured motorists or individuals driving stolen vehicles.

Each month, the Legal Services Office publishes the *Trooper Legal Update* which is distributed to the department's employees, as well as other law enforcement agencies, judges and prosecutors.

The Legal Services Office acts as the liaison with the Department of Law in civil litigation matters and other areas of legal representation. The Legal staff ensures 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 interacts with the Prosecuting Attorney's Council, Georgia Sheriff's Association, Association of Chiefs of Police, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in public safety related matters.

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In calendar year 2004, the Legal Services staff performed among other things the following activities:

- Reviewed, advised or drafted 35 contracts, agreements, or memoranda of understanding between the department and other companies, agencies, or individuals.
- Opened and processed 28 cases including 10 emergency suspensions against wrecker services.
- Responded to 160 requests for documents in the form of Open Records Requests, Subpoenas and Requests for the Production of Documents, collecting \$2,956.50 in fees associated with those requests.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (SID)

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

The **Internal Affairs Unit** investigates allegations of misconduct lodged against members of the Department of Public Safety and the Capital Police Services Section. The Unit is also responsible for investigating complaints alleging the misuse of radar speed-timing devices by any agency bearing the department's certification. During 2004, the Department of Public Safety initiated 70 administrative investigations. Of this number, 38 were field level investigations conducted at the Troop level; the remaining 32 were internal administrative investigations and two (2) radar/speed timing device investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit. The Internal Affairs Unit is comprised of one director/captain, one assistant director/SFC, five investigators and one secretary.

The **Background Investigation Unit** is responsible for conducting background investigations for candidates seeking employment with the Department of Public Safety and the Capital Police Services Section. During 2004, the Background Unit processed 308 background investigations, a 95 percent increase over the background investigations completed during 2003. The Background Investigation Unit is comprised of one Sergeant First Class/Supervisor, and three investigators.

The **Polygraph Unit** works closely with the Background Unit, also providing services to the Internal Affairs Unit. During 2004, examiners conducted 252 polygraph examinations for the Department of Public Safety and several other agencies, a 67 percent increase over examinations conducted in 2003. Of these 252 examinations, 236 were related to pre-employment issues and 16 were specific issue and/or Internal Affairs examinations. Other accomplishments included providing instruction during Basic Trooper Training, basic and specialized instruction to the Georgia Police Academy and to the American Polygraph Association International Seminar, evaluation assistance for P.O.S.T. Instructor Training, and assistance to the International Polygraph Community by serving on the Board of Directors of the American Polygraph Association. The Polygraph Unit consists of two polygraph examiners/investigators and one secretary.

The **Radar Regulations/Firearms Permits Unit** governs the statewide issuance of all Wholesale/Retail Firearms License (required for businesses wishing to sell handguns under 15 inches in length), and the issuance of Speed Detection Device Permits. In 2004, there were 285 radar permits and 942 firearms permits issued, with a total of \$30,105.50 in fees collected. During this past year a thorough review and update has been made of all Wholesale/Retail Firearms License files. The Permits Unit consists of one permits specialist position.

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HUMAN RESOURCES ADJUTANT

As Human Resources Adjutant, Major Keith Sorrells oversees the daily operations of Personnel Services, the Public Information Office, the Training Division and Recruitment.

Personnel Services Section: The Personnel Services Section of the Human Resources Division provides a full array of human resources services including recruitment, job development and compensation analysis, policy consultation, personnel and benefits processing, management and employee relations, background screening, and promotional services for the more than 1,400 employees of the Department of Public Safety. In addition, 225 positions/employees for six attached agencies are administratively attached to DPS for benefits and transactions services.

Director's Office: The Adjutant of the Human Resources Division 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. This office also ensures equal employment opportunity, and provides state personnel board policy interpretation. The section has 11 employees who perform in various roles. The director provides oversight in the services listed below designed to address the diverse needs of DPS.

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

Recruitment Services: Recruitment services assist 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 conducts background investigations and schedules polygraph examinations and compiles applicant data. The agency was able to put 24 troopers who graduated in early 2003 on the road.

Promotional Services: Testing and assessment centers are coordinated through Personnel Services in cooperation with the University of Georgia. During 2003, there were 352 employees participating in promotional tests at various levels. Of these, 221 received a passing score. 253 (30 of which were for Lieutenant promotions) employees participated in the assessment centers. Of those participating in the assessment centers 33 were placed in Band IV and not eligible for promotion. During the year, 162 employees received promotions, of which 82 were sworn members.

Employee Relations Services: Personnel services provides consultation and review of employee actions to ensure compliance with state personnel board rules, and federal and state laws. During 2003, the personnel services section assisted with 11 terminations, 17 disciplinary demotions, and six voluntary demotions. There were 312 lateral transfers, one employee transferred in with a voluntary demotion, and three employees transferred in with promotions. There were 77 resignations received and 55 retirements were processed. There were five employees who did not return from leave of absence. In addition, the Personnel Services section processed two deaths during the year. This year the Personnel Services section processed 24 military leave of absences. There were four family medical leave of absences approved, 10 contingent leaves and six unauthorized leave of absences during 2003.

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Benefit Services: Throughout the year Personnel Services responds to numerous requests for information related benefits and assists employees in resolving benefit problems. Employee benefit plans include group term life insurance, long-term care, vision insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, dental insurance, disability insurance, legal insurance, and health and dependent spending accounts. The unit also coordinates the State Deferred Compensation Plans, and Workers' Compensation. DPS continues to participate in the statewide-managed care organization which supports employees in recovery of work related injuries. Instead of the more than 48 panels of physicians throughout the agency, the managed care organization makes care for injured workers easy and accessible. The agency used on-line open enrollment during 2003. This process will be continued for future open enrollment periods.

Transactions Services: Personnel Services provides support of the actions that are administered throughout the agency. Employee records which includes the personnel history file (201), confidential file (beneficiary, medical and health related information), Worker's Compensation files, and separated employee files are maintained and stored in this section. Entries for sick, annual and compensatory time are completed within personnel services. During 2003, approximately 6,560 manual transactions were completed to provide promotions, salary changes, transfers, etc. This amount does not include mass transactions such as performance-based increases. More than 38,000 additional entries were performed to update leave. In addition to processing electronic data entry of transactions, the unit is responsible for keeping up-to-date information on employees who means constantly filing new information into each employee's file. The method for granting holiday time and accruing compensatory time continues to provide positive benefits to employees of DPS and appropriately aligns with State Personnel Board rules. This process continues to create a workload issue for additional leave entry and education of new supervisors.

Program Services: Each year the Personnel Service Section provides an array of programs aimed at providing a work environment conducive of retaining high caliber employees. These programs include Faithful Service Awards, the Statewide Recognition Program and coordination of the Employee Suggestion Program. During 2003, an employee of the agency submitted and received compensation for an employee suggestion submitted to the Employee Suggestion Program. Personnel Services submitted the Workforce Planning Report and the HR Audits Reports for 2003. These reports are required by all state personnel offices to perform an assessment of services and processes to ensure alignment with the best business methods identified by the Georgia Merit System. Results of these reports will be communicated to the Governor. The 2003 HR Audits report grade was 82 out of a possible 100 as it relates to how the agency's processes align with best business practices. The Workforce Planning Report received favorable feedback with very few areas of modifications needed on future submittals.

Training Services: Personnel Services provides technical training in human resources related topics in support of the training division and the command staff. Topic areas include Sexual Harassment, Discipline, and Performance Management. During 2003, several members of staff were involved in leave administration and new supervisory training.

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OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION/OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The GSP Office of Public Information and 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 2003, the Public Information Office originated 45 news releases and media advisories.

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.

Deputy Director's Office: 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 conducts a training course in media relations to trooper cadets during GSP Trooper School. 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.

Open Records: The Public Information Office oversees public access to department Open Records requests 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 steadily increased 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.

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.



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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Property Management Unit: The Property Management Unit is responsible for maintaining an inventory for the Department of Public Safety. This includes Headquarters and 48 Georgia State Patrol Posts, as well as various administratively attached agencies. With the exception of weapons, computer equipment and communication equipment, only items with an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more are recorded on the property system.

In an effort to track equipment and maintain an accurate inventory system, this unit processed 772 additions with acquisition costs totaling \$1,225,425.32 and 895 deletions valued at \$1,449,294.76 during the fiscal year of 2004. The transactions are updated daily on the property system. A complete departmental physical inventory was also conducted during 2004.

The following posts were constructed in 2004:

- **Cordele (Post 30):** The move was completed in October. This new post is approximately 7,500 sq. ft. and is located adjacent to the Crisp County Sheriff's Department.
- **Dublin (Post 20):** The move was completed in November. This 11,700 sq. ft. post is adjacent to the Laurens County Sheriff's Department. One of our larger posts, Dublin boasts an oversize conference room for emergency management officials in the event of a disaster, as well as 11 offices and 10 bedrooms.
- **Jasper (Post 28):** The move was completed in November. This post relocated from Canton to Jasper. It is located near Hwy. 575 in Jasper and is approximately 8,500 sq. ft.

The following posts are currently under construction:

- **Tifton (Post 13):** Construction has begun and the estimated project completion is Spring 2005. The new building is located near the airport.
- **Cedartown (Post 29):** Construction has begun at this location and the estimated completion is late Summer 2005.
- **Newnan (Post 24):** Construction has begun and the estimated project completion is Fall 2005. This post is approximately 10,400 sq. ft.
- **Statesboro (Post 45):** The site has been acquired and the floor plan has been approved. The new post will be south of Statesboro on US 301. Estimated completion is Fall 2005.
- **Clarkesville (Post 7):** This post is being relocated from Toccoa and will be located on GA 365.

Major renovations undertaken in 2004 include the following:

- **Madison (Est. 1939) –** Major renovations have been completed. Construction of new barrack space and additional offices began in late 2003, located adjacent to the original structure. The

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new building closely reflects the architectural style and visual appeal of this historic granite building. The original building has also undergone some interior renovation including redesign of half of the main floor of the building. These include expansion of the radio room, trooper room and conference room, as well as enclosure of the lobby and additional restroom facilities.

- **Dalton** – Renovations include a completely new roof, as well as numerous interior projects which include enclosing the lobby, sheetrock replacement caused from roof leaks, paint and other minor renovations.
- **Sylvania** – Renovations include vinyl siding, new radio room furniture and design to provide a more efficient work environment with ample filing.
- **Headquarters** – This facility is continuously in the process of office space redesign and renovations. This year's projects include the Command Staff hall, barrack space and Budget/Grants offices, as outlined in the Maintenance Section. In addition, the weight room has been relocated from the Maintenance/Storage building to the lower floor of the main building. A generous donation from AT&T provided more exercise equipment for use by HQ Personnel.

Maintenance Unit: The Maintenance Unit is responsible for the upkeep of all DPS facilities throughout the state of Georgia. Locations in the metro area are taken care of personally; however, locations not geographically close are handled locally depending on the nature of the problem. Servicing of the generators at the State Patrol Posts are managed by the Maintenance Unit.

The Maintenance Unit also completed several renovation projects at the Headquarters facility. These projects include completion of the Command Staff hall, the addition of new barrack space to accommodate seven and they began construction of the new Budget and Grants offices located in the old Insurance area.

Vehicle Support Services: 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, GPSTC 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 2004, the Department had 1,066 vehicles, 14 aircrafts and six motorcycles in inventory.

Insurance claims regarding vehicle crashes involving department-owned vehicles where the other party is at fault are filed by our Department Insurance Coordinator. Wright Express Fuel Cards, as well as departmental tags and titles are handled through this office.

Garage: In February, the Garage was damaged due to a fire. This resulted in renovations and upgrades to the Garage. The Garage is responsible for prepping, issuing, repairing and surplusing a fleet of over 1,000 vehicles. The garage also includes a radio and camera installation and repair technician. The garage was instrumental in ensuring there was an ample supply and support of back-up vehicles for the G-8 Summit detail.

Supply: The Supply Section is responsible for maintaining and updating an on-line inventory system of supplies purchased. Some of the supplies include clothing and accessories for uniform personnel, office supplies and departmental forms. Clothing and accessories are issued based on departmental clothing policy. Clothing records are kept on the supply inventory system. An annual inventory is

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taken to ensure inventory records are accurate. In 2004, the supply warehouse maintained about one million dollars of inventory.

This department was responsible for issuing additional uniforms to field personnel assigned to the G-8 Conference. The department received about 250 hatch riot systems from the GBI after the G-8 Summit in June. Supply was responsible for sorting and issuing these out to GSP field personnel.

Risk Management Coordinator: The Risk Management Coordinator handles all claims to be filed with DOAS Risk Management. The majority of these claims are for storm damage such as lightning strikes. Incidents reports and replacement costs are compiled and then submitted to DOAS. Upon approval, the department is then reimbursed, minus a deductible of \$1,000.

Excess Property: Excess Property transferred from the GA Department of Public Safety to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) in July 2004.



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COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

Budget Office: The Budget Office is a section within the Comptroller's Office. The Budget Director is responsible for managing the department's budget and Grant's Management Section.

The Budget Office duties include preparing the annual operating budget and the program based budget request with guidance from the Governor's and Legislative budget offices. The office also manages all amendments processed throughout the year, adding federal funds to the budget as needed.

Additionally, the budget office staff are responsible for monitoring expenditures to ensure they are recorded correctly and to ensure the budget will not be overspent. This includes producing monthly projections based on previous expenditures and historical trends.

Grants Management: The Grants Management duties include pursuing funding opportunities for the department. Once funds are received, the unit is responsible for submitting claim information to the granting agency and ensuring that the expenses are in accordance with the guidelines of the grant.

Purchasing Section: The Purchasing Section is responsible for coordinating and monitoring all purchasing activity, which includes 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 with these procedures to ensure that all purchases are within established rules and regulations. During fiscal year 2004, the Purchasing Section utilized the Phoenix System - PeopleSoft, to process 4,934 purchase orders for a total of \$13,680,999.86.

This Section is also responsible for maintaining the Purchasing Card Program for the department. The Purchasing Card, consisting of over 150 cards, is a VISA used to receive merchandise faster, provide prompt payment to vendors and alleviate the high cost of processing field purchase orders. Since 1999, this program has grown to a \$3 million a year program.

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COMMUNICATIONS/HQ

The Communications Division, overseen by Major D. A. "Corky" Jewell, provides support services to the department in the areas of information technology, communications, disaster coordination, planning, and security of the headquarters facility.

During 2004, the Communications Division continued to focus on improving interoperable communications for use during both normal operations and at special events. The Department of Public Safety is a full partner, along with Fulton County, DeKalb County, and the City of Atlanta, in the Urban Area Security Initiative funded through a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. This project provides interoperable communications between the participating agencies at a major incident in the Metro Atlanta area. The UASI project is currently in Phase I, and additional development of the communications system is planned for subsequent phases. Major Jewell serves as the representative for not only the Department of Public Safety, but other state public safety agencies as well.

The Communications Division helped implement an overlay system between Savannah and Brunswick to utilize existing 800 MHz communications systems for the 2004 G-8 Summit at Sea Island in June. This system allowed state law enforcement officers to communicate with each other, as well as federal and local officers assigned to the event. The overlay system utilized excess capacity on the existing systems to facilitate communications without interfering with routine or incidental communications by the agencies which owned the systems. The overlay provided a seamless connection between existing 800 MHz trunked radio systems which were already in place in Savannah and Brunswick. The creation of the overlay was a joint effort between the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), the City of Savannah, the City of Brunswick, Bibb County Sheriff's Office and the United States Navy.

Communications Coordinator: The Communications Coordinator is responsible for radio communications across the state which includes radios, towers, dispatch consoles and remote facilities in support of the radio systems for the department. This year, he performed inspections, provided assistance and made recommendations to resolve problems with radio communications. He provided engineering support for future radio sites, made recommendations for equipment purchases and coordinated the installation of these systems. Finally, he reviewed and monitored the repair of post radio equipment to ensure repairs were conducted effectively and in a timely manner.

Communications Program Specialists: The North and South Communications Program Specialists undertook the following tasks:

- Finalized the implementation of the Communications Procedure Manual
- Developed a training program for the Communications Equipment Officers
- Attended to the certification of communications personnel and performed post inspections in their respective divisions.
- Assisted in the implementation of the 800 MHz system in Troop C which involved the provision of mobile and portable radios to sworn personnel within Troop C.
- Maintained the communications equipment repair inventory database created in 2003.
- Supervised a shift at the Savannah/Chatham County Police Department during the G-8 Summit at Sea Island.
- The coordinator responsible for portable radios, mobile radios, vascars, lasers, radars, and in-car video cameras for the entire state was relocated to the garage for consolidation and

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convenience.

Computer Services: In 2004, the Computer Services Section completed several major projects, regularly assisted users and continued support on several hardware and software systems.

Computer Services implemented several major projects including:

- Upgrades to all PC systems in field and HQ offices
- Replaced ageing Y2K computers
- Upgrading the GSP.NET mail system
- Upgrading the online 612 system
- Continuing the implementation and upgrading of the Electronic Accident Report System
- Installation of Cisco firewalls and high-speed network switches at 62 DPS sites
- Upgrading network and PC hardware in headquarters
- Upgrading the online ADAP project.
- Testing of statewide broadband data access for in-car computer systems

During 2004, Computer Services personnel handled an average of 55 help calls per day. These calls ranged from PC based software support to major hardware repairs. In addition, Computer Services processed, entered and stored DPS records such as 612's, Accident Reports and Pursuit Reports.

As part of ongoing support operations, Computer Services supports:

- Over 750 personal computers
- 61 Local Area Networks
- 20 file, mail and database servers
- 25 software applications

GEMA Liaison Officer: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency's mission is to provide comprehensive, aggressive emergency preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery programs for the public, local and state governments and the private sector in order to save lives, property and reduce the effects of disasters and emergencies. This is accomplished by insuring and providing necessary leadership, coordination, information, resources, training and technical assistance. When a disaster or emergency threatens, GEMA activates the State Operations Center (SOC), which is staffed by representatives of numerous state and federal agencies, volunteer relief organizations, and businesses that participate in disaster response efforts. The SOC was activated during 2004 for the following tropical storms and hurricanes: Tropical Storm Bonaire, Tropical Storm Charley, Hurricane Frances, Hurricane Ivan, and Tropical Storm Jeanne. The GEMA Liaison Officer serves as the department's GEMA Liaison/Homeland Security Coordinator, manning the SOC during these disasters and emergencies. As Homeland Security Coordinator, he represented the Commissioner at Homeland Security sponsored meetings, conferences and workshops. He revised the department's Threat Level Response Plan and attended several training courses: Terrorism - Weapons of Mass Destruction, Bio-Terrorism, G8 Protective Operations, Mobile Field Force Basic Course and First Responders Training.

Headquarters Security Section: The Headquarters Security Section provided the security function to the Headquarters facility. An officer and trooper cadets performed their duties without any major incidents, facilitating a safe and secure work environment for headquarters personnel.

The Headquarters Security Section comprised of eight personnel for the most part of the year and they conducted the following duties:

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- Maintained building access and security
- Monitored alarms and surveillance cameras
- Performed relays for various sections of the department including Budget, Personnel and Legal Services.

Planning Section: The Planning Section commenced, maintained and completed several major projects including:

- The GSP Policy Manual was maintained and improved. Eight new policies were created and 32 existing policies were revised.
- The department's Strategic Plan for the 2005 fiscal year was completed at the request of the Governor.
- The Planning Section assisted the Communications/Headquarters Adjutant with the development of the Communications Plan for the G-8 Summit, and assisted other planners in their efforts to prepare for the event.
- Information was presented to visiting groups regarding the history, organization, management and leadership of the Georgia State Patrol.
- A new Incident Report was created by the Planning Section and in conjunction, a new incident reporting system was established.
- Training was provided to supervisory personnel at the Training Center on the subject of planning practices.
- The Planning Section represented the department through its participation in the State and Provincial Police Planning Officer's Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Assistance was provided to the Capitol Police in developing their Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual. Assistance was also provided to the Aviation Unit in revising their existing SOP manual.
- A Microsoft Access database was created for the Communications Program Specialist to enable her to track inventory repairs. This facilitated a major shift in the manner in which communications repairs are recorded and tracked.

Telecommunications Coordinator: The Department of Public Safety moved its cellular telephone service from Cingular Wireless and Alltel Wireless to Verizon Wireless. This change allowed the department to increase efficiency by consolidating billing while providing a standardized level of service to all users.

The Communications Division also implemented a billing analysis and reconciliation process within the office of the Telecommunications Coordinator, to review bills received from service providers to detect and correct errors in billing (Nextel, Verizon, GTA, Southern Linc). This unit has been extremely successful in detecting such errors and insuring they are corrected.

A new telephone system was installed in the Headquarters building. The system is located on-site for security purposes, and includes many advanced features. It will cost less to maintain, and monthly costs will be significantly reduced. Monthly savings generated by the purchase of this system will pay for the entire system within two years. Personnel also concluded a statewide telecommunications inventory, verifying each phone and pager number using the GTA telecommunications billing. Billing errors, incorrect charges, etc., resulted in a monthly savings of over \$7,000, for a yearly savings of more than \$84,000.

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